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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

It does not often happen that a proposal by a Grand Lodge to vote a sum of money in aid of some benevolent object unconnected with the Craft, but still well deserving of its generous support, is threatened with serious opposition from any prominent Mason. But in the *Freemasons' Chronicle of Australasia* for the 31st of August last will be found the report of a special Communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which was held in Sydney on the 8th of that month, for the purpose of dealing with "a recommendation" of the Board of General Purposes for a vote in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. Before, however, the acting Grand Master called upon the President of the Board to submit his proposition, he read certain correspondence which had passed on the subject between Bro. Sir JOSEPH ABBOTT, Past M.W.G.M., and the Grand Master. From this it appears that on the day preceding the special meeting the G.M. received a private note from his immediate predecessor in office, in which the latter expressed a most decided objection to the proposal on the ground of its illegality, and announced his intention of opposing it by every means in his power. To this the G. Master replied that there were numerous precedents in its favour. However, as Bro. Sir JOSEPH ABBOTT held to his opinion the Grand Master referred to two precedents which had occurred during his Grand Mastership, namely, on December, 1896, when a sum of 50 guineas was voted to the Stockton Relief Fund, and the other in September, 1897, when Bro. Sir JOSEPH ABBOTT delivered a written ruling on the subject of a proposed grant of £500 to the Consumptive Hospital, in which he admitted that, though he himself was opposed to it, the recommendation was "one for Grand Lodge to deal with." Grand Lodge then proceeded to discuss the Board's recommendation for a grant—which was altered from £50 to £52 10s., in order that it might be again brought forward before Grand Lodge for confirmation—but an amendment that the sum should be 100 guineas was carried almost unanimously, and was afterwards accepted as a substantive motion. After this we hope to read that the vote has passed without further challenge.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL), No. 1.*

The particulars given last week relate to the lodge itself, with the exception of those concerning the service in St. Giles's Cathedral, of which the Grand Lodge was a patron, and in which Masonry generally throughout Scotland may be said to have borne a part. But there is much else in the new matter relating to the Grand Lodge and especially to those who have successively occupied the chair of Grand Master. In Chapter XLVIII., for instance, there is an elaborate account of the constitution of Grand Lodge, together with statistics as to the number of lodges on the roll, and of the Provincial Grand Lodges both at home and abroad, which exercise jurisdiction over the lodges located within their respective limits, and a table from 1800 onwards showing the number of intrants—initiates—registered year by year, the highest number reached being in 1899, when there were registered upwards of 7500 intrants. A few particulars are likewise furnished as to the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, "which was founded by Grand Lodge in 1846," though, as we are told, it was in 1837 that "funds were raised, chiefly in Edinburgh, for educating the daughters of deceased and indigent Freemasons," the scheme being afterwards merged in the Fund of Benevolence just mentioned. Reference is also made to the Annuity Fund, which was also established by Grand Lodge in November, 1888, and which is at present expending upwards of £1200 in annuities to 67 members of lodges, 45 widows, and 26 orphans. There is also recorded the union of the old lodge at Melrose, which remained aloof from the Grand Lodge until 1891, when, after the necessary *pourparlers*, it arranged to place itself on the roll of Grand Lodge, the place assigned it being next in point of seniority to the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1. As for the Grand Masters who have held office since the issue of the former edition of this History, they are Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW-STEWART, Bart. (1873-81); the late Earl of MAR and KELLIE (1882-84), who died in 1888; Sir ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, Bart., now Lord BLYTHSWOOD (1885-91); the Earl of HADDINGTON (1892-93); Sir C. DALRYMPLE, of Newhailes, Bart., M.P. (1894-96); Lord SALTOUN (1897-99); and the Hon. JAMES HOZIER, M.P., who was elected in 1899, and is still in office. In each case a brief record is given of the services rendered by these distinguished Masons, there being, in addition, a full-page portrait of each of them, which, as far as we are able to judge, appears to us as excellent a presentation of the original as it is, from an artistic point of view, most admirable in tone and finish, and the other essentials of a good portrait. In addition well-nigh innumerable illustrations of distinguished members of the Scottish Fraternity, as well as of Past and Present Masters and office-bearers of Lodge No. 1 and of other brethren are conveniently interspersed throughout the volume, and it is almost needless to say materially enhance the appreciation with which the new issue will undoubtedly be received. Among the members of the lodge thus portrayed are Sir Paterick Hume, of Polwarth, afterwards Earl of Marchmont; and Alexander Hamilton, General of Artillery, 1640, who were among the earliest of the gentlemen Masons who were received into

* "HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF EDINBURGH (MARY'S CHAPEL), No. 1."—Embracing an account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland. By David Murray Lyon, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Corresponding Member of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, M.M., Ayr St. Paul, P.M. Ayr St. James. "Tercentenary Edition." The Gresham Publishing Company. London: 25, Farringdon-avenue; Glasgow and Dublin. 1900.

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membership of the Lodge. Among "the others" who are thus honoured are Bros. R. F. GOULD and W. J. HUGHAN, who are described as "Masonic Historians," and of whom Bro. LYON in his Preface speaks as "those giants in British Masonic Literature;" Bro. D. CRAWFORD SMITH, historian of the "Scoon and Perth" Lodge; and Bro. F. J. W. CROWE, "Masonic Author." Bro. CROWE has done some very useful work of its kind. He has compiled an illustrated catalogue of Masonic Aprons, Ancient and Modern, and also certain Handbooks to English, Irish, and Scottish Masonry; but he can hardly have looked for the distinction of being associated with those "giants in British Masonic Literature"—Bros. GOULD and HUGHAN aforesaid—and Bro. CRAWFORD SMITH, of the "Scoon and Perth," and accordingly we congratulate him most heartily on his unexpected good fortune.

We feel that we have, after all, but very inadequately described the contents of this most valuable History of the oldest extant Lodge of Freemasons with continuous records extending back not only into the 17th, but even to the closing years of the 16th century. The volume is so rich in Statutes, Charters, Minutes, Rules; it furnishes such ample and well-authenticated information concerning not only the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, but also other old Scottish lodges; it tells us so much about the earliest gentlemen Masons, who were accepted into the membership of this lodge; it sketches out so ably, and at the same time so graphically, the development of Masonry north of the Tweed and its growth from a mere operative organisation into a speculative brotherhood; moreover, it is so well printed and embellished with so many and such well-executed portraits and other illustrations, that nothing further remains for us than to commend it to our readers as a work that must be read and most carefully digested in order that its great merits, and above all its immense value as a trustworthy record, may be properly appreciated. Edinburgh Lodge (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, must indeed be proud of such a chronicle as is contained in this handsome volume, compiled, as it has been, by such an historian as MURRAY LYON.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand H., Grand Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided as M.E.Z.; Comp. Lieut.-Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire, acted as Grand H.; and Comp. Lieut.-General Charles William Randolph, Grand Superintendent of Sussex, as Grand J. Comps. E. Letchworth, Grand Scribe E.; the Rev. Herbert William Turner, M.A., Grand Scribe N.; Baron de Ferrieres, as G.P.S.; Colonel Fitzroy Tower, 1st A.G.S.; and the following companions also attended:

Comps. W. Lake, Asst. G.S.E.; Walter Wellsman, John Williams, P.G.S.B.; F. G. Swinden, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Boulton, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. Harry Hebb, M.A., P.A.G. Soj.; Alfred C. Spaul, P.D.G. D.C.; W. J. Mason, G. Std. B.; W. Henry Thomas, G. Org.; W. F. Fisher, P.A.G.D.C.; T. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; W. Cleghorn, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Burgess, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Russell, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Davidson, G. Std. Br.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; George C. Kent, P.G.S.B.; A. C. Sandberg, P.D.G.D.C.; George Cowell, P.A.G. Soj.; W. A. Scurrah, P.A.G.D.C.; William Vincent, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Pulman, P.A.G.D.C.; F. G. Ivey, P.A.G.S.; S. V. Abraham, P.A.G.D.C.; Hermann Klein, P.G. Org.; Lieut.-Col. Henry Kiallmark, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Wright, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Welford, P.G. S.B.; F. Mead, P.A.G.S.; T. A. Bullock, P.A.G.D.C.; C. D. Hoblyn, P.G. Std. Br.; T. O'Brien, P.G.P.S.; Major T. C. Walls, P.D.G.D.C.; Mihill Slaughter, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Smithson, P.G. Std. Br.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.S.N.; Ralph Clutton, P.A.G.S.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton, P.G. Std. Br.; H. A. Adams, P.D.G.D.C.; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.G.S.B.; Malcolm Morris, P.A.G.S.; T. Lean Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg.; Dr. Clement Godson, P.G.S.B.; Rev. A. W. Axford, P.P.G.S.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Belton, P.A.G.S.; F. Gordon Brown, P.G.S.B.; Fred. West, P.A.G.S.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; Henry Lovegrove, P.G. Std. Br.; Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; Robert Gresley Hall, P.G.S.B.; Peter de L. Long, P.G.P.S.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; John Songhurst, P.Z. 7; M. Spiegel, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Harris Hillman, P. John G.J., Essex; W. Kipps, P.Z. 79; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; W. Avery Jones, M.E.Z. 2566; Thomas Taylor, P.P.G. Reg. Hants and Isle of Wight; Frank Hughes, M.E.Z. 482; James T. Marson, M.E.Z. 726; George Elkington, P.Z. 2416; F. A. Powell, P.Z. 457; H. Bevir, P.Z. 355; the Rev. C. E. Wright, P.Z. 236; Thomas Grumant, P.Z. 1275; J. Henry Hoit, P.Z. 1524; W. H. Toyé, P.Z. 554; and John R. Reep, P.Z. 1260.

After the Grand Scribe E. had read the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation of August 1st, they were put and confirmed.

GRAND SCRIBE E. then read the following letter from Sir Francis Knollys acknowledging the address from Grand Chapter, on August 1st, to H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha:

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,
19th Sept. 1900.

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to thank the brethren of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England for their address and their kind expressions of sympathy with him on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

E. Letchworth, Esq., Grand Scribe E.

On the motion of Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President, seconded by E. Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Registrar, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, charters were granted for a chapter to be attached to the Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745, to be called the Wansfell Chapter, and to meet at the Queen's Hotel, Ambleside, Westmorland; for a chapter to be attached to the Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096, to be called the Granville Chapter, and to meet at the Foresters' Hall, Walmer, Kent; and for a chapter to be attached to the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, to be called the Clarendon Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Watford, Hertfordshire.

On motion similarly made and seconded, permission was given to remove the Royal Preston Chapter, No. 333, Preston, from the Castle Hotel to the Masonic Rooms, Bull Hotel, Preston.

Comp. Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Std. Br., was elected as a member of the Committee of General Purposes, in the place of the late Comp. George Graveley, A.G.D.C. Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held in the Drill Hall, Eastgate, Barnsley, on Friday, the 26th ult., under the banner of Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, when there were present

Bros. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.M. 289, Prov. G. Master; John C. Malcolm, P.M. 306, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., as Dep. Prov. G. Master; Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. S.G.W.; H. Gaskell Blackburn, P.M. 1311, Prov. J.G.W.; Wm. Watson, P.M. 401, Hon. Librarian, P.P.G.W.; the Rev. Geo. Ford, P.M. 2558, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. J. L. Brereton, Chap. 1513, P.P.G. Chap., as Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. L. S. Calvert, W.M. 208, and the Rev. T. N. Greenhalgh, S.W. 275, P.P.G. Chaps.; Thos. Harrison, P.M. 296, P.P.G. Treas., as Prov. G. Treas.; Major George Bolton, P.M. 154, C. F. Longden, P.M. 2268, and Thomas Woods, P.P.G.Ts.; C. F. Bennett, P.M. 2268, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Pawson, P.M. 242, P.P.G. Reg.; Maj. Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; Herbert Nixon, P.M. 1239, P.P.S.G.D., Joseph Jackman, P.M. 139, P.P.S.G.D., and Chas. Pawson, P.M. 206, P.P.S.G.D., as Prov. S.G.Ds.; J. W. Foster, P.M. 289, and Thos. Mallinson, P.M. 1645, Frov. J.G.Ds.; Thos. Hy. Vernon, P.M. 2263, Wm. Blackburn, J.P., P.M. 306, Charles Stokes, P.M. 2558, John P. Hewitt, P.M. 1239, and J. P. Browne, P.M. 1648, P.P.G.Ds.; John Lane Fox, P.M. 208, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Reuben Castle, P.M. 750, and John Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G. Supts. of Works; Jas. Millington, P.M. 1221, Prov. G.D. of C.; Chas. Middleton, P.M. 2069, and Joe Sykes, P.M. 1514, Prov. Asst. G.Ds. of C.; Thos. J. Pickles, P.M. 258, P.P. Asst. G.D. of C.; Edmund Lord, P.M. 910, W. Fitton, P.M. 2035, E. J. Massie, P.M. 1513, Joseph Hartley, P.M. 495, Thos. Heaton, P.M. 265, Joseph Best, P.M. 302, Joseph Wrigglesworth, P.M. 1783, J. R. Mellor, P.M. 652, and J. G. Chennell, P.M. 1513, P.P.G.Ds. of C.; John Constable, P.M. 2259, P.P.G. Std. Br., and W. D. Lazenby, P.M. 1802, P.P.G. Std. Br., as Prov. G. Std. Brs.; Wm. J. Morris, P.M. 1736, Prov. G.S.B.; Jeremiah Dunnill, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Org.; T. W. Hanforth, W.M. 2491, P.P.G. Org.; J. R. Barton, P.M. 306, P.P.A.G. Sec., as Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; Walter Potts, P.M. 337, P.P. Asst. G. Sec. E.L.; Wm. Townsend, P.M. 750, Prov. G. Purst.; Will Akeroyd, P.M. 971, Prov. Asst. G. Purst.; Edwin Billington, P.M. 1462, J. A. Heastie, P.M. 652, and G. M. Marchant, P.M. 1783, P.P.G. Pursts.; W. E. Turner, P.M. 1108, Geo. Williams, P.M. 139, and J. Holmes Greaves, P.M. 910, Prov. G. Stvds.; Thos. Leighton, Tyler 139, Prov. G. Tyler; and Thomas Chester, Tyler 910, Asst. to Prov. G. Tyler. Also W. Masters, Past Masters, acting Wardens, and brethren from Lodges Nos. 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 401, 408, 439, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 652, 750, 810, 837, 904, 910, 971, 1019, 1102, 1108, 1221, 1239, 1283, 1302, 1311, 1402, 1513, 1514, 1545, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1779, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2259, 2261, 2263, 2268, 2330, 2491, 2558, 2669, 2677, and 2695. The lodges unrepresented were Nos. 61, 149, 304, 387, 603, 827, 974, 1001, 1018, 1034, 1042, 1211, 1214, 1231, 1301, 1522, 1542, 2091, 2321, and 2608. Bro. W. D. Lazenby, P.M. 1802, P.P.G. Std. Br. Notts, was a visitor.

The Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., the acting Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., P.P.G.R., and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge entered at three o'clock, and solemn prayer was offered and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Prov. G. Chap.

The Prov. G. Master, the acting Dep. Prov. G. Master, the G. Officers, and the Prov. G. Officers were then saluted. The roll of lodges was called. The roll of Present and Past Grand Officers was called.

Apologies were announced from the following brethren: Bros. Richard Wilson, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M.; Fredk. Cleeves, P.M. 904, Prov. S.G.W.; Wm. Hy. Wilson, P.M. 1102, Prov. G. Treas.; Lieut.-Colonel E. S. Tozer, P.M. 2268, Prov. G.D.; Richard Hodgson, P.M. 448, Prov. G.D.; W. E. Gray, P.M. 296, Prov. G.D.; Sydney Mortimer, P.M. 602, Prov. D.G.D.C.; S. H. C. Ashlin, P.M. 2259, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Hy. Banks, P.M. 1042, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; Wm. Harrison, P.M. 265, Prov. G. Stwd.; and 40 W.Ms., P.Ms., Wardens, and brethren.

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Halifax, on Wednesday, April 11th, 1900, and of the especial meeting held at Leeds, on Wednesday, July 18th, 1900, were presented for confirmation.

Proposed by Bro. H. SHAW, W.M. 2261, seconded by Bro. J. BARKER, P.M. 1102, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and resolved "That the minutes be taken as read and confirmed."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said: Before I proceed to make any remarks upon the general condition of the province, I think I ought to read to you a letter which I have received from the Grand Secretary in response to a resolution that we passed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge. It is dated the 25th of May of this year, and is as follows:

Dear R.W. Brother,

I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire, his Royal Highness's warmest thanks for their kind and fraternal congratulations on his providential escape from the recent attempt on his life.—I am, Dear Sir and R.W. Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH.

Now we are meeting under the banner of the Friendly Lodge as you know, and although there is not very much to tell with regard to the lodge in the past, I am indebted to the Provincial Grand Secretary for a few facts, to which I may refer in passing. The first Barnsley Lodge, of which we have any authentic record, met at the Cock Inn, in Shambles-street, and was warranted on the 1st April, 1777, by the great rival London Grand Lodge, known as the "Atholl," or "Ancient" Grand Lodge, and which united with the premier or parent Grand Lodge in 1813. The lodge does not appear to have had any distinctive title, as the naming of lodges was not practised generally until the closing portion of the last century. A lodge was generally identified by the name of the public house at which it met for the time being. This old lodge appears to have had but a brief history, as it is reported to have ceased working about 1778. The next lodge recorded was opened at the King's Head, in Market-hill, in 1816, by the authority of the present United Grand Lodge of England, under the name of the Friendly Lodge, and numbered 521 on the roll of that period. A warrant of confirmation was granted on the 11th March, 1824. The last payment of dues to Grand Lodge recorded was made in 1825, and the lodge was erased from the Grand Lodge roll in 1832. A second Friendly Lodge, numbered 716, and warranted on the 1st October, 1842, also met at the King's Head. It was erased from the Grand Lodge roll on December 3rd, 1857. The third Friendly Lodge (numbered 1513), to which we are indebted for the hospitable meeting at Barnsley to-day, was consecrated on the 10th December, 1874, in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, by our lamented Brother Bentley Shaw, the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master, acting as Right W. Provincial Grand Master. Our worthy and distinguished Brother Ensor Drury, of Sheffield, then installed as the first Worshipful Master the Mayor of Barnsley, our late Brother Richard Carter, a Past Master of Lodge 61, and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Bro. John Sample being invested as first Senior Warden, and Bro. Thos. Braithwaite as first Junior Warden. Among the other founders were Bros. Joshua G. Johnson, Francis R. Beardsall, John Sutton, William E. Carnley, James Gratton, and James Henry Gratton. Our veteran Bro. Henry Smith, the Past Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Robert Armison, of Sheffield, Past Prov. Grand Warden, were also present. We are glad to learn that Bro. John Sutton is yet with us. The Royal Arch Chapter attached to this lodge was consecrated in 1880, and its present roll of membership is a satisfactory indication of the zeal and activity of those brethren to whom the welfare of the chapter has been entrusted. The numerical strength of the chapter is favourable as compared with the number of members in the lodge, but it is to be hoped that many of the lodge brethren who have not yet joined the chapter are entertaining the intention of becoming Royal Arch Masons at an early date. As a matter of local patriotism every member of the Friendly Lodge, where practicable, should be imbued with the determination to see the Friendly Chapter continue in a prosperous condition. This Prov. Grand Lodge last met at the Mechanics' Institute in Barnsley, on the 15th of January, 1879, our late brother, Sir Henry Edwardes, presiding in his capacity of Prov. Grand Master, his Deputy, the late Bro. T. W. Tew, being present. The Friendly Lodge, like all other lodges, has some good Masons on its roll, and I mention one or two, who are no doubt much missed by the members to-day: Bros. Richard Carter, P.P.G.W.; Jas. Henry Gratton, P.P.G. Treasurer; and the venerable Thos. Wm. Embleton, who was such a generous donor to the Masonic Charities, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge Library, and the Friendly Lodge. The Bros. W. R. and E. J. Massie are still active members of the lodge. You will remember that the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall, in Great George-street, Leeds, was laid by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, on the 18th July, and I am pleased to tell you that he was supported by nearly 20 Grand Officers and upwards of 500 Prov. Grand Officers and brethren. I hope that the new hall, when opened, will prove to be a source of comfort to all the brethren who will make use of it, and that it will become a centre of usefulness. The injunction of the noble earl to proceed with the work of building has been faithfully attended to, and the roof is now partly on. An interesting incident has taken place in the presentation to one of our brethren, who I know is extremely popular, and deservedly so, in the province, of Grand Lodge clothing and regalia to Bro. W. C. Lupton. He has been for a very long time—about 16 years—a member of the Charity Committee, and during that period he was of the greatest service to the Masonic Charities. When he was a Vice-Chairman of that Committee he rendered great service in raising £4500 at the time I had the honour of presiding at the Boys' Festival in 1894, and again as Chairman of the Charity Committee he materially assisted in breaking all previous records in Masonic Charity, when £6200 was raised in this province on behalf of the Boys' Centenary Festival in 1898. I may say that this splendid donation was the largest sum ever given by any province to any Masonic Charity. I deeply regret that I was prevented, by what I suppose I must call circumstances beyond my control, from being present on that occasion, but I am greatly indebted to Bro. Wm. Blackburn, the present Chairman of the Charity Committee, who took my place and made the presentation to Bro. Lupton. I am, and I am sure you are all, rejoiced at the fact that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master found himself in a position to bestow a Grand Lodge collar on a brother in West Yorkshire, and that he should have selected such a distinguished and worthy brother as Bro. W. C. Lupton, and we hope that he will live many years to wear the regalia, which is but a slight acknowledgment of the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren. The small gift, I know, Bro. Lupton values very highly, and his brethren on the Charity Committee have had better opportunities of judging the valuable services he has rendered to the Craft than others of his brethren. I have seen it stated in the newspapers that Bro. Lupton has filled the office he now holds, as Mayor of Bradford, with such satisfaction and dignity, that he has been asked to take it for another year. (Applause.) You were good enough at the last Provincial Grand Lodge to make a grant of money in aid of the special fund that was being raised for the relief of our brethren who are members of lodges in the Transvaal, and I suppose of other brethren who are not members of those lodges. I understand that nearly £10,000 has been given to that special fund, to which this province has contributed no less than £467. As you know, large amounts have been raised by local funds and by the Mansion House Fund in London, the total sum raised being £1,016,000. I have a letter from another brother, whose absence, I am sure, you all deeply regret to-day, and I think I cannot do better than read it to you. It is from my most excellent Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson. (Applause.)

Westfield, Armley,
Leeds, 24th October, 1900.

Dear Provincial Grand Master,

I must ask you and the brethren to excuse my attending Provincial Grand Lodge at Barnsley next Friday, but I am glad to say that Bro. J. C. Malcolm has kindly agreed to act for me.

My broken leg is healing remarkably well, although to my mind slowly, and my general health has not suffered. Directly the accident happened, I received my first support from a brother, and during my voyage home I was watched over, attended to, and cheered by many who gave as their title to do so their Masonic Brotherhood.

Will you accept my thanks to yourself, the Charity Committee, lodges, chapters, and brethren of the province for the great sympathy and good wishes which have been expressed to me.

With hearty fraternal greetings,

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

RICHARD WILSON.

I am quite sure I am but voicing the sentiments of everyone throughout the whole province, not only in this Provincial Grand Lodge to-day, when I say it was a matter of great regret to all of us to learn of the accident which happened to Bro. Wilson in the very early stages of what was intended to be a well-earned holiday, and it is gratifying to learn that he is making satisfactory progress. Bro. Wilson has been obliged to cancel for a time all his engagements, both Masonic and others, and I know he looks forward with pleasure to being able to take up his work again. Although he has been unable to move about, he has been in touch with the Provincial Grand Secretary, and with the work which is going on. I am sure you will all join with me in earnest wishes for his speedy recovery, and in sympathy with him in his sufferings. (Applause.) There is on the agenda paper a motion which will come before you in the name of W. Bro. William Watson, the Honorary Librarian. There is, however, another matter which I must refer to. It was with extreme sorrow that we learned that our Standard Bearer of this year, Bro. Charles Lingard, died suddenly in Barnsley a day or two ago. Bro. Lingard was initiated in the Friendly Lodge in 1883, and was elected W.M. in 1893, and as you know at the beginning of the year it was my privilege to invest him with the collar of Standard Bearer of Provincial G. Lodge, he having been recommended to me as being eminently qualified for the office. I am sure to those who have been connected with him our sympathy goes out at his sudden and lamented death. The only other matter I shall mention to you is the question which our excellent Grand Secretary always keeps to the fore at this period of the year, and that is with regard to the returns of the lodges relative to the work up to the 31st December in each year, and which are due to be made to him early in January. We are just entering the period when the lodges elect for the coming year their Worshipful Masters to preside over them. I need hardly say how important it is for the well-being and the welfare of the province that the brethren chosen for that distinguished position should be eminently qualified both by their character and knowledge of the work. I always feel this confidence in connection with this matter that I know the Worshipful Masters, as a rule, have the unanimous confidence of their respective lodges. I am sure so far as this province is concerned there is generally a feeling of good fellowship prevailing. We shall have, of course, little individual causes of disturbance, but I am sure by the quiet tact and influence of Bro. Richard Wilson they will, whenever they arise, soon be smoothed over. I sincerely trust and hope the elections you may make may be of those who will help the well-being of the lodges in which they may be installed, and may the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon them during their year of office.

Bro. W. BLACKBURN, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, in moving the report of the committee, said that in presenting his half-yearly report he would be as brief as possible. In the first place he had to thank the Charity members of the lodges for the energy they had displayed in advocating the cause of the Masonic Charities. They had been commendably successful in their efforts, and he also thanked the brethren for their generous support when asked to subscribe towards those Charities. When they considered that large sums of money had been subscribed individually and collectively to the local war funds, and the Indian Famine Fund, the result of the subscriptions to the Masonic Charities might be regarded as satisfactory. The total amount received from the province was £3553. That was a larger sum than he anticipated, and he felt it to be his duty to thank the brethren who had assisted the Charity Committee with such a large amount, not only himself, but on behalf of his colleagues of the Executive Committee. During the last year for the elections in April, May, and October, they had seven cases which were all elected. Those elections had cost a total of 33,806 votes. That was an enormous amount of voting power. The Charity Committee already had before them for the elections in April and May, 1901, five candidates, one boy from 1231, Elland; one girl from 264, Batley; one man from 1239, Sheffield; one widow from 139, Sheffield; and one from 1736, Halifax; and he could not tell what other candidates they might have before the elections took place. He urged that the brethren would have to subscribe even more liberally than they had done in the past in order to maintain their position in Grand Lodge and in the country, and he should not like the province to lag behind. This year they had contributed to the three great Masonic Charities £2881, of which £1841 was contributed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, to the Girls' School £584, and £456 to the Boys' Institution. Still, when he told them that the province had received from those Institutions value amounting to £2725, they would clearly see that they were only £156 to the good during the year. In addition to these sums, the brethren had subscribed £467 to the Transvaal Fund, and £185 to the West Yorkshire Fund. The Benevolent Institution was established in 1842, and it would be interesting to know what had been gained from that and the other London Charities. Since the establishment of the Benevolent Institution, 1723 annuitants had been elected, and 490 were now on the funds. They would, doubtless, remember that the Earl of Warwick told them that in 1901 he would be the Chairman of the Festival in connection with that Institution, and wished them to support it on that occasion. The Girls' School was established in 1788, and since then 1992 girls had passed through the School, and 263 were now being educated, clothed, and maintained. During the past year the province had two girls to elect, and he suggested to the Committee that they should not place them first and second, but should elect them both by as near equal voting as they possibly could. Through the exertions of the Prov. Grand Secretary, they had positively elected those two children with the same number of votes, 3521, and such a thing had never before been known in Masonry. That was due to the Prov. Grand Secretary, who should have all the credit for the accuracy of his

knowledge of the voting power which was required. The Boys' School was established in 1798, and since then 2428 boys had received the benefits of the Institution, and there were now 290 boys receiving them. The Right Hon. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., would be the Chairman of the Festival of 1901, and Earl Amherst, the M.W. Pro G. Master, would preside over the Festival of the Girls' Institution. It was very gratifying to him; indeed he felt proud that the province had started him so well, and he had great confidence that the province would support him in the future. With regard to the West Yorkshire Fund, he thought the brethren were scarcely doing their duty. Only £185 had been subscribed to it during the year, but some of them might say that they did not want the money. The money might not be wanted now, but it would be a fund that would certainly be called upon, and if they only had a capital, which might be obtained by the brethren of the province becoming life members of the fund, it would last for generations. He advocated it because it was near home, and was a very useful fund. It could be applied to by any lodge at any time for any brother who might suddenly be in difficulties. He would, therefore, suggest that it was their duty to become life members of the Yorkshire Fund. If that were done, it would become one of the greatest Institutions in West Yorkshire.

Bro. E. BILLINGTON, P.M. 1462, P.P.G.P., seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. W. WATSON, P.P.G.W., Hon. Librarian, moved "that the sum of £25 be voted to the Library fund." He remarked that it was something like four years ago since he had asked them for a vote of money. They were absolutely in want of a grant of money to go on with. A considerable portion of the sum to be voted had, however, been expended, when two or three months ago he secured a valuable parchment document of over 200 years back, which he obtained from Henry Francis Beaumont, Esquire, of Whitley Beaumont, and member of the Beaumont Lodge, No. 2035, Kirkburton.

