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### EARLY FREEMASONRY IN GEORGIA, U.S.A.

Before giving the promised particulars relating to "A Curious Warrant," on which Bro. SPETH invites information in Volume XIII., Part 2, of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," and to which we referred in our recent article on that publication, we purpose saying a few words on the foundation of the British Colony of Georgia, firstly because they cannot be otherwise than interesting, and secondly because they throw light on a passage in Grand Lodge minutes which we shall have occasion to quote.

It was not till the 9th June, 1732, that a charter was granted by GEORGE II. for the erection of the country within certain specified limits into the Province of Georgia, the name being chosen in honour of the Sovereign who sanctioned the establishment of the Colony, while its administration was placed for 21 years in the hands of a corporation, "in trust for the poor." At the head of the council was the fourth Earl of SHAFTESBURY, but "its most celebrated member"—as we read in BANCROFT'S "History of the United States," from which we have derived our information—was JAMES OGLETHORPE, a member of the House of Commons, who some four years previously had invoked the aid of the British Parliament in behalf of the thousands of persons "immured in prison for the misfortune of poverty," and who, on being appointed "a commissioner for inquiring into the state of the jails in the Kingdom," persevered in his benevolent purpose until at length he was successful in restoring "to light and freedom multitudes, who, by long confinement for debt, were strangers and helpless in the country of their birth." Nor was he content with obtaining their freedom. "For them and for persecuted Protestants," writes BANCROFT, "he planned an asylum and a new destiny in America, where former poverty would be no reproach, and where the simplicity of piety could indulge the spirit of devotion without fear of persecution from men who hated the rebuke of its example." So well was the scheme received that "the benevolence of England was aroused; the charities of an opulent and enlightened nation were to be concentrated on the new plantation; individual zeal was kindled in its favour; the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts sought to promote its interests; and Parliament showed its goodwill by at once contributing ten thousand pounds." As for OGLETHORPE, he sailed at the head of about 120 emigrants in

November, 1732, arrived off Charleston bar after a voyage of 57 days, and sailing directly for Port Royal, and having ascended the boundary river of Georgia, and selected a site for his principal town "on the high bluff on which Savannah now stands," arrived with his people at the site chosen, and set about laying out the new town. Under his auspices the infant colony was soon established, but it is not necessary that we should trace its early development, or follow the fortunes of General OGLETHORPE, of whose character and attributes BANCROFT speaks in the most glowing terms. What we have quoted will suffice to explain how and why it was that the establishment of this colony in Georgia should have been called attention to at the meeting of our Grand Lodge held at the Devil Tavern on the 13th December, 1733. The following is the entry in the minutes, the Deputy who introduced the subject being Bro. THOMAS BATSON:

The Depy Grand Master Opened to the Lodge the affairs of Planting the new Colony in Georgia in America, & having sent an Account in Print of the Nature of such Plantation to all the Lodges & informed the Grand Lodge That the Trustees had to Nathaniel Blackerby, Esq., & to himself Commission under their Common Seal to collect the Charity of this Society towards enabling the Trustees to send distressed Brethren to Georgia, where they may be comfortably provided for.

Which being seconded by Br. Rogers Holland, Esq. (one of the said Trustees), who opened the Nature of the Settlement & by Sr. William Keith Bart., who was many Years Governor of Pensilvania, by Dr. Desaguliers, Lord Southwell, Br. Blackerby, & many other very worthy Brethren, it was recommended accordingly.

The Depy Grand Master & Br. Blackerby, Treasurer, informed the Grand Lodge that they would wait upon the Noblemen & other Persons of Distinction who are Members of this Society for their contributions to the Charity of Georgia.

After reading this passage, in which it appears that the Dep. Grand Master appealed directly to the members for funds to enable the Trustees "to send distressed Brethren to Georgia where they may be comfortably provided for," it seems only natural that at no very distant date—more or less distant according as the circumstances of Georgia proved less or more favourable—we should come across evidence of a deputation or warrant being granted by the Grand Master for the formation of a lodge or lodges in the newly-established Colony, and this is just what we do find in the second or 1738 edition of Dr. ANDERSON'S "Constitutions," in which among the Deputations granted by Lord WEYMOUTH during his Grand Mastership, he includes "another to Mr. ROGER LACY, Merchant, for Constituting a Lodge at SAVANNAH of Georgia in America." This shows, at all events, that the portion of the recital in "A Curious Warrant," which makes mention of a warrant having been granted by Lord WEYMOUTH in 1735 is accurate save in one or two particulars, which, in our humble opinion, are of no great importance: (1) the "Deputation" is described as a "Warrant;" and (2) the brother to whom it was granted is stated to have been "HUGH LACY" instead of "ROGER LACY." WILLIAM PRESTON appears to have had no doubt upon the matter, for he states explicitly in his "Illustrations of Masonry"—Dr. OLIVER'S Edition, 1861—that Lord WEYMOUTH issued warrants "to open a new Lodge at Lisbon and another at Savannah in Georgia," and PRESTON flourished as a Mason near enough to the date of issue to be accepted as an authority. Descending to our own times we find that FINDEL, in his "History of Freemasonry," says, at p. 591, "the first Warranted Lodge in Georgia was established in 1735 in Savannah." The late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, in his article on "Georgia" in KENNING'S

"Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," quotes the passage we have taken from ANDERSON'S Constitutions, and states further that in "COLE'S List of Lodges, 1763, No. 75 is a Lodge at Savannah in the Province of Georgia founded in 1735." Lastly, the late Bro. JOHN LANE in his "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," with reference to this lodge—which he speaks of as having been named as "Solomon's Lodge" in 1776 and as being "now No. 1 on Reg. of G.L. of Georgia"—has the following: "Savannah, Georgia, U.S. of America, 1735;" having been originally numbered 139 and having become at successive closings up of the lodges—124, in 1740; 75, in 1755; 63, in 1770; 50, in 1780 and 1781; and 46, in 1792. As to its places of meeting, he writes, "Stated to have been opened at Augusta Georgia, U.S.A., 1781;" then to have been held at a "Tavern kept by Mr. CHILD, Whittaker Street, Savannah, prior to 1790," and then to have met at the "Masonic Hall, Whittaker Street, Savannah, 1799." He adds that "it made no payments after 1781, but was kept on the roll until 1813."

As regards the person to whom Lord WEYMOUTH granted his Deputation in 1735, who is described by ANDERSON as "Mr. ROGER LACY, Merchant," and in "A Curious Warrant"—which Bro. SPETH judges to have been "hand-written, in imitation of copper-plate"—as "the Right Worshipful HUGH LACY," we can do no more than express our belief that the "hand writer" is at fault, and also that ANDERSON'S "ROGER LACY" is probably identical with the "ROGER LACY," who we learn from the Grand Lodge minutes was one of the 12 "Stewards that acted on the 27 March, 1731, who were all publicly thank'd," and who is probably the same with the "Mr. ROGER LACEY," who, in 1730, was a member of the Lodge at the "Swan in Long Acre." It may be added that prior to this date there was a "Mr. LACEY," who was a member of the King's Arms Lodge, St. Paul's—present Lodge of Antiquity.

What further we may have to say in respect of "A Curious Warrant" must be reserved for some future occasion.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The well-known "Red Book" of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown" has just been published, corrected to 31st July, 1900. Copies may be had, as usual, from the courteous Secretary, Bro. Capt. W. Portlock-Dadson, 33, Golden-square, W., at one shilling each (postage, extra 2½d.).

It is a wonderfully compact volume of nearly 300 pages, admirably arranged, and contains an immense amount of information of great value and interest for members of the Rite. Typographically it is all that could be desired and textually it is apparently quite free from errors, for so far I have failed to detect even one.

The Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Council are first of all inserted, and then follow a complete set of tables respecting the personnel of all the Degrees from the Rose Croix to the Grand Inspector General, inclusive; involving considerable labour in their compilation and of great utility for all concerned. In fact, members of either of these Degrees, or connected with all of them, will find this work indispensable, and of never failing accuracy and interest.

There are now some 120 Rose Croix Chapters on the Roll, but when I had that beautiful Ceremony and Degree conferred on me, in 1865, there were only some twenty, thus proving how prosperous the Rite has been since its headquarters were removed to the metropolis, and was placed under new and able management.

The Table of Membership include the names of all those returned by each Chapter, in order according to position on the Roll, and then a List of the members of all the Degrees arranged alphabetically. Besides these elaborate details, there are full particulars of the members of the Supreme Council, of which body Bro. Capt. Nathaniel George Phillips is the S. Grand Commander, a chronological List of the Grand Inspectors General from 1845, and the Registers of the 32nd, 31st, and 30th Degrees. The Donations by the Supreme Council to the Royal Masonic Institutions and other objects reach nearly £6000. The Rite also owns a valuable Library, and other assets bring up their property to fully £24,000, so that the older members of the Supreme Council may well feel proud of such excellent proof of their wise administration and zealous services for many years past.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

The annual meeting of this Prov. G. Lodge was held in the Drill Hall, Denbigh, on Friday, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 1143. Lord Harlech, Prov. G. Master, presided, and there was a good attendance of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, and of the representatives of the private lodges.

Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business dispatched, the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. EDWARD ROBERTS, read a report

of his examination of the minute books of the several lodges, and from the statistics printed as an appendix to the agenda, it appears that the aggregate number of subscribing members at the close of 1899 was 1033, and as there are 20 lodges on the roll, the average number per lodge is rather more than 50, the strongest in this respect being the St. Cybi, No. 597, with 88 members; the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, with 86; the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor, with 79; and the Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon, with 71.

Bro. W. PRICE SMITH, I.P.M. No. 384, read his report on the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts, which showed a balance in Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., Llandudno, to the credit of Prov. G. Lodge amounting to £214 7s. 6d., among the items disbursed during the year being £31 10s. and £21 voted to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions respectively at the preceding meeting of Prov. G. Lodge held at Portmadoc on the 27th September, 1899. On this occasion a sum of 50 guineas (£52 10s.) was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a representative of which was present in the person of Bro. John Mason, Past G. Std. Br. Eng.

A vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Treasurer and the Auditor was passed unanimously.

Bro. C. K. BENSON, P.P.G.W., Chairman of the North Wales Masonic Charitable Association, read a report of the excellent work it had done during the past year, and the said report was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes; a vote of thanks to Bro. Benson and his colleagues in office being cordially passed.

Bro. J. G. Tuxford, P.P.G.W., having been elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, the reports concerning the children from the province in the Royal Masonic Institutions having been read, and sundry other matters settled, the Prov. Grand Master invested the following brethren as Prov. G. Officers for 1900-01, namely:

- Bro. Henry Kneeshaw ... .. Prov. S.G.W.
- " Charles Logan ... .. Prov. J.G.W.
- " the Rev. Ll. R. Hughes ... .. } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " the Rev. J. H. Marshall ... .. }
- " J. G. Tuxford (elected) ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. M. Preston ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- " Edward Roberts ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " Kennett McEwen ... .. Prov. S.G.D.
- " Nathaniel Bunnell ... .. Prov. J.G.D.
- " Owen Rowland ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- " W. P. Matthews ... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- " W. H. Lloyd ... .. Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " John Darrock ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- " Robert Ross ... .. } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " Thomas E. Jones ... .. }
- " Caradoc Rowland ... .. Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
- " W. H. Pyemont ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " William Wright ... .. Prov. G. Purst.
- " W. Mackenzie Williams ... .. Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
- " J. Herbert Rees ... .. }
- " Newton Risk ... .. }
- " Evan Williams ... .. } Prov. G. Stewards.
- " William Davies ... .. }
- " Francis J. Gamlin ... .. }
- " Thos. W. Hughes ... .. }
- " Wm. Williams ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

Auditor—Bro. W. Price Smith, P.M. 384.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where they dined together, and spent a very pleasant evening, the arrangements of the Royal Denbigh Lodge being highly appreciated by those present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Bro. Sir Otley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M., presided, supported by Bro. Rowland G. Venables, D.P.G.M.

The accounts of Bro. W. Baxter, Prov. G. Treas. (who was unanimously re-elected), showing an increasing balance, were adopted.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows:

- Bro. T. J. Salwey, 611 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. S.G.W.
- " J. H. Cooksey, 1621 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. L. V. Yonge, 601 (re-appointed) ... .. } Prov. G. Chaps.
- " Rev. R. W. Williams, 117 ... .. }
- " W. Baxter, 262 (re-elected) ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. H. Spaul, 1124 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " A. C. Minshall, 1432 ... .. Prov. S.G.D.
- " C. H. Cowling, 117 ... .. Prov. J.G.D.
- " A. T. Davis, 262 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- " H. F. Newman, 117 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. H. Lockhart, 611 ... .. Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " L. J. Rice-Oxley, 117 ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- " F. Finnis, 1896 ... .. } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " C. W. Campbell-Hyslop, 262 ... .. }
- " H. Byolin, 117 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " J. M. Etches, 2311 ... .. Prov. A.G. Sec.
- " J. V. T. Lander, 601 ... .. Prov. G. Purst.
- " A. Featherstone, 1896 ... .. Prov. A.G. Purst.
- " R. A. Nevill, 262 ... .. }
- " T. Poole, 2131 ... .. }
- " A. Gibbs, 1621 ... .. } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " W. B. Walker, 117 ... .. }
- " J. St. Clair Upton, 1575 ... .. }
- " J. H. Cheadle, 1120 ... .. }
- " H. Goodall, 1621 (re-appointed) ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren repaired to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel where a luncheon was presided over by the Prov. G.M.

BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY has accepted the invitation of the City of London Schools Committee to a dinner at the City of London School on Wednesday, the 17th instant.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### THE METAL PLATINUM.

(Continued.)

