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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

Two of the three great Festivals of the year have now been held, and in both cases with a success which reflects the greatest credit on those who had been the chief hand in ordering and arranging the necessary preparations, and which, at the same time, must be eminently gratifying to the Craft generally. The Benevolent Festival in February yielded in donations and subscriptions a total which was announced as £18,207, but which has since been augmented to about £19,600, while the Girls' Festival last week produced upwards of £21,000. At the former gathering the Board of Stewards numbered about 490, and at the latter 550, so that whether we look to those who were responsible for organising the arrangements, or to those who so materially assisted in giving effect to them as Stewards and contributors or as contributors only, there can be but one opinion as to the admirable manner in which they fulfilled their duties. There still remains, however, to be celebrated the 101st anniversary meeting on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is appointed to be held at Brighton on Wednesday, the 28th June, and at which Bro. CHAS. E. KEYSER, J.P., P.G.D., who is the Treasurer of the Institution, has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman. In 1893, Bro. KEYSER rendered a similar service to the Benevolent Institution, and, considering that the Jubilee Festival had taken place the previous year, his success as Chairman was such that we are not without hopes that he may surpass himself, and be the means of rendering even greater service to the Boys' School next month than he was able to render the Old People six years ago.

As regards the Institution itself, and the benefits it has been, and still is, conferring upon the sons of deceased or indigent brethren, there is little we are in a position to urge with which our readers are not already familiar. The successive Reports of the Board of Management, the annual audited Statements of Account, the reports of those whom the Cambridge Syndicate has selected to examine the School, the contents of these various documents must have made it clear to everyone

that the Institution is ably managed and successfully, that its funds are administered in such a manner as to ensure the greatest possible efficiency, and that the efforts made in behalf of the pupils are producing the best possible results. No effort is spared in order to educate and train these orphan boys in such a manner that they may be able not only to earn for themselves an honourable livelihood, but at the same time be a credit to themselves, the Institution which has had them in its charge, and the Society of which their fathers were members. At the present time there are between 280 and 290 boys on the establishment, of whom the bulk are housed and cared for at Wood Green, while the rest are being educated at schools approved by the authorities of the Institution. The amount required to defray the year's expenditure in respect of these children is, in round figures, about £14,000, while the permanent income for ordinary purposes certainly does not exceed from £2500 to £3000, the money which is being held in reserve for the erection of the new premises at Bushey being in the nature of a special fund to meet a particular outlay. Thus between £11,000 and £11,500 is required in order that the Board of Management may be in a position to defray the cost of maintaining, clothing, and educating the boys that are at the present time under their charge, and we sincerely trust the brethren will generously contribute what is necessary in order to meet this deficiency. We are not unmindful of the splendid efforts that were made last year in respect of the Centenary Festival, and it is because we do not desire that the result of those efforts should be now in the slightest degree neutralised by an unproductive Festival, that we hope the sum we have mentioned, or thereabouts will be forthcoming. The Benevolent and Girls' Institutions have been handsomely provided for during the current year, and we appeal with the utmost confidence to the friends and supporters of all our Institutions to furnish what is required for "Our Boys," and so complete the work which has thus far been so satisfactorily done during the present year.

## THE MINDEN LODGE MEDAL.

Our good Bro. Henry Sadler has earned the congratulations of the Craft at large by the fortunate addition he has made to the important and valuable collection of medals that now adorns the cabinets in Freemasons' Hall. Perhaps, too, he has earned—and that not for the first time—the honest envy of other less fortunate collectors, whom he has outstripped by his acumen in discovering, and his energy in securing, this unique medal. It is not too much to say that under Bro. Henry Sadler's intelligent and zealous direction, the numismatical department of Grand Lodge Museum is taking a front rank among the great collections of Masonic insignia. The preservation of these treasures in a public museum, where they are accessible to all students, is almost entirely due to the foresight and ungrudging toil of Bro. Henry Sadler.

"The History of the Minden Lodge," by Bro. John Clarke, J.W. of the Minden Lodge, and Sergeant-Major of the 1st Batt., XXth Regiment, deserves the kindly notice that finds place in Bro. Henry Sadler's narrative. But it leaves much to be desired in the way of explanation of the date ascribed to the Warrant. If the Warrant was issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in December, 1748, it could not have borne the Number 63. If the Warrant bore the Number 63 it could not have been issued in December, 1748. The dilemma is complete; and the most provoking thing is that we get no help from the medal, for, if I apprehend Bro. Henry Sadler right, the names that would have helped us are precisely those that are not to be found on it. As so often happens with the records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the particular page on which the entry of the Warrant ought to be found has disappeared.

We can, however, tell, from the sequence of numbers, that Lodge No. 63 must have received its Warrant in February, 1736 (O.S.), and, from the succession of Grand Officers, that it ought to bear the signatures of Lord Tyrone, G.M.; John Corneille, S.G.W.; and William Sandford, M.P., J.G.W.; and the countersignature of John Pennell, G. Sec. On the other hand, a Warrant of Dec. 1748, ought to bear the number 185, and the signatures of Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart., G.M.; Boyle Lennox, S.G.W.; and Lord Major Hans Bailie, J.G.W.; with the counter-signature of Edward Spratt, G.S. It is hard to see how such a confusion can have arisen, yet Bro. J. Clarke is very precise in his conflicting statements. At all events, he is correct in connecting Lord George Sackville with the regiment, if not with the Warrant, for his lordship was in command of the regiment from April, 1746, till November, 1749. Two years afterwards he became Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and was installed Grand Master of Ireland on St. John's Day, in Summer, 1751. It is a curious coincidence that the name of the inglorious hero of Minden should thus be linked with the regiment on which that same battlefield conferred undying glory. It is impossible even at this distant day to read of the dogged, sturdy, indomitable pluck of that well-nigh annihilated regiment without a squaring of the jaw and a quickening of the pulse. "Kingsley's stand" at Minden was the glorious precursor of the heroic madness of Balacava.

The medal secured by Bro. Henry Sadler is not the only one mentioned in Bro. John Clarke's *History*, though it is the only one that has been traced, so far as I know. The Minden Lodge, whatever might be the exact date of its illegible Warrant, was at work from time to time during the latter half of the century, and rewarded its zealous brethren now and again with presentation jewels. But it never once communicated with its mother Grand Lodge. And here lies the most instructive lesson to be learned about the early methods of Freemasonry in the Colonies. This army lodge worked whenever and wherever it had the opportunity. When the fates were adverse, it consigned its furniture to its lodge chest, and intermitted its meetings for years. When circumstances became favourable again, it resumed work as if nothing had happened. And all this without the least reference to the Authorities at home.

When the Minden Lodge re-appeared in Ireland in 1812, it naturally betook itself to its mother Grand Lodge for approbation and protection, whereat the said mother Grand Lodge was greatly surprised. As will be seen in a letter from Bro. W. F. Graham, D.G.S. of Ireland, dated 7th February, 1812, the Deputy Grand Secretary professes his ignorance of the reason why the Minden Lodge had been erased from the Grand Lodge register, but mildly suggests that "it was from the circumstance of the officers not making the regular communications for so long a time," inasmuch as there could not be found "any trace whatever of it on the Books for above forty years." Surely a justifiable supposition. However, the lodge was reinstated on the Grand Lodge Register without more ado, and it equally justified its reinstatement. Between 25th February, 1812, and 22nd May, 1852, 200 names of initiates are credited to the Minden Lodge. After 1852 it again ceased to make returns, and the register closes with the curt entry, "Warrant, jewel, &c., lost in India. See letter of 8 December, 1868." The Minden Lodge was never revived again.

An Irish Warrant is still at work in the regiment, but in the Second Battalion. This Warrant is No. 263—a happy choice of numbers for the sister lodge of 63 to be held in the Second Battalion. In memory of gallant service on Egypt soil, this Lodge, founded in 1860, is called "The Sphinx," for the XXth won laurels under the shadow of the Pyramids as well as on the plains of Westphalia.

*Apropos* of the presentation jewels mentioned in Bro. John Clarke's *History*, it may be observed that in the frontispiece of the little volume Bro. Capt. Charles South, the prop and mainstay of the lodge, is represented as wearing the "Past Master's jewel, surmounted by a Royal Arch jewel in miniature," which is described on page 54. He also wears a Royal Arch jewel, of the Antients or Irish type, though it would appear from a casual remark on page 57 that the nomenclature was not that adopted in Irish R.A. work. The gallant captain wears also a rhomb-shaped jewel, suspended by one of its angles. This jewel belongs, I believe, to an extinct chivalric Order, once current in Ireland, called the Red Branch Knights, or Knights of Eri. If I mistake not, Bro. Henry Sadler has more than one specimen of this rare badge; but I must admit that I have only a second-hand acquaintance with these side Degrees.

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY.

14th May.

## Scotland.

### GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 4th inst. Considering the lack of controversial business there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by the G.M., Lord Saltoun, and Bros. Major F. W. Allan and the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay were in their places as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. Amongst those present were Bros. Captain Thomas Hope, Prov. G.M. Linlithgowshire; W. A. Dinwiddie, Prov. G.M. Dumfriesshire; Matthew Arthur, Prov. G.M. Ayrshire; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Treas.; James Dalrymple Duncan, P.S.G.W.; James Caldwell, P.G.D.; G. C. H. MacNaught, P.G.D.; and others.

The Grand Master drew attention to the approaching tercentenary banquet of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, and said he regretted that the Prince of Wales would not be able to attend it, nor to visit Grand Lodge, owing to business engagements. His Lordship had intimated that he would attend, and he was sure they were all agreeable that the patronage of the Grand Lodge should be given to the entertainment. The Grand Master also intimated that, in answer to his appeal on St. Andrew's Day, the Masonic lodges and bodies of Scotland had contributed £300 towards the memorial college at Khartoum, and that he was to forward the sum to Lord Kitchener.

Bro. Rice, R.W.M. 796, Port Elizabeth, was introduced, and was welcomed by the Grand Master.

Bro. Rice briefly addressed Grand Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. HENRY ROBERTS, seconded by Bro. P. I. HENDERSON, it was remitted to Grand Committee to approach the railway companies in Scotland with a view to the issue of cheap tickets to Masons attending quarterly communications. It was mentioned that menbers might derive benefit from such facilities as are afforded to golfers.

It was reported that the income for the first five months of this year had been £3450, as against £3328 for the corresponding period last year—increase £122. The income for the quarter ending 15th April had been £2120, and the expenditure £1008—excess of income, £1112. During the quarter there had been 2200 entrants to the Order. About £160 had been given from the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence in grants to distressed Masons or widows of Masons.

The GRAND SECRETARY submitted a tabular statement of the number of entrants recorded in the books of Grand Lodge in each year between 1800 and 1898, both inclusive, showing a grand total of 259,397, and 2620 as the average annual registration in these 99 years. The number last year was 7068—the highest on record.

It was resolved to issue charters to the following new lodges: George S. Rideal, Ophirton, Transvaal; King Solomon, Germiston, Transvaal; Ness, Invergordon, Ross, and Cromarty; and Thistle, South Fremantle, Western Australia.

GRAND SECRETARY reported that agreeably to instructions from Grand Committee he had asked Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane to reconsider his decision to retire from the Prov. G. Mastership of Perthshire East, but that his lordship had replied: "I think, having served as Prov. G. Master of Perthshire East for so long, I have done very well, and it is therefore high time that I should retire in favour of some other brother." On the recommendation of Grand Committee, Grand Lodge accepted his lordship's resignation, and thanked him for his long and faithful services as Prov. G. Master. On the unanimous recommendation of the lodges in the province, Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Campbell was appointed in his room as Prov. G. Master of Perthshire East.

The Prov. G. Secretary of the Province of Glasgow City (Bro. G. C. H. MACNAUGHT), in the name of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, reported as follows: The annual visitations have been completed to the 37 lodges forming the province. The visitations commenced on Monday, 13th February, and finished on Thursday, 23rd March. In the year reviewed, from the elections of 1897 till 1898, the number of entrants was 1252, as compared with 1096 in the previous year, being an increase of 156, and again a record year by the number stated. There are four more lodges in the province now than there were 10 years ago, but, deducting the number of initiates in these lodges, it is interesting to note that the others have doubled their work in that period. The highest number initiated in any lodge was 73 (twice), and the lowest six (thrice), the average being 33.31. The lodges are all in a healthy condition, and only in one case had an irregularity to be pointed out, which has since been rectified. During the year 730 regular meetings were held by the various lodges, and 42,879 brethren signed the sederunt books, being an average of over 58 per meeting. According to the balance-sheet the lodges have funds to the amount of £16,770, not always including movable property, the average showing over £416 for ordinary funds, and £62 for benevolent funds. The visitations were again headed, in the majority of cases, by the R.W. Prov. G.M., but in his absence the duties were performed by the Substitute P.G.M., Bro. James Taylor, jun., in a most acceptable manner. The deputations were everywhere received in the most fraternal, loyal, and hospitable manner by crowded meetings, a noticeable feature being the congratulations extended to the Prov. G.M. on his reelection for another term of office. None of the lodges meet in licensed premises, or in connection therewith; on the contrary, they have all halls specially built or adapted for Masonic purposes.

A report from the Committee for the visitation of metropolitan lodges stated that the lodges in the district meet in suitable premises, with the exception of one, which holds its meetings in a licensed hotel. This showed marked progress in the realisation of the Grand Committee's desire that the Masonic meetings in such places would ere long be entirely discontinued.

