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GRAND FESTIVAL.

In accordance with long-established usage, United Grand Lodge held high Festival on the 26th instant, being the first Wednesday after the day consecrated to the memory of ST. GEORGE, the Patron Saint of England. M.W. Bro. Earl AMHERST, Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported, as is customary on this occasion, by a strong muster of brethren, both on the dais and in the body of the Hall. The chief business was the investiture of those whom the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to appoint his Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and as the several recipients of the purple of Grand Lodge advanced to the pedestal and received at the hands of the presiding officer the insignia of their respective offices, and were afterwards conducted to their appointed places in Grand Lodge, they were one and all most heartily acclaimed by the brethren. When this part of the proceedings was over, the Pro Grand Master announced that, in consideration of its being the 25th occasion on which he had been elected and proclaimed Grand Master, his Royal Highness had been graciously pleased to confer Past Rank as Grand Officers on 25 brethren of eminence, and such of the brethren thus honoured as were able to be in attendance were likewise invested with their respective insignia. The other business having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the neighbouring Freemasons' Tavern, and there held their Grand Festival under the genial presidency of Earl AMHERST. The whole of the arrangements reflected the greatest credit on the out-going Board of Grand Stewards, and the customary toast in recognition of their services was as justly honoured as it was gracefully responded to. A full report of the gathering will be found elsewhere.

THE APPROACHING BENEVOLENT ELECTIONS.

The elections to the Male and Widows' Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at the annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 19th May. The chair will be taken precisely at the hour of 12 noon, and at 1 p.m., or as soon as the general business has been disposed of, the poll will be opened for the election of annuitants. For the

MALE FUND

there are 15 vacancies to be filled, namely, 12 immediate and three deferred. This is the number as declared at the regular meeting of the Committee of Management in February; but doubtless, as has been the practice for many years past, any annuities that may have fallen vacant between then and the annual meeting will also be filled. The list of approved candidates comprises the names of 55 aged and indigent brethren, of whom 35 have offered themselves for the suffrages of the electors on at least one and in several cases on more than one previous occasion, while the remaining 20 have had their cases investigated and their claims approved since. Towards the array of applicants London furnishes 13 and the Provinces 41, while the remaining brother hails from the District of Hong Kong and South China. Of the 13 London candidates the following nine have been unsuccessful at at least one ballot, namely, No. 4, who brings forward from five years' efforts 2559 votes, and will have 40 additional recorded in his behalf. No. 9 makes his fourth venture with 2299 brought forward and 40 recorded to the good. Then follow Nos. 12 and 13, the former of whom will start with 2913 from two previous applications, plus 20 recorded, and the latter with 1979 votes. No. 16 has 2203 votes to his credit from the same ballots, and No. 18, 2172 votes, with 40 added, while No. 21, who failed in 1897 and 1898, will make his third trial with 1920, plus 40 votes, in hand; Nos. 25 and 34, who failed last year, having, the former 2897 votes, plus 20, and the latter 2008, plus 20, to help them. The remaining four are new candidates, and are placed at Nos. 47, 49, 53, and 55 respectively on the list. Of the 41 Provincial applicants, Kent is responsible for five, of whom No. 7 brings forward 1273 votes from the last four polls; No. 10 has 2297 votes from 1897 and 1898, with 20 recorded to help him on this occasion; No. 14 having 295 votes in hand from the same ballots, while Nos. 38 and 52 are new candidates. Devonshire furnishes four, viz., No. 2, who has polled only 158 votes at his nine previous attempts; No. 5, who has only 14 votes from the last five years; and No. 27 with 624 votes, and No. 29 with 144 votes—and 20 to be added—from 1898. West Yorkshire also sends up four, of whom No. 31 received 40 votes last year, and will have 40 added; and Nos. 39, 40, and 43, who are new candidates. Nos. 6 and 17 hail from Cheshire, and have 31 and 37 votes respectively to their credit, the former having been a candidate already four times, and the latter twice. Suffolk contributes No. 8, with 27 votes to his credit from three attempts, and a new candidate at No. 36. Somersetshire sends up two brethren—Nos. 23 and 24—who polled 3514 and two votes respectively in 1898. Sussex is responsible for Nos. 28 and 30, the former having 117 votes in hand, and the latter seven; and there are two East Lancashire brethren at Nos. 33 and 35, the former with seven and the latter with 90 plus 60, or 150 votes to start with. Nos. 42 and 46 hail from Hertfordshire, and Nos. 45 and 51 from Middlesex, all four of them being new to the ballot. The remaining 14 brethren are distributed as follows: No. 1, who has compiled 617 towards his 16th application, and No. 3, who enters upon his seventh attempt with 90 votes; Nos. 11, 15, 19, and 20, who were candidates for the second time last year, and have in hand—No. 11 (Western Division of South Wales), 24 votes; No. 15 (Norfolk), 3424 votes; No. 19 (Lincolnshire), 34 votes; and No. 20 (Warwickshire), nine votes. No. 22 (Oxfordshire) polled 194 votes last year; No. 26 (Surrey) 3449 votes; and No. 32 (Dorsetshire), 70 votes, and will have

these respectively to their credit next month. No. 37 (Durham), No. 41 (North and East Yorkshire), No. 44 (Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), No. 48 (Essex), No. 50 (West Lancashire), and No. 54 (Hong Kong and South China) are new to the ballot. Only in a few instances have these old brethren been subscribing members of lodges for less than 10 years, while quite 30 of them have seen service for periods ranging from 20 years to 40 years and upwards.

On

THE WIDOWS' FUND

there are, as we have said, only 12 vacancies to be filled, of which nine are immediate and three deferred; but, as we have already remarked in connection with the Male Fund, in the event of any deaths having occurred among the annuitants on the Fund between the second Wednesday in February and the day of election, no doubt the rule which has been in force for several years will be followed, and all such vacancies will also be filled. But, while the number of available annuities is small, the list of candidates is a particularly formidable one, comprising, as it does, as many as 67, of whom 45 were unsuccessful at the election in May, 1898, and 22 have had their names approved since. London furnishes 27, the Provinces 38, and Stations Abroad two. The London widows include Nos. 14, 15, and 17, who are competing for the third time, and bring forward 1005, 2747, with 20 added, and 3849 votes respectively, and Nos. 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 42, and 43, who were all candidates for the first time last year. No. 19 starts with 1144 votes in hand, and No. 20 with 50; No. 22 with 477 votes, No. 25 with 46, and No. 26 with 384. Nos. 30 and 31 bring forward 406 and 749 votes respectively; and Nos. 34, 35, and 36, 2207, 4043, and 9 votes, while Nos. 40, 41, 42, and 43 have to the good 772, 1857, 1356, and 1354 votes. The candidates at Nos. 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 58, 60, 62, and 67 will appear before the Electors next month for the first time. Of the 38 Provincial candidates Suffolk furnishes three at No. 37—with 53 votes to her credit—and Nos. 54 and 63; and Warwickshire the same number, who are placed at Nos. 8, 11, and 13, and bring forward 523, 34, and 4065 votes respectively. The two applicants from Cumberland and Westmoreland are No. 1, who will make her 16th attempt to secure an annuity with 830 votes to her credit, and No. 6, who has had seven tries and scored 28 votes towards next month's ballot. East Lancashire furnishes two, of whom No. 2 has obtained 492 votes in 15 years, and No. 28 who was a candidate last year, but obtained no support. There are two applicants from Lincolnshire, of whom No. 7 has 66 votes from the previous six years, and No. 24 four from 1898; while of the two from West Lancashire, No. 9 will make her sixth attempt with 526 votes in hand, and No. 45, her second attempt, with a start of four votes. North Wales sends two candidates, of whom No. 10 brings forward 48 votes from four elections, and No. 56 is a new case. Essex has two candidates at Nos. 27 and 32, the former of whom has 2724 votes to her credit, and the latter 1277 votes; while of the two from Kent, No. 33 brings forward 157 votes, and No. 68 is a new case; and Gloucestershire is responsible for No. 39, who obtained no support last year, and No. 64. The other applicants are distributed as follows: No. 3 (Durham) with 107 votes towards her 14th application; No. 4 (Bristol), who has stood 11 elections, and secured only 30 votes; No. 5 (Staffordshire) with 138 votes from her 10 attempts; and No. 12 (Cheshire), who has in hand 14 votes, from the last three elections. No. 16 has eight votes to the good towards her third application, and No. 18 (Bedfordshire) 416 towards hers. Neither No. 23 (N. and E. Yorkshire) nor No. 38 (Hants and the Isle of Wight) brings forward any votes from last year, and No. 44 (Devonshire) received one. Nos. 46 (W. Yorkshire) 48 (Worcestershire), 50 (Sussex), 52 (Herts), 61 (Leicestershire and Rutland), 65 (Berkshire), and 66 (Norfolk), are new candidates. The applicants at Nos. 21 and 29 hail from Antigua and New South Wales respectively. Both were on last year's list, but only the latter obtained support to the extent of 616 votes. Be it added that the husbands of more than one half of these old ladies were subscribing members for over 20 years, while in only a few cases did they die before completing a membership of 10 years.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

On Wednesday last the annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held at Freemasons' Tavern, London. Grand Lodge was first held at Freemasons' Hall for the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and for the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the year, which is the 25th of his Royal Highness's Grand Mastership. The Prince was not present, and his place on the Masonic Throne was occupied by Bro. Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master. Bro. Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, R.W. Past Dist. Grand Master for Malta, acted as Past Grand Master; Bro. Major-Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, M.P., Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for South Wales (W.D.), as Dep. Grand Master; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.G.W.; and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., as J.G.W.

The Temple was crowded, and many brethren had to resort to the gallery.

Amongst the brethren present were

Bros. General Corson Smith, Past G. Master of Illinois (visitor); Allan, S.W., G. Lodge of Scotland (visitor); John Strachan, Q.C.; R. Loveland Loveland, Q.C.; Ralph Clutton; H. Lovegrove; Ex-Sheriff C. W. C. Hutton, C. E. Keyser; E. Letchworth; Charles Barry; George Everett, P.G.T.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G.T.; J. H. Matthews, W. Lake, C. Kupferschmidt, A. C. Spaul, R. Clowes, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc.; J. C. Malcolm (Leeds), Lennox Browne, Luxmoore Marshall, Baron de Ferrieres, Peter de L. Long, Robert Grey, R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L.; Dr. Lawrence, Herbert Room, Thos. J. Ralling, C. F. Matier, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Major Woodall, P.G.T.; and J. D. Langton.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes of the March Quarterly Convocation, so far as they related to the election of M.W.G.M. and Grand Treasurer, were read and confirmed, and

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.W., acting as G.D.C., in the absence of Sir Albert Woods, proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales installed as M.W. Grand Master.

Earl AMHERST, rising, said: Brethren, I have to announce to Grand Lodge that his Royal Highness the Grand Master has been pleased to reappoint me as Pro Grand Master. (Loud applause.)

Bro. THOMAS FENN then proclaimed the noble Earl as M.W. Pro Grand Master, and to his lead the brethren saluted the Pro Grand Master.

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I greet you well. (Applause.)

Earl AMHERST, again rising, said: I have further to announce, brethren, that his Royal Highness has been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Warwick as Deputy Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. Thomas Fenn then proclaimed the Earl of Warwick as Deputy Grand Master.

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I will now proceed to invest the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The following is the list of the Grand Officers invested:

Bro. Earl of Stradbroke	...	...	S.G.W.
" Viscount Milton, M.P.	...	...	J.G.W.
" Rev. W. Gardiner, B.D.	...	...	G. Chaps.
" F. Bethune N. Norman-Lee, Chap. to the Forces	...	...	G. Treas.
" Alfred H. Bevan	...	...	G. Reg.
" John Strachan, Q.C.	...	...	Dep. G. Reg.
" Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C.	...	...	S.G.Ds.
" Capt. R. G. W. Chaloner, M.P.	...	...	J.G.Ds.
" Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair	...	...	G.S. of Wks.
" P. Colville Smith	...	...	G.D.C.
" Hubert Spencer Clutton	...	...
" T. Poultney Griffin	...	...
" J. H. Saker	...	...
" Henry L. Florence	...	...
" Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.	...	...

Earl AMHERST, at this point rose, and said: Brethren, his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, has, at the express desire of Sir Albert Woods, appointed Bro. Frank Richardson to wear the clothing and fully to discharge all the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies in Sir Albert Woods's absence during the ensuing year.

Bro. Frank Richardson was then invested, and from this point took Bro. Thomas Fenn's duties of G.D.C.

Bro. Edmund Arthur Smith	...	...	D.G.D.C.
" G. W. G. Barnard	...	...	A.G.D.Cs.
" T. P. Bopie	...	...	G.S.B.
" Henry Clarke	...	...	Dep. G.S.B.
" Lieut.-Col. George F. Parkyn	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Edward Roberts	...	...	G. Org.
" John Kenyon	...	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" John Welford	...	...	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" W. H. Cummings	...	...	G. Purst.
" W. Lake	...	...	A.G. Purst.
" C. Kupferschmidt	...	...	G. Tyler.
" W. Wright	...	...
" W. Fisher	...	...
" Henry Sadler	...	...

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I have to announce that the Grand Master has been pleased to confer Past Grand Rank upon certain brethren of whom the Grand Secretary will now read the names.

The following is the list of the brethren referred to by Earl Amherst: Bros. Hon. Mr. Justice Bigham, Hon. Mr. Justice Bucknill, and Sir John Edge, Q.C. (late Chief Justice N.W. Provinces), P.G.Ws.; Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Hereford, Rev. R. Peek, M.A., and Rev. E. R. Parr, M.A., P.G.Cs.; George Pitt Lewis, Q.C., Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., Capt. Charles H. Garnett, W. J. Walsham, F.R.C.S., C. A. Bathurst, Bignold, and J. Hepburn Handyside, P.G.Ds.; F. B. Westlake, P.D.G. D.C.; W. F. Lamonby, C. F. Matier, Imre Kiralfy, James Fernandez, and Thomas Catling, P.A.G.D.Cs.; R. Gresley Hall, C. H. Hoblyn, and James Newton, P.G.S.Bs.; V. C. L. Crump and H. A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Brs.; and Lionel Monckton and Hermann Klein, P.G. Orgs.

Earl AMHERST: Brethren, I have to announce that one reason the Grand Master has conferred these honours, 25 in number, is to mark the 25th year of his Grand Mastership.

GRAND SECRETARY here read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year 1899-1900, which had been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master:

Bros. John Dimsdale, 1; Eric J. Matthews, 2; Noel Stanhope Stott, 4; Aubone S. Reed, 5; Charles E. de Bertodano, 6; John H. Duncan, 8; John G. Craggs, 14; William T. Evans, 21; Alexander A. Yeatman, 23; William E. Clifton, 26; Paul L. Waterlow, 29; Arthur H. Hutton, 46; J. Hamilton Benn, 58; Frank P. Slade, 60; Peregrine Purvis, 91; William G. Granet, 99; Harry Keep, 197; and Edward de Quincey Quincey, 259.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The brethren then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, Earl Amherst presiding.

The toasts were afterwards proposed.

Earl AMHERST, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said it was not necessary for him in an assembly which embraced so many experienced Masons as those brethren present to dilate on the virtues of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. They all knew the advantages the Craft had gained in the Grand Master's 25 years' government of Grand Lodge. Let them show their gratitude to him by the warmth with which they received his toast that night.

The toast having been enthusiastically drunk,

Bro. Gen. J. WIMBURN LAURIE proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M.," and said he would like to dilate on the merits of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, who presided that evening in Grand Lodge, whose work they knew in the past had led to his being where he was; but Earl Amherst had intimated to him that the place for the brethren was as early as possible in the Temple, and not in the dining room, and, therefore, it was his (Gen. Laurie's) to refer to the Pro Grand Master briefly, much as he would like to say a great deal of him. There was no necessity to say much about one under whose presidency the brethren had sat, under whom they had worked, and under whom they all hoped to work for very many years to come. The expression of the hope that they might have Earl Amherst presiding over them as M.W. Pro Grand Master many years—the impromptu expression from all the brethren—was far more than any words he could use as a tribute to the object of that toast. He asked the brethren to endorse their approbation of Lord Amherst's services to the Craft by drinking the toast in the most hearty way. (Cheers.)

Earl AMHERST, in reply, said the first time he presided in Grand Lodge an old Mason said that he would find he had to preside over a turbulent assembly. His experience had been the other way; he never knew a more orderly body than an assembly of members of the Masonic Craft. In that spirit he hoped to continue to conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge, in a manner consistent with the credit of Grand Lodge and in the interests of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) Last year General Laurie described him as short, sharp, and decisive. He did not wish to be short with the brethren; but he disliked windbags; and he would not be sharp except when he saw the affairs of Grand Lodge could be best administered that way; he would not be worth his salt if he was not. As to being decisive, he should be so if it was conducive to the comfort and convenience of all.

Earl AMHERST, in proposing "The Sister Grand Lodges," said hospitality had always been a Masonic virtue, especially in this country, and they were all glad to see brethren hailing from other jurisdictions, who had come that evening to grace the English Masons' annual assembly with their presence. They were always glad to see strangers from foreign parts, and they gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would take away with them a happy remembrance of the hospitality extended to them. He should couple with this toast first the name of Gen. Corson Smith, Past Grand Master of Illinois, and also the representative of Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Their distinguished brother had seen considerable service as a Mason and as a soldier, because during the war in the States he rose to the rank of brigadier general before he had arrived at the mature age of 30. He had gone on the Masonic lines, and had been Grand Master of his State. The brethren were very glad to see him. He would also couple the name of Bro. Major Allan, representative of Denmark in Grand Lodge, and S.W. of Scotland.

Bro. Gen. CORSON SMITH, in reply, said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, ladies, and brethren, as the representative of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales, I bring you the greetings of numerically the second Grand Lodge in United States of America, the Grand Lodge of Illinois numbering its 60,000 subscribing Craftsmen, a Grand Lodge that honoured me with the distinction of Grand Master for several years—a Grand Lodge that selected from among your British Freemasons that distinguished soldier, Member of Parliament, and Freemason, General Laurie as its Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. As the representative of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and of Florida, I bring you the greetings of our sister jurisdictions. My brethren of the older and Western States bring you theirs. The Grand Lodges of the United States number one million, true and tried Freemasons, I bring you their hearty greetings and their God speed. (Applause.) I come here to the Mother Grand Lodge of the world with much pleasure because its teachings have come down to my lodges and I have been taught my Freemasonry from you. I have tried in my feeble way to practice it for 40 years, and the more I know of it and the better I know English Freemasonry, the better I love the Ancient Craft. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I love the Craft because it teaches my duty to the Great Architect of the Universe, and next to that, and what is of more importance in this world, is, my duty to my country; it teaches me loyalty to the rulers of the land, and it teaches me devotion to my Craft; and I come to this Grand Lodge as I come to this the mother country, for my ancestors belong to her; my father fought upon the field of Waterloo—(applause)—my kindred were with Nelson at Trafalgar—(cheers)—and my father at 56 years of age took up his musket in defence of Constitutional Government, and carried it through our Civil War for his Government. (Cheers.) I love Freemasonry for thus teaching me my duty to my country. True, my ancestry may not have been ranked among the general officers of the army or the admirals of the navy. Like the planets of Heaven, you may number them, but you cannot number the hearts of oak of the private soldiers of your army, who, like the stars in the milky way, make a grand constellation in the great United States of America. In the list of great heroes my forefathers were. I bring you the greetings of America, the land that with youth and Constitutional government is ready to take up the burdens of the white man, and stand by those burdens. (Applause.) The foremost men of my country are with you for offence or defence. (Cheers.) I bring you their greetings and their God-speed. I thank you, brethren, for this cordial greeting, for

the noble way in which you have received the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges, and I return to my country on the 13th of next month bearing with me the greetings of the Grand Lodge of England, the Fraternity of Great Britain—England, Ireland, and Scotland. God bless and prosper them all. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Major ALLAN, G.S.W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, said the Grand Lodge of Scotland was in complete harmony with the Grand Lodge of England, and was working hard in Charity to bring it up to the level of Grand Lodge of England. He wished their Grand Master, Lord Saltoun, had been present, for he would have done more justice to that toast. Next week at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland he should convey the greetings of Grand Lodge of England.