The principal districts which afford platinum are the slopes of the Ural Mountains, where it forms an important source of revenue to the Russian Empire. It is found also in Brazil, Peru, and Antioquia. Traces of platinum have been discovered in almost all the gold-washing districts of Borneo, Africa, Australia, and America. Along the coast of the South Sea, and on the western slopes of the Cordilleras de los Andes, between the 2nd and 6th degrees of north latitude, platinum often occurs in the alluvial soils and in the adjacent rocks. The most productive washings appear to be those at Condoto, in the province of Novita, also those of Santa Lucia, and other localities in the same district. In Brazil, in the provinces of Minas Gerais and Matto Grosso, grains of platinum are also met with in the alluvial sands and gravel which produce gold. Recently minute quantities of platinum have been found in certain rocks, where their presence was quite unexpected, notably in certain syenitic rocks of Hungary, and in the veins of manganese ore, which occur in the weathered or decomposed syenite, near Santa Rosa d'Osos, in Columbia. It is interesting to note that manganese has been discovered in the weathered syenite rocks of Hungary, which contain a little platinum and gold. As there are syenite rocks in Scotland, Norway, and other countries, where such stone is sometimes used for paving the streets, it is possible that a discovery of platinum may some day be made nearer home. The precious metal has also been obtained from the valley of the river Jacky, in St. Domingo, and, latterly, we have heard of its being extracted from certain copper and nickel ores in British Columbia and some parts of Canada. However, though, perhaps, more widely distributed over the surface of the globe than is generally supposed, often accompanying grains of gold, diamonds, and other precious stones in what are termed by geologists "alluvial formations," it does not appear to be anywhere very abundant. From 1824 to the present time platinum working has been carried on amongst the Ural Mountains, and considerable quantities are annually produced there. The grains are found in alluvial deposits along with grains of several other metals (iridium, osmium, palladium, gold, and silver), and they have also been discovered in the green stone rock and serpentine of that district. The process by which the crude platinum grains are purified is long and expensive, so much so, that most of the "platinum ore," as it is termed, which is received at St. Petersburg from the Urals is exported in its crude state to other European cities. Pure platinum has a white colour, approaching to that of silver. It is remarkable by its great weight, being heavier than other metals, gold itself not excepted. It is no less remarkable for its infusibility; it does not fuse in any of our ordinary furnaces, which soon melt copper, iron, or gold. But at a white heat it can be welded and fashioned into various shapes. In the new electric furnace, and by means of the oxyhydrogen blow-pipe, it can, however, be melted and even volatilised. It is exceedingly malleable, and can be beaten out into thin plates, and drawn into wires, which are only 1-200th of an inch in diameter; wires even 10 times thinner than this can be made by a special process. Air and moisture have no effect upon platinum, even when it is heated to a very high temperature; and it will not dissolve in acids, with the exception of aqua-regia, which is a mixture of hydro-chloric and nitric acid. All these extraordinary properties are quite sufficient to account for the great value of platinum in the industrial arts; and should it ever be discovered in much larger quantities than has hitherto been the case, its high price would still be kept up, on account of the numerous circumstances in which it would be demanded. At the present time the call for it is restricted simply by the exceedingly high price of the metal. When all the surface gold—that is, the loose nuggets and grains found in alluvial soil and streams—is exhausted in any country, the metal is sought for in the rock and quartz reefs are attacked by powerful machinery and stamps. The same will, some day, occur for platinum, in fact, we may say it has already begun. Hitherto, the rocks in which it has been found are syenite, serpentine, and green stone. It will, probably, sooner or later, be found in others. The hope of making some such discovery lends additional interest to explorations in Central Africa, Australia, and other little known districts of the globe.

### PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

Marc Garrard, the son of a painter of the same name, was born at Bruges, in 1561, and practised history, landscape, architecture, and portraits. He engraved, illuminated, and designed for glass painters. The father of Marc Garrard excelled principally in painting animals, and was the author of *Ours dessinés par Marc Guerard, 1559*. Among the Sidney Papers, at Penshurst, was a letter from Sir Robert Sidney to his lady, about 1597, desiring her to go to Mr. "Garrats" and pay him for the picture of her and the children, so long done and unpaid. The elder Garrard furnished designs for *Esop's fables*. His son made etchings from them. These, with his View of Bruges, were much esteemed. He came to England not long after the year 1580, and remained here till his death, which did not happen till 1635, having been painter to Queen Elizabeth, and Anne of Denmark. His works are very numerous. The portraits in the procession to Hunsdon House, now at Sherborne, in Dorsetshire, in the collection of Earl Digby, taken from life, confirm his reputation. His paintings are not easily known, as he never used any peculiar mark. In general, they are neat, the ruffs and habits stiff and rich with pearls and other jewels. His flesh colours are thin and light, tending to a bluish tint. Garrard drew a procession of the Queen and Knights of the Garter in 1584, from which Ashmole took his plate for the history of that order. The portraits, though small, have great resemblance, with that uncommon fidelity of representing the air, stature, and bulk of the persons exhibited. Garrard painted both Prince Henry and Prince Charles. Some portraits of ladies by him are at Lord Litchfield's, at Ditchley, now inherited by Lord Viscount Dillon. His own picture was engraved by Hollar—*An Introduction to the General Art of Drawing*, first set out by Marc Garrard, of Bruges, was translated and published in English, quarto, 1674. This was sold at the sale of 1842 to J. Tollemache, Esq., M.P., for 38 guineas. Henry Cornelius Vroom was born in 1566 at Harlaem, where his father was a statuary, of whom, and of his father-in-law, a painter of Florence, young Henry learned

to draw. His inclination led him first to paint views of towns; in that pursuit he went to Rotterdam, and soon after on board a Spanish ship to St. Lucar, and thence to Seville, where he lived a short time with a Dutch performer, a painter of monkeys, called by the Spaniards a Pintemony; from thence to Florence and Rome, where he fixed for two years, and was employed by Cardinal De Medici, and became acquainted with Paul Brill. At Venice he stayed a year; and passing through Milan, Genoa, Turin, and Paris, returned to Harlaem, where he employed himself on devout subjects in little, and having stocked himself with a quantity, again set out for Spain, where he proposed to sell them, but was cast away on a small island near the coast of Portugal. He, and some of the crew, were relieved by monks, that lived among the rocks, and conducted to Lisbon, where, relating the danger he had escaped, a paltry painter there engaged Vroom to draw the storm he described, in which he succeeded so happily that it was sold to a nobleman for a considerable price. The Portuguese painter was charmed, and continued to employ Vroom, who improved so much in sea pieces that, having got money, and returning home, he applied himself entirely to that style of painting. At this period the great Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral of England, whose defeat of the Spanish Armada had established the throne of his mistress, being desirous of preserving the details of that illustrious event, had bespoken a suit of tapestry describing the particulars of each day's engagement. Francis Spiering, an eminent maker of tapestry, undertook the work, and engaged Vroom to draw the designs.

(To be continued.)

### VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

The piece entitled "Self and Lady," the three act farce now running at the above theatre, is an adaptation from the French of Pierre Decourcelles. It is on the usual lines so familiar to us all. Although there is no novelty in the leading idea, there is great ingenuity evinced in the manner in which the changes are rung upon old and well-worn forms of intrigue. There are the two husbands, who are not only errant, but peccant, the young wife with boundless faith (at first) in her spouse's fidelity, until his deceit is discovered, the gay old *roué*, who boasts of having lived a long life of unfaithfulness, which, up to the action of the play, he has successfully concealed from his antiquated better half. Then, of course, there is the butler, who is in love with the lady's maid. By theatrical coincidence, the chief characters meet at No. 8, the private room in a restaurant of doubtful reputation. It is not difficult to imagine the complications which ensue in this, the second act, to be all satisfactorily cleared up in the third and last. Although, as we have stated, there is no originality in the way of treatment, yet the dialogue is so clever and harmlessly piquant, that we cannot help laughing heartily as the situations occur. The success is doubtless due to the life and spirit in the acting all round. The action of the piece rushes along in such haste that we have no time to criticise—were we to do so, we should lose some of the amusing points. Mr. Seymour Hicks and Miss Ellaline Terris, as the young married pair, act so well together that the interest is fully maintained. An amusing contrast is given us in Mr. Herbert Standing and Miss Emily Miller, as the elderly couple. As a relief to the domestic troubles, we have Mr. Cosmo Stuart as the eccentric operatic tenor, and Miss Adrienne Dairrolles, as the jealous Spanish wife—these capable artists well sustain their respective parts. Mr. Cairns James is most amusing as the obsequious restaurant keeper, and Miss Florence Lloyd makes a lively lady's maid. We think the piece is likely to become a success—we should judge so from the reception it received. A pleasant evening may be spent at the Vaudeville Theatre.

### CORONET THEATRE.

NOTTING HILL, W.

We paid another visit, last week, to this pretty little theatre. Our readers may, perhaps, remember that on some previous occasions we have recorded our impressions as to the pieces produced, and the manner in which they are performed. Ever since the opening of this theatre it has been the general rule, with only an occasional exception, that no piece should have more than a week's run. By this wise plan, constant novelty is ensured. At the same time, every piece is mounted with such good all-round talent, that due justice is done to every production offered to the discriminating audience. Last week we had the well-known comic opera, "La Fille du Tambour Major," of Offenbach, under the English Khaki guise of "The Drum Major." Though the libretto was different, the charming music of the French composer was given in its entirety. The story is up to date, the scenes being laid in South Africa, at Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria, and the open country. In this new version we have a pretty love episode, and the interesting old tale of the father and daughter, who, after being parted for many years, meet again in a foreign land. Miss Marie Elba, as Elsie, by her splendid singing and intelligent acting, well sustained the character of the daughter of "The Drum Major." The old veteran, Mr. Richard Temple, the old Savoy favourite, brings to his part a well-matured baritone voice and a quaint humour. The Baroness Valmar takes the part of the Boy Bagler, who is on familiar terms with everyone, from the highest to the lowest, with unflinching spirit; she is a decided acquisition. Mr. Victor Seymour, as the soldier lover, by his frank, manly bearing, is interesting. The music was well rendered; we would especially notice the unaccompanied quintette. We must not forget the excellent chorus, who rendered valuable aid. In conclusion, we congratulate the people of Notting Hill and the neighbourhood that they have such an admirable theatre in their midst.

### GENERAL NOTES.

The directors of the Sunday Afternoon Concerts, which for upwards of three years have proved so successful, at Albert Hall, have engaged the band of the Royal Artillery, under the able conductorship of Cavaliere L. Zavertal, for the season.

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M. Paderewski will come to England in the spring for a tour of the provincial towns, commencing at Birmingham on 14th March next year. The great artist has not yet made any promise regarding a recital in London; but we trust he will not again depart from our shores without granting his admirers in the Metropolis the opportunity of hearing his marvellous playing.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Perseverance Lodge, No. 573, at Halesowen, this year celebrate their 50th anniversary, and at the invitation of the members the Prov. G. Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., in the National Schools, which were beautifully draped and decorated for the occasion. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the country. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir A. Frederick Godson, was unable to be present, being engaged in the Parliamentary contest at Kidderminster, and the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. T. Page, officiated, Bro. A. Green being the acting Dep. Prov. G. Master in his stead.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M. of Perseverance Lodge, No. 573, Bro. G. H. Dunn, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, the G. Officers of England, among whom were Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the R.M.I. for Girls, and Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., collector of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and the Prov. G. Officers were received with the customary honours.

The reports presented from the various lodges were of a very satisfactory character, showing that Freemasonry had made good progress in the province during the past year.

On the proposition of the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER it was resolved that a donation of £10 10s. be made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The accounts presented by the Masonic Charity Organisation showed that the receipts from the various lodges amounted to £362 10s., as compared with £262 15s. in the previous year; £42 had been subscribed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £31 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £284 11s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, leaving a balance in hand of £4 9s. Gratification was expressed that there was an increase in the amount of receipts, and the report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed and invested as Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge:

Bro. E. Lowe, 573	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. C. Smith Carrington, 280	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" the Rev. J. C. Hill, M.A., 573	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. F. H. Tatham, M.A., 2724	...	...	
" W. Somers, 573	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. Richards, 2385	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Collins, 560	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. Dakin, 573	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. H. Maxey, 280	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. B. Bishop, 2654	...	...	Prov. G. S. of Wk.
" G. Foster, 252	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. J. Holder, 377	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Wilson, 1204	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. M. Griffiths, 2034	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. G. Poppleton, 2724...	...	...	
" C. B. Shuttleworth, 280	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Fiddian, 564	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. W. Edge, 1874	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. J. Smith, 573	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. Connop, 578	...	...	
" J. Billingham, 573	...	...	
" S. S. Sommers, 573	...	...	
" A. J. Grove, 573	...	...	
" W. D. Abbiss, 573	...	...	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" F. W. Knott, 280	...	...	
" J. Duggard, 377	...	...	

After the transaction of ordinary business the brethren attended service at the Parish Church, and there was a very large congregation.

The service was intoned by Bro. the Rev. F. H. Tatham, M.A., Prov. A.G. Chap., and an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. C. Hill, M.A., P.G. Chap.

The service was fully choral, and the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. J. Grove, choirmaster, and Bro. J. E. Bottomley, P.P.J.G.W., organist of the Parish Church.

The anthem was "Seek ye the Lord" (Dr. J. V. Roberts), and was effectively rendered by the choir.

The opening and closing voluntaries were played by Bro. C. B. Shuttleworth, P.G. Org.

The usual banquet followed in the evening.

## THE NEW SHERIFFS.

The brief but interesting ceremony accompanying the swearing-in of the new Sheriffs (Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan and Mr. Joseph Lawrence) took place on the 28th ult. at the Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir A. Newton, Bart., presided. In accordance with ancient custom, a procession was formed of civic dignitaries to the hustings erected in the Great Hall. The aldermen present were: Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Sir Henry E. Knight, and Sir David Evans, Sir George Faudel-Phillips, Bart., Bros. Sir J. Voce Moore, Frank Green, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Alderman and Sheriff-elect Vaughan Morgan, Mr. Sheriff-elect Lawrence, Mr. Alderman Samuel Green, Mr. Alderman Pound, Mr. Alderman Smallman, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir William Treloar. There were present also: The Lord Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass; the Chamberlain, Sir Richmond Cotton; the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton; the Common Serjeant, Mr. Bosanquet, Q.C.; the Comptroller, Bro. E. A. Baylis; the City Solicitor, Bro. Sir Homewood Crawford; the Remembrancer, Bro. Sir Prior Godney, Bart.; the Secondary, Mr. T. Vaughan-Roderick; Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton, Mr. Under-Sheriff Gardiner, Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., Bro. A. G. Sandeman, and many members of the Court of Common Council.