The other business was routine.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held in the Town Hall, Wakefield, on Wednesday the 19th ult., under the banners of Lodges 154, 495, and 1019. There were present:

Bros. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.M. 289, Prov. G.M.; Jno. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Jno. D. Kay, P.M. 289, Prov. S.G.W.; Geo. Franklin, J.P., P.M. 1779, Prov. J.G.W.; Edward Armitage, J.P., P.M. 275, Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.G.D., Robert Arnison, P.M. 295, W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1211, P.G.D., Richard Wilson, P.M. 289, P.G.D., C. Letch Mason, P.M. 304, Geo. H. Parke, P.M. 154, Geo. Hy. Smith, J.P., P.M. 61, W. C. Lupton, P.M. 974, and Wm. Watson, P.M. 61, Hon. Librarian, P. Prov. G.Ws.; Rev. W. H. Stansfield, Chap. 1221, and Rev. J. M. Walton, Chap. 307, Prov. G. Chaps.; Rev. J. G. Needham, P.M. 910, Rev. F. E. Egerton, P.M. 910, and Ven. Archdeacon Donne, Chap. 1019, P. Prov. G. Chaps.; A. H. J. Fletcher, P.M. 275, Prov. G. Reg.; H. Slade Childe, P.M. 154, Jas. H. Pawson, P.M. 242, Capt. Everatt Hind, P.M. 458, and Jno. T. Last, P.M. 2321, P.P.G. Regs.; Capt. Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; P. Bancroft-Coward, P.M. 910, and Dr. V. G. S. Dearden, P.M. 2263, Prov. S.G. Deacons; Wm. W. Clayton, P.M. 1311, W. O. Hinchliff, P.M. 1018, and Richard Revell, P.M. 1034, Prov. J.G. Deacons; C. T. Rhodes, P.M. 448, P.P.J.G.D.; Chas. E. Rhodes, P.M. 208, Chas. Crabtree, P.M. 600; Wm. H. Steward, P.M. 385, T. Ibbetson Walker, P.M. 1231, Fred Rand, P.M. 242, Andrew Macredie, P.M. 1779, Alfred Scarth, P.M. 289, Wm. Ed. Smithies, P.M. 1231, Wm. Hy. Bradford, P.M. 1211, Thos. Hy. Vernon, P.M. 2491, Alfred Robertshaw, P.M. 448, T. R. Hinings, P.M. 600, Francis Smith, J.P., P.M. 837, Horatio S. Wood, P.M. 439, Joseph Jackman, P.M. 2491, William Blackburn, J.P., P.M. 306, and J. Lund Brayshaw, P.M. 2091, P. Prov. G. Deacons; Fredk. Simson, P.M. 1019, P.P.G.S. of W., as Prov. G. S. of W.; Geo. W. Hawksley, P.M. 139, John Barker, P.M. 1102, Thomas Winn, P.M. 1211, Thos. W. Roome, P.M. 904, Jno. Wm. Cocking, P.M. 2035, Thos. Rd. Vaux, P.M. 208, and Jno. Hy. Bolton, P.M. 1736, P. Prov. G. Supts. of Works; Wm. Pick Raynor, P.M. 299, Prov. G.D. of C.; Jno. W. Hartley, P.M. 810, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; Joseph W. Monckman, J.P., P.M. 1018, P. Prov. Asst. G.D. of C., as. Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; Joseph R. Mellor, P.M. 652, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; Geo. Buckley, P.M. 61, Edmund Lord, P.M. 910, John Dyson, P.M. 306, Wm. Fitton, P.M. 2035, W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304, James Jenkin, P.M. 904, Chas. A. Phillips, P.M. 1542, Thos. Norfolk, P.M. 600, Thos. Uttley, P.M. 307, Ed. J. Massie, P.M. 1513, John Dawson, P.M. 521, Geo. P. Sunderland, P.M. 1736, Joseph Hartley, P.M. 495, Daniel White, P.M. 149, Jno. R. Fawcett, P.M. 1214, Joseph Wrigglesworth, P.M. 1783, and J. W. Hartley, P.M. 810, P.P.G.D. of Cs.; James W. Tanner, P.M. 337, Prov. G.S.B.; Henry Beaumont, P.M. 1301, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Geo. Illingworth, P.M. 258, P.P.G. Std. Br., as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Laycock, P.M.

1108, Thos. Riley, P.M. 600, John Hey, P.M. 387, and John Constable, P.M. 2259, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; J. Naylor Hardy, Mus. Bac., S.W. 495, Prov. G. Org.; Wm. Ash, P.M. 1019, Geo. F. Carr, P.M. 1542, and Simeon Whiteley, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Organists; Wm. H. Hewson, P.M. 304, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, and H. S. Goodyear, P.M. 495, P.P.A.G. Secs.; G. Thompson, P.M. 1001, Prov. G. Purst.; Wm. Butterworth, P.M. 1302, Prov. A.G. Purst.; John Seed, P.M. 1302, Wm. Cockcroft, P.M. 307, Thos. Gaukroger, P.M. 307, Fredk. Wm. Turner, P.M. 408, John Shoesmith, P.M. 1783, Ben. F. Glover, P.M. 495, John A. Heastie, P.M. 652, and Chas. Cromack, P.M. 2330, P.P.G. Pursts.; Wm. Crowther, J.P., P.M. 1645, Chas. Hy. Crowther, P.M. 2261, Arthur Holmes, P.M. 1522, J. J. Parker, P.M. 264, Wilkinson Greenwood, P.M. 439, and John P. Hewett, P.M. 1239, Prov. G. Stwds.; and Thos. Leighton, Tyler 139, Prov. G. Tyler. Also W. Masters, Past Masters, acting Wardens, and brethren from all the lodges but four in the province.

The Prov. G. Master (Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.), the Dep. Prov. G. Master (Bro. John Cooper Malcolm, P.G.D.), and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge entered at 2.45 p.m.

Bros. James Johnson, Lodge Paterson, No. 45, U.S.A., and W. P. Taylor, 1515, Oxford, were visitors.

The Prov. G. Master, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, and Officers of Prov. G. Lodge were saluted.

The roll of lodges and Present and Past G. Officers was then called.

Apologies were announced from Bros. W. D. Shoebridge, 448, Prov. G.D.; Ben Stocks, 2035, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Geo. Hesketh, 1462, Dep. G. Supt. of Works; Wm. Nutt, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; J. J. Green, 1283, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Thos. Chester, 904, Asst. Prov. G. Tyler; and 43 W.Ms., P.Ms., P.P.G. Officers, and brethren.

The minutes of the half-yearly meeting held at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, October 12th, 1898, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved by Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. R. FAWCETT, P.P.G.D.C., and resolved, "That the minutes be taken as read and confirmed."

The PROV. G. MASTER, addressing the brethren, said: It is necessary that I should say a few words with regard to matters in which you take an interest, and although I have not very much to say to you—we have work that will take us some time—I should like to say that we meet under very favourable circumstances. Perhaps, in the first place, I may express your indebtedness and mine, to those who have placed at our disposal this Town Hall, and the excellent accommodation which has been provided for Prov. G. Lodge on this occasion. The city of Wakefield has had a long and interesting association with the Craft to which we belong, and it may almost be said to have been the cradle of Prov. G. Lodge. This is, I believe, the 38th time that the Prov. G. Lodge has met at Wakefield, and it is now six years since the last meeting was held here. History records that Lord Pollington, who was Prov. G. Master, was invested in Wakefield, which was not then a city, and as you know there are many associations between the Craft and Wakefield, and all of them of a very pleasant character. I am sure we are always glad, even though we may come from neighbouring cities and districts, to hear and assist in the promotion of the welfare of the city of Wakefield. We have, I believe, present with us to-day the Mayor of this city, Bro. George Henry Roberts; and I am informed the Craft has a very good representation in its municipal government. We know that the Masons of Wakefield are always to the fore in everything that is charitable and calculated to promote the welfare of the people of the district. It is my duty to repeat what I have already said with regard to a small detail of the management, that is, with regard to the annual returns from the lodges to the Provincial Grand Secretary. These have not, in some cases, been sent in with the punctuality it is so desirable they should be. Last year I referred to this subject. One of the lodges has improved, but there is still room in the province for further improvement. I understand the position to-day is something like it was then. There are still one or two lodges which are a little lax in this respect, and I would impress upon them that they should remove this slight blot which they still retain, and that they would make those returns, which it is absolutely their duty to make, in good time. During the past year our members have increased. We have now 81 lodges and 4140 members. That is an increase during the past year of 108 members, and I think you will consider this is a proof that there is no loss of vitality, and that we are still making progress. During the year, however, death has been rather busy in the province. We have lost 76 or 78 members, but throughout the Order we have suffered some notable losses. Lord Lathom, since this time last year, has passed away. Last year, you will remember, we lamented the great sorrow that had befallen him by the tragic death of his wife; this year we have to lament the death of Lord Lathom himself. I take this opportunity of expressing our sympathy with Lord Lathom's family on his death, and I propose a little later to move a resolution which I am sure you will all cordially concur in. Lord Lathom, besides the distinguished offices he held in connection with Grand Lodge, was, as you know, the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. We have also quite recently suffered another loss in the person of the greatly respected brother, who is well known in this district, Bro. Col. Starkie, the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. Lancashire has thus suffered a double loss, and I propose to include in the resolution I shall move, an expression of our deep sympathy with Col. Starkie's family. Locally, we have lost several brethren whose faces were very familiar to us. They were old and active Masons, always ready to assist in the cause of charity when called upon. I may mention one or two, Bro. Armitage and Bro. Broughton, of Bradford; Bro. Harry Allen, of Sheffield, who was one of Sheffield's best loved citizens, and Bro. Gratian, of Barnsley, who was also well known to us. We must expect, in so large a body as the Order has now become, constant reminders of what must come sooner or later to all of us. It is gratifying to us to know that the work in connection with West Lancashire has been taken up by Lord Lathom's son, who was Lord Skelmersdale, and who, I understand, has been appointed to the position of Provincial Grand Master. I now come to another matter, which, although of a different character, has at the same time with it a note of separation. For some time past my much respected Deputy has felt the time had come when he should retire from the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province. He has a great deal of work to do, and one can hardly wonder that he should feel a very long tenure of office was not necessary, and perhaps was unwise from the point of view of his own engagements. I should like to say now, what I have said on a previous occasion, and express my grateful thanks to him for the efficient services and assistance which he has always most willingly rendered to me on all occasions. It would be impossible for anyone who may fill that important position to discharge more zealously, more faithfully, and more impartially the various duties which have fallen to his charge. He

has made a record as regard the visits which he has paid to lodges in various parts of the province, and I have been especially grateful to him to receive from time to time the reports of his visits to lodges which are more or less inaccessible, and most difficult to reach, and of the work he has done in keeping in touch with those brethren of the outlying lodges. As you know, I attach the greatest importance to this work, because it is impossible for me to visit them as I desire to do. The time is not at my disposal, and I am sure you echo the regret I feel, that I do not carry out that work better than I do. The next best thing is to have an efficient substitute, and one who has done his work so well as Bro. Malcolm has. I, therefore, part with Bro. Malcolm with the greatest regret, but I cannot any longer resist his appeal to be released from his position, because I feel he has done a great work in the province, and it would be wrong to resist his own feelings in the matter. I am sure he will feel that he carries with him into his retirement not only my respect, but that of every brother in the province. The next point of interest to you is naturally who is going to take the place of Bro. Malcolm. I need not tell you, because you recognise it, how very important and how difficult it is to make the choice. It is not that I had not before me a sufficient number of brethren for the position, because, I am thankful to say, in this great Province of West Yorkshire we have a large number of brethren in every respect qualified to fill the highest positions to which they may be called. I have endeavoured, as far as I could, to elicit such information as seemed to me to be necessary, in order to confirm, or otherwise, my own judgment; and I will say—and I think it is fair to say—that I have succeeded in satisfying myself that the name, which at the very outset had occurred to me I should be justified in bringing forward with the fullest confidence, would be acceptable to the whole of the province. I may tell you now that I propose to appoint to-day to the position of D.P.G.M. one whom I have had the honour long to know and to respect—Bro. Richard Wilson, of Fidelity Lodge. I bespeak for him at your hands a hearty welcome and all the assistance which it is in your power to give, and without which it would be impossible for him to discharge his duties. I am sure he will receive at your hands that welcome and that assistance; and I am confident he will bring to the discharge of his duties conscientiousness, zeal, and absolute impartiality, and that he will win the confidence and respect of every one in the discharge of the duties of his office. Brethren, there is one other subject that I wish to mention. At our last provincial meeting there was a question—the provision of a central home for the province in the way of offices. At that time some of us hoped it might be possible to have propounded a scheme which meant involving a good deal of cost in carrying it out successfully. The question, as you know, was referred to a Committee, and that Committee met on several occasions. I was present at the final discussion, and the question was thoroughly considered by the Committee from every point of view. Now, it is clear that a scheme of that kind, involving so large an expenditure and necessarily a good deal of change, could only be carried out if it met not only with the general assent, but with what I may call the enthusiastic assent and support of every part of the province. I need not go into the question of what was done by Bros. Richard Wilson and Thos. Winn, who most nobly threw themselves into the work and took the risk entirely upon themselves; but, to make a long story short, the Committee came to the conclusion that the time was not opportune to carry out so large a scheme, and they decided not to recommend it to Prov. Grand Lodge. That may be disappointing to many of us; but, at the same time, I should be unwilling to burden the Prov. Grand Lodge and the lodge accounts with anything in respect to which we had the smallest doubt of their being able to bear. For the time being the matter is ended, and until some fresh proposal is put before you we must consider the matter closed. There is only one other point, and that is, that I hope the appointments of the Prov. Grand Officers that are to be made to-day will prove to be good appointments in themselves, and will meet with general acceptance. It is always a difficult task to make a selection, to get the representation of every district, and from time to time of every lodge. That is the object before us. I have no doubt that the brethren who will take office will bring to their duties all those qualities which we expect from the members of Prov. Grand Lodge. I will now take this opportunity of proposing this resolution—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to place on record its deep sense of the very great loss the Craft has sustained by the death of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire," and I would add "our deep sense of the loss the Craft has sustained by the death of Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire." I need not say anything more. The sympathy of all of us has gone out to the relatives at the great loss they have sustained as well as the Craft throughout the world, for no two men were better known than those two brethren.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded the motion, and spoke of the loss which the Craft had sustained by the deaths of the Earl of Lathom and Col. Starkie, both of whom possessed the characteristics looked for in brethren holding their high positions—high principles and courtesy towards others.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Master proceeded to obligate and invest Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. W. P. RAYNOR, Prov. G.D. of C., made the following proclamation: "By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I now proclaim Worshipful Bro. Richard Wilson, of Westfield, Armley, Leeds, Banker, who has been obligated and invested as the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire. He was initiated in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 280, Leeds, on the 6th November, 1873, was W.M. in 1879, and again in 1891, the centenary year of the lodge. He was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer in 1883, and appointed Prov. Senior Grand Warden in 1893. He was appointed one of the Junior Grand Deacons of England by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, in April, 1897. He is a Life Governor of each of the three great Masonic Charities, and a Life Governor and Hon. Treasurer of the newly-formed West Yorkshire Benevolent and Educational Fund. For these services he deserves well at the hands of the Craft, and I therefore, by virtue of my office as Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Province, do call upon all the Brethren present to salute our Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, five times according to ancient custom."

Bro. RICHARD WILSON, P.G.D., the newly-obligated Deputy Provincial Grand Master, briefly addressed the brethren. He said he valued most highly, and fully appreciated, the honour which had been conferred on him that day, but the thought which was uppermost in his mind was the great responsibility, and the onerous nature of the duties attaching to the office.