Bro. T. WOODS, in seconding the motion, said that this was one of the best libraries in the country, and deserved their support.

The PROV. G. MASTER said that although he had not seen the manuscript he had learned that it was of great interest, and was a very valuable addition to the library. They could take it from him that the lodge could afford the grant.

The motion was carried.

Bro. WATSON remarked that now the library was ahead of all others in the world with regard to this class of curio.

The PROV. G. MASTER said they all looked forward to Bro. Watson continuing for a long time to come to carry on the interesting duties which he at present discharged so efficiently in connection with the office of Honorary Librarian. His heart, as they all knew, was in the work, and he devoted a great deal of time and thought, and what was even more important, he had brought to bear in the discharge of his duties a great deal of knowledge which many of them did not possess. Bro. Watson, so far from having any objection, would welcome any assistance that could be given to him. He felt in his position as Prov. G. Master there was a great responsibility with respect to the preservation of the library, keeping it in good condition, and the preparation of a catalogue containing a list of all the valuable books and documents they possessed. They did not wish to press on Bro. Watson too much labour, if it was in their power to give him assistance from time to time. It was within his (the Prov. G. Master's) power to give some assistance, and he took that opportunity of announcing the fact that he had resolved to appoint an Assistant Honorary Librarian to work in conjunction with and under the care and guidance of Bro. Watson. It happened that they had a comparatively young brother whose mind was very much bent in that direction, and who would be a very great help to Bro. Watson and congenial to him. The brother whom he had selected for that position bore a name honoured amongst them, Henry Barker Wilson, his father being the Prov. Dep. G. Master. Bro. Watson would give him a hearty welcome, and that assistance which would be an advantage to the province, so that they would have some one growing up who would be capable of watching over their interests in the province.

Bro. WATSON said that Bro. Wilson was already giving great assistance in editing the manuscript he had referred to.

Thanks were accorded to Bro. H. B. Nash, and the W.M. and brethren of the Friendly Lodge, 1513, for the excellent arrangements made for the holding of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

No invitation was given for the annual meeting in April, 1901.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form at four p.m.

The dinner took place at the Queen's Hotel at five p.m. About 55 brethren attended, the Prov. G.M. presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALSTON LODGE, No. 2794, AT CARLISLE.

A special meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held at the Masonic Hall, Fisher-street, Carlisle, on Friday, the 2nd instant, when the Alston Lodge, No. 2794, was consecrated in due form. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. F. R. Sewell, Dep. Prov. G. Master; John Barr, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Hayton, P.S.G.W.; W. G. Scott, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. D. G. Douglas, P.G. Chap.; W. Woodville R. Sewell, P.P.G. Reg.; Jas. Gardiner, P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; William D. P. Field, Prov. G. Sec'; and W. Matthews, P.M. 1532.

The arrangements were made by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Std. Br. England, for many years the Prov. G. Secretary of the province, and who, unfortunately, was unable to attend the function, owing to ill-health, which necessitated his retirement from the Secretarial duties prior to the consecration ceremony.

There was a capital attendance of Prov. G. Officers and members of the Carlisle lodges, also about 25 founders and visitors from the provinces of Northumberland and Durham, including Bro. Ralph Carr, P.M. 24, Prov. G.T. Northumberland.

The ceremony was perfectly worked by the brethren above named, after which the officers of the new lodge were invested as follows: Bros. Wm. Brown, P.M. 48, P.G. Treas. Durham, W.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M. 48, P.P.G.D.C. Durham, I.P.M.; H. Jackson, P.M. 48, P.P.G. Supt. of

Works Durham, S.W.; J. J. C. Ferneau, J.W.; the Rev. Jas. Sharp, 2604 (Madras), P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Wm. Cowell, 2620 (elected), Treas.; John Armstrong, P.M. 48 and 2557, Sec.; P. Cash, 48, S.D.; John Saunders, 2557, J.D.; Jos. T. Pragnell, W.M. 48, D. of C.; Wm. Laws, 48, Asst. Sec.; Thos. A. Farrer, I.G.; and Joshua Curry, 48, as Tyler.

On the proposition of Bro. R. WHITFIELD, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. H. JACKSON, S.W., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the P.G.M. and the other Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the Alston Lodge.

Four joining members were proposed. Before closing, the "Hearty good wishes" of the numerous lodge representatives were tendered.

A banquet, held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, finished the interesting proceedings. Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, P.G.M., presided in the early evening, and afterwards Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, D.P.G.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts completed the entertainment.

The lodge furniture and clothing was supplied by the firm of Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

In Memoriam.

Bro. CHAS. HENRY DRIVER.

Died 27th October, 1900.



Through months of suffering, borne in patient trust
That the Great Architect would ease his pain,
With manly courage he resigned to dust
The Seed Immortal, which will bloom again.

Yes! bloom, again, on that bright happy shore,
'Mid Amaranthine flowers, ne'er to fade—
His sorrowing Brethren, strong in faith the more,
Their sad Masonic tribute they have paid.

Worthy is he to whom due meed is given,
Consistent was the life he nobly spent,
His watchword Duty, earnest has he striven
To use the talents which to him were lent.

Then lay him down, in perfect peace, to wait
For the bright morning of the Eternal Day,
When Earthly, then is changed to Heavenly state,
And Pain and Sorrow, shadows, flee away.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., PROF.

62 Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W.

29th October, 1900.

Craft Masonry.

Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. M. H. QUARRELL, M.A.

On the 24th ult., at the anniversary meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, after the installation, by the retiring W.M., Bro. Rev. L. W. Lloyd, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., of the W.M. elect (Bro. W. H. Quarrell, M.A.), a special item of business was taken, namely, the presentation of a Secretary's jewel by the lodge to Bro. Rev. Canon Denton, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., as a mark of esteem and as a slight recognition of his services, extending over 25 years and upwards, as Secretary. Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, by the request of the W.M., and on behalf of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, presented a beautifully-designed and finely-executed gold Secretary's jewel, emblazoned with the arms of the lodge, to Bro.

Canon Denton, and at the conclusion of his address, in which he especially alluded to the long and distinguished career of the Secretary, and to the esteem in which he was held, formally invested him with the jewel among the hearty plaudits of the brethren. The Secretary acknowledged the presentation in an appropriate speech, in the course of which he made a touching allusion to the passing of time and to his long membership of the lodge, in which he was initiated over 40 years ago. The jewel bears on the reverse the inscription—"Presented to W. Bro. Rev. Canon Denton, P.M., W.M. 1862, 1864, P.P.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland. In grateful remembrance of his valuable services as Secretary for over a quarter of a century. 1900."

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The regular meeting was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. Thos. Stokes, W.M.; A. Fergusson, S.W.; A. J. Rippin, J.W.; J. G. Robeson, I.P.M.; T. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, P.M., Sec.; William Baker, P.M., D.C., acting as S.D.; Brough, acting as J.D.; W. J. Fishleigh, I.G.; E. Chatterton, P.M., Org.; F. Hughes, P.M.; J. M. Mower, P.M.; G. Abbott, P.M.; Davies, T. E. Fergusson, Prevost, Collins, Auckland, Williams, Farr, R. W. Jones, Bamford, A. A. Jones, Leach, Bassett, Thomson, Bayley, Grimdsdale, Adam, Cowderoy, Crawshaw, Ward, Hipwell, S. Rippin, and Mills. Visitors: Bros. Lloyd, P.M. 795; Gardiner, I.P.M. 2707; Woods, W.M. 2707; Richards, 2732; Read, 65; Schanmloffel, 1314; Soiley, 1365; Moss, 2467; West, 2499; and Shephard, 2707.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Auckland was duly raised to the Degree of M.M., after which ballots were taken for Mr. F. J. Adams for initiation and Bro. F. W. Mills as a joining member, both of which proving unanimous, Mr. Adams was duly initiated. Bro. Cohu then moved—"That a Committee be appointed to consider and, if necessary, revise the by-laws." After discussion, the Past Masters, W.M., and Wardens were elected to form that Committee.

Seven gentlemen were proposed for initiation and three brethren as joining members, and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

Savile Lodge, No. 1231.

PRESENTATION OF A BANNER BY BRO. A. W. LAW, P.M.

Amongst the many flourishing Masonic communities in what might well be called remote districts in West Yorkshire, perhaps there is not one where greater devotion to the Craft is displayed than is shown in the small town of Elland. The Savile Lodge has recently taken a position of a prominent character in the province, distinguished alike in attention to detail in the ceremonies, large-hearted benevolence to the Charities and the excellent spirit of fellowship and goodwill which is exhibited by its members. A Society of this kind in an out of the way district like Elland must, if properly worked, be an instrument of good to the community. Here all differences of opinion, whether religious, political, or social can be laid aside—the importance of this in small places, where everybody knows everybody else, cannot be over estimated—and man begins to find out not how he differs from his neighbour, but how many unsuspected virtues that said neighbour possesses. The Latin poet writes—

Adde quod, ingenuas didicisse fideliter artes
Emollit mores, nec sinit esse ferus.

And if this be true of learning and the liberal arts, how much more so is it of Freemasonry? Like the leaven in the parable it works secretly, yet effectually, and is a more important factor in social life than is at all suspected. Such a society has existed in Elland since 1868, and though it has had its share of the buffets of fortune yet has it won through. Its position is now assured and its capacity for good of the strongest. With this sense of security and prosperity there seems also to have sprung up greater regard for what may be termed the proper fitness of things; greater appreciation of lodge furniture and appointments; greater desire that all things should be done decently and in order, and that nothing should be lacking which would contribute in any degree to the beauty of Masonic ritual. This feeling has inspired generous sentiments in many a Freemason's heart, and has stimulated him, out of his own superfluity, to supply what might be wanting. Some such inspiration arose in the mind of Bro. A. W. Law, P.M. He recognised the fact that the Savile Lodge possessed no banner, and immediately determined that such reproach should no longer exist. The Savile Lodge heads its circulars with the coat of arms of the noble Savile family which, since the reign of the third Edward, or earlier, has been connected with this part of the West Riding, and Bro. Law at once instructed Bros. Kenning and Son to prepare a banner emblazoned with the arms of the family which has given its name to the lodge. This generous order has been most faithfully executed, and the result a most richly embroidered lodge ensign was unfurled for the first time on the 30th October last. The occasion was made a festive one: a lodge of emergency was called, and Bro. W. C. Lupton, P.P.G.W., G.D. of Eng., and Mayor of Bradford, was invited to perform the ceremony. Those present comprised: Bros. J. Brook, W.M.; A. W. Law, I.P.M.; J. S. Akroyd, S.W.; J. Hepworth, J.W.; F. J. W. Radcliffe, Sec.; J. H. Dyson, S.D.; R. E. Heaton, Chap.; J. W. Broadhead, Org.; A. E. Mitchell, D.C.; A. R. Copley, I.G.; J. H. Skinner, Tyler; J. W. H. Fox, J. Carter, J. H. Holroyde, S. Lumle, G. Marsden, H. H. Waller, and C. H. Waller, Stewards; W. E. Smithies, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. Dyson, P.M.; G. Hoyle, P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. Buckland, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. Rhodes, P.M.; H. Littlewood, P.M.; S. A. Radcliffe, P.M.; H. Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. G. Howell, P.M.; A. Fielding, B. Brook, C. Hallas, H. Rickard, F. A. Wrinkworth, T. H. Tyson, J. Proude, R. U. Wailes, and S. W. Smith. The visitors included: Bros. W. C. Lupton, P.P.G.W., G.D.; G. H. Parke, P.P.G.W.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Mathewman, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; Wm. Duff, P.P.G. Std. Br. W. Lanc.; R. Potter, P.M. 275; A. E. Spencer, P.M. 448; R. E. Sykes, S.W. 448; and E. Hanson, J.W. 448.

After the W.M., Bro. John Brook, had opened the lodge, the visitors were saluted. The W.M., in a kind of retrospect, pointed out how, as in life, lodges had their vicissitudes of fortune; how there were times when thoughts were tinged with sadness, times again when, as on that occasion, they all felt it was good to be there. They were met that night to receive from the hands of Bro. A. W. Law a token of his good will, and it must be as pleasing to their visitors as it was satisfactory to themselves to know that Savile Lodge could produce from amongst its brethren so enthusiastic, so generous, and so spirited a Mason as Bro. A. W. Law. He would now call upon Bro. W. E. Smithies, one of the oldest P.Ms. of the lodge.

Bro. Smithies, it appeared, had most carefully gone through the minute book, and from it compiled a brief historical sketch of the Savile Lodge from its formation in 1868. This was most interesting, being full of local incident, and was listened to with great attention. Bro. Smithies touched upon the origin of the lodge, its struggles and difficulties, its gradual development and its rise to its present position of stability; pointed out by name brethren to whose efforts the lodge was greatly indebted, and concluded a very excellent paper with the expression of the hope that the brethren of Savile Lodge would live up to the teachings of Freemasonry, and ever bear in mind the principles inculcated in its ceremonies.

Bro. A. W. Law then rose. He explained that the gift of the banner was the outcome of a promise made by him some two years ago. The fruition of that promise had for some time been unaccomplished, but he trusted they had not lost by the delay. He was of opinion that the furniture and appointments of a lodge when good and suitable added greatly to the effect of their ceremonies; he liked to see a lodge with all the accessories, and he always had a desire to improve matters of that kind. He trusted that other W.Ms. would be actuated by similar motives, and would be stimulated to make little offerings to the general good; he would not exclude even Past Masters from such privileges. His year of office in the Savile Lodge had been to him a most happy one—the impression it had left was not ephemeral, it was lasting, and he thought he could not more suitably give expression to the feelings engendered during that year than by making a present to the lodge of that which it had not hitherto possessed. By his own good fortune he had secured as his guest on this occasion one of the busiest men in Yorkshire—a man who, as Mayor of his native town, had won the admiration of its citizens—he referred to Bro. W. C. Lupton. As a Mason they all knew him; as late Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee he had done a noble work, and he was deeply indebted to Bro. Lupton for his presence there. He would ask him, as a distinguished representative of Freemasonry, kindly to unfurl the banner.

Bro. Lupton drew aside the covering and displayed the banner. It is a most beautiful work of art, showing the coat-of-arms and crest of the Saviles in their true heraldic colours.