The business of the day was opened by the Common Crier, Colonel BURNABY, who, having commanded silence, called upon the Sheriffs-elect to come forward, and take upon themselves the office of Sheriff of London.

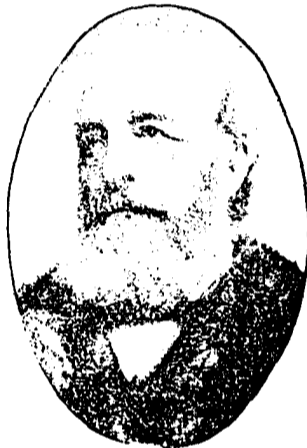
The Sheriffs-elect then advanced to the table, where the quaintly-worded and exceedingly elaborate oath and declaration of office was administered by the Town Clerk. This formality having been satisfactorily accomplished, Alderman Bro. Sir William Treloar divested himself of his gown and chain of office. Sheriff Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan was, unfortunately, unable to be present owing to

illness. Sir William, therefore, robed the new Sheriffs, and placed their shrieval chains upon their shoulders amid the applause of those present. The ceremony then concluded, and the members of the civic party returned to the Alderman's Room, where the new Sheriffs received the congratulations of many close and personal friends.

For the first time in its ancient history the Great Hall at Christ's Hospital was used for the purpose of the Sheriffs' inauguration breakfast, at which nearly 400 guests were entertained. It seemed a fitting finale to the civic history of Christ's Hospital, and, as Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan remarked in the course of the festivity, it was the first and the last time that Christ's Hospital would witness a similar festivity. The great hall suffered by the absence of the rich stained glass windows, which have been removed to Horsham, but this deficiency was minimised by a lavish display of flags in trophy form. It was also fitting that on such an occasion the C.I.V. flag should be prominently displayed at both ends of the splendid old hall.

Mr. Collingwood Banks, the organist, played some very tuneful selections before breakfast, and the band of the Grenadier Guards took up the thread of melody during the festivity. The responsibilities of the chair were conjointly undertaken by the new Sheriffs, whose election has been a very popular one.

The company included Bro. Sir William Preece, Mr. Alderman Strong, Sir John Gunn, J.P., Bro. Alderman Alliston, Mr. Alderman Bell, Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., Bro. Alderman and ex-Sheriff Sir William Treloar, Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C., Recorder; Bro. Alderman Frank Green, Sir W. MacCormac, Bart., the Hon. R. Clere Parsons, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Bro. the Hon. Sir T. T. Bucknill, the Earl of Lichfield, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., the Hon. Alban Gibbs, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart., Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans, Bro. the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Mr. Alderman Pound, Bro. Sir George D. Harris, Mr. Alderman Truscott, Bro. Sir H. H. Bemrose, Bro. Alderman Samuel Green, Sir James Henderson, J.P., Mr. Alderman Smallman, Sir Richmond Cotton, Chamberlain; Sir Robert Rogers, Mr. S. Vaughan Morgan, Mr. T. Blandford, Bro. Sir Henry Harben, Mr. E. Vaughan Morgan, Mr. J. G. Wainwright, Q.C., Bro. Brigadier-General J. Davis, A.D.C., Mr. E. Beaumont, Mr. B. F. Williams, Q.C., Mr. F. A. Bosanquet, Q.C., Common Serjeant; Mr. Alderman Crosby, Mr. E. Hovenden, Col. J. Roper Parkington, J.P., and others.



BRO. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF VAUGHAN MORGAN.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff VAUGHAN MORGAN proposed the first toast, namely, "Church and Queen." By way of prologue he welcomed, on behalf of his colleague and himself, so goodly a company within that historic hall. It was the first time, he added, that it had been used for a Shrieval breakfast, and he feared that it would be the last time it would be available for such a purpose. He asked those present to drink the health of the illustrious Lady who for 63 years had presided over the destinies of the Empire. Her Majesty had also been a staunch and valued supporter of Christ's Hospital, she having been a governor of the Foundation for 57 years. Two years afterwards her Majesty honoured the institution by presiding at a Lenten supper, when he, as a small schoolboy, had the privilege of bowing to their beloved sovereign. (Cheers.) Her Majesty had always taken a warm interest in the school, and during the early days of his treasurership her Majesty sent

for him and graciously inquired whether she could do anything to aid the governors during the anxious and troubled times which passed over the institution following the changes inaugurated by the Charity Commissioners. At Christ's Hospital they remembered that the Queen was not only the head of their glorious Empire, but the head of the Church. He, therefore, asked them to drink to "Church and Queen." (Cheers.)

Mr. Sheriff LAWRENCE followed with the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Other Members of the Royal Family."

The toast, like the first, having been honoured with enthusiasm,

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff VAUGHAN MORGAN proposed the toast of "The Religious, Royal, and Ancient Foundation of Christ's Hospital." In doing so the Alderman reminded his guests that Christ's Hospital was founded in 1553 by Edward VI., and that it had for three and a half centuries given shelter, food, and education to children of the Empire. During that long period very many of those who had received careful nurture in mind and body within those hallowed walls had contributed to the history of the British Empire. Indeed, he was not overstepping the bounds of truth when he said that in almost every place where the British flag had been unfurled there also had been found from time to time the children of Christ's Hospital. He expressed an earnest hope that Christ's Hospital would for many years to come be able to do as much good as it had rendered in the past, and further, that the funds carefully and liberally dispensed by the governors and friends would benefit future generations of Bluecoat boys. He added that the Prince of Wales had been a governor of Christ's Hospital for 56 years, and that many other members of the Royal Family appeared upon the rolls. The Duke of Cambridge had been a governor for 59 years, and the president for 46 years. The governors had hoped that the Duke would have been present that day, but in reply to their invitation his Royal Highness wrote: "I should have attended with pleasure had I been in town, but I am going north, and shall not be back until next month. For many reasons I should otherwise have gladly accepted the invitation, not only out of regard for yourself, but as taking place in our fine old hall."

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The toast of "Her Majesty's Forces" was proposed in highly appreciative terms by Mr. Sheriff LAWRENCE.

Major FREDERICK having acknowledged the compliment,

Lord LICHFIELD submitted the toast of "The Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London." His lordship remarked that both the Lord Mayor and the Corporation deserved the good opinion not only of the country, but of the Empire at large, for the manner in which they had come forward in a cause of great national importance. Further, they always took the lead in hospitality. As a matter of fact, it would be impossible for any other body to render the service the Corporation had always done on occasions when a foreign Sovereign or victorious general came to this country. In cases of national calamity the Lord Mayor issued appeals which were always nobly responded to, a fact which testified to the confidence which the nation reposed in the Mansion House. (Cheers.) In that connection he wished to congratulate the Lord Mayor upon the wonderful subscription lists which had marked his occupancy of the civic chair; indeed, his lordship's year of office would be memorable for those great funds. Then, again, the mayoralty of Sir Alfred Newton would be memorable for the creation of the C.I.V.—(cheers)—and when those brave men returned to London he hoped the present Lord Mayor would be in office to give a hearty welcome to them.

Bro. Alderman Sir REGINALD HANSON, in responding to the toast as the senior member of the Corporation present, thanked Lord Lichfield for the kindly terms in which he had proposed it. In accordance with ancient custom, he continued, the Lord Mayor was not present at the Sheriff's breakfast, though he hardly knew why his lordship should not be one of the company. His lordship had been during the last 12 months the recipient of enormous sums of money from every part of her Majesty's dominions, a fact which showed that at the end of the 19th century full confidence was shown in the power of the Mansion House for good, and that there was a full knowledge that the funds subscribed would be distributed in the best possible manner. The Lord Mayor could justly pride himself upon the creation of the City Imperial Volunteers, as it was entirely due to his lordship's initiative and his appeal to the War Office that the regiment was brought into being. Sir Reginald added that it was very gratifying to him as an Old Blue to see his friend Mr. Alderman Vaughan Morgan assuming the responsibilities of a Sheriff, and he wished him and his colleague a pleasant and successful year of office.

Bro. Sir EDWARD CLARKE, in proposing "The Parliaments of the Empire," made an eloquent speech, the key-note of which was Imperialism. The previous speakers, he said, had been referring principally to old institutions, and it was very true that all Englishmen were proud of Church and Queen and of the great institution in which they were assembled that day, an institution representing in one of its highest types the educational traditions of the country, just as the Lord Mayor and the Corporation represented the venerable traditions of the City, and the best characteristics of self-government which could be found among our people. He desired to associate with the toast the name of Lord Strathcona as one who had served for 25 years as a member of Parliament for Canada, and who came to this country to spend his later years, bringing with him an influence and authority on Canadian affairs as well as a magnificent loyalty to this country. His lordship was indeed one of the best types of Parliamentary representatives outside the shores of England. Having alluded to the complex character of party politics in this country, and pointed out how the dangers of the system were minimised by the patriotism of the people, Sir Edward remarked that he had been almost inclined to say that no House of Commons existed at the present time, but he had been informed that the first member of the new Parliament had been elected that day at 12 o'clock for Lewisham. Whatever the result of the present Parliamentary contest might be, he trusted that those who went to the new Parliament, by whatever name they liked to be described, would go with a resolve to work in the highest interests of the country—(cheers)—to protect its honour, to guard its commerce, and to assert its strength.

Lord STRATHCONA, in acknowledging the toast, bore testimony to the love that was felt in Canada, and, indeed, in all the Colonial possessions of the Empire, for the mother country.

Sir TREVOR LAWRENCE, Bart., submitted the toast of "The Livery Companies," and in doing so pointed to their work in the cause of Charity, philanthropy, and technical education.

The MASTER of the CUTLERS' COMPANY, in acknowledging the toast, said he did so with special pleasure, as the senior Sheriff was a member of his (the speaker's) company.

The COMMON SERJEANT followed with the toast of "The Sheriffs," to whom he tendered his best wishes for their health and happiness during the ensuing 12 months.

The toast having been drunk in a bumper,

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff VAUGHAN MORGAN, in a few words, thanked the company for the cordial manner in which his name had been received.

Mr. Sheriff LAWRENCE, who also responded to the toast, remarked that, although they followed able and eminent men in office, his colleague and he hoped to emulate them in serving the City to the best of their ability, and in upholding the honour and prestige of the ancient Corporation. (Applause.)

Mr. BEERBOHM TREE proposed the toast of "The Retiring Sheriffs." He reminded those present that exactly a year ago it was his privilege to propose the health of the incoming Sheriffs. To-day the honourable task devolved upon him of proposing the health of the outgoing Sheriffs. It was his lot to welcome the coming, and to speed the parting hosts. He felt, therefore, like the quality of mercy—twice blest in blessing them twice. None of that quality of mercy was needed, however, in passing judgment on the year's work of Alderman Sir William Treloar and Sir Alfred Bevan, for indeed their work spoke for itself, and beggared the vocabulary of praise. Unfortunately, the goddess of health had not turned an entirely propitious ear to their prayers of a year back, since before six months had passed Sir Alfred Bevan was stricken with an illness which, to the regret of all, had incapacitated him from the performance of his duties. They would all sympathise not only with the suffering he had undergone, but with the disappointment which had prevented him from completing a task begun so splendidly, and for which, from his great energy, business knowledge, and genial nature, he was so eminently fitted. The goddess of health, with the capriciousness which was characteristic of her charming sex—(laughter)—had taken from one Sheriff to give to another, and, fortunately for the City of London to their valued friend Sir William Treloar had been vouchsafed power and strength to perform unaided the duties of the shrievalty for at least half the tenure of his office. Some were gluttons for play, and others for work. Upon Sir William Treloar had been forced, in virtue of his office, a double gluttony—(laughter)—he might say an official gluttony, for he had been told that not only had he had one dinner every evening since he undertook the responsibilities of his post, but on many occasions he had had even two. In that sense he was more an antique Roman than a Dane. Those hospitalities, which might have worn another man to a shadow, had, happily, left his mind undimmed, and his body undiminished. He had delivered hundreds of speeches in the course of the various banquets at which he had assisted, and he had made the old halls of the City companies ring with the cheers and laughter that greeted his rich and joyous oratory. He had been a generous host and a grateful guest, and had ever maintained the dignity of the office to which he had been called. More than all that, he had loyally supported the Lord Mayor during a year of stress and difficulty to which this country would ever look back with sorrow and with pride. He had been the ablest assistant that the Chief Magistrate had had in collecting those vast war funds which had helped to soothe the sufferings of those who had gone down in the fight, and to provide for those whom the fallen had left behind. He proposed with sincerity and with all respect "The Health and Long Life of Sir William Treloar and Sir Alfred Bevan," expressing, at the same time, the hope that, although they might be "retiring," they were only retiring for a spring, and that for many years to come they might be spared to serve their fellow citizens in the future as they had done during the twelvemonth that had just closed.

Bro. Sir WILLIAM TRELOAR, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said he did not think the word retiring should be applied to the Sheriffs of the City. He deeply regretted that his esteemed colleague, Sir Alfred Bevan, had been incapacitated from duty owing to ill-health, and was sure the citizens wished him a speedy restoration to good health. (Applause.) Just 12 months ago Mr. Beerbohm Tree, in proposing "The Sheriffs," likened him (the speaker) to Falstaff, and now he spoke of him as having a double gluttony, which seemed to him a repetition of the offence. Sir William, in conclusion, congratulated the new Sheriffs upon their accession to office, and expressed a hope that their year would prove as pleasant as his own had been.

The festivity was then brought to a termination.

A CURIOUS WARRANT.

The following is the document from "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," Volume XIII, Part 2, which forms the subject of our leading article:  
*Mordecai Sheftall* .....  
 Grand Senior Warden. Grand Master. Grand Junior Warden.

*W. Stephens*  
 Deputy Grand Master.