Having accepted the office, however, he would, to the best of his ability and skill, try worthily to represent the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and to further the interests of Freemasonry throughout the whole of the province. He would, perhaps, not be able to devote so much time to visiting the lodges as his predecessor had done, and if that should prevent him from hearing those little tales which were so frequently current, and which took up a great deal of time and created a great deal of worry, it might conduce to the welfare of the Province. If the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, with the talent for business-like supervision which he possessed, would step in and correct his shortcomings in going amongst the brethren, he was sure the province would rejoice, and he should be forgiven. His great difficulty was in answering the kind expressions of goodwill and in thanking the brethren for the honour which had been conferred on him, and he could only do so by promising that it should be a further incentive to him to be careful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, lest by any shortcomings he should forfeit any of that cordial feeling they had expressed towards him.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, P.P.S.G.W., Chairman of the Charity Committee, presented the Report of the Committee, and in moving its adoption, said that during the year 1898 the Committee had a large number of cases to deal with, and succeeded in electing three boys, one girl, presenting one man, electing two others, and three widows, at the cost of over 42,000 votes—a work of which his colleagues and himself were proud; and the thanks of the Committee were due to the brethren for the way in which they had sent in the voting papers. There had been an election the previous week in London, for which they had no girl candidate, and only one boy, and they naturally succeeded in electing him. The Committee were rejoiced also to have been able to assist in electing several "waif" and "last chance" cases. Often applications were made to them to support cases which did not belong to the province, and they endeavoured to do that as much as possible. The brethren might rely upon it that the voting power of the province would be better utilised by the Executive Committee than could possibly be done by the brethren exercising their individual discretion. This was amply proved by the fact that while every West Yorkshire case had been carried, they had been able to help substantially every case recommended to them by the brethren of the province. He would remind the brethren of the forthcoming elections for the Old Folk. The Committee had three men candidates. The voting papers would be sent from London direct to the brethren, and not through the Prov. G. Secretary. He would, therefore, ask them to see that they were sent on to the Prov. G. Secretary's office as soon as possible after they were received, so that their candidates might be elected. Each Charity member would receive from Bro. Green a list of the votes he would have to collect.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., seconded the motion, and said he should like to emphasise the good work the Charity Representatives had done in sending in the voting papers for the last election. The result was an increased number in the Boys' and Girls' votes, and they had had the smallest leakage on record. He had been a keen observer for many years, and he had never seen the papers sent in so promptly as on the last occasion. He also urged that the voting papers for the Old People's election next month should be sent in as early as possible.

The Report was adopted.

Bro. C. F. LONGDEN, Prov. G. Treas. presented the accounts for the past year, and stated that there had been a reduction in the balance which had been carried forward, caused by the expenses of moving from Wakefield to Leeds, and by a larger donation than usual to the Charities. He moved that the accounts be received and adopted.

Bro. A. H. J. FLETCHER, P.G. R. g., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. C. F. LONGDEN, Prov. G. Treas., proposed Bro. Thomas Woods, P.M. 448, I.P.M. 2695, as Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. He stated that Bro. Woods joined Lodge No. 448 in October, 1883, from No. 807, Norwich; was W.M. in 1892; and was one of the founders and first W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 2695, Harrogate, in 1898.

Bro. WALTER DAVY, P.M. 1001, W.M. 2695, seconded the motion.

There was no other proposition, and Bro. Woods was unanimously elected.

Bro. Woods briefly thanked the brethren.

The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Francis Fleming, 61	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Charles Crabtree, 2669	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" the Rev. Stephen C. Walley, 154	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. Thomas Henry Greenhalgh, 275	...	...	
" Thos Woods, 2695 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. Henry Hewson, 304	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Herbert G. E. Green, 1019	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" William Crowther, 1645	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Arthur Holmes, 1522	...	...	
" Dr. George Hoyle, 1231	...	...	
" John P. Hewitt, 1239	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" J. Pelham Browne, 1648	...	...	
" Clement W. O. Smith, 974	...	...	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
" Charles Scriven, 1211	...	...	
" William Watson, 61, P.P.G.W.	...	...	Librarian.
" Wilkinson Greenwood, 439	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" Chas. Hy. Crowther, 2261	...	...	Prov. Dep. G. D. of C.
" Joseph Jubb Parker, 264	...	...	Prov. A.G.Ds. of C.
" Edward Mackay, 630	...	...	
" Charles Rayner, 380	...	...	
" William Gudger, 149	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jimmy Firth, 521	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" John Niven, 2321	...	...	
" Charles F. Brindley, 2491	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. R. Barton, 306	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" J. T. Robinson, 458	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Geo. M. Marchant, 1783	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" Chas. F. Bennett, 2268	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Charles Lingard, 1513	...	...	
" Walter C. Fox, 2263	...	...	
" William Edwards Gray, 296	...	...	
" Joshua Milner, 1102	...	...	
" Charles Middleton, 2069	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Thomas Leighton, 139	...	...	
" Thomas Chester	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Tyler.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON stated that he had a petition on behalf of a lady, from Lodge 603 (Zealand), Cleckheaton, and he begged to move that a donation of £10 be contributed by Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON seconded the motion, and it was carried.

The PROV. G. MASTER asked if any lodge was desirous of inviting Provincial Grand Lodge to meet under its banner in October. There was no response.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 4.20 p.m.

About 100 brethren afterwards dined in the banqueting room, the Dep. Prov. G. Master presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE CATHEDRAL LODGE,  
No. 2741.

The Cathedral Lodge, No. 2741, which originates from brethren connected with St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was consecrated on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, by V.V. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, representing the M.W. Grand Master; and he was assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Alfred H. Bevan, G. Treas., as J.W.; the Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester, P.G.C., and the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplains; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Chas. Martin, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G.

The other brethren present were:

Bros. the Archdeacon of London, P.G.C.; R. R. Johnston, P.M.; William H. Cummings, G. Org.; E. E. Cooper, P.P.G.W. Middx.; Frank Wilkinson, 11; W. H. Pocklington, P.M.; Rev. Professor Shuttleworth, P.M.; R. Bullen, George May, Richard E. Miles, Alfred Kenningham, Robert De Lacy, Vernon Taylor, Henry I. Dutton, Wilfred A. Bowser, I.P.M. and Sec. 2000; J. Edward Street, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; Hilton Carter, 2454; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.M. 2328, P.G. Chap. Egypt; Alick Marshall, S.D. 2499; Ronald Marshall, 2499; Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br.; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; Fred E. Bristowe, S.W. 2; Joseph Lena, 11; Herbert E. Cummings, 2454; F. Lennard, 907; C. T. Johnson, 1706; Herbert Gichy, Org. 1670; William G. West, 862; Stuart S. Scott, 2499; Samuel West, 2233; R. R. Green, P.M. 1804; Augustus M. Moore, 1150; Robert R. Hayne, 1227; M. P. Clark, 376; W. J. Kipps, I.P.M. 1531; H. van Praag, 2313; J. W. Robinson, 1585; J. Percy Scott, 2499; John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg.; P. Colville Smith, S.G.D.; George F. Smith, P.G. Org.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; H. C. Arthur, 2243; Prideaux Golburn, 889; C. White, P.M. 1983, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Canon Ingram, 2611; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; the Rev. Brooke Lambert, P.G.C.; Henry Sadler, G.T.; Thomas Henry Gardiner, P.G.D.; Henry Tolhurst, J. H. Clemens, I.P.M. 183; and R. S. Fairbank, W.M. 2000.

Bros. W. H. Cummings, G. Org., and Charles E. Tinney, P.M. 1319, presided at the organ. The musical power was very great, the choir of St. Paul's being strongly represented.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, before commencing the ceremony of consecration, addressing the brethren, said: Brethren, a very few words are necessary



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from me on the present occasion. We are met together under circumstances of singular interest for the purpose of starting into existence a new lodge, for which our Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant, and it will hereafter be known by the name of the Cathedral Lodge. The founders of this lodge are composed of those connected with our great metropolitan cathedral, the beauty and proportions of which are due to the genius and ability of one who is traditionally reported to have been a Grand Master of our Order, and who was a member and Master of a lodge, a great number of members of which are here this evening, which held its meetings under the shadow of that great Cathedral, and it may be of some interest to you to know that this mallet which I hold in my hand, and which will be used in the consecration of this lodge was the same mallet which was used by King Charles the Second when he laid the foundation-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. This lodge will have the great advantage of being ruled over for the first year of its existence by a distinguished brother, a Past Grand Chaplain of England, and a very

respected and high dignitary of St. Paul's Cathedral. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing this lodge a career of great prosperity, that it may accomplish all those great objects the founders have in view, and that it may advance the best interests of the Order. Brethren, this lodge is about to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and I will now ask our rev. brother the Chaplain to give us the advantage of prayer.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Dean of GLOUCESTER delivered the oration.

When the consecration was over, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair was installed as W.M. Bro. W. H. Cummings, G. Org., was appointed to act as I.P.M. for the first year. The other officers were Bros. Charles E. Tinney, S.W.; Alfred Kenningham, J.W.; the Rev. Professor Shuttleworth, Chap.; Robert De Lacy, Treas.; Vernon Taylor, Sec.; Henry J. Dutton, S.D.; George May, J.D.; R. E. Miles, I.G.; R. R. Johnston, D. of C.; Sir George C. Martin, Mus. Doc., Org.; W. H. Pocklington and Robert Bullen, Stwds.; and Thos. Bowler, P.M., Tyler.

After the banquet the usual toasts were proposed, which were interspered with some charming singing.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the ARCHDEACON, in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," said it gave him peculiar pleasure to do so on this occasion, because the Cathedral Lodge had received its warrant in the kindest possible way from his Royal Highness, who, all the brethren knew, took the greatest interest in the Craft. During the long time H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been in office in Freemasonry he had done his best for the Order.

The Archdeacon of LONDON next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the brethren were greatly indebted on the present occasion to Grand Lodge Officers for the great interest and kind attention which they had paid to the foundation of this Cathedral Lodge. He should have an opportunity later on of expressing on behalf of the brethren the warm debt of gratitude they owed to the Grand Secretary; but he did not think the attention of Grand Lodge itself had been less in any degree than that of the Grand Secretary. The proposal to form the lodge was accepted in the very kindest manner, and that was testified by the presence at the consecration of no less than 14 Grand Officers. The lodge was not just yet very wealthy, but its members had great pleasure in entertaining the Grand Officers. He trusted that the pleasant connection between Grand Lodge and the Cathedral Lodge would always be maintained. The Cathedral Lodge was now, of course, the youngest of all lodges, and had not many Grand Officers connected with it. They had, however, one who acted as Immediate Past Master, who had given them the benefit of his great experience in lodges he (the Archdeacon) had the honour of being connected with, and the honour, dignity, success, and good working, and character of those lodges had very largely indeed depended upon the Past Masters. The Ven. Brother then mentioned the names of the Grand Officers present, and their good works in Masonry.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., briefly replied.

The Archdeacon of LONDON, in proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," said all the members of the lodge, as well as himself, felt profound gratitude to the Consecrating Officers. It would have been absolutely impossible for the consecrating service to be performed with greater sympathy, reverence, or impressiveness than the brethren had been witnesses of that evening. (Applause.) It was, of course, the object of everyone that everything in this life should be done as well as it possibly could be, and especially everything connected with public working. Therefore it was a great object-lesson for this very young lodge that it should have an admirable example of Masonic work on the first day of its assembling. He hoped it would emulate the example. Having commented on the merits of the different Consecrating Officers as he coupled Bro. Letchworth's name with the toast, he said with regard to that brother it was really impossible for him as a thorough believer in Masonry, how much they were all indebted to the Grand Secretary for the most admirable way in which he performed his duties and the readiness with which he placed himself at the disposal of all lodges. Bro. Letchworth told him he had five or six other consecrations immediately on hand. They all believed in Masonry—that it induced into life the principle of order, of dignity, of religion; and whenever Bro. Letchworth did any Masonic work in that sense, he thoroughly believed in what he was saying. They also believed that the Masonic Craft was deeply bound up with the Christian religion in this country, and that was the great aim with which Bro. Letchworth was gratified. They also knew that Masonry was one of the best exponents of the great principle of Brotherhood and philanthropy, and they could not have a greater exponent of that than Bro. Letchworth. (Hear, hear.) They all thanked Bro. Letchworth from their hearts for the great kindness and sympathy he had shown to this lodge. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Secretary, in responding to the toast said he wished in the fewest possible words—words as sincere and as true as was consistent with the idea of those with whom he had had the honour of being associated that day, and as was consistent with the grand object they had in view—for the more than kind words with which the Ven. Archdeacon had proposed the toast, and the kind reception given to his remarks by the brethren. It had afforded him and his brother Consecrating Officers the greatest pleasure to assist in the starting into existence of a lodge under such auspices; it had afforded him peculiar pleasure because, for the second time, he had installed in the chair of K.S. the W.M., whom they all congratulated on being placed in that important position. (Hear, hear.) He had another subject of congratulation, because he (Bro. Letchworth) happened to be an old Past Master of that lodge of which Sir Christopher Wren was reported to have been the Master, and which lodge had the pleasure and honour of recommending the Cathedral Lodge to the Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) On behalf of the Consecrating Officers he thanked the W.M. and brethren for this toast, and assured them that the Consecrating Officers wished the lodge the greatest possible success in its career.

The Dean of GLOUCESTER proposed "The W.M.," and referred to his long and sincere friendship with Archdeacon Sinclair. He had fallen into the sere and yellow leaf since he first became acquainted with him. The Archdeacon was a profound scholar, a man of great intelligence, thoroughly up in all those questions of theology which agitated the present day. He was glad to have such a warm friend as the Master of that lodge. He felt that day that he was associated in a very humble way in making history. The annals of Freemasonry were the annals of England. There were several lodges; they wished them all God-speed; but it was not every day that under the Cathedral of St. Paul's a lodge was founded. He congratulated

the Archdeacon on being Master of the lodge, and the lodge on having such a Master. He wished the lodge every prosperity and the Master also.