Earl AMHERST next proposed "The Provincial and District Grand Masters and the Grand Officers," and said modesty almost prevented him doing so, because he had been for 40 years a Prov. G. Master himself, but these officers worked hard, and kept up the standard of Masonry. He called on the Grand Registrar to reply, both the Grand Wardens having been obliged to leave.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, O.C., G. Reg., in replying, said the Prov. G. Masters were at the present time carrying on Masonic work in aid of the Grand Master's work throughout the country, and they had the confidence of the brethren. The Dist. G. Masters represented the majesty of English Masonry in the various centres where the British Empire had planted its foot, doing their duty as our admirals did. He returned thanks for all the Grand Officers, who were endeavouring to do honour to Masonry.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., proposed "The Charities."

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., responded, and referred to the great success of the Boys' School last year. This had been done without injuring the other institutions. This year the Benevolent Institution had received sufficient for its needs—£20,000 had been realised—and the Girls' School expected to have a bumper; he hoped it would. He thanked the Craft for what they had done in the past, and he congratulated Grand Lodge on their extension of premises which would give more space, which all Grand Officers would be pleased with. He was glad that the report of General Purposes gave hope that in 15 years there would be further accommodation.

Bro. HANSON, Chairman of the Board of Grand Stewards, responded to the toast of "The Grand Stewards," and after the toast of "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., had been acknowledged, Earl Amherst presided in the Temple, where a concert was given in which the performers were Madame Bertha Moore, Miss Ethel Bavans, Bro. Gregory Hast, the Dilettante Quartette (Bros. J. A. Brown, Mervyn Dene, Edward Dazell, and Robert Hilton), Bro. Herbert Standing, recited; Mons. G. Van de Velde played solos on the 'cello, and Bro. Walter W. Hedgcock played the pianoforte.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND WARDENS.

Bro. the Right Hon the Earl of STRANDBROKE, upon whom H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to confer the collar of Senior G. Warden of England for the ensuing year, was initiated in the Lodge of Prudence, No. 388, Halesworth, in the Province of Suffolk, on the 10th December, 1894, and having served the necessary office of Warden, was duly installed in the chair of W. Master on the 27th June of last year. He is also a joining member of the National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578, which was founded in 1895, and a Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Viscount MILTON, the newly-appointed Junior G. Warden, is grandson and heir to Earl Fitzwilliam, K.G., and Member of Parliament for Wakefield. He was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, early in 1895, and later in the year joined Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, of which he was installed W. Master, on the 21st December last. He became also a joining member of lodges at Wicklow and Peterborough, and is a Life Governor, with one Stewardship, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. W. GARDINER, B.D., was initiated, during his career at Exeter College, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, on the 4th February, 1869. Three months later he joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, and in March, 1870, the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. Subsequently he joined the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, Marlborough, and on the 11th May, 1892, was installed its W. Master. He had the honour of being appointed Prov. G.D. of C. Oxfordshire in 1871 and Prov. G. Chaplain in 1872, and on 3rd December, 1890, he became Prov. G. Chaplain of Wiltshire. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, on the 15th June, 1870, and having joined the Methuen Chapter, No. 1533, was, in December, 1895, installed First Principal Z. At the present time he holds the office of Prov. G. Registrar. Bro. Gardiner has also given his support to our Institutions, for each of which he has qualified as Life Governor and served one Stewardship.

Bro. the Rev. F. BETHUNE N. NORMAN-LEE, M.A., F.R.G.S., Chaplain to her Majesty's Forces, was initiated in Pentangle Lodge, No. 1174, Chatham, in September, 1884, but the exigencies of the service have somewhat hampered his progress. In 1885 he joined the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, and continued a subscribing member till 1887, when he was ordered to Ireland. Thence he was moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia. During his stay here he affiliated to the Virgin Lodge, No. 3, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia—formerly No. 395 on that of England—and in 1894 was installed as W.M., while he was appointed to the office of Grand Chaplain. It was also during his residence in Nova Scotia that he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, and was elected to the chair of Third Principal in 1894. On returning to England in 1895 he rejoined No. 1971, and in 1897 was installed as Deputy Master to the Duke of Connaught, being about the same time appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He also renewed his connection with R.A. Masonry, and last year became a founder of the Connaught Chapter, No. 1971, Aldershot, and was invested as its Scribe N. He is also a Mark Mason, was elected to fill the chair of A. in the Aldershot Army and Navy Mark Lodge, No. 349, and was appointed and invested last year as G. Chaplain of Mark Grand Lodge. He has taken the 32° under the Supreme Council for Canada of the A. and A. Rite, and is a member and will shortly be M.W.S. of the Royal Naval Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 9, Portsmouth.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. A. H. BEVAN, who had the honour of being elected, by a substantial majority, to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, at the March Communication of Grand Lodge, has had a distinguished, if not a very prolonged, career in Masonry. He was initiated in the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, in 1891, and is in the chair of W.M. at the present time. In the interim, however, he has exhibited great activity in Craft work. In 1892 he was a founder, and subsequently elected W.M. for two years in succession, of the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, Eton, and for his services in its behalf was appointed Prov. G. Registrar of Buckinghamshire. He has also joined the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, and the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712, while during the present year he has assisted in founding the Captain Coram Lodge and the Sydenham Lodge, No. 2737 and 2744 respectively. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been elected in the Friends-in-Council Chapter, No. 1383, in 1893, is a joining member of the Canterbury Chapter, No. 1635, the Studholme, No. 1591, and the Studholme Brownrigg, No. 2421, Amersham, Bucks, while in 1895 he became founder and First Principal Z. of the Bevan Chapter, No. 2458, Bucks, and subsequently Prov. G. Scribe N. Bucks. Next has Bro. Bevan confined his attention to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. He is at the present time G. Treasurer-elect of the Mark Grand Lodge, was installed Knight of the Temple in 1893, in the Studholme Preceptory, No. 140, and is the present E. Preceptor, and in 1895 joined the Temple Court Preceptory, No. 162, Woking, while in the A. and A. Rite he has been perfected Rose Croix and taken the 30°, and is a member of the Studholme Chapter, No. 67. But more especially have our Institutions claimed his services, and in addition to having acted six times as Steward for each of our Schools, and three times for the Benevolent Institution, he is a Patron of them all. Bro. Bevan is a Governor of St. Thomas's and the Foundling Hospitals, and is generally well-known for his ardour in the cause of philanthropy.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. Sir FORREST FULTON, Q.C., LL.B., Common Serjeant of the City of London, and formerly M.P. for the Borough of West Ham, was initiated in the British Lodge, No. 8, on the 3rd June, 1872. In 1895, he joined the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, Gravesend, and in May, 1897, was installed in its chair of W. Master. In the same year he joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and on the 2nd February last was exalted in St. James's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2. He served as Unattached Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls last year and constituted himself Life Governor thereof.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Capt. R. G. M. CHALONER, M.P., during the 23 years he has been a member of our Order, has been at different times a member of many lodges, and has had his services rewarded in two Provinces. He was initiated in the Concord Lodge, No. 632, Trowbridge, on the 11th April, 1876. In 1878 he joined Charity Lodge, No. 563, Umballa, in the Punjab, and in 1889 Wahab Lodge, No. 938, Sialkot, in the same District. On his return to England, he joined the Sun Lodge, No. 106, Exmouth, and the following year the York Lodge, No. 236, meeting in the city of the same name, while in 1886 he was elected a member of the Zetland Lodge, No. 561, Guisborough. In 1890 he joined the Friendship and Sincerity Lodge, No. 472, Shaftesbury, and had the honour of presiding over it as W.M. during 1891 and 1892, during the latter of which years his services were recognised by his appointment as Prov. S.G. Warden of Dorsetshire. In 1891 he became a member of the Lodge of Science, No. 437, Wincanton, in the Province of Somersetshire, while from 1895 onwards he appears to have taken a very active part in Wiltshire Masonry. In 1893 he joined the Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271, Bradford-on-Avon, of which he was installed W.M. in 1895, and the Long-leat Lodge, No. 1478, Warminster. In 1895 he joined the White Horse Lodge, No. 2227, Westbury, and in 1897 became a founder of the Chaloner Lodge—so named in his honour—No. 2644, Melksham, and was installed its first W.M., and re-elected for a second term of office. He had already, in 1877, served as Prov. Asst. G. Purst., and the further services he subsequently rendered to the Province led to his having the brevet rank of P.P.S.G.W. of Wiltshire conferred upon him in 1897—the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Bro. Chaloner is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the St. John the Baptist Chapter, No. 639, Mussoorie, in the District of Bengal, and is a Past M.W.S. of the Weymouth Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 11. He has served as Steward for the Boys' School, is a Life Governor of both Schools, and also a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Rear-Admiral W. H. C. ST. CLAIR's experiences of Masonry may almost be said to be cosmopolitan in their extent and variety. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 161, Halifax, Nova Scotia—now No. 2 on the roll of that Grand Lodge—in October, 1862, and in the 36 years which have since elapsed has been connected with lodges and chapters located in places as far removed from one another as Malta, Bermuda, Bristol, the Cape of Good Hope, and Portsmouth. Among the lodges of which he is or has been a member are the Phoenix, No. 247, Portsmouth, of which he was installed W.M. in 1881; the St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, Malta; the St. Vincent, No. 1404, Bristol; the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, Greenwich; the Port Alfred Lodge, No. 1468, Bathurst, Cape of Good Hope; the Navy Lodge, No. 2613, of which he was a founder in 1896, and was installed W.M. last year; and, in particular, the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Landport, of which he was founder and first W. Master. These many and various services have been justly recognised, and in 1885 he was appointed Prov. G. Registrar of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and since then Dist. S.G. Warden of Malta. He was exalted in the Bermuda Chapter, No. 224, Bermuda, in 1864, and was installed M.E.Z. of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, Malta, in 1890, became in that year founder and was installed as the First Principal of the St. Clair Chapter, No. 2074, Landport. In 1891 he was appointed Prov. G. Third Principal J. of the Prov. G. Chapter of Hants and the Isle of Wight. In the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17, and a present member of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 2, Portsmouth; and in 1886 was appointed Prov. S.G.D. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he has been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, and is a member of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 9, Portsmouth. Lastly, he has tendered his services as Steward, with accompanying Life Governorship, at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. P. COLVILLE SMITH, M.A., St. John's Coll. Oxon, who has won high distinction both in Metropolitan and Provincial Masonry, is a son of the late Sir Philip Frotheroe Smith, of Truro, and a nephew of the late Right Hon. Lord Justice Mortagu Smith, and was for some time Master of the Bicester Hounds. He was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, on the 9th February, 1886, and has been thrice elected and installed as W.M. of that distinguished lodge, namely, in 1891, 1893, and 1896, while at the present time, we believe, he is its Secretary. In 1891 he had conferred upon him the collar of Prov. S.G.W. of Oxfordshire, and in 1898 undertook the responsible office of Prov. G. Secretary. He is at the present time S.W. and W.M. elect of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, which he joined in 1888, while in 1889 he was elected

a member of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 331, Truro, and in 1894 was appointed Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Cornwall. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, in May, 1887, and has successively filled the three Principals' chairs, while in 1890 he was appointed Prov. G. Prin. Sojourner Oxon. In Mark Masonry he has twice been W.M. of the University Mark Lodge, No. 55—namely in 1889 and 1893; W.C.N. in the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge moored to it in 1891; and Prov. J.G. Deacon of Berks and Oxon in 1888. In the Order of the Temple he was E.P. of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 29, in 1895; and in the A. and A. Rite has been twice M.W.S. of the University Rose Croix Chapter, No. 40, and took the 31° in 1897. As regards our Institutions he has done good service. He is Patron of the Benevolent Institution and twice Steward, a Vice-Patron, with three Stewardships, for the Girls' School, and a Vice-President, with six Stewardships, for the Boys' School.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. HUBERT S. CLUTTON, M.A., was initiated in St. Peter Westminster Lodge, No. 1537, on the 16th October, 1876. In February he joined the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, and having represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1889, was, the year following, installed in the chair of W.M., the same honours having been conferred upon him for the second and third time in 1897 and 1898. In 1891, he joined the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Taplow, and last year was appointed Prov. G. Registrar of Buckinghamshire. He has also won distinction in Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in St. Peter Westminster Chapter, No. 1537, on the 24th February, 1879. Ten years later he was installed its First Principal, and has filled the same office in Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 143, and in Herschel Chapter, No. 1894, having been installed in the former case in January, 1897, and in the latter in 1898. In the Order of the Temple he is Past E. Preceptor of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, No. 26, and in the A. and A. Rite, in which he has taken the 30°, he is Past M.W.S., and present Recorder of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 1. He has qualified as Vice-President of both our Schools and the Benevolent Institution and has given to each of them his services as Steward.

Bro. T. POULTNEY GRIFFIN has been a member of our Order for the long period of 40 years, having been initiated in the Hope and Charity Lodge, now No. 377, Kidderminster, on the 28th March, 1859, and the same year he was appointed Prov. G. Steward of Worcestershire. Since then he has been connected with Metropolitan Masonry, and having joined St. John's Lodge, No. 90, in 1863, was in due course elected and installed W.M. in 1866. In 1880 he joined the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and having represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1891, was installed W.M. in 1895. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, on the 1st March, 1872, he became, in 1886, a founder of Grand Master's Chapter, and in April, 1894, was installed M.E.Z. Last year he was appointed 1st G. Standard Bearer of Supreme G. Chapter. He has served as Steward for each of our Institutions, and has qualified as Life Governor of the three.

Bro. JOHN H. SALTER, J.P., was initiated in the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56, Littlehampton, on the 16th August, 1864, and, having subsequently joined the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, Kelvedon, was, on the 1st April, 1891, installed its W.M. The following year he was appointed P.J.G.W. Essex, and is at the present time an elected member of the Board of General Purposes of that Province. He was exalted in the Plume Chapter, No. 1024, Maldon, on the 15th July, 1891, was installed in the chair of First Principal Z. on the 22nd July, 1896, and on the same day had the honour of being appointed and invested P.G.H. In 1897, he was one of those companions on whom H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z., was pleased to confer brevet rank as a P.G. Officer of Supreme G. Chapter, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was appointed P.A.G.S. In the Mark Degree he ranks as P.M. of the Constantine Lodge, No. 145, Colchester, and P.P.G.D.C. of East Anglia. He was installed Knight of the Order of the Temple in the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, in 1892, and is at the present time a member of that and of the St. Michael's Preceptory, No. 165, while in the A. and A. Rite he is a member of the Rose and Lily Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 97, and took the 30° in 1896. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and has served it as Steward on one occasion.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. EDMUND ARTHUR SMITH has been a Mason for upwards of 30 years, having been initiated in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, in 1857, and in 1871 was installed in the chair as W. Master. He joined the United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83, in 1887, and was elected to the chair in 1895, while last year he became a member of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court. Quite recently he has become a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted last year in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778. He is a Life Governor, and has served as Steward for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and has entered his name as a member of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' Festival next month.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. G. W. G. BARNARD is one of the ablest and most distinguished members of the Fraternity in the Province of Norfolk. He was initiated in Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, Norwich, on the 27th December, 1877, and in May, 1879, was elected a joining member of the Social Lodge, No. 52, which meets in the same city, but did not retain his connection with it for long. He has been twice elected and installed as W.M. of his mother lodge, namely, in 1883 and 1890, and has been the recipient of Provincial honours on three occasions—in 1884, when he was appointed Prov. G. Registrar; in 1888, when he was selected to fill the difficult and delicate office of Provincial Grand Secretary—an office which he has retained till the present time, to his own great credit and to the advantage of Norfolk Masonry—and on the third occasion, in 1897, when he had conferred upon him the brevet rank of P.P.S.G.W., in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In Royal Arch Masonry he has won similar distinction. He was exalted in Perseverance Chapter, No. 213, Norwich, on the 6th June, 1879, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1886, and for the second time the year following, when he was appointed P.G.J. In 1894, he was appointed P.G.S.E., and has retained the office in connection with that of P.G. Secretary ever since. In the year 1897, the brevet rank of P.G. Std. Br. in Supreme G. Chapter was conferred upon him. In the Mark Degree he is P.M. of the Walpole Lodge, No. 92, Norwich, and P.P.G.M.O. of East Anglia. In the Order of the Temple he is P.E.P. and present Registrar of the Cabbell Preceptory, No. 69, Norwich, P.C. of the Prov. Priory of East Anglia, and P.G. Capt. of the Guards of Great Priory, while in the A. and A. Rite he is P.M.W.S. and present Treasurer of the Clarence Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 114, Norwich. Lastly, he has done good service to our Charitable Institutions, having constituted himself a Life Governor of each of them, and served two Stewardships for the Boys' School, one for the Girls' School, and one for the R.M.B.I.

Bro. THOMAS P. BAPTIE has been one of us for close on 15 years, having been initiated in King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, in June, 1884. In January, 1889, he was installed in the chair of W. Master, and in June, 1891, was elected to the important office of Treasurer. In 1892 he was one of the founders of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, and in 1894 was elected and installed W.M. His experiences at the present do not go beyond Craft Masonry, but as regards our Institutions, he has contributed towards the support of all of them, having qualified as a Life Governor of the three, while he proposes to act as Steward at the Festivals of the two Schools during the current year, and in the same capacity for the Benevolent Institution in 1899.

Bro. HENRY CLARKE, whose initiation in the Peace and Harmony Lodge—at the time No. 462, but now No. 359—Southampton, took place in 1857, has had not only a long, but also a varied experience of Freemasonry. In 1858 he joined the Royal Gloucester, No. 130, Southampton, and three years later that of Honour, No. 526, Wolverhampton. In 1879 we find him in London, becoming a joining member of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, of which, in 1888, he had the honour of being installed as W. Master. In 1891 he was one of the Founders of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396; while in 1896 he assisted in founding the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603, he being a member of the great municipal Parliament of London. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Lodge of Concord, No. 394, Southampton, on the 5th October, 1859. He also appears to have taken an interest in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, his name appearing on the list of members of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 1. As for our Institutions, Bro. Clarke has given his services as Steward for each of them, and, in addition to being a Vice President of the Benevolent Institution, is a Life Governor of both our Schools.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lt.-Col. G. J. PARKYN during the 35 years he has been a member of our Order has acquired considerable experience of Masonry in different parts of the British Empire. He was initiated in British Kaffraria Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, on the 11th August, 1864. In 1867 he joined St. John's Lodge, No. 828, Graham's Town, and between 1869 and 1872 was a member of Victoria Lodge, of Hong Kong, No. 1026, and United Service Lodge, No. 1341, in the same Colony. After returning home he was elected member of Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 1254, Exeter, in 1877; of the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, in 1884; of Pentangle Lodge, No. 1174, Chatham, in 1888; of One and All Lodge, No. 339, Bodmin, and of Fort Lodge, No. 1528, Newquay, in 1895. On the 10th November, 1896, he was installed W.M. of the Fort Lodge, and the following was appointed Prov. G. Sword Bearer of Cornwall. In 1896 he became a London Mason by joining the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, and during the present year he completed thus far his series of lodge memberships by helping to found Lodge Nil Sine Labore, No. 2736—of which he was installed first W.M.—and joining the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259. As a Royal Arch Mason his career has been less varied. He was exalted in Concord Chapter, No. 608, Cape of Good Hope, on the 18th October, 1866, and having joined St. Petrock Chapter, No. 330, Bodmin, was installed M.E.Z. on the 13th April of last year. He has also been perfected Rose Croix, and is a member of the Cornwall Chapter, No. 61, Truro. He has, moreover, served once as Steward for our three Institutions, and is a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and Life Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. EDWARD ROBERTS, M.A., the able and courteous Prov. G. Secretary of North Wales, was initiated in Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon, on the 21st February, 1883, and on the 17th October, 1888, was installed W. Master. In February, 1894, he became a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and in 1896 a joining member of the Bala Lodge, No. 1369, in addition to which he is an Honorary member of Lodges Nos. 1113, 1488, 1988, 2423, and 2569, all of which are located in his Province, and in the consecration of the last two of which he took part in his official capacity. On the 1st October, 1885, he was exalted in the Segontium Chapter, No. 606, and in March, 1892, was installed in the chair of First Principal. These services to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry have been worthily recognised at different times. In 1889 he was appointed Prov. G. Steward of North Wales, and in the following year Prov. G. Secretary, and has won golden opinions from the brethren during the years that have since elapsed, while in 1896 he had conferred upon him the brevet rank of Past Prov. S.G. Warden. His first Provincial appointment in Royal Arch was in 1892, when he became Prov. G. Asst. Sojourner, being promoted Prov. G. Registrar in 1894, and last year to the still higher office of Prov. G. Scribe N. Lastly, his services to our Institutions have been on a scale commensurate with his position in the Craft, and, in addition to serving twice as Steward for the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions, and once for the Girls' School, he has qualified as Life Governor of the three Charities, and he is also, *ex officio*, a member of the North Wales Masonic Charitable Association.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. JOHN KENYON has been a Freemason for well nigh a quarter of a century and has done good service during that time. He was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 348, Bolton, on the 22nd October, 1874, and was elected and installed W.M. in 1883. He has also at different periods been elected member of Antiquity, No. 146, Bolton, Mechanics Lodge, No. 245, Jersey, and the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, Malta, and, in 1890, had the honour of being appointed District S.G. Warden of Malta, and Prov. G. Deacon of East Lancashire. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in St. John's Chapter, No. 348, Bolton, on the 4th March, 1880, and was installed M.E.Z. in December, 1888, while the year following he was appointed Prov. Asst. G. Sojourner of East Lancashire. He is also a joining member of the William Kingston Chapter, No. 407, Malta. He has also taken other Degrees, having been installed a Knight of the Order of the Temple in the St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory, No. 33, Bolton, and perfected Rose Croix in the A. and A. Rite. Lastly, he is a Vice-Patron of our three Institutions and has served as Steward six times each for the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions and half a dozen times for the Boys' School.