The motto is "Be fast." After commenting upon its beauties, Bro. Lupton said he had been struck by the deep interest which Bro. Law had invariably shown in Freemasonry, and he thought the banner was a happy illustration of his admiration for the Craft. He himself had the highest esteem for the Brotherhood, for by its means he had formed some of the most lasting friendships of his life. As to the banner, it should be their rallying point, their insignia; let them take it as their standard of truth, of honour, and of justice, but, above all, of Charity. Cultivate pride in your lodge and loyalty amongst the brethren. I am proud, continued Bro. Lupton, to be with you to-night, to be privileged to unfurl and display to you this magnificent gift of a kind and generous heart, and I hope that Savile Lodge will long "Be fast" and flourish, and that every blessing of God may rest upon you all.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. Hoyle, P.M., seconded by Bro. S. Dyson, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. A. W. Law for his splendid gift, which Bro. Law suitably acknowledged. Thanks to Bro. Lupton for his services were also voted, and, in replying, Bro. Lupton said his love of Freemasonry was such that he always desired to act in any capacity of use. Their duty was clear as Freemasons and as men, to make this world a better world for mankind, and they should all endeavour to do it.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren were afterwards entertained at a banquet by Bro. A. W. Law.

Dinner over the usual toasts followed.

After "The Queen" had been drunk,

The W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. W. C. Lupton, in reply, referring to his appointment as Grand Officer, said it was both an honour and a pleasure to him to receive such distinction—he had worked hard in his province, he would not minimise his labours, and his chief satisfaction was that his province had received recognition. The honour was theirs—he wore it for them. Bro. Lupton, after thanking them for the reception they had given to himself and to the toast, enjoined them to be loyal to their own lodges, loyal to their province, and loyal to the Institution, the like of which did not exist.

The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson; the Deputy, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," followed. This met with a most cordial reception.

Bro. J. Mathewman, P.P.A.G. Sec., responded.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Brook," was proposed by the S.W.

Bro. Brook wished, in reply, that all the kind things said of him were deserved; but he did his best, and he held two great duties constantly before him as W.M. These were, first, suitable reverence and decorum in conducting the ceremonies, and, next, the exercise of the greatest possible care and discrimination in the admission of new members.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. C. H. Waller, was responded to by Bro. Potter, P.M. 275; and Bros. Spencer, R. Sykes, and E. Hanson, 448.

The last toast was "The Health of Bro. A. W. Law." This was proposed in warm terms by Bro. H. Beaumont, P.P.G. Std. Br., who said that knowing Bro. Law as he had done for years as a personal friend there was no one understood better than he, his excellent qualities. He had that night, not only presented a handsome gift to the lodge, but had entertained them all most bountifully and handsomely. They must, therefore, drink his health.

Bro. A. W. Law, on rising, had a most hearty reception. Whilst thanking all for the kindness shown at the mention of his name, he took occasion to observe that the presentation of the banner had been a source of great pleasure to himself, that it was done with a simple heart, with a desire to do good and afford satisfaction to his fellows, and that he had been well re-paid by the evident delight which it had occasioned.

It should be mentioned that songs and duets were interspersed in the proceedings. Those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening in this department comprised Bros. Buckland, Rickard, Marshall, and E. Hanson. Everything possible was done by Bro. Law to secure the comfort and add to the enjoyment of his guests, and we congratulate him upon the complete success which attended his generous efforts.

Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. COLOUR-SERGEANT HENRY HUMPHRIES.

The installation meeting of this important lodge was held at the Armoury House, Hon. Artillery Company Head-quarters, on Friday, the 26th ult. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Amongst those who were present were Bros. Quartermaster-Sergeant Wm. Henry Hillman, W.M.; Colour-Sergeant Henry Humphries, S.W., W.M. elect; Quartermaster-Sergeant T. L. Green, S.D.; H. J. Adams, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Colonel F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; H. Jarrett, J.D.; H. F. Adlard, D. of C.; F. Hall, Stwd.; C. Draycott; Capt. H. Bertram, P.M.; W. H. Rolfe; R. G. Webster, P.M.; F. H. Smith, P.M.; J. H. Hawkins, P.M.; W. Bradley, W. J. Hodder, H. M. B. Hardy, H. T. Greenwood, Corporal E. W. Girling, E. A. Fisher, H. C. Simmonds, B. T. Grills, J. F. Fitch, W. Herbert, Capt. H. J. Duncum, J. C. Wood, O. Thorn, Major H. Munday, W. T. C. Western, P. J. Hap Ruman, T. E. Nelson, T. L. Newton, A. W. Wills, N. A. Hans, C. A. Mitchell, S. Walford, and Capt. G. T. Carpenter. Visitors: Bros. J. Huckell, S.W. 65; H. J. Meadows, 1571; S. S. Alexander; F. W. Budd-Budd, 1269; A. Hodgkinson, 1707; M. Edenborough, 1269; G. J. Buzzard, 1524; J. Smart, W.M. 65; F. W. Ward, 3, S.W. 2508; William Baker, P.M., D. of C. 192; A. Jones, J.D. 2432; W. H. Witherington, 1288; T. G. Hodges, P.M. 1695; J. G. Robeson, I.P.M. 192; G. H. C. Jennings, P.M. 1237; A. Mansell Stevens, 813; T. Stokes, W.M. 192; J. Smith, P.M. 192; J. Brown, P.M. 1446; P. O'Doherty, 2700; W. L. Barker, P.M. 1607; J. H. Winnipp, P.M. 65; C. G. Hammond, P.M. 1541; D. Harlow, P.M. 65; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx.; C. Leissmann, 40; A. Weston, 101; A. Millier, 65; F. K. Cheese, 145; R. Ireland, 2271; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the regular lodge of 23rd April and the lodge of emergency of 6th July were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Humphries, S.W., having been presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Hillman, W.M., a Board of Installed Masters was opened and the W.M. duly installed. The W.M. then invested the Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Hillman, as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters was closed. The brethren were re-admitted and saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees under the direction of the acting D.C., Bro. Major J. H. Hawkins, P.M., who conducted his duties with accuracy and precision. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers: Bros. T. L. Green, S.W.; Capt. G. T. Carpenter, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; H. Jarrett, S.D.; H. E. Adlard, J.D.; F. Hall, I.G.; C. Draycott, D.C.; Capt. H. J. Bertram, P.M., P.Z., and W. H. Rolfe, Stwds.; W. Bradley, Org.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Hillman, I.P.M., gave the three addresses in a masterly and impressive manner. It was then announced that with his usual generosity the Secretary, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, had bestowed another gift for the use of the lodge in the form of a Masonic carpet in addition to other decorations. Bro. Hawkins proposed and Bro. Hillman seconded, a vote of thanks on behalf of the lodge to the worthy Secretary. It need hardly be said this was carried unanimously. The Auditors' report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and received due acknowledgment from the brethren present. The speeches were very brief.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Capt.-General and Colonel of the Hon. Artillery Company," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given.

Bro. H. J. Adams, P.M., replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. He said he had the honour as Sword Bearer of carrying his weapon before the Prince of Wales and the King of Sweden; he had actually turned his back on the Prince of Wales without the M.W.G.M. being offended.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M. He said he had traced the early history of the W.M., how it had been slow, but sure, winning in his creditable career golden opinions from his comrades and brethren. On behalf of the lodge and himself he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in his reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for their good wishes, and trusted they might be realised by him. He said that the S.W. and J.W. had afforded him valuable help in preparing their historical hall ready for the reception of his brethren and the visitors. He considered the position which they had placed him in to be one of the most important connected with that ancient regiment to preside at the

Fitz-Roy. He should strive to perform the duties and ceremonies of the Craft to the best of his abilities, and he was proud, and he might say exceedingly proud, in having such an efficient staff of officers to assist him. After the pleasing remarks which had fallen from the lips of their I.P.M., Bro. Hillman, it left him only to say that it would be his whole and sole ambition to promote that love and harmony which had at all times characterised the lodge.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," and presented him the Past Master's jewel of the lodge, unanimously voted to him by the brethren for his able conduct while in the chair of W.M.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he should ever value the jewel as a mark of the confidence the lodge had in him. He alluded to Bro. Capt. Bertram, P.M., as a most talented and bright example to emulate. He also spoke of the importance of attending the lodge of instruction, so as to acquire practice and proficiency in the working of the ceremonies.

"The Visitors" was given by the W.M.

Bros. Jas. Smart, P.M. 65, and T. Stokes, W.M. 102, replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" having been given, the Secretary replied on behalf of himself and the Treasurer.

"The Past Masters" was next presented, and replied to by Bro. R. G. Webster.

Bro. Capt. Bertram also responded, saying he considered that to be W.M. for two years in succession was a very great honour.

To "The Officers of the Lodge" toast Bros. T. L. Green and Capt. G. T. Carpenter replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Tivoli Lodge, No. 2151.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. P. MOORE.

The members of this lodge, supported by many visitors, held their installation meeting at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., on the 6th inst., and were once more able to congratulate themselves upon the very flourishing state of the lodge. Financially, the affairs are on a sound basis, for although 40 guineas were contributed to Charity during the year, there yet remains about £150 in hand and another £100 invested. A donation of 20 guineas was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School, which during the evening was increased to 100 guineas by the generosity of the brethren. The standard of working still remains high, as evinced by the installation ceremony rendered by Bro. Craddock and the investiture of the officers by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. E. P. Moore.

Amongst the members present were Bros. A. Craddock, W.M.; E. P. Moore, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Stephens, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; W. T. Farthing, P.M.; W. J. Mason, P.M., G. Std. Br.; H. R. Schreiber, P.M.; F. Schmitz, P.M.; W. Gordon, I.P.M.; H. E. Weston, J.W.; E. W. Hart, S.D.; A. Morrell, J.D.; E. C. Weston, I.G.; J. T. Calton, J.S. Crook, W. H. Stringer, and many others. The visitors were Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Wills Page, 299; A. W. Dennis, W.M. 180; J. H. Edwards, 915; H. L. Cooke, 2098; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; H. Bertram, 65; W. R. King, P.M. 1671; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 2427; R. Manuel, P.M. 1196; W. J. Batho, Org. S.; W. H. Northover, 2448; H. T. Hill, 1767; J. R. Creasey, P.M.; E. L. Berry, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. R. Flack, P.M. 1656; H. Grunsdall, I.P.M. 1185; F. Miller, S.W. 1707; F. W. Pearce; E. R. Bayley; W. J. Gunner, J.W.; R. Barnes, P.M.; E. White, W.M. 2350; J. Millier, P.M.; T. Fürst; B. Carter, W.M. 2535; A. M. Cooper, 1756; G. Hoffman; W. J. Purl, P.M.; J. Cobbett, 1732; J. Hutton Haylor, W.M. 2361; A. E. Bassett; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Edwin Philip Moore was then presented as W.M. elect by Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C. (the father of the lodge), and was ably installed by Bro. Albert Craddock, I.P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. H. E. Weston, S.W.; E. W. Hart, J.W.; James Stephens, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; A. Morrell, S.D.; E. C. Weston, J.D.; J. T. Calton, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Stringer and C. W. Mann, Stwds.; and R. B. Whiteman, Tyler. Bro. J. Turk Lacey, P.M., Treasurer, was again unavoidably absent through ill-health, and a letter was read from him expressing good wishes to all. A sum of 20 guineas was unanimously voted to the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School, on the proposition of Bro. J. Stephens, Sec.

Lodge was then closed, and under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kalla a first-class banquet was admirably served.

"The Queen and the Craft," as the first toast, was heartily honoured, and was followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." In proposing the latter the W.M. said that on Friday, the 9th instant, H.R.H. would be at record, having been 59 years Prince of Wales, the longest period of any holder of that title. Future historians of Freemasonry would write that the installation of H.R.H. was a great epoch in the Order, and marked the commencement of a wonderful progress.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Grand Officers," and regretted there were no visiting Grand Officers. The members, however, included Bros. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., and Mason, G. Std. Br. There was nothing new to be said in relation to the toast, for in all well organised lodges the Grand Officers were highly appreciated and heartily welcomed.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., briefly replied, and said it was equally difficult to find anything fresh to say in response, as he had found during his numerous replies to the toast in the last four years. As they had a present Grand Officer with them, he should be paying that brother the right compliment by leaving the response to him.

Bro. W. J. Mason, G. Std. Br., said he little thought when they founded the Tivoli Lodge 14 years ago that they would have three Grand Officers amongst their members by this time. He could honestly say they received that preferment not by luck, but by devotion and hard work in the Craft. He regarded his own honour as one conferred upon the lodge. He congratulated the lodge upon having another excellent Master in Bro. Moore, supported by a good staff of officers. He hoped the young members would acquire knowledge, and take up the positions held by their predecessors. They had a Secretary second to none in keeping the balance on the right side, and a Treasurer well able to take care of the funds. The first W. Master, Bro. Farthing, also placed his vast Masonic knowledge at the disposal of the lodge. With such members the continued progress of the lodge was assured.

Bro. Albert Craddock, I.P.M., gave "The W. Master," remarking that it was a great toast, and should be in the hands of a far better advocate than he was. In the W.M., Bro. Moore, they had a genuine and good Mason in every sense. Those who had worked with him in the various offices knew him to be an earnest worker, and one who had endeared himself to all. Bro. Moore came amongst them a stranger, and was not now regarded as such. They had heard what eloquence the W.M. could display, and in the year to come they would find him a worthy Master.

Bro. E. P. Moore, W.M., said that this of all speeches was the most difficult to make. There were, however, Past Masters to sympathise with him. There was one word the I.P.M. made use of which just hit the point exactly when he said that four years ago he (the W.M.) came as a joining member and an absolute stranger. With the exception of his old friend Bro. Schreiber, P.M., he knew no other member. In occupying the position of W.M. he knew he had their best wishes, and that during his year the P.Ms. would give him very good counsel. He incidentally mentioned that he was not an initiate of this lodge. He was made a Mason in the Western Counties, and for some years was unable to join, but upon accepting an invite to the Tivoli Lodge he was so delighted and charmed with the work that he asked to be allowed to become a member. He had never had any reason to regret that choice; in fact, every day only cemented the affection between himself and the members. There was nothing particularly exceptional in his position, for, doubtless, there were many W.Ms. responding to the toast, yet he could not help but feel that to be installed as W.M. was in itself a unique distinction. He supposed that was a triumph of feeling over intellect. If he merely said he thanked them from the bottom of his heart he could not express more, although one was expected to convey it more fully. Although he did not possess one half of the qualities attributed to him, yet he was a lover of the ritual, and should not be satisfied until he was as perfect a master of it as it was possible for a mortal to be. He must express his gratitude in the sense of favours to come, and hoped to show his gratitude by the diligent performance of his duties. In thanking them again he felt he had not said one half he should have liked to say, and had made but a poor response to their kindness.