The Archdeacon of LONDON, replying, said he could not have had more perfectly congenial words expressed than those which emanated from the ideas which governed the Dean of Gloucester's mind, shown by the eloquent terms in which he had proposed this toast. He only wished he had lived, perhaps, a 100 years ago, and occupied the position he now filled in the Church and in the lodge, because then some little act or word of his might have been recorded by the historical terms of the Dean of Gloucester in that admirable history of England he had recently given to the world—"The History of the Church of England." He believed that if any one who did not know anything about the history of our great national church desired a guide to take them through the historical times, they should never swerve to the right or the left if they took for their guide the Dean of Gloucester in the four volumes he had lately given to the world. (Applause.) With regard to the Cathedral Lodge, he thought that day had been a most interesting day. The subject of the lodge had been talked of for many months, and they had peculiar facilities with regard to St. Paul's Cathedral, in that all the gentlemen members of the choir were Masons with one exception; and besides that many of the Sunday evening choir were Masons, as also were many of the special service choirs. They had also a clientèle among those who had been choir boys at St. Paul's. He was delighted to know that one of the brethren who had taken great interest in the lodge, and had kindly given them his presence that evening, whose name was known throughout the length and breadth of the Church of England as synonymous with Benevolence and Charity, particularly in the clerical profession, was one of the guests. There was also Professor Shuttleworth, a broad-minded man, whose college had done so much for social life in the City. (Applause.) There were also others connected with St. Paul's who were enthusiastic supporters of the lodge, who would have been given that it was not advisable to have the list too strong, because it was desirable that all founders should have a prospect of going into office. He had no doubt the lodge would be very largely supported. He expected it would be highly popular, as the musical element was so strong, and this had been acknowledged to-night by his friends sitting right and left of him, who said they had never heard music so delightfully given. He could not help mentioning in this connection his friend Sir George Martin. He hoped that the music in this lodge would be the means of having better musical services in lodges. They were not doubtful about the issue of their enterprise, although they had not had much encouragement in starting the lodge from the authorities of St. Paul's Cathedral, who had no very great knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. W. H. CUMMINGS, G. Org., I.P.M., proposed "The Visitors."

Prebendary INGRAM responded, and the toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The jewels were designed and manufactured by George Kenning and Son.



## Marriages.

KENTISH—PESTELL.—On the 12th inst., at the Highbury Wesleyan Church, Drayton-park, N., by the Rev. J. Henry Greeves, James Kentish, eldest son of Bro. William George Kentish, of Blackheath, to Maria Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Pestell, of 11, Bryantwood-road, Islington, N.

MASSEY—BIDE.—On the 17th inst., at St. John's Church, Hale, Farnham, Surrey, by the Rev. George Edward Hitchcock, M.A., Vicar, Bro. William Thomas, second son of Bro. Henry Massey, of 1, Clifford's Inn, London, E.C., and 166, Loughborough-road, S.W., to Bertha, second daughter of Samuel Bide, of Alma Nursery, Farnham.

## Craft Masonry.

### Blackpool Lodge, No. 1476.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. W. Nuttall having been installed as W.M., appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. W. Kay, I.P.M.; T. Sankey, S.W.; J. P. Procter, J.W.; Rev. J. Edwards, Chap.; H. Brooks, P.M., Treas.; E. Procter, P.M., Sec.; G. Whiteside, Asst. Sec.; W. B. Richardson, P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; R. Escolme, S.D.; I. Hargreaves, J.D.; Rev. J. Edwards, I.G.; W. H. Fox and R. H. W. Dunderdale, and A. W. Taylor, Stewards; and J. Wray, P.P.G. Std. Br., Charity Representative.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together, Bro. J. Harling providing a sumptuous menu.

A lengthy toast list was duly honoured.

### Scarisbrick Lodge, No. 2295.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Lord-street, Southport, on the 15th instant, when Bro. Frank Moore was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Dr. T. Hammond Fisher, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Dr. Charlick, P.M., and W. E. Bland, P.M. Subsequently the officers were invested as follows: Bros. T. S. Bower, S.W.; J. H. Knowles, J.W.; Rev. C. S. Hope, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Hatch, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; T. E. Williams, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; W. E. Bland, P.M., D.C.; Rev. W. Millington, S.D.; Dr. G. Reinhardt-Anderson, J.D.; Walter Wilkinson, Org.; J. H. Davies, I.G.; R. W. Lewis and H. E. S. Pears, Stwds.; and D. Rimmer, Tyler.

The installation banquet was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

The Masonic Hall at Torquay will be the scene of an interesting ceremony on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., when a new chapter to be attached to the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, and to bear the same name, will be consecrated. The ceremony will be performed by M.E. Comp. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Grand Superintendent of Devonshire, who will be assisted by the officers of his Provincial Grand Chapter. The Principals designate are Comps. John Lane, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., M.E.Z.; Thomas Henry Wills, P.Z. No. 303, H.; and William Winget, J.; and when the chapter has been constituted, they will be duly installed in their respective chairs. Up to the present time the St. John's Chapter, No. 328, has been the only Royal Arch chapter in Torquay, but from Tuesday next both the Torquay lodges will possess

facilities of their own for the exaltation of their members. The proposed new chapter has our best wishes for its success and we doubt not will work harmoniously with the St. John's Chapter, as have the members of the Jordan and St. John's Lodges.

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We publish elsewhere a full report of the proceedings at the Annual Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire on the 3rd instant. In that report it will be noticed that the G. Superintendent, M.E. Comp. the Marquis of Zetland, expressed his regret "that the members of the Craft lodges do not proceed to the Royal Arch in such numbers as might be desired." In this, as his lordship pointed out, he was but echoing the remarks made by the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire—M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.—in November, 1897, when the latter said: "I know there is a very general feeling amongst those in the Provinces who have taken the Royal Arch Degree, and have given their best efforts to its proper working—there has been some disappointment—that its position has not been more satisfactory, and there has not been that enthusiasm with respect to it which one might expect."

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His lordship reminded his audience that in 1893 Supreme G. Chapter reduced the qualifying period for the exaltation of Master Masons from 12 months to four weeks, in the belief, or at least in the expectation, that it would lead to a considerable strengthening of the chapters; but, added the Grand Superintendent, "in this Province, at least, such does not appear to have been the case," there being "less than one-third of our Master Masons" who "enter the Royal Arch." Now in North and East Yorkshire there are as many as 16 chapters to the 34 Craft lodges, and in West Yorkshire 45 chapters to 81 Craft lodges, the proportion being in the case of the former Province rather less than one to two, and in that of the latter rather more than one to two. And yet, if we compare these with other Provinces we shall find that, with some notable exceptions, the proportion of chapters to Craft lodges is satisfactory rather than otherwise.

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Thus taking the two Lancashires, which are beyond question, our strongest Provinces, we find that the Western Division has only 46 chapters to 121 Craft lodges, and the Eastern Division 41 to 113, so that here the proportion more nearly approaches 1 to 3. In Kent, which ranks fourth among the Provinces in the number of its Craft lodges, there are 27 chapters to its 64 lodges, while in Devonshire (58 lodges) there will be on Tuesday next 29 chapters, and in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight 25 chapters to 48 lodges. In Cheshire there are only 21 chapters to 52 lodges; in Durham, 13 chapters to 37 lodges; in Essex, 13 chapters to 41 lodges; in Gloucestershire, only four chapters to 17 lodges; in Lincolnshire, eight chapters to 24 lodges; in Middlesex, 13 chapters to 42 lodges; in Surrey, 17 chapters to 42 lodges; in Sussex, nine to 32 lodges, and in Warwickshire, 11 to 32 lodges. If then, there are just grounds for regret that Royal Arch Masonry is not more favourably circumstanced in comparison with Craft Masonry in the two Yorkshires, how much greater cause is there for regret in the foregoing Provinces, the returns for which we have taken from Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year.

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It does not, of course, follow that the numbers we have quoted are in all cases to be taken as trustworthy evidence of the relative strength of Royal Arch to Craft Masonry. The smaller proportion of chapters in this or that Province may be sufficient for its requirements by reason of the Chapters themselves being stronger in respect of membership. Still, there is no doubt that the reduction by Grand Chapter of the qualifying period has not produced the effect that was desired, and there are doubtless many other Provinces than N. and E. Yorkshire of which the G. Superintendent, equally with Lord Zetland, may with reason complain to have "less than one-third" of its Master Masons "enter the Royal Arch."

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It will be well also if brethren will take more generally to heart Lord Zetland's reminder that "whatever may be the merits of other systems which have been evolved from the ancient Craft," "the Royal Arch is the only Order intimately connected with the Master Mason's Degree, and the only system directly practised under the auspices of the same governing body." We trust, also, that it will not be in North and East Yorkshire alone that his

lordship's advice—that the meetings of the chapters should be held regularly, and the work done reverently—will be followed, and that "the Principals and members of the chapters" will bring the Royal Arch "more prominently before the attention of their brethren in the Craft who have not as yet aspired to that exalted Order."

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We occasionally differ with the *Canadian Craftsman* in matters of opinion, but it rarely happens that our worthy contemporary attributes to us statements we have not made. In its April issue, in reference to some "Notes" of ours on the address delivered by M.W. Bro. Chambers at the recent annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the remark, "Nothing further would seem to remain to us than to await with patience the healing effects of time," was made by Bro. Chambers, but appears to be ascribed to us. What makes the slip the more incomprehensible is that the *Craftsman* reproduces the note, in which Bro. Chambers's remark appears as a quotation. However, no great harm has been done, as we heartily endorsed Bro. Chambers's view, on the ground that a union of all the lodges in Quebec under one supreme head is far more likely to result from waiting patiently than from issuing edicts of non-intercourse.

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What our contemporary expected to find "when in Montreal visiting lodges on St. John's Day about a year ago" we know not, but there is nothing surprising in the fact that "few members of the English lodges were present who were members of the Craft before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed." That Grand Lodge was formed on the 20th October, 1869, and it does not seem strange that those who were members of the three English lodges in Montreal some 28 or 30 years ago should be few in number. As for the kindly wish of our contemporary that we may live long enough to congratulate the rival, but not unfriendly, sections of the Craft in the Province on their union under one Grand Lodge, we reciprocate it most heartily.

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The instances must be few indeed in which a Grand Lodge or Chapter feels called upon to hold a special meeting on the ground of an alleged irregularity in the ballot. Yet it was on this account that the Grand Chapter of Canada met in special convocation at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on the 7th April, for the purpose of electing a Grand Scribe E. "Great interest," says the *Craftsman*, "was evinced in the proceedings." M.E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Grand Z., presided, and was supported by Comp. W. Gibson, M.P., Grand H.; Comp. A. Shaw, Grand J.; and several Past G.Z's. The total vote was 371, and the result was the election of Comp. George J. Bennett, who received 240 votes as against 131 cast for his competitor, Comp. W. J. Robertson.

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The District Grand Lodge of Burma met in Quarterly Communication at the Freemasons' Hall, Rangoon, on the 13th March. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Copley Moyle, Dist. Grand Master, the chair was taken by Bro. E. Multer, Deputy Dist. Grand Master. The attendance was not large, nor was the business transacted of great importance; but we gather from the reports that were presented that Masonry in the District is fairly prosperous. The Dist. Grand Treasurer was able to show balances in hand of 1052 Rupees on the General Fund and 668 Rupees on the Benevolent Fund, while the Returns for the 10 lodges in active working show a membership of over 300 brethren.

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We have received an elaborate memorial record of the late Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, Past G. Master of Pennsylvania, who died very suddenly at his residence in Pittsburg on the 15th April. Bro. Eichbaum, who was born on the 4th March, 1827, and had, therefore, not long entered upon his 73rd year, was a brother of over 45 years' standing, having been initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 219, Pittsburg, on the 20th December, 1853. In 1860 he was elected W.M., and served for two consecutive years. In 1880 he was elected J.G. Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1882 S.G. Warden, in 1884 Deputy G. Master, and in 1886 G. Master; and on his retirement from the last-named office was presented by the members of his lodge with his portrait in oils. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master, a Knight Templar, and had taken the 33rd in the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. In all the offices he had held—and they were many in number—he had so discharged the duties devolving upon him as to secure the esteem and respect of the whole body of Masons in Pennsylvania, and we sympathise with our brethren in that jurisdiction in the heavy loss they have sustained by his death.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many thanks for the appreciative comments in your issue of the 6th inst. in reference to the "Register of Members" which I have compiled for the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000. Of course, an old lodge could not now make up such a register from the commencement, but, as about two-thirds of our lodges are less than 20 years old, there should be little difficulty on the part of the Secretaries of a large proportion of same in compiling a complete register of their members, present and past, whilst the older lodges might go back as far as their records permit. The points I submit are (1) that a complete register of members from the commencement is required to be kept, according to the spirit, if not by the letter, of Art. 173 of B. of C., and (2) that in years to come such a register would be exceedingly interesting, and to some extent useful, to the members and officers of a lodge, whilst (3) once made up to date, it involves no trouble in keeping it up.

Your editorial has elicited several communications and requests for information on the subject, I therefore subjoin the plan of the register, which is arranged in column form, and should be indexed and strongly bound. I have made one or two trifling alterations, suggested by the experience gained in working up the 16 years' records of No. 2000, and have added a few notes on the use of the different columns. If you think the matter is of sufficient general interest the form of register is at your disposal for publication.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILFRED A. BOWSER, I.P.M. and Sec. 2000.

"Haslemere," Amhurst-park,  
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May 12th.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE  
LODGE, No.

Column 1.	Register Number.
" 2.	Name, in full.
" 3.	Age of Initiate.
" 4.	Address.
" 5.	Title, Profession or Occupation.
" 6.	Initiate Member { (a) Initiated. (b) Passed. (c) Raised.
" 7.	Joining Member { (a) Joined. (b) Lodge No. (c) Rank.
" 8.	Town, Country, Honorary (or other) Member.
" 9.	Date of Appointment or Installation as { (a) I.G. (b) J.D. (c) S.D. (d) J.W. (e) S.W. (f) W.M.
" 10.	Other offices held, and elected.
" 11.	Grand Lodge honours.
" 12.	Provincial honours.
" 13.	Date of leaving Lodge { (a) Resigned. (b) Excluded. (c) Died.
" 14.	Remarks.

NOTES.

Column 1.	If a member resigns, but subsequently rejoins, make fresh entry in proper place, but with original number.
" 2.	Enter surname first.
" 4.	At time of admission.
" 5.	Do.
" 6.	If a Degree is taken in another lodge state date and number of lodge.

SINGULAR TURN-UP IN AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In *Masonry* (published in Melbourne) of April 1st, is a photo sketch of a Past Senior Grand Warden's jewel, presented in Grand Lodge, along with the clothing appertaining to the office on September 7th, 1836, by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, to H.E. the Moolavee Mahomed Islam Khan, at that time Ambassador to this country from the King of Oude.

