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### THE FESTIVAL OF WEDNESDAY NEXT.

The 111th Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to which we have all been anxiously looking forward for some time past, will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday next, the 10th instant. The chair will be taken by the R.W. Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, and we hope that his advocacy will be even more successful than it was in 1895, when he presided at the Festival of the Benevolent with such signal benefit to the funds of that Charity. There is, indeed, a fair prospect that it will be. Already the Board of Stewards which has undertaken to second his lordship's efforts comprises upwards of 450 ladies and brethren, and it may be that, when the eventful day arrives, there will be quite as many Stewards as there were at the February gathering. We must not, however, allow ourselves to be too sanguine of the result. Had there been no extraordinary pressure brought to bear on the Craft generally in respect of the Boys' Centenary last year, and had not that pressure produced a return such as is quite unprecedented in the annals of our Institutions, we should have been looking forward, not without reason, to an exceptionally big total for an ordinary year. But whether we turn to London or the Provinces, we find almost everywhere that the contributions from the several sections were on a scale that surpassed even the most sanguine expectations. Still the Old Peoples' Festival in February is to this extent reassuring, that it shows the brethren as a body are determined, as far as possible, to make good the deficiencies in respect of last year's Festivals of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, and hence we are hopeful that the success in February will be in a measure repeated next week. We have reason to believe that the result will be satisfactory, but we do not share the exaggerated anticipations in which we understand that some brethren are indulging, though none will be better pleased than we shall be if those exaggerated hopes are realised.

As for the Institution, and the claims it has upon the benevolent, there is nothing left us to say that has not been said before at each recurring Festival. The number of girls who are maintained on the establishment, and trained and educated in a

manner that cannot be too highly extolled, is about 270, at a cost to the Institution of between £13,000 and £14,000 per annum, while the permanent income does not greatly exceed £2500, or at most some £2700. There is, therefore, a sum of about £11,000 and upwards which must be provided, chiefly, if not entirely, through the medium of the approaching celebration, in order to to make both ends meet. The number of children who have been benefited by the Institution is very considerable, and there is no doubt that the great majority of them owe whatever success in life they have acquired to the excellent training and education they received under its protection. The girls who are entered for the different public examinations compete creditably with those of other Middle-class Schools, and the moral and physical training they receive is on a par with the mental. In fact, as regards the educational status of the School, it stands deservedly high, nor is there the slightest doubt that the authorities administer the funds at their disposal in a matter that leaves nothing to be desired so far as economy is concerned. The knowledge that whatever the brethren contributes will be turned to the best possible account has always had the effect of ensuring the needful ways and means, and we trust that the meeting on Wednesday will prove no exception.

The distribution of prizes and calisthenic display will take place, as usual, at the Institution, Battersea Rise, on Monday, when, doubtless, there will, if the weather is favourable, be a large gathering of the Stewards and their friends.

### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.\*

The Transactions contained in this 1st Part of the Volume for the current year embrace the proceedings at the January and March meetings, together with Statements of Account for the year ending the 30th November, 1898; sundry papers not read in Lodge, but none the less interesting on that account; and the Reviews, Notes and Queries, Obituary, &c., which always so greatly enhance the value of this publication as a current record of what is passing in the Masonic world, but more particularly in the literary world of Freemasonry. As far as the Accounts go, the financial position of the lodge appears to be at least as firm as it was in the preceding year. There are cash balances to the good on the General Cash Account and the Lodge Account, while the Assets are in excess of the Liabilities. In short, the statement contained in the Report of the Permanent and Audit Committee of the 15th December last appears to be fully justified, namely, that "financially, as will be seen by the accompanying statement, the lodge stands on a firm foundation." We should gladly see a diminution in the amounts outstanding and due to a Lodge, which during the years of its existence has not only done such splendid work in disseminating knowledge of every kind respecting Freemasonry among the brethren, but also, to use an ordinary commercial expression, has given such exceedingly good value for its money. The annual subscription which the members of the Correspondence Circle are called upon to pay is only half-a-guinea each, and, to say nothing as to the privileges accruing to them from their membership, such as full liberty to attend the lodge meetings, &c., there can be no doubt that they receive an ample *quid pro quo* for their subscription in the Printed Transactions and St. John's Card, to which they are

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entitled. We consider it little short of a scandal that these amounts outstanding, which are set forth in the Report of the Audit, should include such sums as £319 5s. for "1898 Subscriptions" and £104 2s. 6d. for "Back Subscriptions." We trust the accounts for the present year, when they come to be examined and audited, will be found to offer a substantial improvement in respect of these arrear subscriptions. As for the part played by the Secretary, Bro. G. W. SPETH, as the Editor of the Transactions, we cannot speak too highly of the ability with which from the very outset he has prepared successive volumes for the press, and this ability is as noticeable in the Part which has just been issued as in those that have preceded it, while the contributions to this Part for which he is personally responsible, demonstrate that his ability as a writer and his judgment as a critic are as conspicuous as ever. The paper he read at the January meeting on "The English Lodge of Bordeaux," is among the best for which we are indebted to him, and it has the further advantage of being supplemented by "A Monograph of the Dillons," which Bro. W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY has been at the pains of compiling in illustration of the Bro. TALBOT DILLON, who figures in Bro. SPETH'S paper. This Monograph is moreover accompanied by a portrait of the said Bro. DILLON from an oil painting in the possession of Bro. GORDON P. G. HILLS, and Bro. SPETH'S paper is accompanied by illustrations of the seals and stamps of the Bordeaux Lodge. Bro. SHACKLES, too, has lent his valuable assistance by furnishing impressions of the medals struck by the lodge, with accompanying description. Other papers included in the Part are "Notes on Sussex Masonry," by Bro. W. B. WILDMAN; "Masons' Marks at Wetheral," by Bro. RICHARD A. HOLME; "Another New List of Lodges, A.D. 1732," with accompanying explanatory remarks, by Bro. JOHN LANE, P.A.G.D.C.; and the paper that was read by Bro. the Rev. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A. Oxon, on "Intimations of Immortality," which is most instructive reading. Among the reviews is an elaborate and justly complimentary one of Bro. JOHN STRACHAN'S "Northumbrian Masonry, and the Development of the Craft in England." In short, the Part well maintains the standard of excellence which has characterised the Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati from the very outset of its career.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London. Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z., occupied the Throne, Comp. Lieut.-Gen. Charles Wilson Randolph, Grand Superintendent of Sussex, was G.H., and Comp. the Earl of Euston, Grand Superintendent of Northants and Hunts, was G.J. Comps. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E.; Thomas Fenn, as Grand Scribe N.; Baron de Ferreires as G.P.S.; Sir Bruce Maxwell Seton, 1st A.G.S.; Major Woodall, P.G.T., as 2nd A.G.S.; John Strachan, O.C., G. Reg.; Sir George C. Harris, President of the Committee of General Purposes; R. Horton Smith, O.C., P.G.R.; Charles Hammerton, James Beulton, George Gravelley, Major T. C. Walls, Henry Lovgrove, J. J. Thomas, J. Smith Eastes, W. Russell, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T., Luxmoore Marshall, and Sir J. C. Dimsdale were among the companions present.

Grand Chapter was unusually well attended.

After Grand Chapter had been opened in ancient and solemn form, and the minutes of the February Convocation had been read and confirmed, the appointment and investiture of the new Grand Officers was proceeded with.

Earl AMHERST first said that he had to acquaint Grand Chapter that his Royal Highness the First Principal had been pleased to re-appoint him Pro Grand Z. (Applause.) He next said he had to inform Grand Chapter that his Royal Highness had also been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Warwick, Second Grand Principal, and he had further to inform Grand Chapter that his Royal Highness had been pleased to appoint Comp. William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., G.J. The following companions were then announced by Earl Amherst as the Grand Officers for the year, and were invested by him:

Comp. Earl of Warwick	...	...	G.H.
" W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	...	...	G.J.
" E. Letchworth	...	...	G.S.E.
" Rev. W. Gardiner, B.D.	...	...	G.S.N.
" Sir Geo. D. Harris	...	...	Pres. Com. Gen. Pur.
" Alfred H. Bevan	...	...	G. Treas.
" John Strachan, O.C.	...	...	G. Reg.
" Edward Beaumont	...	...	Dep. G. Reg.
" Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale	...	...	G.P.S.
" Rear-Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair	...	...	1st A.G.S.
" Philip Colville Smith	...	...	2nd A.G.S.
" Lieut.-Col. Geo. J. Parkyn	...	...	G.S.B.
" Lieut.-Col. Geo. W. Dixon	...	...	Dep. G.S.B.
" Edward Roberts, M.A.	...	...	1st G. Std. Br.
" James W. Burgess	...	...	2nd "
" William Cleghorn	...	...	3rd "

Comp. John Kenyon	...	...	4th G. Std. B.
" John Welford	...	...	5th "
" Major Henry Wright	...	...	6th "
" Frank Richardson	...	...	G.D. of C.
" Arthur G. Sandberg, M.D.	...	...	Dep. G.D. of C.
" Charles T. Tyler	...	...	1st A.G.D. of C.
" W. Wright	...	...	2nd "
" Charles J. R. Tijou	...	...	3rd "
" William Fisher	...	...	4th "
" William H. Thomas	...	...	G. Org.
" William Lake	...	...	Asst. G.S.E.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Janitor.

Earl AMHERST next called upon Grand Scribe E. to read the list of companions upon whom his Royal Highness had been pleased to confer Past Grand rank.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH then read the following list:

Comps. Sir John Edge, O.C., P.G.S.N.; Rev. R. Peek, Rev. E. Parr, Capt. C. H. Garnett, C. A. Bathurst Bignold, and J. H. Handyside, P.A. G. Sojs.; W. F. Lamonby, James Fernandez, C. D. Hoblyn, J. Newton, and V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Std. Brs.; and Hermann Klein, P.G. Organist.

On the motion of Comp. Sir GEORGE D. HARRIS, Pres. Com. of Gen. Purposes, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., the report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On motions duly made and seconded, charters were granted for chapters to be attached to the Royal George Lodge, No. 2613, to be called the Royal George Chapter, and to meet at Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South Africa; the Border Lodge, No. 2475, to be called the Beach Chapter, and to meet at the White Hart Hotel, Blackwater, Hampshire; the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, to be called the Strong Man Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.; 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. (This was seconded by Comp. J. S. Eastes); the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, to be called the Rees Lewis Chapter, and to meet at the Mascnic Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales; and the Excelsior Chapter, No. 1155, to be called the Excelsior Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C.

Permission was given 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.

A charter of confirmation was granted to the Somerset House and Inverness Chapter, No. 4, London, the original charter having been lost.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON next brought forward the motion, of which notice had been given—

"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.

Comp. Richardson said the object of the motion was virtually to bring Grand Chapter into exact line with Grand Lodge. At the present time, as the companions knew, there was no difference between those companions in Grand Office or Past Grand Office and those who were not. In Grand Lodge those brethren who were in office for the year wore a chain instead of a collar, and he thought it would be for the dignity of Grand Chapter if the same rule were adopted by Grand Chapter. The notice of motion was divided into three parts. The second part related to Grand Superintendents. At the present time Grand Superintendents, even in their Provinces or Districts, were not distinguished in any way whatever from the rest of the companions, and he thought they would agree with him that a companion who had had such distinguished rank as to preside over his province should be in some way marked from those under his rule. Then there was no distinction between Principals and Past Principals, and he thought that the same rule would very well apply to them as was applied to Masters and Past Masters in Grand Lodge. A Past Master wore a silver braid on his collar. Now, his suggestion was that that rule should apply to the Royal Arch, and that all Past Principals of chapters should be entitled to wear a scribe down the collar. This matter had been before the Committee of General Purposes, and the Committee of General Purposes unanimously approved of the alterations he now proposed in the Royal Arch Regulations, and in consequence of that this notice of motion was given. Now that the Committee had passed and approved of these suggestions, he hoped he should have Grand Chapter with him, and see their way to support him.

Comp. RICHARD HORTON SMITH, O.C., P.G. Reg., seconded the motion. By the Committee of General Purposes it was thought to be acceptable, and that it was right and proper to be done.

The alterations were then put separately, and adopted.

The next business was the election of the Committee of General Purposes, and Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Scribe E., said the First Grand Principal had been pleased to appoint Sir George David Harris, President of the Committee, and Comps. Robert Grey, and Richard Horton, Q.C., members of the Grand Committee of Grand Chapter.

For election, Comp. Boulton nominated Comp. Major T. C. Walls, P.Z. 3; Comp. Graveley proposed Comp. H. A. Tobias, P.Z. 59; Comp. Major T. C. Walls proposed Comp. George Graveley, P.Z. 898; Comp. Henry Lovegrove proposed Comps. Edwin Lewcock, P.Z. 72; F. A. Powell, P.Z. 2416; Joseph Gordon Simcox, P.Z. 1501; and Robertson Reep; and Comp. James Whitaker Burgess nominated Comp. William Cleghorn, P.Z. 185.

As only six were to go on the Committee an election took place.

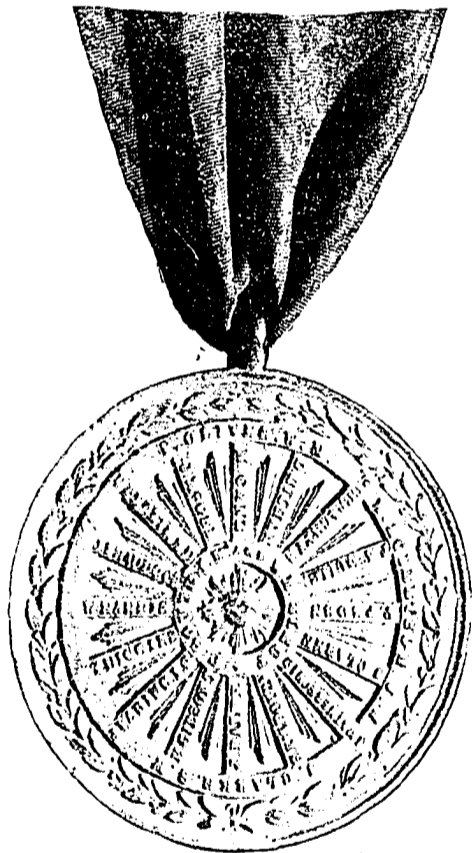
The following was the result: Comps. W. Cleghorn, 39 votes; E. Lewcock, 34; H. A. Tobias, 29; Major T. C. Walls, 28; George Graveley, 28; F. A. Powell, 23; R. Reep, 22; and J. G. Simcox, 19.

