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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

There was heavy voting at both our School Elections last week and at both the struggle for places appears to have been a keen one, though in the case of the Girls' School it turned out that, when the result of the ballot was made known, the highest unsuccessful candidate was a long way behind the lowest successful, while in that of the Boys' School there were as many as three of those who failed who were well up and all of them have a goodly total of votes to carry forward to the Spring Election of next year. But what is most satisfactory of all is that all the unsuccessful children, if their circumstances remain as they are at present, will have at least one and not a few of them, more than one opportunity of admission into the Institution, the benefits of which they have been adjudged worthy to receive. There is not, indeed, one of the nine girls and six boys who failed this time who may not ultimately retrieve her or his failure.

There was a reduced list of 33 candidates for the election into

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on Thursday, the 11th instant, of whom 14 had taken part in one or more contests, and 19 were first cases. Of these 33 London furnished seven and had a joint interest with some Province in four others, the remaining 22 being sent up by Provinces or Districts Abroad. The number to be elected was 24, and the girl with claims on Oxfordshire and Suffolk had the satisfaction of heading the poll with a total of 5294 votes. The next in order was partly Provincial and partly London—Northants and Hunts and London—and having secured 2684 votes in April, increased her figure to 4723 votes, the third being from Kent and London, and receiving 458 votes. Then came a child from the Eastern Division of South Africa with 4447, and next to her a London girl with 4377, votes, of which 3285 already stood to her credit from the April Election. The candidate with claims on Hants and the Isle of Wight increased her figure from 1091 to 4344 votes, and took the sixth place, one of the two children from Hertfordshire being close up with 4072 votes, and a London girl and the second Herts candidate running her almost a neck-and-neck race with 4019 and 4008 votes respectively. London furnished the 10th successful child, who polled 3972, while Sussex and Staffordshire share between them the credit of placing the next on the list with 3891 votes, and

of which all but 413 were polled on this occasion. The two Kentish girls stood next—one with 3856 votes, of which 2103 were already to her credit, and the other only a short way behind, with 3794 votes. A girl from London scored 3742 votes, and thereby secured the 14th vacancy, but she started with 1995 of these in hand, her London and Essex competitor polling, under somewhat similar circumstances, 3715 votes, of which 1952 were brought forward from April. Middlesex won the 16th place with 3686 votes, and Somersetshire the 17th with 3640 votes, a girl from Constantinople polling 3555 votes for the 18th vacancy, of which 981 were brought forward. The Bombay candidate, with 3522 votes, was well up, and then followed the two West Yorkshire children, each polling the same number of votes, namely, 3521. The three remaining vacancies were secured by candidates from West Lancashire, Dorsetshire, and London, who polled respectively 3460, 3023, and 2903 votes, but in the last case the girl had 203 votes standing to her credit from April. Of the number of Unsuccessful children, only one, from London, obtained an appreciable number of votes, but the 1721 she has thus far obtained ought to be of material service to her in April next. The result may be said to be satisfactory all round. London carried five of the seven cases which originated from her lodges, and helped to secure the success of all the four in which she had a part interest; while the Provinces and Districts carried 15 out of 22 candidates. As regards the votes there were 19,040 brought forward from April, and 86,037 issued for this election; but of the latter only 77,587 passed the Scrutineers, the number unused or spoiled being 8,450.

The election of 20 into

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from an approved list of 26 candidates, the Shropshire lad having been withdrawn after the balloting papers had been issued, took place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers on Friday, the 12th instant. For this contest as many as 139,190 votes were issued, so that with the 20,490 brought forward from April last and those added under Law 33, there were available for the purpose of this ballot the enormous array of 159,693, or close upon, 160,000. Of these, however, nearly 13,500 were unused or spoiled, the number that passed the Scrutineers, including the forward and added votes, being 146,265. But this latter figure gives an average per candidate of between 5000 and 6000, while a glance at the result shows that as many as 23 of the 26 applicants obtained from 4000 and upwards. The highest boy on the poll hailed from Staffordshire and Derbyshire, and these two Provinces seem to have resolved that their candidate, who had only this one chance of securing admission, should not fail for lack of support on their part, and accordingly they obtained for him 9564 votes. The second on the list came from Auckland, New Zealand, and starting with 343 to the good was ultimately returned with 8691 votes, a candidate from Sussex, who began the day with 2183 votes and finished it with 7347 votes, being next in order. London won the next vacancy for one of its half-dozen candidates with 6945 votes, of which 2368 were already to his credit, while the Western Division of South Wales and Monmouthshire furnished the fifth on the poll with 6681 votes, of which only 115 were brought forward. A second London boy stood next with 6482 votes, of which 2362 were to his credit from April, Norfolk and Suffolk securing the next

vacancy for their representative with 6479 votes, and South Wales (W.D.) the next, by its own unaided efforts, with 6449 votes, of which 1892 were in hand when the poll opened. Nos. 9, 10, and 11 hailed from London and polled 6371, 6276, and 6197 votes, respectively, the first and second of the three having in the former case 2906 votes and in the latter 1381 votes to the good. The boy from Buckinghamshire who brought forward 2244 votes emerged from the ballot with 6113 and thereby secured the 12th vacancy, while Gloucestershire carried its case at the first time of asking with 6103 votes. The second string to the bow of South Wales (W.D.) was 14th with 5939 and then came two of the three lads from East Lancashire with 5754 and 5590 votes respectively. No. 17, with claims on Bermuda, Hong Kong, and South Wales (E.D.), polled 5518 votes, the Bristol candidate 5483 votes, and the remaining East Lancashire youth 5406 votes, while the remaining London lad brought up the rear with 4768 votes, of which 1915 were in hand from April. Of the six Unsuccessful applicants the three highest polled 4555, 4396, and 4229 votes respectively, and the lowest on the poll secured 1203 votes, which will certainly be of help to him in the future. As regards the general result, London carried all its six candidates, while the other 14 who were admitted were furnished by Provinces or Foreign Stations.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

In the series of articles that have already appeared on this subject we have continually referred to the Book of Constitutions, and have discussed the various Masonic problems that have been passed in review in the light of the *lex scripta*. But Freemasons do not need to be reminded that there is a *lex tradita* as well as a *lex scripta*, and it will not be out of place to observe how Masonic practice ought to be, and is, moulded by tradition as well as by constitutional law.

The candidate for admission into Freemasonry makes a series of promises, and it is worth noting in what order those promises occur. After a declaration as to his motives, he first of all promises to abide by the *antient usages and established customs* of the Order—in other words, to respect its traditions.

The S.O. follows, expounding and making personal that ancient landmark which speaks of the secrecy of the Order. He is invested and in full possession of the rights and privileges of a Freemason before ever he hears a word about constitutions, bye-laws, and warrants.

The natural inference from all this is, that laws and regulations are of secondary importance compared with the other points mentioned. As a matter of fact the Book of Constitutions does not assume a practical importance or value to the Freemason until he takes upon himself the obligations of office, that is, at the point at which he enters upon official relations with other Freemasons. But the S.O., and his respect for "usages and customs," beset him from the very moment he sees the light.

It is clear then that the secrecy of the Institution is the first and last care of every Freemason, and, in fact, in language well known to all, it is his constant duty. It is too late in the day to argue whether such secrecy be a good or a bad thing. It is landmark, and, therefore, Freemasonry cannot exist without it. But, still, Freemasonry is not a secret society in the dubious sense in which secret societies are usually regarded. In one respect it is not secret at all, inasmuch as no man of ordinary repute and good character is denied admission. Once admitted, the secret modes of recognition are useful in assuring him that the man who possesses them is, ordinarily, a man he can trust as he would his brother.

Whilst violation of the secrecy of the Order, using the term in its generally accepted sense, is practically unknown, it ought to be remembered that the generally accepted sense is unduly restricted. It ought not, for instance, ever to be allowed to be known outside the lodge that an unfavourable ballot has been cast. Matters which are strictly Masonic, even though not necessarily secret, should not be discussed *coram publico*.

The Freemason next has enjoined upon him that the Volume of the Sacred Law is that by which he is to regulate his life and actions, not only in lodge but everywhere else. The V.S.L. dominates Freemasonry in the most remarkable manner. Not only is it the first thing a Freemason's eyes ever gaze upon, but it is described as the unerring standard of truth and justice.

Every ceremony authorised in our lodges is illustrated by references to God's Word, and, were it possible, if that word should be banished from the Order, there would be practically nothing left. And, as further illustrating the religious obligations of the Order, it is interesting to compare the words of the charge with the *ipsissima verba* of the English prayer book—

"To God . . . to your neighbour . . . to yourself . . ."

". . . that we may hereafter live a godly righteous and sober life."

A Freemason should not only be known by his acquaintance with certain secrets, but should also be known by his possession of certain other "excellencies of character." Obedience is the one we would specially draw attention to. What this entails upon the Freemason is explicitly referred to in the charge.

Freemasonry is free only in so far as it demands perfect freedom of inclination, otherwise it is thoroughly disciplined, well-organised, and, one might say, autocratic. It should move with the precision of a machine. Ready acquiescence in the opinion of the majority, however much opposed to private inclination, is demanded.

It may be hard, as recent correspondence in these columns has shown, but there is no help for it. The Freemason had it clearly pointed out to him at the outset of his career.

Another valuable tradition to which the neophyte's attention is drawn at his investiture with the badge of a Freemason is the necessity of harmony. No tradition is more valued than this, and within certain limits there is no sacrifice he should be unprepared to make to secure it. No brother occupies a higher place in the estimation of the members of the lodge than he whose influence is always on the side of peace and harmony. The brother anxious to air his knowledge, the brother with a fad, the brother with that keen sense of the unities which always seems to inspire a genius for criticism, all these brethren recognise the influence of the peacemaker.

Tradition also dictates to the Freemason what should be his attitude to the popular and uninstructed world who are not Freemasons. There is no injunction to conceal the fact of membership of the Order. On the other hand, the address of the Installing Master to the Master he has just installed assumes the existence of such knowledge, *i.e.*, "So that when a member of your lodge is known to be a Freemason, the world may know also that he is one. . ."

That is to say, the honour and reputation of the Order are confided to the safe keeping of every individual member, and the discredit of his un-Masonic conduct is not confined to himself alone. The suggestion is that when the outside world beholds in the Freemason the qualities described in the charge just referred to, a high opinion of the Craft will be formed which will result in accessions to the Order. No other form of advertisement of the Order is sanctioned. Whether it is allowable for one to ask his friends is a point, the exact legality of which is, to say the least of it, doubtful. In our ceremonies we refer to the "improper" solicitations of friends, and a purist in language might argue that certain forms of solicitation might be allowable provided they were not improper. On the other hand, the adjective might be held to apply to every form of solicitation, and this would be the writer's personal opinion. It is contrary to Masonic tradition to hold out any inducement, however worthy, to any person, however desirable his accession might be, to join the Order. The writer remembers a very eminent brother who was asked by a personal friend whether it would be a good thing for him to seek admission. The cautious reply was that it might be a very good thing for him to think about it.

Unfortunately there is a tendency to estimate the prosperity of the Craft by reference to numbers. An Institution such as ours cannot be measured in any such way. There is only one direction in which numbers are valuable, and doubtless many useful lessons can be learned from the number of resignations.

The Worshipful Master, when handing the Hiram to his successor, naturally refers to the condition of the lodge, and is in the habit of quoting the number of candidates and ceremonies as evidence of its prosperous condition, and generally looks upon them as the only evidence. But there are many worthier and higher evidences of prosperity possible than the multiplication table affords. Has each member made some progress in Masonic knowledge? Has the W. Master instructed the brethren, not merely by opening and closing in the three Degrees at each meeting, but by expounding to them the science of Freemasonry, explaining its laws, usages, and customs.

Not only should the Freemason be careful in his intercourse with the profane to refrain from even *the* appearance of solicitation, but, to quote familiar language, he should refrain from

recommending any one for admission in whose fidelity he has not the same confidence as in his own.

The chief onus is, of course, upon the proposer and seconder, but it is not confined to them. A favourable vote at the ballot is a recommendation of the kind quoted. The Master's permission to allow the candidate to be balloted for is the highest recommendation of all, because it means that the highest authority in the lodge is convinced of the candidate's suitability.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 12th instant at Freemasons' Tavern, London. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.T., Treasurer of the Institution, was voted to the chair, on the proposition of Bro. George Everett, P.G.T., seconded by Bro. J. Whittaker Burgess. The members of the Board of Management who supported Bro. Keyser were: Bros. Major J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G. Std. Br.; George Everett, P.G.T.; H. E. Diamond, George Corble, Harry Manfield, G.T.; C. Palmer, Stanley J. Attenborough, P. Asst. G.D.C.; William Russell, P. Asst. G.D.C., Prov. G. Treas. Kent; Alfred C. Spaul, P.G. Std. Br.; James Whittaker Burgess, James Willing, jun., Charles K. Benson, and Henry Pritchard.

During the reading of the minutes of the Council of July 27 and September 28 Bro. C. K. Benson, V.P., Wrexham, was taken ill, and the proceedings had to be suspended. Bro. Dr. Dixon, P.M., and Treasurer No. 73, who was in attendance at the Court, took him in charge, and pronounced that the worthy brother was attacked with a fit of epilepsy. Considerable delay was caused by the unfortunate occurrence, but ultimately the sufferer was carried out of the room and conveyed to a quiet room. Later on

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said the brethren all regretted the painful incident that had happened. Bro. Benson had been a very valuable member of the Board of Management, and they hoped he would soon get over the attack.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, P.G. Std. Br., Patron of the Institution, and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, then moved that William Archer, Earl Amherst, M.W. Pro G.M., Vice-Patron of the Institution, and Edward George, Earl of Lathom, R.W. Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, be elected Trustees of the Institution, to fill the vacancies created by the deaths of the late Earl of Lathom and the V.W. Bro. Richard Eve. He said he thought that no two better men could have been selected for the office than these two brethren. When they took into consideration the fact that the late Earl of Lathom, who was Pro Grand Master at the time of his death, was one of the Trustees, it seemed to him they would think it was fitting that they should elect the present Pro Grand Master to fill his place. The Earl Amherst was highly esteemed in the Craft, and would make an excellent Trustee. He thought also it would be paying a compliment to the memory of the late Earl of Lathom if they were to elect his son, the present Earl of Lathom, to take the place of the second deceased Trustee, Bro. Richard Eve. He, therefore, proposed that these two brethren be elected.

Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Lancs., seconded the motion. General cries of "Agreed, agreed."

Bro. C. E. KEYSER: I do not think it is necessary to put "the contrary."

The letters of the Earl Amherst and the Earl of Lathom consenting to act as Trustees were then read by Bro. J. M. McLEOD (Secretary).

On the motion of Bro. JAMES WILLING, jun., seconded by Bro. J. M. KLENCK, it was ordered that these letters should be entered on the minutes.

The next business was to consider the following Report from the Board of Management: The question of a memorial to the late Bro. Richard Eve having been referred by the Court of 13th July to the Board of Management for consideration and report to this Court, the Board recommends—and the Council of 28th September approves—"That subscriptions be invited to form a voluntary fund to perpetuate the memory of our late Bro. Richard Eve, by the erection of a stained glass window in the Assembly Hall of the new Masonic Schools for Boys at Bushey, or to invest an amount of money, the interest on which may be given to deserving boys on leaving the School by, and at the discretion of, the Board of Management irrespective of any bye-law or regulation."

Bro. J. M. McLEOD having read the reference and the report, Bro. CORBLE, P.M. 453, said he had much pleasure in moving that this subject be referred back to the Board. He was one of those who considered this matter in all sorts of ways—the question of a memorial window was before them. Well, any amount could be spent in a memorial stained glass window—from £200 to £1000. Whether they would get that amount he could not say. A plate might be let into a wall that would be a testimonial. But there was a bye-law that when boys were leaving the School a sum of money might be granted to them to assist them. He thought that if an amount was collected and invested a sum of £10 might be got for interest, and a vote of such an amount might be given to a boy. But as Bro. Spaul reminded him that they must be careful as to how they did this as the Charity Commissioners were very fond of getting their hands into anybody's pie, he moved that the proposition be adjourned back for the consideration of the Board of Management.

Bro. J. M. KLENCK seconded. Bro. C. E. KEYSER, in putting the motion, said they would all be glad to do something to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Eve, who had done so much service to the Institution. He himself thought that the giving sums as grants to boys leaving the Institution was a mode of memorial which would have commended itself to Bro. Eve. If they put a small brass in the chapel that could easily be done at a small expense. That was a small matter. He would like to add that if they left this matter to Bro. Attenborough he would see if the affair could be arranged so that the Charity Commissioners would not have anything to do with it. No doubt the Board would discuss the matter, and they could send out a circular to subscribers to the Institution asking for their donations to the fund.

The motion was carried. Bro. C. E. KEYSER said the next business was to receive a statement from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the building of

the (Bushey) new Schools, and the disposal of the Wood Green property. As Chairman of the meeting, and as Chairman of the New Buildings Committee, he could only make a few remarks. The Committee was not satisfied altogether with the progress made at Bushey. The buildings were not getting on so fast as the Committee would desire. The Committee had to arrange a meeting at Bushey once a fortnight in order to see how the buildings were progressing. They had done all they could to push the builders on, and they were of course anxious that the buildings should be completed within the contract time. The builders assured them that they were doing all they could. But it was quite a town that was rising up and there was a great deal of detail work. He hoped, however, that they would be able to push on the buildings. They could not help being influenced (he was speaking to practical men) by the fact that wages had increased, and the price of material had increased, and that it was hard on the builders that this should be so, seeing that they were bound by contract. Still it was the Committee's duty to see that proper progress was made. They were doing all they could to make the builders proceed, and complete the building at the time they had undertaken to complete it. With regard to the chapel in which he was particularly interested; that was carried on by a separate set of builders; and that would be finished by spring next year. With regard to the buildings at Wood Green, he was not in a position now to make a definite statement with regard to the sale of it. The preliminaries for the sale of it were very forward, and were practically completed, so that when the time came for going into the new buildings at Bushey they would at once get rid of the old School, so as not to have the two going at the same time. The brethren would not press him to say anything about the price. Bro. Stanley Attenborough, who had managed this affair so far amicably, as he managed everything in connection with the Institution, would see to the interests of the brethren. He had an honourable man to deal with, and the arrangements he (Bro. Keyser) thought would be settled with satisfaction to the subscribers of this Institution. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. KEYSER said he was happy to inform the brethren that Bro. Dr. Dixon had reported that he had attended Bro. Benson, and was glad to say that brother was going on well.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER further said that there was on the paper an item to report as to the Chairman of the 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Institution. It had already been reported that Bro. Beach, Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, would preside, and no doubt in such a strong province he would be well supported.

Scrutineers of votes were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to elect 20 boys from an approved list of 24 candidates. The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Brannon, Allan Cuthbert ...	4555	Fletcher, John Hinton ...	2195
Logan, Morris Arthur Ransom ...	4396	George, James Roberts ...	1511
Oliver, Edward ...	4227	La Nauze, Basil William ...	1209

The successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211.

A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. N. Hardinge, W.M.; George Wales, S.W.; Strutt, J.W.; Wiltshire, M.O.; J. N. Faye, P.M., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Shaw, P.G.S., S.D.; P. Beard, J.D.; Huish, P.M.; Monson, P.M.; Dr. H. Kiallmark, P.M., P.G.S.; and Larter, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It being election night, Bro. George Wales, S.W., was elected W.M., subject to a dispensation being obtained from Mark Grand Lodge, Bro. J. N. Frye, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and C. Patrick, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., and a Past Master's jewel voted to him. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; E. Beard, P.M.; J. Rosedale, P.M., and others. The lodge was then closed.

Refreshment followed labour.

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

Bros. Dr. Kiallmark and Shaw responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the Secretary, who, in the course of his remarks, regretted that no candidates had been forthcoming during the W.M.'s year, now fast drawing to a close. He (the speaker) had every reason to believe that Bro. Hardinge was well up in the work. The members, however, had had an opportunity of witnessing his efforts in the lower offices of the lodge, and of his capabilities as a chairman. The members had to thank him for kindly furnishing an excellent musical programme at each meeting.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, the W.M. briefly replied.

"The Health of the Master Elect," followed.

Bro. Wales, in reply, thanked the brethren for their mark of confidence in electing him as their Master. He knew that he had a difficult task before him, inasmuch as the chair for some years passed had been respectively filled by competent Masters. However, he would strive to emulate the excellent examples of those who had preceded him.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Huish, Monson, and Larter, and "The Officers" with the names of Bros. J. N. Frye, Major Walls, Strutt, Wiltshire, and P. Beard.

The proceedings then terminated.

United Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.M.).

This old council had a meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were: Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M., as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Basil Stewart; A. W. Humphreys, S.W., Master elect; T. L. Pewtress, J.D., as J.W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., C. of C.; John Smith (hon. member), W. Crombie, Vernon Council, as I.G.; and E. Mills, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M. conferred the Degrees of St. Laurence, Knight of Constantinople, and the Red Cross of Babylon on Bro. and Comp. M. Davis. Bro. and Comp. Walter Crombie, of the Vernon Council, was elected a joining member. The acting W.M. then installed Bro. and Comp. A. W. Humphreys as W.M. The officers appointed were: Bros. W. H. Toye, S.W.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, J.W.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; J. V. Sherrin, C. of C.; T. L. Pewtress, S.D.; Major J. E. Anderson, J.D.; W. Crombie, I.G.; and E. Mills, Tyler. The Secretary reported the continued and serious illness of Bro. George Powell, P.M., Treasurer, and that in consequence the audit could not be held. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. B. Snewart, I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; L. Steele, and others. The council was then closed.

The members dined with the members of the Grand Masters' Council, Cryptic Rite at the Holborn Restaurant. During the proceedings "The Health of the W.M." was duly proposed and honoured.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

A RESUSCITATED INDUSTRY.

The establishment of a new industry is rightly regarded as a matter of considerable congratulation; but the benefits derivable from the revival of an old one can scarcely be said to rank lower in the scale of the commercial life of any community. Bearing this fact in mind, no small importance and interest attach themselves to the vigorous efforts, put forth of late years, to resuscitate the ancient Irish charcoal iron industries. Ireland, in prehistoric times, was noted for the superior quality of its iron, and it has even been suggested that the famous Oriental steel of Phœnician times had its origin in iron, "made in Ireland." Be this as it may, Irish iron bore a high reputation in Strongbow's times, and portions of an iron work of that date have recently been discovered between Rathdrum and Aughrim. Turning to more modern times, Chichester reports having found native smiths at work, in Ulster, at the beginning of last century, fashioning steel from native iron. The industry seems to have succumbed through sheer lack of fuel; the woods were not replaced, and as they disappeared so did the iron furnaces. The iron ore remains in abundance, and the problem has been to find fuel for its reduction. Not unnaturally, attention has been paid for a considerable time to the extensive peat-bogs of Ireland, with a view to their utilisation for iron-smelting purposes, but, until recently, no success has rewarded the efforts made. Hitherto experimenters have worked on the theory that raw peat should be compressed to form a good merchantable article; and a large number, and a great variety of machines, have been invented and patented to carry out this idea. Peat, however, is a curious substance, and its tenacity of water, and general indiarubber-like character, have rendered futile all attempts to reduce it by pressure to a solid and dry compact mass. In view of these repeated failures a new process, in which the water is evaporated and thus disposed of, and the by-products distilled, leaving a residuum of "peat charcoal," which can be formed into blocks, and burns as an excellent fuel, merits considerable attention. The by-products, which consist of ammoniacal liquor, acetic acid, spirits of naphtha, and volatile oils, are valuable, and command a ready market. In this connection it may be pointed out that peat possesses the great advantage of being entirely free from sulphur, a substance, as is well known, most injurious to the quality of iron. Without unduly entering at length into the minutiae of the new plant, it may briefly be stated that the apparatus consists of horizontal retorts of steel set in brickwork, with flues in the form of a triangle. Inside each retort a specially constructed screw propeller is placed, actuated by external gearing. Channels for feeding in the peat and pipes for conveying away the products of distillation are also provided. The retorts are arranged in groups of three, and the peat in its passage through them, under the process of distillation, yields up its volatile parts, and is finally ejected by the propellers as charcoal. The charcoal powder then passes, automatically, into an improved "briquette" machine, which compresses it into blocks suitable for melting iron ores in the blast furnace. Every effort to economise waste products and utilise all sources of heat will be made, and it is proposed to convey the gases evolved in the blast furnaces during the smelting of the iron back to the retorts, both for drying the peat and heating the retorts. The various expedients proposed for the development of the use of peat and the revival of the ancient Irish iron industry have been carefully examined by a number of experts, the whole of whom have presented reports of an entirely favourable nature. Over 1000 acres, estimated to contain more than 8,000,000 tons of ironstone, have been secured on the Creavelea estate, in the Barony of Drumquhair, County Leitrim, where ample water power can be obtained from three lakes, 700 feet above the level of the works, and yielding an abundant supply for the 150 horse-power turbines it is proposed to erect. The peat on the property covers at least 600 acres, varying in depth from six to 12 feet, and being a good, heavy black turf, with but little fibre, and suitable in every way for the purpose to which it is destined. It only remains to be added that peat is employed on the Continent for the manufacture of iron, and that at Königsbronn, in Würtemberg, both the refining and second fusion of pig-iron, as well as its re-heating for rolling and puddling, are performed solely by peat. The late Sir John Anderson devoted his attention to investigating the quality of iron manufactured by means of peat, and found it to be in all respects of a very superior kind; whilst at the Mersey Steel Works peat-smelted iron behaved admirably, under a series of particularly severe trials. It is to be hoped, under new apparatus and fresh appliances, by the guidance of the metallurgist, the chemist, and the engineer, the efforts made to again establish an important branch of manufacture, which has unhappily lain dormant for many generations, may prove entirely successful.

PRODUCTION OF CASSAVA IN ARGENTINE.

Cassava is a native of the Argentine Republic. It has a long, fleshy, tuberous root, often weighing 30 lbs., and full of a wheyish venomous juice. The stems are white, crooked, brittle, jointed, pithy, usually six or seven feet high, with a smooth, white bark. The United States Consul at Buenos Ayres says that this plant, formerly designated by botanists as the *Jatropha manihot*, furnishes a large amount of food to the inhabitants of South America under the name of mandioca, tapioca, or cassava starch. There are two distinct species of the plant. The root of one is brown externally, not exceeding six ounces in weight, with a sweet taste, and may be eaten with impunity—it is termed sweet cassava. The root of the other and more common variety is much larger, knotty, and contains a milky and poisonous juice—this is called bitter cassava. Each of these plants furnishes a considerable quantity of starch. Tapioca is prepared from the bitter cassava. The starch is allowed to subside in the milky fluid, which passes through and is finally converted into the granular form by drying, the volatile poison being expelled by heat. Tapioca is a very pure starch in the form of grains about the size of a pea, white, tasteless, and inodorous.

PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

These designs for which, Sandrat says, Lord Nottingham remunerated Vroom with 100 florins, were made for 10 compartments. The whole series with the marginal portraits, was ably engraved by John Pine. We are not to suppose that the portraits of the officers and volunteers engaged in the defeat of the Armada were imaginary, but that the brave individuals who formed a constellation of heroes, were faithfully depicted to complete Vroom's designs for the tapestry. Amongst them were Sir Francis Drake

Chas. Howard, Baron of Effingham, the Lord High Admiral, Sir Martin Frobisher, Sir John Hawkins, &c. Vroom was a marine painter only, and, therefore, these most interesting portraits were supplied by some competent portrait painter of the time; for we cannot allow, that whilst so many of these heroes were living and employed in the service of their country, Lord Howard of Effingham, who ordered the 10 pictures, would have been content with imaginary resemblances of those, who shared with him the honour of the victory. It is pleasing to note that there are two monuments of this sort, and both finely executed, the tapestry in question, and the suit at Blenheim; monuments of two signal victories, acquired by sea and land, under the auspices of two queens of the same country, and both gained in defence of the liberties of nations, attacked by two of the most powerful princes, Philip 2nd of Spain, and Louis 14th of France. Vroom received 100 pieces of gold for his labour; the arras, itself, containing 708 ells, Flemish, at £10.1. per ell, cost £7,115. 8. which was paid by the crown to the Earl, in the 14th year of King James 1st; but it was during the Commonwealth, that this noble trophy was placed in a temple worthy of it. The House of Lords, at that time, 1650, was used for committees of the House of Commons (these tapestries were burnt in the fire which destroyed the Houses of Parliament, in 1834). The painter came to England to receive instructions and execute his commissions; and contracting a friendship with Isaac Oliver, was drawn by him. There is a print from that picture. He returned to his own country and painted a large picture, which was much admired by Prince Maurice, of the seventh day's action with the Spanish Armada. Vroom died rich, at Haarlem. He left two sons, Cornelis and Frederick; the former was a good landscape painter, the latter an historical painter and architect. In the collection of James II. were two sea-pieces, and in that of Sir Peter Lely a landscape, both described to be of old Vroom, whence, we may suppose, he had a son who followed his profession, and his style, too, as in the former catalogue is mentioned a sea-piece, with King Charles I. coming from Spain, said to be by Vroom, without the adjunct of old. No account is found of the son, nor of his being in England.