Bro. JOHN WELFORD has had nearly 30 years' experience of Freemasonry, having been initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, on the 15th September, 1870. Having risen through the different offices, he was at length, in 1880, elected and installed its W. Master, and since then, we believe, has continued to render it important service in the capacity of Treasurer. He has also enrolled himself as a member of three other lodges, one of which—the Bradstow, No. 2448, Broadstairs—is in the Province of Kent, while the others—the Fellowship, No. 2535, and the Eyre Lodge, No. 2742—are located in the Metropolis. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, and installed its First Principal Z. in January, 1884. In respect of our Institutions he has done good service. He has served two Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution, and qualified as Vice-Patron; is a Vice-Patron, with one Stewardship, of the Girls' School; and a Life Governor, with two Stewardships, of the Boys' School.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. WILLIAM H. CUMMINGS, F.S.A., Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, was initiated in the Urban Lodge, No. 1106, on the 22nd October, 1872. Five years later he joined the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1705, at its foundation, and subsequently became a member of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, which was founded in 1892, and of which he was installed W.M. in December, 1897. He is likewise a Royal Arch Mason, but his connection with that branch of Masonry is of recent date, as it was only on the 8th July, 1898, that he was exalted in the Brooke Chapter, No. 2005, Chingford, in the Province of Essex. Lastly, he is a Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WILLIAM WRIGHT has had nearly a quarter of a century's experience of Masonry in the Province of Sussex, and has won distinction in all the branches with which he has been connected. He was initiated in the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes, on the 17th February, 1875, and in 1891 was elected and installed W. Master. In the meantime, however, he became a joining member of the Pelham Lodge, No. 1303, Lewes, in 1888, and was installed W.M. the following year, while in 1893, when he had been for the second time chosen to preside over the Pelham Lodge, he became founder and first S.W. of the Loxfield Lodge, No. 2450, Uckfield, and in 1894 its W.M. In 1891, his services were recognised by his appointment as Prov. J.G.W. Sussex. He was installed a Royal Arch Mason in the South Saxon Chapter, No. 311, on the 27th January, 1886. In 1893, he was installed M.E.Z., and in 1895, was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G.J. In Mark Masonry, he is Past Prov. S.G. Warden of Sussex, and on 1st June of last year, was appointed G. Std. Bearer of Mark Grand Lodge. He was installed Knight of the Order of the Temple in the De Warenne Preceptory, No. 126, Brighton, is Past E. Preceptor and present Registrar of the Prov. Priory of Sussex; and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Past M.W.S. of the Eureka Rose Croix Chapter, No. 43, Brighton. Finally, he has served five Stewardships for our Institutions, namely, two for the Boys' School, two for the Girls' School, and one for the Benevolent Institution, is a Vice-President of the Girls' School and a Life-Governor of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. WILLIAM FISHER was initiated in the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, on the 13th October, 1868, and in April, 1877, was installed W.M. In 1879, he joined the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, No. 1828, and presided over it as Master during the year 1887. Having in the interim been elected a joining member of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton Court, of which he was installed W.M. in 1892, and the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, of which he only remained a member till October, 1893, he joined the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham, in the latter year, and in 1895 was installed in the chair. In May, 1893, he was elected P.G. Treasurer of Middlesex, and is also a present member of the Board of Benevolence and Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, he transferred his allegiance, in 1878, to the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, and has twice served as M.E.Z.—in 1890, and again in 1892; while in July, 1886, he joined the Era Chapter, No. 1423, Twickenham, was installed in the chair of M.E.Z. for the years 1893 and 1894, successively, and in the former was appointed Prov. G. P.S. Middlesex. He is a member of Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3, of Rose Croix, 18°, and besides being a Life Governor of the three Charities, has given his services as Steward to the Benevolent Institution, the occasion having been at the Jubilee Festival in 1892.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox.:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January, to the 19th April, 1899, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1101 19 9	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£368 2 11
" " Account	266 1 6	" Balance	1439 7 5
" Subsequent Receipts..	692 13 7	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	253 4 6
	£2060 14 10		£2060 14 10

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

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

1st. From Comps. Meyer Seehoff, as Z.; Robert Francis Wallis, as H.; C. Alexander, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal George Lodge, No. 2643, to be called the Royal George Chapter, and to meet at Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South Africa.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. John Scott Ramsay, as Z.; Col. Ponsonby Wm. Watts, as H.; Thomas Martin, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Border Lodge, No. 2475, to be called the Beach Chapter, and to meet at the White Hart Hotel, Blackwater, Hampshire.

3rd. From Comps. William Briggs, as Z.; Joseph Reynolds Green, as H.; Cotterell Egerton Ward-Boughton-Lee, as J.; and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, to be called the Strong Man Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.

4th. From Comps. Samuel Varren, as Z.; Simon Young, as H.; William Browne, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, to be called the Triangle Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Park-road, New Brompton, Kent.

5th. From Comps. David Rees Lewis, as Z.; Duncan Macdonald, as H.; Angus Macintosh, as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, to be called the Rees Lewis Chapter, and to meet at Masonic Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales.

6th. From Comps. Augustus Alfred Frigout, as Z.; William G. Simmons, as H.; Thomas Bugler, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, to be called the Excelsior Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.

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

The Military Chapter, No. 2621, from the Trocadero Restaurant to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.
 The St. Helen Chapter, No. 531, from the Masonic Hall, Hartlepool, to the Masonic Hall, Hart-road, West Hartlepool, Durham.
 The Brent Chapter, No. 1284, from the Masonic Hall, Topsham, to the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, Devon.
 The Savage Club Chapter, No. 2190, from 33, Golden-square, to Mark Masons' Hall, London.
 The Prince Edwin Chapter, No. 128, from the Bridge Inn, to the Royal Hotel, Silver-street, Bury, Lancashire.
 The Montefiore Chapter, No. 1017, from the Trocadero Restaurant, to the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.
 The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

A memorial with particulars, has been received from Comps. Cyril Plummer, as Z.; Chatham Ellis, as H.; Henry John Gardiner, as J.; and the members of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter, No. 4, London, for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been lost.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the charter of confirmation be granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
 19th April, 1899.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Comp. Frank Richardson, P. Asst. G. Soj., Grand Director of Ceremonies—
 "That Rules 94, 95, and 96, Royal Arch Regulations be altered to read as follows:

Rule 94. The jewel of office of Present Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter shall be suspended from a chain of gold or metal gilt of the prescribed pattern, or from a collar four inches broad of three colours, viz.—purple, crimson, and pale blue—such last named collar to be worn on all occasions, except in Supreme Grand Chapter, and at Ceremonials and Festivals where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, when chains are to be worn. The jewel of office of Past Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter is to be suspended from a collar of the same width and colours as that before described.

Rule 95. Grand Superintendents wear chains or collars similar to those of Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter; other Present and Past Officers of Provincial and District Grand Chapters also wear collars similar to those worn by the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter; but such collars are not to exceed two inches in width.

Rule 96. The jewel of office worn by the Principals and Officers is suspended from a crimson collar four inches broad. Past First Principals, so long as they continue to subscribe to some Royal Arch Chapter, may be entitled to wear on all occasions when Royal Arch clothing may be worn, crimson collars four inches wide, with gold braid a quarter of an inch wide in the centre.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

CONSECRATION OF THE EYRE LODGE, No. 2742.

About 150 brethren assembled at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, on the 17th instant, to witness the consecration of the Eyre Lodge, No. 2742, which has been started with every indication of future prosperity. The first W.M. is Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M., a well-known and popular Mason, whilst the first officers include such eminent brethren as Bros. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., and Jas. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., was assisted in the ceremonial by Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Jas. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M. 1668, S.D. 2535; Albert Craddock, S.D. 2150; W. H. Bailey, P.M. 624 and 2535, P.G. Treas.; I. D. Graham, P.M. and Stwd. 1559; James Stephens, P.M., Treas., 1425 and 2361, &c., P.D.G.D.C.; John Welford, P.M. and Treas. 733, Treas. 2535; T. J. Sewell, 2535; Ed. S. White, P.M., D.C. 902; G. B. Crook, 1541 and 1304; E. W. Caithie, 198; J. Collis Bird, 141; J. Edwards, 1304; Joshua Mayhew, 1642; Joseph Chaplin, Treas. 1305; Charles Arnold, Treas. 2550; E. Floyd, 2535; W. Kirby, 860; Lear Drew, P.M. 157; Charles T. Rickards, 1681; T. H. Hartley, 1608; Thos. Durrans, 1305; Chas. Dearing, P.M. 795, 1602, P.P.G. Supt. W. Berks; W. D. Schwartz, P.M. 1348 and 1305, W.M. 795; James, Speller, P.M. 1677, 2256, and 2374, P.P.G.D. Essex; and Tapley Smith.

After the opening of the lodge, the CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said they had met for a purpose which could not fail to excite the interest and enlist the sympathy of all present. They had assembled to start into existence a new lodge, and to add one more to the long list of lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. This particular lodge was founded for the accommodation of brethren residing in the immediate locality, and it bore the name of a family well known and highly honoured in days gone by—a name which designated the somewhat famous house in which they had met. He could only express the hope that this lodge might have before it a career of the greatest possible success.

The usual consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and carried out in a dignified and solemn manner.

Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth having been installed as the first W. Master, the following officers were invested: Bros. E. S. White, P.M., D.C. 902, acting I.P.M.; Albert Craddock, S.W. 2150, S.W.; James Speller, P.M. 1677, 2256, and 2374, P.P.G.D. Essex, J.W.; W. H. Bailey, P.M. 624 and 2535, P.G. Treas.; James Stephens, P.M., Treas. 1425 and 2361, &c., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; Charles Dearing, P.M. 795 and 1602, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Berks, S.D.; and Charles Arnold, Treas. 2550, J.D.

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

The SECRETARY proposed that a start should be made in charitable work by voting 20 guineas to the Girls' School; but this was increased to 25 guineas, on the suggestion of the TREASURER.

The SECRETARY, who is a lover of "records," stated that he already held a receipt for the 20 guineas.

A long list of candidates for initiation and joining was read, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed reflected the highest credit on this famous hostelry, and was succeeded by the customary toasts.

The preliminary toasts were briefly given by the W.M.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that of all the lodges he had assisted to consecrate, he could safely say their present W.M. had made a record for the brevity of his remarks, which had been also to the point. He would not break that record, but simply thank them.

The W.M. next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said the lodge was deeply honoured by their presence. The brethren present all felt that the splendid ceremony was so intellectually performed, as to command the thanks of every brother who had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. It afforded him great gratification to be their mouthpiece, and he was also authorised by the founders to ask the Consecrating Officers to accept a small memento of the occasion, with the hope that it would be a pleasurable remembrance. He would couple with the toast the name of the Grand Secretary, a name he knew would be received with intense approbation, on account of the esteem in which he was held by the whole of the Craft.

Each Consecrating Officer was then presented with a very handsome silver miniature loving-cup, bearing a suitable inscription.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Secretary, said that, in view of the admirable musical arrangements, for which he believed they were indebted in no small degree to the Secretary, Bro. Stephens, who was most indefatigable in everything he undertook—he would not inflict a speech upon them. He desired in words as sincere as they were brief, to tender on behalf of the Consecrating Officers their warmest thanks for the more than kind manner in which the W.M. had been pleased to propose the toast. It had afforded them the greatest possible pleasure to be present and they were satisfied that the lodge had before it a future of very great success. Under the able guidance of the W.M., assisted as he would be by the Treasurer, Bro. Bailey, and their most indefatigable Secretary, he was sure the lodge would be most successful. He also tendered thanks for the kind thoughtfulness which had prompted the founders to present them with a charming souvenir of the interesting occasion.

Bro. W. H. BAILEY, P.G. Treas., said he was about to submit a toast—the one he should have chosen to propose—that of his dear old friend, "The First W. Master of the Eyre Lodge." If they had selected a first W.M. from the whole of London they could not have found a better one than Bro. Rudderforth. Their lodge had made a start under the auspices of the Grand Secretary, and they were looking forward to a great success. He would ask them to drink the toast wishing success to the W.M. and his lodge and long might he live to prosper.

The W.M. said he must plead for their kind indulgence as he was unused to have his health proposed in such flattering terms. They knew the exuberance of spirits that composed Bro. Bailey, but there was an amount of sincerity in his utterances that gave a greater zest to the toast. He appreciated most heartily their kind reception and was more than gratified to be the recipient of so much honour. He regarded it as their intention to honour the Eyre Lodge through himself as their W.M. He would do his utmost to ensure the success of the lodge and would give as much attention as possible to it as long as he had health. He knew he should have the support of all the founders, and would try to imbue the candidates coming in with a sense of the high Masonic duties devolving upon them.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given by the W.M. in an excellent speech. He said the lodge had started well by placing on his list the sum of 25 guineas for the Girls' School, and he would ask the members personally to support him liberally, but not more than they could afford.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., replied to the toast. He had frequently during the last quarter of a century responded for the G. Officers, and was proud to do it, because he esteemed and liked them fairly well, but if they asked him what toast he preferred to respond to he told them plainly, without fear or favour, it was the Masonic Charities. Young Masons looked forward to promotion in the Craft, and it was right they should do so, but when one got into the sear and yellow leaf they thought of what Masonry was meant and intended for, which was summed up in the three words "brotherly love, relief, and truth." As regards the Institutions, the Old People had had an excellent Festival, and the Boys' Institution was rolling in coin, which they wanted for what they were going to do. The Girls' School Committee was looking forward to the next Festival with anticipation and hope. He believed they would have an excellent Festival, and if they did it was because such lodges as the Fellowship—of which he was proud to be a member—were doing the best they could. He hoped the W.M. would have a splendid list to represent this newly consecrated lodge.

"The Visitors" and other toasts followed, after which the successful proceedings terminated.

The visitors present included Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S.B.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; H. Garred, P.G.P.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. J. Mason, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes; H. P. Hay, Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; T. Doughty, P.M.; W. Lucas, P.M.; C. Dodd, P.M.; F. Arnold, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; H. Trask, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Lathom; T. Sewell; Woodrow, P.M.; and a large number of others.

CONSECRATION OF THE SILVER RIVER CHAPTER, No. 2329.

The consecration of the above chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, Prince George's Hall, 1230, Calle Cuyo, Buenos Aires, on Monday, 13th February. The Consecrating Officer, Grand Supt. of the Argentine Republic, Comp. Ferdinand Jamison Morphy, ably performed the consecration and installation ceremonies, being assisted by the following officers of the District Grand Chapter: Comps. H. S. Chappell, D.G.H.; Reginald Mold, D.G.S.E., acting D.G.J.; A. G. Thornton, D. Asst. G. S.E., acting D.G.S.E.; B. Swinden, D.G.S.N.; A. E. Rugeroni, D.A. G.D.C., acting D.G.D.C.; C. M. Stetson, D.G.P.S.; and F. Coulon de Meuron, D.G.R.

The founding members of the new chapter are: Comps. J. Co'pas Clark, P.H. 1553; A. Cozens, 876; J. Miller, 1553; C. Trevor Mold, P.Z. 617, P.D.G.H.; W. J. Hodge, P.Z. 617, D.G.J.; C. L. Edwards, 617; E. Hicks, 617; G. H. Clarke, 617; and C. E. Nunes, 823.

The following visitors were present:

Comps. F. Rider Hancock, H. 617, D.G. Treas.; G. Nelson, P.Z. 617, D.G. S.B.; A. R. Leighton, P.Z. 617, D.G. Std. Br.; E. J. Klix, P.Z. 617; J. Saunders, 617, P.Z. 876; J. Oldham, 617, P.Z. 876; T. L. Gray, 617, acting D. G. Org.; E. P. G. Pope, 617; Percie Cowper, 617; E. M. Simpson, 617; A. G. Goodfellow, 617; T. Barkas, P.Z. 1553, 1st D.A.G. Soj.; F. C. Marty, J. 1553; W. P. Pell, 1553; W. Morsbach, 1553; J. Paton, 1553; and J. Russell, P.Z. 1572.

During the consecration ceremony, an oration was delivered by Comp. F. COULON DE MEURON, D.G.R., in his usual clear and decisive style, extolling the grand principles on which the Masonic art is founded which was much appreciated.

The following officers were then installed and invested: Comps. J. C. Clark, M.E.Z.; A. Cozens, H.; J. Miller, J.; C. L. Edwards, S.E.; E. Hicks, S.N. (absent through illness); W. J. Hodge, P.Z. 617, Treas.; G. H. Clarke, P.S.; C. E. Nunes, 1st A.S.; C. T. Mold, P.Z. 617, D.C.; and E. S. S. Couturier, Janitor.

After the installation ceremony, the M.E.Z. addressed the chapter, and warmly complimented Comp. F. J. Morphy, G. Supt., for the masterly way in which the ancient ceremonies had been performed, and, following the usual custom in England, the G. Superintendent was unanimously elected an honorary member of the new chapter.

Propositions were received for six candidates for exaltation; and after many expressions of goodwill and wishes for the future success of the chapter, it was closed.

The founding members subsequently entertained the companions at a banquet at "Ane's Keller" Restaurant, at which 34 companions were present.

The usual complimentary toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. F. J. MORPHY, G. Supt., proposed, in graceful terms, "The Prosperity of the Silver River Chapter."

Appropriate speeches were also delivered by Comps. J. C. CLARK, J. MILLER, A. COZENS, C. T. MOLD, J. SAUNDERS, B. SWINDEN, and J. RUSSELL.

Truly a red-letter day for Royal Arch Masonry in the Argentine Republic, together with a very enjoyable evening, proving also that the social side of English Freemasonry is not forgotten in foreign lands.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR EDWARD STOCK HILL AS PROV. GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., M.P., was, on the 24th instant, at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, installed as Prov. G. Master of South Wales. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.C.T., Pro G. Master, and there were also present from Grand Lodge Bros. W. W. B. Beach, Past G. Master; Alan de Tatton Egerton, P.G.M. Cheshire; C. N. Carrell, G.D.C.; J. C. Sladen, P.P.S.G.W.; Richard Peck, G. Chap.; Charles Belton, P.G.M.O.; H. E. Cousans, P.G.D.; and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Secretary.