Earl Amherst declared the first six duly elected, and Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

### CENTENARY MEDAL OF THE MINDEN LODGE FORMERLY No. 63 ON THE REGISTRY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

Since the last issue of the *Freemason* I have fortunately been able to purchase for the Grand Lodge Museum a very fine specimen of the rare Masonic medal, which is here represented the exact size of the original.

The medal is of copper or bronze, struck from a well-executed die, and thickly gilt, and was evidently worn round the neck suspended by a narrow light blue ribband. The *obverse* bears the names of the members and officers of the lodge during its centenary year, the *reverse* being quite plain. As it bears neither date, name, or number of lodge, it would doubtless have sorely puzzled our Masonic numismatists had it not been for the literary industry of Sergeant-Major John Clarke, of the 20th Regt., who published in 1849 a brief history of the Minden Lodge, then held in that regiment, with an account of the celebration of its Centenary on the 27th December, 1848.



We learn from this interesting pamphlet that in order to perpetuate the Centenary it was resolved on the 28th July, 1848, "that a medal be struck for each member of the Lodge, shewing the names of the Worshipful Master and Wardens to whom the Warrant was originally granted, also the present members."

This resolution appears to have been subsequently modified, as the medal does not show the names of the first three distinguished officers who presided over the lodge.

I note that the present No. 63 on the Registry of Ireland was constituted as recently as 1891. Perhaps the historian of Irish Masonry, Dr. Chetwode Crawley (who I am sure will be delighted with my latest acquisition) will kindly tell us the ultimate fate of the celebrated Minden Lodge and when it was removed from the list of lodges.

HENRY SADLER.

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

The following is a complete list of the brethren on whom it has pleased the M.W. Grand Master, in commemoration of his election to office, to confer Past Rank as Officers of Grand Lodge together with particulars, more or less brief, of the services they have rendered to Freemasonry.

#### [ PAST GRAND WARDENS.

Bro. Mr. Justice BIGHAM, one of the judges of her Majesty's High Court of Judicature, like other distinguished members of his profession, was initiated in the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610 in 1881, and at the present time occupies the chair of W.M. He is also a Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Mr. Justice BUCKNILL, who is also a Judge of the same High Court, was initiated more than a quarter of a century since in the Lodge of Good Report, No. 136, and in 1873 was elected to preside over it as W.M. Since then he has been a joining member of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, and of the Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, while, in 1892, he became a founder and was installed first W. Master of the Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422, Epsom. The following year in consideration of his services to Surrey Masonry in connection with this lodge, the late Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, Prov. G. Master, was pleased to appoint him Prov. J.G. Warden. In 1895, he was appointed Deputy G. Registrar of Grand Lodge. He is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution and has on one occasion served it in the capacity of Steward, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Sir JOHN EDGE, Q.C., who for some years was Chief Justice of the North-west Provinces of India and is now a member of the Secretary of State's Council, obtained his first insight into Freemasonry under the Irish Constitution, having been initiated in the Shakespere Lodge, No. 143, Dublin, as far back as 1862, and some six or seven years later installed as its W. Master. On the 26th April, 1876, he became a member of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. In 1886, he joined the Lodge Independence with Philanthropy, No. 391, Allahabad, and on the 22nd December, 1887, was installed in the chair. During the years 1886 and 1887, he occupied the important position of Deputy Dist. G. Master of Bengal. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Chapter No. 143, Dublin in 1862, joined Sandeman Chapter, No. 391, Allahabad, under the English Constitution, in February, 1887, and the following year was installed in the chair of First Principal Z., and appointed Second Principal of the Dist. Grand Chapter of Bengal. In Mark Masonry he served as Dist. Grand Master of Bengal from 1894 to 1897, and he has taken the 31° under the Supreme Council, 33°, for England of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, he is an annual Subscriber to the Masonic Orphan Girls' and Boys' Schools, Dublin.

#### PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of HEREFORD is the youngest brother of our respected Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, who, since 1852, has presided over the Craft in Warwickshire. He was initiated in the Shakespere Lodge, No. 284, Warwick, on the 28th September, 1865, and installed W.M. in 1869, having two years previously been appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Warwickshire. In 1896, he joined the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, Hereford, and at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Herefordshire in the Cathedral Library on the 8th November, 1897, was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain. Our Herefordshire brethren had determined to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by their annual gathering on that day to celebrate her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee by attending Divine service in the Cathedral when the proceedings of their Prov. Grand Lodge were concluded, and on the occasion the Very Rev. brother preached a most eloquent sermon, which was published in our issue of the following 20th November.

Bro. the Rev. RICHARD PEER, M.A., was initiated in the Adair Lodge, No. 936, Aldeburgh, in the Province of Suffolk, on the 2nd January, 1885, and in 1888 was elected and installed W. Master, having in the interim joined the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 555, Framlingham, and served as its W.M. in 1887. These services were rewarded with the appointment of Prov. G. Chaplain of Suffolk. But his experiences have not been confined to this Province. He has been at different times a member of the Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859, Cambridge; the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, Jersey, and of the Lodges of St. George, and St. John the Baptist, both meeting in the city of Exeter, and numbered respectively 112 and 39, in addition to which he is a Life Member of the Correspondence Circle of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, while in 1892-93 he served as Prov. G. Chaplain of Jersey. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship, No. 376, Ipswich, he helped to found the Henniker Chapter, No. 555, Framlingham, in 1887, and was installed its first M.E.Z., and is a Past Prov. G. Scribe N. of Suffolk. He is also one of the present G. Chaplains of the Mark G. Lodge, Past G. Chaplain in the R. and S. Masters and Allied Degrees, and Past Prov. G. Chaplain and Almoner (K.T.) of East Anglia, and has been perfected Rose Croix and taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, he has served in all six Stewardships, including both our School Centenary Festivals, has qualified as Life Governor of all three Institutions, and made his wife a Life Governor of the Widows' Fund of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. It will be in the recollection of our readers, that our Rev. brother was early last year awarded the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society, and the medals of similar societies in France, for gallantly jumping into the sea from the packetboat in which he was returning to England, and rescuing a girl who had thrown herself over with the intention of committing suicide.

Bro. the Rev. EDWARD R. PARR, M.A., entered upon his career as a Mason on the 26th September, 1871, when he was initiated in the Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues, No. 979, Crewe. On the 12th October, 1875, he was installed its Master, and the following year was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Cheshire. It was also in 1876 that he joined another lodge in the same Province, namely, the Lodge of Unity, No. 321. In 1877, our reverend brother left Cheshire for other spheres of duty, and found himself under the necessity of resigning his connection with the Craft for some years. In fact, from 1880 to 1893, during which period he was English Chaplain in Boulogne, he only once had the opportunity of entering an English Lodge. But on his return to England, in 1893, he resumed active membership, and in March, 1894, joined St. George's Lodge, No. 370, Chertsey, and has risen to be its present S.W., while in the September following he was elected member of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, which is also located in Chertsey, and of which he is Chaplain. In 1895 he was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain, and now that he has this Past Rank conferred upon him is in the fortunate position of being able to exchange the Provincial Purple for—if we may be allowed to use the expression—the Imperial Purple of United Grand Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason during his residence in Cheshire in the Chapter of Unity, No. 321, Crewe, but in the Arch, as in Craft Masonry, his connection with it as an active member ceased during the year of his sojourn in France. However, on the 10th November, 1894, he joined the St. George's Chapter, No. 370, was installed in the chair of M.E.Z. on the 22nd July, 1897, was appointed a few days later Prov. G. Scribe N. Surrey, and was elected for a second time as First Principal last year. In addition, he is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and gave his services as Steward at its Festival in February.

#### PAST GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. G. PITT-LEWIS, Q.C., was initiated in Lodge Honour and Generosity, No. 105, in November, 1871. In 1875 he was founder and first J.W. of Lodge Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584, and in due course was installed W.M. In 1880

he joined the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, and twice represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, in January, 1874, and had passed the three Principals' chairs. He was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. EDMUND OWEN, who is Fellow and Member of Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the Senior Surgeon of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, on the 7th February, 1883. In 1884 he was one of the founders of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, and in 1897, of the Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682, and of these, as well as of his mother lodge—which, be it remarked, are among the most distinguished that meet within the Metropolitan district—he has had the honour of being installed W. Master, namely, of the University of London, No. 2033, in 1892, and of the Studholme, No. 1591, in 1893, and as Deputy Master to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the Sancta Maria, No. 2682, last year. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591, on the 19th February, 1892, and a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, having also served as Steward at its Centenary Festival.

Bro. Captain C. H. GARNETT, of Wyreside, Lancaster, made his first acquaintance with Freemasonry in Canada on the 11th April, 1865, when he was initiated in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, Montreal—which was warranted by United Grand Lodge in 1824, and is one of the three lodges in Canada (Province of Quebec) which, notwithstanding the constitution firstly of the Grand Lodge of Canada and then of that of Quebec, has remained true to its old allegiance—but for many years past has been one of the most prominent figures in the Craft in the Province of West Lancashire, having joined at different times, and being still a member of, the following lodges, namely, the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, which was warranted in 1875, and of which he appears to have been installed first W. Master; the Lathom, No. 2229, Southport; the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, Lancaster; and the Rowley, No. 1051, which meets in the same town. In 1896 he became a founder and first S.W., and has been installed W.M. of the Wyreside Lodge, No. 2605, Garstang. In October, 1877, his services were recognised by his selection to fill the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden, and is a member of the Prov. G. Master's Council. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Royal Union Chapter, No. 118, Halifax, Nova Scotia—which since Nova Scotia became an independent Masonic power has ceased to be on the register of Supreme Grand Chapter—on the 7th October, 1868. Subsequently he joined the Rowley Chapter, No. 1051, Lancaster, and was elected in due course M.E.Z.; while in 1885 he was appointed Prov. Grand J. of West Lancashire. In the Mark Degree he is a Past S.G. Deacon, having had that office conferred upon him in 1888. He was installed Knight of the Order of the Temple in the Prince of Peace Preceptory, No. 97, Preston, and Past E.P. of the Roysds Preceptory, No. 149, Manchester; and, in addition, was appointed 2nd Great Captain of Guards in Great Priory in 1892. In the A. and A. Rite he is Past M.W.S. of the Phillips Rose Croix Chapter, No. 52, Lancaster, and took the 32° in 1889. As for our Charitable Institutions, both local and general, he is a Vice-President, and has been five times Steward, for the Girls' School; a Vice-Patron, with half-a-dozen Stewardships, of the Boys' School; and a Vice-President, with a second half dozen Stewardships, of the Benevolent. He is a Vice-Patron, with four Stewardships, of the Mark Benevolent Institution, and likewise a generous supporter of the West Lancashire Institutions.

Bro. WILLIAM JOHNSTON WALSHAM, F.R.C.S., was initiated in the Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, about the year 1873, and presided over it as W. Master 1886-87. In 1894 he was one of the founders of the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, which is connected with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was installed W.M. in 1897, having the year previous become a founder of the Cavendish Lodge, No. 2620. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, on the 3rd February of the current year. He is a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School, and Life Governor of the Girls' School, and in addition gave his services as Steward for the first-named Institution in 1897, and at the Boys' Centenary last year.

Bro. C. A. BATHURST BIGNOLD is a prominent Norfolk Mason, and has done good service in all the Degrees and Orders with which he has become connected. He was initiated in the Lodge of Union, No. 52, Norwich, and in 1884, during his occupancy of the chair, was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Royal George Chapter, which is attached to No. 52, on the 17th December, 1880, and some four years later was installed M.E.Z., and appointed to the chair of H. in the Prov. G. Chapter. In Mark Masonry he is a P.M. of the Walpole Lodge, No. 92, Norwich; P. Prov. S.G.W. of East Anglia, and in 1896 was appointed G. Std. Bearer of Mark G. Lodge. In the Order of the Temple he is P.E.P. of the Cabbell Preceptory, No. 69, Norwich, and Past Prov. Constable of East Anglia, and in the A. and A. Rite, Past M.W.S. of the Clarence Chapter Rose Croix, No. 116, Norwich, and took the 31° in 1895. He is also an Annual Subscriber to the R.M. Institution for Boys.

Bro. Dr. J. HEPBURN HANDYSIDE is one of the very few brethren in the United Kingdom who can boast of a connection with Freemasonry which has endured for more than 60 years. He was initiated in the St. Andrew's Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 48, in 1837, at which time the late Duke of Sussex, great uncle of the Prince of Wales, was M.W. Grand Master of England, the third Duke of Leinster, G. Master of Ireland, and the distinguished Anglo-Indian Administrator, the late Marquis of Dalhousie, Governor-General of India, under the Hon. E. I. C.—at the time Lord Ramsay—was G. Master of Scotland. Ten years later he affiliated to the English Constitution, and having joined the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, Stokesley, in 1847, was in the course of the same year installed its W. Master. In 1853 he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in the Zetland Chapter, No. 287—now No. 236—York, and having joined the Dundas Chapter, No. 543, Stokesley, was installed M.E.Z. on the 23rd June, 1859. His services to the Craft in N. and E. Yorkshire have been recognised by his appointment to Provincial office, being a Past Prov. G. Warden in Craft and Past Prov. G.H. in Royal Arch Masonry. He is a subscriber to our R.M. Institution for Boys.