(To be continued.)

MR. DAVID GREEN'S DRAWINGS "BY LAND AND SEA."

There is a most interesting and delightful exhibition of Mr. David Green's works to be seen now at the above gallery. Compared with others of a like kind, it would be called a *small* exhibition, but this really constitutes its great charm. The art critic has not the dread of being compelled, by duty, to go through a gallery where there are from 200 to 300 pictures. The modest, unpretentious catalogue records a little over 50 works. Quantity here we do not find, but far better than that we have quality. At the very first glance we perceive the careful studies of an artist, who not only feels his work himself, but possesses the magic power of conveying his own impressions to the spectator. As critics, we have in this charming collection "un embarras de richesses," all is, really, so good that we hesitate at first what pictures we should select for notice. However, a choice must be made. No. 4—The Kingfisher's Haunt, a delightful little bit; No. 7—Even, Portmadoc, good perspective; No. 18—Moonshine, Rye, delicate work. We may here observe that, in our opinion, Mr. David Green excels in his small pictures. No. 24—Buck's Green, Rudgwick, very good; Nos. 29 and 43—Fine sea pieces; Nos. 19 and 2—the turbulence of the ever restless sea is seen. Then, how delightful are the varieties of colour in Nos. 27, 40, and 45. There are also some picturesque bits of Rye, one of the quaintest little towns in England, quite foreign in its aspect. We have said enough to awaken the interest of lovers of genuine art; let visitors go and judge for themselves.

THE 45TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

This year's Exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society fully maintains its standard of excellence. There is abundant evidence of fine, conscientious, artistic work. We well recollect what an outcry there was when Photography supplanted Art Study. It was then unthinkingly said that the mechanical productions of Photography would ultimately supersede and ruin Art in every way. These fears, however, have proved to be groundless. Art has neither been superseded nor ruined. Art and Photography now join lovingly together as true sisters in aiding each other's work. Enough, however, on this subject; we shall be carried beyond the object we have in view. We have to notice, very briefly, a few of the important examples of Photographic Art. No. 2—A Study, very clear; No. 6—After the Shower, exquisite; No. 8—"The Sunshine is a glorious Birth," delicate work; Nos. 23, 50, 56, and 62 are good; No. 57—Portrait of Miss H., fine light; No. 77—The Church Lane, notice the sun flacks; No. 78—Sunset, Lake Lemau, very good; Nos. 92, 109, and 110—fine work. No. 123—"Reflections," trees well produced; No. 139—Ely Cathedral, very clear; No. 145—A Welsh River, a lovely little bit; Nos. 152, 182, 192, 211, 219, and 229—noticeable for delicate work; No. 243—Shadows, fine tones; No. 290—"Golden Sunshine," bathed in sunlight; No. 312—Old College Friends," remarkable portraits of celebrities.

DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE.

Black-mailing is the motif of "The Lackey's Carnival," from the pen of the well-known experienced playwright, Henry Arthur Jones. We regret we can only give it qualified commendation. In the first place we consider the subject unworthy the attention of so able an author. With his great and well-deserved reputation we were naturally led to expect some production more worthy of his pen. It is called a comedy of modern London life; the plot, however, soon degenerates into broad farce. We have always been great admirers of Mr. H. Arthur Jones's talent, and we would suggest that he should give his friends the public a piece which will not only uphold but increase his reputation. There are in "The Lackey's Carnival" some bright sparkles of smart, telling repartee; we wish they were enclosed in a better setting. Of the acting we can say that it is good all round. Mr. Allan Aynesworth proves by the discreet representation of the black-mailing valet, that he has made great advance in his profession. Miss Edith Wynne Matthison, a new comer, has certainly made her mark; the public will not forget her. Miss Charlotte Addison, a true comedienne, has, indeed, a thankless part, but she played it well. Mr. Herbert Waring, always so earnest in his work, made his part interesting.

Craft Masonry.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558.

The installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 11th inst., was of an exceptionally interesting nature. Bro. F. V. Catt, P.M., Sec., who has rendered signal service to the lodge for some years past, had the pleasure of installing his son, Bro. Geo. B. Catt, as the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Harry Lewis kindly vacating the chair for this purpose. Needless to say the ceremony was well conducted by such an experienced Past Master, and the newly-installed W.M., in the investiture of his officers, gave promise of following in his father's footsteps. Amongst the members present were Bros. Harry Lewis, W.M.; Geo. B. Catt, S.W.; R. Ball, J.W.; Thos. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; Frank V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Middx., D.C.; J. R. Smith, P.M.; J. Shelton, P.M.; J. H. Keene, W. Pink, W. Darnell, W. Taylor, H. J. Watts, W. D. Osborne, and many others. Visitors: Bros. R. Brown, P.M. 2593; T. Coombes, J.W. 829; J. Templeman, 13; J. Phipps, 2501; H. J. Caswell, 1805; H. E. Churchill, 172; W. F. Hughes, 2066; H. C. Parke, 1891; F. Burney, 2332; J. Coote, P.M. 1259; W. J. Green, 1805; T. Anderson Marks, S.W. 1977; W. A. Miles, 2411; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

After the confirmation of minutes Mr. C. A. Barden was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Frank V. Catt, P.M., Treas., then took the chair, and installed his son, Bro. Geo. B. Catt, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers invested were: Bros. R. Ball, S.W.; J. H. Keene, J.W.; Thos. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; Frank V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; A. Blenkarn, P.M., D.C.; W. Pink, S.D.; W. Darnell, J.D.; H. J. Watts, I.G.; Walter Taylor, Org.; W. D. Osborne, C. R. Cockerill, and R. B. Brett, Stewards; and H. Whiteman, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Harry Lewis, I.P.M., and suitably acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and after banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. Harry Lewis, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and referred to the newly-installed W.M. as one who had risen from the ranks, and was very proud of the position he held. Bro. Catt, W.M., had already given evidence of his ability in the lodge, which spoke well for his work in the coming year. It was therefore with great pleasure the brethren would drink his health, and wish him prosperity during his term of office.

Bro. G. B. Catt, W.M., first thanked the I.P.M. for his kindly remarks. His wife had told him he was as proud as a peacock lately, and he certainly was proud of his position as W.M. He was told he was the youngest man who had filled the chair of that lodge. He hoped to see the lodge progress and prosper, and also hoped to stick to it as long as he lived. His father was initiated in that lodge, and became its W.M., and afterwards initiated him, and had installed him that day. He (the W.M.) had, therefore, every reason to wish well to the lodge. It was impossible for him to have a prosperous year unless the brethren rallied round him and assisted him. He hoped they would attend regularly, for they were sometimes sparse in numbers. There appeared to be good prospects for the future, but he hoped to see a few initiates come in to strengthen their numbers. It was five years since he was initiated, and he desired to thank the Past Masters for their kind assistance during his progress.

"The Initiate" was next honoured and duly replied to.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M. and the Installing Master." Bro. Lewis, I.P.M., had gone through his year, and had done his work thoroughly well, and deserved all the kindly things they could say of him. The I.P.M. would, doubtless, assist the W.M. during the coming year, and that assistance would be highly valued. It was exceptionally pleasing to speak of the Installing Master, for it was not every boy who had the chance to be installed by his father. One or two brethren had whispered that his father had done the ceremony well, and he thought so too.

Bro. H. Lewis, I.P.M., expressed his thanks for their kind reception, and also for the handsome jewel presented to him for services rendered. He hoped the officers would support the W.M., and make the coming year a successful one.

Bro. Frank V. Catt, P.M., Sec., thanked the I.P.M. for allowing him the privilege of installing his son. This was one of the greatest pleasures a Mason could enjoy. It was unique in this respect that no other Master had installed his son in this lodge. He especially thanked Bro. Brown, P.M., for attending, for that brother seconded the proposition for his son's initiation, and had made a point of being present that evening to show his sympathy with father and son. He thanked them for their hearty reception, from which he had a right to assume they were satisfied with his performance of the ceremony.

Bros. Brown, P.M., Hughes, Coote, P.M., and others acknowledged "The Visitors," after which "The P.Ms." and "The Officers" concluded a pleasant evening.

Bro. Walter Taylor, Org., was in charge of the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Alice Taylor, Bro. Harry Pink, and Messrs. Phil Payne, Colston Regan, and Geo. Renn.

Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743.

The regular October meeting of this lodge for the annual installation of a new Worshipful Master was held last Saturday, the 13th instant, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. W. B. Cosham, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Richard Perry, S.W.; John Handley, J.W.; Thos. Lavell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Tollett, Sec.; J. Dormer, J.D.; W. Farrant, I.G.; J. Millman, D. of C.; James Cunningham, Asst. D. of C.; H. Hawkins, Stwd; Louis A. Leins, P.M.; Henry C. Lonsdale, I.P.M.; T. F. O'Brien, P.M.; Frederick Kerney, P.M.; Harry Watts, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; W. J. Squire, P.M.; D. Rogers, Bernard Ferry, H. H. M. Hancock, C. Porter, C. Hall, H. Camp, C. Radford, C. Alfred Sach, R. F. Sharp, F. G. Hannann, W. Teale, G. Millard, Charles Daniel, P.M. 65, J. E. Lyons, J. Ponten, G. W. C. White, James Timmins, W. Thompson, Lewis Septimus Bickley, and W. Lane, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Williams, P.M. 1580, P.P.G.P. Herts; J. Dormer, jun., 2757; Fred. G. Smith, 2717; J. Walton, 1360; J. R. Johnson, 2757, P.P.G.D. Essex; W. Blackburn, P.M. 1365; C. J. Dorey, 780; B. E. Blasby, P.M. 780, Alderman of Richmond; Willey F. Pullen, 2601; Joseph Lowe, 1816; R. B. Hopkins, S.W. 1381; F. O'cur, W.M. 1365; W. E. Piper, 1950; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. Merritt, 1962; J. Criddle, 2021; George Herbert Burns, I.P.M. 1687; Alfred Ford, W.M. 2757; and George, Kett, 1365.

Bro. Alfred Sach was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. H. C. Lonsdale took the Master's chair by request, and installed Bro. Richard Perry, S.W., the W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The ceremony was most admirably performed. Bro. W. B. Cosham was invested as I.P.M., and a handsome Past Master's jewel was pinned to his collar. The following brethren became officers for the year: Bros. John Handley, S.W.; J. H. T. Bridgman, J.W.; Thos. Lovell, P.M., Treas.; G. J. Tollett, Sec.; J. T. Dormer, P.M., S.D.; Walter Farrant, J.D.; J. E. Millman, I.G.; John Cunningham, D.C.; H. Hawkins, A.D.C.; S. L. Hinton and G. W. C. White, Stewards; G. J. Tollett, Org.; and W. Lane, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Lovell, P.M., acted as D.C. during the installation, and presented Bro. Richard Perry to the Installing Master. After the addresses had been delivered by Bro. Lonsdale, Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M., took the opportunity of thanking the brethren on behalf of himself and his wife for the handsome present made to them last April. He assured the brethren that both he and his wife were deeply touched by the gift. It was totally unexpected by them, but it would ever be cherished. Whenever his wife used the gift which was made to her she remembered the brethren, and as far as the handsome illuminated address to him was concerned it was beyond price. On the motion of Bro. T. Lovell, P.M., seconded by Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M., who were supported by P.Ms. H. C. Lonsdale, and Harry Watts, and the Worshipful Master, it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Park, the widow of Past Master Park, on the bereavement she and her family of 11 children had sustained. The brethren also promised to support the candidature of any of the orphans if it was desired that they should be got into the Schools. Bro. Thomas Lovell, P.M., proposed, and Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, P.M., seconded, the gift of £1 to the Free Home for the Dying, in answer to a circular from Capt. Portlock-Dadson appealing for a renewal of the lodge subscription. The Worshipful Master announced that he was going to stand as the lodge's Steward for the 50th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next February, and he hoped the brethren would support him. Bro. Cosham, I.P.M., thereupon proposed that the lodge should vote five guineas to Bro. Perry's list, but Bro. Lovell, P.M., thought that if the motion were postponed until the November or January meeting it

might be found possible to vote 10 guineas to this object. The brethren took this view of the subject, and adjourned consideration. In the course of the evening the balance-sheet and Auditors' report, which were very favourable, were adopted.

The brethren closed the business part of the day's proceedings, and then adjourned to a choice banquet, afterwards honouring the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

A very plentiful programme of music was provided, in which Bro. R. B. Hopkins, with his silver bells, Miss Annie Hopkins, Miss Annie Wilson, and Bros. Frederick H. Cozens and Wingrove Ives took part.

Bro. Cosham, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said Bro. Perry was a very old and esteemed friend of his and he was pleased that he had succeeded him in the chair. He would prove a much more efficient W.M. than he (Bro. Cosham), although he had done his best, notwithstanding the disadvantage he suffered of being ill for a portion of his time. It was not every one who was gifted with a memory for Masonry, but for himself he could claim that in spite of this defect on his part he took a deep interest in Masonry. During 18 years that he had been a member of the lodge he had been absent only twice, and he adduced this fact as a proof of the interest he took in the Order. In Bro. Perry the brethren would have a Master well versed in Masonry, but if he wanted any assistance he would readily obtain it from the Past Masters.

Bro. R. Perry, W.M., in reply, said when he occupied the J.W. and S.W. chairs he thought the W.M.'s chair was unattainable; nevertheless he had reached it. Having done so, he promised the brethren he would work to make his year successful. If initiates came in he would do the work; he would try to augment the numbers if he had the chance. He was much elated to-night, and grateful to the brethren for their support. Although timid on his first appearance in the chair he found there was nothing to be afraid of. With the assistance of the Treasurer he should try, with a due regard to economy, to make the brethren comfortable at the banquet table. He next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." The brethren knew how patient Bro. Cosham had been, and what difficulties he had had to undergo. However, he had managed to get through his year, and it had been successful; they had initiated several members and had had good banquets.