The W.M. next proceeded to propose "The I.P.M. and Installing Master." He said that Bro. Craddock, I.P.M., had surprised them by his work and had, in fact, been springing surprises upon them during the past year. They must have all been surprised at the admirable manner in which the installation ceremony had been carried out without a rehearsal. A year ago the I.P.M. said he would endeavour to carry out the

principles of Charity—Charity in kindness and generous feeling. In that respect Bro. Craddock had been pre-eminent, for no previous Master had more endeared himself. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the I.P.M. with every good wish and good will, and in pinning that jewel upon his breast it was a tangible expression of their respect, esteem, and affection.

Bro. A. Craddock, I.P.M., thanked them first for the beautiful jewel, which he hoped would be looked upon in his family in years to come with the same feelings as he did then. The W.M. had said that he (the I.P.M.) sprung surprises upon them, and, certainly, there was no one more surprised than he was himself. They had been kind enough to say he had performed his duties satisfactorily, but this was rather due to the officers who had so ably assisted him. It had been the greatest pleasure to preside over the lodge, for the members had been kind and sympathetic. He fully endorsed the sentiments of Charity he expressed a year ago, for it was they which had helped him to carry out his work. There was no discord in the lodge, and no such thing as indifference from one member to another. Speaking of the ceremonial work, he could only say that he was a hard working man, and it was more than 40 years ago since he learned lessons like those he had learned lately. Somebody said that although he was a busy man there was the Logic Club which met on a Sunday morning when he was probably not wanted at home. He was a grass pupil of that club; had to thank Bros. Manuel, the Preceptor; Fitzgerald, and Cummings for their assistance.

"The Initiate" was given and responded to in an excellent speech by Bro. Crook.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and gave some interesting statistics concerning the institutions. In the Girls' School 270 were educated and trained like ladies, and fitted to be the wives of the best citizens. There were 270 boys in the School, in addition to others educated outside. Nearly 500 Old People received the annuities of the Benevolent Institution in advance, and if not living in the Institution at Croydon, their next door neighbours did not know from whence their incomes were derived. All these recipients were not dressed in the garb of charity, but were made happy and comfortable. The subscriptions from this lodge had always been good, and the Stewards had always had three-figure lists. He was sure the members would on this occasion do their best for the W.M.'s list.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., R.M.I.B., who had come on from a meeting in the East End, brought a message from Bro. Terry thanking the lodge for its support of the Benevolent Institution last year. After the remarks of Bro. Stephens a lengthy speech was not required. Having referred to each of the Institutions, Bro. McLeod thanked the W.M. for his Stewardship, and the lodge for its generous donation of 20 guineas, and the brethren for so kindly increasing that amount to 100 guineas.

For "The Visitors" Bros. E. White, W.M. 2603; B. Carter, W.M. 2535; Haylor, W.M. 2361; Manuel, P.M. (Preceptor of Logic Club); Grimsdale, P.M.; and Barnes, P.M., responded.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Officers" concluded a successful meeting.

Under the direction of Miss Annie Bartle a programme of music was carried out, which reflected the highest credit upon all concerned. Each item upon a lengthy programme was chosen with judgment, and rendered with conspicuous skill. The vocalists included Miss Annie Bartle and Miss Lizzie Davies, and Bros. Wills Page, and Robert Dennant. Miss Bessie Greenhill contributed two excellent violin solos, and Bro. H. L. Coole rendered invaluable service as accompanist. Last, but by no means least, Bro. W. H. Pennington, one of the gallant survivors of the famous Balaclava charge, recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and as a well-deserved encore "The Handy Man."

Elliot Lodge, No. 1567.

INSTALLATION TO BRO. H. C. R. DAILEY.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN MASON, P.G. STD. BR.

This successful Middlesex lodge held its installation meeting at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, the 3rd instant, when it completed its 25th year of existence. Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., who was the first W. Master, was followed in the chair, in 1876, by Bro. F. Green, the present Lord Mayor elect. It falls to the lot of but few Masons to enjoy the unique privilege of being the first W.M. of a lodge and then performing the installation ceremony 25 years afterwards. This honour has, however, fallen to Bro. John Mason, for at the meeting under notice he occupied the chair, and installed Bro. H. C. R. Dailey, a popular and energetic brother, who was initiated in the lodge 10 years ago. The members availed themselves of this occasion to testify their respect and esteem for Bro. Mason, and their appreciation of his invaluable services, by presenting him with a useful cowhide bag and a handsome gold bracelet for Mrs. Mason, who has always evinced a kindly interest in the success of the lodge. Bro. Mason returned the compliment by presenting the lodge with an album to be used as a permanent record of the members. Bro. Wm. Langdon, W.M., was supported by Bros. H. C. R. Dailey, S.W., W.M. elect; A. E. Mason, J.W.; A. Bevis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; John Mason, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. Eng.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. T. Dillon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. R. Nichols, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. J. Millin, P.M.; Walter C. Tyler, P.M.; C. B. Weedon, H. P. Harris, and a large number of lay members. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., R.M.B.I.; H. F. Bing, Prov. G. Sec. Middx; A. Berrell, 1512; W. H. Vincent, 2030; J. McLaren, P.M. 1348; J. Price, I.P.M. 2523; E. Sugg Wright, 33; W. C. Halsey, 1789; H. W. Schartau, I.P.M. 1261; H. Rogers, 1673; F. Davis, W. Haigh Fisher, 2552; A. E. Fentimore, 2455; E. W. Browning, P.M. 2455; G. Chapman, W.M. 2732; and W. W. Lee, Asst. Prov. G. Sec.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report showing an increased balance in hand, was unanimously adopted. Bro. W. T. Dillon, P.M., impressively raised Bro. Benn to the Third Degree. Bro. John Mason, P.G. Std. Br., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. H. C. R. Dailey as W.M., Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., kindly acting as D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers in an able manner: Bros. A. E. Mason (son of Bro. J. Mason), S.W.; W. F. Fagan, J.W.; E. W. Winter, Chap.; A. Bevis, P.M., Treas.; J. Mason, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Ditchman, S.D.; H. King, J.D.; I. V. Fenn, I.G.; W. H. Tilley, D.C.; H. P. Harris, Org.; C. B. Weedon, F. J. Hood, and J. Glover, Stwds. The usual addresses were delivered by Bros. W. C. Tyler, P.M., A. Bevis, P.M., and John Mason, P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. S. J. Millin, P.M., who vacated the chair in 1898, and also to Bro. Wm. Langdon, I.P.M., who acknowledged the compliment. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, accepted with grateful thanks the present of an album from Bro. John Mason, and expressed the hope that the members would, by inserting their photographs, make the record as complete as possible. Bro. Wm. Langdon, I.P.M., in making the presentation to Bro. John Mason, P.G.S.B., said the members were of opinion that they could not do better than show their appreciation of that distinguished brother's services by presenting him with a small testimonial on this occasion. They also desired to show their esteem for his wife, who had at all times been a sister to the lodge. He (the I.P.M.) had very great pleasure, on behalf of the subscribers, in presenting Bro. Mason with a cow-hide bag, and in asking him to convey to Mrs. Mason a gold bracelet, which bore an inscription that it was "a small token of their great respect and esteem." Bro. John Mason, P.G.S.B., on behalf of himself and his wife, thanked them exceedingly for their handsome presents. He was sure they would both long remember the completion of the 25th year of the lodge. His wife, to whom he had been married 42 years, had always taken an interest in the lodge, and at the consecration meeting helped to start them in a smart and well-furnished style. Anything in the future he could do for the lodge would be as willingly done as in the past. This being a "banner" lodge, the newly-installed W.M.'s banner was hung in position behind the chair, beautifully emblazoned, and bearing the motto "thorough." The petition of Mrs. Bird as a candidate for election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was signed, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the W. Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was heartily honoured.

In giving "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said that his Royal Highness had been M.W.G.M. for 25 years, the same period that their lodge had existed. During that quarter of a century the number of lodges had doubled, whilst the number of members and the donations to the Masonic Institutions had proportionately increased.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in replying for "The Grand Officers," said that 25 years ago he was present at the consecration of this lodge and had had many opportunities since of attending. He missed many faces he had been in the habit of seeing round their festive board. He was proud, and was sure the father of the lodge was also, to see so many now belonging to it. The lodge was one of the strongest in

Middlesex and was also strong in fraternal feeling. He did not expect to be present at the "jubilee" of the lodge, but hoped that many of those present would enjoy that privilege and find the lodge in as prosperous condition as it was on the completion of its 25th year.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. G.M., the Dep. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." He had, he said, admired the working of the Prov. G.M. in Prov. Grand Lodge, and considering the many duties devolving upon him as Secretary of State for India, and in other directions, great praise was due to him for the time he gave to Masonry. This was the first lodge Bro. Lord Geo. Hamilton visited after his installation as Prov. G.M.

Bro. H. F. Bing, Prov. G. Sec. Middx., who acknowledged the toast, said that although their Prov. G.M. was so much occupied by public duties he was a perfect master of the details of Masonry, which could only be known and appreciated by those brought personally in contact with him. The Dep. Prov. G. Master, Admiral St. Clair, was indeed a "handy man," who was anxious to visit as many lodges in the province as possible, and would have been with them that evening but for his absence in Scotland. Speaking personally, as Prov. Grand Secretary, he was comparatively an untried man, although he was initiated in the province as far back as 1875. He hoped that when he relinquished his present office the brethren of Middlesex would be able to say he had given them satisfaction.

Bro. Wm. Langdon, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that Bro. Dailey was initiated soon after him and had, therefore, followed him through the various offices. He was pleased to see that Bro. Dailey had reached the chair and congratulated him upon it. The members would find they now had a good W.M. who had always proved himself able and willing to take any office allotted to him. They all sincerely wished him a pleasant and successful year of office.

Bro. H. C. R. Dailey, W.M., said he could not thank the I.P.M. sufficiently for the very flattering terms in which he had referred to him. Having so recently been installed, he was naturally feeling very nervous. He would do his best to carry out his duties during the ensuing year in a creditable manner, and hoped they would give him a goodly number of initiates. He made a good start with two who had been proposed that evening. It was a very proud moment for him to be placed in the chair which had been occupied by so many distinguished brethren during the last 25 years, including the Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Frank Green. It was a great pleasure to be installed by Bro. John Mason, the first W.M. of the lodge, for it brought the past a little nearer to the present. That the first W.M. of a lodge should, at its silver wedding, install a brother into the chair was a unique thing. He thanked the brethren very sincerely for the honour done him, and trusted that when he had completed his year of office they would be able to give him a little parting cheer.

The W.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," expressed his intention of serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Masonic Institutions were the only things in Masonry the public could understand, for they saw something tangible in them. He did not expect his list as Steward to reach high water mark, or equal the £400 taken up by Bro. Bird some years ago, but he hoped the members would support him.

Bro. John Mason, P.G.S.B., said he did not expect to reply to that toast, knowing they had a veteran warrior coming down in the person of Bro. Jas. Terry. That brother had, however, been obliged to leave owing to ill-health. The words accompanying the toast on the *menu* were "a brother's suffering claims, a brother's pity," and they had known brethren of their lodge whose relatives had needed their pity. The W.M. had told them of one instance—when the Steward of their lodge said his list would be top, and it was. They took up on that occasion the largest amount per man per province. He asked the members to give the W.M. all they could. They were all proud to see Bro. Dailey attain his ambition by reaching the chair. Let them, therefore, give him the crowning joy, and a good list to support the Institution.

Bro. G. Chapman, W.M. 2732, in answering for "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge on the completion of its 25th year, and the W.M. on his accession to the chair of such a lodge.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. Langdon, I.P.M., and "The Officers" by Bro. Mason, S.W.

The W.M. voiced the feelings of the brethren present by giving a special toast to the musical brethren who had afforded them so much enjoyment by the excellence of the programme, and Bro. H. Schartau suitably responded.

Bro. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Bros. Fell and Radford. Master Dailey, a promising son of the W.M., contributed a couple of pianoforte solos in a very praiseworthy manner.

It only remains to add that the *menu* and toast list were compiled on an entirely novel plan by the energetic Secretary, and contained many witty and topical allusions, and will, doubtless, be preserved by those present as a souvenir of an interesting and enjoyable meeting.

Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 5 p.m., when there were present Bros. E. Roehrich, W.M.; R. S. Chandler, I.P.M.; Bowler, S.W.; Barnes, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Treas.; Patrick O'Doherty, Sec.; Allison, S.D.; R. H. McLeod, J.D.; Packer, I.G.; J. Sarjeant, Org.; K. H. Ward, D.C.; Gough and Lewis, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; Tyler, Crew, Watson, and Pow.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Cleopha Croxton Benjamin Jones (O.M.), of the Lodge of Australia, N.S.W., No. 3, as a joining member, proposed by Bro. J. M. McLeod, seconded by the I.P.M., which proving unanimous, Bro. Jones was duly elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Watson was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. spoke in feeling terms of the great loss sustained by the Craft by the death of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., a member and founder of the lodge, and Chairman of the Board of Management of the R.M.I.B., and moved that a special record of the great esteem in which Bro. Eve was held by the lodge and their grief at his death be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried unanimously, the brethren all rising. Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., then gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the lodge funds to the Richard Eve Memorial being founded by the R.M.I.B. The Secretary read a letter of thanks from the Board of Management of the R.M.I.B., per Bro. J. M. McLeod, for the prize of two guineas voted at the last meeting to the R.M.I.B. for geography. Mr. F. A. Unwin (O.M.) was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and Bro. John Spicer, of Ceylon, who left the School in 1872, was also proposed as a joining member. Letters of regret were read from Bro. Sir Augustus Godson, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; H. Manfield, G. Treas.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.G.D.; J. R. Dunlop, P.G. Stwd.; D. E. Radclyffe, P.A.G.D.C. Berks; and C. C. B. Jones.

The lodge was afterwards closed.

Putney Lodge, No. 2766.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JARVIS MAPLES.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Parish Offices, Putney, on the 26th ult. Bro. J. C. Radford, W.M., presided, and the officers present were Bros. Jarvis Maples, S.W.; Dr. Piesse, J.W.; W. J. H. Denselow, Sec.; J. P. Flew, jun., S.D.; C. Thwaites, J.D.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; S. Meech, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., D. of C.; H. Wharton Wells, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx., Org.; and H. J. Inderwick, Stwd. There was also upwards of 40 other members present and the following visitors: Bros. J. C. Rogerson, P.M. 1435, P.P.G.D. of C. Notts; H. Bond, P.M. 1656; H. S. Marten and J. S. Kingston, P.M. 1420; C. W. Mapleson, P.M. 256; W. H. Meyrick, W.M., and Fred West, 2222; W. H. Armfield, P.M. 2246; H. J. Jones and Frank Boyton, 2512; G. L. Underwood, 2346; F. W. Parker, 1641; C. H. Dewey, 2661; E. Tribe, 975; W. H. Snow and Chas. Horton, 922; W. G. West, 2741; H. A. Bingham, 1063; and H. W. Williams, 858.