The following officers of the Prov. G. Lodge and visitors were also present:

Bros. Lock, Dep. G.M.; H. J. Gregory, Prov. J.G.W.; David Bowen, Prov. Senior G. Overseer; Thomas Rogers, Prov. G. Overseer; Walter James, Prov. G. Treas.; S. G. Rogers, Prov. G. Registrar of Marks; De Vere Hunt, Prov. Asst. Sec.; F. H. Simpson, Prov. Asst. G. D. of C.; John Hill, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Havard Morgan, Prov. G. Org.; O. Leon, Prov. G.I.G.; C. A. Carslen, Prov. G. Std.; and Amos Jenkins, P.G.T.; and among the visitors were: Bros. J. Owen Marsh, P.G.M. Mon; J. H. Taylor, Prov. S.G.W. Mon; Arthur Davenport, P.G.R. Mon; E. H. Bretherton, P.G. Treas. Mon; D. W. Havard, P.J. G.W. Mon; W. Morgan, P.J.G.O.; and L. S. Abrahamson, P.G.S. Mon.

The history of Mark Masonry in South Wales extends back over very many years, and up to 1869 the lodge established at Cardiff worked under the Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. In that year, however, it transferred its allegiance to the English Grand Mark Lodge. It was not until 1880, however, that a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was formed for the southern half of the Principality, and this was placed under the rule of the Grand Registrar of England. The first meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place at Cardiff on April 19th, 1880, and in the following year Bro. Sir Pryse-Pryse, of Gegerddan, was appointed by the M.W. Grand Mark Master Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. N. D. Marks, of Cardiff, was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, a position which he has held to this day. Bro. Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., M.P., succeeds Bro. Sir Pryse-Pryse, so that a similar event to that which took place on Monday last has not happened in South Wales for 19 years.

In addition to the installation of Bro. Sir Edward Stock Hill, there was another interesting ceremony, viz., the recognition of Bro. Robt. Lock, P.P. S.G.W., as Prov. S.G.W. in charge of the province.

The Mark clothing and regalia is very striking, and the scene when all the Mark brethren who attended the ceremony were assembled was very picturesque.

After his installation, Bro. Sir Edward Stock Hill invested the Prov. G. Officers as follows:

Bro. Tom Payne Kerman, P.M. 28	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. J. Gregory, W.M. 256	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. David Bowen, P.M. 256	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. Martin, 28	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Thomas Rogers, 297	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. L. Rowe	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Munday, P.M. 28, P.P.S.G.W., P.A.G.D.C.	...	
England	...	
" Samuel G. Rogers, 256	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Nelson D. Marks, P.M. 28, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomas Walters, 116	...	Prov. S.G.D.

Bro. Walter James, 28	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. H. Ruddock, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Isidor Leon, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. H. Simpson, 28	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. B. Mockford, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John Hill, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Howard Morgan, 116	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Dr. De Vere Hunt, 28	...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" Octavius Leon, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Nathaniel Hurley, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Carl Carslen, 28	...	...	...
" Amos Jenkins, 28	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The functions were of a brilliant character, and Bro. John Munday, upon whose shoulders devolved nearly the whole of the arrangements, deserves high praise upon the success which attended the gathering.

A banquet followed at the Angel Hotel, Bro. Sir Edward Hill, presiding.

During the evening a well-arranged programme of music was gone through, under the direction of Bro. E. T. Roberts. Miss Rebecca Mander, R.A.M., was pianist, and her brilliant playing was much commented upon.

MASONIC SERVICE IN THE CITY.

On the 24th inst., at the church of St. Lawrence Jewry, a Masonic service was performed under the auspices of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, of which the rector of the parish, Bro. the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, is the Chaplain. By dispensation obtained by the lodge from the H.R.H. Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Masonic clothing was allowed to be worn by the brethren, and the privilege was taken advantage of not only by the members of the Gallery Lodge, but by numerous brethren belonging to other lodges. The general congregation was numerous, and the church was well filled. Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Alliston, P.M., and Lieut.-Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., G. Treas., attended in their civic robes of office and in Masonic regalia; and Bros. Colonel T. Davies Sewell, P.G. Std., and Alderman Smallman, P.M., also occupied seats in the church. Among other brethren present were: Bros. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; Henry Garrod, P.G. Purst., and the Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence; Ernest A. Peachey, W.M. 1928; E. E. Peacock, P.M.; George Tarran, P.M. and Sec.; Percy W. Husk, P.M.; F. W. Brodie, S.W.; Cornwallis F. H. Smith, Alfred F. Robbins, Treasurer of the Gallery Lodge Benevolent Fund; Herbert Wright, P.M.; and Henry Massey, P.M.

As the offertory was to go towards restoring the organ, the expense of which is estimated at about £1000, the service was highly musical, and a magnificent choir of over 30 voices rendered the musical portions of the ceremony to perfection.

The service commenced with the processional hymn, "Light's Abode, Celestial Salem," after which Bro. Rev. J. Stephen Barrass intoned the Exhortation, the Confession, the Lord's Prayer, the preces, and the responses. The Archdeacon of London, the Archdeacon of Essex, and Canon Ingram were among those who took part in the service. The Archdeacon of Essex read the lesson which followed the special Psalms of the day, the 133rd and 138th. The magnificent was Gadsby in C, and the anthem, "The Wilderness" (Isaiah xxxv.).

Archdeacon SINCLAIR preached the sermon from 2 Kings, iii., 15, "But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass when the minstrel played that the hand of the Lord came upon him." After giving a brief outline of the circumstances under which Elisha refused to comply with Jehosaphat's request that he should prophesy until music was played, the Archdeacon discoursed eloquently on the charms of music, on its soothing influences on mankind in general and on its great aid in devotional services. Its generally acknowledged power he illustrated by reference to Carlyle, Bach, Mozart, and numerous other writers, from whom he gave numerous quotations; and he did not omit Milton's "l'Allegro," upon which he made a copious draft, concluding with the lines, "Dissolve me into ecstasies, And bring all Heaven before my eyes." He concluded by a strong exhortation to the brethren to support the fund for repairing the organ, which was built in 1681 by Father Harris, who was a contemporary of Father Smith, the builder of the organ at the Temple Church.

During the collection of the offertory, the hymn, "O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea" was sung, and this was succeeded by a powerful execution of the solo, "Be Thou Faithful unto Death," by Bro. Herbert Grover.

The Archdeacon then pronounced the Benediction.

DINNER OF THE LOYALTY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1607.

The members of the above lodge of instruction and their friends, to the number of about 50, assembled at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 21st inst., when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Among those present were Bros. Wheldon, Brown, Patten, Robinson, Foster, H. G. Moore, Coram, Wright, S. Moore, Reeve, Mumford, Lawson, Hodgson, Loveday, E. Pelfield, Brasted, Paul, Jenkinson, Holsworth, A. Cunningham, W. Barker, Jameson, A. P. Clark, Bailey, Hetherington, Dunstan, Powter, A. F. Jones, Judd, Dickson, McLachlan, L. Cole, Coates, Rose, Day, Selby, Lowry, Knowles, G. H. Clark, W. Binns, F. Binns, W. Evans, and Raven.

Dinner was served in the Duke's Saloon, Bro. Geo. Cunningham, W.M. of the mother lodge and Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, presiding.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Grand Officers" were proposed by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. POWTER, P.M., gave the toast of "The Loyalty Lodge of Instruction and the Preceptor."

The CHAIRMAN responded.

"The Loyalty Benevolent Association" was next given by Bro. HUGH McLACHLAN.

Bro. ROSE, P.M., replied.

The CHAIRMAN gave "The Visitors."

All the visitors present responded, expressing their appreciation of the reception accorded them.

Bro. JAMES MUMFORD proposed "The Mother Lodge."

Bros. LAWSON, P.M., and E. HOLSWORTH responded.

The toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer" was next proposed by Bro. HETHERINGTON.

Bros. A. J. CLARK, P.M., and W. L. BARKER, P.M., responded.

An excellent musical programme had been arranged. Bros. W. Binns, W. Evans, Coram, A. Cunningham, J. Cole, and Powter favoured the company with songs, Bros. Rose and Knowles, recitations, and Bro. Hetherington gave two readings in the Yorkshire dialect, all of which were highly appreciated; and a most successful evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, given with musical honours.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1899.

It will be seen from our report of the proceedings in Grand Lodge on Wednesday that the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to confer past rank as Grand Officers on 25 brethren who have attained to eminence both within and outside Masonry, but the details of the services they have rendered to the Craft did not reach us in time to allow of our publishing them in the present number. We shall, however, give them as fully as possible next week.

The regular Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd prox., when the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes will also be submitted, and, in addition, there is a notice of motion by Comp. Frank Richardson, Past

A.G.S., G.D. of C., for the alteration of Rules 94, 95, and 96 Royal Arch Regulations. These Rules, as proposed to be amended, prescribe the kind of collar to be worn by Present and Past Grand Officers (Rule 94); by Grand Superintendents, and Present and Past Prov. and District Grand Officers (Rule 95); and by Principals and officers, and subscribing Past First Principals of private chapters.

The proposed alterations are the outcome of the discussion which took place in Grand Chapter in February, when Comp. W. Sergeant Lee, P.Z., withdrew his motion relative to the collars to be worn by Installed and Past First Principals on the undertaking by Comp. F. Richardson that the subject should be referred to the Committee of Grand Chapter.

It appears from the Report of the Committee of General Purposes that petitions for warrants for six new charters have been received during the past three months and as seven warrants were granted during the previous quarter as reported at the February Convocation, it would appear as if Royal Arch Masonry were inclined to bestir itself. At all events 13 warrants in six months as compared with 12 in the 12 months to November, 1898, is a most decided improvement, and we trust will be maintained during the remaining half of the current year. Of the six new chapters, two—the Strong Man, No. 45, and the Excelsior, No. 1155—will meet in London; three—the Beach, No. 2475 (Hants and the Isle of Wight); the Triangle, No. 184 (Kent); and the Rees Lewis, No. 110 South Wales (E.D.)—in the Provinces; and the Royal George, No. 2643, at Krugersdorp, in the Transvaal.

The Treasurer's Statement of Account for the year 1898 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, as usual, has been furnished with the Balloting Papers, is more satisfactory than might have been expected, having regard to the very modest total of Donations and Subscriptions which resulted from the annual Festival. The Returns, when they came to be revised and corrected, reached £9767, but the sum actually received in the shape of Donations and Subscriptions fell not far short of £11,200, out of a total receipt of £19,240, while the expenditure for the two Funds was, in round figures, £18,959.

Taking the two Funds separately, we find, including a balance of £2077 brought forward from 1897 and a sum of £2500 transferred to Deposit Account, the total received amounted to £13,749, while the expenditure, including £2500 deposited at call, reached £11,708, Donations and Subscriptions yielded £6100, Dividends and Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £2944, and Interest on cash at call, £128. The principal items of expenditure were Annuities, £7698; Postages, &c., £179; Printing, Stationery, &c., £261; Salaries in Office, £567 10s.; Collector's Commission, £155; Rates and Taxes, £79; the total payments being £9208, and the balance in hand on the 31st December £2041.

The total Receipts for the Widows' Fund, including balance of £1104 for 1897, and Transfer of £2500 to Deposit Account, amounted to £13,672, and the total expenditure, including £2500 transferred from call, to £12,251. On the receipt side there was a total in respect of Donations and Subscriptions of nearly £5200; Dividends and Grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £2825; Special Grant from Grand Lodge, £2000; and interest on cash at call, £44. As regards Expenditure, Annuities absorbed £8231; Collector's Commission, £113; Postages, &c., £179; Printing, Stationery, &c., £256; Salaries, £567 10s.; Rates and Taxes, &c., £79; the actual outlay being £9751, and the balance remaining on 31st December, £1421. The Sustentation of Building Fund is only a very small account, while the Permanent Income of the Institution, comprising the annual grants from Grand Lodge, (£1600) and Grand Chapter (£150) and Dividends, amount to £5750, which is considerably less than one-third of the actual outlay.

We consider the Committee of Management are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have administered the affairs of the Institution. Considering that out of an expenditure amounting altogether to about £19,000 the payments of the annuitants absorbed close on £16,000, the sum of £3000 is not an extravagant outlay for the salaries of office, and of the Matron and Gardener at the Asylum, Rates and

Taxes of the same, and the heavy expenditure necessarily incurred for Postages, Printing, Stationery, Collector's Commission, Rent of Offices, &c., &c., Medical Attendance, Provincial Expenses, &c., &c., &c. It is evident that the Committee have been as prudent as they have been economical in their management.

The regular meeting of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 5th prox., when, in the course of the proceedings, Bro. H. P. Fitzgerald Marriott will read a paper on "The Tribal Secret Societies of West Africa," illustrating his narrative by means of exhibits of charms, dresses, &c., &c. The brethren will afterwards dine together in the Gordon Room of the Holborn Restaurant.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the arrangements for the usual summer outing have already been made, and that this year a visit will be paid to Exeter, on the invitation of the four lodges which meet in that city. The party will leave Waterloo Terminus on Thursday, the 15th June, by the 3 p.m. in reserved saloons, and reach their destination shortly before seven o'clock. Head-quarters will be at the Rougemont Hotel, where dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. The return journey is fixed for Sunday, the 18th, after an early dinner, by the train which leaves Exeter at 2.5 p.m., and is timed to reach Waterloo at 6.38 p.m.

It is almost needless to say that much interesting work has been compressed within the time allotted for the excursion. Thus, on Friday morning, the party will visit the Guildhall under the guidance of the Town Clerk, who will exhibit and explain the City Records, and the Cathedral under that of the Rev. Canon Edmonds. In the afternoon, Exeter Castle and the grounds of Rougemont will be visited under the guidance of Bro. Joseph Gould and others. In the evening there will be a special meeting of St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, for the reception of the visitors, and the day will conclude with a smoking concert specially organised by the brethren of the four Exeter lodges.

Saturday will be devoted to a trip to Dartmoor, starting at 8.15 a.m. and travelling by G.W.R. to Bovey Tracey and thence in brakes to Widdicombe, Dartmeet, and Two Bridges. After a picnic lunch, the drive will be continued to Merrivale Bridge, and thence to Tavistock, returning by L. and S.W.R. to Exeter in time for dinner. The day will conclude with a smoking concert, at which the visitors will entertain the members of the Exeter lodges. Those who desire it will have the opportunity of attending morning service in the Cathedral, and then back to Waterloo as already stated. Any information that may be desired beyond what we have furnished will no doubt be supplied by the courteous Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, La Tuya, Edward-road, Bromley, Kent.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire will be held in the Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, on Tuesday, the 9th prox., when the opportunity will be taken of recognising the very valuable services which Bro. Lt.-Col. J. Allen Bindley, Past Grand Deacon of England, who some time since resigned the office of Deputy Prov. G. Master, has rendered to the Craft in the Province. Those services were of such a nature and were characterised by such invariable courtesy and kindness that our Staffordshire brethren resolved on presenting him with some substantial token of their love and respect on his retirement from active duty, and it will accordingly be in the presentation of this token that the chief interest in the proceedings will centre.

Our readers will hear with sorrow that still another Past G. Officer—Bro. J. Hogg—died on the 23rd inst., full of years and honours, and enjoying the love and respect of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Bro. Hogg—who was born on the 4th April, 1817, and had, therefore, just completed his 82nd year, was made Junior Grand Deacon in 1867 by the late Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. A memoir of the deceased will be found elsewhere.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Dr. Thomas Dutton's interesting and useful work on "Food and Drink Rationally Discussed"—which is published by H. Kimpton, Medical Publisher, 82, High Holborn, W.C., at 2s., and has been most favourably received—has already reached its third edition.

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.

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Last year I encroached on your columns, urging that the companions elected by the Grand Chapter should be other than Grand Officers, so as to extend interest in the proceedings of Grand Chapter, and I venture to ask those present on the 3rd May to record their votes to that end.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

Reviews.

"ENGLISH CATHEDRALS ILLUSTRATED," by Francis Bond, M.A., F.G.S., Hon. A.R.I.B.A. (London: George Newnes, Ltd., Southampton-street, Strand, 1899).—This is a remarkable work in many respects, being treated in an original and intensely interesting manner, besides being abundantly illustrated from choice and special photographs by several artists of the first rank. The author has wisely left the "beaten track," and depended upon his own researches by personal visitation of all the Cathedrals, so that by studying these grand Fanes on the spot he has succeeded in writing a very valuable and particularly accurate work, full of unusual details and suggestions, and by treating the Buildings on what he terms a biographical method, the various periods of Architectural styles are duly noted, and each successive addition, improvement, or needful alteration are all carefully described and accounted for. It will be found by the perusal of this admirable brochure that many of the alterations in the Cathedrals are not due to the fancies of the later Architects so much as "that the great majority of the alterations in the structure were forced on the Ecclesiastical authorities of the day by practical considerations," such as providing for the great influx of pilgrims to certain shrines; special chapels had to be built for the devotees of certain Saints, and in the first half of the 13th century "a great outburst of Mariolatry had to be provided for." More light was needed in the early Cathedrals, and the frequent collapses, due to *jerry-building*, both Norman and Gothic, were a prolific cause of whole sections being remodelled and in part rebuilt. "The object was, too often, not to build soundly, but to build a bigger Church than the rival over the way, and to hurry it up as quickly as possible. Hence the shocking building done by the Peterborough people in their rivalry with Ely." Though Mr. Bond is intensely critical he is equally enthusiastic as a student and admirer of our magnificent Cathedrals, the beautiful volume being wholly worthy of the subject, and yet published at the small cost of Six Shillings.

MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, SOUTHWARK.

A large number of brethren assembled in the glorious nave of the Cathedral on Sunday last. The lessons were intoned by the Rev. Canon Taylor, the lessons were read by Bro. Rev. Canon Thompson, and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, P.G.C.

The Grand Officers were represented in the congregation by Bro. P. Nairne, P.G.D., who was in charge of the proceedings, and Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.

The musical arrangements were of a very superior kind, and the building was well filled.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A general Committee of the above Institution was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 21st instant, Bro. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master, presiding. The meeting being opened, a vote of condolence was accorded to the widow of the late Prov. G. Master (Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.W., was unanimously elected Chairman for the third year in succession, and Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas., Vice-Chairman for the third time.

A proposition to hold a Festival in 1900 was carried unanimously. The conclusion of the business was the election of a child on the Education Fund, and an aged brother on the Annuity Fund.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND SUPPER OF LA TOLERANCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 538.

The annual festival of this lodge of instruction, attached to Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W. A company of nearly 200 ladies, gentlemen, and brethren sat down to an excellent supper under the presidency of Bro. T. A. Tidy, W.M. of the mother lodge, who was president of the evening. The Vice-Presidents were Bro. L. S. Genese, P.M. 2265, and Bro. Howard E. Mullins, S.D. 211, Sec. 538. Bro. J. Paul, P.M. 1287, 1482, Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, was also in the numerous party, which consisted, among others, of Bros. Smale, P.M.; James Kench, P.G.P., Treas. and P.M. 538; G. A. Sturgess, Ausperg, P.M.; and Clear, I.P.M.

At the conclusion of the supper an excellent programme of entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. Bannister Howard, by Miss Faith Laborde, Miss Ruby Darrell, Bro. Walter George, Miss Katie Thomas, R.A.M., Bro. Paul Mill, Mr. James Dunn, Mr. F. A. Sly, Bro. Louis Harfeld, Mr. Alexander Price, Mr. Avon Saxon, Bro. C. Cuming, Mr. Harry Pleon, Mr. Wilfred Edwards, and Miss Josephine Bennett.