Bro. Cosham, I.P.M., after referring to the family loss in the death of Bro. Park, P.M., and the circumstances in which the widow and children had been left, solicited the brethren's assistance for the bereft ones. He concluded by thanking the brethren for their support and for the great kindness with which they had always received him. He likewise thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel they had voted him; he should cherish it as a valuable memento of his connection with the Lodge of Perseverance.

Bro. R. Perry, W.M., next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, P.M." He and Bro. Lonsdale had been acquainted many years, and he had never known Bro. Lonsdale to be anything but just, right, and regular. At his (the W.M.'s) invitation, Bro. Lonsdale consented to install him, and the brethren had seen how efficiently he had done the work. He (the W.M.) had heard the ceremony at several lodges, and he could truly say that it could not be rendered better than it had been that night. He personally thanked him most heartily for doing him that great favour.

Bro. H. C. Lonsdale, P.M., acknowledged the compliment, which was very flattering, and he thanked the brethren for their reception. He never received anything but courtesy and kindness in this lodge, and he would be ungrateful if he did not render some assistance. What little he did in the lodge he did to the best of his ability, and with the greatest willingness. He loved Masonry; it was to him equal or next to the Church. If a person was a good Mason he could not be a bad man; he would try and improve his condition in life. He trusted the W.M. would have a successful year, and that the brethren would rally round him. When the W.M. went up as Steward for the Old People he would receive that kind and hearty support which he (Bro. Lonsdale) had had. None of the P.Ms. had gone up empty-handed. The Lodge of Perseverance stood far in advance of any other lodge of the same numbers in the City of London. The initiate had promised five guineas; he hoped every one would say ditto. If the W.M. should require assistance during his year of office he (Bro. Lonsdale) would be happy to give it.

Bro. R. Perry, W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said that Captain John Barlow, who was one of the candidates for the Grand Treasurership, and who had accepted the invitation of the lodge to be present, had sent a telegram to say that his train had broken down.

Bros. Alderman Blasby (Richmond), Burns, and Johnson responded to the toast.

Bros. C. E. Ferry, Squires, and Watts replied to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bros. T. Lovell, P.M., and Tollett to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bro. Handley, S.W., to that of "The Officers."

The very pleasant proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579.

The members of this lodge held their installation meeting, by dispensation, at the Holborn Restaurant on the 13th inst. There was a goodly attendance of visitors, and a very enjoyable evening resulted. The members present included Bro. C. Lamb, P.M., W.M.—who occupied the chair for the second time; H. Lewis, P.M., W.M. elect; W. C. Tyler, P.M., S.W.; H. Cole, J.W.; Dr. Harman Visger, P.M., Treas.; E. Hall, P.M., Sec.; John Coote, P.M.; J. A. Shelton, P.M.; W. T. Felden, H. T. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; A. Reichenheim, J. T. Wise, and many others. The visitors included Bros. Hart, Platt, Metcalfe, Stone, Davis, Taylor, Pitcher, Gerson, Lever, Toller, Morris, Ward, and others.

Lodge was opened, minutes confirmed, and the Audit report adopted. Bro. Chas. Lamb then impressively installed Bro. H. Lewis as W.M. The investiture of officers was as follows: Bros. W. C. Tyler, P.M., S.W.; H. Cole, J.W.; Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Chap.; Dr. Harman Visger, P.M., Treas.; J. Coote, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Felden, S.D.; A. Reichenheim, J.D.; W. Clark, I.G.; H. T. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; and J. T. Wise and H. R. Broom in, Stewards. A gold bar, containing a diamond and bearing a suitable inscription, was added to Bro. Lamb's Past Master's jewel, and presented to him as a souvenir of his second year of office. Bro. C. Lamb, I.P.M., briefly and sincerely returned thanks.

Lodge was closed, and banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

In proposing "The Worshipful Master," Bro. C. Lamb, I.P.M., said the W.M. reminded him of a vessel which by untoward circumstances had been prevented from entering its port of destination for some little time. That night, however, Bro. Lewis had been placed in the Master's chair, and all present congratulated him, and wished him a successful year. Their ship was seriously undermanned, and they wanted more members to make up the proper crew. He (the I.P.M.) appealed to the members to introduce "A.B.'s" in the shape of joining members, and also apprentices, without whom it was impossible to go on. As regards the W.M. himself, he was quite up to the work in the ritual, and it would be a regret to him if he was not kept fully employed. The members wished the W.M. a successful year of office, and also a prosperous one for the lodge.

Bro. Harry Lewis, W.M., said it gave him exceedingly great pleasure to respond to this toast so kindly and ably proposed by the I.P.M. Most of the brethren knew he was suffering from some domestic trouble, so that he should have to leave them early. The proceedings of that evening must be very gratifying to every member of the lodge. It was his intention, with the co-operation of the officers, to do his utmost for the prosperity of the lodge, and to make the members a happy and united Brotherhood. He would at once propose the next toast, which was "The I.P.M. and Installing Master." Bro. Lamb, I.P.M., had come from a bed of sickness to perform his duty from kindly feelings and had rendered the installation ceremony with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He thanked the I.P.M. for putting himself to some inconvenience to install him. They were all anxious that their lodge should become an influential one in the South of London, united in brotherly and kindly feelings towards each other, and one that any Mason would be proud to join.

Bro. C. Lamb, I.P.M., said he received the bar on his jewel as an expression of the goodwill and appreciation of the members, and it afforded him great pleasure to say so. So long as fraternity and good feeling remained in the lodge they could count upon his support.

"The Visitors" were next heartily welcomed, and amongst those who replied was Bro. Sergt. Pitcher, who went through the trials of the siege of Mafeking, and is about to return to South Africa shortly. Bros. Platt, Metcalfe, Stone, and Hart also replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and other toasts were cordially honoured.

During the evening Bro. W. C. Tyler, P.M., S.W., gave an interesting lecture, illustrating the holiday adventures of three brethren to the Rhine. Bro. Walter Taylor directed the musical arrangements, receiving assistance from Miss Sara Tierce and Messrs. Walter Hengler, Colston Regan, and Geo. Renn.

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No.	Name.	Votes.
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2	Herapath, Cyril Alexander	8691
3	Hall, Charles Frederick Arthur	7347
4	Downing, Lewis Wilfred	6045
5	Roberts, Laurance Hume Dawson	6681
6	Williams, Hugh Cobbett	6482
7	Smart, William Pechey	6479
8	Sear, Duncombe	6449
9	Myers, Leslie David	6371
10	Case, Elliot Dryden	6176
11	Nash, Clifford Albon	6197
12	Lawson, John Carrington	6113
13	Vigor, Walter Munday	6103
14	Stickland, Alan Leslie	5939
15	Duckworth, Frank	5754
16	Flett, Harold	5590
17	Dodd, Frederick William	5518
18	Gange, Percival Hookway	5483
19	Bury, James Henry	5400
20	Moseley, Herbert Henry	4768

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Masonic Notes.

We have much pleasure in announcing that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint Lord Barnard to be Provincial Grand Master of Durham in succession to the late lamented Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. His lordship is not only a Past Grand Warden of the Province, in the affairs of which he has always shown the greatest interest, but in 1895 he was appointed to the chair of Junior Grand Warden of England. We congratulate the Province on the

selection of so distinguished a Mason to preside over it as Grand Master, and Lord Barnard on being called upon to administer so well-ordered and influential a Province.

We have equal pleasure in announcing that Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., has been chosen to succeed the Earl Egerton of Tatton as Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire. Like the Provincial Grand Master nominate of Durham, Bro. the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton is a Past Grand Warden of England; but, in addition, he is Grand Superintendent and Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, and will consequently be the ruler of the Province in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry. We congratulate the Provincial Grand Master nominate on his appointment over so influential a Province, and Cheshire on having so efficient and enthusiastic a Mason to preside over it.

We are glad to find from the proceedings of the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that while all are agreed as to the propriety of establishing a memorial that shall perpetuate the fame of the late Bro. Richard Eve's services as Chairman of its Board of Management from the date of its organisation until his death, the question as to the form the memorial should take has been referred back to the Board for further consideration, and that Bro. Attenborough will see the matter is so arranged that the Charity Commissioners shall have nothing to do with it. We see no objection to either of the plans mentioned, though we prefer that for granting sums to boys on leaving School. But why not have a "Richard Eve Scholarship," that is, if it can be arranged without giving the aforesaid Charity Commissioners a chance of having any right of intervention?

Bro. C. K. Benson is so well known and his great services to all our Institutions so greatly appreciated that all must sympathise with him in the sudden seizure which necessitated his removal under medical supervision from the Court of Governors he was attending in his capacity of a member of the Board of Management to a room where he was able to remain in perfect quiet and where, as the Court was informed later, he was going on favourably. We hope that the first report has been still further confirmed, and that by this time Bro. Benson is restored, or well on the way to be restored, to his usual health.

In our recent article on Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who is shortly about to vacate the important office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we remarked that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to speak in terms of adequate praise and admiration of the splendid services he has rendered to Freemasonry, but more especially to the Scottish Craft, throughout nearly the whole of his long career as a member of our Society. More particularly did we refer to his great work, firstly in respect of our literature, and then to the success which has attended his administration of the Secretarial office during the last 23 years and upwards. That as regards his achievements in the latter capacity, we did not speak in terms of exaggerated praise is made manifest by the testimony borne to his merits by the present Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., on the occasion of his visit some while since to Perth for the purpose of installing Bro. Captain C. H. Graham Stirling, of Strowan, as Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire West, in succession to the late Bro. Col. Stirling, of Kippendavie.

At the banquet which followed the ceremony the Grand Master, in acknowledging the toast of the "Grand Lodge of Scotland," pointed out that the Grand Master, great as was the influence he exercised on the welfare of Grand Lodge, was, after all, "only the constitutional monarch of Freemasonry." The great improvement in Scottish Freemasonry was principally due "to what he might call the Cabinet in Freemasonry," and the Grand Committee was that cabinet. Of this body there were two ministers who were especially deserving of thanks. One of them was the Grand Treasurer, whom they might call their Chancellor of the Exchequer; and the other was the Grand Secretary, whom they might look upon as the Prime Minister of Freemasonry, and "whom he might affectionately call the Grand Old Man of Scottish Freemasonry."

The Grand Master, in reference to the Chairman's remarks as to "the great improvement that had taken place in the affairs of Grand Lodge," then proceeded

to illustrate the justice of the statement by "two very striking facts." Said, Bro. Hozier: "In 1877, only 23 years ago, the Grand Lodge of Scotland was £20,000 in debt. At the present moment, in 1900, the Grand Lodge of Scotland had stock and property to the value of £80,000. That was to say, in 23 years the finances of Grand Lodge had improved to the extent of £100,000." Moreover, he added, "at the present moment there were fully 100,000 Masors hailing from Lodges under the Scottish Constitution." The Prime Minister of whom this can be said on the eve of his retirement from official duty well deserves to be awarded his full salary as a pension during his remaining years.

It does not often happen that the tables are so completely turned and an aggrieved Mason so fully re-establishes his credit as in the following appeal against the act of a certain lodge on the register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which came before the Committee on Petitions, Complaints, and Appeals of the Grand Committee on the 19th July. A member of Lodge Caledonian, No. 796, Port Elizabeth, appealed against a sentence of expulsion. On the 12th April the said member received a letter from the Secretary of the lodge informing him that a "charge of un-Masonic conduct" had been laid against him on the ground that he had "on a certain occasion unduly influenced, a certain brother to blackball a certain candidate." The member, in reply, complained of the vagueness of the charge, and (1) requested to know the name of the brother making it; (2) pointed out the irregularities of the procedure adopted against him, and that it was "at variance with the Constitution;" (3) requested to be informed of the law "which restricted a Master Mason from expressing his opinion privately to another member of the lodge as to the eligibility of a proposed candidate, especially as to one whose name had previously been withdrawn from nomination;" and (4) requested that "his letters in reply to the charge be read to the lodge." This was not done, and the lodge forthwith expelled the member "without a hearing."

The Committee thereupon proceeded to set forth the requirements of "Rule 191, under which these proceedings were taken," namely: "(1) That the complaint shall be served on the offending brother specifying his offence; (2) that on answers being lodged, 'summonses' shall be sent to the members of the lodge intimating that the complaint and answers and their disposal would be brought before the lodge at a particular time; (3) that two weeks' notice of such a meeting shall be given to the accused; and (4) that the sentence shall be intimated to him and intimation given to him that such sentence will be final, unless appealed against within one month."

No attempt, however, was made by the lodge to comply with the requirements of this Rule 191—if, indeed, it knew of the existence of such a law. The only communications the accused member received were (1) the letter from the Secretary of the 12th April announcing that a charge of un-Masonic conduct had been preferred against him; and (2) a second letter from the same officer of the 5th May to the effect that he had been expelled from the lodge. Under these circumstances, the Committee upheld the appeal, and quashed the sentence. Nor were they content with adopting this course. They went further, and expressed it as their opinion "that it is not a Masonic offence for a member of a lodge to discuss with another member the propriety of admitting a particular candidate; such practice is universal." They also stated that "the papers in the case disclose no undue influence; and, finally, they remarked that, even if it had been a Masonic offence to canvass the merits of a proposed candidate, the sentence of expulsion is altogether excessive and oppressive, and ought to have been restricted to one of censure only."

Let us hope that this severe but just condemnation of this particular lodge will have the effect in the first place of infusing a little common sense into its proceedings; and in the next, that it will induce the officers and more particularly the Masters of our lodges to make themselves acquainted with the contents of the Constitutions. For a lodge to inform one of its members that he is charged with "un-Masonic conduct" one day, and three weeks later to write him that he has been expelled for the offence with which he has been charged and without taking any notice of the letter he wrote in the interval is so monstrous that we are almost surprised that the Committee did not consider it to be its duty to take cognisance of the "un-Masonic conduct" of the lodge in passing sentence upon one of its members without first taking care that the provisions of the particular law under which it was proceeding had been strictly complied with. Perhaps, however, the condemnation of its conduct will have the desired effect without carrying the matter further.