After the formal business, which included the adoption of a very satisfactory balance-sheet, the W.M. elect, Bro. Jarvis Maples, was presented by the acting D.C., Bro. S. Meech, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. C. Radford, the addresses being given in an impressive manner by Bro. Ivor Davies, P.M., after the following officers of the lodge for the ensuing year had been invested: Bros. C. H. Piesse, P.M., S.W.; J. P. Flew, jun., J.W.; W. J. H. Denselow, Sec.; C. Thwaites, S.D.; H. J. Inderwick, J.D.; W. Wharton Wells, P.M., D. of C.; Walter Barton, I.G.; E. W. Cook, Org.; H. Fortescue Williams, P.M., S. Meech, P.M., and S. Strickland,

P.M., Stwds.; and Mitchell, Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. Dr. Howell, Treas. elect, intimating that pressure of work made it necessary for him to resign that office. The resignation was received with "very great regret," and it was decided to elect a Treasurer at the next meeting. The W.M. also announced that he had appointed the Rev. R. T. Gardiner as Chaplain of the lodge, but as that brother was at present serving in South Africa he would be invested at the earliest opportunity on his return. Bro. S. Meech proposed "that the best thanks of the lodge be given and recorded on the minutes to Bro. J. Radford, I.P.M., for his valuable services in founding the Putney Lodge and acting as its first Master." In moving the resolution, Bro. Meech referred to the fact that, during the past year, no less than 25 new Masons had been made by the retiring W.M., and that, as the Secretary had announced, he had the record of London lodges. In every case Bro. Radford had performed the first and last ceremonies himself delegating the second only to the Past Masters of the lodge, who were always willing to help him. His working had always been correct and impressive, reflecting the greatest credit on himself and honour on the lodge. In addition to this, he had worked in and out of season to promote the welfare of the lodge and had, by his genial manner, endeared himself to every member of it. The resolution was seconded by Bro. Inderwick, and carried with acclamation. A handsome jewel was then presented to Bro. Radford and pinned on his breast by the W.M. with a few impressive words of commendation. Bro. Radford heartily thanked the lodge for this proof of their appreciation of his work and asked leave to reserve a fuller acknowledgment until another opportunity.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to Winchester House for the banquet, about 70 sitting down to a bountiful and well-served repast, provided by Bro. F. Newnes.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. Radford, and heartily drunk.

Bro. Jarvis Maples then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Radford," and in doing so eulogised his work for the lodge during the past year, and so highly had the members appreciated his labours on their behalf, that they had subscribed to make him a present, which he had now the greatest pleasure in handing to Bro. Radford, as a slight token of their respect and esteem.

The presentation took the form of a silver punch bowl on an ebony stand, with a suitable inscription.

Bro. Radford, in responding, confessed that he had been taken by surprise, and could hardly find words to express his grateful appreciation of the kindness shown him. His work during the past year had been a labour of love, and in performing it he had received the greatest and most willing help from the officers and Past Masters in the lodge, to whom he tendered his hearty thanks.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were afterwards duly honoured.

The musical arrangements were in the capable hands of Bro. H. Wharton Wells, L.R.A.M., and unusual interest was given to them by the fact that the two ladies who took part in the programme were connected with members of the lodge, Miss Emyl K. Denselow being the daughter of the popular Secretary, and Mrs. A. M. Miller the wife of a member. It is needless to state that both met with a very hearty reception, and were accorded a well-merited recall. The former sang "Sunshine and rain" and "A song of thanksgiving," the latter "When the heart is young" and "Love the pedlar." Mr. Adolph Fowler contributed "King of the elves" and a topical song with chorus, "When the boys in khaki all come home." Mr. Walter Keast sang "River of Dart" and "Mattinata," while Mr. Alec White with a number of humorous songs helped to sustain the interest, and to provide amusement during the evening.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

A regular meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., on the 5th instant. Bro. Benjamin Carter, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Making, P.M., S.W.; S. Hussey, P.M., J.W.; J. Welford, G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Thomas, P.M.; E. Rogers, P.G.S., P.M.; W. J. Batho, P.M., S.D.; M. S. Rubinstein, J.D.; B. A. Griffin, P.M.; A. Flatman, Stwd.; J. W. Morrell, J. G. Waite, A. Allistone, E. Howe, J. O. Schuler, J. Stevens, P. S. Schuler, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Boundy, 2625; B. Dowsett, P.M. 101; E. George, P.M. 1489; M. Thomas, S.W. 2098; H. Costa, 2662; J. Humphries, 1565; H. L. Cooke, 2098; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Edward Howe was raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. F. A. Bagger was initiated into Freemasonry. The ritual of both ceremonies was rendered by the W.M. in a very sympathetic and impressive manner, bearing evidence of careful study and attention. Bro. Allistone was invested as Steward. A letter of regret for non-attendance was read from Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.G. Treas., who was absent in Paris. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was followed by the usual toasts and a programme of music in which the following artistes assisted: Miss Annie Bartle, Miss Lizzie Davies, Mr. Fred Sibley, and Bros. R. Dennant and H. L. Cooke (accompanist).

Bro. John Welford, G. Std. Br., briefly responded for "The Grand Officers," the W.M. enjoining the practice of brevity on account of the excellence of the musical arrangements.

Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., also replied, and said the Grand Officers were always desirous of furthering the best interests of the Craft. The Grand Officers who were not members were not unmindful of their duties in that lodge, and Bro. Bailey, P.G. Treas., had, with customary thoughtfulness, sent a telegram from Paris.

Bro. E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said the work that evening had been done in a business like manner, and was a credit to Bro. Carter, W.M. As the W.M. was a member of the Secretary's family, it was very unlikely that any part of the work would not be done to their entire satisfaction. The W.M., by his genial manner, was the embodiment of happiness, and they would be pleased to see him in the chair for more than a year, except that the younger members were anxious to occupy the same position.

Bro. B. Carter, W.M., in his reply, modestly protested that he did not deserve the I.P.M.'s remarks. He could tell them frankly that when he first took on the duties it was with fear and trembling, following as he did such distinguished Past Masters. He remembered, however, that he had good officers, and this rendered his term of office a happy one. If his year had afforded them pleasure, and his work had given them satisfaction, he was content and was proud of being W.M. of the Fellowship Lodge.

Bro. F. A. Bagger, responding to the toast of "The Initiate," thanked the brethren for the great honour conferred upon by initiating him into Freemasonry. It had been his desire for a long time, and he thanked his proposer and seconder for their part. He felt that on the present occasion he should be what children were told to be when young—"seen but not heard." He had enjoyed the ceremonial very much, and was anxious to progress in the Order.

Bros. Dowsett, P.M., and George replied for "The Visitors," after which "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" followed.

Bros. W. Thomas, P.M., and J. Welford, P.M., Treas., having responded, Bro. J. Stephens, P.M., Sec., reminded the brethren that the W.M. was serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He was pleased to tell them that one of their members who was living on the Ruine was present that evening, and had previously asked him how he could do an decoration on their Order to him. He suggested that that brother should qualify as Steward, and he had kindly consented. Their lodge was never unmindful of the Masonic Institutions, and the W.M.'s list already amounted to something over 300 guineas. As he had said before, true Charity was not the five guineas given by a wealthy man, but the donations of those who had to practise self abnegation and deny themselves some comforts in order to do so. As the W.M. was too modest a man to appeal on behalf of his own list, he (Bro. Stephens) asked the members to place their names on that list if they had not already done so.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

ON THE MOTION of Councillor Zacharias, the Oxford City Council recently resolved to confer the hon. freedom of the city upon Bro. Lord Valenna, in appreciation of his services in the formation of the Imperial Yeomanry and during the campaign in South Africa.

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Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 7th instant. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J., as Grand Z., presided, and there was about the usual attendance. The business was promptly disposed of, and the companions then separated.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which was recently held at Southampton, was not allowed to pass without

feeling reference being made to the great loss the Province had sustained by the lamented death of Bro. Richard Eve, Past G.M.O., D.P.G.M.M., Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.M., who presided, paying a just tribute of respect to the eminent services that brother had rendered to Mark Masonry not only generally, but also in Hants and the Isle of Wight, and on motion made and seconded it was unanimously agreed that a record of the loss should be entered on the minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge. A vote of congratulation was also passed to Bros. the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee and Capt. G. Hearn on their safe return home, the former having served as Chaplain to the Forces in the Orange Free State, and the latter during the siege in Ladysmith, where he presided as W. Master of the Ladysmith Mark Lodge, No. 528, and advanced eight candidates.

It is evident from the report of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire, which appeared in our last week's issue, that Mark Masonry, under the able rule of Bro. R. C. Else, is in a highly prosperous state, both as regards membership and financially. There are 10 lodges on the roll, and in the course of the meeting the brethren voted £21 to the South African Masonic Relief Fund and £15 15s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of the brother who will represent the Province as Steward at the Festival next year. Bro. Else, who has been at the head of Mark Masonry in Somersetshire since 1881, is to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which the duties of the Degree are carried out.

It is not perhaps surprising that having regard to the number and variety of the calls which have been made during the past year upon the pockets of the brethren, the South African Masonic Relief Fund should be increasing slowly. Still it is satisfactory to know that contributions are being received from lodges and brethren, and that, including the sums announced last week, the total is not very far removed from £10,000. Among the principal sums lately acknowledged will be found, in addition to the 20 guineas from the Mark Province of Somersetshire, 25 guineas from the Prov. Grand Chapter of Somersetshire, £50 from Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, Hong Kong, 20 guineas from Lodge Goodwill, 21 guineas from Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107, Newmarket, and £15 10s. from the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand M., S. Wales (W.D.).

We have been asked to announce that "The Isiac Tablet," on "The History and Occult Significance" of which "Bro." Dr. Westcott in 1887 contributed a valuable and learned monograph to the world of letters, has been "redrawn and printed from a New Line Block, and privately published principally for friends," and Bro. Robert H. Fryar, of Bath, guarantees gratis "to every Purchaser direct from him of the 'Tablet' (25 only) or his 'Occult Reprints,' the complete set of 'Tarot Keys,' illustrating 'The Sanctum Regnum,' and forming a working copy of that marvellous Symbolic Document on the most approved and perfect basis extant."

The 17th annual meeting of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple in Canada was held in the Masonic Hall, Kingston, on the 5th September, under the presidency of Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, M.E. and Supreme G. Master, among those present being Sir Knights Judge MacWatt, I.P. Supreme G.M.; D. L. Carley, Dep. G.M.; W. H. Whyte, G. Chancellor; and W. Gibson, M.P. Great Priory met with a most cordial reception from Mayor Minnes who, on behalf of the Corporation, tendered the members the freedom of the city, and also from the Hugh de Payens Preceptory. The Grand Master, in the course of his address, referred to the fact that it was the centenary of the introduction of the Order into Canada, it being shown—according to the *Canadian Craftsman*, from which we take these particulars—in Bro. J. Ross Robertson's valuable history of the Craft in Canada, that on the 31st October, 1800, Grand Master Frederick Hershfeldt and Recorder John McGill conferred on Christopher Danby, of Kingston, power to introduce the Order into Canada.

In the course of the Address, the Grand Master referred to the great increase the Order had made in the Dominion, pointing out that whereas 30 years ago there were only 13 preceptories in Canada, now there were three times that number. Judge MacWatt was

presented with the jewel of a Past Grand Master in recognition of his services in that capacity during the preceding two years; while on the question of revising the ritual it was decided, after a long discussion, to retain the existing ceremonies in their entirety. With the re-election and re-installation of Sir Knight J. V. Ellis as M.E. and Supreme Grand Master and the other Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the proceedings at this important annual session of the Great Priory of Canada were brought to a close.

In its September number, our contemporary, the *Canadian Craftsman*, pays a well-deserved compliment to Bro. G. S. Ryerson, M.D., Past S.G. Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who not long since returned home and resumed his practice, after having served as Canadian Red Cross Commissioner at Orange River, Modder River, Kimberley, Bloemfontein, and Kroonstadt during the war in South Africa, and subsequently as Red Cross Commissioner with Bro. Lord Roberts's Headquarter Staff. Bro. Dr. Ryerson, who received the Degree of M.D. from Trinity Medical College, Toronto, in 1875, was made a Mason in Lodge No. 25 (C.R.) on 4th June, 1880, and was installed W.M. in 1890, in which year he was appointed S.G. Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario). Bro. Dr. Ryerson is a distinguished man in his profession, and it is an honour to the Craft to have such a member in its ranks.

We judge from the appendices to the printed Report, which has been forwarded to us, of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, on the 25th June, that the state of the Craft in the District is very satisfactory. The audited Statement of Accounts for the Quarter to 31st May, which was presented by the District Grand Treasurer, and unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes, showed, in round figures, the following balances in hand, namely—on the General Fund, 3097 Rupees; on the Masonic Hall Sustentation Fund, 1934 Rupees; on the Musical Instrument Fund, 109 Rupees; and on the Fund of Benevolence, 1481 Rupees, in addition to a sum of 3000 Rupees in Government Securities.

The *Indian Freemason* for September contains a report of the installation meeting and banquet of Lodge Orion in the West, No. 415, Poona, on the 18th July last, when Bro. Major-General C. J. Burnett, C.B., was installed W. Master. There seems to have been a numerous gathering of members and visitors, and no efforts were spared to do honour to the occasion. The toast of the W. Master was proposed by Bro. the Lord Bishop of Bombay, who remarked that he had no claim to present the toast, as he belonged to no lodge, and since his initiation many years ago in Lodge Victoria had forgotten much of what he formerly knew about the Craft. Bro. General Burnett, W.M., in his reply, also pleaded that he had neglected Masonry. He was greatly interested in the lodge many years ago, but he had gone elsewhere, and had had too many professional duties to occupy him to allow of his giving much time or thought to the Craft. But, notwithstanding his shortcomings, he should lay himself out to discharge the duties of his office, and he hoped that when the Pro-District Grand Master of Bombay (His Excellency Lord Northcote) officially visited the lodge, his lordship would find everything in order.

The September number of the *Freemason*, of Toronto, is almost exclusively devoted to the Order of the Temple. Not only is there a very full report of the meeting at Kingston, on the 6th of the month, of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, but, in addition, there are articles (1) on "the Order of the Temple in Canada," by Sir Knight W. H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor, in which he sketches out the introduction and development of Templary in the Dominion; and (2) on the "Original Order of Knights Templar," by the Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, Brooklyn, N.Y., together with a contribution from the pen of Bro. W. J. Hughan, on "English Knight Templary," which has already appeared in our columns, so that our readers are familiar with its merits.

To Correspondents.