Bro. Tidy, in proposing "La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction," said too much importance could not be attached to lodges of instruction, for they were the very foundation on which lodge working was erected. As a Master of a lodge he had had to perform work at a moment's notice, and it was then that one found out

what was the usefulness of lodges of instruction, for it was only those brethren who had been in the habit of attending those meetings who were proficient both in ritual and in working. Although a man might know the ritual, very few brethren who did not attend lodges of instruction could, if called upon at a moment's notice in a regular meeting, go through the work. La Tolerance was extremely indebted to its esteemed Preceptor, Bro. Paul, P.M., for the time and attention he gave to the lodge, and for the very able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. Bro. Paul was always to be found in his place every Wednesday, and willing to give instruction to all those who asked. If they attended they would have a very pleasant and instructive evening. They would find Bro. Genese, the Treasurer, ready to take the dues—(laughter)—and apply the money to Masonic Charity. And, last, they would find the energetic Secretary, Bro. Mullins, always at work and ready to promote the success of Masonry. Few brethren paid more attention to work than the Secretary. These brethren had taken a foremost place in promoting the success of the present evening, with the assistance of Bro. Bannister Howard. He could not describe the amount of work those brethren had gone through. Work to them was as nothing; it was like throwing water on a duck's back, and all the brethren, gentlemen, and ladies were under a deep debt of gratitude to them for that very pleasant and successful evening.

Bro. PAUL, P.M., Preceptor, in thanking the W.M. for proposing, and the brethren and ladies for drinking, that toast, expressed his great gratification at the progress of the lodge of instruction. There was no limit to that progress, and he hoped it would always be so.

Bro. GENESE also replied. No doubt they had had hard work, but they had obtained a fine gathering, which was very gratifying.

Bro. MULLINS said they were greatly indebted to Bro. Paul for his instruction; he was a most courteous and efficient Preceptor; it would be hard to find a better, and he was utterly indispensable. To Bro. Genese they were also much indebted. The success of the evening was chiefly due to Bro. Bannister Howard. He was pleased to report that the lodge of instruction's progress was very satisfactory. The attendance for the year was 671. After the small expenses of the lodge had been paid, when five guineas were reached they were balloted for and the successful brother purchased a life subscribership of one of the Charities. In this way £73 10s. had been subscribed. The previous association had 15 of these sums paid up. He advised all those who did not attend lodges of instruction to come up to La Tolerance and place themselves under Bro. Paul.

Bro. PAUL, in proposing "The President," said all the brethren were pleased to see Bro. Tidy present and that he had got over his illness. It was pleasant to Bro. Tidy to see this festive occasion so well supported. Bro. Tidy had been a very old attendant at the lodge of instruction, and being now the Master of another lodge he was the right man in the right place.

Bro. TIDY, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present, and to find himself surrounded by so many friends and visitors. Anything he could do for the lodge of instruction he should be most pleased to do. He had had very many happy evenings in the lodge. Although the lodge of instruction was composed of brethren from different lodges there was always that love and harmony prevailing which should exist among the brethren. ("Hear, hear," and applause.)

The toasts of "The Ladies" was responded to by Bro. J. BANNISTER HOWARD, and that of "The Visitors" by Bro. JAMES BROWN, I.P.M. 1446, and Bro. PERCY HOUSE, before the company separated.

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Lodge of Industry, No. 48.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th inst., when there was a very busy night for the W.M. and his officers, who were honoured with a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Bro. John Armstrong, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. C. A. Holzapfel, I.P.M.; H. Jackson, P.M.; Wm. Stafford, P.M.; W. J. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; A. Dodds, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; J. T. Pragnell, S.W.; Thos. Douglas, J.W.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; H. H. Pitt, Sec.; W. E. Peacock, S.D.; R. Laverick, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. H. Armstrong, I.G.; G. T. Bootes, W. W. Nichols, and Joe Moffat, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; Wm. Blythe, R. Dobson, J. Lawson, J. Hocking, W. Witherington, H. Coulson, P. Cash, G. Matthewman, W. Campbell, J. Lightbown, J. Carr, E. E. Elliott, G. Gillespy, J. R. Lightbown, S. Brown, J. Charlton, C. G. Nichols, T. Hastie, and U. Porter. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Stark, W.M. 2680; J. Sutcliffe, J.W. 2680; G. Copeland, Sec. 2680; F. G. Thompson, 2680; T. Elder, 2680; T. E. Todhunter, 2680; T. R. Jobson, W.M. 2674; D. Sinclair, P.M. 2674; W. D. Rich, 2674; M. Marks, S.W. 2557; R. Dahle, 2557; W. T. Phillips, W.M. 424; J. Burrell, P.M. 424; R. Stewart, P.M. 424; J. Howe, S.W. 424; W. J. Davidson, J.W. 424; J. Wright, Sec. 424; J. Ross, S.D. 424; R. B. Ferry, J.D. 424; T. W. Purser, I.G. 424; J. J. Simpson, 424; W. D. Tindale, 424; N. Knox, 424; H. A. Ward, S.W. 541; A. Man, jun., 1427; E. Bowman, S.W. 1427; J. Dawes, 1676; H. J. Chard, W.M. 1342; Jos. Cook, P.M. 1342; E. Scurfield, 2674; W. W. Macfarlane, and W. King, 448 (S.C.)

After the confirmation of the minutes the ballot was taken successfully for a candidate. A communication from Grand Lodge was then read, after which Messrs. J. B. Makepeace, T. B. Thompson, R. W. Baty, and T. Buckham, all previously elected, were duly initiated by the W.M., who also explained the tracing board in an effective manner. The working tools and the charge incidental to the First Degree were undertaken by the J.W. The working was quite praiseworthy in all the officers. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet showing a balance of £170 5s. 8d. to credit was received and adopted. The following amounts were afterwards voted: 20 guineas to the Durham Masonic Festival Fund; £25 for a new organ; and £100 to purchase shares in the Industry Masonic Hill Company.

After receiving the good wishes of the visitors, the proceedings closed, and an adjournment was made to the refreshment board, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

Agriculture Lodge, No. 1199.

The above lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Yatton, Somerset, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. A. W. Metcalfe, W.M.; J. W. Pitts, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. A. Lyddon, S.W.; R. W. Matlock, J.W.; R. W. Statham, Chap.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.G. Treas., G.S.D., Treas.; T. A. Smith, P.P.G.O., Sec.; W. W. Collins, P.S.G.W., S.D. (*pro tem.*); E. H. Openshaw, J.D.; W. Reece, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Thatcher, P.P.G.O., Org.; E. J. Davey, I.G.; C. Winker and C. H. Bristowe, Stwds.; F. W. Hesse, P.P.G.O.; G. W. Knowles, P.M.; J. H. G. Evans, P.P.J.G.W.; F. W. Hick, H. Day, F. J. Savage, and T. S. Cudlip.

After the usual routine business, Bro. H. W. Collins, P.M., proposed, and Bro. C. L. F. Edwards seconded a motion that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. T. A. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.O., who has been the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge for the past 11 years. This motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Smith was then invested with the handsome jewel by the W.M. Bro. Smith said he was taken by surprise, and suitably thanked the brethren for their great kindness and good opinion of him.

The lodge was closed, and some of the brethren adjourned to the Railway Hotel and partook of a first-rate supper provided by Bro. Mountstevens.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.

The last meeting of the members of the above lodge until October next was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., Bro. Alan W. Griffiths, the W.M., in the chair. He was supported by Bros. Derby, S.W.; Cocks, J.W.; Lacey, Treas.; Webb, Sec.; J. H. Bulmer, S.D.; J. J. Mustart, J.D.; Iggleden, I.G.; F. G. Mustart, D.C.; Dunningham, Stwd.; Bayley, acting I.P.M.; Seddon, P.M., Org.; Butcher, P.M.; Jay, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; Dowling, A. B. Marshall, Tidman, Gough, Faundy, Smith, Pacey, Stirling, and Bulleid. Visitors: Bros. Asher, 1777; Barn, 1539; Moore, 1539; G. Philbrick, 2077; Court, 1539; Gaunt, 1656; Chaffer, 1563; and Harris, 2595.

The routine business of the lodge having been transacted, Mr. A. E. Reeves was initiated by Bro. Seddon (father-in-law of the candidate), by the courteous permission of Bro. Griffiths, after which the latter passed Bro. Gough, and raised Bros. Tidman and Dowling, in his usual able and impressive manner, although it was evident that he was labouring under serious indisposition at the time. Bro. Webb, before the business portion of the evening concluded, mentioned he had lately seen Bro. John Newton, the I.P.M., and could not speak very promisingly as to the state of his health, which for some time past had been giving way. All the members sincerely expressed their sorrow at the news and hoped the calamity which had fallen on this old and valued supporter of the lodge would prove to be of a temporary nature only.

The members and visitors afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, where the new proprietors, under the direction of their capable manager, again provided a capital repast, which was highly appreciated.

A splendid band of entertainers enlivened the evening, and the W.M. received a well-deserved compliment for what he had done to promote and further the enjoyment of all.

There is no doubt this old lodge has now started on a renewed season of success, for already it has been intimated that as soon as the next meeting is held two highly esteemed gentlemen will present themselves for initiation. Consequently, taking all things into consideration, Bro. Griffiths' year of office will certainly prove a record one in the annals of the lodge.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. Hugh Mortimer Massingham, W.M.; J. Schofield, S.W.; Walter Cockerham, J.W.; O. M. Jones, I.P.M.; Job Irlam, Treas.; Sam Richards, Sec.; J. T. C. Blackie, S.D.; J. Brownhill, I.G.; Buckley Carr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. W. Moss, P.M., Org.; A. E. Bentley, Stwd.; Jas. Burgess, P.M.; E. Loebell, P.M.; S. S. Lewiss, P.M.; R. Dottie, P.M.; J. R. Ashworth, P.M.; W. H. Anderton, P.M.; E. A. Ehlinger, P.M.; G. J. Critchley, W. Clewlow, Chas. G. Balls, Arthur Oughterson, R. J. Burrow, and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Frank O. Taylor, 192; D. L. Sahutory, 180; David Wright, 317; E. J. Greenhalgh, 1126; A. E. Hurd, 815; T. L. Hall, P.M. 1458; and J. Batchelder.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Peter Smith, which proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a very impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Massingham. The working tools were presented by Bro. Schofield, S.W. It being election night, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. J. Schofield, S.W. Bro. Job Irlam was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. M. Moss was re-elected Charity representative. After "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed.

The usual toasts were duly honoured at the social board which followed, and were interspersed with songs, recitations, and pianoforte solos, the contributors being Bros. Wright, Anderton, Richards, Cockerham, Buckley, Carr, Dottie, and Batchelder.

Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598.

The installation meeting of this flourishing City lodge took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. James Smith, W.M.; G. F. Hipkins, S.W., W.M. elect; Alf. Jeffreys, J.W.; L. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; S. Pargeter, P.M., Sec.; E. Edwards, S.D.; W. Nathan, J.D.; T. S. Goddard, Org.; F. G. Field, I.G.; A. W. Alger, Stwd.; J. S. Lackland, Tyler; J. Dipple, P.M.; J. T. Galloway, P.M.; J. P. Smith, W. J. Ramsey, J. P. Thomas, R. Dansie, H. Leckington, R. Nichols, S. W. Hart, E. Pullen, W. J. Ironside, A. C. Shean, F. Ward, F. Taylor, J. G. Locks, H. Tingle, C. J. Musgrave, V. Jennings, and W. Haskin. The visitors were Bros. Walter Martin, P.A.G.P.; A. Harvey, P.M. 1903; F. G. Hart, 3; C. Turnbull, P.M. 190; H. Miller, J.D. 2501; W. E. Kent, 1539; W. H. Walker, 2272; J. Hills, P.M. 1441; J. Grater, I.P.M. 1125; C. S. Foster, W.M. 1457; C. F. Mackway, P.M. 2310; W. N. Yates, P.M. 1732; C. H. Mayo, 1622; H. Ansell, P.M. 1305; G. E. Healey, 1589; C. Coulthurst, 2626; J. Joyce, 2626; Thomas Chew, 2077; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.W. 1641.

The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet which showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position, was presented by the Auditors and agreed to. Bro. T. Galloway, P.M., next presented Bro. G. F. Hipkins, W.M. elect, to Bro. J. Smith, W.M., to receive from him the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was carried out in an exemplary manner in a Board of 18 Installed Masters. Bro. G. F. Hipkins, W.M., who is the 23rd Master of the lodge, invested his officers in a most impressive manner as follows: Bros. Jas. Smith, I.P.M.; A. W. Jeffreys, S.W.; E. Edwards, J.W.; Lewis Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Pargeter, P.M., Sec.; W. Nathan, S.D.; E. J. Field, J.D.; J. T. Galloway, P.M., D.C.; T. S. Goddard, Org.; W. Jennings, I.G.; A. W. Alger, A.D.C.; Dr. J. E. Taylor and C. F. Ward, Stwds.; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. Smith, I.P.M. The W.M. next rose and said a most pleasing duty devolved upon him and that was to present the Past Master's jewel to Bro. James Smith, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren to mark their appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, and to show their affection for him. The W.M. remarked that the I.P.M. was a very old and valued friend, and they had been associated for many years; he had followed in step-wise progression, and hoped to eventually catch him next year. The brethren trusted he might live many years to wear the same. In reply, Bro. James Smith most heartily thanked the brethren for their very kind sentiments and the mark of their love and esteem, and he hoped he might wear the jewel for many years in the lodge, and continue in the same good work, not only for Freemasonry in general, but for the Ley Spring Lodge in particular. Four propositions were handed in for initiation and one for a joining member, which augurs well for the lodge. The business ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts right royally, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Walter Martin, P.A.G. Purst., was obliged to leave through a most important engagement, but before doing so he rose and expressed deep regret for the same, but he would bear testimony to the great ability of the W.M., who was one of his old boys, and in whom he had had a very deep interest. All were pleased to congratulate him most heartily upon his exalted position.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured,

Bro. Jas. Smith, I.P.M., next proposed the principal toast of the evening—that of "The W.M."—which needed very few remarks from him to recommend it to the brethren for their heartiest reception. The W.M. had been 12 years in attaining the proud position; he had filled every office with the greatest credit and for the welfare of the lodge, so that now as W.M. the brethren greeted him with the greatest cordiality and good fellowship, and offered him their very best assistance. Personally he (Bro. Smith) had known the W.M. for 20 years, they had lived side by side during that period, and there had never been one jarring note between them. Everything augured well for the success of the lodge, already four worthy candidates having been proposed for initiation and one as joining member. All knew the W.M.'s excellent qualities, and he asked the brethren to join with him in wishing the W.M. long life, health, happiness, and prosperity, and a most successful year of office.

The toast was drunk most cordially, with a Ley Spring fire.

In reply, Bro. G. F. Hipkins, W.M. (who had quite an ovation), said he had often thought the great day of a Master's year of office should be at the close rather than at

the beginning, for two reasons—First, the brethren would be able to give their verdict on the year's work, and, secondly, he would be better fitted to carry out the duties of the chair. He had looked forward for many years to becoming Master of his mother lodge, and he had accepted the position with a certain amount of diffidence, for he knew there were others who could have carried out the duties more ably and were better fitted than himself. However, the brethren had unanimously voted him to that honourable position, and he would endeavour to carry out the duties with credit to himself and to their satisfaction. He had seen 12 Masters pass through the chair, and had filled every office in the lodge from W.S., and, for the benefit of the younger brethren, he said he had attended a lodge of instruction from the time of his initiation, and, therefore, he was able to perform the duties of his office and carry out the beautiful ritual, which that night to him was more beautiful. Whatever were his shortcomings, he would give place to none in his love for Freemasonry. He had often heard it said by non-Masons that Freemasons were men of epicurean tastes and eager to retain the good things of life to themselves. No greater mistake was ever made, for what body of men did more to feed and clothe the orphan, to comfort the widow, or succour the unfortunate among them? To him (the Worshipful Master) Masonry was an ideal life, worth living up to. It taught him to be charitable, not only in act and word, but in thought, and said "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone;" to regard men as brethren, and if that were only realised, the relationships of life would be sweetened and nations would have no need of peace conferences, but, above all, to walk humbly and reverently before God, and endeavour to act up to the principles and tenets of the glorious Brotherhood and demonstrate to the world that Masonry is something more than a name. He had had the pure and unsullied warrant of the lodge handed to him for its keeping during the coming year, and he would do his utmost to preserve it and hand it on to his successor in the same state. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their kindness and good wishes, and he should ever look back upon his installation as one of the great days in his life.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Visitors," giving them all a most cordial welcome, which was ably responded to by Bros. C. S. Foster, C. H. Stone, J. Hills, C. F. Mackway, C. H. Mayo, and T. Chew, all appreciating the excellent working and hospitality.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was then presented by the W.M. in highly appreciative terms, and most suitably replied to.

That of "The Officers" was also given by the W.M. in terms of congratulation for their ability in their respective duties, and duly and gratefully responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a happy and successful meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. T. S. Goddard, Org., ably assisted by Bros. Shean, F. Ward, Hawkins, Pullen, and others.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

The members of this lodge held their installation meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on the 13th inst., when Bro. C. E. Cove was installed as W.M. by the retiring Master, Bro. Herbert Peirce. The past year has been a very prosperous one under Bro. Peirce, and the lodge is in a flourishing state, thanks to Bro. Laker, P.M., who has rendered yeoman service as Secretary for many years. The members present included Bros. H. Peirce, W.M.; C. E. Cove, S.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; F. A. Lewis, P.M.; E. J. Wilken-den, P.M.; W. Callingham, C. W. Hall, H. W. Mellor, F. W. Horn, H. S. Easty, A. Diamond, R. F. Tyler, P.P.G. Org.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Fowler, 1362; C. F. H. Greenwood, 2243; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D.; F. J. Reece, P.M. 65; J. Dobbs, S.D. 65; A. J. Cox, P.M. 1351; C. T. Coggin, 2127; G. Callingham, 1765; G. Callingham, 2612; H. Palmer, 65; J. W. Longley, P.P.G.W. Kent; W. T. Humphrey, 2512; W. J. Sowden, 2264; J. W. Cox, 2264; J. A. Howland, 2648; Walter Martin, P.G.P.; W. H. Page, 2266; A. H. Sarjeant, 65; F. Robinson, J.W. 1309; George Harvey, 2264; G. D. Neville, 1765; and W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Report adopted. Mr. J. F. Morgan was successful at the ballot as a candidate for initiation. The proposal to form a lodge of instruction under the warrant of this lodge was adjourned to a future meeting. Bro. C. E. Cove was next installed by Bro. Peirce, who rendered the ceremony in a very admirable manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. Callingham, S.W.; C. W. Hall, J.W.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Mellor, S.D.; H. S. Easty, J.D.; F. W. Horn, D.C.; W. Mokler, I.G.; A. Diamond, Stwd.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. It is interesting to note that at the last meeting Bro. Rawles was presented with a gold watch and chain to celebrate his 21 years' connection with the lodge. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. W. Martin, P.G.P., responding for "The Grand Officers," said that all did their best to promote the interests of Freemasonry. He complimented the W.M. on arriving at the chair, having known him for over 22 years, and felt sure he would prove a worthy successor to Bro. Peirce. The I.P.M. was one of the hardest working Masons he knew, and he hoped, now that Bro. Peirce had passed the chair, that he would still favour him with his attendance at the Star Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. H. Peirce, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that in Bro. Cove they possessed a good Master, who would give the ceremonies in the way they should be given. The excellent way in which the W.M. invested his officers showed that the traditions of the lodge were in safe keeping. The W.M. would have the support of every member, and all would wish him a successful year of office.

Bro. C. E. Cove, W.M., returned thanks. It was a pleasure to him to be installed, and he hoped those coming on would experience a similar pleasure. He had worked for it for some years past, and if his work had been satisfactory he hoped they would consider it an augury that he would do his utmost in his present position. He thanked them for their unanimous vote, and for the kind reception given him. He next proposed "The Installing Master," and said they would all agree that the work during the past year had been done to perfection. He must say with all sincerity that he had never heard the work done as well as Bro. Peirce had done it that night. He also had the pleasure of pinning a Past Master's jewel upon the breast of the I.P.M., which he had thoroughly deserved, and which he hoped would be accepted as a token of the regard and esteem of every member.

Bro. H. Peirce, I.P.M., said he could not adequately thank them for their kindness, and asked them to accept the will for the deed.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Longley, Francis, Reece, and Callingham replied.