The presentation and investiture were the outcome of a suggestion from the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of England at the June Communication, the Ambassador having been previously initiated, passed, and raised in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, then, as now, meeting in London.

The singular part of the incident is the fact that the aforesaid jewel was recently spotted in a pawnbroker's shop in Brisbane, Queensland! How did the jewel get there? will naturally be asked. The inference, one would think, is very simple; namely, that it was part of the spoil accruing from the fall of Delhi, at the close of the Indian Mutiny, and that it was taken to Australia by some soldier when his regiment was subsequently ordered there, probably from India direct.

The discovery brings back to my mind another one, which occurred during my sojourn in Melbourne. It was no other than an elaborately bound copy of the "Book of Constitutions" of the period (about 1780), belonging to the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, purchased for a shilling on a second-hand bookstall. When shown to me I suggested to the buyer that he should offer it to the lodge. He did so, and in the course of a few months received in return a handsome Westminster and Keystone jewel.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

May 16th.

FUNERAL OF BRO. MAJOR W. A. WESTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to your interesting detail of the funeral of our much respected Bro. Major W. A. Weston in the current number of the *Freemason*, allow me to say that "Adam's" Lodge, No. 158, is, and always has been, at *Sheerness*, not Chatham, as stated by your careless informant.

The *Freemason* is well known and trusted for its correct information and possibly at some time yet to come such careless notes may possibly lead to unnecessary investigation or argument.

When I had the honour of being initiated by my old school fellow Henry Jacobs, upon the evening of his installation as W.M. of No. 184, as it stood in January, 1851 (by-the-bye, he was the first Hebrew elected member of School Board), I had the honour of being J.D. in 1852, and J.W. in 1853, when I removed from Sheerness to Portsmouth.

I have kept in touch with Adam's all the intervening time and I have reason to believe I am about the senior initiate now surviving.

I have been a member of the Royal Sussex, No. 342, for many years here, and also an Int. Gen. Red Cross, &c., &c.—Yours fraternally,

ALF. R. ROBINSON,  
Asst. Sec. 342.

206, Lake-road, Landport,  
May 16th.

Reviews.

"THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF DURHAM," by J. E. Bygate, A.R.C.A., with 44 illustrations.—This is the latest issue of "BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES," and is quite equal to its 16 predecessors in respect to its text, typography and artistic excellence. Mr. Bygate has spared no pains to describe the Cathedral of Durham, both in relation to the Fabric and the eventful past of the Episcopal See. It would not be possible to give any adequate idea of the extent of the author's researches, in the limits usually allotted to reviews, but as each volume may be had for *eighteen pence* from Messrs. George Bell and Sons, Covent-garden, London, or of any bookseller, we strongly advise our readers procuring copies for themselves. That for ENETER, by Percy Addleshaw, B.A., should be carefully studied by the members of the celebrated Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, who intend to visit that city next month. The following have been published of the series, and about a dozen others are in the press: 1, Canterbury; 2, Salisbury; 3, Chester; 4, Rochester; 5, Oxford; 6, Exeter; 7, Winchester; 8, Lichfield; 9, Norwich; 10, Peterborough; 11, Hereford; 12, Lincoln; 13, Wells; 14, Southwell; 15, Gloucester; 16, York; and 17, Durham. Uniform with these are two devoted to St. Martin's Church and Beverley Minster, and two others are in preparation for Westminster Abbey and Tewkesbury Abbey.

"MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR 1899,"—(H. E. Marquand, Bordage-street, Guernsey.)—This enlarged and well-arranged annual is edited by Bro. J. B. Nickolls, Prov. Grand Secretary, on whom the mantle has fallen, on the retirement of our good Bro. A. C. Quick, who originated and ably filled the rôle of Editor. The frontispiece is devoted to a capital portrait of Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., the esteemed Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney, and on the title-page is an impression of the seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge, being the arms of the Grand Lodge within a garter, with the appropriate title of that body. The usual Calendar of lodge meetings, &c., and Lists of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers are duly given, and then follow particulars of each of the six lodges, three Royal Arch chapters, and other organisations, the names of members of each, with the years of admission. It seems a waste of space to put "Initiated" or "Joining" in full to each subscriber, no prefix being needful for Initiates, but the letter J or a \* for Joining members. Bro. A. C. Quick's compilation of all the Lodges in Guernsey from 1753, with their numbers, is also inserted, and very useful it is for reference. The summary shows that there are 346 subscribing members in the Province (or, deducting duplicates, exactly 332), and there are 106 Royal Arch companions. The List of Voters in the Central Masonic Charities is fully detailed; but the total is not given, which should be inserted in another issue. The work is creditably done in every department.

"WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR, 1899-1900."—This directory is edited by Bro. W. Goodacre, the indefatigable Prov. G. Sec., who thus meets the needs of his province for such details as to the lodges and other bodies by the publication of this very useful annual. The province is the largest in England, numbering 121 lodges and 7910 subscribing members; larger in fact than many Grand Lodges, and yet ably managed in every respect. With *East Lancashire*, there are some 234 lodges in the whole of the county. Bro. Goodacre's report to the Prov. G. Lodge, in October, 1898, is of a most interesting character and proves how extraordinary has been the increase and prosperity of West Lancashire Masonically. In 1873, there were 64 lodges and 3269 members, so that the former have nearly doubled and the brethren even more so. Through the 25 years, the province was blessed with a truly grand Provincial Grand Master, and now, happily, is ruled over by the son who has long been identified with the Craft. There are 46 chapters, eight Templar preceptories, and three Rose Croix chapters. The Mark lodges, numbering 37, are grouped under the province for all the county, and thus unite the two Craft Provincial Grand Lodges in a most pleasant manner. The editor has accomplished his work in a most helpful style, and published at *one shilling* one of the handiest and best-arranged annuals extant.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, 1899-1900."—This is the largest Provincial Directory published in England, and it is one of the best edited and most ably arranged of these handy annuals. The editors are Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G. Reg., Asst. Prov. G. Sec., the Publishers being Messrs. Holbrook and Son, Queen-street, Portsmouth. The Calendar is complete for all Masonic organisations in the county, and the Directory is literally "crammed full" of information, so that the particulars are varied and exhaustive. Additional to the usual list of officers, Past Masters, &c., the number of meetings, initiates, joining members, and total members are given under each lodge, chapter, &c. There are 48 lodges in the Province, with 1896 members; 25 Royal Arch Chapters, and 927 companions; 13 Mark lodges, and 360 members; five Ark Mariner lodges, and 83 subscribers; five Rose Croix chapters, and 97 members; three preceptories, and 71 Knight Templars. There are also two councils of the Cryptic Degrees, a Red Cross conclave, and a sanctuary of the Knights of Holy Sepulchre. An abstract of Provincial Grand Lodge accounts is appended and valuable Masonic memoranda. The rolls of Past Grand Officers in all the Provincial Bodies are duly detailed and much else, the work being in reality complete as to all details. Eleven of the lodges and one lodge of instruction belong to the "Correspondence Circle" of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London. The list of extinct Hampshire lodges will be welcome, and so will the roll of chapters, according to dates of constitution, as well as their members. Well done, Brother Editors!

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE, 1899."—This artistic Annual is in its 24th year of publication, and has a capital portrait of the Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys, as the frontispiece for this year. Bro. J. Morrison McLeod is a P.M. of 884 (Derbyshire) as well as a P. Prov. S.G.W. of the Province, so the brethren are naturally proud of their connection with that zealous Brother. There are now 27 lodges, eight R.A. chapters, seven Mark lodges, a K.T. Preceptory, and a Rose Croix chapter in Derbyshire, about all of which a mass of information is supplied, but where can we find the total membership of the Province. This surely should be given, especially as the list of the votes for the Central Masonic Charities is duly and fully detailed, showing 5797 votes in all, being a large total, and 1196 for the Mark Benevolent, each Charity witnessing an increase during 1898. Bro. Wm. Naylor, Prov. G. Sec., is the efficient and painstaking Editor, as usual.

"BUCKS MASONIC HANDBOOK AND CALENDAR FROM 1894 TO 1899."—This official publication is edited by Bro. William Woollett, the Prov. G. Sec., who has done his part most thoroughly. There are 19 lodges in the Province, with 612 members, so that the average is low compared with most counties, being slightly above 32 per

Lodge. The R.A. chapters number nine, and the Mark lodges five. There are also one Royal Ark Mariner lodge and one Rose Croix chapter. The register of votes is carefully attended to, and exhibits a total of 3028, being a most creditable record for some 600 members. An excellent portrait of the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Addington, is given, and also one of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. John Evan Bowen, and as the Directory notes lists of officers of all the lodges, &c., from 1894 to the present year, and much information besides is also inserted, it will be seen that Bro. Woollett has discharged the duties of Editor both ably and thoroughly.

PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

I began the duties of Editor of a Provincial Masonic Calendar so far back as the year 1865, and have from then, not only acted in that capacity, more or less, but have taken great interest in similar publications for other Provinces.

It seems to me that all the Editors who go to Press before the Grand Festival are "face to face" with a difficulty which always makes a portion of such Annuals quite *Ancient History*. In such publications for 1899 the officers of the Grand Lodge for April, 1898, are given, though when these Directories are published those for and from April, 1899, have been appointed.

I used to let the first eight or 16 pages be printed last of all, so as to include the new Grand Officers, but when this was not convenient the Past ones had to be given, as so frequently is the case now.

It seems to me it would be better to publish such Directories from June 1st, 1898, to May 31st, 1899, the delay in issue being more than compensated by the latest information.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Guernsey and Alderney was held on the 3rd instant, and was very largely attended. The meeting, it should be stated, was held under the banner of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 168, of which Bro. S. A. Candon is the W.M. Lodge was opened at 5.15 p.m., and after the usual business had been transacted, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. B. Cockburn, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. E. C. Ozanne, and the Prov. G. Officers were received in customary form at 6.10.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form at 6.20, amongst the visitors being Bros. T. W. Le Marchant, Foulon; Harry Vodden, J.W. 39, Devon; A. H. Jordan, W.M. 1402, Torquay; J. B. Carrington, P.M. 1696, Mauritius; E. Garnet Man, P.D.S.G.W., Burmah; N. Barbenson, P.M. 593; and E. W. Livesey, 593.

Bros. Col. C. T. Price and H. W. Stickland having been temporarily appointed P.S.G.W. and P.J.G.W. respectively, and the Rev. C. M. Poirier, P.G. Chaplain, the following, who had been unavoidably absent at the last meeting, were invested with their respective collars of office: Bro. Rev. C. M. Poirier, P.G. Chap.; N. Barbenson, 593, P.J.G.D.; C. R. Mahy, P.A.G. Purst.; and T. R. Bean and A. W. Parker, as P.G. Stwds.

The Prov. G.M. then gave a very impressive address on the progress of Freemasonry in general and in Guernsey in particular. The present meeting, the P.G.M. also mentioned, was the first of the second quinquennial period since the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Auditors' report having been adopted *nem con.*, Bro. J. T. Lainé was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the sixth time.

Bros. W. S. Hatherell and A. C. Quirk, P.M. 168, were elected as Auditors for the ensuing year.

The Prov. G. Master then invested his officers for the year 1899-1900 as follows:

Bro. W. Stranger, 2598	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
E. K. Corbin, 84	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. J. B. V. Penfold, 84	...	...	} Prov. G Chaps.
Rev. J. A. Rothery, 2598	...	...	
J. T. Lainé, 84	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
N. W. Gaudion, 593	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
J. B. Nickolls, 168 and 84	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
N. Barbenson, 593	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
T. Elliott, 84	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
G. F. Peck, 243	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. H. Courtenay, 168...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Dr. E. W. Livesey, 593	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
A. W. De Jausserand, 168	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
S. A. Candon, 168	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
W. D. Murdoch, 168	...	...	
T. G. Barnes, 243	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. S. Hatherell, 84	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
R. B. Rowcliffe, 168	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
F. G. Hicks, 2598	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
W. Miller, 168	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
G. Hillier, 168	...	...	
R. Quinn, 84	...	...	
C. A. Bennett, 243	...	...	
J. L. Pells, 1809	...	...	
E. T. Corbet, 2598	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
E. Biddiscombe, 243	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After some Prov. Grand Lodge important business had been transacted, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 8.30, Mariners' Lodge being re-opened by the P.G.M.

At the conclusion of the business of this lodge the brethren adjourned to Gardiner's Royal Hotel, where upwards of 70 sat down to a most *recherche* banquet, at which the W.M. and Wardens of 168, the Alderney brethren, Bros. E. Garnet Man, Colonel T. C. Price, P.D.S.G.W. Gibraltar; F. A. Luff, S.D. 1809; and J. B. Nickolls, P.M. 168 and 84, Prov. G. Sec.; were the guests of the Prov. G.M.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master" being particularly well received.

That of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. E. GARNET MAN in a most eloquent and entertaining manner.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was impressively dilated upon by Bro. R. H. RANDALL, P.P.G.W., and responded to by Bro. T. L. WELDON, who has achieved marvellous successes in his advocacy of the claims of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, the latest candidate for which is the infant daughter of the late Bro. Love, chief engineer of the Stella, who perished in the disaster.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on the invitation of the Old Globe Chapter, No. 200, and the Denison Chapter, No. 1248, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present:

Comps. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, G. Supt.; G. Wilkinson, 250, P.P. G.J., as Prov. G.H.; Thomas Morrili, 57, Prov. G.J.; W. H. Cowper, 602, P.A.G.S. Eng., and J. Sykes Rymer, 236, P.P.G.Hs.; John Stevenson, 312, H. Onslow Piercy, 734, and Wm. Clark Bradley, 57, P.P.G.Js.; Michael Charles Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Scribe E.; Herbert L. Swift, 236, Prov. G. Scribe N.; Joseph Henderson, 57, and Geo. John Robinson, 236, P.P. G. Scribe Ns.; Geo. Bohn, C.E., 1010, Prov. G. Reg.; Robt. Wm. White, 312, P.P.G. Reg.; Anthony Buckle, M.A., 236, P.P.G.P.S., P.G.P. Soj.; Col. H. Fawcett Pudsey, 1010, Thomson Foley, 294, and James Wildbore, 57, P.P.G.P. Sojs.; Jno. Thos. Belt, 2134, P. 1st A.G. Soj.; Geo. W. Tindall, 200, P. 2nd A.G. Soj.; Geo. Chambers, 1248, Henry Watson, 734, Wm. S. Meek, 200, and John Rennard, 734, P.P.A.G. Sojs.; Jas. R. Lane, 294, P.P.G.S.B., P.G.S.B.; Geo. H. Walshaw, 200, T. H. Dunn, 200, Geo. Leigh, 2134, and Chas. Gray, 734, P.P.G.S.Bs.; Jas. Barton, 1605, and F. W. Booty, 1258, P.P.G.R., P. G. Std. Brs.; Thos. Muir Goldie, 660, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Jno. Geo. Wallis, 1511, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Marshall, 294, J. W. Tindell, 1605, David Morley, 294, George Petch, 1605, and Edward Ryley, 1605, P.P.G.D.Cs.; William Hepper, 236, P.G. Org.; Thos. B. Redfearn, 1511, P.A.G.S.E.; and Charles Travess, 200, P.G. Janitor. Comps. W. H. Sissons, D.L., G. Supt. of Lincolnshire, and Thomas Bell, P.P.G. Reg. Durham, were visitors. Together with many Principals, Past Principals, and members of the various chapters in the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in form, the M.E. Grand Superintendent, the Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire, the Prov. Grand Second and Third Principals, and the Past Grand Officers of England were saluted with grand honours.