TO ALL Worshipful, Right Worshipful & Noble Grand or other Brethren of Light wheresoever dispersed GREETING

KNOW YE that we the Honorable Sir Samuel Elbert Esquire Right Worshipful Grand Master of all Masons in the State of Georgia and of all Lodges therein of the most Ancient and sublime | degree of Royal Scotch Masonry of the Holy Lodge of St. Andrew, and invested with the order thereof, Past Master of Solomon's and Unity Lodges in Savannah and Member of the Assembly of High Priests of | the Royal Arch Brotherhood AND Sir William Stephens Esquire Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of all Masons in the said State and of all Lodges therein of the like most ancient and sublime | degree of Royal Scotch Masonry of the Holy Lodge of Saint Andrew and invested with the order thereof, Past Master of Solomon's Lodge aforesaid, Knight of the Red Cross and Member of the Assembly of High | Priests of the Royal Arch Brotherhood, and by the concurrence of the Right Worshipful Sir Mordecai Sheftall Senior Grand Warden of the State, Past Master of Solomon's Lodge aforesaid, Member of the Assem | bly of High Priests of the Royal Arch order and Knight of the red Cross and the Right Worshipful Sir James Jackson Junior Grand Warden of the State, Past Master and Master of Solomon's Lodge, Temporary High | Priest of the Assembly of High Priests of the Royal Arch order and sublime King of the degree of the most Noble order of Knights of the Red Cross in pursuance of the right and succession legally derived from the | most Noble and Right Worshipful Sholto Charles Douglas Lord Aberdour Grand Master of Scotland for the years of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven and one thousand seven hundred and | fifty eight and then Grand Master of England as will appear by his warrant bearing date the *tenth* day of *October* in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty directed to the right | Worshipful Grey Elliott Esquire and renewing the Warrant of the Right Worshipful and most Noble Thomas Thyne Lord Viscount Weymouth the Grand Master of England dated the *second* day of | *December* in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty five directed to the Right Worshipful Hugh Lacy HAVE constituted and appointed and by this present Warrant DO constitute and appoint | agreeable to the wish and desire of *George Handley*.....[*one whole line blank*].....and several other brethren to us testified YOU the said *George Handley* Master and.....[*half line blank*]..... Wardens | of a Lodge in the Town of Augusta by the name and appellation of.....to be formed and ruled by such forms and orders as may be agreed on by the majority of the Members thereof | PROVIDED they are not repugnant to the general regulations of the Grand Lodge constituting this Warrant HEREBY empowering you to do all and every thing and things usual and customary to be done | as a Lodge of FREE MASONS and to admit Persons with the proper ceremony as such and when admitted to pass and raise to the second and sublime degrees of Masonry TO HOLD all and every | the rights and ceremonies thereof to you and your Successors forever AND FURTHER PROVIDED your officers are elected yearly and every year as nigh the Festival | of SAINT JOHN the Evangelist as possible And that this Warrant shall only continue in force so long as punctual and true obedience is made and had to the authority hereof.

GIVEN under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Savannah in the State of Georgia | aforesaid the *eleventh* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and Eighty six and in the year of Light five thousand seven hundred and Eighty six | . . .

*James Habersham*  
 Sec<sup>y</sup> Grand Lodge

*John Habersham*  
 Treasurer of the Arch and Red Cross Orders.

THE RELATION OF ART TO RELIGION.

Speaking at the Church Congress on the subject of "The Relation of Art to Religion," Canon MCLARNEY, Rector of Clonfert Cathedral, said he was interested in this subject, as he was the rector of a small, but very beautiful old cathedral, which had existed as a place of worship for 1342 years. Art was lavishly represented on its wonderful doorway. Mr. Brash, in his "Ecclesiastical Architecture of Ireland," said with reference to it: "Norman and Gothic doorways no doubt exist of grander and larger proportions, but not exhibiting the fertility of invention and beauty of design that this does. I had to relinquish my intention of making a drawing of it; nothing but photography could accurately represent the wonderful variety of its ornament." It was this doorway that John Ruskin so much admired that, although objecting as a rule to all "restoration," he sent a contribution towards its preservation. He (Canon McLarney) believed art to be a great aid to religion. He considered that the Church in past times had greatly encouraged art, and had this not been the case, the great majority of the masterpieces of religious art in painting, architecture, and sculpture would not exist to-day. True art in places of worship was a great help to devotion. He did not approve of anything cheap or tawdry in art. The best in art, as in everything else, should be dedicated to God. He was one of that much-maligned class—a restorer of churches—of whom it had been said they should be incased in a coat of triple brass to withstand all the criticisms by which they were assailed. He quite acknowledged that, in some instances, when clergy without artistic taste or special knowledge or sympathy, restored ancient churches according to their own ideas, without consulting an architect, that some mistakes had been made. But in the restoration of Clonfert Cathedral he was glad to say that the work was in the hands of one of the most distinguished ecclesiastical architects in Ireland, Mr. J. F. Fuller, F.S.A., and everything was being done with the greatest reverence and care. Competition for the purpose of securing cheapness in works of architecture, as one of the speakers had said, was a curse to art. If the speaker did not use the exact word, it meant the same thing. With this he fully concurred. With this spirit of competition for cheapness in works of art at the present time, if Michael Angelo lived in our day some of his noblest and best plans of architecture might be rejected. If the ideal of the beautiful and the true could be carried out in architecture our churches would be poems in stone.

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At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1900, Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart., P.G.W., Treasurer and Patron in the Chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 24 Girls into the Institution, from a List of 33 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	17	Hodges, Gwendoline Mary Oakes...	5294
2	11	Piggott, Maud Elsie	4723
3	25	Strong, Henrietta Eliza	4598
4	19	Henry, Dorothy Marie	4447
5	5	Harding, Honor Gertrude Morle	4377
6	12	Osborne, Phyllis Evelyn Kate	4344
7	30	Haywood, Florence Annie	4072
8	14	Gray, Minnie Philippa	4019
9	21	Jones, Vera Marcia	4008
10	18	Lingley, Mabel Isabella	3972
11	4	Gates, Alice Mary	3891
12	9	Peace, Rosetta Jessie	3856
13	28	Weston, Clara	3794
14	1	Collins, Jessie Helen	3742
15	7	Spurgeon, Dorothy Maud	3715
16	32	Secker, Dorothy Marian	3686
17	16	Bergman, Lillian Irene	3640
18	8	Webb, Constance Eva Mary	3555
19	26	Mitchell, Lily Marjorie	3522
20	23	Suddaby, Hannah Harland	3521
21	20	Watson, Mabel Atkinson	3521
22	27	Daniels, Grace	3460
23	20	Smith, May Evelyn	3023
24	13	Sheedy, Annie Martha	2903

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

The address which, through the courtesy of Bro.  
 H. J. Heginbotham, we had the opportunity of repro-  
 ducing last week, would be interesting at any time, but is  
 especially so now, when, as he says, the whole country  
 is "full of martial arduor"—above all, when our

volunteers who have proved themselves gallant  
 soldiers in many a stricken field are on the eve of  
 returning home, and the country is preparing to give  
 them the heartiest of greetings. No doubt the Stockport  
 Volunteers of 1797 would have borne themselves as  
 gallantly, and must have greatly appreciated the  
 address that was delivered to them on parade by  
 Bro. John Lowe, of Lodge No. 268, on behalf of the  
 Freemasons and Friendly Societies he had the  
 honour of representing. Then the Craft was as  
 devotedly loyal to its gracious Sovereign George III.  
 as it is now to his illustrious granddaughter, under  
 whom the United Kingdom has so greatly prospered,  
 and a hundred years hence it will be as instinct as now  
 and then with the same feelings of loyalty and  
 devotion.

Who the Bro. John Lowe may have been we are  
 unable to say, but the lodge he hailed from was  
 warranted by the "Ancient" or "Athol" Society on  
 the 9th November, 1791, and met at the Unicorn, Hill-  
 gate, Stockport, and in the Grand Lodge minutes of  
 the 7th December following there is entered a sum of  
 £1 14s. as having been received from it. According to  
 Bro. Lane it removed, in 1704, to the Queen's Head,  
 Underbank, but returned to its former quarters the  
 following year, and lapsed about 1806, though it still  
 figured in the Register of 1807. The warrant was  
 revived in London on the 25th April, 1810, and the  
 lodge then formed still exists as the Jordan Lodge,  
 No. 201, the name having been taken in 1816.

Lord Llangatlock must have been highly gratified  
 not only by the very cordial reception he met with  
 from his Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales  
 (E.D.), at its annual meeting, at Neath, on the 27th  
 ult., but also by the very large number of the brethren  
 present on the occasion, and still more by the evidence  
 that was then forthcoming of the prosperous state of  
 the lodges under his government. The report as to  
 the working of the different lodges was all that could  
 be desired, while it was pointed out that if no new  
 lodges had been added to the Provincial roll, there had  
 been a considerable increase in the membership, and,  
 provided the right men are accepted into the Craft, we  
 trust the increase may be continued.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of account  
 was also most favourable, showing, as it did, a balance  
 in hand of £268 as compared with the £228 at the close  
 of the preceding year. Prov. Grand Lodge, accord-  
 ingly, voted two sums of 50 guineas each to the Boys'  
 School and the new Provincial Educational Fund. But  
 the announcement that must have afforded the greatest  
 amount of pleasure to the Prov. Grand Master was  
 made by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Marmaduke  
 Tennant, P.A.G.D.C., who stated that including a  
 grant by Prov. Grand Lodge of 100 guineas, the  
 Educational and Widows' Fund already amounted to  
 £1066 14s., and that he had every hope that he should  
 be able to increase it to £1700. After this statement,  
 and the investiture of the new Prov. Grand Officers,  
 the meeting was quickly brought to a close, and  
 adjourned to the banquet which had been prepared for  
 them at the Castle Hotel.

Equally successful appears to have been the recent  
 annual meeting at Solihull of the Prov. Grand Lodge  
 of Warwickshire, and in this case there was even  
 greater cause for satisfaction. In few of our Provinces  
 has there been latterly a greater amount of zeal and  
 activity than in Warwickshire. It is not so very long  
 since that, after an interval of some 13 years, a new  
 lodge was consecrated in Birmingham, and this year a  
 warrant has been granted for another new lodge in  
 Coventry, which was constituted on Tuesday, the 9th  
 instant. Again the Prov. G. Secretary was in a  
 position to record that the Craft in the Province was  
 in a very flourishing condition. Above all, the  
 Report of the Festival Committee in behalf of the  
 Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid  
 Fund had the pleasure of announcing that the  
 Stewards had succeeded in raising donations and  
 subscriptions amounting to £3257 10s., or, in round  
 figures, fully £100 more than was returned at the  
 Festival itself! We congratulate the Province, and  
 regret that the venerable Lord Leigh, who has been its  
 Prov. Grand Master for 48 years, was prevented by  
 the state of his health from being present and hearing  
 the gladsome news.

As to the good fortune which attends upon the Pro-  
 vince of West Lancashire, there appears to be no end  
 to it, nor, indeed, is there a brother worthy of the  
 name who could wish that it should be otherwise.

The Province, as our readers well know, is the  
 strongest in England, yet on Wednesday, the 26th ult.,  
 another lodge was added to its roll in the St. John's  
 Lodge, No. 2825, Blackpool. The ceremony of con-  
 secration was performed by Bro. Robert Wylie,  
 P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and Bro. John Wray was after-  
 wards installed as its first W.M. By the creation of  
 this lodge Blackpool is able to boast of as many as five  
 lodges, and we sincerely hope that the St. John's may  
 have before it as long and prosperous a career as its four  
 sister lodges have already known.

But the consecration of the St. John's Lodge was  
 not the only event that happened on this day to  
 gladden the hearts of our Blackpool brethren. The  
 Anniversary Festival of the W. Lancashire Alpass  
 Benevolent Institution, which provides annuities for  
 the widows of deceased brethren, and at the same time  
 serves to perpetuate the name and Masonic services  
 of Bro. H. S. Alpass, a former Grand Secretary of  
 the Province, was celebrated at a banquet in the  
 Victoria Cafe, under the presidency of the Lord  
 Mayor of Liverpool (Bro. Louis S. Cohen). The  
 Institution was founded 14 years ago, and at the  
 present time provides for some 84 widows. This it  
 does at an annual cost of about £1000, but the per-  
 manent income arising from the invested capital does  
 not greatly exceed £250, and the difference is made  
 good by voluntary subscriptions. On this occasion  
 the amount realised was announced as £1243. The  
 good news was received, very naturally, with the  
 heartiest applause, and the Management are freed  
 from all anxiety as to supplies for the current year.

We heartily congratulate Bro. W. J. Mason, G. Std.  
 Br., on the compliment recently paid to him by the  
 brethren of the Tivoli Lodge. The mouthpiece of the  
 lodge was Bro. W. T. Farthing, who presided over it  
 as W.M. during the first year of its existence, and who  
 was, therefore, in a better position than any other  
 brother to speak of the valuable services of Bro. Mason  
 as a founder and Past Master. Bro. Farthing, also  
 referred to the great work which Bro. Mason had done  
 elsewhere in Masonry, and especially as a member and  
 Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes.  
 The compliment, which took the form of Grand Lodge  
 clothing, was well deserved, and we congratulate Bro.  
 Mason on this latest recognition of his services.

As a rule, it is difficult, if not impossible, to deter-  
 mine the meaning of what other people write, but  
 the expression quoted by "R." in his letter of last  
 week from the article on "The Influence of the  
 Masonic Press," we reprinted from the *New Zealand  
 Craftsman* in our issue of the 22nd ult., does not, at  
 least in our humble judgment, appear to stand in need  
 of explanation. To us it seems that "the mystic  
 'passing,' 'raising,' and 'reducing' of lodges" is  
 merely intended to refer to the three ceremonies of  
 (1) "passing" and (2) "raising" candidates, and (3)  
 the "reducing" of the lodge from the third to the  
 second, or the second to the first. "R." must bear in  
 mind that the article appeared in a Masonic news-  
 paper, most of the readers of which would have no  
 difficulty in understanding the technical terms intro-  
 duced by the writer. "R.'s" criticism is unreason-  
 able. When a man writes about mysteries he has no  
 desire to explain he takes care not to be too explicit.  
 No doubt the writer of the article might have made  
 his meaning still more clear than it is, but we do not  
 complain; he has puzzled a brother, and we imagine  
 the non-Mason will be still more puzzled.