Bro. W. Martin, P.G.P., asked the visitors to drink a toast to the W.M. and prosperity to the lodge, and "The Officers" having also been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The following artistes assisted in a choice programme of music: Miss Flora Edwards, and Miss Georgina Tear; Bros. Geo. Neville, Harry Hall, R. F. Tyler, Org.; and Mr. Harry Hall.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 12th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.M. 84, P.P.G.O., W.M.; H. Bright, S.W.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; F. F. Bonney, S.D.; J. Dobson, J.D.; A. O. Hemming, I.G.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; and A. B. Brown, I.P.M. Bros. E. Bonney and Col. F. Hemming were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Col. Hemming, 1512, as a joining member, and for Mr. Kendrick as an initiate. In consequence of illness the last named was unable to attend. The financial report of the Treasurer was presented, and a vote of congratulation passed to him on the excellent features it presented. The Treasurer, in reply, after warmly thanking the brethren for the vote, expressed his intention of resigning the position of Treasurer in October next, consequent upon the weak state of his health. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. William Fisher, P.M., in which he stated that the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to announce his intention of conferring upon him the rank of Asst. Grand Pursuivant. A vote of congratulation was unanimously passed to Bro. Fisher, and the Secretary was directed to forward the same to him. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D., the oldest member of the lodge, who has been confined to his house for a considerable time

through illness. A vote of condolence was passed to Bros. G. and G. E. Hertslet, on the recent death of their mother. A notice of motion was given to vote to guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, per Bro. A. B. Brown, I.P.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Tompsett, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; G. Hertslet, G. E. Hertslet, H. H. Roon, P.G. Std. Br. (hon. member); and others. Refreshment followed labour.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice.

Bro. W. Taylor acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.M., in which he expressed his regret that Bro. Dr. Hinton had not an opportunity that evening of showing his capabilities as a worker of the ritual of initiation.

The W.M., in reply, said that it had been a source of great disappointment to him Mr. Kendrick had been prevented through illness from attending that day, however, he hoped that, at the next meeting that gentleman would be thoroughly restored to health and would enter the portals of Freemasonry under the distinguished banner of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge.

The toast of "The Joining Member" followed, and Bro. Col. Hemming expressed his acknowledgments.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. J. T. Briggs for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Bright, Binney, Dobson, and Hemming for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 10th instant. Among those present were Bros. W. R. Flack, W.M.; H. J. Bond, P.M., Stwd., as S.W.; D. A. Ross, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; A. S. Jehu, S.D.; J. H. Gaunt, J.D.; T. Grant, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and R. W. Rice, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Williams, P.M., 1767, P.P.G.D.; S. Meech, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Harris, W.M. 1310; T. Nichols, 144; R. Henderson, 777; R. Allerton, 975; G. E. Whitman, 2032; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Moore was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Cordery and Cole passed to the Second Degree. A petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee in favour of a distressed widow of a late member of the lodge was signed and recommended. The names of five candidates for initiation at the next meeting were duly proposed and seconded. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Crozier, P.G. Std. Br. Egypt, S.W.; H. Sapsworth, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Simpson, P.M., and others. Votes of condolence were passed to the respective widows of Bros. J. Spooner, P.M., and T. Crocker. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. T. Grant, P.P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was submitted by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks he said that Bro. Flack had proved himself to be thoroughly conversant with the work of Freemasonry. His rendering that day of the ceremony of raising was beyond all praise. He was also an excellent President at the convivial board.

The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he had accepted the office of Master with a certain degree of trepidation; however, he had found that the duties were not so arduous as he had expected. He was pleased to know that the funds were in no flourishing condition, and that at the next meeting they would be greatly increased by the fees consequent on the advent of five candidates for initiation.

"The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bros. Harris, Williams, and Meech.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. R. W. Rice, I.P.M., and he duly responded.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

During the evening several brethren vocally entertained the members, and Bro. D. Jones contributed an excellent recitation.

Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W., on Friday, the 21st instant, when there were present Bros. R. S. Fairbank, W.M.; W. Turner, S.W.; H. T. Taylor, J.W.; W. A. Bowser, Sec. and I.P.M.; A. D. Jones, S.D.; J. Davidson, J.D.; F. M. S. Lewin, as I.G.; J. H. Lavies, P.M.; G. Budd, G. B. Flux, N. B. Vakil, F. J. Robinson, J. H. Dallas, W. A. Bird, and C. Ryall.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. N. B. Vakil and G. B. Flux were examined as to their proficiency, and passed to the Second Degree. The list of the W.M. having been read, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of J. F. Windilk, M.D., who, being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, according to ancient custom, and in an admirable manner, by the W.M., the charge to the initiate being impressively delivered by Bro. J. H. Lavies, P.M. The recent further communication from Grand Lodge in reference to the Grand Lodge of Peru having been read, Bro. Bowser, I.P.M. and Sec., stated that Article B. of C. required that "every lodge shall keep a register of its members" by which he understood to be meant a complete register of the members past and present, and not simply a register of the members for the time being. However that might be—and he did not think that many lodges kept such a register—he was sure that a complete record of the membership of the lodge since its consecration, arranged in convenient form for reference, would be both interesting and useful, and he had, therefore, much pleasure in asking the lodge to accept a register of members which he had designed, and in which he had entered, in chronological order of initiation, or joining, and from official records, full details respecting every brother who had been member of the lodge, showing, in addition to the particulars required by Article 173 of the Book of Constitutions, the dates of appointment or installation to each office he had held both in the lodge and in Grand Lodge, with the date, if any, of his resignation, exclusion, or death. The register being indexed, the lodge history of each member, present or past, could be seen at a glance. It had taken him—Bro. Bowser—considerable time and labour to compile the register, but it was as complete as circumstances would permit, and could now be kept up with the greatest ease, and he ventured to think that, in years to come the members of the lodge would be glad that he had started such a register. A hearty vote of thanks was, on the proposition of Bro. Lavies, P.M., accorded to Bro. Bowser for his useful gift and for the labour and care he had expended in compiling the book.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together informally.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078.

A lodge of emergency was held in the Masonic Rooms, Scunthorpe, Lincs, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., for the purpose of receiving a visit from the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Yarborough, and his Deputy, Bro. Dr. W. H. Sissons. Present: Bros. R. J. Swaby, W.M.; T. Morrison, S.W.; G. M. Walker, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Chap.; W. Campbell, Sec.; J. W. Hanby, S.D.; F. F. B. Smith, I.G.; J. Long, Stwd.; M. R. J. Behrendt, P.M.; J. Wilkins, P.M.; J. Constable, P.M.; G. Cox, R. S. Richardson, S. Charlesworth, J. E. Chesman, and G. Spilman. Visitors: Bros. C. A. Cheesman, 1282; J. H. Cross, 1282; H. Cooper, 1282; R. Taylor, 1282; W. Sergeant, 1282; F. A. Smith, 1282; C. Napier, 1282; P. Podmore, 962; J. Raby, 1200; Rev. J. Blew, 422; and J. Smith, 792.

The lodge was opened, and afterwards Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, P.G.W., Prov. G.M.; W. H. Sissons, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., together with the Prov. Grand Officers, were received into the lodge and honours accorded.

The brethren adjourned to the Blue Bell Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by the host, Bro. R. J. Swaby.

After grace had been sung, and the usual Masonic toasts of "The Queen and Royal Family,"

The toast of the evening, "The Earl of Yarborough, P.G.W. Eng., and R.W.P. G.M. Lincs," was proposed by the W.M. and duly responded to by the noble earl, and the W.M. also called upon the Deputy, Bro. Sissons, who made one of his eloquent and stirring speeches.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Constable, who spoke in eulogistic terms of his truly Masonic character.

The W.M. having duly replied,

Bro. the Rev. E. M. Weigall gave "The Visitors," and as they had distinguished ones on that occasion he called for another speech in reply from the D.P.G.M., and the brethren again had the pleasure of another oratorical treat.

Bro. the Rev. R. Blew proposed "The Charities," which was received with acclamation.

The National Anthem brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

Stour Lodge, No. 2305.

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Ashford, Kent, on Thursday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. B. Wood, W.M. The following officers were in attendance: Bros. W. G. Head, S.W.; W. J. Head, J.W.; C. S. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; Julius Kingsford, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Walker, S.D.; G. W. Meacher, J.D.; J. Morton, I.G.; Dr. George Wilks, M.B., Org.; J. Tappenden, Tyler; and a large number of members and visitors, among the latter were Bros. Harry Price, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; J. Brighurst, P.J.G.W.; A. J. Burrows, W.M. 709; Tannenborns, 127; J. Bennett, 127; J. Court, P.M. 784; J. Solomons, S.W. 77; J. Bow, 513; W. Hughes, W.M. 1436, D.G.W. Malta; W. Busbridge, P.M. 913; J. Lyle, 503; and J. Brothers, P.M. 709.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. G. Head, S.W., Master elect, was presented to the W.M. by Bro. T. Easton, D.C., to receive the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. W. G. Head was duly installed as W.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. G. Head, S.W.; F. I. Walker, J.W.; C. S. A. Atkinson, P.P.G.R., Treas.; Julius Kingsford, P.M., Sec.; E. Buss, P.M., Asst. Sec.; G. Meacher, S.D.; J. Morton, J.D.; T. Easton, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Dr. George Wilks, M.B., Org.; C. Homewood, I.G.; C. Wind and A. Lyle, Stwds.; and J. A. Tappenden, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. J. B. Wood, gave the addresses in a most impressive manner. Bro. C. Atkinson, P.P.G.R., was re-elected Charity Representative, and Bro. Dr. George Wilks, M.B., Almoner, both brethren thanking the brethren for the honour done them and pledging themselves to carry out the duties to the best of their abilities. Letters of regret at not being able to be present from Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and other brethren were read. The musical portion of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Dr. G. Wilks, Org., assisted by Bros. W. J. Head, J. Hardy, and G. Meacher, in a very efficient manner. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Saracen's Head Hotel, where a well-served banquet was provided by Bro. Hiscock, the company numbering 54.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the first toast, which he said was one that always called forth a cordial and hearty response, not only from Freemasons, but throughout the Empire, as in her Majesty we had one who whether as Queen, wife, or mother shone out a brilliant example to the whole of her subjects. He stated that as her Majesty was a Patroness of our Masonic Charities he should couple with this toast the Craft, and asked all to rise and join him in drinking "Health and long life to her Majesty the Queen, and continued prosperity to the Craft."

The W.M. gave the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who, he said, was a model Grand Master, and during whose rule Freemasonry had made rapid strides. He also thought his Royal Highness, with his many other duties, devoted a large amount of attention to Freemasonry.

Bro. C. Atkinson, P.P.G.R. Kent, proposed the toast of "The Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," in a very happy manner.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Harry Price, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.

Bro. J. Kingsford proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst," and Bro. Dr. G. Wilks proposed that of "The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a very humorous manner.

The toast was responded to by Bro. J. Brighurst, Prov. J.G.W. Kent, for the present officers, and Bro. T. Easton, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, for the past.

Bro. T. Easton, P.P.G.D.C., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and gave a hearty welcome, and thanked them for their presence that day.

The toast was responded to by Bro. Burrows, W.M. 709, and others, who thanked the brethren for their hospitality, and expressed the great pleasure it had given them to witness the excellent working in the lodge, particularly the perfect manner in which the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Wood, had rendered the installation ceremony.

The I.P.M., on rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the great pleasure it gave him, and the difficulty he experienced to find words to express all he felt; he, however, congratulated the lodge on having elected so good a brother, and wished him a happy and successful year of office.

The W.M. rose to respond to the toast, and was received with hearty and prolonged cheers. He thanked the I.P.M. for the kind words he had used in proposing the toast, and also for his good wishes, and pledged himself to endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren.

The toast of "Success to the Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Knowles, P.M., in a few well-chosen words.

Bro. C. Atkinson responded, and spoke of the grand result of the efforts of the lodge last year for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when the lodge sent up over £100. He also thought that as a young lodge they could proudly boast of being in possession of 79 votes.

The toasts of "The Officers" and the Tyler brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. W. J. Head, J. Hardy, and G. Meacher, Bro. Dr. G. Wilks, Org., presiding at the piano.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The lodge, to overtake its work held an emergent meeting on the 18th ult., when Bro. Andrew Lee was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. J. B. Fearnley, W.M., ably supported by his officers. The symbolical explanation of the working tools was given by Bro. Docksey, J.W. The charge in the Third Degree was delivered by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Std. Br. Bros. A. J. Taylor, Org. 2669; and J. H. Shelley, 603, were present as visitors.

A regular meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., Bro. J. B. Fearnley, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. W. Bland, Treas., as S.W.; Wm. Docksey, J.W.; J. S. Hedley, S.D.; T. H. Bedford, J.D.; R. B. Nicholls, I.G.; Fred Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; John Niven, P.M.; Wm. Walker, John Harland, J. Ledger, W. H. Townend, W. H. Barton, John S. Cooper, Tyler; J. L. Turner, R. A. Hinchliffe, J. Wood, T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; and R. H. Town. Visitors: Bros. F. O. Gaulke, 302; Geo. Whittaker, W.M. 408; G. W. Turner, P.M., Sec. 408, P.P.G.P.; J. W. Hartley, P.M. 408, Prov. G.D.C.; R. Barrett, S.D. 408; W. Wagstaff, 408; Wm. Leach, 408; Joseph Smith, 408; Jonas Bradley, 408; H. T. Firth, 963; H. Holland, W.M. 1018; F. Ronnfeldt, P.M. 1018; G. H. Field, P.M. 1018; Jas. Barraclough, P.S.W. 1648; A. B. Fisher, P.M., Sec. 1018; W. H. Barker, 1018; F. Holland, 1018; S. H. Pellyt, S.W. 1736; James Booth, W.M. 2330; J. H. Turton, S.W. 2330; W. H. F. Schulte, P.M. and Sec. 2330; T. B. Salthouse, O.G. 2330; R. H. Wilson, 2330; J. Nicholson, 2330; T. Bray, 2330; E. Hutton, 2330; J. Taylor, Chap. 2669; and A. J. Taylor, Org. 2669.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting as well as of a lodge of emergency were confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. John Hardy and Herbert Wallace Whitley, candidates for initiation, which resulted in their election. Bro. R. A. Hinchliffe was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Bailey, P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Docksey, J.W., and the charge given by Bro. Bland, Treas. Notice was given of a proposed vote of 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Secretary was directed to write letters of sympathy to two of the brethren who were confined to their homes by illness.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, after which justice was done to a well-served supper.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed the

pleasure it gave him to welcome such a goodly number of visiting brethren from local lodges.

Bro. Holland, W.M. 1018, in responding, complimented the W.M. on the able manner in which he and his officers had discharged the duties in the lodge, and referred to the necessity of giving careful attention to the official inquiries regarding candidates from the City who sought admission to outside lodges, and who might probably not be accepted by any of the City lodges. It had from time to time been found that undesirable members had by this means obtained admission to the Craft.

Bro. Whiteley, W.M. 1034, P.P.G. Org., also responded.

"The Health of the W.M." was submitted by Bro. Gaulke, 302, who appreciated the compliment, as the W.M. was an old friend of his.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and duly acknowledged.

Other toasts followed, and in due course the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, harmony prevailing.

Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410.

The last meeting of the present Masonic year was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, G.J.D., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. H. L. Blackmore, S.W.; M. Cleale, J.W.; Rev. Harrison, M.A., Chap.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; E. Clarke, M.D., S.D.; C. M. Simpson, J.D.; G. Herschell, M.D., Org.; A. Lane, M.S., I.G.; J. B. James, P.M.; J. Pickett, M.D., P.M.; G. C. Thomson, M.D., P.M.; F. Fowler, J. Evre, R. T. H. Bodilly, R. Herschell, J. H. Earls, M.D.; J. Startin, E. S. Bill, W. E. Gillson, W. C. C. Pakes, H. E. Simpson, G. Rowell, F.R.C.S.; Captain P. J. Probyn, and G. N. Pitt, M.D. Visitors: Bros. G. Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal; A. S. Eccles, M.D., W.M. 2620; J. D. E. Mortimer, S.W. 2620; L. A. Bidwell, F.R.C.S., J.W. 2620; W. Forster, P.M. 231; T. F. G. Dexter, J.W. 2513; A. Heald, P.M. 163; E. T. Aydon Smith, 22; F. C. Upton, 1211; R. Kerle, P.M. 231; E. A. Biedermann, D.C. 357; R. Hyde, 2033; and W. Floyer, M.D., S.D. 2460.

The lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, also the communication from the M.W.G.M. re the Grand Lodge of Peru, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Dist. G.M. of the Transvaal and the Master of the Cavendish Lodge with his Wardens were received in Masonic form. Bros. Herschell and Earls were raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. in his usual easy and impressive manner. A ballot was taken for Captain Percy J. Probyn, R.A.M.C., which proved unanimous. He was then initiated by the W.M. and had the benefit of hearing the charge delivered by the I.P.M. A ballot was taken for a Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, for the ensuing year, and was unanimous in favour of Bros. Herbert G. Blackmore, L.D.S.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Coroner for Central London (re-elected); and P. Madden (re-elected). Mr. J. H. Bryant, M.D., M.R.C.P. London, and Mr. F. G. Stevens, M.D., M.R.C.P. London, were proposed for initiation. After other routine business the lodge was closed.

The members and visitors afterwards dined together under the genial chairmanship of the W.M.

The interval of the regular Masonic toasts was enlivened by some capital singing.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was replied to in a magniloquent speech by the Dist. G.M. of the Transvaal.

St. Ivo Lodge, No. 2684.

Consecrated on February 16th of last year, this lodge is "going strong." Starting with the very suggestive number of 13 founders, it promptly applied to itself the Rule of Three by adding to its members during its first year of existence 13 joining brethren and 13 initiates, consequently the lodge was able to claim for itself, on the occasion of the installation of its second W.M., which took place on January 18th last, a roll of 39 Articles—we beg pardon—members. The brethren were singularly happy in the selection of their first W.M., Bro. H. J. Hankin, who has a splendid Masonic record behind him, proofs of which he bears before him in the shape of a large array of jewels, which almost cover his ample breast. During the latter part of his year of office he duplicated his title of W.M. by becoming his Worship the Mayor of St. Ives. We are pleased to be able to add that he is to occupy the position of Prov. J.G.W. during the ensuing year.

Loggia Italia, No. 2687.

The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on the 19th inst., and proved a highly interesting and very enjoyable gathering. The success of the lodge must be very gratifying to Bro. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., who as Treasurer, was able to announce a balance in hand of over £100 with 32 subscribing members. The working in the lodge is exceptionally well done by the officers in the Italian language, and special credit is due to Bro. F. F. Gallizia, the retiring Master, who translated the installation ceremony into Italian and rendered it in a fluent and impressive manner which would be difficult to excel. Bro. Valeriani, P.M., Treas., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his great services in the foundation of the lodge, and Bro. Gallizia, I.P.M., received a similar token for his excellent work as the first Master. The members present included Bros. F. Gallizia, W.M.; G. Mentasti, S.W.; E. L. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Tito Mattei, Org.; C. Fumagalli, R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.A.G.D.C.; Walter Martin, P.A.G.P.; G. S. Gospel, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Harold Brown, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex; W. E. Nash, I.P.M. 315; W. Balchin, P.P.G.D.C.; P. Conzina, 1602; H. Saunier, P.M. 1423; L. Verdier, J.W. 1687, P.P.G. Stwd. Jersey; E. Drew, S.W. 1602; C. J. Wertheimer, 1017; W. A. Weeks, 1585; A. Formozzia, 1559; D. Maggi, 1687; L. A. C. Steingraber, W.M. 30; F. H. Cheeswright, P.M. 907; Luigi Meas, I.G. 1765; H. Baring Smith, 72; and W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Carlo Spanna, 1602, was elected a joining member. Mr. R. Malpaga was impressively initiated, after which Bro. F. Giovanni Mentasti was installed as W.M. by Bro. Gallizia, I.P.M. The officers invested were Bros. A. Bonoldi, S.W.; L. Foppoli, J.W.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Treas.; F. Gallizia, I.P.M., Sec.; C. Fumagalli, S.D.; A. Audagna, J.D.; C. Spanna, I.G.; Tito Mattei, Org.; V. Guidotti, D. of C.; F. Guanziroli and F. V. Moretti, Stwds.; and W. Hobbs, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and a banquet was followed by the usual toast list, the majority of the speeches being in the Italian language.