#### PAST DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. FRANCIS BEER WESTLAKE is a Mason of upwards 23 years' standing has rendered many and important services both locally and generally, and well deserves the numerous distinctions which have been conferred upon him in the several branches of the Order with which he is connected. He was initiated in November, 1876, in St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Plymouth, of which he has remained a subscribing member till now, and, having filled sundry offices, was elected and installed W.M. in 1883. In 1887, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, he had conferred upon him the brevet rank of P.P.S.G.D. of Devonshire, while last year he was honoured with the still higher appointment of Prov. J.G.W., and his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. has now been pleased to confer upon him the rank of P.D.G.D.C. in Grand Lodge. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the St. John's Chapter, No. 70, on the 20th June, 1878, has filled the chairs of

J., H., and Z., successively, and is a Past G.S.N. of his Province and in 1896 Prov. Third G. Principal, and in 1898 was appointed G. Std. Br. in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark in Temple Lodge, No. 50, Plymouth, on the 17th April, 1877, has occupied the chair, and has been appointed successively Prov. J.G.W. and Prov. S.G.W., the latter office having been conferred upon him in 1896; while in 1897 he was invested with the collar of J.G.D. of the Mark G. Lodge. He is likewise a Templar Mason, having been installed a knight in the Royal Veterans Encampment, No. 10, Plymouth, in 1879, and served as E.P. in 1882. After filling the office of Prov. G. Constable in the Prov. Priory of Devon, he was appointed Prov. Sub-Prior in 1895, and in 1897 First Great Aide-de-Camp in the Great Priory of England. He is, lastly, a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Huyshe Chapter, No. 38, of which he is a Past M.W.S., and having taken the 30° in September, 1887, and the 31° in October, 1891. Thus, as we have said, he has won high distinction in all the various systems of Masonry he has elected to join. But great as are these evidences of Bro. Westlake's enthusiasm for the Craft and the respect in which his services are held, they are very far from representing the sum of what he has done to promote its interests. Firstly, as regards our great Central Masonic Institutions, he is a Vice-Patron of the R.M.I.B. and Vice-President of the R.M.I.G. and Benevolent, and has served in all some 20 Stewardships in their behalf. He is, too, a Vice-President of, and has served four times as Steward for, the Mark Benevolent Fund, while in his own Province of Devonshire he is the heart and soul of every movement that is undertaken with a view to confirming or extending the interests of the local Masonic Charities. Thus he is at one and the same time Vice-Patron and Trustee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, Vice-Patron, Hon. Treasurer and Trustee of the Devon Aged Widows' Annuity Fund, and Patron of the Fortescue Annuity Fund. He served for some time as Chairman of the Masonic Hall and Club Company, Plymouth, and is at the present time Chairman of the Local Charity Stewards' Association. In 1895 he was elected the London Representative of the Committee of Petitions for Devonshire, and in that capacity not only renders invaluable service in securing the election of candidates from Devonshire to the Central Institutions in London, but is likewise a most earnest and, we venture to add, a very successful advocate of the claims which those Institutions have upon the support of the lodges and chapters and brethren generally throughout Devonshire. There is little doubt that the longer Bro. Westlake retains this office, the more fully alive to its duties and responsibilities towards these Central Institutions will the strong and influential Province of Devonshire become. We trust that for many years it may be in a position to reckon upon a continuance of Bro. Westlake's invaluable help in these and other matters Masonic.

#### PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, Past Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australasia), is not only a brother of great experience by reason of his long connection with the Craft, but he is a brother of marked ability and energy. He was initiated in the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, on the 2nd May, 1865, and in 1875 was installed W.M., his services in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland being rewarded, firstly, by his appointment as Prov. G. Steward in the year of his Mastership, and in 1877 by his advancement to the post of Prov. G. Registrar. Subsequently he visited Melbourne, and in 1881 was elected a joining member of the Combermere Lodge, No. 252—the only lodge which since Victoria founded a Grand Lodge of its own, has elected to remain under the banner of England. In 1883 he was installed its W.M., and two years later took part in founding the Gordon Lodge, No. 2112, Essendon—of which he was W.M. in 1885-6—and the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 2124, Collingwood. Both these lodges are located in Victoria, and are now borne on the register of its Grand Lodge; but at the time they were English, and accordingly his services in establishing them, and also in connection with the Combermere Lodge, were regarded with such favour, that the late Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., who was District Grand Master of Victoria under the English and Scottish Constitutions, and Prov. Grand Master under those of Ireland, conferred upon him the collar of Dist. S.G. Warden in 1888, and the year following when Victoria separated itself from our United Grand Lodge his Past rank as District G. Warden was converted into that of Past S.G. Warden of the newly-constituted United Grand Lodge. Since then he has had the still higher honour conferred upon him of Past Dep. G. Master. On returning to England, he again exhibited his old energy. In 1892, he was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the year following joined the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington. He also served on the old Colonial Board and on the Board of General Purposes. As a Royal Arch Mason his career has been only less distinguished than in the Craft. He was exalted in the Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, Whitehaven, on the 18th April, 1873; and, in 1879, was installed its M.E.Z., while as regards Prov. G. Chapter, he has been appointed successively Prov. G.S.B. in 1876, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj. in 1880, and Prov. G.J. in 1893, while in 1888, he was chosen to fill the office of Dist. G. Scribe N. Victoria. He is the author of a valuable "History of Masonry in Cumberland and Westmoreland," and, to crown all, is a zealous friend of our Institutions, having qualified as a Life Governor of both our Schools, the Benevolent Institution, and the Mark Benevolent Fund, and in addition has served twice as Steward for the Boys' School, once each for the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, and thrice for the Mark Fund.

Bro. C. FITZGERALD MATIER is so familiar a figure in Masonry, and has such a widespread reputation in Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, and the other systems and degrees of our Order, that a record of his services seems hardly necessary, more particularly as on the occasion of his appointment as Past G. Std. Bearer of England in 1887, at the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, such a record was published in the Jubilee Number of the *Freemason*. Yet in the 12 years that have since elapsed he has gained such further laurels as to necessitate a description of what he has done. His connection with Craft Masonry dates from 1861, since when he has been a member of many lodges, both in England and Scotland, and on several occasions has been elected to the chair of Master, notably of Humphrey Chetham, No. 645, over which he presided in 1875, and of the Shadwell Clarke Lodge, No. 1910, of which he had the honour of being appointed Secretary at its consecration in 1881, retaining the post until 1887, when he was called to the chair of Master. In Royal Arch Masonry he has won equal distinction, his services to both branches of constitutional Masonry being rewarded by his appointment as Past G. Standard Bearer of Grand Lodge and Deputy G. Dir. of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree he has proved himself a very pillar of strength. In 1872 he received the collar of J.G. Warden of England in recognition not only of his services as Dep. Prov. G. Master of Lancashire, but also and more especially for the signal help he rendered in bringing about the union under Mark Grand Lodge of the English and Scottish Mark Lodges in England. From 1872 to 1874 he was a member of the General Board, from 1887 to 1889 Asst. G. Secretary, and on the retirement of Bro. Fred. Binckes in the latter year he became, and has since retained, the office of G. Secretary. In that capacity he has laboured zealously and successfully to promote the success of Mark Masonry, while under his guidance the annual Festivals of the Mark Benevolent Fund have been among the most charming, and at the same time most profitable, of our yearly Masonic gatherings. He it added that he is G. Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, G. Secretary of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, Hon. 32° of

the A. and A. Rite England, Prov. G. Secretary of London and the Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland, Great Vice-Chancellor and K.C.T. of Great Priory in the Order of the Temple, Intendant General of Division Unattached, and G. Recorder of the Imperial Grand Council in the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and we shall at least be able to form some idea of the cares and responsibilities which rest upon his shoulders. Lastly, he is a Vice-Patron, with seven Stewardships, of the Benevolent Institution; a Vice-President, with five Stewardships, of the Girls' School; Vice-Patron, with 13 Stewardships, of the Boys' School; and Vice-President, with a dozen Stewardships, of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. IMRE KIRALFY, with whose name our readers must be familiar, was initiated, under the Scottish Constitution, in the Lodge of St. George, No. 333, Glasgow, on the 13th May, 1868, but it is not till more than a quarter of a century later that we meet with him in the English Craft, and then we find him as one of the founders and first S.W. of the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, which was constituted in 1895, and of which in December, 1896, he was installed W.M. On the 23rd October, in the same year, he was exalted in Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488. In 1897 he assisted to found the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, and at the present time he occupies the chair of J. in the Bedford Chapter, No. 157. He is also a Templar Mason, having been installed Knight of the Order in Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, No. 26, last year, and in the A. and A. Rite is a member of Palestine Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 29, and has taken the 30°. In behalf of our Institutions, he has done some admirable work, having served as many as seven Stewardships in all, and made himself a Vice-Patron of both our Schools and a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. JAMES FERNANDEZ was initiated in the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, on the 24th March, 1865. In February, 1886, he joined the Drury Lane Lodge, and has since had the honour of being installed W.M. He was exalted a R.A. Mason in the Bayard Chapter, No. 1615, on 6th June, 1889, and in June, 1894, was installed in the chair of First Principal. He has been perfected Rose Croix in the A. and A. Rite, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. THOMAS CATLING, Editor of *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper*, was initiated in the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on the 9th March, 1886, and having towards the close of the same year enrolled himself as one of the founders of the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, was on the 5th February, 1889, installed in its chair as W.M. Five years later he was installed as Master of his mother lodge and thus has the honour of being a Past Master of two of the most popular lodges in the Metropolis, while he is still rendering valuable service to the senior of them in the capacity of Treasurer. He is also a supporter of our Institutions and has enrolled himself as a Life Subscriber of both our Schools and a Life Governor of the Male Fund of our Royal Benevolent Institution.

#### PAST GRAND SWORD BEARERS.

Bro. Capt. ROBERT GRESLEY HALL, D.L., C.C., has done the Masonic state good service during his career. He was initiated in the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, in the Province of Surrey, on the 13th June, 1871. In April, 1875, he joined the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, and having represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1880, was the following year installed its W.M. Since then—on the 9th October, 1893—he has been the principal founder of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge, No. 2484, and had the honour of being chosen by the brethren to preside over its fortunes as W.M. during the first and most critical year of its existence. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Victoria Chapter, No. 1056, and is a Past Z. of the St. Albans Chapter, No. 29, while, in 1897, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, he was one of the London companions selected to have Past Rank as Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter conferred upon them, and was appointed Past G.S. Bearer. In the Order of the Temple, he is the senior member and a P.E.P. of the Holy Palestine Preceptory, No. 129, in which he was installed a Knight in 1875, and in 1886 was appointed 2nd Great Aide-Camp of Great Priory in 1886. He has likewise been perfected Rose Croix and besides qualifying as Life Governor of the three Institutions has served in their behalf six Stewardships, namely, three for the Girls', and two for the Boys' School, and one for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. CHARLES DENNIS HOBLYN is also a brother of long standing, having been initiated in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, on the 4th April, 1872, and 10 years later had the honour of being placed in the chair of W.M. He has also at different times been a member of the following lodges, namely: The Thames Lodge, No. 1895, Henley, in the Province of Oxfordshire, in 1882; in 1886, the United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83, over which he presided as Master in 1893; and in 1896, the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, No. 1616, Weybridge, in the Province of Surrey. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, about 1878, and, having joined the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, was, on the 3rd February last, installed in the chair of First Principal Z. As regards our Charities, he is a Life Governor of, and has served two Stewardships for, the Boys' School, a Life Subscriber of the Girls' School, and a Life Governor of the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. JAMES NEWTON has been a member of our Order for 35 years, and is one of the leading lights in the Province of East Lancashire, with which, indeed, he has been connected during the whole of his Masonic career. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 348, Bolton, on the 28th April, 1864, and having been installed W.M. in December, 1867, resigned in September, 1870, having the month previous, however, joined the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, meeting in the same town, and of which he has ever since remained a member. His zeal for the Craft has led to his being several times honoured with the Provincial purple. In May, 1874, he was appointed Prov. G. Steward, and in 1880 Prov. S.G. Deacon. From 1886 to 1896 he served as Prov. Asst. G. Secretary, and in the latter year, on the resignation of Bro. John Chadwick, he was appointed to, and has since continued to fill, the arduous and responsible office of Prov. G. Secretary. In Royal Arch Masonry he has rendered equally meritorious services, which, we rejoice to say, have been as generously recognised. He was exalted in the Chapter of St. John, No. 348, Bolton, on the 11th December, 1866, and in 1870, and again in 1872, was installed M.E.Z., resigning his membership in 1887. But he still belongs to the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, which he joined in August, 1871, and of which also he has been twice First Principal Z., namely, in 1884 and 1885. In Prov. Grand Chapter he served as Prov. G.S.N. from 1879 to 1881; as Prov. A.G.S.E. from 1887 to 1896, and in the latter year and since has held the post of Prov. G.S.E. He has also associated himself with well nigh all the other Degrees and Orders pertaining to our modern system of Masonry. In the Mark Degree, he is a P.M. of St. John's Lodge (T.I.), Bolton, was one of the founders of the Rose and Thistle Lodge in 1895; joined the Union Lodge, No. 32, Manchester, in 1895; and was Prov. G.I. of W. Lancashire in 1873; while in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner he ranks as a P.C.N. In the Cryptic Rite, he

is a Past G.P. Cond. of Work of the Grand Council; is a member of the Allied Degrees, a Knight Templar—having been installed as such in the St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory in 1870, and a P.M.P.S. of the St. George's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine. Lastly, he is a Vice-President, with three Stewardships, of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, for the former of which he has done duty as Steward at three Festivals, and for the latter at one Festival.

#### PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. V. C. L. CRUMP is a prominent member of the Craft in Shropshire, and has just completed a membership of a quarter of a century. He was initiated in the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury, on the 28th January, 1874, and in December, 1881, was installed W.M. In 1889 he became one of the founders, and was installed first W.M. of the St. Alkmund Lodge, No. 2311, Whitchurch. From 1888 to 1892 he held the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, and in 1893 his services generally were recognised by his appointment to the chair of Prov. J.G.W. He is likewise Past President and the present Hon. Secretary of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on the 3rd April, 1876, in the Salopian Chapter, No. 262, Shrewsbury, and in January, 1885, was installed M.E.Z., but there is no Prov. G. Chapter of Shropshire, and therefore Comp. Crump is not a Provincial Officer in this branch of Masonry. In Mark Masonry, however, in addition to being a P.M. of the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, No. 290, Wolverhampton, and one of the founders, and P.M. of the Shropshire Lodge, No. 444, Shrewsbury, he is Past Prov. G.M.O. of Staffordshire. He is also a member of the Pengwerne Chapter Rose Croix, No. 141, Shrewsbury, in which he was perfected in July of last year. At the present time he is discharging the duties of the following offices, namely, those of Hon. Treasurer of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, and the lodge of instruction working under its authority; the Salopian Chapter, No. 262, and Shropshire Mark Lodge, No. 444, and those of Hon. Secretary of the Tudor R.V. Mark Lodge, No. 290, and the Shropshire Charitable Association, as already mentioned. He has four times served as a Festival Steward for the Girls' School, once for the Old People, and twice for the Boys' School, and is a Life Governor of them all.