In our report of the Masonic services of Bro. Alderman Green, Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, he was described as "Junior Grand Deacon" instead of "Past Junior Grand Deacon." Bro. Green was appointed to office in Grand Lodge in 1883.

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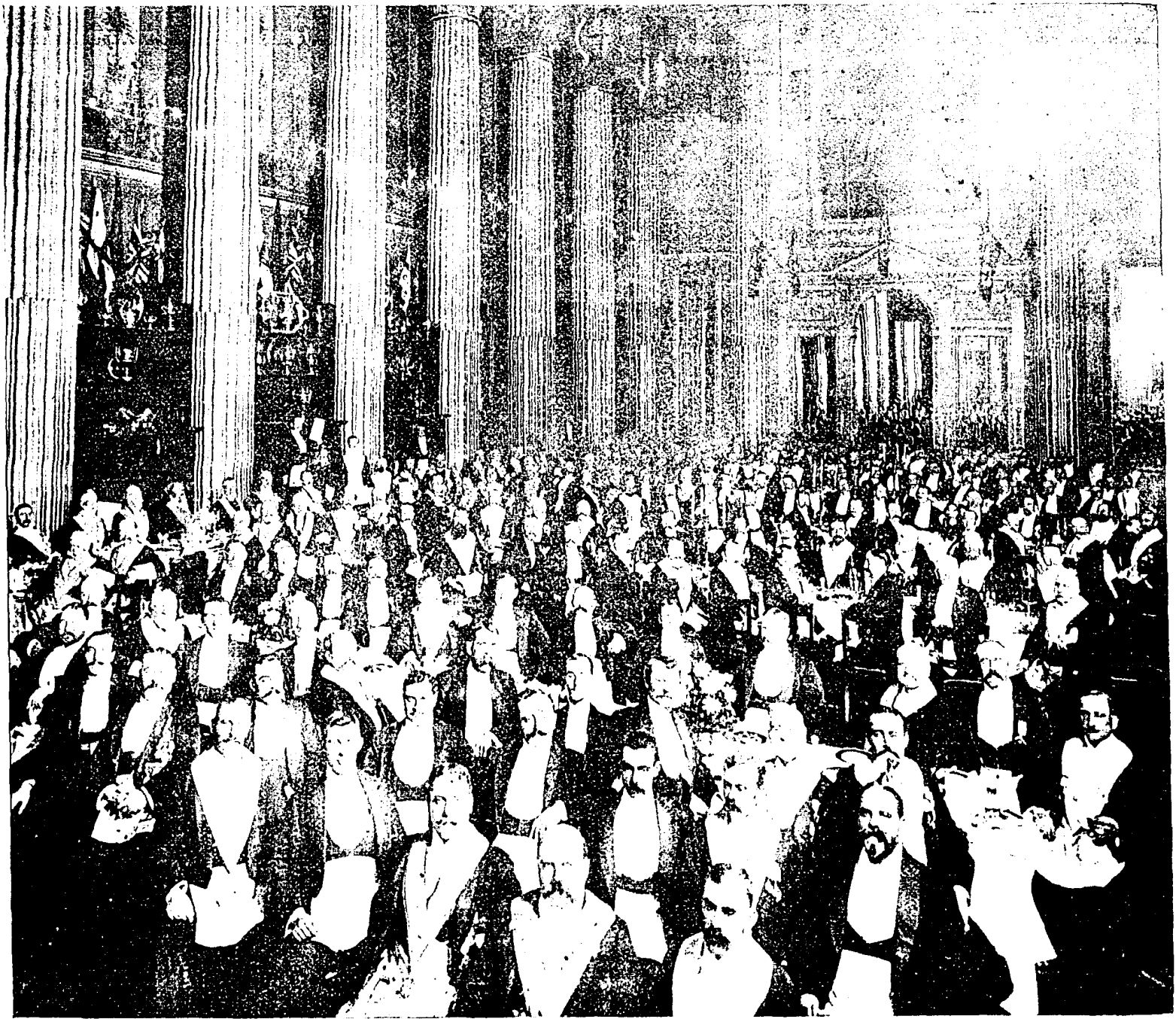
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FREEMASONS AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

On Saturday last there was a large gathering of Present and Past Grand Officers and other brethren at the official residence of the Lord Mayor, W. Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, Bart., P.G.D. The occasion was a meeting of the lodge of which the Lord Mayor was a founder and the first W.M., and which is presided over this year by the Lord Mayor's son, W. Bro. Harry Kottingham Newton, M.A., D.L., who was the first initiate in the lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master granted a dispensation for the holding of the meeting at the Mansion House, and the old ballroom was used as a Masonic temple. The officers of the lodge were: Bros. H. Kottingham Newton, D.L., W.M.; A. J. Naughton, I.P.M.; D. F. Norrington, S.W.; Arthur Strutt, J.W.; J. Bailey, M.P., Treas.; W. Banister Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Ernest J. Rix, S.D.; T. G. Heighington, J.D.; J. W. Jupe, I.G.; R. W. Burbidge, Dep. Treas.; W. Windsor, Org.; W. H. Eardley, D.C.; A. G. Howell, musical director; H. Burbidge, G. C. E. Gelardi, H. Redgrave, and F. Le Sueur, Stewards; and S. Ellis, P.M., Tyler. There were three candidates for initiation, Mr. F. Newton Husbands, Mr. Rudolph J. Reuter, and Mr. Albert B. V. Taffs. The ceremony was conducted in a manner which drew forth the commendation of the Grand Officers, of whom there were some 50 present.

Subsequently an elegant banquet was served in the Egyptian Hall, the W.M. presiding, and there were present in addition to the above:

Walker, P. Sloper, J. Husbands, Harry Passmore Edwards, and J. R. Eastwood, G. Stwds.; R. T. Pearce, P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Buxton, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Mason, G. Std. Br.; Felix Kite, G. Purst.; W. S. Whittaker, A.G. Purst.; C. Spencer Palmer and H. R. Miller, G. Stwds.; F. Robinson, P.P.A.G.P. Worcester; Robinson, P.P.G.P. Worcester; T. W. Heath, P.M.; F. Evans, P.G.D. Essex; C. Garton, P.M.; Geo. Harlow, P.G.S.B. Kent; Pierpont, P.M.; Bonham, P.M.; E. Styles, P.M.; T. Casely, P.M.; E. Warden, J. Kynock, Blanchard, McNeil, Hinton, W. Croxson, E. Vernon, W. Phelps, Walter Ford, G. Stwd.; W. J. Styles, G. Stwd.; Spencer W. Morris, G. Stwd.; A. G. Sandberg, M.D., Vice-Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purp.; Lowe, Day, Tyson Crawford, W.M.; J. A. Caef, W. A. Saunders, P.G. Stwd.; H. C. Arthur, J. Webb, P.M.; G. Hinds, Staddon, T. Doncaster, Scarman, F. Pegrum, C. W. Clay, W. F. Bates, P.M.; Richmond, Whiting, P.M.; R. T. Ford, F. J. Walton, J. H. Baxter, J. A. Swann, O. E. Davies, E. J. Davies, E. G. Whiteway, M. J. Jessop, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; C. J. Freeman, P.P.G.D.; W. Freeman, Weaver, P.M.; W. E. Hill, Hunt, Thwaites, Poniting, Vaughan, Catchpole, Rep'on, L. Cohen, T. Kington, P.M.; F. J. Larkham, J. Carmichael, P. Carmichael, I. L. Van Galder, Johnson, J. Porter, R. E. Baron, J. Hillhouse, P.M.; Chambers Leete, P.M.; T. Whitford, M.A., P.M.; R. Savage, Algar, W. Kibble, Trauffer, Brooks, Doughty, Skelton, Turnbull, F. H. Harvey Samuel, J. J. Brock, P.S.G.D. Kent; Harrold, Clubb, W.M.; J. E. Churchill, W. C. Rose, Hurrain, Bland, Gau, H. Croker, P.M.; *The Freemason*, The Press Association, Flack, Cosens, Arnold, Bertram, Sowden, J. P. Rogers, R. W. Burbridge, J. Culverwell, A. Williams, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.P.G.D.; G. R. Blades, A. F. Blades, Wade Wallis, P.M.; H. B. Marshall, P.M.; J. H. Lile, P.M.; Briggs, P.M.; H. J. Thomas, P.M.; and F. Pratt Alliston, P.M.



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Grace before and after the banquet was said by the Grand Chaplain.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said the closest union existed between the Sovereign and the Craft, and every Mason prayed in his heart that the Great Architect of the Universe might cement the union until time shall be no more.

The toast having been heartily received, the W.M. said, in submitting the next toast, he felt that no words of his were needed to obtain from the brethren a loyal and hearty reception at the mention of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who took an active interest in the welfare of the Craft.

"The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next submitted by the W.M., who said in the presence of so many Grand Officers he would have liked to give full expression to those sentiments of love and loyalty which animated every Mason towards them. He would ask the Grand Officers present to take the measure of the brethren's love and esteem for them to be in the inverse ratio of his remarks.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., responded. This was, he said, an age of records, but he thought the record had been beaten there that night, for in the chairman of the lodge was not only one who was a great and a good and excellent working Mason in himself, but he was the son of the Lord Mayor, who was the senior Past Master of the lodge. Work it out how they liked they could not find a record like it. As Grand Officers, they ought to compliment the Worshipful Master on the good work he had done that evening. He was a proved excellent Mason in every possible way. He showed calmness, deliberation, knowledge of ritual, and absence of undue display, and those were features in a young Master which could not be too much praised. He (Bro. Monckton) was an old Mason—not the eldest in the room, because he found two older than he was—and he congratulated the W.M. most warmly and heartily. For the rest he might say the Grand Officers found themselves in exceedingly comfortable quarters in the Mansion House of the City of London. Those worthy brethren who had been initiated that night in the old ball room ought

not to forget the ceremony as long as they lived, and it would be a pity if they did not become Masters of ritual and Governors of the Charities. They had had a start in Masonry such as few had.

Bro. A. J. Naughton, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in doing so said the thorough earnestness which distinguished the W.M. in Masonry marked his character and work throughout life. It had been his pleasure to work with the W. Master on more occasions than one; he had known him 9 or 10 years, and he had been astonished at him as a master of organisation, a glutton for work, and equal to anything he undertook. He had been most anxiously looking forward to the meeting, and he had earnestly hoped and prayed that the W.M. would be in his place after the brutal assault which had grieved them so much—grieved not only those who knew him in London, but others throughout the United Kingdom and the empire at large. He said "throughout the empire," because the works of the W.M.'s illustrious father were so thoroughly well known. The toast met with a very hearty reception, and

Bro. H. K. Newton, in responding, said he had looked forward to the working in the lodge that evening with a considerable amount of trepidation, because he knew there would be a large number of Grand Officers present. That trepidation was not warranted, because the Grand Officers and other brethren had been so kind. With regard to the toast of his health, he should have had no difficulty in replying to it had the I.P.M. confined himself to the truth; but to unadulterated flattery he could not reply. (Laughter.) He would take the opportunity of proposing "The Health of their Host, the Lord Mayor," by whose courtesy and kindness they were privileged to be dining in that ancient and historical hall.

The toast was received with a splendid fire, and led by Bro. Sir John Monckton, the brethren gave the Lord Mayor three hearty cheers.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BRO. H. K. NEWTON.
From a Photograph taken by Harrod's Ltd., in 1897.

Bro. Newton appears to have had a very brilliant career up to the present, both professionally and masonically, having taken his B.A. Degree at Oxford with honours in law when only 22, and called to the Bar at 23.

He was installed W.M. of the Alfred Newton Lodge at 24, and represented his lodge as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.I.B. July last, when his list amounted to no less than £305—second in England.



BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR, SIR ALFRED NEWTON, BART.

Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, P.G.D., said he should indeed be of a very phlegmatic disposition were he unmoved by so very hearty, so cordial, and so fraternal an acceptance of the toast of his health. It was undoubtedly a very proud position in which he was placed, and he was singularly gratified by the success of their gathering that evening. It afforded him the liveliest satisfaction to meet and receive at the Mansion

House—and very cordially, he hoped, to receive—those members of the Craft who had honoured his son with the acceptance of the invitation. The dear old Mansion House had seen many festive occasions, but he doubted whether in its history such an assemblage as was then gathered together had met on any previous occasion. He was moved, and he hoped and believed rightly moved, at the excellent way in which the ceremonial was carried through that evening. He was sorry to say that he was now a Mason of many years' standing, and he had assisted on many similar occasions, but he could say without the slightest fear of contradiction that within his long experience he never remembered the ceremony to have been carried through so well or so perfectly as was the ceremony that evening. The Master was right worthily supported by his officers, and there was a feeling of fraternal emulation which animated the lodge and the gathering which spoke well for the continued prosperity of the Order. What a wonderful Order their's was! It was not animated by political, religious, or party feelings, and he considered that every one of the brethren was entitled to be proud—and justly proud—of the extraordinary position which their Order had assumed, and which, please God, it would retain. They were animated by no feelings of mere personal aggrandisement; they believed that as Masons they could perform a great duty to their country and their countrymen, and it was those feelings which so earnestly and vigorously animated every one of them. Depend upon it, brethren, the Lord Mayor remarked, it rested on each one of them to eschew the desire for individual aggrandisement and advancement, and let their watchword be in the future as in the past, the advancement of their noble Order. If during his term of office as Lord Mayor of London he had in any slight degree advanced those principles he felt very proud indeed. He thanked the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast.

"The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., who said the duty was one of the most pleasant that a W.M. had to perform. This had not always been a Masonic custom, for he found in the diary of the late Bro. Elias Ashmole an entry of March 11th, 1682: "We all dined at the Half Moon Tavern, in Cheapside. Had a noble dinner, prepared at the charge of the new accepted Masons." He found further that the initiates were expected to present so many pairs of gloves to the wives of Masons. That, however, had all been changed and, if he might say so, the glove was on the other hand and the members of the lodge were all delighted that it should be so. To the initiates he would say they had that evening taken their first step in Freemasonry, they had been admitted to a great Institution, and how powerful the opportunity had not yet arisen to show. He hoped they had been impressed with the ceremony, and he trusted in the words of a brother who departed this life in the middle of the last century they would each say to themselves "I shall ever maintain a strong friendship for the whole Fraternity and shall be always glad when it falls in my power to do them any good."