"The Queen and the Craft" was followed by "The King of Italy."

Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.A.G.D.C., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he was sorry to break the record, and not address them in that melodious language which they had heard in the ceremonies; but he could speak for the Grand Officers in a language very effective in the expression of the feelings of one's heart, and of the strong fraternal sentiments practised by the Craft. Having referred to the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he said the Grand Officers viewed with special pleasure their visits to a lodge like this, where the bond which united Masons together was so much in evidence. They had been delighted with the admirable working, and thanked the lodge for their cordial reception.

The I.P.M. proposed "The W.M.," mentioning that Bro. Mentasti was initiated in the Rothesay Lodge. The W.M., moreover, introduced him (the I.P.M.) into Freemasonry, which considerably enhanced the pleasure of installing him. He hoped the members would bestow upon their present W.M. the same confidence he had enjoyed during the past year.

Bro. G. Mentasti, W.M., briefly returned thanks, and expressed the hope that his efforts had met with the approval of the members.

Bro. R. Clowes, P.G.S.B., said a great compliment had been paid him by asking him to propose the next toast—"The I.P.M." He ventured to think this lodge could not have been in existence without the I.P.M.'s help. At all events, there was no brother in the room who could have translated the ritual in so masterly a manner. The treat they had enjoyed in the lodge room must have been a great pleasure to every Grand Officer and brother present. There were five brethren present who had travelled from Brighton in order to show their respect to a Sussex brother like the I.P.M. He hoped Bro. Gallizia would be spared for many years to assist the lodge.

Bro. F. Gallizia, I.P.M., thanked Bro. Clowes most sincerely, and said he was not worthy of one half the compliments paid him. What he had done for the lodge was a work of love, and whatever they asked him to do he would do his best to carry out. All

the officers following in his footsteps he knew would do the same. As long as they continued in the same path the lodge would be second to none in Freemasonry. This lodge had been his ambition, and he thanked them for their support, which he trusted would also be accorded to his successors.

"The Initiative" was followed by "The Visitors," for which Bros. V. Freeman, P.G.D., and Saunier made due acknowledgments, the latter replying in French on behalf of Lodge La France, of which he is S.W.

For "The Officers," Bros. Bonoldi, S.W.; Foppoli, J.W.; Gallizia, I.P.M. and Sec.; and Valeriani, P.M., Treas., returned thanks.

Bro. Tito Mattei, Org., delighted the brethren with his performances at the piano, and was assisted by Bro. Maggi and several other eminent artists.

Liscard Lodge, No. 2657.

Although now only in comparative infancy, the above lodge has established a name and secured a position in the peninsula of Wirral which are highly creditable to the foster brothers connected with the Craft in this Masonic corner of the extensive province of Cheshire, so wisely and courteously ruled by Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G. Master. Earnestness and liberality of purpose have distinguished all the prominent chiefs of the two-year-old lodge at Liscard, and the large and thoroughly representative gathering of Craft chiefs on the occasion of the annual meeting for the chairing of the W.M., which took place on the 21st instant at the Concert Hall, Manor-road, Liscard, clearly showed that the fame of the young lodge had travelled throughout the Lancashire as well as the Cheshire province.

Amongst the leaders of the Order present were Bros. Alan de Tatton Egerton, P.G.W. England; J. T. Thompson, P.P.G. Reg. (Mayor of Birkenhead); R. Newhouse, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; Col. C. S. Dean, P.P.G.W.; J. Armstrong, P.P.G.W.; Gordon Small, P.G.D.C.; Squire Chapman, P.P.G.D. West Lancs.; H. Gordon, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Davis, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Roby, P.G.D.; H. B. Jones, P.A.G.D.C. West Lancs.; and J. Stott, P.P.G. S. of W. West Lancs.

The chief chair at the opening of the business proceedings was occupied by Bro. T. M. Stanbury, P.P.G.S., the retiring W.M., who, in a highly impressive manner, installed Bro. Edward Russell Taylor as his successor in the "highest place" in the lodge for the ensuing year, the presentation of the new popular chief being made by Bros. J. Armstrong and W. F. Robinson. The first official act of the new W.M. was the appointment and investiture of the following officers for the coming 12 months:—Bros. T. M. Stanbury, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; E. Landells Bruce, S.W.; J. H. Dodd, J.W.; J. Roby, P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. H. Beynon, Sec.; G. Duncan Beattie, Asst. Sec.; C. Leonard Cassin, S.D.; Joseph Boughey, J.D.; J. Armstrong, P.P.G.W., D.C.; J. F. Swift, Org.; Albert Wrigley, I.G.; Sydney J. Francis, T. Deakin Williams, W. D. Williams, G. Burrow, G. H. D. Hunt, and A. Owen Harling, Stwds.; W. J. Duran, P.G.T., Tyler; W. F. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C., Char. Rep.; and Dr. J. Goodlater Murray, Char. S. Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton, P.G.W., was unanimously elected an honorary member.

After business, a banquet to about 80 brethren was served most satisfactorily by Bro. Rollwaggon.

In the course of the afternoon and evening's proceedings Bro. T. M. Stanbury, O.I.P.M., was the recipient of two very valuable gifts as marks of the esteem in which he is held—these consisting of a valuable Past Master's jewel and a solid silver rose bowl, the latter being the outcome of the private subscriptions of the brethren.

During dinner a choice selection of music was played by Bro. C. W. Black's Band Orchestra, and interspersed with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts which followed, vocal and instrumental items were given by Bros. Green, Owens, Barlow, Needham, Casson, Black, Nallard, Hatton, Shalders, and Aspinall, Bro. J. F. Swift being the musical director.

Hamilton Lodge, No. 1600.

The anniversary of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Alford, on Monday last, and the lodge was on this occasion honoured by a visit from the Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire, Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, and the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Harling Sissons.

The ceremony of installation of the new W.M. was conducted by Bro. B. Simons, assisted by Bro. the Rev. W. Horn. A vote of thanks to the Prov. G.M. and to the Dep. Prov. G.M. was carried with acclamation, and later in the evening the brethren adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where a most excellent banquet was provided.

This kindly visit of the Prov. G.M. and his deputy was much appreciated by the brethren, and was the first visit of the Prov. G.M. since his appointment to that high office by the M.W. Grand Master.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Present: Comps. Frederick Hughes, M.E.Z.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z., as J.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., as Treas.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., as S.E.; D. Ringrose, as S.N.; S. M. Banker, P.Z., as P.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z., D. of C. and Stwd.; G. Couchman, Janitor; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z.; J. Collins, J. Vaughan Sherrin, G. K. Durrant, J. J. Bassett, Richard Dart, Walter F. Fisher, G. Wetton, Frank Hamlett, J. Miller, John Kent, Albert Fergusson, and J. M. Barclay. Visitors: Comps. Jas. Speller, P.Z. 1677, and G. Gwinn, 1716.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick then having assumed the chair of M.E.Z., the ballot was taken for Bros. Albert Fergusson, of Lodge 192; Archibald Pollock MacLarty, of Lodge 192; R. Fuller Roche, of Lodge 192; and John Mathewson Barclay, of Lodge 2319, which proved unanimously in their favour, and Bros. Fergusson and Barclay being in attendance, they were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. A telegram was received from Bro. MacLarty regretting his inability to be present. A letter was also received from Comp. Thomas W. Fisher resigning his position as H., and stating his inability to proceed as a Principal of the chapter. The election of 1st and 2nd Asst. Sojourners was deferred. There being no other business the chapter was closed in due form, and adjourned.

The companions dined subsequently under the presidency of the M.E.Z., when the usual toasts were given and enthusiastically responded to, and the officers congratulated by Comps. Gwinn and Speller on the excellent work of the chapter that evening.

Warrant Officers' Chapter, No. 2346.

The regular meeting of the above chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst, when the following companions were present: Comps. H. A. Howe, M.E.Z.; A. Molony, P.Z., acting H.; C. H. Pugh, P.Z., acting J.; M. A. McInerney, P.Z., Scribe E.; J. P. Newsham, Scribe N.; A. Edis, P.S.; J. Betts, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Iggluden, 2nd Asst. Soj.; W. A. Greene, P.Z.; Standing, Duffy, Parton, McGill, and others.

The business on the agenda was to ballot for as a joining member Comp. R. H. Thompson, 2421; to ballot for as candidates for exaltation Bros. W. Knell, 2523; W. A. Jutton, 2523; J. D. Pledge, 2346; and R. B. Depledge, 2346. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of all the candidates, and Bro. Jutton being in attendance was duly exalted by Comp. Howe in a manner that won admiration from the companions. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, after a P.Z. jewel was voted to Comp. Howe for the very able manner in which he performed his duties as M.E.Z. during his year of office. Comp. Molony stated that he handed over the annual donation voted by the chapter for "Our Brothers' B'd" at Clapham to Bro. Portlock Dadsen, the Treasurer of that Institution.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. R. S. CHANDLER.

We give below a portrait of Bro. Robert Stanley Chandler, who has just been installed W.M. of the Old Masonians' Lodge, No. 2700, in succession to Bro. C. E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., P.G.D. Bro. Chandler, who comes of an old Suffolk county family, is an ex-scholar of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On leaving school he entered the great mercantile house of Messrs. Bradbury, Greateux, and Co., in the City of London, with whom he has ever since been connected. When the Old Masonians' Association (composed of ex-scholars of the School) was formed, in 1886, Bro. Chandler, then still in his teens, was one of its first members; he was elected on the Managing Committee of the Association in 1888; in 1889 he filled the position of Asst. Hon. Secretary, and in 1890 became Hon. Secretary. He continued to hold this office until May, 1892, when, on resigning, he was unanimously chosen by his schoolfellows as their Hon. Treasurer, an office Bro. Chandler still continues to fulfil, as well as being a Trustee of their Benevolent Fund. In 1896, the subscribers to the then newly-created Scholarship Fund of the Boys' School elected Bro. Chandler a member of the Board of



Governors for its administration. It was in January, 1897, that Bro. Chandler was duly initiated a member of our Order in the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, in which well-known regiment he had for several years been an active member. When last year the Old Masonians' Lodge was founded to commemorate the Centenary of the Boys' School, Bro. Chandler was chosen by the founders as its first Senior Warden; he has, therefore, reached the chair in the phenomenally short period, since his initiation, of a little over two years. At the Centenary Festival, held at the Royal Albert Hall last June Bro. Chandler had the honour of representing the ex-scholars of the School and taking up in their name a list of over 100 guineas. It need scarcely be added he has qualified as a Life Governor of the Institution. Amongst other things, Bro. Chandler is a member of the London Society of East Anglians, and a Director of the Provident Association of Warehousemen, Travellers, and Clerks. The Installing Master was Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, P.G.D. The distinguished brethren present to witness the ceremony included Bros. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B.; and Alexander Naughty, Sub-Master for Ross and Cromarty, who represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this very old and distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 14th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas., as M.W.S., in the absence of Ex. Bro. James Speller; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S., as Prelate; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. J. Adams, 30°, G.M.; H. Hills, 30°, J.P.; R. C. Slater, C. of Gs.; W. Bigg, Herald; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Capt. G. Carpenter, Dr. Victor Jagielski, I.P.M.W.S.; and E. Sherrin. Ill. Bro. Capt. Portlock-Dalson, 33°, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Recorder announced that the two candidates who were to have been perfected that night were at the last moment prevented from attending, viz., Bros. W. Tyler and Capt. H. Bertram. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. J. Speller, M.W.S.; A. Humphreys, Prelate; T. E. Biddlecombe, 1st General; T. L. Carrick, D.C.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31°; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Asst. Org.; Lt.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Major Baldwin, 2nd General; and others. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held, as usual, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.W.S. in the chair, Bro. Dr. Victor Jagielski ably and eloquently submitted the various toasts, his respected utterances being marked by great originality of thought and expression.

H's health having been duly proposed, in conjunction with the absent M.W.S., Bro. James Speller, he duly acknowledged the same. In the course of his reply he greatly regretted the absence of the Most Wise. He said that Ex. Bro. James Speller possessed a most genial personality, and was a very creditable exponent of the Rose Croix Degree. At his installation, and at the subsequent meeting, the M.W. had furnished a most delightful programme of music, and which was carried out under the talented direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts. He hoped to see the M.W. present at the next meeting, when no doubt another charming evening would be spent under his presidency.

Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, P.M.W.S., responded on behalf of "The Past Sovereigns"; Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner for "The Treasurer and Recorder," and Bros. Adams, Hills Slater, Bigg, and Roberts for "The Officers."

The last-named brother greatly entertained his hearers by his powerful vocalisations, his rendering of Henry Russell's "Sexton" being particularly good. Ex. Bro. Professor Driver was well to the fore in a dramatic and original prose piece "The four Henries."

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Rose and Lily Council, No. 15.

A meeting of the above council was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. Alfred Molony, W.M.; H. Tupper, P.M.; N. Goodchild, P.M., Sec.; Chas. Sheppard, S.W.; E. Styles, J.W.; and J. Moore Smith, J.D.

The council was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous, in favour of Bros. Richard P. Couch and F. J. Larkman. Those brethren were admitted and initiated by Bro. Alfred Molony, W.M., into the Degrees of St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon. The council was then resumed to the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr, and Bros. Chas. Sheppard and N. Goodchild, P.M., were elected respectively W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The council was subsequently opened in the Degrees of Grand Tyler of King Solomon and Secret Monitor, Bro. William Vincent, G.D.C., acting as W.M., assisted by Bros. H. Thomson Lyon, as S.W.; N. Goodchild, as J.W.; A. Molony, as Deacon; and E. J. Mills, as I.G. The following brethren were then initiated into both Degrees, viz., Bros. C. Sheppard, J. Moore Smith, R. P. Couch, and F. J. Larkman. It was proposed by Bro. Alfred Molony, W.M., and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. William Vincent, G.D.C., for the beautiful and impressive manner in which he had worked the Degrees of Grand Tyler of King Solomon and Secret Monitor.

The council having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern for dinner.

Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, No. 154.

The installation meeting was held on the 20th instant, when Sir Knight R. G. Leversedge was installed as E.P., and appointed as Constables Sir Knights O. Heine-mann and G. W. Capel. Sir Knight H. Lovegrove was invested again as Registrar, while other offices were filled by Sir Knights Staley, Major Allen, Knap, R. & L, and Gordon Hills. Sir Knights Hay and J. Read, Org., were also present. The retiring E.P., Sir Knight Stewart Brown, was unable to be present.

A banquet followed.

Instruction.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

On Sunday last, the popular Preceptor of the above lodge, Bro. B. Da Costa, P.M. 1349, welcomed a very large and distinguished audience at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile End, E., the occasion being a lecture by Bro. Robt. Bowers, P.M. 15, W.M. 1321, M.E.Z. 2191, F.R.H.S., on "King Solomon's Temple: its Builders and Destroyers—with some Notes on the Temples of Zerubbabel and Herod, and the Destruction of Jerusalem." Thanks to the generosity of Bro. Walter Clement Tyler, W.M. 862 and 1567, J.W. 2579, founder and P.S. 862, and founder Crusader Chapter, the lecture was brilliantly illustrated by means of the oxy-hydrogen lime-light lantern. The chair was taken by Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M. and Sec. 205, who, in a great measure, contributed towards the success of the meeting by his judicious ruling. There were 140 brethren present, and several brethren were unable to gain admission, among those present being many well-known brethren, including Bros. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.U.C.; G. Graveley, G.P., who acted as S.W.; D. Moss, P.G.S.B. (Transvaal); Frank Hores, Basil Stewart, P.M.; L. A. Da Costa, Cowell, Oxley, J. J. Hall, Harold Griffiths, and others.

The lecturer very lucidly traced the history of the Temples, and was extremely careful that every item laid before the brethren was founded upon fact, and he carefully discriminated between fiction and historical data. The illustrations thrown on the screen were very carefully arranged, and commenced with a view of her Majesty and the M.W.G.M., followed rapidly by scenes from Palestine, with ground plans and elevations of the various temples culled from the best authorities. Needless to say that the lecture was listened to with breathless interest, and the clear tones of the lecturer were heard distinctly in every part of the room. When the lecturer had finished Bros. Speth, Harold Griffiths, and Graveley joined in the discussion which followed, Bro. Griffiths mentioning that he was preparing a lecture on the same subject from a different standpoint to be given at the Israel Lodge of Instruction in the autumn, and Bro. Graveley's compilation of the weights and values, showing that great interest had been taken in the proceedings. Bros. Tyler and Bowers were unanimously elected hon. members, and 39 brethren were elected members of the lodge.

LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 594.

The members of the above lodge met at the Hind's Head Hotel, Aldermaston, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The brethren drove over from Newbury, and were met in the village by Bro. C. E. Keyser, who invited them to stroll in the park, and afterwards entertained the party at tea at Aldermaston Court. The lodge was held in the large ball-room of the hotel. Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., acted as Preceptor, and complimented the officers upon the admirable manner in which the work had been performed.

On the conclusion of the business, the brethren dined together, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent under the genial presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser. Bro. J. Rolfe, S.W., occupied the vice-chair, and there were also present Bros. S. Knight, jun., R. Maples, E. Gould, T. S. Cambridge, E. Turner, C. H. Stradling, J. Wright, W. G. Crombie, W. J. Langley, G. Turner, H. Elms, T. W. Lush, and S. J. Lee Vincent.

The question of forming a summer lodge at Aldermaston was referred to, and Bro. Keyser stated that if there appeared to be a wish on the part of the Reading and Newbury brethren during the summer months he would do all in his power to promote it.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held under the Preceptorship of Bro. A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, on the 19th instant, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Alfred Collins, who acted as W.M., with the assistance of Bros. Fredk. Hewson, as S.W., and A. Clarkson, as J.W., and supported by a good attendance of brethren.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; C. Nicole, S.W.; J. Birks, P.M.; 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, I.G.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; A. Williams, and H. A. House.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. The investiture of officers was then rehearsed. Bro. C. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

EXPENSES OF FREEMASONRY.

There is a feeling being given general expression to, that Freemasonry costs too much. Not that the initial or the normal current expenses are too heavy, but that the unauthorised exactions are becoming somewhat burdensome. In India the actual expenses are somewhat as follows: Initiation Rupees 45, Fellow Craft Degree Rupees 15, Master Mason's Degree Rupees 20, Apron Rupees 15, Total Rupees 95. This scarcely varies all over India. Then the current expenses are Rupees 3 per mensem subscription, and the two voluntary charges of dinner and the Charity collection. We call these voluntary, but in point of fact they should be regarded as necessary. This comes, say, to Rupees per mensem in all, and added to the initial outlay, it makes Rupees 179 for the first year's expense. This fact ought to be made clear to every candidate for Freemasonry. Of course, it may be said a brother need not dine, and he need not give anything to the Charity Fund. In reply to which it may be urged that we want neither unsociable nor uncharitable brethren. Whilst the Fourth Degree is not a part of pure and ancient Freemasonry, a brother who habitually absents himself from the social board loses a great deal of what makes Masonry enjoyable.

Nor do we want poor men in the Order. In determining the qualifications of a candidate, and allowing his name to be put on the summons, the Worshipful Master should make strict inquiry upon this as upon other points. Were this gone into as it ought to be, we should have far fewer Masonic loafers.

There are many, it is well known, who enter the Order with one eye, if not both, on the Masonic Charities, and regard their membership as on a par with their membership of the Oddfellows and Foresters and the like. Many others are known to come in for trade purposes. They fancy they will get preferential dealing, and are heard to complain if they do not.

Now in most of the American G. Lodges there is a proviso with regard to the Charities that when any case is considered it shall be asked whether, at the time of his initiation, he was in sufficiently reputable circumstances to warrant such expense being incurred. True, the Worshipful Master asks the brother to declare upon his honour that he is actuated by no unworthy motive, but many would consider that the hope of securing a free education for children and annuities for themselves when worn out was a very worthy motive indeed.