Bro. HENRY A. TOBIAS is a Mason of 30 years' standing, having been initiated in the True Craftsman's Lodge, No. 651 on the register of the Grand Lodge of New York, U.S.A., in April, 1869. His connection with the English Craft dates from the 1st October, 1877, when he joined the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, Liverpool, resigning his membership in 1884. Having joined the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, in March, 1878, he was installed W.M. in November, 1879, and four years later was honoured by being installed for a second term of office, while in 1881, he was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works West Lancashire. On taking up his residence in London, he joined the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, in January, 1893, and resigned in 1896, in which year, however, he became a joining member of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, and at the present time occupies the chair of J.W. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Ancient Chapter, No. 1, New York, in October, 1869. In 1879 he joined the Temple Chapter, No. 1094, Liverpool, but resigned membership in 1884. In 1881 he was a founder and first J. of the Israel Chapter, No. 1502, and served two years as M.E.Z. In 1883 he joined the Sefton Chapter, No. 680, Liverpool, and in 1889 the Chapter of Friendship, No. 241, both meeting in Liverpool. Since living in London he has become a joining member of, and has twice presided over, the Montefiore Chapter, No. 1017, and is also a member of Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59, which he joined last year. In 1891 he was appointed Prov. G.D.C. of the Prov. G. Chapter of West Lancashire, and in 1897—the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee—he had conferred upon him the brevet rank of Past G. Standard Bearer of Supreme G. Chapter. As regards our Charities, Bro. Tobias has done good service, having served in all nine Stewardships—three for each of the Institutions—and qualified for each of them as Life Governor.

#### PAST GRAND ORGANISTS.

Bro. JOHN LIONEL A. MONCKTON, a son of that eminent and popular Mason, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., Town Clerk of the City of London, was installed in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in February, 1881, while an undergraduate of Oriel College, and has held office in the Prov. G. Lodge of Oxfordshire, firstly as Prov. G. Steward in 1881, and the following year as Prov. G. Sword Bearer. In January, 1885, he joined Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and having represented it as G. Steward in 1888, was installed W. Master in 1889. He has also served on the Board of General Purposes, and is a Life Governor of both our Schools. As he is a musician of ability and ever-increasing reputation, the honour now conferred upon him is a most appropriate one.

Bro. HERMANN KLEIN, who is a musician of distinction, was initiated in the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, on the 26th March, 1889, and installed W. Master on the 24th January, 1895, having in the interim become a founder of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted on the 7th March, 1892, in the Empire Chapter, No. 2108, and installed in the chair of First Principal on the 7th March, 1898.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

### Matier Lodge, No. 400.

A meeting of the above lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. Geo. Phillipp, Parker, Japhet; Dr. P. S. Abrahams, Shem; Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, P.N., Treas.; Henry W. Kiallmark, P.N., acting Scribe; Dr. J. Pickett, S.O.; Dr. Ludwig Freyburn, Guardian; Raymond Tucker, P.N.; William Vincent (Hon. Member), P.W.C.N.; and C. F. Matier (Hon. Member), G. Secretary.

The lodge was opened in form by Bro. Vincent, P.W.C.N., and the minutes read and approved. Bro. Belgrave Ninnis presented Bro. Geo. P. Parker, W.C.N. elect, to the Installing Officer. Bro. Parker having made the customary declaration, the Acting Scribe read the dispensation for permission to enthrone the brother, he not having served as W.M. in a lodge of Mark Master Masons. The newly enthroned brother selected and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Wright, I.P.M.; Dr. P. S. Abrahams, Japhet; Dr. J. Pickett, Shem; Dr. Belgrave, Ninnis, P.N., Treas.; C. N. Jessop, P.N., Scribe (*in absentia*); J. R. Buckler, S.D. (*in absentia*); Dr. Ludwig Freyburn, J.D.; A. W. Peckham, P.N., Stwd. (*in absentia*); and E. J. Mills, Warder (*in absentia*). The Treasurer having read his report, it was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was taken for Bros. K. J. Robinson, E. J. Stannard, F. W. Elliott, and C. A. Gibbs, all of Egerton of Tatton Mark Lodge. The ballot was unanimously favourable, and Bros. Robinson, Elliott, and Gibbs being in attendance, were introduced and elevated to the Degree by the newly-enthroned W.C.N. in an able manner, after which Bro. Robinson was invested as Guardian. The resignation of Bro. Woolmer Williams was accepted with regret, and letters of apology owing to sickness was received from the Scribe (B. O. Stannard), and Bro. Henry Wright, I.P.M. Lodge was then closed.

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**Masonic Notes.**

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The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme G. Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z. The chief business was the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, among them being several who were selected in place of those Craft Grand Officers who did not possess the necessary qualifications for office in Supreme G. Chapter. A full report of the meeting appears in another column.

We are in receipt of a letter from Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G.M., in which he requests that we will amend the remarks attributed to him in the latter part of his speech in reply to the toast of the Pro Grand Master. He is reported to have said, "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."

What his lordship writes us he did say reads as follows: "I never wished to be short with the brethren, except as regarded my speeches, nor sharp, except as regarded my wits, that I might carry on the business of Grand Lodge satisfactorily; but that I must be decisive, if I was to be worth my salt in the chair of the Masonic Parliament." We regret exceedingly that his lordship's remarks should have been misrepresented, and it has afforded us great pleasure to make the *amende honorable*, as requested.

We have also received letters from Bro. the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee, Grand Chaplain, and others, who, finding that in our records of the services rendered by the new G. Officers we specified those which it was within our knowledge they had performed in other Degrees and Orders included in our modern system of Masonry than the Craft and Royal Arch, have kindly furnished us with additional information as to the offices they have held, and the honours they have received in those other Degrees and Orders. Just at present we are unable to find space for these further additions; but it is our intention to publish in our Christmas Number a collection of such portraits of the recently-appointed Grand and Past Grand Officers as we are able to obtain and, in the event of our deciding to reprint the records which have appeared already and which will be found elsewhere in this number, we shall introduce all the new matter into them, so that they may be as correct and up-to-date as it is possible to make them.

Doubtless our readers will have noticed that in the report we published last week of an emergency meeting of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, on Friday, the 21st ult., Bro. W. A. Bowser, I.P.M., and Secretary, presented the lodge with a complete register of the members from its foundation, which he had carefully compiled and indexed in such a manner that the services rendered by each to the lodge could be seen at a glance. To give his own description of this register it was so designed and prepared as to give "in chronological order of initiation or joining and from official records, full details respecting every brother who had been a 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." It is needless to say that a most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowser for his gift and for the labour and care he had expended in compiling the gift.

Bro. Bowser is to be commended for the zeal which prompted him to undertake and carry out completely a task so arduous. It is not difficult to keep up such a register when once it has been begun, but such a task in the case of lodges that have been in existence for 50, 70, 80, 100 years, and even longer, would be an extremely formidable one, and he will, indeed, be a bold Secretary, and zealous almost beyond all experience, who shall voluntarily add the compilation of such a register to his other arduous duties. The suggestion is an admirable one; but can it be, or rather is there any likelihood of its being carried out in lodges of much older creation than the Earl of Mornington Lodge, which dates from the year 1882?

We take this opportunity of reminding our Staffordshire brethren that the annual meeting of their Prov. Grand Lodge will be held at Handsworth on Tuesday next, the 9th instant, and that the proceedings will, as announced in our last week's Notes, be of more than usual interest. The many and valuable services rendered to the Craft in the Province by Bro. Lt.-Col. Bindley, lately Deputy Prov. G. Master, will be worthily recognised by his brethren. We have no doubt the proceedings will pass off in such a manner as to delight everyone, and that Bro. Lt.-Col. Bindley will be as gratified with the evidence which will then be furnished of the esteem and respect in which he is held, as the brethren themselves will be in the opportunity then afforded them of tendering such evidence.

A chapter of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 12th instant, at 4.45 for 5 p.m., when the M.E. and

Supreme G. Master for the ensuing year will be elected and installed, and will afterwards appoint and invest his officers. The Report of the Council will also be submitted in the course of the proceedings, and, to judge from its tenour, there is little doubt that it will give the utmost satisfaction. Indeed, as regards the finances of the Order, the progress made during the past few years is very great, the Finance Committee reporting that the invested capital of the General Fund is £3800 and of the Benevolent Fund £2500.

When the business of Great Priory is over, a Great Priory of the Order of Malta will be held under the banner of the Preceptory of St. George, London, for the admission of those Knights Templar who may have signified their desire to become Knights of Malta. The banquet will take place at Freemasons' Tavern at 7 p.m., but application for tickets—price one guinea each—must be made not later than Monday, the 8th instant.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at four p.m., when, amongst other business, the Report for the past year, which has been prepared by the usual Committee for presentation at the annual meeting of Governors and Subscribers on Friday, the 19th inst., will be considered and approved.

We are informed that a Warrant for the constitution of a new lodge to be known as the Thomas à Beckett Lodge, No. 2754, has been or is on the eve of being granted by his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master. The meetings will take place at the Thomas à Beckett Tavern, Old Kent-road. The principal officers designate are Bros. H. Carman, W.M.; A. E. Remmington, S.W.; and Thomas W. Gibbs, J.W.

The brethren over whom his Excellency Bro. Lord Sandhurst presides in his dual capacity of Pro Dist. Grand Master of Bombay under the English Constitution and Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, are to be congratulated on having at length realised their long-wished for desire to possess a Hall of their own in Bombay, in which the lodges of the two Constitutions located in that city might meet and carry out their appointed duties. The new Hall was formally consecrated by Lord Sandhurst on Saturday, the 25th March, with becoming pomp and ceremony, and to the intense satisfaction of those who were privileged to be present and witnessed the proceedings. We trust that in this new home our Scottish and English brethren will go on prospering even more abundantly than in the past.

It is with great pleasure we announce that, in celebration of the Tercentenary of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, a grand banquet will be held in one of the largest halls in the city on the 5th July, on the occasion of the visit about to be paid to Edinburgh by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who was affiliated a member of the lodge in 1870, and has graciously consented to be Patron of the Festival. The earliest records of this Lodge—which, as the printed announcement of the Tercentenary justly says, "are admitted by all authorities to be the oldest in the world"—date from "ultimo July 1599," and it is not, therefore, surprising that the members should have resolved on celebrating so unique an event in Masonic history. We must add that brethren desirous of attending the Festival should make early application for tickets—one guinea each—to the Secretary of the lodge—Bro. R. Wood Hawks, 47, Frederick-street, Edinburgh.

We have also to announce that a Tercentenary Edition of the "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of Scotland, will be published during the summer at one guinea per copy, and will contain a full account of the contemplated Festival.

Life-Boat Saturday is fixed for the 13th prox., when we hope that a liberal amount of support will be forthcoming. The Royal National Life-Boat Institution, which is entirely supported by voluntary contributions, is worthy of every help that can be given, and hardly a week passes without the newspapers containing evidence of the gallant services rendered by our Life-Boat crews. The Fund thus obtained is devoted as far as possible to providing grants to the widows and children of those who perish in the performance of their duty and to men who are injured; to pensions and retiring allowances to coxswains and others who have served long and meritoriously, and for other purposes of a similar nature. Thus, whatever is contributed will be thankfully received and faithfully applied to the purposes for which the Fund was started.

## Reviews.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1899."—This neatly-printed and ably-edited annual is in its 27th year of publication, and is as interesting and useful as ever. The editor is Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., who does his work most thoroughly, and only needs to add the total membership of the province to render the little brochure complete. The strength of this compact province is now *three sevens* (777), or an average of fully 55 members per lodge. The voting strength of the province is in advance of previous years and now stands at 2701, which is a very excellent total, and the Mark Benevolent votes are now 348. The portrait for 1899 is that of Bro. the Rev. William Langley, M.A., one of the respected veterans of the local Craft. The particulars as to each lodge, and all other Masonic bodies are very fully given and well arranged.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET" ("Chronicle" Office, Bath).—The annual for 1899 is again edited by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, and the Frontispiece for this year is a portrait of Bro. B. H. Watts, who, as the Editor states in his Preface, "holds high office in all Masonic Degrees," and certainly is so well known as to render any biography unnecessary. This Directory is always strong in statistics, and thus is all the more useful for reference. The 26 Lodges have returned a total of 1254 members to December 31st last, or an average of some 48 per Lodge; the Charity votes held in the Province being 4320, which proves how ready the brethren are to respond to the claims made upon them for assisting the needy and destitute. There are nine Mark Lodges and 11 Royal Arch Chapters in Somerset, about which all needful information is supplied by the Editor. In fact, the Directory gives all particulars that can possibly be looked for or expected in such a handy little volume, and is capitally arranged for reference.

"OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL, 1899."—Bro. J. C. R. Crewes is now the Editor of this valuable Calendar for the county of Cornwall, in succession to Bro. W. J. Hughan (of Torquay), who originated and edited it for many years. It is one of the pioneers of the complete Masonic Directory series, and was never so full of details concerning the Province as now. It is in its 28th year of publication, and is sold at 7d. each, post free, from the Editor, Truro. There are still 113 lodges, the returns for December, 1898, being an average of 66 to each lodge, which is unusually high, and the largest yet tabulated. The "In Memoriam" page contains the names of several lamented Cornish worthies, especially that of the beloved Bro. E. D. Anderton, so long Prov. Grand Secretary. Fortunately for the Province, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. G.M., has selected an excellent successor to that able brother in Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean, of Bodmin. The voting strength of the Province has much improved of late years, thanks to the well-directed labours of Bro. G. B. Pearce, the zealous Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, and now numbers 3706, and 261 for the Mark Benevolent Fund. There are four girls, two boys, and seven annuitants on the Central Masonic Charities, so that the Province is not doing badly for any outlay that has been made, and suggests that there must have been good management of the votes to secure such a result. The Directory is brimful of information, and ably edited and arranged.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

#### CONSECRATION OF ST. EDMUND'S CHAPTER, No. 1983.

The annual meeting of the several Royal Arch Chapters in the Province of Suffolk was held on the 28th ult. at the Town Hall, Halesworth. The occasion was the more important as the opportunity was taken of consecrating the above lodge. The following were present:

Comps. Charles J. Martyn, G. Supt.; B. R. Bryant, P.P.G.J.; N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Scribe E.; S. R. Anness, P.Z. 376, P.P.G.H.; G. P. Price, P.Z. 225, P.P.G.S.B.; Major H. W. H. Cary Elwes, P.Z. 71, P.P.G.H.; J. Holme Pilkington, H. 555, P.P.G. Org.; J. M. Franks, P.Z. 376, P.G.D. of C.; F. W. W. Gross, P.Z. 81, P.G.J.; R. J. Carthew, J. 81; H. J. Wright, M.E.Z. 225, P.P.G.J.; W. Armstrong, P.Z. 1008, P.P.G.J.; R. S. Joy, 1224, P.A.G.D. of C.; G. Turner, M.E.Z. 376, P. 2nd A.G.S.; A. E. Smith, M.E.Z. 376, P.P.G. P.S.; T. Stevenson, 376; R. Barker, 376; John M. Canova, 376; R. T. B. Colling, 494; E. M. U. Adnams, 376; Henry Rix, H. 71; B. S. Bradbeer, P.Z. 71, P.P.G.S.N.; E. W. Lynch, P.Z. 555, P.G.R.; A. H. Hunt, P.S. 71; F. Bower, 71; G. Abbott, P.Z. 225, P.P.G.P.S.; T. E. Key, 376; S. G. Carley, M.E.Z. 555, P.G.H.; E. Hills, H. 959; A. Cocks, M.E.Z. 959; C. H. White, 376; C. E. Whitmarsh, 959; G. F. Hawkins, 1224; H. C. Rance, J. 225; I. Girling, 225; J. Thompson, 225; Geo. Gould, 959, P.G. Janitor; C. Byford, 225, P.P.G.S.B.; E. B. Lewcock, 225; G. H. Garrett, 376; C. H. Youngman, 1631; and F. C. Havers, P.Z. 804, P.P.A.G.S.

After the Prov. G. Chapter had been formally opened, under the presidency of the G. Superintendent, the minutes of the previous Prov. G. Chapter were read and confirmed.

The roll of the officers and chapters was called, and the reports received showed a satisfactory increase of membership during the year.

After the report of the Board of General Purposes had been read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, the Prov. G. Chapter unanimously elected Comp. J. M. Canova, 1983, to be Treasurer for the province.

Comps. H. J. Wright and A. A. Bennett were re-elected Auditors.

The Grand Superintendent (Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn) then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Comp. A. E. Smith, 376, P.P.P.G.S.	...	Prov. G.H.
" B. S. Bradbeer, 71, P.P.G.S.N.	...	Prov. G.J.
" N. Tracy, 376	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" G. P. Price, 225, P.P.G.S.B.	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. M. Canova, 376	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. H. Youngman, P.Z. 1631	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, P.Z. 555	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. J. Carthew, H. 81	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" F. Spashett, M.E.Z. 71	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" G. F. Hawkins, H. 1224	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. C. Rance, J. 225	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. M. Franks, 376	...	} Prov. G.D.Cs.
" A. Cocks, Z. 959	...	
" A. Spalding, 376	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Geo. Gould, 959	...	Prov. G. Janitor

Comp. John Thompson, 225, superintended the musical arrangements of the service, and presided at the organ.

After the closing of the Prov. G. Chapter, the ceremony of consecrating the St. Edmund's Chapter, No. 1983, was proceeded with, Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Prin. Soj., being the Consecrating Officer.

After the ceremony of dedication and constitution of the chapter, Comp. A. E. Smith, P.Z. 376, P.G.H., was installed M.E.Z., Comp. M. U. Adnams, H.; and Comp. G. H. Garrett, J.

Comp. A. E. Smith then invested the officers of the St. Edmund's Chapter as follows: Comps. R. Barker Stanford, Treas.; T. Stevenson,

S.E.; R. F. B. Coling, S.N.; J. M. Canova, P.S.; C. H. White, 1st A.S.; H. Jones, 2nd A.S.; and T. E. Key, Org.

The following is a list of founders in addition to above: Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Supt.; F. Havers, P.Z.; B. R. Bryant, P.Z.; H. C. Monteith, P.Z.; and N. Tracy, P.Z., P.G.S.E., &c.

In the evening a banquet was held at the King's Arms Hotel, to which the Provincial Grand Officers and officers and companions of St. Edmund's Chapter sat down.

After dinner the usual Masonic and other toasts suitable to the occasion were duly honoured.

### MASONIC SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WALWORTH.

There was a large gathering of the Craft in South London on Sunday evening last. The crypt made an excellent robing room. The musical arrangements were excellent, Bro. R. Hilton's fine bass voice being especially admired. Even-song was finely rendered by Bro. the Rev. A. G. Lennox-Robertson, P.M., P.Z., P.D.G.C., Curate of St. Peter's. The first lesson was read by Bro. Dr. G. Milsom, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks, and the second lesson by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B. An excellent sermon was preached by the Venerable Archdeacon Stevens, P.G. Chap. Bro. P. Nairne, P.G.D., with many Past Masters and Prov. G. Officers, attended.

### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

This happy event took place at the Ship Restaurant, Charing-cross, S.W., on Saturday, the 29th ult., under the able presidency of Comp. Thomas Grummant, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1275, &c., supported by Comps. Chas. Meierhoff, P.Z.; Barr, P.Z.; White, H.; Willcox, P.Z.; Cureton, P.Z.; Harper, P.Z.; Dunn, P.Z.; Loader, P.Z.; Dawson, M.E.Z.; Cass, H.; Derham, P.Z.; H. C. Turner, J.; Patrick, P.Z.; Frampton, Bruton, Wright, Lightfoot, P.Z.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z.; Hayward, Ellis, P.Z.; Pacy, Sobel, and C. H. Stone, P.Z.

After an excellent dinner provided by the manager, E. L. Vallerie, and personally superintended by him, for which he received thanks, the PRESIDENT gave the loyal and R.A. toasts, and spoke in highly congratulatory terms, of her Majesty's auspicious reign and of his Royal Highness the G.Z., on having completed his 25th year as ruler in the Craft, which were received most royally.

Comp. R. J. VOISEY, P.Z., Treas., and one of the founders of the chapter 11 years ago, next proposed the toast of the evening, "The President," with whom he had been associated in Freemasonry for nearly a quarter of a century. In the President was combined all that was good of the work in R.A. Masonry; he was an authority which all recognised, his charity was unbounded, and he had the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He had succeeded to the Preceptorship of the chapter of instruction at a very critical time, but had proved himself equal to the occasion, and had obtained a perfect grip of the situation. In a Preceptor should be summoned up a good man, capable of working any ceremonies, a good teacher, genial, and kind hearted towards all, and whatever other qualities were required were possessed by Comp. T. Grummant, in whom there was no guile. There was wanted no greater evidence of his capabilities than to note the prosperity of the Star Chapter of Instruction.

In reply, Comp. T. GRUMMANT thanked the proposer for such flattering remarks, and for its cordial reception by the companions. The honour of presiding at the annual supper was with the M.E.Z. of the mother chapter, and that by the kind suffrages of the companions had fallen to his lot the second time after a lapse of 13 years. He certainly was much attached to Royal Arch Masonry, and was convinced that much good had been done in the chapter of instruction. He paid a high tribute of respect to the late Comp. Bumstead, who laboured so hard at Greenwich. The time came when a few companions (who regularly attended at Greenwich under so excellent a Preceptor as he was) thought a chapter of instruction should be founded in Camberwell, which took place about 11 years ago, and from that time to the present it had proved a perfect success; it had an almost unbroken record; there had only been one or two blank meetings during the whole of that time. The amount of good had been proved by the many excellent Principals who had attended it, and were present that evening. Their attendance was most inspiring, and whatever service he had rendered he should continue to bestow so long as he possessed their kindly feelings, and had their hearty support.

The toast of "Success to the Star Chapter of Instruction" was next presented by Comp. T. GRUMMANT in words of eulogium on the Scribe E., who had worked most assiduously in bringing the chapter to its successful issue. There had been a chapter of instruction held in Camberwell some years ago under the late excellent Preceptor, Comp. Poore, but it eventually died out, and was in abeyance for some years. The matter was taken in hand by a few companions, however, to found the Star Chapter of Instruction, among whom was Comp. Voisey, the worthy Treasurer, who was so conversant with the splendid ritual, and quite an authority from his large experience in Royal Arch Masonry, and, in fact, to whom to a very great extent the success of the chapter was due. The Star Chapter of Instruction had nobly supported the Charities too, and he hoped it would long continue in the excellent work with such noble results. "Success to the Star Chapter of Instruction," coupled with the name of Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.

In response, Comp. STONE said he was gratified to hear such very kind words from the worthy President, and he certainly was only too pleased to render his best service to what he considered second to none in London. Certainly the chapter had an excellent record, having been founded 11 years, had had weekly meetings except during three months' recess in the summer, and its average for the past year for 34 convocations was 10, which for a chapter of instruction was, he thought, an excellent record. In benevolence it had not been behind, for from its funds four Life Subscriberships in the Masonic Charities had been voted, besides several guineas in other benevolent works. It was to him a labour of love to work with Comps. Grummant, Preceptor, and Voisey, Treas., his sponsor in Freemasonry, and he could not but mention the yeoman service Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., had rendered the chapter of instruction; and so long as he had their kind suffrages nothing would please him better than to continue in the same good work and carry out his duties to their entire satisfaction.

The toast of "The Visitors" was duly honoured, and ably replied to by Comp. ELLIS, P.Z.

Comp. CHAS. MEIERHOFF, P.Z., in words of commendation, gave the toast of "The Officers," which was most suitably responded to by Comps. GRUMMANT, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. VOISEY, P.Z., Treas.; and C. H. STONE, P.Z., S.E. Some capital harmony was rendered by Comps. W. R. Barr, J. H. Cureton, and Frampton; and Comp. Frampton also rendered a capital recitation. Comp. Harper, P.Z. 2182, ably accompanied upon the piano. The tables were very prettily decorated with flowers, which added greatly to a very successful and happy gathering.

## Ireland.

### SOCIAL MEETING IN CRUMLIN ROAD MASONIC HALL.

The committee of the bazaar recently held in connection with the Crumlin-road Masonic Hall entertained on the 21st ult., the ladies who had assisted at the various stalls, and also the stewards and friends who had helped to bring the matter to a successful issue. A large party had assembled in the hall at eight o'clock, tea being served in the refreshment room on the ground floor. A conversation followed, during which an opportunity was given to the guests to inspect the building. At 10 o'clock a short meeting was held in the large hall, presided over by the R.W. Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P., Prov. Dep. Grand Master, Antrim, who was supported by the following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers: V.W. Bro. W. Rankin, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Bro. Arthur Williamson, M.A., P.S.G.D.; W. Bro. George H. Eakins, P.G.S.B.; W. Bro. John H. Gault, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Bro. D. J. Barry, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Bro. R. B. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Bro. R. Armstrong, P.P.G.S. Amongst those present were: Bros. T. Campbell, A. Nixon, J. M'Alpine, W. H. Hicks, R. G. Dawson, Councillor D. H. Matthews, D. Martin, J. M. Logan, S. J. Pink, Dr. Ritchie, J. M'Comish, J. Allen, J. H. Peden, W. H. Minshell, D. Moore, W. Buchanan, Dr. English, H. M'Laughlin, D. W. Girvan, S. Auld, Wm. Hart, J. Tattersall, J. Nesbitt, W. Walker, J. Haveron, W. M'Master, S. Hutchinson, and G. Hipson; also Alderman E. C. Bigger, M.D.; Messrs. W. E. Dighton, J. M'Curdy, and H. Scott. Letters of apology were announced from Bros. J. C. Meredith, LL.D., D.G.M. Ireland; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D.; J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., P.S.G.W. Dorset; W. Redfern Kelly, P.P.S.G.W.; B. W. D. Montgomery, P.P.S.G.W.; George Andrews, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., President; J. Kirkwood, P.G. Treas.; Colonel James M'Calmont, M.P.; F. W. Ewart, Maurice C. Hime, LL.D.; John Gregg, J.P.; J. D. Williamson, M.D., P.P.S.G.W. Down; A. Martin, P.P.S.G.D., Honorary Treasurer; Sir James Henderson; and Right Honourable W. J. Pirrie.