Bros. F. Newton Husbands, Rudolph J. Reuter, and Albert B. V. Taffs, responded. In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said if the initiates might be said to be the life blood of a lodge, surely the visitors represented the physician without whose visits they were all liable to wither or decay.

Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, G. Chap., on behalf of the visitors, said the honour which the W.M. had conferred on him was a very pleasant one, but at the same time it involved rather an arduous responsibility, he having to speak for so many other brethren. The task was considerably lightened however, because he was speaking in a united assembly and not in such a meeting as the W.M. and his father had had recently. There might be a considerable number of jewels in that room but not, he hoped, rough diamonds. (Laughter.) He should like to pay, on behalf of the visitors, a compliment to the W.M. for the admirable and instructive way in which the ceremony was performed in the lodge. They were delighted to witness the accuracy of letter, genuineness of spirit, and grace of manner which they seldom saw so combined. He should also like to congratulate the W.M. on his recovery from his recent accident. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Those who lived some distance from London were led to believe that he might not be present that evening.

The W.M. paid a tribute to the invaluable assistance he had received from his officers in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge." Bro. A. J. Naughton, I.P.M., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the dinner a charming selection of music was performed by Herr Wurm's White Viennese Orchestra.

Willesden Lodge, No. 2489.

The Masonic requirements of the brethren in the Willesden district are particularly well catered for by this flourishing lodge. The members meet together in the local schoolrooms, and perform the ritual in a manner that cannot be excelled by any lodge, whilst the best of fraternal feeling obtains amongst the brethren. Refreshment is dispensed with commendable frugality, but the utmost heartiness. The installation meetings are, however, held at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly-circus, and on these annual festive occasions numerous visitors attend to witness the excellence of the work, and partake of the profuse hospitality. The meeting held on the 15th instant was no exception to this rule, for Bro. W. Grant Greig installed Bro. Frank W. Marrian as his successor with the correctness, impressiveness, and dignity which has characterised the efforts of his predecessors in the chair. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Frank Marrian, is a popular and energetic member, and is also Scribe E. of the Willesden Chapter, and the present W.M. of the Macdonald Mark Lodge. Bro. W. Grant Greig, W.M., was supported at the opening of the lodge by Bros. Frank W. Marrian, W.M. elect; F. W. Chant Hobrow, J.W.; C. J. Marrian, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Hanbury, W. F. Webster, C. Stanley Gibbs, Walter Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Jas. W. Greig, H. A. Seagrove, A. Johnson, C. Butler, P.M.; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Collins, F. Levy, W.M. 1261; J. F. Parr, 1779; Harry Machin, P.M. 231; J. A. Arderson, P.M. 1818; E. T. R. Murray, 280; J. Money, 539; H. Wilks, 2397; H. G. Harper, P.M. 171; A. H. Tubby, 2041; J. E. Green, P.M. 401; A. H. Walls, 1589; A. C. Fisher, J.W. 2519; Percy Machin, P.M. 231; H. W. Schartau, I.P.M. 1261; Basil Montreiff, S.D. 176; H. Wynne, P.G. Stwd.; C. Pineham, J.D. 2361; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; and others.

After the opening of the lodge and the transaction of the formal business, Bro. Frank W. Marrian was presented as W.M. elect and duly installed into the chair. The officers invested were Bros. F. W. Chant Hobrow, S.W.; J. J. Hanbury, J.W.; Chas. J. Marrian, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Webster, S.D.; C. Stanley Gibbs, J.D.; W. Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. W. Greig, I.G.; H. A. Seagrove and J. A. Johnson, Stwds.; and J. Whiteway, Tyler. Bro. O. Claude Robson, P.M., was unable through indisposition to be invested as Treasurer. A sympathetic telegram was despatched to him wishing him a speedy recovery. Bro. Butler, P.M., was appointed Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the lodge was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the toast list and programme of music followed. In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said they had not their usual array of Grand Officers present. There was one of their own members, however, Bro. Wellsman, who had had the high honour conferred upon him of P.A.G.D.C. It was a high compliment to the Willesden Lodge. Many thought that when a brother was invested with the purple he rested on his laurels, but Bro. Wellsman was a living refutation of that theory, for after 37 years in Masonry he was now W.M. elect of an old City lodge, and was S.W. designate of a new lodge, of which the Lord Chancellor was to be the first W.M.

Bro. W. Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., in his reply, said he was present on the previous Saturday at the Mansion House, when 100 Grand Officers attended a meeting of the Alfred Newton Lodge, of which Bro. H. Newton is W.M. It was the young Masons who made English Masonry what it is. He was probably one of the youngest Grand Officers, not in age, but in appointment, but this was the theme at the meeting, to which he referred—that the young Masons made Freemasonry what it is. A young lodge like the Willesden was a means of spreading Masonry more than old lodges of which he was a member. He had said before that the reason he was a Grand Officer was that he belonged to one or two young lodges, which worked hard and helped Masonry forward, and he was delighted to repeat it. He was charmed with their hearty reception, for, as the W.M. had said, his interest in Freemasonry was not dormant.

Bro. W. G. Greig, I.P.M., then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said they had already had a foretaste of what the family of Marrian could do in Bro. C. Marrian, P.M. and Secretary, and he was sure the W.M., Bro. Frank Marrian, would carry on the traditions of the family as in the past. It was no easy task to fill the Master'ship of the Willesden Lodge, because every Master who attained the chair made up his mind not to be the W.M. who failed. The Masters did the work of Masonry in the manner in which they thought it was originally conceived. Charity was one of the objects which came first, and, secondly, the working of the lodge was done in a manner

fitting its high importance. He was sure the W.M. would carry on that tradition, and his example would instil others with a desire to do the same.

Bro. Frank W. Marrian, W.M., returned thanks. He could assure them that until he heard the speech of the I.P.M. he had no idea what a very excellent Master this lodge possessed. He occupied the chair with a very great deal of trepidation and hesitancy. His heart was in Masonry, but he had an extremely difficult task in following in the footsteps of his predecessors. There had been such a sequence of good Masters that it made one pause before undertaking the duties. However, nothing should be wanting on his part during the coming year to render it a most happy one for them all, and as far as he was concerned, he would undertake to carry on the work of the lodge in as perfect a manner as possible. He was quite sure he had only to ask for the support of his officers to obtain it. He had never yet asked a favour of any member but he had received it. If the officers and he pulled together, as he was quite certain they would, his successor 12 months' hence might repeat some portion of the kind remarks which the I.P.M. had made about him that evening. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their cordial reception, and assured them he would do his utmost to carry out the duties of his high office with satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," and after referring to the very excellent services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Grant Greig, I.P.M., presented him with a Past Master's jewel, which he had so worthily earned.

Bro. Wm. Grant Greig, I.P.M., expressed his indebtedness to the W.M. and brethren. When he took office he said he would do the best he could, and he hoped it had been to the advantage of the lodge. He desired especially to thank his officers for their assistance and kindness.

Bro. Bartley Dennis, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx, in an excellent speech gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Levy, Andrews, Montreiff, and H. Machin responded.

"The Past Masters" was given and replied to by Bros. Bartley Dennis, P.M., and Stanley Machin, P.M., regret being expressed at the enforced absence of Bro. Claude Robson, P.M., Treas.

Bro. Reynolds Wood was assisted in the programme of music by Bros. Arthur Johnson, Miss Fannie Cruwys, Bros. Frank Rush and Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx.

Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 15th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. The brethren present were Bros. Ralph Langton, W.M.; Rupert Smyth, I.P.M.; Dr. C. E. M. Hey, S.W.; H. F. Woodward, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; J. V. Sherrin, J.D.; A. C. Williams, I.G.; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; H. Blennerhasset, Org.; George Rawlinson, P.M., and A. A. Barnes, Stewards; Thomas Briggs, P.M.; J. Charles Hayes, and R. S. Ellis.

The minutes of the lodge held March 19th were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry Blennerhasset was raised to the Degree of Master Mason in an able manner by Bro. Rupert Smyth, I.P.M.

The brethren dined together, under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Ralph Langton.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Woking, when there were present Bros. A. M. Kennett, W.M.; J. Tomlinson, I.P.M.; H. A. Whitburn, S.W.; G. T. Wooldridge, J.W.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Walters, J. B. Walker, J. E. O'Connor, H. W. Gloster, A. Althorp, R. Wasley, J. Colman, F. J. Kemp, and A. J. Gunning. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. 2120; H. Budd, W.M. 2521; J. Smyth, 1395; F. Reeves, 19; E. Head, 1681; J. B. Wood, S.D. 2521; J. C. Taylor, 63 (Manitoba); A. H. Gale, 2521; Dr. C. Haig-Brown, W.M. 2101; J. J. Black, P.M. 1564; and E. Souter, I.G. 777.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, Bro. H. A. Whitburn, the W.M. elect, was duly presented, and installed in the chair of K.S. with much power and solemnity by Bro. J. Tomlinson, P.M. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. A. M. Kennett, I.P.M.; G. J. Wooldridge, S.W.; C. F. Walters, J.W.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. B. Walker, S.D.; J. E. O'Connor, J.D.; J. Tomlinson, P.M., D.C.; H. W. Gloster, I.G.; A. Althorp and R. Wasley, Stewards; and W. Chapman, Tyler. The resignation of Bro. Capt. J. Hoey, P.M., consequent on his removal from the neighbourhood, was accepted with regret.

No further business offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards ably given and responded to.

The proceedings were agreeably diversified by a choice selection of music, both vocal and instrumental.

Hampden Lodge, No. 2427.

The installation meeting of this important lodge was held at Hampden House, St. Pancras, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. E. Gerson, W.M.; T. Moss, I.P.M. and Sec.; A. C. Webb, S.W., W.M. elect; H. P. Hewson, J.W.; Wm. Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Underwood, S.D.; W. E. Catesby, J.D.; J. Seaman, I.G.; J. R. Elliott, D.C.; W. G. Smith, Org.; H. Williams, Asst. Org.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., and W. E. Kent, Stwds.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Tyler; A. Adamson, R. Wheatley, R. J. Grimwood, G. C. Lovell, Fry, J. T. Catesby, F. O. Underwood, T. Carmichael, R. C. Hawkes, J. R. Quilter, W. N. Pennington, J. J. Mercer, P.M.; Edwin Styles, P.M., P.Z.; G. A. Whitten, E. B. Styles, Dr. H. F. Hill, G. Schneider, J. Y. Penrose, R. J. E. McCutcheon, T. G. Charlton, J. Ollis, S. C. Howard, J. A. Orr, and W. A. Bowman. Visitors: Bros. H. Emlyn, 1348; A. W. Briggs, 1615; T. Voile, 371; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; J. I. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hart, I.G. 2265; W. W. Morgan, 177; H. G. Watts, W.M. 1201; G. Somerville, 765; R. M. Manuel, P.M. 1196; J. C. Steiner, 2168; Jas. Wyatt, S.D. 1328; C. Harris, 1321; and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. C. Webb, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Edgar Gerson, W.M., by Bro. T. J. Mercer, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters being opened, the W.M. elect was invested and placed in the chair by the Installing Master. The W.M. invested as his I.P.M. Bro. Edgar Gerson. The Board of Installed Masters was closed by the W.M. The brethren were re-admitted, and, under the able guidance of the acting D.C., Bro. T. J. Mercer, saluted the W.M. And here we must congratulate Bro. Mercer on the admirable manner in which he discharged the important office of D. of C. As may be easily imagined, we have seen the work done many, many times, but we never recollect seeing the duties so efficiently performed. The office is indeed in good hands. The appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. H. P. Hewson, S.W.; C. A. Underwood, J.W.; Wm. Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Moss, B.A., P.M., Sec. W. E. Catesby, S.D.; J. Seaman, J.D.; J. R. Elliott, I.G.; H. W. Williams, Org.; F. J. Mercer, P.M., D. of C.; W. G. Smith, Asst. D. of C.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., and W. E. Kent, Stewards; and W. J. Smith, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were delivered by the Installing Master in an impressive manner. The lodge was then closed.

At the conclusion of a well-appointed banquet, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were proposed with most commendable brevity—the other speakers following so good an example.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said "Honour to the Queen, and fidelity to the Craft."

"God save the Queen" was sung.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said their Grand Master evinced an attachment to the Craft, and was always ready to uphold and support it.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung.

In giving "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said the services rendered by the Grand Officers to the Craft were too well known to the brethren to need any comment on his part—there was a notable instance in the Hampden Lodge. He alluded to the kind, willing aid always afforded by their good brother, J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br., with whom he associated the toast.

Bro. Thomas replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. He said that the Grand Officers, as was their duty, were always glad to assist at Masonic work; it was a great pleasure to him to attend the Hampden Lodge; he invariably received a warm welcome.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Edgar Gerson. He said, as I.P.M. was a new position to him, their W.M. was well known to all the brethren of the Hampden Lodge. He felt confident he would be loyally supported during his year of office. No one better appreciated his sterling worth as a man and a Freemason than himself.

The W.M. replied. He protested against the flattering remarks so kindly made by the I.P.M. He said the lodge might rely upon his best efforts to efficiently perform the duties of his office and further the interests of the Hampden Lodge.

The W.M. gave "The I.P.M.," who acted as Installing Master that evening. He said how beautifully rendered had been the ceremony, for which he personally thanked his distinguished brother. It was now his pleasing duty to present to him the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the brethren of the lodge for his eminent services during his successful year of office. Might he long be spared to wear his well-merited honour?

The I.P.M. replied. He said he felt nervous when first he became W.M.; he certainly felt so now. Though he was well aware of his shortcomings he had done his best; the lodge had substantially proved it was satisfied with his endeavours—that was sufficient for him. He heartily thanked the brethren for their past and present kindness. He alluded to Bro. Cummings, P.M., how invaluable he was to the lodge by the services he was ever ready to render to the brethren.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," of which there was a goodly array.

Bros. Lancaster, Saunton, and Manuel replied on their behalf.

The I.P.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Secretary, Bro. T. Moss, B.A., P.M., replied in an interesting speech. He alluded to the Christian names of the W.M., "Alfred," to the glorious British monarch, Alfred the Great, and "Charles," to the witty, laughter-loving Charles II. He contrasted the present political excitement of the election with the calm content of the Masonic world, which is happily outside the political pale.

The S.W. also briefly responded.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bros. W. G. Smith and H. Williams, Org.