The article is, in great measure, a protest against  
 the publicity given to Masonry and its doings as well  
 as against innovations that have been encouraged within  
 the Craft itself, and the *New Zealand Craftsman* is  
 congratulating itself, not without good reason, on the  
 success of its efforts against this undue publicity  
 and these innovations. Under the former head is  
 "The publication of Masonic reports in the news-  
 paper press," which we take to mean in the non-  
 Masonic press, and the too great explicitness with  
 which lodge proceedings are described in "installation  
 programmes," and if in the course of his remarks the  
 writer has succeeded in veiling the true meaning of  
 the technical terms he uses, it is merely a proof that  
 his practice is in harmony with his precept.

While on this subject we take the opportunity of  
 congratulating the *New Zealand Craftsman* on the  
 successful position it has won for itself in the ranks of  
 the Masonic press during the five years of its existence.  
 It is a paper with whose opinions we have often found  
 ourselves in disagreement, but the matters about which  
 that disagreement arose are now ancient history and  
 all we shall trouble ourselves to remember is that Free-  
 masonry in the Colony of New Zealand is making  
 good progress and that the *Craftsman*, which is doing  
 its best to promote the success of the Craft, has every  
 reason to congratulate itself on the success it has  
 achieved. It is well-written and well-edited, and we  
 are greatly indebted to it for the ample supply of news  
 it publishes in its monthly issues. We trust it may  
 long remain the organ of the Craft in the Colony and  
 prosper still more abundantly than in the past.

## 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.

### VISITING W.Ms.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I feel sure others besides myself would be glad of an authoritative opinion as to whether it is correct for a W.M. when visiting another lodge as an hon. member, such membership being by virtue of his office only, to wear the collar and jewel of a W.M.

A W.M. visiting in the ordinary way should not wear his collar unless invited simply officially, but in the former case does he rank as an hon. member or as an invited guest of the lodge?—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

PERPLEXED.

October 10.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 4th instant. Present: Bros. Thomas Stokes, W.M.; A. Fergusson, S.W.; A. J. Rippin, J.W.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Smith, Sec.; R. F. Roche, S.D.; W. J. Lockett, J.D.; William Baker, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Fishleigh, I.G.; J. G. Robeson, I.P.M.; E. Chatterton, P.M., Org.; Mowbray, P.M.; Abbott, P.M.; Hughes, P.M.; Williams, A. A. Jones, Auckland, Collins, Brough, R. W. Jones, Leach, T. E. Fergusson, Meers, Blaxton, Grimsdale, Thomson, Lloyd, Prevost, Willey, Cowderoy, Wetton, Hipwell, Farr, Bayley, S. Rippin, Bassett, and Crawshaw. The visitors were: Bros. Gooding, P.M. 1818; C. Asplin, W.M. 1343; Silverwood, I.P.M. 1343; Stubington, 1897; Carman, 2442; Nicholson, 1804; and Andrews, 2409. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Auckland. Bro. T. Cohu gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would propose that a Committee be formed to consider the bye-laws. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. John Butler, P.M., tendering his resignation. It was proposed, and duly carried, that, having been a member of it since 1843, he should be elected an honorary member of the lodge. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and one brother as joining member at the next meeting. There being no further business the lodge was closed and adjourned.

At the supper, the W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," referred to the fund being raised for the widows and orphans of our soldiers that have fallen in South Africa, and a list was passed round which resulted in the sum of £10 10s.

When proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. more particularly referred to Bro. Gooding (Deputy for Aldersgate), and informed the brethren that their old lodge could claim to be a venerable city lodge, the warrant being dated 1789, and the first W.M. was Sir Watkin Lewis, who was initiated in the Lodge of Emulation in 1781, was a member of the Joiners' Company, Alderman and Sheriff in 1772, and Lord Mayor of London in 1780, also M.P. for the City of London and J.G. Warden.

Having spent a very pleasant evening the brethren dispersed early.

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

This lodge re-assembled after the summer vacation on Friday, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster. Present: Bros. J. W. Hainsworth, W.M.; T. W. Turner, I.P.M.; J. Shires, S.W.; C. Reasbeck, J.W.; A. W. Fretwell, Chap.; G. Smith, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. Denison, S.D.; J. Hurst, J.D.; F. H. Buckland, D.C.; F. King, J. Charles, and W. H. Ord, Stewards; C. Goldthorpe, P.P.A.G.D.C., Almoner; J. Marsdin, Tyler; A. W. Snelling, F. Duff, T. Sanderson, and G. B. Castle. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Morton, 960; G. E. Pashley, 904; W. Langbridge, 2078, P.P.G.S. of W.; and J. Constable, 2259, P.P.G.S.B.

A ballot was taken for Bro. J. Mason, late Tyler, to be admitted as an ordinary member, the result was unanimous. Mr. W. F. Duthie, of Doncaster, was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being admirably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Reasbeck giving the working tools and Bro. Turner the charge. Several gentlemen were duly proposed and seconded for initiation.

The brethren afterwards retired to the ante-room, where light refreshments were partaken, and afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with harmony, the Doncaster Masonic Band (Bros. Duff, White, and Reasbeck) doing good service.

### Kennard Lodge, No. 1258.

The 32nd installation festival of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Pontypool, on the 27th ult., when Bro. W. R. Williams was installed as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. R. Lyne, D.P.G.M. Mon. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the Kennard Lodge, as well as a large number of distinguished visitors from the various lodges of the Province of Monmouth, the Eastern Division of South Wales, the Province of Bristol, and others, and including Bros. Lieut.-Col. C. R. Lyne, D.P.G.M. Mon.; J. H. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. A. Forsyth, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Pillinger, W.M. 1429; W. H. Le Grand Chambers, W.M. 683; R. Price, W.M. 818; Owen Owen, P.M. 1573; A. G. Green, W.M. 2556; E. W. Evans, P.M. 1429; E. A. Smith, 1573; W. Ellis, 1368; Richards, 1098, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Parry, 679; Wallace, 1388; F. K. Herman, 65; and others.

Letters of regret were read from many distinguished brethren who were unable to be present. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. W. R. Williams, W.M.; D. J. Lougher, I.P.M.; L. E. Webb, S.W.; J. Lockyer, J.W.; W. H. Haskins, Sec.; J. Holloway, Treas.; the Rev. A. A. Mathews, Chap.; R. J. Meadows, D. of C.; J. Wallace, S.D.; W. H. Pitten, J.D.; W. Morris, Org.; S. Evans, Asst. Sec.; H. Tanner, I.G.; A. J. Burgoyne and J. Williams, Stwds.; and J. Griffiths, Tyler.

The business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Crown Hotel. The new W.M. presided, and was supported by all those who were present at the lodge meeting. The catering of Host Bro. H. Tanner was all that could be desired.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and many very excellent speeches and songs were contributed.

The new W.M., Bro. W. R. Williams, is a most enthusiastic Freemason, and his services to the Craft have already been acknowledged by preferment to office in the Prov. G. Lodge of Monmouthshire. The brethren look forward with every confidence to a most prosperous year under his presidency.

### Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489.

One of the earliest of the new season's meetings was that of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, which was held on Friday last, the 5th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, for the purpose of installing a new W.M., the 27th since the lodge was established. Bro. J. F. Goddard, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. T. V. Mills, I.P.M.; F. Arthur King, S.W.; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., J.W.; J. F. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Scrivener, S.D.; A. Hammond, J.D.; W. G. Symmons, D. of C.; E. W. Raynam, I.G.; John Brittan, Org.; George Manning and F. E. George, Stwds.; R. J. Campbell, P.M.; R. W. Huntley, P.M.; John Sparrow, P.M.; W. T. Burgess, Edw. J. Heron, George White, F. Mackrey, Thomas P. Jeffers, F. Lofting, W. Goodridge, W. G. Pinhorn, Ewan C. Newell, H. Barratt, W. G. Guthrie, W. Downs, W. G. Brown, C. Feist, David Corré, W. Hayes, Ralph Woodman, Thos. Rose, A. Green, and

C. T. Pannell. Visitors: Bros. J. R. McGill, J.D. 2484; Charles J. Hayes, P.M. 1475; W. H. Bathurst, W.M. 410; H. Massey, 619 and 1928; A. W. Gerrard, P.M. 1415; Thomas H. Harden, 1339; T. E. Leigh, I.G. 1347; D. Thomas, 1227; Horace Marshall, P.M. 2729, P.G.W. Middx; C. L. Gordes, 238; S. David Coates, 2729; and W. W. Lilley, 1585.

The W.M. himself performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. R. J. Campbell, P.M., acting as Director of Ceremonies. In that capacity Bro. Campbell presented to Bro. Goddard Bro. Frederick Arthur King, S.W., and W.M. elect, who was chosen at the last regular meeting of the lodge for the new W.M. Bro. F. A. King having been duly installed, Bro. J. F. Goddard was invested as I.P.M., and the W.M. was saluted. The following brethren received the official collars for the year: Bros. A. F. Hardymont, P.M., S.W.; W. J. Scrivener, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; A. Hammond, S.D.; W. G. Symmons, J.D.; E. H. Raynam, I.G.; W. Goodridge, D.C.; John Brittan, Org.; W. G. Manning, and Frank E. George, Stewards; and David Legg, P.M., Tyler. The W.M., in investing Bros. Walford as Treasurer and Edwin George as Secretary, passed some very flattering remarks on both with respect to the admirable way in which they had discharged their duties in their respective offices during the lodge's existence. At the conclusion of the installation, which was splendidly performed by Bro. Goddard, I.P.M., the balance-sheet, which was favourable, was received and adopted, and an initiate having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. Under the direction of the Organist, Bro. John Brittan, the company were entertained with music by Bros. Harry Barratt, Arthur Alliston Webb, Will Edwards, and W. J. Harris, P.M.

Bro. F. J. Goddard, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said Bro. King would make a worthy occupant of the chair of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. From what the brethren had seen that evening they might judge that his working in the future would be good. It was not an easy thing to induct the new officers, but from the way in which the W.M. had done that part of his work the brethren would see that he would carry out his work as a good Master. Bro. King had done good work in the lodge of instruction, and he would no doubt do the work of the lodge as a worthy and efficient Master.

Bro. F. Arthur Smith, W.M., in reply, said this moment had happened to many not only in that room but throughout the universe, and if he said all he wished to say at this moment he should occupy a long time. There was not one in the room but remembered something of his childhood. If he could remember all that had taken place that evening about his installation he would have a happy memory. Bro. Goddard had been flattering in his remarks. He hoped the brethren would not expect too much of him, but as Master of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge he could promise that he would carry out everything that would be conducive to the prosperity of the lodge and keep it in its integrity. He had such a staff of officers that he knew he could promise they would help him to fulfil any efforts he might make for the lodge in the future. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Arthur King, W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," Bro. J. F. Goddard," said the brethren had lived to see and to enjoy and to appreciate every ceremony he had had to conduct, and to go through the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and all the brethren would agree with him in admitting that the work had been well done. He was not given to flattery, but he said this earnestly and sincerely—they all wished him to be spared to render that assistance which lay in his power to the Past Masters when necessary.

Bro. Goddard, I.P.M., in reply, said it afforded him much pleasure to think he had been able to perform his duties as Master in a passable manner. He had done his best; if there was anything he could do to further the interests of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, whether in assisting the Master or in any other capacity, he should be delighted to do it.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, in reply, said he was delighted to find that the Marquess of Ripon Lodge was a lodge in which the work was done admirably. It was pleasant to him to see the installation done as it was by the Immediate Past Master. He was glad that the W.M. would have a year of office in which there was work to be done; he knew it would be done with ability, and that the W.M. would be supported by excellent officers. He wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Charles J. Hayes, P.M. 1475, said he was more than pleased at the work which had been performed. It was very rarely one went to lodge and saw the outgoing Master instal his successor. He had thought there might have been a regular installing Master to do the work. It was a difficult ceremony, but Bro. Goddard had performed it in a style which gave him (Bro. Hayes) much pleasure.

Other visitors also replied.

Bro. J. Arthur King, W.M., proposed "The Past Masters," and said that wherever there was work to be done Past Masters were always ready to lend their aid.

Bros. Campbell, Sparrow, Humphrey, and Mills responded to the toast of "The P.Ms."

Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M., replying as Treasurer, gave an interesting history of the origin and progress of the lodge. The lodge was not now what it was at the beginning. Although it had had adversities it had continued to prosper, until it was now among the first of the lodges. It had had good Masters who could take up any duties. He hoped the lodge would continue to prosper, and that it would have more candidates than five, which it had in the past year. He asked the brethren's support for Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, a candidate for the Grand Treasurership. Bro. Marshall's father had been Grand Treasurer, and the son was trying to tread in his father's footsteps. The father was a great contributor to the Masonic Charities, and so was the son, and he was worthy of the honour of being Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Edwin George, P.M., replying as Secretary, thanked the brethren for the very kind appreciation they had shown of his services. He had had great pleasure in witnessing the admirable manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the installation. Bro. Goddard was a member of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction. He (Bro. George) had given him some assistance, and he hoped other brethren would attend the lodge of instruction. He could not press them to attend every meeting, but he asked them to come as often as possible. Brethren might imagine they could do the work without attending, but that was a wrong assumption. If they could not attend the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction let them attend some other; but he hoped they would support the lodge connected with the mother lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was proposed and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