The Grand Honours having been given, the CHAIRMAN addressed the meeting. He congratulated the brethren on the final consummation of their work in that connection. It was most creditable that a sum of £2200 should have been raised in such a short time. Of this sum, he understood £1200 had been made by the bazaar alone. They were now in the enviable position of being absolutely clear of debt, and having, moreover, a substantial balance vested in their trustees. Now that their own labours were over, he hoped they would throw themselves heartily into the several urgent schemes of Charity being promoted by the general body of the Order. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim had guaranteed a sum of £2000 towards the Victoria Hospital Scheme; two large instalments had already been paid over to the hospital authorities, and he hoped to see the brethren of the lodges meeting in that hall written largely amongst the subscribers of the final instalment. Then there was also the centenary scheme in connection with the Masonic Boys' School, which was about to be enlarged. A considerable number of the children in those Schools came from the North of Ireland, and the brethren should consider it their duty to support them in a corresponding degree. Reverting to the bazaar, the Chairman commented most favourably on the measure of its success attributable to Bro. R. B. Andrews, the Honorary Secretary. Bro. Andrews was always very energetic in his efforts on behalf of the Order, but this time he had surpassed himself. He was happy to be the medium of conveying to Bro. Andrews and his wife the splendid presentation which his colleagues in the work had prepared for him. In conclusion, the Chairman called on Bro. D. J. Barry, Secretary of the Presentation Committee, to read the address. The presentation, which consisted of a purse of sovereigns for Bro. Andrews, and a handsome marble clock and ornaments for Mrs. Andrews having been made, Bro. Andrews read his reply. Gold medals, with a suitable design and inscription were then presented to: Bros. George Andrews, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., Chairman of the Committee; J. H. Gault, P.P.S.G.W. and Thomas Campbell, P.M., P.K., Vice-Chairmen; Arthur Martin, P.P.S.G.D., Hon. Treas.; R. B. Andrews, P.P.G.S.B., Hon. Sec.; S. Pink and W. Minshell, hon. architects; and D. H. Matthews, Chairman Ladies' Committee. Bros. Gault and Matthews suitably responded. Votes of thanks to the ladies who assisted at the bazaar and to the Chairman brought a most interesting ceremony to a close. Dancing then commenced and continued until an advanced hour, the music being supplied by a string band, conducted by Mr. Millon.

"Address and Presentation to Worshipful Bro. R. B. ANDREWS, P.P.G.S.B. Antrim; P.M. 21, 226, and 259; P.K. 21 and 259, Belfast; Hon. Member R.A.C. 513, Ligonel; Hon. Member 125, Ayre, S.C.; Hon. Member, R.A.C. 3, S.C.; Hon. Member, Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester, E.C.; Hon. Sec. and Trustee, New Masonic Hall, Crumlin-road, Belfast; Ex-Chairman, Belfast Masonic Charity Fund.

"DEAR BROTHER ANDREWS,—Your colleagues on the Building Fund and Bazaar Committee, and the Brethren generally of the Lodges associated in that important enterprise, gladly take the opportunity presented by the final and satisfactory closing of the accounts to congratulate you on, and most heartily thank you for, the eminent success by which your great efforts have been crowned.

"In asking you at the outset to act as Honorary Secretary of the movement to provide adequate and suitable premises for the accommodation of the Lodges and Chapters then meeting in the rooms at Beechpark, we were largely guided by our knowledge of your many good social qualities and the manner in which you had discharged the various Masonic labours which had been entrusted to you. We had observed with pleasure your conduct in the chair of your Lodge and Chapter, and also in the wider sphere afforded you as an Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. You had proven how deep an interest you take in those departments of our Order, which have for their object the relief of the poor and distressed, by your active work in the Belfast Masonic Charity and Widows' Fund; and the recognition of that work by your fellow-members of Committee electing you to the chair of the parent organisation was nowhere received with greater delight than amongst the brethren of the Beechpark Lodges.

"We gratefully acknowledge how entirely you have justified our confidence in you. To you in the highest degree it is due that the Crumlin-road Masonic

Hall is an accomplished fact, and absolutely free from all encumbrance. We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude for the great work you have done for us, but we ask you to accept, as a very slight token of our regard, this Address and the Purse of Sovereigns by which it is accompanied.

"We have also great pleasure in presenting to Mrs. Andrews the accompanying Clock and Ornaments as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by her in connection with the undertaking.

"We trust that many further opportunities will be given you for labour on behalf of our revered Institution, knowing as we do that their successful issue will be your greatest reward.

"Wishing you, Mrs. Andrews, and your family long life and prosperity,

"We are,

"Dear Br. Andrews,

"Yours sincerely and fraternally,

(Signed)

- "GEORGE ANDREWS, J.P., P.P.S.G.W., President.
- "JOHN H. GAULT, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Vice-President.
- "THOMAS CAMPBELL, M.E.K., Vice-President.
- "ARTHUR MARTIN, P.P.S.G.D., Hon. Treas.
- "DAVID H. MATTHEWS, President Ladies' Committee.
- "DAVID J. BARRY, P.K., P.P.G.S.B. } Hon.
- "SAMUEL M'NEILLY, JUN. } Secs."

Bro. R. B. ANDREWS was initiated in April, 1881, in the Temple Lodge, No. 51, Belfast, and afterwards joined the Falls Lodge, No. 226, of which he is still a member. In 1883, he was requested by a number of brethren to form a new lodge, and accordingly he did so by founding the Duke of Leinster Lodge, No. 259, and acted as Secretary for the first year, when he was elected S.W., and the following year W.M., which office he filled with grace and dignity, and at the termination of his year of office he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. He again acted as Secretary in the same lodge for some years, and on relinquishing that position, he was presented with an address and gold watch, as a slight recognition of his services in conferring Degrees, &c. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Friendly Brothers Chapter, No. 609, of which he is still a member. He afterwards founded Chapter No. 259, and successfully filled the M.E.K.'s chair, and, as a testimony of those services, was presented with a P.K.'s jewel. In 1889, he was unanimously elected Prov. G.S.B. of Antrim, and was the first to carry the handsome sword presented by the late Bro. Valentine, and he assisted at the interesting ceremony of installing the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford as Provincial Grand Master of Antrim. He was a founder of the Thomas Valentine Lodge, No. 21, in 1890—the Grand Lodge of Ireland, at the request of Bro. Andrews, specially granting this number—and the late Bro. Valentine, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, at the dedication ceremony of the lodge, presented Bro. Andrews, who was the first W.M., with a handsome ivory



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maul, which he handed over to the lodge, for use in the ceremonies. He occupied the chair of Worshipful Master for two years, and at the termination he was presented with a beautiful and illuminated address, gold Albert and seal. He also founded a chapter in connection with this lodge and having passed the M.E.K.'s chair, he was Chaplain for some years. In 1897, he was elected Chairman of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, which position he filled with credit to the Craft, and at all ceremonials in connection with the Order Bro. Andrews takes a prominent part as he is especially well up in directing ceremonies. Lodge 21 is a very prosperous one and issues for each meeting a very handsome circular, which Bro. Andrews got up, and to which we referred some years ago, while the hospitality which the lodge extends to visitors is unbounded as they have on several occasions entertained distinguished Masons from the English and Scotch Constitutions, as Bro. Andrews has the distinguished honour of being connected with both, being an hon. member of Lodge No. 125, Ayr, and R.A.C. 3, and also of No. 1993 Manchester, as well as of many other lodges and chapters in Ireland.

#### REPLY.

"DEAR BRETHREN,—I cannot find words adequate to express to you the deep sense of gratitude and pleasure I feel at being made the recipient of this beautiful Address and of the very valuable Present which accompanies it, but I thank you with all my heart for your costly Gift, and still more for the kind and all too flattering terms in which you have referred to my efforts as Honorary Secretary of the movement to provide suitable premises for the accommodation of the Lodges and Chapters with which we are connected.

"I am very proud indeed to know that anything that I have been instrumental in doing to bring the undertaking to the satisfactory position in which it

now is has met with your kind approbation, and while heartily acknowledging the kind feeling which has prompted you to attribute the success of the enterprise to any efforts of mine, I think it only right to say that had it not been for the loyal support and co-operation of all the Officers and Brethren, and more especially of the Ladies, to whom all honour is due, the eminent success which has crowned our labours could not have been achieved.

"I am deeply sensible of and heartily appreciate your kind reference to my actions in connection with the various offices in Masonry which I have had the honour of occupying, and the knowledge that my actions have met with the approval of the Brethren will be an incentive to me to continue to do all that lies in my power to deserve the confidence and esteem which you have so warmly extended to me, and for which I cannot sufficiently thank you.

"Your allusion to my work in connection with the Masonic Charities touches a sympathetic chord in my heart, and I am pleased, indeed, to know that my efforts in this direction have been observed by my Brethren, particularly so as it is a department of our work in which I have always had the most heartfelt interest, and it is worthy of all the attention that can be bestowed upon it.

"I accept very gratefully your fraternal Address and Presentation, and Mrs. Andrews also desires gratefully to acknowledge the handsome Present which you have made to her.

"In again thanking you for your kindness, I can assure you that it shall be my greatest aim in the future, as it has been in the past, to work in the interests of our noble Order, and I shall at all times be ready and willing to carry out the duties entrusted to my care to the best of my ability, feeling assured that I have the hearty support and brotherly good feeling of all my fellow-workers in the same cause.

"Mrs. Andrews and my family join with me in reciprocating your kind wishes, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare you all to continue your good work in Peace, Love, and Harmony, for the advancement of our Ancient and Honourable Society.

"I am, dear Brethren,

"Yours gratefully and fraternally,

"R. B. ANDREWS."

## Craft Masonry.

### Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Wm. Briggs, L.L.M., W.M.; T. C. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas Ockelford, J.W.; G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Mills, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Stafford, S.D.; T. J. Burgess, J.D.; John Briggs, M.A., D.C.; E. Vidler, I.G.; W. R. Emerson, F. Bristow, jun., and George Smith, Stwds.; J. C.uer, I.P.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; D. C. Langdon, P.M.; Chas. Cordingley, P.M.; J. G. Powell, J. L. Leslie, A. Bayman, G. A. Ward, E. M. Hall, C. Helby, Arthur Davies, E. Thornicroft, E. Schneider, A. G. Peckham, R. Lockyer, A. E. W. Hazel, Philip Sharp, P.M., hon. member; Jas. King, S. W. Heaton, Chas. Yates, B. Hall, J. J. Berry, and J. H. Selmes. Visitors: Bros. R. M. Hammound, 19; N. J. Boyle, S.D. 2484; J. M. Harvey, 2727; G. A. Jeel, 463; F. H. Birdsey, 79; T. A. Guyatt, 2727; H. S. Davison, W.M. 88; W. H. De Maid, 2353; J. Cowtar, Stwd. 2362; J. H. Moyes, I.P.M. 88; J. R. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Camb; W. Briant, P.M. 101; A. Sarjant, P.M. 1599; Jas. Sharpe, 2507; G. H. Pizey, S.D. 2374; M. Fortescue, Org. 2472; Thos. Steer, J.W. 1287; W. F. Watkinson, S.W. 742; H. G. Pridmore, P.M. 2148; A. Phippard, 1613; F. Dixon, 171; A. G. Wallis, 1201; W. Adams, P.M. 1687; W. G. French, 1687; Wm. Vincent, P.M. 1194, P.G. Std. Br.; G. R. Brown, P.M. 2467; T. Taylor, W.M. 2256; A. G. Beale, P.M. 59; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous regular lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Lockyer, and it proving unanimous in his favour he was initiated by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Helby and Dr. Leslie were passed by Bro. J. C.uer, I.P.M. Bro. Thomas Chas. Taylor, W.M. elect, was presented to the W. Master, who installed him in an efficient manner. The W.M. was saluted by the P.Ms. present (20). The brethren were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. The investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. Wm. Briggs, L.L.M., I.P.M.; Thos. Ockelford, S.W.; T. J. Burgess, J.W.; G. G. Symons, P.M., Treas.; W. G. Mills, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Vidler, S.D.; W. R. G. Emerson, J.D.; J. Briggs, M.A., D. of C.; J. J. Berry, A.D.C.; S. W. Heaton, Org.; Fredk. Bristow, I.G.; Wm. Sammes, Almoner; Henry Durell, Geo. Smith, Arthur Hall, E. M. Hall, W. Selmes, A. Davies, G. F. Ward, and Bromley Hall, Stwds.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. The installing Master impressively delivered the three addresses. The lodge was then closed.

After the banquet the usual loyal toasts were given: "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The M.W. Pro G.M., The Earl Amherst," "The R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Warwick;" and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Wm. Vincent, P.G. Std. Br., replied on behalf of the Grand Officers.

The I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." In his few brief remarks, Bro. Briggs said that the W.M. was an advertisement in himself. He alluded to his late illness. Congratulated him on his recovery, and, on behalf of the lodge and himself, welcomed him as the W.M., and trusted he might have a happy year of office.

The toast was received with acclamation by the brethren.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren most heartily for their kind wishes, which would encourage him in the discharge of his important duties.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Wm. Briggs." He spoke of his uniform great kindness to the brethren during his prosperous year of office, of his liberality on behalf of the Masonic Charities. That on the late Festival of the Centenary of the Boys' School, he had taken up over £300. He alluded to the admirable way in which he had performed the duty of Installing Master that evening; that, as yet, he had only been five years a Mason. On behalf of the lodge he presented him with the Past Master's jewel, and also a Past Master's collar and jewel voted to him by the lodge, as a token of the appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered.

The I.P.M. replied in a few well-chosen words of thanks.

"The Visitors" were then proposed, to which Bros. Spencer Reynolds Green, M.A., Sc.D., Taylor, Harvey, and others replied.

"The Initiate" was proposed by the I.P.M., who alluded to the intelligent interest the candidate had evinced during the ceremony.

The initiate replied in a few sensible and amusing words.

Bro. C.uer replied on behalf of "The P.Ms.," then followed "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a successful evening.

The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the excellent singing of Miss Edith Kingsford, Miss Johnson, and Bros. Gurney Russell and Tom Burgess.

### Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Alfred P. Crab, W.M.; Frank E. Rosher, I.P.M.; P. Howard Rosher, S.W.; Jno. Woodhouse, J.W.; J. W. Howard Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Times, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey Sykes, S.D.; W. de B. Herbert, J.D.; W. M. Thompson, I.G.; Henry W. Clarkson, Org.; G. E. Wainwright, P.M.; J. R. Drake, P.M.; Harry Bearman, Joseph W. Ellis, C. J. Andrews, William H. Burt, A. Spencer Ellam, Percy L. Ellis, Hayward J. Strudwick, John A. Dugdale, and E. H. Palin Francis. Bros. Lionel Cooke, W.M. 2108, and D. T. Tudor, J.W. 176, were visitors.

The Three Degrees were worked in the excellent manner for which this lodge is noted, after which the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet.