The opening hymn was then sung.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Comps. the Rt. Hon. Lord Bolton, P.G.S.N. Eng., Prov. G.H.; J. W. Woodall, P.G.T. Eng., T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., J. S. Cumberland, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Col. R. G. Smith, Andrew Farmer, and Wm. Tesseyan, P.P. G.Hs.; Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, M.A., and Rev. C. E. L. Wright, M.A., P.P.G.Js.; A. E. Kessen, Thos. S. Brogden, and Edw. Corris, P.P. G.Ns.; W. H. Rose, P.G. Treas.; G. L. Shackles, S. Border, and R. G. Lucas, P.P.G. Regs.; J. T. Towler, F. Creaser, and H. Longford, M.D., P.P.P.G.Ss.; Rev. E. Fox-Thomas and G. Ayre, P.P.A.G.Ss.; Joel Edgar, J. Winterschladen, Jas. Buckle, H. C. Clarke, and B. Newbald, P.P.G. Std. Brs.; W. J. Watson and S. Ridge, P.P.G.D.Cs.; J. W. Marshall, P.G.O.; A. Spring, M.E.Z. 2134; H. P. Raines, H. 200; and J. L. Charter, J. 2134.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Malton on 12th May, 1898, were taken as read and confirmed.

The annual balance sheet, having been audited and found correct, was taken as read, and unanimously adopted.

Comp. Thomas Raven, M.E.Z. 1248, was then unanimously elected. Prov. Grand Treasurer upon the proposition of the PROV. GRAND SCRIBE E., seconded by Comp. R. McBEAN, M.E.Z. 200.

Comps. T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.H., and T. Gerard Hodgson, P.P.G.D. of C., were re-elected Auditors, upon the proposition of the PROV. GRAND J., seconded by Comp. GEO. LEIGH, P.P.G.S.B.

The various chapters in the province then communicated.

The following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested. The Prov. Grand 3rd Principal was solemnly obligated. The Prov. G. Treasurer, having been previously elected, was duly invested.

Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, 236, P.G.S.N.	...	...	Prov. G.H.
England	...	...	Prov. G.H.
Rev. J. W. Dales, M.A., 602	...	...	Prov. G.J.
Michael Charles Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
Jas. Milestone, 57	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
Thomas Raven, 1248	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Robert McBean, 200	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
James A. Brown, 250	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
Edward Smiths, 312	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
Arthur W. Cook, 1635	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
W. H. Winpenny, 734	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Robert Carson, 1010	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
J. L. Spetch, 1611	...	...	
Jno. Geo. Wallis, 1511	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
W. Lowther Carrick, 543	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
William Hepper, 236	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Thomas B. Redfearn, 1511	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
Charles Travess, 200	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address: Companions, once again we have assembled in annual convocation to transact the business of the Prov. G. Chapter, to meet old friends, and, we hope, to find new ones. Fortunately, our work-to-day is light, and there are no matters of special importance demanding attention. Since our last meeting, in consequence of the lamented death of the Earl of Lathom, the Earl Amherst has been promoted to succeed as M.E. Pro First Grand Principal, the Earl of Warwick is now M.E. Second Grand Principal, whilst the M.E. Comp. Wm. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., remains as M.E. Third Grand Principal, a position which may he long be spared to fill, as hitherto, with honour to himself, and with great benefit to the Order. Like our Province of West Yorkshire, we feel constrained to express regret that the members of the Craft lodges do not proceed to the Royal Arch in such numbers as might be desired. The Grand Superintendent of West York-

shire, addressing his Prov. G. Chapter in November, 1897, said: "I know there is a very general feeling amongst those in the provinces who have taken the Royal Arch Degree, and have given their best efforts to its proper working, there has been some disappointment; that its position has not been more satisfactory, and there has not been that enthusiasm with respect to it which one might expect." In this province the case is similar, less than one-third of our Master Masons enter the Royal Arch. It is true we have but 16 chapters on our roll, as compared with our 34 lodges; but those brethren who possess the true Masonic zeal can readily obtain membership in the chapters, none of which are far from their lodges, when Masonic study would be rendered more valuable and interesting by the possession of the Royal Arch—the copestone of our English Masonic rite. In 1893 the Supreme Grand Chapter reduced the period which must elapse between the Third Degree and the Royal Arch from 12 months to four weeks, the view being entertained that "young Masons who joined the Craft and took the Three Degrees regularly, with four weeks' interval, had to wait 12 months before admission to the Royal Arch, which, they were told, was not a separate Degree, but merely the completion of the Third Degree. Now in that time they had an opportunity of joining many other branches of Masonry, and it was probable that they did not advance to the Royal Arch at the expiration of the 12 months because they had joined other Degrees in the interval. Whilst the Third Degree was fresh in their memories, and they were passing on from the same Degree to the completion of it, it was much more likely that they would join the ranks of other Degrees and go elsewhere." In making this great alteration in the regulations, Supreme Grand Chapter expected it would cause considerable additions to the Order, but in this province, at least, such does not appear to have been the case. Whatever may be the merits of other systems which have been evolved from the ancient Craft, it should always be remembered that the Royal Arch is the only Order intimately connected with the Master Mason's Degree, and the only system directly practised under the auspices of the same governing body. If the meetings of the chapters are held regularly, and the impressive ceremonials carefully and reverently performed, there should be no lack of attendance, and we would fraternally urge the Principals and members of the chapters to bring the Royal Arch more prominently before the attention of their brethren in the Craft, who have not, as yet, aspired to that exalted Order. We are glad to be able to state that we have reason to believe that the members of the Royal Arch resident at Selby purpose to revive the St. Germain Chapter at the earliest opportunity. An invitation for holding this meeting at Middlesbrough was kindly sent by the Principals and members of the Marwood Chapter, No. 602; but the Scarborough companions having sent an invitation previously, the same was gratefully accepted, and we shall hope on a future occasion to be favoured with a renewal of the invitation from Middlesbrough. On the present occasion we must express the pleasure we feel on meeting so good an attendance of the companions, and return our best thanks to the Principals and members of the Old Globe and Denison Chapters for their kindness and hospitality. It is always a great pleasure to visit the "queen of watering-places," and this pleasure is much enhanced when we meet such cordiality and good-fellowship as is invariably extended to visitors by the Freemasons of Scarborough.

The closing hymn having been sung, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The annual banquet was held at the Balmoral Hotel, when the Grand Superintendent presided, and was supported by a select number of companions.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Extract from Pettigrew's "Chronicle of the Tombs."

In Lidbury Church: Ob., 1617:

"John Stone (a Freemason).

On one great corner-stone this stone relied,  
For blessing to this building, loving most  
To build God's temple, in works he died,  
And lived the Temple of the Holy Ghost.  
In whose hard life is proved and honest fame,  
God can of stone raise seed to Abraham."

REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU.

## Craft Masonry.

### St. George Lodge, No. 242.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. F. H. Buckland, acting W.M.; T. W. Turner, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Duff, J.W.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Hainsworth, Sec.; H. Foster, S.D.; C. Reasbeck, J.D.; A. W. Fretwell, D.C.; J. H. Pawson, P.P.G.R., Org.; W. C. Wright, I.G.; W. Mason, Tyler; C. Goldthorpe P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Alderman R. C. Bentley, P.M.; C. M. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Bridge, P.M.; J. Shires, P.M.; C. Porrett; J. King, J. W. Chapman, H. C. White, J. Hirst, W. H. Ord, J. Charles, J. Venus, W. Hastie, J. P. Hanson, W. Taylor, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, P.P.G. Std. Br. W. Yorks and P.P.G.D. Lincs; Theo. Barber, P.M. 2259; G. Eland, W.M. 2259; A. Fenton, I.P.M. 2259; E. Simpson, J.W. 2259; J. MacBean, P.P.G.R. N. and E. Yorks; J. D. Renton, Portland, Conn, U.S.A.; J. W. Swaby, W.M. 2078; and J. Franks, W.M. 1482.

The lodge was opened by Bro. F. H. Buckland, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Smith (who was absent from severe illness). The collars were collected, and the following officers, selected from the Provincial and visiting brethren, took seats: Bros. Macbean, S.W.; J. Constable, J.W.; J. Franks, S.D.; Theo. Barber, J.D.; G. Eland, I.G.; and the candidate Bro. T. W. Turner, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Bridge and Fretwell to the Installing Master, Bro. Buckland. The ceremony of installation was carried out in a most impressive and able manner by Bro. Buckland, making a great impression upon the candidate and upon the whole lodge, too. Bro. Pawson gave the addresses to the Wardens and the brethren generally. Bro. Goldthorpe was re-elected Charity Representative. The lodge was closed with "Hearty congratulations and good wishes" from all present.

The banquet afterwards took place. A splendid repast had been prepared, and after due and ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the following toast list was gone through.

The W.M. proposed "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the

R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Hartley responding for the latter.

Bro. Pawson gave the toast of "The W.M. of St. George's Lodge and his Officers," and the W.M. responded.

Bro. Renton, America, gave "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. Buckland.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" having been given, Bro. Bentley proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bros. MacBean, Constable, Hardy, and Barber.

The Tylers' toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Suckley, Mus. Bac., Lieutenant and Band Master of the Yorkshire Dragoons, looked in during the evening and delighted the brethren with his selections, and accompanied on the piano. The band consisted of Bros. H. C. White, piano; Duff, organ; Reasbeck, violin; and Venus, flute; and their performances, either in quartette, trio, or solo, were quite a musical treat. Very few lodges possess such a band.

The W.M., Bro. Turner, must be heartily congratulated on the success of the whole proceedings, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the truly brotherly feeling evinced is a very favourable omen of a successful and happy year.

The following is the list of the officers invested: Bros. F. H. Buckland, I.P.M., proxy for Bro. G. Smith; R. Duff, S.W.; J. Hainsworth, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. Shires, Chap.; C. Reasbeck, S.D.; J. W. Chapman, J.D.; A. W. Fretwell, D.C.; J. H. Pawson, Org.; J. Hirst, I.G.; C. Porrett and J. W. Taylor, Stwds.; and J. Mason, Tyler.

### Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.

The last meeting before the summer recess was held at the handsome lodge room attached to the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on the 9th inst. A goodly number of brethren were present. Bro. Ditcham, W.M., performed the ceremonies, with the able assistance of the rest of the officers, very impressively. Bros. Claxton and Horne were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Ockenden raised to the Third Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony of raising being performed by Bro. Ward, Town Clerk of Harwich, a Provincial Grand Officer of distinction, and an expert Masonic ritualist. The question of a proposed Masonic Hall to be erected at Dovercourt was brought before the meeting by Bro. Ward and ably advocated, and the feeling in its favour appeared to be general. The lodge was closed.

Bro. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. at the banquet which followed, for his conduct in the chair during the past year.

Bro. Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R., P.P.G.D.C., responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and in eulogising the Craft, mentioned the interesting fact with reference to the recent ceremony that the name of a certain personage alluded to, though not in the authorised or revised version of the Bible, appeared in the German Bible, and pointed to the probable fact that the Masons were the descendants of the Steinmetzen of the Middle Ages, who built the German cathedrals and learnt their traditional secrets.

A very pleasant evening was spent, thanks to the able management of the supper, which was admirably served, and to the geniality of all concerned.

The Star in the East is a very prosperous lodge, and the brethren are fully alive to their Masonic obligations, the lodge itself being Life Governor to all the Masonic Charities.

### Lorne Lodge, No. 1347.

The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. Harold Griffiths, W.M., in the chair; J. H. Asman, S.W.; H. W. Lofts, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap. and Treas.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; J. W. Inray, S.D.; T. R. Porter, J.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; D. Napper, I.G.; R. R. Ward, Stwd.; G. C. Burry, P.M.; J. Hosking, P.M.; G. W. Dixon, P.M.; Alfred Stribling, P.M.; Tom Cookes, P.M.; Hugh Taylor, P.M.; A. Crook, J. A. Formoy, W. Dennett, W. Sabine, A. S. Stubington, A. Van Weede, R. G. Goatcher, C. E. Stribling, F. G. Whitfield, F. Dyke, W. Van Oppen, J. F. Van Oppen, P.M.; E. M. Gibson, jun., M. H. Cotton, T. L. Rowse, Robt. R. Banks, E. J. Lowther, P.M.; G. R. Forster, W. C. Cooks, F. N. Smyth, and J. H. Greenwood. The following visitors were present: Bros. H. Carman, P.M. 2535; R. Willock, 1687; C. Braby, 2241; J. Mossop, P.M. 1874; E. C. Carr, 23; W. R. Dunn, P.M. 2272; H. Collings, 134; W. J. Taylor, 1962; E. M. Gibson, P.M. 1297; R. H. Meyer, 1767; R. W. Ker, I.P.M. 190; R. B. Miller, 55; C. E. Monckley, 1915; and A. R. Jackson.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Secretary read the names of those eligible for the Master's chair, the brethren's choice being unanimous in favour of Bro. J. H. Asman, S.W. The Treasurer, Bro. Rev. H. W. Turner, and the Tyler, Bro. N. B. Payne, were unanimously re-elected. Bros. Crook, Stubington, and R. G. Goatcher were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. The Secretary having read the by-laws, Bro. Richard Willock, who had been regularly initiated and passed in the Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The Treasurer gave notice of motion, "That the usual sum be expended in the purchase of a Past Master's jewel for presentation to the retiring W.M." Bro. G. R. Saunders, 2135, was proposed as a joining member.