### Rose Lodge, No. 1622.

The installation meeting of this well-known and highly successful South London lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 6th inst., and thoroughly maintained its high reputation. The W.M., Bro. Hy. Potter, has presided over the lodge during the past year with that grace and dignity which naturally become him, and most fully has earned the appreciation and esteem of the brethren. He was supported by Bros. Geo. Thompson, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect; Richd. Brambleby, J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; John Loader, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; Jack S. Cohen, J.D.; Chas. H. Mayo, I.G.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; Wal. E. Jeffery, I.P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M.; Wm. Dawson, P.M.; Thos. Pickett, P.M.; Sam. W. Ballard, P.M.; S. J. Derham, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Pullen, P.M.; Wm. Jeffery, P.M.; W. T. Neithrop, Fred W. Wright, H. Noble, J. J. Drayner, H. Tolley, J. Pointing, Alban Bradgate, T. J. Smith, H. Arkcoll, T. Connerly, J. B. Higgs, C. Archer, Hy. A. Potter, R. J. Wren, J. A. Johnson, C. Isaacs, G. F. Seaman, W. J. Frampton, J. F. N. Morris, A. H. Gask, W. J. Kirby, J. Muttitt, Rudolf Sobel, O. Henke, A. Searle, W. Wisdom, Goddard Clarke, D. J. Wright, Shaw, and F. A. Sahl. The visitors were Bros. Perceval A. Nairne, P.M. 176, P.G.D.; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1320, P.G. Std. Br.; Arnold B. Barker, W.M. 55 (N.Z.C.); E. Clough, 2077; C. W. Scantlebury, Stwd. 706; F. H. Sewell, J.D. 1339; Wal. L. Green, 33; B. T. Whitehead, W.M. 1320; H. Eadle, S.W. 1005; Syd. H. Master, 1025; W. J. Clubb, 1672; S. Isaacs, 2589; F. Hall, S.W. 158; B. T. Drayner, S.W. 1207; J. W. Cunningham, 1686; Cnas. J. Sowton, P.M. 1679; Valentine Hill, 1641; W. R. Jarvis, 862; H. Bagshaw, P.M. 1030; J. H. Witty, S.W. 1155; Arthur Taylor, 217; W. Roots, P.M. 2589; J. Price, 1963; Thos. Hobley, P.M. 1320; Alb. Heseckiel, J.D. 1320; A. Pointing, 1321; and Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641, and P.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their Report (which was highly satisfactory, and showed a substantial balance), and it was duly passed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Paul Theodore Block, which proved unanimous, and he was initiated into the mysteries in a most

impressive manner by the W.M., who was listened to with rapt attention. Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M. 1622 and 788, next presented Bro. Geo. Thompson, W.M. elect, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a Board of 20 Installed Masters by the outgoing Master in an admirable manner. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Hy. Potter, I.P.M.; Richd. Brambleby, S.W.; Simon J. Cohen, J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; John T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; Charles H. Mayo, S.D.; William J. Frampton, J.D.; Thos. J. Smith, I.G.; William Dawson, P.M., D. of C.; Thomas Pickett, P.M., A.D.C.; Francois E. Choveaux, Org.; James E. Parr and William C. Wisdom, Stewds.; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably and impressively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Hy. Potter, I.P.M. The business of the lodge ended, hearty congratulations were tendered to the W.M., and it was closed.

The brethren adjourned to an exceedingly well-prepared banquet, supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, which was much enjoyed by all present.

Grace having been sung to the ancient tune "Laudi Spirituali," the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in excellent terms, and they were duly honoured.

In proposing that of "The Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Officers of G. Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. said they did a vast amount of good work both in Grand Lodge and also for the various Charitable Institutions. The lodge was highly honoured by the presence of two Grand Officers, Bros. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., and R. J. Voisey, P.G. Std. Br. The brethren were proud to welcome them to the Rose Lodge, and he should couple their names with the toast.

Bro. Nairne, P.G.D., in the course of his remarks, said none were more ready to respond to the toast, as the duty was always a most agreeable one, not only to the subordinate members of Grand Lodge, but also to the superior members, whose cordiality and geniality whenever they were communicated with had endeared themselves to the whole body of Freemasons. The Grand Officers were recruited from brethren in every calling of life, but he ventured to think that the greatest Grand Officer at the present time was Bro. Lord Roberts, Commander-in-Chief, who, with many others of his officers who were also members of the Grand Lodge of England, was using his influence during the present war, and bringing to bear the soothing and pacifying influence of Freemasonry with its civilising effect which none could doubt. He hoped the Commander-in-Chief, with his noble body of officers, would by that means be enabled greatly to bring about the lasting peace of South Africa.

Bro. R. J. Voisey, P.G. Std. Br., said he was a very humble member of G. Lodge, but none the less he appreciated the honour. He had always been a very ardent worker in Freemasonry, so hoped he had deserved it. He was glad to be present and see the admirable working of the I.P.M., and know the rapid strides the lodge had made since its consecration, at which he was present. He trusted the lodge would continue to flourish, and become one of the most important in South London. He most heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness always shown him.

In rising to propose the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. H. Potter, I.P.M., wished the glasses to be charged in bumpers, for one of the first duties of the I.P.M. was an extremely pleasant one—to propose that toast. Among his eulogistic remarks of the W.M. the I.P.M. said he had by his geniality and love of the work gained the high appreciation, love, respect, and esteem of every brother in the lodge, and he hoped that the brethren would endeavour to make the year one of the most successful in the lodge. He asked the brethren to rise and drink most enthusiastically to the toast.

In reply, Bro. Geo. Thompson, W.M. (who received an ovation), said he highly appreciated the kind words spoken of him by the I.P.M., and also the manner they had been received by the brethren. He hoped to have as successful a year as the last, and he most heartily congratulated Bro. Potter, I.P.M., in having initiated his own son—a privilege he should never have, as his family consisted of daughters. However, he would do his utmost for the Rose Lodge, and he also thanked them for such expressions towards him; words were inadequate as his heart was full to overflowing.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "Bro. Initiate," who had come among them with excellent credentials, and one whom the W.M. had known for many years. He was convinced that the initiate would prove a true and trusty brother amongst them. He would ask the brethren to give the toast a most cordial greeting.

Bro. Block, in reply, said he was indeed greatly indebted to the brethren, for he felt it a very great honour to reply to the toast, which he did with great pleasure. He was only very sorry that he had not joined Freemasonry years ago, but when he did make up his mind Bros. Bradgate and Pointing came to the rescue, and now he was happy and one with them. He would make it a special point of becoming a good Mason.

The toast of "The Visitors" was entrusted by the W.M. to Bro. Hy. Potter, I.P.M., who, during his remarks of hearty welcome, said the lodge was honoured by two Grand Officers. He was particularly pleased to meet Bro. R. J. Voisey, who was present at the consecration of the lodge, and had watched its growth, and he was also pleased to find his valuable services in the South of London in the cause of Freemasonry had been recognised in Grand Lodge. The lodge was honoured, too, by a brother, W.M. of a lodge in one of our colonies—New Zealand, and the brethren of the Rose Lodge gave him a most cordial welcome. During the past year the valuable assistance of our brother colonists had been given and recognised, and he rejoiced to know that in the cause of Freemasonry a brother going among them would be most gladly welcomed, and receive that assistance which our brother colonists were ever wont to give. There were 30 visitors present, and the brethren of the Rose Lodge wished them health and prosperity. He coupled with the toast Bros. Barker, W.M. 55; Charles Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641; Hy. Cornford, P.M. 1922; H. Bagshaw, P.M. 1059; and Thos. Hobbey, P.M. 1320.

In reply Bro. Barker said he was proud of being, as he understood, the first colonist as W.M. that had visited that lodge, and most fully appreciated the great kindness shown him. He also assured the brethren that it was their custom that every brother visiting the colony was received with the greatest cordiality, and assisted if necessary to the utmost. He was delighted at being present and witnessing such excellent working, and he thanked Bro. R. Brambleby, S.W., for his kind invitation.

Bros. Chas. H. Stone, Hy. Cornford, and H. Bagshaw also ably replied, eulogising the work, hospitality, and unanimity which existed among the members of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said it was to him a great honour that 12 should be present, for it spoke well of their deep interest in the lodge. Of Bro. Potter, I.P.M., all had heard the splendid rendering of the ceremonies, none could have done it better, and it had thoroughly inspired them. The W.M. individualised every P.M., Bros. D. Rose, the first Master, Vickery, both of whom were founders of the lodge, Wm. Dawson, J. Loader, Isaac Dunn, S. Ballard, T. Pickett, Sam. Derham, W. Jeffery, J. H. Pullen, and Wal. Jeffery, and eulogised their respective merits, such a body a lodge might be well proud of. It gave the W.M. the greatest pleasure in presenting the Past Master's jewel so unanimously voted to Bro. Hy. Potter, I.P.M., by the brethren and which he so richly deserved. His year had been almost the record year, and the W.M. hoped to emulate the I.P.M. to the utmost, both as regards the work and also the addition of good and true to the lodge.

The toast was drunk most heartily.

Bro. H. Potter, I.P.M., in a most forcible and interesting reply, said in his remarks that it was a pleasing duty for the first time as I.P.M. to reply to the toast. Looking back on the past 12 months which had most rapidly sped to him, he would first tender his hearty thanks to the Past Masters, officers, and brethren. The year closed that night to him had been a record year, so far as he was concerned, for he had received so many kindnesses at their hands, and especially from the Treasurer and Secretary. The second meeting of the year had been a thoroughly enjoyable one, inasmuch as the ladies took part in providing some beautiful music, and he was glad to say, by the W.M.'s desire, that he hoped to provide the music for the next meeting of the lodge. The third meeting was Bro. J. Loader's night, which honoured him for his splendid service to the Rose Lodge during the last 20 years as Secretary in presenting him with a testimonial. He also in very high terms spoke of the beneficence of Freemasonry, a strong motive power in the world to benefit our fellow men, the attachment to which had grown on him with years. To help the distressed and care for the fallen was a religion worth living up to, and would lead to the Grand Lodge above, where he hoped to ascend. He most heartily thanked the brethren for their testimony, which would remind him of a most happy year of office and also of their appreciation.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," two excellent officers, in whom every confidence was placed.

Bro. J. Dunn, P.M., Treas., thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and as every brother had been in receipt of the balance-sheet, they required no assurance from him that the funds were in a thoroughly sound condition. He would do all he could to make the year a very successful one.

Bro. J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec., said the Master was only to command him, and it would be done to the benefit of the Rose Lodge, in which he took the deepest interest; and so long as he held that proud position would leave nothing undone to promote its welfare. He hoped the lodge would go on and prosper.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given in appreciative terms by the W.M., dilating on their qualities and commending the Rose Lodge of Instruction for perfecting themselves in their respective duties under the able Preceptorship of Bro. D. R. 152, P.M. He would couple with the toast the names of the S.W., J.W., and Bro. Wm. Dawson, P.M., D.C., who was one of his oldest friends, and one who had given him the very best of advice and instruction in his various Masonic duties.

Bros. R. Brambleby, S.W., S. J. Cohen, J.W., and Wm. Dawson, P.M., D. of C., most ably responded, each pledging their utmost to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and Bro. Dawson remarked that he had not the slightest idea until that evening that he should be invested as D. of C., but that Bro. S. Derham, P.M., had thought fit to retire from the position on account of not enjoying very good health. However, it was their duty to express their heartfelt thanks to him for the able manner he had performed the duties of D. of C. for so many years. Of the W.M., he was a very old and dear friend, and having introduced him to the lodge, anything he could do for him would be performed with the greatest of pleasure.

The Tyler's toast closed a very cordial and successful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. F. E. Choveaux, Org., ably assisted by Bros. Frank Swinford Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., Arthur Court, S. Isaacs, Joseph Percival, J. H. Mobbs, and Froom. Bro. F. E. Choveaux very ably accompanied.

St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 615.

The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. E. J. D. Vallon, S.W., and W.M. elect, was intalled W.M., a position to which he is eminently entitled by reason of his long and faithful services to the lodge, and the necessary qualifications which he possesses both as a man and a Mason.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. S. Hithersay, and then Bro. G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., by special request assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in that perfect manner which results only from experience and a rare knowledge of the ritual, he placed Bro. Vallon in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers, his eloquent instructions to them with reference to their respective duties being a brilliant augury of his future work as Master. They were placed as follows: Bros. W. S. Hithersay, I.P.M.; W. Frances, S.W.; J. H. Owen, J.W.; W. Solkhon, Treas.; J. D. Brooks, Sec.; R. Orchard, S.D.; T. E. Tinker, J.D.; F. Mayall, I.G.; Isaiah Turton, P.M., P.M. 913, D.C.; E. Hartland, Org., A.D.C.; C. G. Goodman, P.M., J. Thornhill, F. Hartland, and H. Jordan, Stewards. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer in a most impressive and eloquent manner, and when our esteemed Bro. Mitchell, who, by-the-by, is a Vice-President of all the Charities, a splendid Mason, and an influential citizen, rose to respond for a hearty vote of thanks unanimously awarded to him for his masterly work, he was vigorously applauded. Bro. Hithersay, I.P.M., was rewarded for his services during his year of office with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel. Bro. Turton was unanimously re-elected to serve upon the Provincial Charity Committee, Bros. C. Hithersay, Collins, and another were appointed on the Catering Committee, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the upper hall of the building, and among the other brethren present were Bros. W. L. Doddrell, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. Watkins, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Dr. Rhodes, M.D.; W. Leavers, J. Hines, A. Barton, J. Ward, B. Humphrey, G. Vincet, J. Hill, A. Hubbard, J. Bevis, H. Gordon, W. Fletcher, H. Raby, G. Chamberlain, A. Knowles, F. Denney, A. Rempton, C. Hartham, H. Burn, and A. Wolfe, all of the lodge. Among the visitors whose names could be deciphered in the Visitors' Book, were Bros. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1473, P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; W. Moulder, P.M. and Sec. 829, P.P.A.G.P.; W. Tailby, P.M. 13; A. Walkam, P.M. 483; H. Pamant, P.M. 700; H. King, P.M. 700; H. Jacobs, W.M. 13; E. M. Taylor, W.M. 913; R. Rawlinson, W.M. 2399; J. Howe, W.M. 1536; W. Long, W.M. 700; L. Tucker, J.W. 913; J. Wood, 1972; A. Buss, 1815; A. Pain, 2767; H. Preand, 229; J. H. Hodgkin, 700; H. Travers, 2767; A. Durant, 13; W. Kennedy, 2030; W. Charman, 829; J. Dick, 300; A. Isley, 13; and others.

The singing was good, Bro. H. Roberts presided at the piano, and the vocalists were the Misses Ruby Grey and F. Lake, Bro. Hines, and Messrs. Gregory, Bampforth, Leslie, and Morgan.

The usual loyal and G. Lodge toasts having been honoured, that of "Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. G. Master of Kent," was drunk with a zeal that proved how greatly he is beloved in his own province and among his own people.

The toast of "Bro. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," was also well received.

Bros. Mitchell, Doddrell, and Litton briefly responded, the two latter more especially dilating upon the excellences of their Prov. G. Master, Dep. Prov. G. Master, and the Executive of the province, and assured the brethren of the pride they felt to be connected with the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent.