### United Good Fellowship Lodge, No. 809.

The installation meeting was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, on the 27th ult., when Bro. R. J. Sharman, P.P.G. Stwd., was placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. John H. Foster, P.G.S.B., the outgoing W.M., performed the work up to the Third Degree; and the installation was undertaken by Bro. Henry Thorns, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The following officers were afterwards appointed and invested: Bros. John H. Foster, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. S. Johnson, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; T. Ground, J.W.; Rev. A. C. Crosfield, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Leach, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. Bray, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. H. Dennis, S.D.; P. Brammall, J.D.; H. Thorns, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; E. J. Brooking, Org.; H. F. M. Peatling, I.G.; J. R. Bambridge, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., A. W. May, and H. Davis, P.P.G. Org., Stwds.; and A. Bothamley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

The brethren, who included visitors from Cambridge and elsewhere, afterwards sat down to banquet.

### Victoria Lodge, No. 1056.

A very successful installation meeting was held in connection with this lodge at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on the 27th ult. There was a very numerous attendance of brethren, including a large number of visitors. The members included Bros. E. Noyes, W.M.; G. J. Gissing, S.W.; C. A. Hales, P.M., J.W.; W. Perrin, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Allen, P.M., Sec.; U. Latreille, P.M. (the first initiate of the lodge); T. W. Skelton, P.M.; W. R. Cooper, P.M.; F. King, P.M.; J. P. Allen, P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; H. J. Sha'pe, P.M.; H. G. Danby, P.M.; J. Boulton, P.M., P.G.P.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Grimmer, 2145; H. Leigh Mitchell, 2345; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.; S. V. Abraham, 1017; T. Berg, P.M. 1613; C. O. Cheetham, P.M. 993; W. R. King, P.M. 1671; A. E. Purkis, S.W. 1314; V. Sellers, P.M. 810; C. Hubbard, P.M. 820; C. A. Gompertz, P.M. 869; H. Newland, P.M. 28; G. Redding, P.M. 917; W. Dawson, P.M. 1622; F. Page, P.M. 1613; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and many others.

The opening of the lodge was followed by the confirmation of the minutes and the adoption of a satisfactory Audit Report. Bro. G. J. Gissing was then installed as W.M. in a very impressive manner by Bro. E. Noyes, and invested the following officers: Bros. Edward Noyes, I.P.M.; Charles A. Hales, P.M., S.W.; Henry Mitchell, J.W.; William Perrin, P.M., Treas.; Charles Allen, P.M., Sec.; Horace J. Mitchell, S.D.; Richard J. Richards, J.D.; Frank Putnam Smith, I.G.; Frederick W. Bishop, D.C.; David Haes, Stwd.; William Hugh Wood, Org.; and James Rawles, Tyler. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, Bro. Marcham superintending, and the usual toasts were subsequently given.

Bro. S. Cochrane, speaking on behalf of "The Grand Officers," said it was an exceptional pleasure for him to be present, as he first saw the light of Freemasonry in this lodge many years ago. This lodge also subscribed liberally to the testimonial with which he was presented on his appointment as a Grand Officer. Revisiting this lodge always seemed like coming back to one's own family, and he hoped to live to continue to enjoy the friendship of the brethren in the lodge.

Bro. V. Abrahams, P.G.P., said the toast inspired two thoughts. One of thankfulness to those who had served in Grand Office, and hopefulness for those to be appointed in the future.

Bro. E. Noyes, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that Bro. Gissing had been a constant and regular attendant at the lodge ever since his initiation 11 years ago, and had shown so much skill and ability in the various offices that they were sure he had well deserved and merited the honour conferred upon him. There was no need to take up their time by extolling the W.M.'s virtues, and his assistance in the working of the lodge was common knowledge. He was imbued with the true spirit of Masonry having a desire to be happy and to unite in the grand design of communicating happiness to others. His labours on behalf of the Masonic Charities reflected the greatest honour. The Boys' School had already benefited and the W.M. had now consented to represent the lodge at the coming festival of the Girls' School when they hoped to have a bumper list. It only remained to wish him a happy year of office, trusting he would have health and strength to carry through his work as it ought to be done.

Bro. G. J. Gissing, W.M., returned thanks, and said he only hoped he should be able to perform the duties of his important office to their satisfaction for then he should think he was entitled to some credit. He had no mean task before him for those who had preceded him in the chair during the last 30 years were not of ordinary stuff, and if he could only equal them he should think he had done a great deal. He felt he had the good wishes and would have the earnest support of every member. At the Boys' School Centenary they did far more than he expected, and he knew they would do their best at the next Girls' School Festival.

Bros. C. Cheetham, P.P.G.W. E. Lances; Gompertz, P.M.; and Berg, P.M.; responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," referring to his excellent services, and presenting him with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. E. Noyes, I.P.M., expressed his appreciation for the gift and for the support accorded him during the past year, and other toasts having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a successful evening.

### Universities Lodge, No. 2352.

The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Durham. There was a large attendance of brethren, including many visitors, and when the lodge was opened the scene was a brilliant one. The members of the lodge, in addition to their Masonic clothing, wore their academic gowns and hoods, the military visitors their uniforms, and the Mayors of Durham and Darlington their mayoral robes and chains of office.

The minutes being read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. G. Hare Philipson (Professor of Medicine in the University of Durham), proceeded in a very impressive manner to install Bro. Middlemiss, M.D., the W.M. elect, into the chair of the lodge, Bro. Hill Drury, M.D., acting as D.C. Bro. Middlemiss then invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Hare Philipson, M.D., I.P.M.; Rev. Collier Biggs, M.A., P.P.G.C., S.W.; Rev. Edgar Boddington, M.A., P.P.G.C., J.W.; Rev. A. Boot, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Rev. Canon Kynaston, D.D., P.G.C. England, Treas.; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., P.A.G.D.C. England, Sec.; Rev. P. W. Clarke, M.A., P.P.G.C., S.D.; Rev. H. Ellershaw, M.A., J.D.; L. Booth, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; Rev. L. J. Wilkinson, M.A., P.P.G.C., Org.; Eustace Hill, M.D., I.G.; and Rev. F. D. Brookes, M.A., Prov. G.C., and W. N. Cochrane, B.A., Stewards. The lodge voted £5 5s. to the Durham Masonic Festival and £2 2s. to the Endowment Fund of St. Paul's Church, Malta.

After salutations had been received from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Three Tuns Hotel, where the installation banquet was held.

The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, including the toast always given in No. 2352—"The Sister University Lodges."

### Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Crowle, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. J. Franks, W.M., presided, the whole of his officers being present, viz., Bros. Scholey, I.P.M.; Lee, S.W.; Cundall, J.W.; Fox, Sec.; Staniforth, Treas.; Constable, Chap.; Dowson, S.D.; Brock, J.D.; Chamberlain, D.C.; Rendall, I.G.; Barrett, Hemingbrough, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Pawson, F. H. Buckland, and A. W. Fretwell, all of 242; and J. A. Carter, 2259.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Staniforth gave the explanations of the first and second tracing boards, with the Lectures corresponding therewith, with such perfect correctness that those who had not heard them before found them most interesting and impressive.

The brethren afterwards partook of a light supper at the invitation of the W.M.

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

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult. Present: Bros. G. Eland, W.M.; H. A. Fenton, I.P.M.; E. Hirst, S.W.; E. Simpson, J.W.; B. M. Maskill, Treas.; R. Brew, J.D.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; T. R. R. Marsdin, I.G.; J. A. Carter and E. Donkin, Stwds.; F. Pine, Tyler; J.

Constable, Sec.; Theo. Barber, D.C.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M.; and J. H. Pawson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Buckland, P.M. 242; T. H. Turner, W.M. elect 242; and W. Peacock, 242.

After the minutes had been read, Bro. Constable gave selections from his Masonic clippings. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment-room.

**Agricola Lodge, No. 1991.**

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Castle-gate, York, on Monday, the 24th ultimo, when Bro. John Haughton Hill, S.W., was duly installed to the chair of K.S. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Woolford, W.M.; G. H. Stott, I.P.M.; J. Haughton Hill, S.W.; J. P. Gill, J.W.; D. Young, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. Seymour, Sec.; J. W. Dow, P.M., P.G.P., D. of C.; G. Cutforth, Asst. D. of C.; T. Leatham, S.D.; T. F. Walton, Org.; H. Pratt, I.G.; H. Masser, Stwd.; R. Woodall, Tyler; P. Pearson, T. Harding, R. Spence, P.M., S. Shaw, E. Lee, R. Rook, A. Cowper, N. R. Barber, H. Tomes, J. H. Wright, J. R. Bradley, R. Graham, G. Bolland, and W. Macfarlane. The visitors included Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B. Eng.; W. S. Child, P.P.G.O.; F. W. Laughton, W.M. 236; A. Proctor, I.P.M. 236; J. L. Spetch, P.M. 1611; M. Bryson, P.M. 236; A. Humphreys, S.W. 1611; J. H. Wray, D.C. 236; T. Welburn, Stwd. 1611; W. Bean, J.W. 1611; Birch, 1611; W. Crowe, 697; and G. E. Dunsford, 973.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. Woolford, W.M., assisted by Bros. D. Young, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. W. Dow, P.M., P.G.P.; and G. H. Stott, P.M. After the ceremony had been most impressively performed Bro. J. H. Hill, W.M., invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. Woolford, I.P.M.; James Pickersgill Gill, S.W.; Thomas Leatham, J.W.; John Press, Chap.; David Young, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; James William Dow, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; Robert Rook, S.D.; Walter Seymour, J.D.; Robert Spence, P.M., D. of C.; Henry Masser, Asst. D. of C.; Wm. Henry Seymour, Org.; Henry Pratt, I.G.; Arthur Cowper, Henry Tomes, and George Henry Cutforth, Stwds; David Young, Charity Representative; and Richard Woodall, Tyler.

The banquet was held at the Clarence Hotel, Davygate, the catering reflecting the greatest credit on the *cuisine* of Bro. G. H. Stott's hostelry. Bro. J. Haughton Hill, W.M., presided, and in addition to the brethren named, there were present the Lord Mayor of York, Bro. S. Border, P.P.G.R.

The toasts of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Lodge," remarking that the Prince of Wales was a thorough good Mason and was ably supported by his officers. It was an honour that they had had one of the Grand Officers at the installation, and they all knew what a good man Bro. Whythead was and how thoroughly he did his work. (Applause.)

Bro. G. H. Stott, P.M., proposed "The R.W.P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorks, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, and the Provincial Grand Lodge." He eulogised the work done by the Marquis of Zetland and Lord Bolton, D.W.P.G.M., and the Board of officers. He said he believed that it was by the proposition of the Marquis of Zetland that the province should subscribe enough to the Education Fund to educate the sons and daughters of their own brethren, and that was worthy of the honourable traditions of Masonry.

The Lord Mayor of York responded, and thanked the brethren for the hospitality they had extended to him on that and many previous occasions when he had been a guest at their lodge. It seemed to him that the honour conferred on him by his fellow citizens was no reason why he should not again join them. (Applause.) He congratulated Bro. Hill on attaining the position of W.M., and said that it had been his privilege for many years to be more or less associated with Prov. Grand Lodge, and he was sure that the tenets of Masonry were fully carried out in Provincial Lodge. They had every reason to be proud that they had such men as the Marquis of Zetland and Lord Bolton to preside over the destinies of Prov. Grand Lodge, and as long as they had such men holding those high positions they might be sure that Masonry, as far as N. and E. Yorks was concerned, would prosper.

Bro. G. Woolford proposed "The W.M. of the Agrícola Lodge, 1991," and spoke in the highest terms of the services rendered by Bro. Hill to Masonry.

Bro. J. Haughton Hill, in reply, thanked Bro. Woolford for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. It was true that he had been told from time to time that the office of Master of a lodge was not a bed of roses. He would tell them sincerely that he was thankful for it, because if it was it would not be worth fighting for. In the words of a great general, difficulties were only made to be overcome, and he hoped that at the end of his year of office he might know that as difficulties had come up he had been able to overcome them. Masonry had always proved most fascinating to him; to study the ritual and the history of Masonry had been one of his most pleasing occupations. (Hear, hear.) No Mason could be perfectly acquainted with the grand institution he was connected with until he had begun to search into its history. It was Freemasons who raised their noble Minster, and they should be proud of the skill and industry of those who had built such an edifice. He felt, when he went into the Minster, proud of those who had erected such magnificent monuments. He said that he had a Masonic clock at home on which were the emblems of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Justice. Faith was the emblem of heaven, Hope was the beacon light of their lives, then came Charity, the chief characteristic of Masonry, and then there was Justice, which held the scales evenly between man and man. (Applause.) When he looked upon that clock he thought that there must be something grand in Masonry; and what he thought then he knew to-day was true. He felt that the figures on the clock face had not told him a lie, and he knew that Masonry was one of the grandest institutions that the world possessed. Masonry had led those who would not divulge its secrets to the block and to the rack. They were not to-day called on to suffer in that way, but they must be careful to hold sacred their obligations. They were bound together by the solemn ties of love and friendship, and their lodges were built, not for time but for eternity. Time crumbles into dust the massive wall and brings down the lofty spire, but the structure of Masonry lived on through time into eternity. He valued very much the proud position in which they had placed him, and he trusted that during his year of office, and when he came to its close, they would be able to say, "Bro. Hill has done his duty and he is a Mason." (Applause.)

The remaining toasts were "Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

Bro. T. F. Walton ably officiated at the pianoforte, and songs were rendered by Bros. G. H. Stott, J. W. Dow, W. H. Dawson, A. G. Monaghan, G. Woolford, J. H. Wright, and R. Graham.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Marquis of Zetland, Lord Bolton, Bros. Peek, P.G.S.; J. G. Butcher, Q.C., M.P.; Lord Charles Beresford, M.P.; Captain T. H. Lindberg, W.M. 2323; and Sykes Rymer.