CORRECTION.—The Assistant Librarian appointed by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, to help Bro. William Watson in his labours on behalf of the province, is Bro. Henry B. Wilson (not W. L. Wilson), who is the W.M. elect of No. 289, the "Mother Lodge of Leeds," not "West Yorkshire." The oldest, and the Mother Lodge of the province, is, of course, No. 61, Halifax, whose history was ably written by Bro. Herbert Crossley, P.M., &c.

Correspondence.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The series of Articles appearing, of late, in the *Freemason*, under the above heading, are, doubtless very interesting and, in some respects, instructive, though the views expressed in them are not, in my opinion, always free from argument, and they would certainly carry greater weight if they were not "communicated" anonymously.

With reference to the article in your issue of 27th instant, I should be glad to have pointed out where in the Book of Constitutions it is stated, either directly or inferentially, that "an opportunity for second thoughts and possible reversal of opinion should be given" in relation to "the Election of Master, Grants of money and Alteration of Laws," or where "it is specifically declared that there are three classes of question, to wit, the Election of Master, alteration, formation, or suspension of laws and regulations and financial matters, the importance of which is such that there should be an opportunity for reconsideration and that the voice of the Lodge should be heard a second time before such matters are treated as finally accomplished."

In the absence of any authoritative information to this effect, I submit that the conclusions arrived at by your correspondent are erroneous, and, as such, misleading.

A confirmation of minutes, on all transactions, including each of those in question, is required for the sole purpose of showing that the brethren concerned assent to them as a correct record of the proceedings, and, therefore, if a Master be elected at one meeting in conformity with Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions, nothing can interfere with his installation at the next regular meeting of the lodge; but if, upon the reading of the minutes, a valid objection should be made, and substantiated, to the manner in which that portion relating to such election is recorded, the necessary correction must be made accordingly, the minutes confirmed, and the installation proceeded with. Were this not the case, there would never be any certainty of an elected Master being installed at the time appointed by the bye-laws.

By the same rule, if the rejection of a candidate for initiation takes place in conformity with Rules 184, 185, and 190 of the Book of Constitutions and with the bye-laws of the lodge, it cannot be rescinded or upset on the reading of the minutes at the next regular meeting of the lodge, but I gather that, on this point, I am in accord with your anonymous correspondent. The same remarks apply, however, to "grants of money and alteration of laws."

Rule 251 Book of Constitutions, which your correspondent particularly refers to and correctly interprets, is a special instruction to the Board of Benevolence on a specific matter, and I fail to see that it has any reference whatever to, or governs in any way, the votes or proceedings of a private lodge.—Yours fraternally,

E. PRINCE,

P.M. 209, P.M. and Sec. 2671, D.C.
2760, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks, P.Z.
771, Prov. G.P.S. Berks.

68, Wokingham-road, Reading,
31st October.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am extremely pleased to see the correspondence that is now going on in your columns, and I hope that, beginning with one comparatively simple point, on which the rule is really very definitely stated, it will become both keen and extensive, and open up the whole question of Masonic regalia. In this case Grand Lodge, noting that some feeling in the matter exists in the Craft, might see fit to thoroughly revise the regulations thereon. It is to be regretted that this was not done in 1896 when the last edition of the Book of Constitutions was published, for as Arts. 291 to 303 now stand, they are less well put than any others.

I came across some regulations for Naval Uniforms not long ago, and I was very forcibly struck by the minute descriptions of the cuff of the coat, the bullion on the cocked hat, the exact position for the wearing of medals and decorations, and so forth. Turning to our "Uniform Regulations," I was equally struck with their looseness. The aprons are especially badly done. For example, take the description of the Grand Officers' aprons on page 130. They are to be "lined with garter-blue edging," whatever that may be, and are to be "ornamented with gold and blue strings." Even if it is only an oversight in proof-reading, surely it is inexcusable in the Statute Book of Freemasonry.

But apart from the actual description of the clothing, the rules for wearing it might be better defined, and in some cases altered altogether.

1.—A definite ruling might be given as to the clothing of Prov. Grand Officers holding office in a private lodge (a) in their own province (b) in any other province. Take the example of a Past Prov. Grand Officer settling in South Africa. He joins a lodge there, and is eventually elected W.M. What is his proper clothing? There should be no question of "good form," on which there may be endless differences of opinion; a rule is required.

2.—Why should a Past Grand Steward or a Prov. Grand Officer wear two collars in Grand Lodge? His apron proclaims his Steward's or Provincial rank, as the case may be, and his Master's or Warden's collar proclaims the office in right of which he attends as a member of Grand Lodge.

3.—I note with pleasure W. Bro. Bowser's letter on the Past Master's collar, and with him should like to see a hard and fast rule in place of the permission implied in the word "entitled."

4.—Permission is given by the Book of Constitutions to officers of private lodges to wear a silver chain collar, and there is no rule against its being worn round the shoulders in the way that chain collars are generally worn, as long as it is over the silk collar. I do not know who started the heathenish idea of sewing it on to the silk collar; but, to my mind, it looks absolutely out of place, and not very graceful; moreover, it is certainly heavy and cumbersome hanging round the neck. The law might be laid down on this point, and, at the same time, its use might be restricted to the Worshipful Master, as practically it is restricted by custom at present.

5.—Another alteration that I should like to see made is in the width of the collars. The four inches might well be reduced to two-and-a-half, the width of the Provincial R.A. collars, which always look particularly neat. A small man is very literally "clothed" with the present four inch collars, and even the broad-chested man is partially obscured by the two broad splashes of blue—an appearance which is very striking in a photograph of a group of officers.

6.—The distinction between "full dress" and "undress" clothing for Grand and Provincial Grand Officers has been now so firmly established by custom, that regulations recognising it officially might well be introduced.

I enclose my card, and remain yours fraternally,

W.M. 904,
P.D.A.G.D.C. Barbados.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a subscriber to the *Freemason*, and interested in the doings of the Craft, I have been much pleased with the articles appearing weekly under the heading of "Masonic Jurisprudence." For want of leisure, and indifferent health, I have been prevented from a close study of the writings which I hope to make. My object in addressing you now is to request that your valuable contributor will in one of his articles deal with the question of the inspection of lodges and the books. As a lodge Secretary I should value an article dealing with this subject, more especially if your contributor could treat it as from a District Grand Lodge Officer deputed by his D. Grand Master to inspect the lodges in his district. There are some 34 lodges in our district widely scattered, and they would be all the better in many instances for advice by competent brethren. An article dealing with lodges and their relation with their District Grand Lodge, and the requirements of the latter in the shape of forms, returns, &c, would be a distinct benefit to the average Secretary.—Yours fraternally,

W. G.

South Africa,
23rd September.

THE OLDEST LODGE IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 3rd instant, containing a very kind and complimentary mention of myself as Honorary Librarian of West Yorkshire and encouraging remarks respecting the newly-appointed Assistant Librarian, Bro. H. B. Wilson, W.M. elect 289, I observe that Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, is alluded to as the "Mother Lodge" of this province.

A slip of the pen has evidently occurred, as, although Fidelity, No. 289, is the mother lodge of Leeds, and the Masonic birthplace of our R.W. Prov. Grand Master and our Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax, is not only the mother lodge of West Yorkshire, but by far and away the oldest lodge in this county, the next in age being that fine old lodge, Britannia, No. 139, of Sheffield.

It was in 1738—the year of the founding of the Probity Lodge, No. 61—that William Horton, a Halifax gentleman of good family, was appointed as the first Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WATSON,
P.P.S.G.W. and Honorary Librarian
West Yorkshire.

105, Victoria-road, Headingley, Leeds,
November 5th.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 289, LEEDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your article on the West Yorkshire Masonic Library in the *Freemason* for the 3rd instant, you refer to "Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds," as "the Mother Lodge of the Province." For information only, I would like to know the authority for such reference. I have consulted Bro. J. Ramsden Riley's valuable work on "The Yorkshire Lodges," and under the title "Fidelity, Leeds," find the following:

"Its Masonic life has been most vigorous and useful; few lodges can boast of a more earnest and unceasing interest in Yorkshire Masonry than the Fidelity, No. 289."

No reference is there made to Fidelity being the mother lodge of the province—indeed, if such a claim had existed, it is to be supposed that Bro. Riley would have recorded it in his book.

Fidelity Lodge, 289, dates from 1792; there are seven earlier lodges in the province, namely: Nos. 61, Probity, Halifax, 1738; 139, Britannia, Sheffield, 1765; 154, Unanimity, Wakefield, 1766; 149, Peace, Meltham, 1777; 242, St. George's, Doncaster, 1780; 265, Royal Yorkshire, Keighley, 1788; and 275, Harmony, Huddersfield, 1789.

Fidelity Lodge, I believe, has the honour of being the mother lodge of the present Prov. Grand Master, and also of the present Dep. Prov. Grand Master. That circumstance, however, is, I take it, insufficient to establish Fidelity as "the mother lodge of the province."—Yours fraternally.

J. T. LAST,
P.M. 2321.

MASONS v. BOXERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read with interest a paragraph respecting a speech given by Bro. Henry Scott, No. 15, upon the important question, "which was the first secret society of the world, the Masons or the Boxers?" Which subject was recently referred to by one of the principal London daily papers.

As the question is one of great importance to Masons at large, is it not possible for Bro. Henry Scott to be prevailed upon to treat the subject *in extenso* at one or more lodge meetings in London? as from his remarks it appears that he has for years made a hobby of collecting statistics upon the subject from all parts of the world, and has been in a position so to do, owing, as he states, to having been in communication with the rulers not only of Europe, but also those of the world at large.

I should esteem it a favour if you can see your way to give me a small space in your valuable journal for the insertion of this communication.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

L.E.X.

AN ARTICLE by the Archdeacon of London, Bro. the Venerable William MacDonald Sinclair, on the "Clan MacDonald," will appear in the next issue of the *London Scotsman*. Archdeacon Sinclair is a great-grandson of the Lord MacDonald who entertained Dr. Johnson when on his visit to the Western Islands.

AUSTRALIA AND IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.—Bro. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has received cable advices to the effect that the question of including the Australian colonies in the Imperial Penny Postage Scheme will probably be settled very shortly in a satisfactory manner.

Reviews.

"THE GRESHAM LIBRARY OF STANDARD FICTION" (The Gresham Publishing Co., London, 25, Farringdon-avenue; Glasgow, 130, Bath-street).—The excellent plan adopted by this enterprising firm enables lovers of literature and pleasant reading to possess a Library of the best Fiction in miniature or as a nucleus for more ambitious proportions. The peculiarity of this proposal is that either as a beginning or as an addition to a Library the works so artistically printed, illustrated, and bound by the Gresham Publishing Co., assist admirably. On the score, too, of cost, the volumes are surprisingly reasonable, especially when they are (to use the words of a circular issued respecting the scheme) so *comely and presentable*. So far, some 18 volumes have been printed and published of this admirable series, particulars of which, with specimens of the illustrations (six of these, reproductions of original drawings, being given in each), may be had from the firm. They comprise some of the best of books by Dickens, Thackeray, Lytton, Scott, Collins, Bronte, Beaconsfield, Gaskell, Trollope, Eliot, Edgeworth, Borrow, Kingsley, Austen, Lever, Craik, Hawthorne, and Morier, all of which are illustrated by celebrated artists, and, moreover, have valuable, concise, and readable Biographical Introductions, which add much to the interest of the works. The plan for purchase is also exceptionally easy and simple. On receiving this Library the purchaser makes a payment of 6s., and thereafter *seven* payments of about 5s. each at intervals of one month between each payment. Even with these advantages the firm permits each purchaser to select from the lot published the 12 volumes he may prefer, so that at the cost of, say, 3s. 6d. each copy (of some 400 pages) a dozen choice books are obtained, carefully packed in a useful Library Case. A moderate payment, which the firm claims, in all fairness, to be unequalled.

Ireland.

LURGAN MASONIC HALL.

THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.

SPEECH BY THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

The new Masonic Hall, which has been erected in Lurgan to meet the requirements of the Order there, was dedicated on the 2nd instant by his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, and Officers of the Grand Lodge. Great interest was manifested in the proceedings, many of the brethren having at great inconvenience to themselves journeyed long distances in order to be present at the ceremony, and to show their sympathy with the Craft in this prosperous locality. The undertaking was entered upon about a year ago, and within that short time has been brought to a successful completion, for which result the brethren of Lurgan are deserving of the heartiest congratulations. The Hall is situated in Windsor-avenue—a very central and convenient position. It is built of red brick, with terra-cotta dressings, and presents a very ornate appearance, an octagonal tower forming an attractive feature. The arrangements are admirably suited to the purposes of Freemasonry, there being ample provision in the way of lodge-rooms, dining-rooms, and ante-rooms. All these, with the exception of the dining-room, which is situated on the ground floor, are approached by a staircase in the tower, and are both commodious and well furnished. The lodge-rooms occupy a space of 40 feet by 28 feet, and possess all the advantages of perfect equipment. Their ventilation is well looked after, and the heating is all that could be desired. The dining-room, on the ground floor, is equal in dimensions to the lodge-rooms, and to it are attached a service-room and kitchen. The entrance-hall is a striking portion of the building. It is octagonal and well lighted, while the floor is tiled with tessellated pavement, in which Masonic symbols enter largely into the design. The ground area of the entire structure is 70 feet of frontage, with a rearward extension of 120 feet. The site was purchased from the Lurgan Real Property Company, and is, therefore, now owned by the representatives of the three lodges—Nos. 24, 134, and 151, which in future will meet in the new hall. The builder was Mr. Thomas McMillan, Belfast, and the architect Mr. Godfrey W. Ferguson, Belfast, upon whose skill the edifice, as now completed, reflects the highest credit.

The dedication ceremony was conducted at high noon in the principal lodge room by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., and other officers of the Grand Lodge. The following were present at the proceedings: Bros. Viscount Templetown, G.S.W., P.G.M.; the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore; R. Keating Clay, G.T.; William Spence, G.S.W.; R. M. Lowry, G.S.C.; W. M. Battersby, P.S.G.D.; Dr. W. Chetwode Crawley, P.G.D., G.S. Instr.; R. J. Hilton, P.D.G.M. Antrim; W. Rankin, P.G. Sec. Antrim; H. Dunbar M'Master, P.S.G.W.; James Malcolm, D.L., P.P.S.G.W.; Edward Reynolds, 24; R. A. Waddell, 24; George Livingstone, 77; G. F. Ewart, P.M. 223, P.G. Treas.; George K. Lawless, P.M. 409; W. K. Muila, 55, P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Lepper, W.M. 223; T. A. Finch, 47, P.S.G.D.; J. F. Dunwoody, 55, P.S.G.W.; M. Holden, D.D., P.M. 219, P.G.C.; T. W. Hanna, W.M. 55; M. E. Knight, P.M. 223, P.S.G.W.; John Irwin, 794, P.J.G.W.; W. Lyons, 384, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Clendinning, Sec. 134; and others.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D., specially invited, was unable to attend.