The I.P.M. then, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M." He pointed out the clear and perfect manner in which the W.M. had installed his officers, and looked upon it as a token of what they might expect when Bro. Vallon had to work the Degrees. The excellence attained by their W.M. had been acquired in his lodge of instruction, and he (the I.P.M.) urged the brethren to attend those lodges if ever they intended to work up to the chair. After lightly touching on an incident that occurred to him on a recent visit to Nottingham, where he met an old friend, he concluded by trusting they might all live to be old friends together until they retired to that six feet of earth, their final resting place. He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

The W.M., who was cheered on rising to respond, briefly trusted that he should receive the hearty support of every brother of 615, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain the harmony and prestige of the lodge he had the honour to preside over.

Bro. Mitchell, in response to a hearty toast to his health as Installing Officer, thanked them, and said he thought he was a little bit "off colour" in his work; but if the W.M. and brethren were satisfied he was so. He then referred to the P.G. Officer the W.M. had apologised to him for not including his name in the toast, or, at least, for not calling upon him to respond; but now that he had been requested, he would say that the P.G. Officer was glad to see the great progress the lodge was making both in numbers and influence, among the lodges in the province. The P.G.M. some years ago had expressed his desire for the success of the lodge, and he (Bro. Mitchell) assured his lordship that its interests were studied by every member of it, and he was proud to see the position it now held. He again thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause.

Bros. Jolly, Jacobs, Pearce, 297; Long, Taylor, Howe, Rawlinson, Tailly, King, Walkam, and Pamant responded for "The Visitors."

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most harmonious and enjoyable.

Past and Present Lodge, No. 2665.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 4th inst. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. T. Carr, M.D., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Vincent Jull, P.M. 2664. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Vincent Jull, P.M. 2264, I.P.M.; Harry Manwaring, W.M. 732, S.W.; H. S. M. Grover, J.W.; G. C. Brees, Treas.; C. B. Carter, P.M., P.M. 1652, Sec.; A. E. Clarke, S.D.; Alfred Rodd, J.D.; W. Swaysland, D.C.; George Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.O. Sussex, Org.; J. Stanley Kent, I.G.; D. F. Worger and R. F. Martin, Stewards; and Alfred Rawies, Tyler.

On the closing of the lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Thomas Carr.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, while that of "The Old School"—introduced by the W.M. and enthusiastically received—was acknowledged by Bro. George Cole.

### BRO. THE LORD MAYOR-ELECT.

Bro. Alderman Frank Green, Junior Grand Deacon, was initiated in the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, on the 24th April, 1872. The year following he took part in the foundation of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, and was its W. Master 1874-5. He is also a founder and Past Master of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, and of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, and became a joining member of the British Lodge, No. 8, in 1878. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in the Doric Chapter, No. 933, on the 16th September, 1873, and was elected M.E.Z. of the Stability Chapter, No. 217, in 1879, and of the British Chapter, No. 8, in 1882. Six years previously he was elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes, and was for three years its Vice-President. He has taken a great interest in all our Charitable Institutions, having constituted himself a Life Governor of each, besides having acted in the capacity of Steward at several of their anniversary festivals, the Girls' School having, in this respect, found most favour with him.

The election of Bro. Alderman Frank Green as Lord Mayor for the year ensuing was accomplished on the 20th ult., with a unanimity which conveyed a high compliment to the chief of the ward of Vintry. The livery cannot bestow a higher compliment upon a candidate for the position of Lord Mayor than to accept him with acclamation, and that is what the livery in Common Hall assembled have done. There was not even a single question asked, a fact which speaks volumes for the confidence of the electors.

Before the Common Hall the customary service took place at the church of St. Lawrence Jewry, the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs—Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan and Mr. Joseph Lawrence—several members of the Court of Aldermen, and all the high officers attending in their picturesque robes and insignia of office. The Rector (the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass), who is also the Lord Mayor's chaplain, delivered an interesting address from the text, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matthew xvi., 3).



BRO. ALDERMAN FRANK GREEN, LORD MAYOR ELECT.

At the conclusion of the service, the Sword Bearer, in the name of the Lord Mayor, invited the rector to dinner. The civic party then returned to the Guildhall, where they assembled in the Aldermen's Room prior to the occupancy of the hustings. In the meantime, the Great Hall, which was almost deserted an hour before, had become populated with liverymen, who well filled the body of the hall; while to the right and left of the hustings were seated the Common Councilmen.

The RECORDER, in full-bottomed wig, advancing to the front of the hustings, informed the liverymen present that they had assembled in the exercise of their undoubted right to elect a Lord Mayor for the year ensuing, and added that, in order that their choice might be free and unfettered, the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen who had passed the chair would leave the hall.

The Lord Mayor and the senior Aldermen having retired to the Aldermen's room,

The COMMON SERJEANT, who was also wearing a full-bottomed wig, read to the livery the list of those who were eligible to serve the office of Lord Mayor, their names being:

Mr. Frank Green, Alderman and Stationer;  
 Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Alderman and Grocer;  
 Sir Marcus Samuel, Alderman and Spectacle-maker;  
 Sir J. T. Ritchie, Alderman and Shipwright;  
 Mr. John Pound, Alderman and Leatherseller;  
 Sir William Treloar, Alderman and Loriner; and  
 Mr. F. P. Alliston, Alderman and Cordwainer.

The Common Serjeant reminded the electors that they had the privilege of returning two names to the Court of Aldermen for that body to elect one of the two. On a show of hands Bro. Alderman Frank Green was unanimously elected, and his name, with that of Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, was conveyed to the Lord Mayor and the senior Aldermen. After the lapse of a few minutes, the Lord Mayor and his colleagues returned to the Common Hall, Bro. Alderman Frank Green walking on the left-hand side of the Chief Magistrate, a fact which showed that the Court of Aldermen had approved of the choice of the Livery. Loud cheers followed the entry of these gentlemen. From the hustings the Recorder made the official announcement of the election, and more cheers were raised for the Lord Mayor elect. At this juncture the Town Clerk called upon Bro. Alderman Frank Green to come forward and take upon himself the office of Lord Mayor during the ensuing year.

The LORD MAYOR ELECT, who was greeted with hearty cheers, said: My Lord Mayor and brother Liverymen, I can assure you with the utmost possible sincerity that I highly appreciate the great compliment that has been paid to me to-day by my election as Lord Mayor of the ancient City of London. (Applause.) I value most highly this mark of your confidence, and I thank you heartily for the

very cordial greeting you have given me to-day, and which I venture to regard as an indication that in your judgment my 22 years of services to the Corporation have not been barren of results. (Applause.) I am keenly sensible of the great and grave responsibility attaching to the office of Chief Magistrate of this City of London, and I can only hope that, in emulating the example set me by so many distinguished predecessors in the office, and by always keeping in the forefront as my first aim the duty of maintaining the rights and prestiges of my fellow citizens I may in some measure succeed in discharging those duties of the office to your satisfaction and to my own credit. (Cheers.)

In the evening the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Lord Mayor-Elect and Miss Green at dinner at the Mansion House.

### Craft Masonry.

#### Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663.

The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the above lodge on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Arthur Flatman, W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. England, Sec. R.M.B.I., in the presence of a large assembly of visitors and brethren of the lodge. He afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Rix, P.G.P., I.P.M.; F. W. Bray, S.W.; I. W. Martin, J.W.; Rev. C. D. Gordon, Chap.; Walter Hunt, Treas.; C. W. Harper, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Watkins, S.D. and Org.; William Turner, J.D.; E. A. Onyon, P.M., D.C.; I. F. Page, P.M., I.G.; Walter Green, Steward; and H. Skuffham, Tyler.

After the ceremony, the annual banquet was held at the White Lion Hotel, presided over by the newly-installed Master, Bro. Flatman.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with harmony.

#### Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184.

The installation meeting of the above happy little lodge took place on the 25th ult., at the King's Head Hotel, Chigwell.

Bro. James Millen, W.M., opened the lodge, and after Bro. Fincher had been raised to the Third Degree, Bro. F. J. Eedle, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, took the chair, and in due course installed Bro. W. Catt, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair as Master of the lodge. Bro. Catt invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Millen, I.P.M.; John J. Joyce, S.W.; R. J. Mitchell, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.M. and Treas. 1472, P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.P.A.G. D.C., Sec.; C. Millington, S.D.; W. S. Penney, J.D.; F. H. Penney, I.G.; A. Peterson, D.C.; J. P. Ayres, Org.; R. A. Dickson, J. Hills, P.M., and A. Mendelslam, Stwds.; and J. Ives, Tyler. Bro. Eedle then gave the addresses with perfect feeling and accuracy, for which he was heartily thanked. Bro. Millen was presented with a Past Master's jewel suitably engraved. Bro. Catt, W.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, accounts and vouchers being found perfectly correct, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was superbly served by the esteemed host, Bro. Lewis, and his assistants, for the excellence of which he was subsequently thanked.

The usual loyal, Grand, and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, and some good speeches, songs, and recitations helped to move the passing hours merrily along.

Among the other brethren present were: Bros. Jos. Cohen, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; S. Carlton, P.M.; W. Reynolds, P.S.W.; W. E. Pickering, B. Vinty, W. T. Baines, J. H. Baines, F. C. Goodman, O. Benton, 2707, P.G.W.; Kingston, W.M. 1044; Mumford, W.M. 276; Gratton, P.M. 2504; Brocklehurst, I.P.M. 317; Dennis, S.W. 171; Baldwin, I.G. 2168; C. J. Catt, 1637; Hanney, 1780; Mark, I.G. 827; Taylor, J.W. 12; Andrews, 1420; and Burrows, 1805.

#### Mendelssohn Lodge, No. 2661.

This new musical London lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 6th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. William John Hellyar, jun., P.M., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. F. Inskipp, I.P.M.; Arthur W. Jones, S.W.; B. Bramble, P.M., J.W.; Robert Peachey, P.M., Treas.; Richard J. Hennings, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; William H. Duffield, P.M., S.D.; J. William Stevens, P.M., J.D.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M., D.C.; Mount Brown, I.G.; J. P. Attwater, Org.; C. Gough, Henry Corner, J. Stapleton, and H. J. Huggatt, Stwds.; Charles Stevens, P.M.; F. P. Baxter, P.M.; W. J. Hellyar, A. R. Ebling, Alick C. Nurzey, J. W. Eisenman, Frank J. Fisher, George P. Nash, J. Crowther, Charles H. Dewey, and Ralph Currie. The visitors were Bros. Wingrove Ives, 1929; H. Savidge, P.M. 22; George Inskipp, P.M. 1977; F. Larner, P.M. 2054, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Herts; Henry Howe, P.M. 1391, P.G.D.C. Leicester and Rutland, J.W. 2428; G. W. Barter, P.M. 2362; William George Woodward, A.S. 1056 and 2722; E. R. Painter, 766; G. T. Harrap, P.M. 1288; James Gawthrop, P.M. 1706; W. George Williams, P.M. 2191; W. P. Hodges, W.M. 2182; A. Geverding, P.M. 2182; R. A. Kemp, P.M. 1706; H. J. Marten, P.M. 1420; John Hewett, S.D. 1681; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. Freeman, J.W. 55; Charles G. Sadler, W.M. 1706; C. H. Kempling, S.W. 1706; and William Stewart, W.M. 2632.

Bro. A. R. Ebling having been raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Arthur Wallington Jones, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M., D.C., and was thereupon installed by Bro. W. J. Hellyar, W.M., as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. W. J. Hellyar was invested as I.P.M., and the other brethren invested as the W.M.'s officers for the year were: Bros. Benjamin Bramble, P.M., S.W.; William H. Duffield, P.M., J.W.; Robert Peachey, P.M., Treas.; Richard J. Hennings, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M., D.C.; John W. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Surrey, S.D.; Mount Brown, P.M., J.D.; Charles Gough, I.G.; J. P. Attwater, Org.; Henry Corner, James Stapleton, Henry James Huggatt, and Frank J. Fisher, Stwds.; and Bro. R. W. Edgley, P.M., Tyler. During the obligation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Gawthrop rendered the anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" in magnificent style, Bro. A. Geverding accompanying on the violoncello. After the officers had been invested, Bro. Hellyar delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and completed the work of his year of office in a manner not only memorable, but as a credit to the lodge of which he was the third Master. A Past Master's jewel, with "Tertius" on the scroll, was presented to him at the conclusion of his day's arduous work by the W.M. in the name of the lodge, which voted this recognition of his services during the time he held the office of W.M. After referring to the work done by Bro. Hellyar, he said that if ever any W.M. had earned such a distinction it was Bro. Hellyar. The whole of the Master's work had been performed to perfection by their late W.M., who had set an example to his successor which it would be difficult to follow. Bro. Hellyar, I.P.M., suitably acknowledged the presentation, and said he had simply endeavoured, to the best of his ability, to discharge his duty to the lodge to the satisfaction of all the members. The balance-sheet and accounts of the lodge were then passed, and the W.M. closed the lodge and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Part music of a charming description was performed by the brethren in the intervals between the speeches in which the toasts were proposed and responded to, and solos were sung by Bros. R. J. Hennings, P.M., Sec.; Wingrove Ives, James Gawthrop, and A. C. Nurzey. Bro. A. Geverding performed a cello solo, and Bros. C. H. Kempling and Attwater played a pianoforte duet. Bros. Charles Stevens, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx; C. H. Kempling, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Essex; and J. P. Attwater, Organist of the lodge; accompanied at the pianoforte during the evening.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been disposed of,

Bro. W. J. Hellyar, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said he was afraid he had not very much to say of the W.M. which was not already known to the brethren. Bro. Jones was a very old member of the musical club, and as such he was known to the brethren of the lodge. He was also one of the founders of the Mendel-

ssohn Lodge, and since its consecration he had worked his way through the offices from the first he was appointed to up to that which he now filled. As a man he was respected and loved by all the brethren. He was a thorough going gentleman who had the interest of this lodge at heart, and would do his very best to carry out the traditions of the lodge and to infuse new life and prosperity into it. All would join in hearty congratulations on his election to the office of W.M. and wish him a most prosperous year. It was to be hoped he would in the time to come look with pride to the year when he presided over the Mendelssohn Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. A. W. Jones, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, observed that what had been said of him was very nice. He had no idea he was so nice a man until he occupied the chair; indeed, he had not realised yet what nice things people felt in their hearts. He did not believe all the nice things, but he thanked the brethren very sincerely for endorsing what Bro. Hellyar had said by their hearty reception of his remarks. As far as he was concerned he found he had all his troubles to come. If at the end of the year they felt they were able to endorse the toast as they had done that evening, he should consider he had done well. He thanked the brethren most sincerely and heartily. All his abilities were at the disposal of the lodge, and everything he could do for the Mendelssohn Lodge in particular, and Masonry in general, he should do. He thanked the brethren. And now the second part of his duty was very much easier than the first—to propose the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Hellyar." It was a toast which to him was particularly easy and exceedingly pleasant. As he had already informed the brethren on previous occasions, he had had the privilege of Bro. Hellyar's close friendship since they were little children in short clothes. Therefore, he could guarantee no people could know more about him than he (Bro. Jones). During the whole of the time he had known him there was nothing in Bro. Hellyar's life or conduct it would be possible for any man to criticise or cavil at. That was a very high compliment. The brethren of the Mendelssohn Lodge had had the privilege of being governed during the past year by a man who had the absolute interests of Masonry at heart, who did everything he attempted to do with the greatest zeal, and who never turned back or allowed anything to stand in his way. (Cheers.)