The W.M. then delivered his fourth and concluding lecture (being the last of a series during his year of office), taking for his subjects "From Labour to Refreshment Two Centuries Ago" and "The Foundation of Modern Freemasonry." In dealing with the former subject, the W.M. pointed out that two centuries ago refreshment and labour were carried on simultaneously by the brethren; in fact, the refreshment formed a regular part of the proceedings, and were served in lodge during the time it was open and at work. Several extracts from old lodge minutes and by-laws were cited in support of this statement, and in one instance the W.M. showed that the lodge paid for the refreshment that was consumed during the time the ceremony was being performed. About this period conviviality appears to have been the order of the day, and was the rule rather than the exception, and there was good reason to believe also that the brethren imbibed pretty freely two centuries ago, as several entries of the Treasurer showed in one lodge that broken glass and panes and the repair to furniture were so frequently enumerated, that the cost must have made serious inroads upon their returns. The W.M. then went on to show how Masonry had changed in this particular during recent years, and that some Scotch lodges at the present day provided no refreshment whatever. In concluding this subject, the Worshipful Master stated that, although the modern Speculative Masons are all so anxious to keep to the rules, regulations, and traditions of their ancient brethren and adhere as far as practicable to their doctrines and customs, yet there were many distinguished Freemasons of to-day who deem it almost a penal offence to introduce anything into an open lodge beyond the scope of the Three Degrees of their ritual, and then showing that these ancient brethren "who they tried to copy" not only partook of refreshment in open lodge, but that the lodge was closed until the banquet had been served and the toasts and harmony of the evening concluded. It appeared to him (the W.M.) that they, as modern Masons, are not consistent in their feeble endeavour to practically carry out the tenets and principles of their ancient brethren, as they totally ignore the practical application of some of those theories which it has been their continual boast to openly profess they so much admire. In the second part of the lecture the W.M. commenced by stating that as he had upon a previous occasion dealt with Freemasonry in England prior to the Grand Lodge Era (1717), he would now carry the subject further, and enumerate the circumstances which now gave rise to our present system of Freemasonry, and trace its development till the beginning of the present century. The details were then gone into respecting the four old lodges and the *modus operandi* of their forming of Grand Lodge. The W.M. showed that it was at first intended for Grand Lodge to apply only to London and Westminster, as evidenced by the 1723 Constitutions, whose range now had encircled the whole world. (In 1723 30 lodges only were attached to Grand Lodge, now there were about 2287.) He then traced the development of Grand Lodge through successive years, showing how its influences had increased, how it had been the means of placing and maintaining Masonry upon a pinnacle of dignity, and how it had raised the general standard of Masonry in the eyes of the whole of the popular world. The original Grand Lodge clothing was then briefly described, and, in dealing with white gloves, the W.M. pointed out that lemon and lavender coloured gloves, and those with black and other ornamental

backs, usually worn in Craft lodges, were not Masonic—the Masonic gloves being the plain white skin of the animal, devoid of ornamentation whatsoever. The origin of the Benevolent Institution, which was started by the Earl of Dalkeith in 1725, was gone into, and its growth traced to the present time, the W.M. remarking that it now distributed upwards of £12,000 per annum to distressed Masons. In 1768 a fund was raised for building a Masonic Hall, and premises were purchased in Great Queen-street, W.C. These were soon found inadequate, owing to the rapid growth of Grand Lodge, so they were pulled down and rebuilt in 1798, leaving a debt of £7000 upon the premises, which was soon reduced by levying an extra annual charge of 2s. per head upon every member of the Craft, which was no abolished until 1810. The W.M. then gave a short history of the origin of the Royal Freemasons' Charity for Female Children (1738), now known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This Institution was established to clothe, feed, and educate 15 children. These numbers have been from time to time increased, so that it now harbours 267 children, and has at the recent Festival collected upwards of £21,000. A brief sketch was then given of the Goose and Gridiron ale house, which was the tavern that afforded shelter to the first Grand Lodge meeting; and, in concluding, the W.M. stated that so long as he was able to work in the Craft of Masonry, he would always loudly proclaim to his fellow brethren the immense amount of good the Craft had received from the formation and maintenance of Grand Lodge, and, under such circumstances, he could not better draw his series of lectures to a close than by enumerating an expression which he was sure would be uppermost in all their hearts, viz., "Long live Grand Lodge to rule over them, and to be their guide in all their Masonic actions."

The lecture was listened to by the brethren with more than usual interest, and the W.M. was warmly applauded upon its completion.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, most admirably served by the Hall Company, and the remainder of the evening was spent in toasts and music, and throughout the proceedings harmony prevailed.

### Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922.

The regular meeting of this very prosperous South London lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. H. Cornford, W.M.; R. Peachey, I.P.M.; E. J. S. Ware, S.W.; A. Chadderton, J.W.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Shipton, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Jackson, S.D.; F. W. Riches, J.D.; J. E. Robertson, I.G.; W. E. Groom, and T. T. Harris, Stwds.; J. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; J. Nettleton Taylor, Org.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec.; Herridge, A.D.C.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; E. Nansen, L. Motley, S. Shipton, C. Vieusseux, Legg, Graves, F. S. Messent, J. F. Warne, W. S. Martin, C. W. Wedge, S. Costello, R. H. Lord, W. Wise, C. Cook, W. Evans, H. Lambert, A. G. Pocock, G. Grove, W. L. Chamness, S. A. Lambert, J. H. Heath, W. Hipgrave, G. Herridge, J. J. Emery, and C. L. Plant, P.M. (hon.). The visitors were Bros. H. O. Hill, 1617; W. J. H. Faull, 101; J. Cappel, 1602; W. Hill, J.D. 1512; R. Brown, 2393; E. E. Pouard, P.M. 1627; G. D. Fairbairn, 30; F. Page, P.M. 2182; E. G. Steers, J.W. 1507; W. Courtney, 1507; A. Darch, P.M. 72; B. Bramble, W.M. 2182; P. H. Clarke, 2384; J. C. Wiberger, 1901; and J. Bailey, 948.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. L. Motley, W. Wise, and G. A. Costello were raised, and Bros. H. C. Vieusseux, A. G. Pocock, W. S. T. Martin, and W. Evans were passed. The ballot being taken for Mr. J. F. Emery and, proving unanimous, he was initiated by the W.M. in an exemplary manner, while the ceremonies of raising and passing were carried out by him in his usual masterly style. A sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the Girls' Institution and placed on the W.M.'s list, which with the kindness and liberality of the brethren enabled him to carry to that Institution the handsome sum of £105, for which he most gratefully thanked them. A Committee meeting was formed to arrange a summer outing. Bro. C. L. Plant, P.M. 101, was elected an hon. member in acknowledgment of the very efficient service he rendered the brethren in the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, for which honour he most heartily thanked the lodge. Three propositions having been handed in to the Secretary, the business ended.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were loyally given and received, together with that of "The Grand Officers."

The toast of "The W.M." was presented in most cordial terms.

The W.M. replied with grateful expressions for their kindness as to his ability and the deep interest he had taken in the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiate" was given in able terms by the W.M., and duly responded to.

"The Visitors" was most cordially presented.

Bros. B. Bramble, W.M. 2182; Bailey; and W. Hill, I.G. 1512, most ably replied.

The remaining toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been duly presented and responded to, closed a very happy and intellectual meeting.

The lodge is to be congratulated upon such an excellent and able Master, who so thoroughly carries out the duties and maintains the high character of the lodge. His year promises to be a record one.

Some excellent harmony was rendered by Bros. C. L. Plant, A. R. Jackson, L. S. Shipton, G. A. Costello, W. G. Groom, B. Bramble, and E. Nansen. Bro. J. Nettleton Taylor, Org., ably presided at the piano.

### Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

The election meeting of this important lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 15th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. R. Flack, W.M.; H. Bond, P.M., Stwd., as S.W.; D. A. Ross, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; A. S. Jehu, S.D.; J. H. Gaunt, J.D.; T. Grant, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; W. T. Peat, P.M., P.P.G.O.; R. W. Rice, P.M.; and R. W. Simpson, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Harris, P.M. 1310; C. C. Grimstoke, J.W. 2032; and F. de Grost, 946.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Cordery and Cole were impressively raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. J. W. Tapper, A. McCombie, E. Hurst, R. Carman, and J. Dunval, and it being unanimous, they were all, with the exception of the last-named, who was unable to be present, duly initiated. It being election night, Bros. H. C. Crozier, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Egypt, was elected W.M.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; and H. J. Bond, P.M., Charity Representative. A Past Master's jewel was voted, with acclamation, to the W.M. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Fox on the recent loss of his wife. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Crozier, S.W.; E. Dare, P.M.; and others. The name of a candidate for initiation at the next meeting was proposed and seconded. Bro. Thomas Grant having been appointed to represent the lodge as Steward at the R.M.I.B., the Secretary gave a notice of motion to vote him 10 guineas to head his list, after which the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, served under the personal superintendence of the obliging host of the Greyhound, Bro. E. Beltramo, and which gave unqualified satisfaction.

Bro. T. Grant responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. R. W. Simpson in fluent terms. In the course of his remarks he complimented Bro. Flack on the manner in which he had discharged his duties during an arduous year of office. No. 1656 was a large lodge, and therefore to fill the chair effectively was by no means an easy task.

The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he had endeavoured to do his work to the best of his ability. He was given to understand by the Secretary that the four ceremonies of the Craft would have to be performed at the next meeting. He did not intend to shirk the responsibility of performing those ceremonies, and although it would necessitate the lodge being called at an early hour, he hoped to be well supported by the Past Masters and Officers on that occasion.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," were submitted in quick succession and duly acknowledged.

The proceedings then terminated.

### Lodge La France, No. 2060.

This lodge held the third meeting of the year on the 14th inst. at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, when the W.M., Bro. Capt. H. Mondeharc, presided. There was an excellent attendance, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C.; De Sève (Consul-General of Belgium), a high dignitary of the Belgian Rose Croix; Romich, and Dyer.

On the agenda was the raising to the Third Degree of three members, which was performed in an admirable manner by the W.M., making this exceptionally long ceremony most interesting. Then Bro. Leon Clerc, Sec., read the circular issued by the Grand Secretary, together with the resolutions passed in Grand Lodge in March last with reference to the Grand Lodge of Peru, restoring that Grand Lodge to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of England on their having withdrawn their edict removing the volume of the Sacred Law from its meetings and those of the subordinate lodges. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, the clever arrangement of which was in the hands of Bro. Jules Oppenheim.

Subsequently the toast to "The Queen" was satisfactorily honoured, Bro. Mondeharc making special reference to the 80th birthday of her Majesty, and expressing the wish that she might long be spared to reign for the welfare of peace and humanity.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitor," Bro. Imre Kiralfy pointed out the great pleasure he had in attending for the first time since attaining Grand office a lodge which was named after a country where, he was proud to confess, he had acquired his artistic knowledge and taste.

Other toasts were given, interspersed by a musical entertainment, for which the Lodge La France is becoming well-known. The programme was contributed to by Mme. Marthe Duvivier, the renowned cantatrice of the Paris opera, and her charming daughter, Mlle. Marguerite Duvivier, whom ere long we hope to see on the stage of a London theatre in her quaint songs of 1830. Special mention must be made of Mlle. Marguerite Haering, who is the possessor of a wonderful soprano voice, in the compositions of Messrs. Léon, Schölsinger, and Justin Clerice, whose works are too well-known to require any word of praise.

### Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, and was a most enjoyable one. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. George Dyer, who commenced his arduous task by initiating Mr. R. W. Daniels into Freemasonry, passing Bros. Taylor, Somers, and Giles, and raising Bros. Treby, Rider, Cooper, Dyer, and Kent, the whole of which he accomplished in faultless style. Bro. Col. Malony, C.B., Commissary General, W.M. 1974, then, by invitation, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in ancient form installed Bro. James Wheatley, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., where the W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dyer, I.P.M.; R. Rawlinson, S.W.; W. Steer, J.W.; Capt. G. Penstone, Treas.; H. Furlong, Sec.; E. Reynolds, S.D.; E. Woods, J.D.; A. Carter, I.G.; and B. Hubbard, W. Gosden, E. Taylor, and J. Rose, Stwds. Bro. Col. Malony then gave the addresses most impressively, and was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his grand working of the ceremony. Bro. Dyer was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, "for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and to mark the esteem of the brethren," for which he returned his sincere thanks. The death of the late lamented Bro. Crowdy, P.M. was feelingly referred to, and the Secretary was directed to write a letter of condolence and sympathy to the family of the deceased, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served at the Royal Mortar Hotel, opposite the Arsenal gates, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and the service was worthy of all praise.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M.; G. Ingle, P.M. C. Jolly, P.M. (hon.), P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; M. T. Taylor, S.W. 913; W. Taylor, H. Kent, G. Cooper, E. Cook, W. Treby, A. Giles, G. Johnson, W. Boadley, E. Somers, A. Gomes, G. Meillear, F. Meillear, G. Perkins, W. Lucas, F. Widgery, W. Bridger, J. Parker, R. Ryder, J. Gindison, J. Rose, F. Taylor, J. Jones, J. Judge, R. Daniels, R. Price, G. Harrison, T. Mells, and J. Beddows, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bro. A. McQueen, W.M. 13; H. Jacobs, S.W. 13; F. Quick, J.W. 13; G. H. Masters, P.M. 13; G. Davies, P.M. 13; W. Peanee, 13; W. Doddrell, P.M. 615, P.P.G.P. Kent; W. Long, S.W. 700; W. Chambers, J.W. 700; W. Lawson, P.M. and Sec. 700; H. Pamment, P.M. 700; J. J. Murphy, W.M. 913; E. Taylor, S.W. 913; Dr. J. Clarke, 913; A. Hill, W.M. 1536; A. Simmons, S.W. 1536; E. Sinnott, P.M. and Sec. 1536; E. Brook, 1536; E. Carter, P.M. 858; W. Frooms, W.M. 2332; T. Lait, W.M. 1472; S. Chaplin, J.W. 1472; R. Bennett, 1632; and J. Carpenter, 2569.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he had very great pleasure in proposing the toast, because Bro. Wheatley was a friend of his and a friend to them all, both in the lodge and in the department the lodge represented, as well as in their social life. Bro. Wheatley was one of the first initiates of the lodge, and the first initiate that had as yet reached the chair of K.S. in it, and the brethren of the lodge were proud to see him in the exalted position he now occupied. He trusted Bro. Wheatley's year of office would be one of the brightest and best in the history of the lodge, and assured him that nothing should be wanting on his or their part to achieve that object.