**Old Masonians' Lodge, No. 2700.**

The members of this lodge—the majority of whom are ex-pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—were able to congratulate themselves upon the flourishing condition of the lodge at the first installation meeting held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 22nd ult. The past year has been a very successful one under the Mastership of Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., who is now succeeded by Bro. R. S. Chandler an enthusiastic "Old Masonian" and an ardent Mason. The members present included Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., W.M.; R. S. Chandler, S.W.; E. Roehrich, J.W.; R. Harold Williams, P.M., Treas.; P. O'Doherty, Sec.; H. Bowles, R. H. McLeod, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. Eve, P.G.T.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. Stringer, P.M. 871; W. A. Sarjeant, J.W. 1705; A. W. Briggs, 1615; G. D. Neville, 1705; J. Weaver, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; F. Evans, P.M. 1421; F. Berthomy, 231; C. E. Harper, 176; A. H. Sarjeant, 65; J. Sarjeant, P.M. 1765; Alex. Naughty, P.M. 318; Sub M. Ross and Cromarty, Grand Lodge of Scotland; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Lewis Pow and Wyatt were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. R. S. Chandler was next installed as W.M., and invested those of the following officers who were present: Bros. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., I.P.M.; E. Roehrich, S.W.; H. Bowler, J.W.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Chap.; R. Harold Williams, Treas.; Patrick O'Doherty, Sec.; R. E.

Barnes, S.D.; W. W. Chate, J.D.; Geo. Allison, I.G.; Roland H. Ward, D. of C. and R. H. McLeod and W. J. Packer, Stwds. A notice of motion was considered to vote 10 guineas to the Boys' School, but an amendment was unanimously carried to increase the sum to 20 guineas. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, one being an Old Masonian, and the other a son of Bro. R. D. Cumming, P.M., a member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School. Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed.

Bro. Keyser, P.G.D., had to leave early in the proceedings to catch his train to the country.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers," and expressed his pleasure at doing so on behalf of a body of brethren working hard for Masonry. All desired to uphold the reputation of Grand Lodge, and he hoped that feeling would continue for many years to come. Masonry was not only a system of ethics, but also a system of religion. They met upon one common ground, upon which there could be no difference.

The W.M. next briefly proposed "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," and expressed the hope that Bro. Naughty would carry back pleasant recollections of his visit.

Bro. Alexr. Naughty, S.M. Ross and Cromarty, said this was the first lodge he had visited outside the border since he had been a member of the Grand Lodge. They could not boast of such lodges as this, which was their misfortune and not their fault. They in their Grand Lodge were trying to do the work which had been done here for so many years. Their funds were very small, and the good they could do was therefore very limited. They could not have Schools, but they could relieve the necessities of the poor. From what he had seen of the work that evening he could say it had been done very well.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., said that by the unfortunate absence of the I.P.M. it fell to his lot to propose "The Health of the W.M." He would yield to none in his admiration for the subject of the toast, for he was delighted to see an Old Masonian occupying the chair of the lodge, and that Old Masonian Bro. Chandler. The work done by the W.M. in the Old Masonians' Association was better known to the members, and without him it would not have reached its high success. They were all confident he would carry out the duties of W.M. to their satisfaction, and to the satisfaction of himself, which was more difficult.

Bro. R. S. Chandler, W.M., in response, said that whatever he had done in connection with the Old Masonians' Association had been done in conjunction with others working with him. He never thought, when a boy at school, of being W.M. of the Old Masonians' Lodge. He was initiated in the Rifle Brigade Lodge two years ago, and was proud of being in the position of the W.M. of this lodge. It was a little difficult to follow such an experienced Master as Bro. Keyser. It was, however, appropriate that he should succeed the Treasurer of the Boys' School, for he (the W.M.) was Treasurer of the Old Masonians' Association, and it was therefore in the sequence of events. He would do his best to fulfil the expectations of those who had placed him in the chair. He would next propose "The I.P.M.," and express his regret that Bro. Keyser had had to leave. Bro. Keyser, who had initiated 11 gentlemen, held many offices, and they were proud to have had him as their first W.M.

"The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" was next given by the W.M., and responded to by

Bro. McLeod, who said he represented that lodge at the last Girls' School Festival, taking up £240 15s., and this year for the Benevolent Institution he announced exactly the same. The S.W. had come forward with a magnificent donation of 50 guineas, and would doubtless have a good list for the Boys' School. On the following Monday the new School would be started, and within two-and-a-half years he hoped would be finished.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. J. Weaver, P.M.; F. Evans, P.M.; and Stringer, P.M.

Other toasts were given before the proceedings terminated.

Bro. A. W. Briggs presided at the piano, and the program included items by Bros. Patrick O'Doherty, Luigi Méo, A. Sarjeant, G. Neville, and J. Sarjeant.

**Royal Arch.**

**Aire and Caider Chapter, No. 458.**

This chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Goole, on the 17th ult. Present: Comps. J. Constable, P.P.G.S.N., acting M.E.Z.; J. Harrison, H.; W. Boulton, J.; Dr. Alcock, Scribe E.; W. Robinson, Scribe N.; A. Goderidge, P.S.; Earnshaw, and others.

Bros. Timm and Greenwood were exalted Royal Arch Masons, and six other brethren received a unanimous ballot. There is every prospect of this chapter increasing, and eventually becoming a very successful one.

**Truth Chapter, No. 1458.**

A meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. G. T. Lenard, M.E.Z.; H. C. Ward, H.; J. Williams, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., acting J.; Buckley Carr, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; R. Caldwell, P.Z.; Thos. Threlfall, Prin. S.J.; Stokes, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Hellewell, S.E.; Hall, Treas.; J. Dean, acting S.N.; and E. Roberts, P.G. Janitor, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Geo. J. Critchley, 1161, which proving favourable, he was exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. Geo. T. Lenard in a very able manner. The address was impressively given by Comp. Buckley Carr, P.Z., P.G.J.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment. The harmony was ably contributed to by Comps. Stokes, Threlfall, and Roberts.

**Henley Chapter, No. 1472.**

The installation meeting took place at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when Comp. C. Jolly, P.Z., P.Z. 915, P.Z. and S.E. 2184, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, was, for the fourth time, installed as M.E.Z. The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. Lond, S.W. 700, and D. Ross, S.W., F. Andrews, C. Davis, and E. Hornsey, of 1472. Comp. Jolly was then inducted into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. R. J. Warren, P.Z. 13 and 1437, P.P.A.G.S. Essex, P.Z. and Treas. The M.E.Z. then installed Comps. James Palmer as H., and T. H. Lait as J., after which he proceeded to exalt the five candidates—an arduous day's work, which he completed amid the eulogiums of all present. The following were the officers invested: Comps. J. Savage, P.Z., S.E.; E. Vallon, S.N.; R. J. Warren, P.Z., P.Z. 13 and 1437, Treas.; D. Ross, P.S.; W. Long, 1st A.S.; F. Andrew, 2nd A.S.; C. Davis and E. Hornsey, Stewards; and J. Ives, Janitor. Comp. Jolly was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer, and, as he had declined to receive more than his first year's jewel, it was decided, as a token of the esteem of the companions, to present Mrs. Jolly and him with gold spectacles at their next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was splendidly served by Comp. Richardson—the choicest of the season and the best of "cham" being tendered amid pretty surroundings of exquisite fruit, flowers, and other adjuncts of such functions.

**Mark Masonry.**

**St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 413.**

The installation festival of the above was held in the handsome lodge room at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich (which was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion) on the 27th ult. Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. East Anglia, Town Clerk of Harwich, was duly installed into the Chair of Adoniram by Bro. M. L. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., who very ably performed the ceremony. Bro. Ward then appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Start, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; C. E. Garrard, S.W.; J. T. Ward, J.W.; the Rev. H. L.

Norden, Chap.; W. Groom, Treas.; W. Salter, S.O.; G. K. Cann, J.O.; Sanders, P.M., Sec.; W. Johnstone, S.D.; W. Beaumont, J.D.; J. R. Watson, D. of C.; H. Gurney, P.M., R.M.; C. R. Salter, Org.; J. Self, I.G.; R. Wilson and J. Osborne, Stwds.; and T. Smith, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet, presided over by the genial and justly popular W.M., who gave the usual toasts in his customary felicitous style.

Bro. Emra Holmes, 31<sup>st</sup>, K.C.T., Past G. Mark Supt. of Works, responded for the Grand Lodge, and took occasion to eulogise Mark Masonry, and to show the interesting character of the Degree and the great antiquity of Marks, as shown, not only in our old cathedrals, but carved on ancient temples throughout the world. He instanced the "point within the circle" as carved on the Temple at Allahabad in India, and dating back to about 1580 A.D.

The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable meeting to an end. A large number of candidates were proposed for advancement.

## The Craft Abroad.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HAMMERTON MARK LODGE, No. 516.

Under very happy auspices, the consecration of the above Mark lodge was most successfully performed at the Masonic Hall, Alameda, Gibraltar, on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. Bro. C. Hammerton, the recently-appointed Dist. G.M.M. of Gibraltar, assumed the chair, supported by Bros. W. F. Roberts, P.G.O., and Colonel J. T. Ritchie, P.G.S.B., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. F. Cooper, P.M. 278, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, as S.W.; J. L. Sharpe, P.M. 43, as J.W.; A. Weir, P.M. 43, as Secretary; P. Lyons, P.D.G.W., as D. of C.; J. Cunningham, P.M. 43, as I.G.; and J. Montgomery, P.M. 278, P.D.G.W., as Chaplain. Bros. Roberts and Ritchie most ably assisted the District Grand Mark Master in the ceremony. After the lodge was constituted, Bro. Ritchie installed Bro. Montgomery as first Master of the lodge in a most effective and impressive manner.

The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Cooper, P.M., as I.P.M.; Boveton, S.W.; Spratt, J.W.; Duncan, M.O.; Cree, S.O.; Champion, J.O.; Lepris, P.M., Treas.; Robinson, R. of M.; A. Weir, P.M., Sec.; Hopkins, S.D.; Crooks, J.D.; Price, D. of C.; Powles, Org.; Williams, I.G.; France, Tyler; and Tanti and Bell, Stwds.

Several members were proposed for advancement.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hammerton for his munificent gift of a complete set of officers' collars and jewels, and also a complete set of lodge books.

Bro. Col. Ritchie, P.G.S.B., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Grand Hotel, provided by Bro. Hammerton, under the immediate supervision of the hotel proprietor, Bro. J. Posso.

## Instruction.

### WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., when there were present Bros. H. E. Francis, P.M., W.M.; Alfred Clarkson, S.W.; Robert Brown, J.W.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Preceptor and Treas.; Henry Thos. Kobelt, Sec.; Percy Day, S.D.; Alfred Collins, J.D.; F. H. Pate, P.M., I.G.; J. Scarlett, C. W. Hall, and Fredk. Berry.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Day acting as the candidate. The W.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections of the Lecture. It being the annual meeting, Bro. A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Preceptor and Treasurer, and Bro. Henry Thomas Kobelt, Sec., were unanimously re-elected.

### HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishops-road, Paddington, W., on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Present: Bros. J. Spink, jun., W.M.; E. Lewis, S.W.; A. Collman J.W.; G. Read, P.G.S.B. Eng. Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. R. Beardson, S.D.; W. H. Handover, J.D.; H. G. Martin, I.G.; F. M. Bates, Stwd.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Deputy Preceptor; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642; J. French, I.P.M. 1642; W. H. Smith, J. B. Hunter, P. S. Wallis, G. E. Harris, A. Leclair, L. J. Powell, F. M. Marchant, A. J. Tapling, and J. Collison. Visitors: Bro. D. Davies, 704; and G. C. Jerritt, 579, St. John's, Newfoundland.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, the lodge being resumed as required. The officers were then invested. Bro. Lewis then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Davies being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. Bro. Davies was elected a member, and

acknowledged the compliment. The Benevolent votes belonging to the lodge of instruction for 26 women were given to Bro. Ferguson, and for eight men to Bro. Butters. The W.M. having risen as usual, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. J. Spink for rehearsing the installation ceremony for the first time. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the lodge was closed.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. Nicole, W.M.; J. Birks, P.M., S.W.; A. F. Hardyment, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. L. Langton, S.D.; C. C. Renaud, J.D.; S. Cload, I.G.; H. A. House, A. Oliver, P.M.; F. H. Johnson, and G. Fullbrook.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. House being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Renaud, who rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Birks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishops'-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. Humphreys, M.E.Z. 890, P.P. 1<sup>st</sup> A.G.S. Essex, M.E.Z.; H. Foskett, J. 185, H.; A. Clack, M.E.Z. 2021, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; M. Speigel, P.Z. 834, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, S.N.; H. Hauss, P.S. 890, P.S.; A. L. Butters, 1<sup>st</sup> A.S. 890, 1<sup>st</sup> A.S.; J. Bailey, P.Z. 1602; E. Lloyd, S.N. 890; W. J. Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> A.S. 890; and F. M. Marchant, 890 (visitor).

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lewis being the candidate. The ceremony of installation of First Principal was rehearsed. Comp. Marchant was elected a member. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, after which the chapter was closed.

### LORNE LODGE, No. 1347.

The last meeting of the session of the above lodge was held on Monday last, the 1<sup>st</sup> instant, at the Masonic Hall, Sutton, when there were 25 brethren present. In the unavoidable absence of the popular Preceptor (Bro. Tom Smith), Bro. A. Stribling undertook those duties.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Sections were most ably worked by Bros. Goatcher, W. Van Oppen, C. Stribling, R. R. Ward, and E. M. Gibson, all of whom were initiated in this lodge within the last two years, which reflected the greatest credit on their zeal for Masonry.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A most enjoyable concert was given to the pupils on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. by a number of friends of the Institution. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, presided, in consequence of the regrettable absence of Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, Chairman of the month, owing to ill-health. Bro. Charles Hammerton (House Committee) was also present, as well as several friends of the performers.

The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal items, the artistes in the former instance being Mrs. Percy M. Castello and Miss Florence Tobias (banjoists), Miss Amy Bell, Miss Ethel Tobias, Mr. Reginald Davidson (soloists), whilst Mr. Percy M. Castello contributed several musical sketches and humorous songs in his inimitable manner, amongst others being two of his own composition—"Happy Hampstead," and, as an encore, "The Anglo-French Courtship." The exquisite singing of Miss Amy Bell was greatly appreciated, and she won well-deserved encores.

A vote of thanks was cordially given by the children to the performers, upon the proposition of Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS.

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