It was here announced that the Charity-box had yielded 30s. Bro. W. J. Hellyar, jun., I.P.M., responded to the toast. The W.M. had said kind things of him which he felt he did not deserve; but for the friendship of many years' standing the brethren would excuse Bro. Jones if he had over-stepped the line of truth. (Hear, hear.) But there was one very great truth—Bro. Jones expressed his (Bro. Hellyar's) best wishes for the lodge. He had gone through the offices now; he had passed the chair; but he had not passed in interest to the lodge. His interest now was as great as it was at the consecration of the lodge, and he trusted he might be many years with the brethren, and that he might have many opportunities of showing them that his zeal for the welfare of the lodge was in no way abated. (Hear, hear.) Whatever he could do for the lodge would be done with the utmost cheerfulness and to the best of his power. (Hear, hear.)

Bros. Sadler, W.M. 1706; Byfield, W.M. 2632; George Inskipp, W.M. 1937; Gardiner, W.M. 2362; Howe, Leicester and Rutland; and Harrap, 1962, responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Howe remarked that the rendering of "Be thou faithful unto death" by Bro. Gawthrop was something sublime, and a fitting accompaniment to the W.M.'s obligation.

Bro. Gardiner observed that, as a member of a metropolitan Volunteer Rifle Corps lodge, he was very proud of belonging to a corps which showed to the world that they were capable of defending the country. It must be gratifying to any one who called himself an Englishman to feel that Volunteers had offered themselves to defend the country. After very arduous work those who had gone out were coming home, and Englishmen would go out in their thousands to welcome them back.

Bros. Stevens, Inskipp, and Baxter responded to the toast of "The Past Masters." Bro. Stevens, P.M., said the brethren had heard something of the "traditions of the Mendelssohn Lodge." Those "traditions" were not very old, and the phrase was a contradiction in terms. As regarded the P.M.s. of the lodge, he was one of them, and it had given him great pleasure to help in starting the lodge, and he was proud to have been its first Master.

Bro. Inskipp, P.M., was pleased to see the lodge was on its road to prosperity. It was not an ambitious lodge, but its brethren aimed at the true principle of Masonry—brotherly love.

Bros. B. Bramble, P.M., S.W.; R. Peachey, P.M., Treas.; and Richard J. Hennings, P.M., Sec., responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast concluded the very successful and enjoyable proceedings of the day.

## Royal Arch.

### Salebeia Chapter, No. 566.

The quarterly meeting of this young and flourishing chapter was held on Friday last, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, The Crescent, Selby, when there were present Comps. W. N. Cheesman, M.E.Z.; T. G. P. Barlow, H.; J. F. Watson, J.; Mark Scott, P.Z., Treas.; G. W. Hudson, S.E.; W. Wilkinson, S.N.; T. Stott, P.S.; A. T. Pym and V. Brown, P.Z., Asst. Sojs.; Robt. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E. Durham; F. W. Sykes, S. M. Scott, J. Brown, and R. Tindill. Visitors: Comps. E. W. Purnell, M.E.Z.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.Z., P.P.G.H. (the Lord Mayor of York); F. W. Laughton, S.E.; Dr. Mungo Bryson, Alfred Procter, P.S., J. H. Wray, A. G. Wrayner, W. A. Tidswell, Norman B. Crombie, A. T. Taylor, G. H. Osborn, Duncan C. Laird, and E. S. Robinson, all of 236; G. F. Wells and A. McK. Johnston, 250; and Geo. Leigh, P.Z. 2134, P.P.G.S.B.

After spending an agreeable hour with fraternal greetings over afternoon tea, the chapter was opened by the Principals at six p.m., and afterwards the minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. On the ballot proving favourable, Bro. M. H. Cargill, W.M. 566, was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., the addresses being given by Comp. Purnell, M.E.Z. 236, and the mystical lecture being delivered by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E. Durham (one of the founders of this chapter). "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the chapter was closed in peace and harmony at eight p.m.

The companions then adjourned to the supper-room for a frugal repast, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure of the companions of the Salebeia Chapter in offering a hearty welcome to the visitors, especially to those of the York Chapter, from whom they had recently received a very substantial token of their fraternal good wishes. The Selby companions would treasure the

articles presented to them at the furnishing of their home, and would value them for their past associations.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was suitably responded to by Comps. Purnell, M.E.Z., and J. Sykes Rymer, P.Z. (the Lord Mayor of York), who congratulated the Salebeia Chapter on its youthful vigour, and predicted for it a bright and successful career.

### King Solomon Chapter, No. 2029.

Between seven and eight years ago this chapter was formed by and for teetotal Masons, and since that time it has continued to steadily increase in numbers and general prosperity. On Monday, the 1st inst., the usual regular convocation was held at Mark Masons' Hall, W.C., Comp. Edward Macbean, the M.E.Z., having to come from Scotland to attend the meeting. The other Principals—Comps. L. E. Newnham, H., and Reginald Mills, J.—occupied their respective chairs, and there was a fairly good attendance of the members.

On the convocation being closed, the companions adjourned to join their "sweet-hearts and wives" at the Holborn Restaurant, where after the dinner a very enjoyable social evening was spent.

The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The following impromptu programme enlivened the evening: Miss Gertie Tipper, violin solo, "Berceuse de Jocelyn;" Miss Hooper, song, "May morning;" Comp. W. F. Roberts, song, "The star of Bethlehem;" Miss Tipper, pianoforte solo, "Mazurka," by Goddard; Comp. Major T. W. Richardson, recitation, "Lieut. Luff;" Miss Roberts, song, "The gleaners' slumber;" Comp. W. Tomes, song, "An evening song;" Miss Gertie Tipper, violin solo, "Tzigane;" Comp. L. E. Newnham, song, "Far away;" Mrs. T. W. Richardson, song, "Bonnie banks O'Loch Lomon;" Comp. Major Richardson, bass song, "Out on the deep;" Miss Roberts, song, "In sweet September;" Comp. W. Tomes, song, "My sweetheart when a boy;" Miss Gertie Tipper, violin solo, "Hejre Kati;" then all joined heartily in "Auld lang syne."

## Obituary.

### BRO. B. K. THORPE, P.G. STD. BR.

It is with regret we announce the death on Monday, the 1st instant, of Bro Benjamin Kelly Thorpe, a Mason of long standing, who was initiated in the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 125, Hythe, in 1857, and the same year became one of the founders of the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford. In 1861, he was installed W.M., and subsequently did the lodge great service as its Treasurer during very many years. He was thrice the recipient of Provincial honours, having been appointed Prov. G. Steward of Kent in 1861, and Prov. G. Register in 1862, while from 1877-1889 he was elected Prov. G. Treasurer. As a Royal Arch Mason he won equal distinction. He was exalted in the Belvidere Chapter, No. 503, Maidstone, in 1860, and having assisted in founding the Invicta Chapter, No. 709, in 1877, was installed in the chair of First Principal in 1880. In addition, he served as Provincial Grand Treasurer of Kent from 1877 to 1889. In 1887, he was one of the brethren on whom, in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Queen's accession to the throne, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master, was pleased to confer the brevet rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Lodge, and Past Asst. G.D.C. in Supreme Grand Chapter. In Mark Masonry he was a Past Master of the Invicta Lodge, No. 378, Ashford, having been elected to the chair of A. in the years 1889 and 1890, while in 1875, he served as Prov. G.M.O. He was a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School, and a Life Subscriber of the Girls' School, and had served a Stewardship for the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions.

### BRO. WM. BEATTY-KINGSTON.

Bro. Wm. Beatty-Kingston, whose death on board the Albatross, on his way back to England from the neighbourhood of Bordeaux, where he had been taking a holiday, has just been announced, was a man of varied accomplishments; a wonderful linguist, a pianist of the first class, a distinguished author, and an enterprising journalist. As War Correspondent—more especially in 1870-71—he not only wrote very interesting letters, but managed—often under very difficult circumstances—to send them to their destination. He was said to be an excellent pistol shot, he was undoubtedly a fine whist player, and his store of experiences made him a most interesting raconteur. He belonged to the Order, and called on one occasion at Bucharest a special lodge, at which he presided and delivered speeches in the Roumanian tongue. His other tongues were Italian, French, and German, all of which he spoke like English, besides Spanish and Portuguese. His very interesting recollections of crowned heads, published under the title of "Monarchs I have Met," are dedicated to Elisabeth, Queen of Roumania, by whom he was often received during his frequent visits to Bucharest. He was twice decorated by the Emperor of Austria, in whose military service he passed some years. Bro. Beatty-Kingston was in his youth attached to the Austrian Consulate at Swansea, and it was not until after he had performed the duties of vice-consul that he passed into the Austrian army, which he quitted when he was about 30 years of age with the rank of captain. His familiarity with military affairs, his knowledge of many lands, his command of several languages, combined with remarkable literary talent, fitted him admirably for the duties of special correspondent, which he performed with the highest credit, during many years, for the Daily Telegraph, in whose service he remained from 1865 until the day of his death.

AN ELECTION of two orphans to the benefits of the Printer's Corporation will take place at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, the 29th inst. At the same meeting there will be an election of three inmates to the alms-houses.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., Treasurer of the Institution in the chair. Among the numerous brethren present were

Bros. George Everett, P.G.T.; Frank Richardson P.G.D.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; A. C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. W. Yorks; Henry Whadcoat, W. M. Bywater; James Stepheus, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Major Herbert Green, W. Yorks; W. G. Kentish, W. H. Spaul, H. Nuding, J. W. Burgess, Robt. Wylie, W. Goodacre, the Earl of Euston, C. F. Matier, H. A. Tobias, Sir J. B. Monckton, T. H. Gardiner, E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Mason, W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., James Willing, jun., Frank Spaul, C. K. Benson, N. Wales; Rich. Newhouse, H. Percy Smith, Sec. Charity Committee, Stafford; Charles Lee, Warwickshire; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; and W. D. Dugdale, Dorset.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec., having read the minutes of the Quarterly Court of July, they were put and confirmed. He also announced that Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro Grand Master, had kindly consented to preside at the festival which would be held in May, 1901, to celebrate the 113th anniversary of the establishment of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN reported the withdrawal from the list of candidates for the present election of Rowena Frances Fleetwood Birch, No. 15 on the list, she having been presented by the Province of Kent under the Kent Jubilee presentation.

Bro. HEDGES then read summaries of the minutes of the Grand Committee for the last quarter, in which the information was conveyed that the Committee had resolved that the history of the Institution be written up to the end of the century, and that 1000 copies be printed for circulation. The further information was conveyed that the late Bro. W. H. Wood had by his will bequeathed, through the Lodge of Israel, No. 1474, Birmingham, to this Institution, an amount sufficient to qualify the chairs of W.M., I.P.M., and Treasurer, as Patrons of the Institution. To an application from Kidderminster for a subscription to a drinking-fountain to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. Richard Eve, a reply had been sent by Bro. Hedges that, whilst gratefully remembering the services of Bro. Eve to this Institution, the Committee felt that the funds subscribed to it were not applicable to such a purpose.

The Scrutineers were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to elect 24 daughters of Freemasons, out of an approved list of 33 candidates, into the School.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson then vacated the chair, in which he was succeeded by Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Past Treasurer of the Institution. The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Perry, Ada Emily ... ..	1721	Hodgkinson, Clarice Lillian ...	33
Lewell, Annie ... ..	835	Caine, Dorothy ... ..	39
Ferry, Elizabeth ... ..	134	Peace, Alice Kate ... ..	9
Lerpiniere, Lillian Irene ...	104	Hopkins, Clotilde Protheros ...	4
Sall, Doris ... ..	74		

The successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

## Instruction.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on the 5th instant at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Foskett, H. 185, M.E.Z.; A. J. Taylor, P.Z. 186, H.; A. L. Butters, S.N. 890, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, Scribe E.; H. Armfield, P.S. 1642, Scribe N.; W. J. Lewis, P.S. 890 and 173, P.S.; W. Chapple, M.E.Z. E. 753, 1st A.S.; J. M. Huish, J. 185, 2nd A.S.; J. S. Priest, M.E.Z. elect 2202; and E. Gilbert, M.E.Z. 173.

The chapter was opened, and the companions admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Priest acting as candidate. Comp. Gilbert was elected a member, and in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to witness the excellent work done during the evening. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. W. A. Evans, W.M.; H. R. Bower, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; C. S. Hind, S.D.; D. Taylor, J.D.; J. Horstead, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; H. B. Harding, P.M.; M. Relph, E. P. Fischer, J. Brown, H. J. May, S. Cload, G. Mortlock, and A. Noel.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Fischer being the candidate. The investiture of the officers was rehearsed, followed by the ceremony of passing, Bro. Cload being the candidate. Bro. Bower was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A ballot was taken for a Life Subscribership, Bro. Birks, P.M., being fortunate enough to secure it, announced that he would add to the amount a further sum of five guineas. The lodge was then closed.

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