Furnival Lodge, No. 2558.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WALTER SISSONS.

Furnival Lodge is the youngest lodge in Sheffield, and promises to become one of the most flourishing. As we have many times had occasion to note, Sheffield, as a Masonic centre, is exceptionally vigorous and enterprising. It possesses eight individual Masonic communities, its oldest lodge (Britannia) dating from 1755. All appear to be progressing, and the good feeling which exists amongst them is excellent. The progress of the Furnival Lodge since its formation in June, 1895, has been all that its warmest friends could wish. An offshoot from the Wentworth, 1269, it has justified the action of its founders, and has established for itself a recognised position, not in Sheffield only, but throughout the Province of West Yorkshire.

On Friday last, the 12th instant, the beautiful Masonic Hall in Surrey-street was filled by a very large body of brethren who had assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Walter Sissons, the sixth Worshipful Master of the Furnival Lodge. The meeting was called for five o'clock, and at that hour the retiring W.M., Bro. Walter Fearnough commenced the proceedings by opening the lodge. His officers comprised Bros. Claude Barker, I.P.M.; the Rev. G. Ford, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Sissons, S.W.; A. Davidson, J.W.; C. Stokes, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; H. Cawood, Sec.; E. Beck, Asst. Sec.; A. Senior, S.D.; C. Robinson, J.D.; A. Hastings, Org.; F. Dallaway, I.G.; and J. W. Vessey and E. A. Sampson, Stwds. Other brethren present included Bros. G. H. Hunt, F. Heely, C. Dolman, J. E. Brookes, R. Turner, H. C. Robinson, W. T. Garnett, H. H. Bridgens, C. Callum, E. A. Barkby, John Mastin, R.B.A., F. G. Buxton, Walter Shaw, A. A. Smith, and Wm. Fearnough. The visitors were very numerous, and included Bros. H. Osbaldiston, W.M. 139; A. J. Forsdike, W.M. 1239; W. F. Beardshaw, W.M. 1779; A. L. Phillips, W.M. 2263; H. S. Moorwood, W.M. 2268; T. W. Handforth, W.M. 2491, P.P.G. Org.; E. Dickenson, P.M. 139; D. Flather, P.M. 2268; C. Shepherd, P.M. 2355; W. F. Cole, I.P.M. 1239; John Stokes, P.M. 139; Wm. Gunstone, P.M. 2491; T. Rowbottom, P.M. 1239; J. Ellis, P.M. 139; Geo. Wragg, S.W. 1239; M. T. Miner, S.W. 2491; Thos. Green, 1239; A. Howe, S.W. 2263; and Bro. G. Senior, A. Roberts, C. W. Nixon, H. W. Brown, C. Creak, and J. T. Thompson, all of 1239; Bros. Pringle, Jas. Hastings, J. M. Moulson, H. Wilkins, G. Milner, F. G. Norton, J. L. Wood, Dr. Norton Milner, A. E. Newton, J. Atkinson, J. Lycett, J. Bassett, A. Wright, 2491; Wm. M. Toplis, R. C. Honey, Dixon Foster, and E. J. E. Marples. There were also Bros. W. H. Brittain, P.M. 139, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B.; C. Bennett, P.M. 2268, Prov. G. Reg.; J. Binney, P.M. 139, P.P.G. Reg.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Herbert Nixon, P.M. 1239, P.P.G.D.; H. T. E. Holmes, P.M. 1239, P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. Handforth, P.P.G. Org.; S. Suckley, P.P.G. Org.; H. J. Garnett, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. W. Holbrooke, P.P.G.D., L. Rockley, P.P.G.D., and W. Robinson, P.P.G.S.B., of the Province of Nottinghamshire.

After the usual preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Sissons, was presented for installation by Bro. Chas. Stokes, P.M., P.P.G.D., a founder and the first W.M. of the Lodge. The ceremony was conducted in a most efficient manner by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Walter Fearnough. After the obligation the anthem "Be thou faithful," from Mendelssohn, was sung by Bro. W. C. Newton, adding much to the solemnity of the occasion. Later a board of 26 Past Masters was formed, the chairs being occupied by Bros. C. Stokes, as S.W.; Rev. G. Ford, as J.W.; and Claude Barker, as I.G. Bro. Walter Sissons was formally installed, and the brethren saluted the new W.M. The working tools in the various Degrees were presented by Bros. C. Stokes, G. Ford, and C. Barker, in all instances in an abbreviated form. The whole ceremony was reverently conducted with an attention to detail which is not always seen; as a consequence all things went smoothly and the interest of the numerous brethren never flagged. Bro. Walter Sissons, after being placed in the chair, at once gave evidence of his capacity and ability by the able and effective manner in which he adapted his remarks on bestowing the collars upon his officers. The recipients of office were Bros. A. Davidson, S.W.; H. Cawood, J.W.; G. Ford, M.A., P.M., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; C. Stokes, P.M. 1239, 2558, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; E. Beck, Sec.; A. Senior, Asst. Sec.; C. Robinson, S.D.; C. Dolman, J.D.; C. Barker, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; F. Dallaway, Asst. Dir. of Cers.; A. Hastings, I.G.; C. Callum, Org.; J. W. Vessey and E. A. Sampson, Stwds.; and F. Leighton, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the ceremony with the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. These were most impressively rendered, and Bro. Fearnough's performance was thoroughly appreciated. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. the Rev. G. Ford, M.A., Bro. Charles Stokes was again unanimously elected to serve as Charity Steward for the ensuing year. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was voted by the lodge to the retiring Master. This was presented to Bro. Walter Fearnough by the W.M., Bro. Walter Sissons. In pinning it upon his breast the W.M. remarked that the inscription upon it declared it was given "for services rendered" to Furnival Lodge, and he would only add that those services were appreciated, and that in his opinion the honour conferred was well deserved. Bro. Fearnough, in thanking the brethren, said he should prize that jewel as long as he lived; it would remind him—if such reminder were necessary—of the many happy moments spent among his brethren of the Furnival Lodge. Letters of regret at inability to be present were mentioned as having been received from the Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson; the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Richard Wilson; Bro. Ensor Drury, P.G.D.; and other Officers of Grand or Prov. Grand Lodge. There were two new candidates proposed, showing indications of coming work and progress. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered from all present, the lodge was closed at seven p.m. in the usual way.

A dinner served in the *salle à manger* below followed. Covers were laid for upwards of 80. The installation dinners are a little more luxurious and sumptuous than on the ordinary lodge nights in Sheffield as elsewhere, and the tables were most brilliantly and effectively arranged. Bro. Creak, of the firm of Hamman, Creak, and Co., kindly lent a valuable collection of plate, comprising epaulettes, bows, vases, and candelabra, and these, added to the abundant floral display, produced an effect very striking. The dinner was good, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

It is usual in the post-prandial proceedings to intersperse the various toasts and speeches with vocal and instrumental music; but on this occasion a new departure was made.

This was accordingly done; and the W.M., after the Chaplain had returned thanks, at once commenced by proposing "The Queen." Wherever Masonry is found, said Bro. Sissons, there also is found loyalty, and nothing more need or can be added.

The National Anthem followed, Bro. W. C. Newton taking the solo. In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.; the Right Hon. Earl Anherst, the R.W.D.G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge," the W.M. said that, though his experience of Grand Lodge and knowledge of its officers and proceedings was limited, yet he did not doubt that all those appointed by the M.W.G.M. were true and tried men, and that every effort was made to secure only the appointment of those in whom the brethren might place confidence.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" having been sung, Bro. Brittain replied. After congratulating the W.M. on attaining the chair, and complimenting the Installing Master upon his excellent work, Bro. Brittain, referring to the W.M.'s remark that he knew little of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, recommended Bro. Sissons and other Yorkshire Masons to go more frequently to London and to witness for themselves the procedure in Grand Lodge.

The next toast, always a popular one, was "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. L. Jackson; the W. Deputy, Bro. R. Wilson; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In proposing this the W.M. expressed his regret that the Prov. G.M., through an important engagement in London, was unable to be with them. He remembered the very impressive way in which Bro. Jackson undertook the consecration ceremony of the Furnival Lodge, and he was sure it would have given them all pleasure to have had him amongst them.

Bro. Bennett, Prov. G. Reg., also a Sheffield brother, was very kindly received. He said this was the first time that he had been called upon to respond for Prov. Grand Lodge, and that whilst he felt the honour, he also experienced the difficulty of his position. He deeply regretted the absence of the Deputy, for no one could have shown greater interest in the lodges than Bro. Wilson.

The Tyler's toast followed. The next, which is always deemed that of the evening, was proposed by the I.P.M. It was "The Health of Bro. Walter Sissons, W.M. of the Furnival Lodge." Bro. Fearnough was brief and to the point. He said Bro. Sissons had filled all the offices bestowed upon him since the formation of the lodge with honour and credit, and as a good officer he was sure he would become a good Worshipful Master, and, therefore, it was their duty to drink to his long life, health and success.

The toast was received with tumultuous applause, and the enthusiasm was increased by the singing of "Here's to his health with a song." Bro. Walter Sissons, on rising to respond, had a most flattering reception. He expressed his thanks for the kind words used by the I.P.M. in proposing the toast, and was deeply touched by the way in which the brethren had acknowledged them.

"The Installing Master" was most ably proposed by Bro. Claude Barker. He said his task was a most easy and pleasant one, that, in fact, words were not necessary, as Bro. Fearnough's work was known to them. Their retiring Master had proved an excellent Mason; he had five candidates during his year, nearly all the work connected with whom he had done himself. He had occasionally called upon his Past Masters, but not from necessity. Altogether Bro. Fearnough had proved himself a grand man socially as well as a grand man Masonically, and he deserved all the honour they could give him.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the S.W., Bro. A. Davidson. He declared that all that had been so well said about their I.P.M. applied with equal force to the other Past Masters. There were as yet only five of them, and four were present that night, and he as S.W. had special reasons for appreciating the services of the Past Masters. Bro. Claude Barker, P.M., replied. He said that all the Past Masters were willing to assist the W.M., and generally help to maintain the reputation of their lodge. He had done what he could, as had the others, and he hoped the day was distant indeed when Furnival Lodge would fail to receive the countenance and sympathy of its Past Masters.

"The Sister Lodges and Visitors" was proposed by the J.W., Bro. H. Cawood. In his remarks he called attention to the fact that 19 different lodges were represented at their gathering that evening, ranging from the North of Scotland to the South of England; and that the W.Ms. of all the lodges in Sheffield were in attendance except one; and that Furnival Lodge fully understood and properly estimated the honour bestowed by the presence of so many and so distinguished an array of guests. In the name of his lodge he tendered one and all a hearty welcome.

Bro. A. J. Forsdike, W.M. 1239; A. Phillips, W.M. 2263; and Major, Chantry Lodge, 2355, replied on behalf of the visitors. "The Masonic Charities," was the next toast, ably placed before the brethren by Bro. the Rev. Geo. Ford, P.M.

The reply, of course, came from the Charity Steward, Bro. Chas. Stokes, who entered into particulars as to the elections, and the duty of those brethren who had votes at those elections. Bro. Stokes is an enthusiast in the cause of the Masonic Charities, and loses no opportunity of advocating their support. He went into figures and statistics showing how W. Yorkshire stood in relation to the three Masonic Institutions, and concluded a very able speech by insisting upon the necessity of every brother recognising his obligation on their behalf. Bro. Stokes noted that Furnival Lodge, though only founded in 1895, had contributed to the three Masonic Institutions no less than £345, and that they had amongst them 28 Benevolent votes, 111 Boys, and 70 Girls, making a total of 161 votes in all. This, Bro. Stokes thought—and we distinctly agree with him—was a most satisfactory condition of affairs for so young a lodge.

The last toast was that of "The Officers," proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. A. Hasings, the Inner Guard. The musical programme was then entered upon. It comprised songs by Bros. J. Lycett, W. W. Holbrook, E. A. Barkby, W. C. Newton, and J. Atkinson; cornet solos by Bro. R. C. Honey; and pianoforte solo by Bro. C. Callum, who also acted as accompanist. It was a capital programme and the performers were fully appreciated, Bro. J. Lycett's bass songs being especially well received.

Altogether the evening was one to be long and pleasantly remembered, showing how Furnival Lodge, after displaying exceptionally good Masonic work, can lay aside the cares of office and can exercise that rare gift of hospitality which may be ranked next to Charity as a truly Masonic characteristic. We congratulate Bro. Walter Sissons upon his brilliant debut as W.M., and do not hesitate to prophesy that his year will be one of general prosperity.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th instant in the handsome Pavilion adjoining the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, when Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.M., with all Masonic solemnity, installed Bro. A. R. Peake as W.M. for the ensuing year. Among the visiting brethren present were: Bros. Parmenter, 1312; W. J. Norburn, 224; W.M., D.G.W. Malta; W. H. Richardson, J.W. 2339; H. J. Burden, 1589; I. B. Burton, 2339; G. Baines, 1797; T. J. Rilling, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; and G. Batt-Craig, 683, Kidmarock; together with the following brethren: Bros. S. R. Groom, W.M.; H. Ditcham, P.M.; A. J. H. Ward, P.P.S.G.W.; G. T. Helsdon, P.M.; A. R. Peake, S.W.; J. T. Ward, J.W.; M. L. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. S.d. Br.; W. Cockedge, S.D.; E. G. Watts, J.D.; F. J. Staple, T. J. Denney, and W. Hudson, Stewards; C. R. Salter, Org.; H. E. Bicknell, Chap.; W. Salter, W. Went, W. Bevan, W. J. Johnstone, C. E. Garrard, J. E. Walker, C. Harrington, J. W. Holmes, L. G. Watson, C. Hamshere, J. H. Annear, H. S. Watson, G. K. Cann, W. Vince, H. Ockenden, J. Holmes, F. Kettle, J. Self, T. Denney, G. T. Wooldridge, J. Lawrence, W. Greene, and others.

After the installation ceremony, the W.M. elect appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. R. Groom, I.P.M.; J. T. Ward, S.W.; W. Cockedge, J.W.; W. Groom, Treas.; M. L. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; H. E. Bicknell, Chap.; E. G. Watts, S.D.; W. E. Basham, J.D.; F. Staples, I.G.; H. G. Everard, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; T. J. Daveney, W. H. Hudson, C. Harrington, and W. G. Anabona, Stwds.; and J. Smith, Tyler.