Bro. Wheatley, who was most heartily applauded, said, as Bro. Dyer had told them, he (Bro. Wheatley) was the first initiate in the lodge to occupy the chair as its W.M., and he was proud of it. As they were most of them aware, the lodge was originally formed for the convenience of the Ordnance Corps and Department, but, when application was made for the warrant, the late Col. Clerke, then Grand Secretary, said it had better be an open lodge, as exclusive lodges never lived or succeeded for long, so that its scope was extended, and the department was now represented by the leading men engaged therein. In that lodge they had a better prospect of rising to the chair than in most of the neighbouring lodges, because of the different places to which their members in office might at any time be sent. He asked them to bring him only true men and gentlemen of the department as candidates, and he would be prepared to carry out the duties of the office to which they had elected him, and for which he thanked them from the bottom of his heart.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Installing Officer." He said that on visiting Grand Lodge one evening he met their esteemed Bro. Col. Malony, who asked him if they had many lodges in the Woolwich district, and he, Bro. Wheatley, answered, "Yes, we have some good and strong lodges there, the strength of which would astonish you." Col. Malony then expressed a wish to join their lodge, and he was happy to say that that brother was now a member of their lodge. As far as the ceremony was concerned, he could only say that he was deeply impressed with the eloquent delivery, and, as he believed, the perfect working of their Installing Officer, and he called upon them to drink the toast most heartily.

Bro. Malony, who was most cordially received, said there were some things that it was as well to get over and done as soon as possible, and one of them was a Masonic speech. He, however, thanked them for their hearty response to the toast, and also desired to thank the W.M. and I.P.M. for inviting him to perform the ceremony of installation that day and raising his voice in the lodge to which they had admitted him as a member. The ritual used by him was not, he had been informed, the same in every respect as that used in the locality; his was the Emulation ritual, he was, however, proud to know that the most perfect silence existed during his delivery of it, and that in itself was most gratifying, and sufficiently rewarded him for any labour he had done. He certainly was astonished to know there were so many lodges in the district, necessitating such a number of ceremonies during the year. From what he saw of the lodge, it was progressing, and from what he had heard there certainly seemed to be no decadence in Freemasonry around them. It was said that the Roman Empire fell because it got to be too large; he wondered whether the same would ever be said of Masonry. He was exceedingly gratified at being a member of the lodge, and at his reception by them that day; and although he lived a long way from them, yet he trusted to be able to come amongst them now and again and witness the working of their W.M. and his officers, and rejoice at the continued prosperity of the lodge.

Our esteemed brother then resumed his seat amid ringing cheers.

Bro. Capt. Spinks, in responding for "The Past Masters," said he was not entitled to do so because he had not attended the lodge during the past year. He had been Treasurer for the three first years of the lodge's existence, but now that he lived some three miles from the place he could not attend as often as he should like, especially as

the "rhumatish" (after five years under canvas in the Crimea, South Africa, and other lovely places where a soldier had to go when he was ordered) had rather crippled his feet. He was pleased to see Bro. Wheatley Master of the lodge. He had known Bro. Wheatley for the last 25 years. He was an excellent officer of the Department, and was the first foreman of the Department that was chosen as President of the Arsenal Foreman's Association; and he was certain that Bro. Wheatley was fully competent to discharge any service that he might be called upon to perform.

Bro. Dyer said he was the only Master who had passed the chair present. He stood alone in that respect. It put a man upon his metal when he had to stand alone. He was proud to say that during the past year they had had 34 initiates and joining members added to the strength of the lodge, and had £140 more in hand than last year. They had good material at hand, and every prospect of a flourishing and prosperous lodge.

Bro. Ingle said he was one of the founders of the lodge and had always taken a great interest in its welfare. He spoke highly of the splendid manner in which the Installing Officer did his work, and felt sure the lodge would be proud of their W.M. before his year of office was up.

Bro. Murphy, in responding for "The Visitors," said he looked upon being present as a peculiar honour, as he knew the W.M. before he or the W.M. were Masons. He congratulated the brethren upon having such a good Mason to preside over them. He hoped the lodge would get on and "thunder away," for that would be indicative of the Ordinance Lodge. Their work and their hospitality were both grand, and he congratulated the lodge on its officers, the idea striking him that they were determined to support their W.M. They had visitors from every lodge, showing the unity that existed among the lodges of the district, and he felt sure they would all unite in wishing the lodge every prosperity and the Master a happy year of office.

Bros. Lait, Hill, Long, and Bennett also responded.  
The singers were Miss Clara Pierce, Miss Jessie Phillips, and Bros. Walford, Conyers, and Fowler. Bro. Furlong presided at the piano.

### Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. WELFORD, P.M., TREAS.,  
GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

The last meeting of this lodge, held at the Frascati Restaurant, proved unusually interesting, owing to the presentation of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing to the Treasurer, Bro. Welford. The members present included Bros. E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; W. Thomas, I.P.M.; B. Carter, S.W.; W. H. Making, P.M., J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas.; W. A. Grosutt, J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M.; W. J. Batho, P.M.; B. A. Griffin, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Martin, P.A.G.P.; H. L. Cooke, 2098; W. C. Tebbitt, P.M. 2045; W. Parks, 1708; E. C. Holland, I.G. 3; H. Chaplin, I.P.M. 2545; G. V. Wood, P.M. 1608; C. P. Murliss, 2742; R. Cope, 2361; F. Wildash, 1818; G. H. Cantle, P.M. 1538; Stephen Hall, E. H. Baker; and W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.

Lodge was opened, minutes confirmed, and several candidates were impressively initiated. The principal business of the evening was introduced by Bro. Stephens, P.M., Sec., who said they would all be proud to know that they had another Grand Officer amongst their members. In their lodge they all delighted in the success associated with the different members, whether it be in commercial, private, or social life. They, therefore, rejoiced in Bro. Welford's promotion to Grand Office. Bro. Welford had been a Mason for 30 years, was Treasurer of his mother lodge for 20 years, and had been the energetic and successful Treasurer of the Fellowship Lodge since its consecration. It was always a great pleasure to know that one so worthy had been selected for preferment, and they remembered with gratitude that, as Treasurer, he had husbanded their funds, and led them to financial success. Knowing the great regard in which Bro. Welford was held by the members, he (Bro. Stephens) had no hesitation in proposing that the lodge should present him with the insignia of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. It was with considerable pride and pleasure that he made the proposition, for the appointment was a compliment reflected upon the lodge. In the brief existence of four-and-half years the lodge had had five Grand Officers associated with it. It showed the high estimation in which the lodge was held, and they congratulated the Treasurer in contributing in such a marked manner to its success. Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., said it was a sincere pleasure to second the proposition. He recognised with pride that they had five Grand Officers in the lodge and hoped in another year to see one more added. The lodge had set an example by its magnificent work, and they were anxious to carry out that most excellent precept of quality and not quantity. They were happy to see their Treasurer in his new capacity, and hoped he would have health and strength for many years to wear the clothing of Grand Office. It is almost needless to say the proposition was carried by acclamation and the Secretary, with that intuitive foresight in anticipating the wishes of the members, which is one of his principal characteristics, announced that he had the insignia in the room ready for presentation. The W.M., in a few graceful terms, then made the presentation of complete sets of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter regalia with accompanying jewels. The inscription on the latter reads: "Presented to W. Bro. John Welford on his appointment as G. Std. Br. in United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter of England, together with the regalia of the offices by the brethren of the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, as a mark of their affection and esteem as their first Treasurer, and under whose financial control the lodge has been so remarkably prosperous. May Day, 1899." Bro. John Welford, G. Std. Br., said if there was a moment in his life when he should feel happy it was now, to feel he had won their good opinions and their generous gift. Their kind words had gone deeply to his heart. He should never forget this May Day. It would be a great pleasure to represent their lodge in the Grand Lodge which they all looked up to. He could only repeat that he thanked them and that he hoped in the future, as in the past, to do all he possibly could for the lodge.

Lodge was closed, and the banquet was followed by the several toasts, one item for congratulation in the speeches being the fact that the charitable work of the lodge, which had been of a record nature in the past, was being continued by the present W.M., whose list as Steward for the Girls' School amounted to 450 guineas.

Bros. J. Welford, G. Std. Br., and W. Martin, P.A.G.P., briefly replied for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. W. Thomas, I.P.M., in well-chosen terms, proposed "The Health of the W. Master," and expressed the hope that the W.M.'s list, which was in conjunction with Bro. Sir J. Monckton, would reach 500 guineas.

The W.M., in response, said he would undertake that the list should reach the sum named.

Bros. Walter and Ferguson replied for "The Initiates."

Bros. Minton, Greenwood, and Murliss acknowledged "The Visitors."

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was next given, the W.M. having a kindly and appreciative word for each in turn. He expressed regret that Bro. Bailey had been obliged to leave, also that Bro. Valeriani, owing to ill-health, had been obliged to resign active membership. Last, but not least, Bros. Welford and Stephens received the meed of praise which was due for their invaluable services to the lodge.

"The Officers" was given before the proceedings terminated.  
Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. Stubbs and Tebbutt rendered an excellent selection of music.

### Alleyn Lodge, No. 2647.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown and Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Joel, W.M.; W. H. Stone, S.W.; T. C. Stanley, J.W.; C. J. Axford, Treas.; C. H. Phillips, Sec.; F. J. Henley, S.D.; E. J. Scott, J.D.; R. Omash, I.G.; Mitchell, Tyler; G. W. Capel, P.M.; W. Stevens, P.M.; H. Harwood, T. Terry, H. F. Wyatt, C. Letchmere, W. P. Chapman, F. J. Ritson, A. Adams, A. Brown, and N. W. Buis. Visitors: Bros. W. Boyce, P.M. 30; A. E. Kipps, J.W. 1275; and C. Crowther, 2308.

The lodge was opened in due form. Letters of apology for inability to attend were announced as having been received from a great many brethren. The W.M. read the notice summoning the meeting. The ballot was taken for Messrs. J. W. Harrison and W. T. Meredith and, proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly elected. Mr. Alfred Adams, balloted for at the last regular meeting, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the privileges of the Order by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bros. Thos. Terry and H. F. Wyatt were subsequently passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. performed the portions of the ceremony which appertains to the chair in a manner which elicited the heartiest commendation of all the brethren present, while his officers performed their duties with admirable efficiency. The W.M. then presented to Bro. C. J. Axford a wedding present, the gift of the members, addressing the lodge as follows: "Brethren, we will now proceed to a very important item on the summons, that is, to present to our highly esteemed Bro. Axford, P. Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Middx., a wedding present, in token of the respect and affection with which we all regard him. The late Sir Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, selected Bro. Axford some 15 years ago for Provincial Grand honours; since that time he has devoted his best energies to the interests of the Craft, especially in coaching young Masons and preparing them for the different offices to which in due course they would be elected. Personally, I have to thank him for many valuable hints in working our beautiful ceremonies. Bro. Axford first conceived the idea of founding this lodge, and has brought it to maturity. He was the first Master, and has also introduced the largest number of initiates. I am sure that all the brethren who know him will testify that I am not using too flattering terms when I describe him as "a Mason of the highest class, a gentleman in demeanour, courteous in address, and kindly in disposition." Bro. Axford, I have peculiar pleasure, and esteem it a very great honour, in being Master for this year, with such a privilege, in asking you to accept from us this token of our high appreciation of your truly Masonic excellence. We have selected this present that your good wife may also participate, and we trust that the Most High may preserve you both to use these articles for many years to come.

The lodge was then closed.

A banquet was served after business by Bro. W. P. Chapman, and during a most enjoyable two hours' board gathering a capital musical entertainment was given.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.  
The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Adams, Omash, and Crowther. Bro. A. E. Kipps, 1275, ably presided at the piano.

### Rahere Lodge, No. 2546.

An ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant on the 9th instant, Bro. T. G. A. Burns, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Tucker, Lewis and Kennedy were raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Stack was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. C. J. Heath was initiated. Bro. R. J. Reece, M.D., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Godson was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Madden was re-elected Tyler. It was decided that for the present no steps should be taken to found a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the lodge.

Forty brethren afterwards dined together, and during the evening a wedding present, subscribed for by some members of the lodge, was presented to Bro. Burns.

### Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, Essex. Bro. Plumer C. Walker was installed Master for the second time, he having previously occupied the chair in 1895, but only served 11 months. Bros. A. J. Brickwell was appointed S.W.; Ryon, J.W.; Dudgeon, P.M., Treas.; Bruton, P.M., Sec.; Wayman Martin, S.D.; Long, P.M., J.D.; and J. R. Hill, W.M. 157, I.G. A most successful meeting was enjoyed by all the brethren, including three Grand Officers, Bros. T. Ralling, A. Lucking, and W. J. Crump; the latter performed the installation ceremony.

This lodge is the entertaining lodge of the Provincial Grand Lodge this year, and the meeting will take place at Tilbury on July 26.

## Royal Arch.

### Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

The last meeting of the season of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 5th instant. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, H.; H. Nash, J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; W. Radcliffe, P.Z., acting P.S.; Cooper, 2nd A.S.; Weeks, P.Z.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; and Cordwell, P.Z. (H.M.) Among the visitors were Comps. E. S. Lardner, P.Z., and T. Simpson, P.Z.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. John Bryant, 1772, and it being unanimous, he was duly exalted in a most impressive manner. The sum of 10 guineas was voted unanimously to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; F. Graves, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Stevens, P.Z.; Mapleton, I.P.Z.; and others. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.  
Comp. Weeks, P.Z., after the customary toasts had been duly honoured, submitted "The Health of the M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks he said that but few words of his were necessary to make the toast a bumper one. Comp. Lardner's work and worth were not only well known to the members of the old Fidelity Chapter, but to all companions and brethren in the broad area of Metropolitan Masonry. He (Comp. Weeks) felt confident that the M.E.Z., apart from his services as a Mason was highly and deservedly popular in other walks of life.

This toast being very warmly received, the M.E.Z. briefly replied.

The toast of "The H. and J." followed.

The M.E.Z. spoke highly of the work of Comps. Hart and Nash. With regard to the latter companion, he was glad to hear that his health was improving. The proposer of the last toast had spoken of the importance of the work of a First Principal, but it

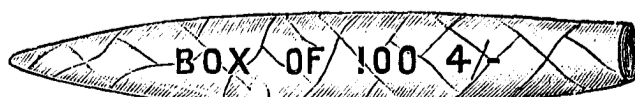
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