Let us now come to the extraordinary expenses. At the end of his second year, the newly-made brother, if attentive and appreciative, looks out for an office and gets it, and in many lodges is expected to make a special contribution to the Lodge Charity Fund in honour of the event. Moreover he has become accustomed by this time to the annual circulation of a sheet of paper asking for subscriptions for the Master's and Secretary's jewels. As a private member probably he felt he would be censuring his superiors if he gave more than a couple of rupees, and possibly he may have escaped altogether. As an officer he does not escape—at all events with any sense of self-respect left! When he arrives at the chair, he finds, in addition to the installation fee, he is expected to contribute whatever the installation dinner costs over and above the recoveries from brethren dining. This may come, and within our knowledge has, up to 400 Rupees. As he expects a jewel himself at the end of his year of office, he is bound to head the subscription list on behalf of his predecessor with a handsome donation.

This applies, of course, to every subscription got up.

He then commences a career in District Grand Lodge and commences at the same time a fresh career of "shelling out."

So that on the whole Masonry is by no means an inexpensive business.

What shall we say then of the higher Degrees? We see brethren who we know can barely afford their ordinary lodge fees, not only joining two or even three other lodges, but taking all the expensive "side" Degrees. With every one of these there will be found some earnest and enthusiastic brother who makes it his business to recruit, say, for the Secret Monitor and the Cryptic Degrees, and the Allied Degrees, not to mention the Royal Arch and Mark.

All these mean from 15 Rupees to 50 Rupees entrance fees in each case, expensive clothing and jewels, more dinners, and other incidental expenses.

Now things are managed more wisely in England. It is well-known that the side Degrees are only open to well-to-do brethren. There is no touting for them, and in this connection it is noteworthy that, in the Order of the Secret Monitor, more than half the conclaves on the register are in the Colonies. Whatever may be thought of the Degrees of pure and ancient Freemasonry as to their necessity or advisability, there can be no question as to the other Degrees. They are luxuries—pure and simple—and—as practised in India at all events—are only excuses for social gatherings.

No brother has any right to indulge himself in them until he has ascertained that it can be done without detriment to himself or his connections.

There is no reason why a Masonic dinner should cost Rupees 3½ or Rupees 4. It is well-known that even this does not cover the total cost, the balance coming out of lodge funds. Why should a man who is content with simple fare at home require the most expensive of everything when he comes to lodge? And when economy has to be practised somewhere—it is practised at the expense of the Lodge Charity Fund.

We contend there is something wrong somewhere. Masonry should not be a perpetually increasing monetary tax.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

Obituary.

BRO. JABEZ HOGG.

Bro. Jabez Hogg, the distinguished consulting ophthalmic surgeon, and the popular writer on the microscope, died suddenly on Sunday at his residence, 102, Palace Gardens-terrace, Kensington, at the age of 82. The youngest son of the late Mr. John Hogg, of the Royal Dockyard, Chatham, he was born at Chatham on Good Friday, April 4th, 1817, and was for some time a schoolfellow of the late Charles Dickens at a small school carried on in Clover-lane by Mr. Giles, a young Baptist minister, whose place of worship, Providence Chapel, was next door to the house in St. Mary's-place, Chatham, where the Dickens family resided, for John Dickens, Charles's father, was also at this time employed in Chatham Dockyard. From this preparatory school he passed to Rochester Grammar School, and leaving there at the age of 15 was soon after apprenticed to a medical practitioner. The succeeding five years he passed in this employ, and studying medicine at the Hunterian School he entered as a student at Charing-cross Hospital, and in 1850 received his diploma as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. Applying himself more especially to the study of the eye under all its aspects, he became a specialist in that subject, and for 45 years—from 1850 to 1895—practised as an ophthalmic surgeon. He was for 25 years consulting surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, and also served in a similar position the Hospital for Women and Children and the Royal Masonic Institutions, he being well-known in Masonry, in which he always took a deep interest, which obtained for him, in 1867, from the Earl of Zetland, the dignity of a Grand Officer of Grand Lodge. Bro. Hogg, before devoting himself to ophthalmology, before, indeed, he had entered as a hospital student, had devoted himself to literary work, writing for some of the magazines, and preparing for publication a Manual on the Art of Photography, then in its early infancy. He was twice married, his first wife being daughter of the late Captain Davis, of the Indian Navy, and his second, whom he married in 1859, the youngest daughter of the late Captain James Read, aide-de-camp to the Marquis of Hastings when Governor-General of India. The funeral is appointed to take place to-day (Friday), at Kensal Green Cemetery, at a quarter past 2.

BRO. J. T. NEWBOLD.

The death took place at Bury, very suddenly, on the 25th inst., of Bro. Joseph Taylor Newbold, of the Springs, Bury. The deceased was a man of independent means, and occupied a prominent position amongst the public men of Bury. He was a Justice of the Peace for the borough and a Freemason, and held high offices both in Bury and the Province of East Lancashire. A peculiarly sad circumstance of Bro. Newbold's death is that his brother lies dangerously ill at Bury, and that he had spent the greater part of Monday night in watching at his bedside.

A CHEQUE FOR £1000 as a donation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund has been received from Mr. J. B. Robinson. This is the second contribution of £1000 received this week, and the support thus given may be taken as indicative of sympathy with the laudable objects of the fund and approval of the practical methods adopted to attain them.

SIR HERMANN WEBER, Dr. Hillier, Mr. Malcolm Morris, and Mr. Rube have been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the representatives of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis at the Berlin Congress, which will last from May 24 to 28, under the presidency of the Duke of Ratisbon.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been concluded by which the great bazaar in aid of the Charing-cross Hospital—to take place on June 21st and 22nd—will be held at the Albert Hall. In order to obtain as much floor space as possible for the erection of 30 or more stalls which will be the main feature of this big fancy fair, it has been decided to board the whole of the arena of the hall up to the level of the first tier of the private boxes.

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD, Mortimer, Berks, the remains of the late Sir John Mowbray were interred, on the 27th instant, in the presence of a large number of his Parliamentary colleagues. A memorial service was held in St. Margaret's, Westminster. The funeral of Colonel Sir Robert Warburton took place in Brompton Cemetery. The Queen sent a bay-leaf wreath, and was represented by Major-General Sir John McNeill.

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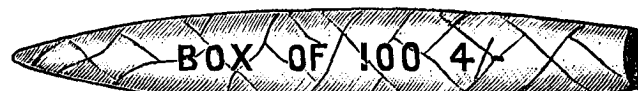
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SAMPLES AND PRICE LIST SENT ON APPLICATION.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE LADY MAYORESS will hold a musical reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday afternoon, the 2nd prox., from three to six o'clock.

LORD ROSEBURY has declined the Chairmanship of the Epsom Urban Council, which was recently offered him.

MR. GOSCHEN AND LORD CHARLES BERESFORD were the principal speakers at the annual dinner on Wednesday night of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at the Hotel Cecil.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE has expressed his intention of presiding at the annual regimental dinner of the 17th (D.C.O.) Lancers, to be held at the Savoy Hotel on June 1st.

IN PREPARATION for the embarkation of her Majesty Queen Victoria at Cherbourg for England, on the 3rd prox., the arsenal authorities are having a landing-stage constructed.

AT A MEETING of the Prov. Grand Charity Committee of East Lancashire held recently Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.W., was elected Chairman, and Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas., Vice-Chairman, for the third year in succession.

THE DUKE OF YORK has consented to preside at the Fourteenth Triennial Festival in commemoration of the jubilee of the Railway Guards Universal Friendly Society, and in aid of the special funds set apart for the maintenance of the widows and orphans, and permanently disabled, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 3rd prox.

BRO. THE EARL OF HALSBURY, Lord Chancellor, presided over the annual meeting of the Inns of Court Mission on Tuesday, held in the Inner Temple Lecture Room, when there were present, among others, Viscount Cross, Lord Justice Collins, Mr. Justice Kekewich, Mr. Justice Bruce, Mr. Justice Kennedy, Canon Ainger, and the Warden (the Rev. H. G. D. Latham).

THE "INNER GUARDS" song is the latest addition to Masonic music. It is composed by Bro. W. Albert Gould, who is I.G. of St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 539; the profits arising from the sale are to be devoted to Masonic Charities, which fact, together with its own worth, should procure for it a large demand. Copies, price 1s., may be had from Bro. Gould, Walsall.

A PASSMORE EDWARDS HOME.—The Passmore Edwards Convalescent Home for Friendly Societies, Herne Bay, will be opened by the donor on Monday next, the 1st prox., on which occasion special trains will run both in the morning and afternoon. Mr. W. H. Chinn, Hon. Sec., 30 and 31, New Bridge-street, E.C., will be glad to receive subscriptions and furnish all particulars.

PROTECTION OF FISH SPAWN IN THE THAMES.—The perch, which are much valued as a sporting fish, have begun to spawn in the Thames, and as a result the Lord Chamberlain has caused 50 of the swans to be taken off the river between Teddington and Penton Hook. The Thames Angling Preservation Society, as a further protection to the ova, are enclosing it with wire-netting and stakes.

PRESENTATION TO THE LORD MAYOR.—The Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir John Voce Moore) was, at the Mansion House recently, presented with a silver tea and coffee service, silver tray, and candlesticks, by his colleagues of the Loriners' Company. The presentation was made by the Master of the Company, Mr. Henry Clarke, who referred to the fact that Sir John was the eleventh Loriner to hold the Mayoralty of the City of London.

ON SUNDAY MORNING a special service is to be held in Kew Parish Church for the dedication of a memorial window to the late Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal. It is expected that the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke of Cambridge, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg Strelitz, and Prince and Princess Adolphus of Teck will be present.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE in England by the Octeto Espagnol will take place in the restaurant of the Hotel Cecil on Monday next, the 1st prox. This famous Spanish orchestra has had the exceptional honour of appearing, by special command, before the Queen upon four different occasions during her Majesty's present visit to Nice. It was specially requested when accepting the engagement with the Hotel Cecil that they shall be permitted to play at Windsor whenever her Majesty may so desire.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.—Amongst the latest contributions to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London are the following: Annual Subscriptions—Mr. John Aird, jun., £25; Mrs. John Aird, jun., £25. Donation—"E. B.," £30. It is to be hoped that this fund may be in a position to distribute £50,000 this year, for which purpose further help is needed. All this sum is required to maintain efficiently the hospitals of London.

THE FESTIVAL DINNER of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road, was held at the Hotel Metropole on the 24th inst. Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, L.C.C., was in the chair, and an excellent dinner was followed by unusually good music. The lists amounted to £2841. At the high table were Sir G. Faudel-Phillips, Lieut.-Col. Mon'efiore, Rev. L. B. Sanders, Mr. John Lowles, M.P., Mr. Ernest Flower, M.P., Mr. H. Marks, M.P., Mr. C. J. Thomas, Chairman; Mr. Merriman, Hon. Solicitor; and Mr. Henry Lovegrove, Hon. Surveyor.

MEMORIAL TO SIR W. HERSCHEL.—Sir Robert Ball visited Bath on Saturday last and unveiled a mural tablet on the house where Sir William Herschel lived when he made the discovery of Uranus. The tablet is one of a large number which the Bath Corporation are about to affix to historic houses in the city. Sir Robert Ball was subsequently entertained at luncheon, and, responding to the toast of his health, said the graceful act of the Corporation would excite the gratitude and sympathetic feelings of astronomers all over the world.

BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, the new "Father" of the House of Commons, if he may be so described, is 73 years of age. He has seldom intervened in debate, but he has ever been a staunch party man. Like Sir John Mowbray, he was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, but previously he had been at Eton, whereas Sir John's old school was Westminster. Throughout life, Bro. Beach has been a keen sportsman, and in hunting circles has been popular as master of the Vine Pack. As a Mason he has attained to very high honours. In the year he entered Parliament Bro. Beach married Caroline, daughter of the late Colonel Augustus Cleveland, of Tapeley Park, North Devon.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR has appointed Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M. of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, Newbury, as a Justice of the Peace for that borough. The new magistrate is a native of Newbury, and for many years he has been a member of the Corporate body. He is the parish warden for St. Nicholas', Newbury, and prominently identified with most of the principal institutions of the town. He is an enthusiastic Freemason, being a Past Master of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (Craft), Porchester (Mark), and holding a high position in the Hope Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He served the office of Mayor in 1896, and is a hard and conscientious worker in any public or private duty which he undertakes. Bro. Knight has received hearty congratulations from numerous friends on the well-merited honour which has just been conferred upon him.

RHODESIA.—During the past week public interest has continued in the Rhodesian share market, and there has been a rise in the price of nearly everything Rhodesian. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has said that he is determined that the railway from Bulawayo northwards, to connect with the direct line to Cairo, shall go on, whatever happens. Cheap transport being thus assured in Rhodesia, there is every prospect of the shares of the Austen (Gwelo) Development Syndicate, Limited, advancing to a very considerable premium. The Austen (Gwelo) Development Syndicate, Limited, with a capital of only £50,000 in £1 fully-paid shares, owns a farm of 6000 acres, and also 507 claims in the best known and most important gold-mining districts of Rhodesia. A number of the claims contain ancient workings, and are close to some of the best proved gold mines in Rhodesia. One of the largest financial corporations in London has already placed the whole of the working capital, which is £20,000. The shares have been bought during the past week by some of the large firms, and at the present price of about £1 12s. 6d. per share, at which the £1 fully-paid shares are now dealt in on the London Stock Exchange, they ought to be well worth the attention of the speculative investor.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughters left Corfu at midnight on Tuesday.

THE FIRST STATE BALL will take place on the 18th prox., and the State Concert on June 2nd.

TO-DAY (FRIDAY) is the 23rd anniversary of the proclamation of the Queen as Empress of India.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING and his family have arranged to return to England on the Cymric, which leaves New York on the 25th prox.

ON JUNE 8TH H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new barracks at Winchester on the site of those destroyed by fire in December, 1894. His Royal Highness desires that the ceremony should be of a military character.

HER MAJESTY formally opened the new bridge over the river Paillon, near Nice, on the 27th inst. The Queen received an address of thanks from the Mayor, and expressed her pleasure that the opportunity had been provided her of taking part in such a ceremony.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Additional Curates' Society was held on the 27th inst., at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing-cross, the Archbishop of York (Dr. Maclagan) presiding. The annual report stated that the contributions for 1898 were £54,072, being £600 in excess of those of 1897, while the expenditure amounted to £56,027.

THE INSTALLATIONS of Marconi's apparatus for the Dieppe and Newhaven wireless telegraph service are to be proceeded with at once. In addition to an installation on either side of the Channel, one will be set up on the steamers. It is claimed that the system will enable the steamers to steer a bee-line in a fog by giving them their bearings.

A MEETING TOOK place in London on the 27th inst. for the discussion of the proposals in reference to the reconstruction of Pattisons (Limited). The sitting lasted from 12 noon till 7.30 p.m., and in the end a scheme was adjusted and approved by the liquidators and the committee of the London syndicate. The liquidators left for Edinburgh last night to submit the proposals to the Court of Session for approval.

A DETACHMENT of the New South Wales Lancers, which is visiting England to train with the Regulars at Aldershot, had a great reception in the City on the 27th inst., while marching from Fenchurch-street Station to Waterloo. The band of the Coldstream Guards and the drums and fifes of that regiment's second battalion played them through the streets. At Aldershot they were greeted with equal enthusiasm, and they have been attached to the Carabiniers, and quartered with the Devonshire Regiment.

The Times has completed arrangements for the issue in Great Britain of the famous "Century Dictionary," originally published by the Century Company, of New York, and the announcement of the new undertaking will shortly appear. As in the case of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," the demand may be very great, and long delays in delivery thus occur. On this account The Times wishes to extend to the subscribers to its reprint of the Encyclopædia the opportunity of placing their orders for the new work in advance of the public announcement in The Times newspaper.

THE MATINEE in aid of the Stella Disaster Fund, arranged by Mr. Martin Harvey, will take place on Tuesday, the 9th prox., at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, under the patronage of her Royal Highness the Princess Christian. The following ladies and gentlemen have definitely consented to appear: Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Miss Edna May, and Miss Winifred Emery; Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. Hayden Coffin, and Mr. Lewis Waller, and, pending completion, many other distinguished ladies and gentlemen in dramatic and musical circles. The scene of the revolutionary tribunal from "The Only Way" will form an item of the programme.

THE HON. MRS. TROTTER, wife of Major-General Trotter, commanding the Home District, presented at Chelsea Barracks the prizes won by men of the Guards, and other corps in the Metropolitan district. The 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, now stationed at Windsor, were successful in winning the first prize in both the bayonet exercise and physical drill competitions for battalion teams, and will, therefore, represent the district in the similar competitions of the Royal Military Tournament. First prize in the bayonet exercise for company teams was won by the Queen's Company of the 1st Grenadiers, and first in physical drill for company teams by No. 8 Company of the 3rd Grenadiers.

AT THE CAMERA CLUB on Thursday evening, the 27th inst., the Rev. J. Bacon gave an address to the members, in which he recounted some of his experiences in "Aerial Research." The lecture proved of much interest to those well acquainted with the subject, and Mr. Bacon in his remarks stated that from his experience the state of the atmosphere had little or no effect on the temperature of the higher regions. Clouded or clear skies made no difference, but he found pools or layers of warmer air at various heights, which gave an increased temperature of 10 to 15 deg. to that on the earth's surface where he started from in his balloon. The lecturer also spoke of his experiments in testing the acoustic properties of the air with echoes caused by repeated soundings of a horn, and also described an aeronautic trip from the Crystal Palace, during which he was able to take a number of very brilliant photographs, which, converted into lantern slides, greatly tended to interest those present.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will, on Monday next, preside at the dinner of the London Lifeboat Saturday Fund, at the Hotel Metropole, and it is needless to say that his Royal Highness is deeply interested in the success of this admirable movement, which for the last three years has given generous aid to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The funds thus collected are applied, as far as possible, in making grants to the widows and young children of men who have lost their lives, or been disabled in the service, in giving pensions, and retiring allowances to those who have been in lifeboats for many years, and in payments to coxswains and crews for special services. For these purposes the expenditure of the institution last year was £23,597, whereas the net proceeds throughout the country of the Lifeboat Saturday Fund, including £2733 collected in London, was £15,302. A considerable margin has, therefore, to be made up. It is with the view of popularising the Saturday movement, bringing the claims of the parent institution more clearly before the public, and adding to the resources of a society, which, in aiding mariners in distress, tends materially to uphold the maritime supremacy of our country, that the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the banquet on Monday evening. By virtue of that position his Royal Highness becomes for the time being honorary "coxswain" of the institution, and there is no doubt that he will steer it to success. As further showing his interest in the London Lifeboat Saturday Fund, the Prince of Wales has intimated his intention of being present at a concert and dramatic entertainment in Stafford House, St. James's, on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 16th prox. The date selected is a Drawing Room day, and, notwithstanding the manifold duties of such an occasion, his Royal Highness desires by his presence to aid the success of the benevolent function. M. Wilhelm Ganz has arranged an excellent programme, in which will be found the names of Mlle. Litvinne, Madame Alice Gomez, Miss Clara Butt, Signor de Lucia, Mr. Santley, Signor Ancona, Miss Maud MacCarthy, Senor Arbos, Miss Ellen Terry, and others. Tickets, one guinea each, may be obtained of Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, Stafford House; at the libraries; and from Mr. N. Vert, Burlington-gardens.

A SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD.—An expert has pointed out the strange anomaly which so often pertains to the price of Mining Shares. He alludes to the "Mozambique Consolidated Mines" Limited, and draws attention to the fact that where many of the Rhodesian Companies are quoted in the neighbourhood of £5 per share, the above Company, which is in the same vicinity, stand at about five shillings. This is in face of the fact that the "Mazambique Consolidated Mines" have already obtained 5000 ounces from some 5000 tons (which is a record for South Africa), and that their 3½ miles of reef is practically inexhaustible. This is no pocket sample, as they have been crushing for more than a year, and each month's crushing has bettered its predecessor. He also states that the Directors—under strong pressure from Mr. Pardy, who is extremely dissatisfied with the present primitive crushing power—are on the eve of sending out a fully equipped battery consisting of 60 stamps of 1500lb. each, driven by electrical power. The present 10 stamps of only 750lb. each were sent out before the railway—which now passes right through the property—was in existence, and when the early days of ox travelling were not conducive to the transport of machinery.