At the termination of the installation ceremony, the annual banquet took place in the spacious coffee room of the hotel, a recherche repast being provided. During the evening, the W.M. elect presented Bro. S. R. Groom, P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, to mark his late year of office.

Bros. Annear, Start, Osmond, Denney, and others contributed to the musical programme, while Bro. Lawrence kept the company in laughter over his slight of hand tricks.

Royal Arch.

Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901.

The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing chapter, which fully maintains its reputation, took place at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, S.E., on Thursday, the 11th inst. The convocation was opened by Comp. E. Pow, M.E.Z., who has conducted the business of the chapter during the past year in an excellent manner, and gained the esteem and affection of the companions. He was ably supported by Comps. H. C. Turner, H., M.E.Z. elect; H. Cornford, J., H. elect; J. Pointon, S.N., J. elect; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. M. Wible, 1st A.S.; C. H. Morrison, 2nd A.S.; Thos. Bowley, Janitor; Thos. Grumant, P.P.G.P.S. Essex (H.); J. Lightfoot, P.Z.; A. H. Fraser, P.Z.; C. N. Wedge, Arthur Court, E. J. S. Ware, R. Weddall Thomas, A. R. Jackson, and J. E. Wberg. The visitors were Comps. J. B. Higgs, 1622; W. Dawson, P.Z. 1622; B. Faul, P.S. 101; C. J. Fordham, P.S. 2282; H. C. Frances, P.Z.; W. J. Frampton, P.S. 1622; and J. H. Cureton, P.Z., S.E. 2182.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, after which Comp. F. E. Pow, M.E.Z., installed Comp. H. C. Turner into the First Principal's chair in a most perfect and impressive manner. Comp. H. C. Turner then installed Comp. H. Cornford into the chair of H. most ably, and Comp. H. Cornford installed Comp. Jos. Pointon into the chair of J. in a manner which left nothing to be desired. Comp. C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E., acted as D.C. Comp. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z., invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. F. E. Pow, I.P.Z.; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z., D.C.; E. J. S. Ware, S.N.; J. M. Wible, P.S.; C. H. Morrison, 1st A.S.; E. C. L. Hawley, Org.; J. R.N. Merrill, Steward; and Thos. Bowley, Janitor. The M.E.Z. next rose, and in words of high eulogium said it was one of the greatest pleasures to him to perform, this was to present, the P.Z. jewel which had been so unanimously voted from the chapter to Comp. F. E. Pow, I.P.Z., for the very able services he had rendered during the past year. No one could have worked those ceremonies better, and the M.E.Z. hoped and trusted that

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The business of the convocation ended it was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by Comp. F. E. Pow, the worthy proprietor, which gave the utmost satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the companions sang the Grace "Laudi Spirituali," after which the M.E.Z. in graceful and loyal terms gave the loyal and R.A. toasts, which were received right cordially.

Also that of "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a most befitting manner.

The I.P.Z., Comp. F. E. Pow, on rising, said it fell to his lot to perform the most pleasant duty of presenting the toast of "The M.E.Z.," which thoroughly recommended itself to all present, and no words of his could increase their estimation. All knew what a careful and earnest worker he was, and he would assure the M.E.Z. that the Past Principals, officers, and companions offered him a most cordial and hearty welcome. He asked the companions to drink to the toast most cordially, which was done with enthusiasm.

In reply, the M.E.Z. most heartily thanked the I.P.Z. for such kind and cordial remarks, and also the companions for so hearty a reception of the same. He would assure them that he would do his very best for the chapter, and to the utmost of his ability, and he trusted he should retain the same hearty good fellowship that existed towards him, so long as he was connected with the Selwyn Chapter.

In proposing the toast of "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. said he had two of the best co-Principals that any First Principal of a chapter could have, and in them had two contiguous Arch Stones of great strength, both as regards work and ability. They were most capable officers and the M.E.Z. knew he should have their able assistance during the present year and the honour and prestige of the Selwyn Chapter be thereby fully maintained.

In reply, Comp. H. Cornford, H., said it was very gratifying to him to hold that position, and he would assure them that it gave him the greatest pleasure to perform the duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped there would be plenty of work, so that he might prove his ability.

Comp. J. Pointon, J., also replied, thanking the companions for so hearty a greeting. He would do all he possibly could (they all knew him in his various undertakings) for his mother chapter, in which he took the greatest possible interest, and whose dignity he intended to uphold.

The toast of "The Visitors" received at the hands of the M.E.Z. a most cordial and hearty welcome, and the companions most heartily greeted them. There were two Past Principals among them—Comps. Dawson and Cureton—to whom many companions in South London were greatly indebted at the Star Chapter of Improvement, together with their worthy Preceptor, Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z., and the M.E.Z. knew that their valuable assistance was given in a kind, able, and most genial manner, and the companions were only too ready to profit from their instruction. He would ask them each to reply.

Comps. Dawson and Cureton, in their replies, tendered their hearty thanks for such a reception, and also expressed their pleasure in attending the Selwyn Chapter and witnessing the excellent working and receiving such hospitality. They also paid a high compliment to the Principals, and also to Comp. T. Grummant, with whom they were associated in the excellent working in the chapter of improvement, and to them it was indeed a very great pleasure to render any assistance whatever to any companion.

Comps. Higgs, Faulk, Fordham, Frampton, and Frances also ably responded, the latter remarking the very great pleasure it afforded him to be present and witness the intallation of his esteemed brother, Comp. Pointon, into the chair of J.

The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of "The Past Principals, coupled with the Treasurer and S.E." The chapter greeted them well. He had received a letter from the father of the chapter, Comp. E. Gauntlett, who was too unwell to attend, also a telegram from Comp. W. Wills, both wishing the M.E.Z. and the chapter every success. He mentioned Comps. J. Lightfoot, Hook, and Stone, the two last being respectively the Treasurer and S.E. of the chapter, which had every confidence in two such worthy companions; also Comps. A. Fraser and F. E. Pow, the I.P.Z., who had carried out the duties for the past year so ably and in so genial a manner for the comfort and benefit of the companions. They were all indeed greatly indebted to him for the splendid decoration of the lodge room, which cast a radiance over the whole proceedings, and so thoroughly showed the interest the I.P.Z. took in other's welfare. The M.E.Z. also said the companions owed a debt of gratitude to Comp. Thos. Grummant, the worthy Preceptor.

Comps. Hook, Stone, Lightfoot, Fraser, and Pow most cordially thanked the companions for the honour done them, and pledged themselves to do their very best for the chapter.

Comp. F. E. Pow specially remarked that it was the first time he had had that honour as P.Z. His year had been a most happy one and successful, too, for several candidates, good and true, had entered, and he was proud of them. Likewise he should look upon the splendid jewel with pride and a certain amount of gratitude for having been at all times most kindly received by them.

Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z., who had always taken the deepest interest in the chapter from its inception, in his reply paid a high compliment to the Principals who had installed their successors that evening—a circumstance almost unique in the chapter, and redounded much to their credit. He took a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and was always ready to assist those who were in search of that beautiful ritual.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given by the M.E.Z. in terms of strong recommendation.

Comps. Wimble and Wiberg responded.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy and social meeting. A capital programme of music was arranged, and Comp. Bluett Faulk the able accompanist. It must have been very gratifying to the M.E.Z. as four of the artistes were members of his own family, and rendered capital service, being well received. The artistes were: Comps. W. H. Hook, P.Z.; Chas. H. Stone, P.Z.; and Arthur Court; Mrs. F. Coles, Miss Ethel May Turner, and Messrs. F. W. and A. C. Turner.

The First Principal's chair was manufactured by Comps. Geo. Kenning and Son, as also the P. Principal's jewel, which bears the following inscription: "Presented to Excellent Companion Fredk. E. Pow by the Companions of the Selwyn Chapter for the valuable services rendered as the eighth M.E.Z., 1899-1900."

Era Chapter, No. 1423.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Comps. R. Poore, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., as M.E.Z.; F. Foulger, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Masters, J., H. elect; W. Fisher, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., J. elect; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; A. Collins, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. Holt, P.S.; Capt. Haime, D. of C.; J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.Z., P.P.G.J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; and C. H. Kohler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Copley, 87, and it being unanimous, he was duly and impressively exalted by the acting M.E.Z. The ballot was also taken for the election of Comp. J. W. Hinton, Mus. Doc., P.P.G. Org., as an honorary member. The S.E. installed Comp. Foulger as M.E.Z., Comp. W. Fisher installed Comp. Masters as H., and Comp. Poore inducted Comp. Fisher as J. The officers elected for the year are

Comps. Major Walls, S.E.; Collins, S.N.; Thiellay, P.Z., Treas.; Holt, P.S.; Macchi and Marshall, Asst. Sojs.; Capt. Haime, D. of C.; Dr. Hinton, Hon. Org.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Principals. The resignation of Comp. J. Eberstein was received with regret. The S.E. read an extract from a letter received from Comp. B. Grant, I.P.Z., who has been and is still serving in the Yeomanry in South Africa. A resolution was passed congratulating Comp. Grant upon his good fortune in thus far escaping the perils of the campaign and the climate.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed. Comp. W. Fisher, P.A.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Comp. Dr. Ryley, P.P.G.J., for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was given by Comp. R. Poore. In submitting the toast he congratulated the chapter upon possessing a First Principal who was thoroughly conversant with the work of the Royal Arch Degree. They had all seen how well he had performed the duties of the minor offices.

The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, then gave the toast of "The H. and J.," coupled with the name of Comp. J. Masters, who duly responded.

"The Health of the Exalte" followed. Comp. Copley, in response, expressed his great acknowledgments to his proposer and seconder for introducing him to the Order. He had been greatly interested and impressed with the ceremony, and he hoped to become better acquainted with its mysteries and beauties.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the names of Comps. R. Poore and H. Higgins; "The S.E. and Treasurer" with the names of Comps. Major Walls and Thiellay; and "The Officers" with the names of Comps. Collins and Haime. A pleasant meeting was then brought to a conclusion.

Instruction.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting was held on the 15th instant at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. E. White, W.M. London County Council Lodge, No. 2693, W.M.; C. B. Lumley, W.M. 2323, S.W.; W. H. Handover, W.M. 1642, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; G. E. Harris, S.D.; A. Spencer, J.D.; A. Toop, P.G.O. Surrey, I.G.; W. C. Franklin, Steward; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642, D. Preceptor; L. J. Powell, P.M., W.M. 2246; J. Cuff, P.M. 511; R. Reed, P.M. 2275; W. Hyde, P.M. 2273; A. W. H. Jones, P.M., W.M. 1828; W. H. Smith, A. J. Tapling, F. Green, F. Spink, W. H. Beadon, F. Rawles, W. J. Lewis, and G. G. Hiscocks.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hiscocks being the candidate. The ceremony of installation was also rehearsed, the lodge having been opened and resumed as required. The W.M. rose as usual, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. White for the able manner he had carried out the duties of the chair, and he in acknowledging the compliment paid a very marked tribute to the late Bro. Ferguson in very feeling terms, adding that he had known him for over 25 years. A communication was read from Bro. Sir G. Fardell, M.P., regretting his inability to be present, but that he would take an early opportunity of attending. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 12th instant at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Chapple, M.E.Z. elect 753, 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.; R. Wright, M.E.Z. 890, Scribe N.; H. Foskett, H. 185, P.S.; C. Webster, J. elect 185; H. Armfield, P.S. 1642; and J. M. Huish, J. 185.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Webster acting as candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Chapple for his excellent work as M.E.Z. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks, Comp. Taylor M.E.Z. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

The usual weekly meeting of this newly-formed lodge was held on the 16th instant, at the Salisbury, Strand, when there were present: Bros. Rapley, Preceptor; Welham, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; H. P. Edwards, J.W.; Goff, S.D.; Pastorelli, J.D.; Westcott, I.G.; Kibblewhite, Sec.; Lisle, Blake, Penn, Nott, and Loosen.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Lisle being the candidate. Bro. Edwards then delivered the charge in the First Degree. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Blake acting as candidate. Bro. Kibblewhite, the Secretary, announced that the following brethren had kindly presented the lodge with furniture: Bros. Hare, set of tracing boards, Soper, square, and rule; Welham, Book of Constitutions; Rapley, volume of the Sacred Law; Blake, gavel blocks. He thanked those brethren in the name of the lodge, and proposed that Bro. Hare be elected a life member. This was seconded by Bro. Rapley, and carried unanimously. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, Bros. Cripps and Cheesewright were proposed for election as members at next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council, No. 1.

A meeting of this distinguished council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. J. J. Thomas, T.I.M.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.G.C., Chap.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., &c., Recorder; John Smith, A. W. Humphreys, Baron de Ferrieres, P.M., P.D.G.M.; W. Crombie, and E. Mills, O.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Thomas Leeson Pewtress, 1745, and Comp. M. Davis were duly admitted, received, and greeted as members of the M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. Degrees by the Recorder. Out of respect to the memory of M.E. Comp. George Graveley, P.F.I.M., Treas., the council was in mourning, and a vote of condolence to his family was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Basil Stewart, D.M.; G. Briggs, C. of W.; J. T. Rowe, G. Leversedge, H. Higgins, Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.F.I.M.; G. Gregory, P.F.I.M.; E. Storr, P.T.I.M.; and many others.

The council was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The chair was genially filled by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

The toast of "The Grand Council" was coupled with the name of Comp. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., P.G.C.

"The Health of the Thrice Illustrious Master" was submitted by M.E. Comp. Baron de Ferrieres. In the course of his remarks he said that he regretted that the health of the T.I.M. was not so good as his numerous friends would wish. Comp. Thomas had been an energetic worker in many Degrees of Freemasonry. The Cryptic Rite was a most difficult one to master, and it was scarcely fair to expect that every one who arrived at the chair would be as perfect in the working as the late Comp. T. Poore had been and happily Comps. R. B. Bryant and H. J. Lardner still were.

The T.I.M. having modestly expressed his acknowledgments, then gave "The Newly-Admitted Companion."

Comp. T. L. Pewtress having briefly replied, the toast of "The P.T.I.Ms." followed. In submitting this toast the T.I.M. feelingly alluded to the sad and recent deaths of Comps. H. P. Hay and G. Graveley, by the demise of the latter companion in particular the council had lost one of its most useful and prominent members.

This pledge was drunk in solemn silence.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. Major Walls, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.