The company was afterwards entertained by the members of Lodges Nos. 24, 134, and 151, in the dining room, where a sumptuous luncheon was served in *recherche* style by Messrs. Thompson and Son, Belfast. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided,

Viscount TEMPLETOWN, who presided, said there was a toast which all Freemasons loved to give, and the honour devolved upon him of proposing it. He knew it needed no recommendation from him to that company of the brethren; it was that of "The Queen and the Craft."

The sentiment having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland," with which he coupled the name of their Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn. (Applause.) He said their thanks were due to their brethren of Lurgan who were good enough to entertain them. They felt it a very great honour to come and perform the ceremony which had taken place in the earlier portion of the day, and in another part of the building. He referred to the dedication of their new Masonic Hall for the purposes of Masonry, and they hoped that brotherly love would long continue to abide among the Craft there. They knew very well that the duties of his Grace were such in his position of Grand Master that it was not possible for him to attend every function as he might wish to do, but, at the same time, they must carefully remember that whenever an urgent call came to him he responded to it and came amongst them to give them encouragement and enlightenment, and to show them their onward path of duty. He would not further stand between them and their Grand Master, and so he would only say they tendered to him their deepest thanks for his presence, and they hoped before long to see him in Lurgan again. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They had to regret that Sir James Creed Meredith, the Dep. G. Master of Ireland, was not with them owing to an illness, from which they trusted he would soon recover.

The toast was warmly received, the brethren standing and singing heartily "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Bro. the Duke of ABERCORN, who met with a most cordial reception, said it was unfortunate that owing to the train arrangements he had to leave early, but he thought several of them were similarly circumstanced. However, he was glad of having the opportunity before going away of thanking them for the cordial way in which they had received the health of the Grand Master and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. To him personally it was a matter of great pleasure, although a duty, to come amongst them that day and help to dedicate the hall, which they had, regardless of expense, erected in the town of Lurgan. He felt also certain that other members of the Grand Lodge who had come to assist them so ably in the most interesting ceremony of that morning were no less gratified with their visit to the north. The brethren of Lurgan would allow him to congratulate them upon their new hall. It seemed to have been built in a good and historic style; they had all the recent improvements connected with Masonry, and everything also which tended to illuminate a building of that kind, but they had as well the historic Masonry of 3000 years ago, which would do its work in that new building. He did not know whether on that occasion it devolved upon him to say much regarding Masonry in this country, but he was able to inform them it was in a most flourishing condition. They were receiving from time to time large bodies of additional members, and gratifying support was being extended towards an object which all good Masons had at heart—viz., that of providing funds for the two Masonic Schools, one for girls and the other for boys. He ventured to say that there was no society of any kind in the United Kingdom possessed schools in which the children under its care were better educated, and at a smaller cost, than in those schools. (Loud applause.) The management of them was excellent, as they were under the supervision of some of the very best men in Dublin and some of the most energetic of their Masonic brethren. They had a concert last week in Derry on behalf of the schools, and it was so successful that they had realised £80 to £100 net. There would be a concert in Belfast during the month of January next, and he hoped when it took place the brethren would influence their friends to give it their hearty support. It must be a matter of great satisfaction that those who enjoyed the good things of this world should be able to contribute to the various organisations and associations towards rendering happier the lives of those children who, through no cause of their own, had lost parents. The cases brought before the governors of the Institution were sometimes most pitiable, and he thought it was a grand thing that they should be able to educate 106 girls and about 80 boys in those splendid establishments. (Applause.) Masonry outwardly was good, but he thought that inwardly it was far better. The way they helped those in distress was worthy of all consideration. He had only once more to thank them on behalf of the Grand Officers for the way they had received them. It was a great pleasure to come among the brethren of Lurgan and make their acquaintance. He congratulated them on the strides they were making with the Order, and he especially congratulated the chiefs of the Order in that town. He hoped that the dedication that day, and the luncheon which now followed it, would not come to an early conclusion, but would be the means of raising the Masonic body in the estimation not only of Masons, but also in the estimation of all outside the ranks. (Applause.)

The Duke of Abercorn, Viscount Templetown, and a number of others having left the hall in order to catch their train, the chair, vacated by the Viscount, was taken by Bro. Sydney Jackson, Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. R. KEATING CLAY, Dublin, Grand Treas., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Jackson, said he believed it would be received with acclamation. They all knew that Bro. Jackson was a good and tried Mason, who had served under two or three Grand Masters. He was sure Bro. Jackson would be pleased to see all the lodges in Lurgan band together in that handsome new hall and utilising it in the interests of the Craft. It appeared to him only as yesterday since he and his colleagues had laid the foundation-stone of the building, and it looked as if it had been raised by fairy hands. He would close by applying the words of an anonymous author to Bro. Jackson: "In the future may his happiness be as deep as the sea and his heart as light as its foam."

The toast was received in the most enthusiastic manner.

The Chairman (Bro. JACKSON), in acknowledging the sentiment, expressed the pleasure it was to him to meet them all there that day in connection with the dedication of a new Masonic Hall in Lurgan. He trusted that the example they were setting would be followed throughout the province. He thanked them very heartily for the way they had received his name, and especially did he thank their Dublin brethren, whom they were glad to have amongst them.

Bro. CRAWLEY said he had great pleasure in proposing a toast which he was certain would be well received. But before doing so he might say they would remember he had had the honour, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, of being present in the town of Lurgan, at the Masonic function when the foundation-stones of that hall were laid. He had been so impressed on that occasion with their cordiality and hospitality that he had invited himself back—(laughter)—and he was so pleased with the reception accorded him that day that he hoped to have the privilege of meeting them again at no far future date. Bro. Crawley then proposed "The Health of Bros. Thomas Faloon, 24; James Malcolm, 134; and J. A. Thompson, 151," all of whom he thought deserved well the esteem of their brethren.

The sentiment was heartily received.

Bro. THOMAS FALOON regretted that the number of his lodge (24) was so low down on the calendar on that occasion, for he would have preferred some other member to have spoken before him. However, he thanked Bro. Crawley very warmly for the eloquent manner in which he had proposed the health of the members of the three lodges. When invited to come down and assist in the dedication ceremony, the officers of Grand Lodge responded so heartily that he felt the honour was on the other side. In Lurgan they had endeavoured to work together harmoniously for the benefit of the Order, and he thought they had in some measure succeeded in doing it.

Bro. JAMES MALCOLM, D.L., on behalf of Lodge 134, returned their most sincere thanks for the very hearty manner in which the Grand Officers, through Bro. Crawley, expressed their appreciation at that little hospitality. The return for it was very much greater, and he hoped that the result of their meeting that day would be another impetus to the brethren. It was gratifying to the members of the Craft in Lurgan, and it must be to the architect also, that the building met with the approval of the officers of the Grand Lodge. The hall would be a credit to the town. (Applause.) He then paid a fitting tribute to the assistance rendered to the Order by the Duke of Abercorn, whose wise counsel and ready experience were so often required. They were all sorry that the Deputy Grand Master—Sir James Creed Meredith—was unable to be present on account of illness, and they hoped he would soon be restored to perfect health.

Bro. J. A. THOMPSON, for the members of Lodge 151, in a few well-chosen words, returned thanks.

The proceedings then terminated.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY of the Mansfield House University Settlement, Canning Town, E., will be held on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 3.15, in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street. Chairman, Principal Fairbairn, D.D., of Mansfield College, Oxford. Speakers: Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes), Ald. W. H. Dickinson (Chairman of L.C.C.), and Rev. R. F. Horton, D.D.; and at 8 p.m. in Public Hall, Canning Town, E. Chairman, Mr. Justice Cozens-Hardy. Speakers: Lord Coleridge, Q.C., and the Dean of Ely (Dr. C. W. Stubbs).

THE CITY AND THE CRAFT.

For many years past the Craft has been strongly represented in the Corporation of London. From the year 1875, when Bro. Lord Mayor Stone was appointed J.G. Warden of United Grand Lodge by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., immediately after his installation as M.W.G. Master, until the present time, a very large number—we feel almost inclined to say a majority—of those who have occupied the honourable position of Chief Magistrate of London have been Freemasons, prominent among them being Bros. the late Sir F. Wyatt Truscott; Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart.; the late Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.; the late Sir P. de Keyser, the late Sir W. Staples, and the retiring Lord Mayor, Sir Alfred Newton. There have also been many of the Sheriffs who have been enrolled as members of our Society, but we cannot call to mind a year in which the Lord Mayor and both Sheriffs were Freemasons, Alderman Frank Green, who has just been installed in office, being a Past G. Deacon of some 17 years' standing; Bro. Alderman and Sheriff W. Vaughan Morgan having served as G. Treasurer in 1897, and Bro. Sheriff Lawrence having been initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order in 1879. The following particulars of their respective careers in Masonry will be interesting.

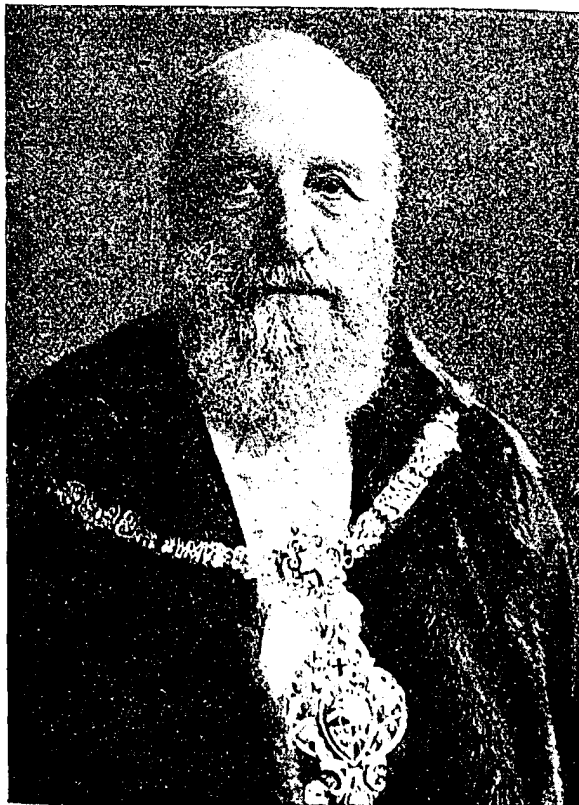


BRO. ALDERMAN FRANK GREEN, P.G.D., LORD MAYOR.

Bro. Alderman Frank Green (Lord Mayor), Past Grand Deacon, was initiated in the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, on the 24th of April, 1872. The year following he took part in the foundation of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, and was its W. Master 1874-5. He is also a founder and Past Master of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, and of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, and became a joining member of the British Lodge, No. 8, in 1878. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in the Doric Chapter, No. 933, on the 16th September, 1873, and was elected M.E.Z. of the Stability Chapter, No. 217, in 1879, and of the British Chapter, No. 8, in 1882. In 1883 he was appointed G.S.B. in Grand Chapter. Six years previously he was elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes, and was for three years its Vice-President. He has taken a great interest in all our Charitable Institutions, having constituted himself a Life Governor of each, besides having acted in the capacity of Steward at several of their anniversary festivals, the Girls' School having, in this respect, found most favour with him.

Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, who was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer on the 3rd March, 1897, was initiated in the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, on the 14th March, 1865, and was installed its W.M. on the 10th February, 1874. In September, 1892, he joined the Cordwainers' Lodge, No. 2241, and a few years later was elected and installed as Master, while on the 25th February, 1897, he became the principal founder and first W.M. of the Christ's Hospital Lodge, No. 2650. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, on the 3rd February, 1871, and installed in its chair of First Principal Z. on the 6th February,

1885, while in May, 1897, he became *ex-officio* Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter. He is thus a Mason of long experience, and in the course of his career has shown his affection for the Craft by generously supporting its Scholastic and Benevolent Institutions, being a Vice-Patron of all three, and having served as Festival Steward twice on behalf of the Boys' School, and twice for the Girl's School. In 1895 he was nominated as a candidate



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for the office of Grand Treasurer, but was defeated. In 1896 he was nominated for a second time for the same post, but in order to spare Grand Lodge the trouble and excitement of a contested election, he withdrew his candidature in favour of Bro. W. H. Bailey, and Grand Lodge has since shown its appreciation of this act by unanimously returning him as the successor of that Brother.



BRO. SHERIFF LAWRENCE.

Bro. Sheriff Lawrence, owing, no doubt, to the many claims made upon his time by his business avocations, has not been able to take a very active part in Masonry. This much, however, we are able to record—namely, that he was initiated in the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull, on the 5th March, 1879, and continued a subscribing member till the end of the year 1880. In May, 1891, he was elected a joining member of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095, while in 1894 he became one of the founders of the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528, and is, we believe, still a member of this and the Caterham Lodge.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.

INSTALLATION OF JAMES WILLIAM MATHEWS.

The installation meeting of this dramatic and musical lodge was held on Monday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Charles Blount Powell, W.M., presiding. He was supported by Bro. James William Mathews, S.W., W.M. elect, and, among others, Bros. F. W. Macklin, P.M., as J.W.; Charles Wellard, P.M., Treas.; James Weaver, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Louis Honig, S.D.; Charles S. Jeykll, P.M., P.G. Org.; G. Swanborough, P.M.; J. D. Beveridge, P.M.; Charles E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; W. Lestocq, P.M., Treas. of the Benevolent Fund; Tom de B. Holmes, P.M.; J. E. Hambleton, P.M.; C. C. Cruikshank, P.M., &c.; S. Johnson, P.M.; W. J. Holloway, P.M.; L. Lablache, P.M.; Akerman May, Herbert Leonard, Frank Wheeler, Carl Keifert, E. W. Whitmore, E. H. Bull, A. E. Bishop, P.M.; Algernon Syms; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Guy Repton, S.G.D.; James Fernandez, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Neville, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Thomas, G. Orz.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; T. H. Bolton; T. R. Busby, W.M. 1559; A. Rimbault, W.M. 1441; K. Wharton Wells, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; A. Thomas; Gerald Maxwell, P.M. 2127; H. Nye Chart, P.M. 2127; and G. Haynes, P.P.G.D. Herts.

Bro. G. M. Lander, P.M. 1642, was a guest of the lodge, he having executed and erected, in Brompton Cemetery, the memorial to Bro. W. A. Tinney, P.M., Secretary to the lodge.

After lodge had been opened, Bro. F. H. Macklin, P.M., moved the adoption of the Auditors' report and balance-sheet, which he said he looked upon as unique. There was not a single liability of the lodge, everything having been paid, and there was a balance of £65 to hand over. There was also over £1350 invested to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., in seconding the motion, said there were but four subscriptions of two guineas each owing, and he attributed this fact in a great measure to the activity and energy of Bro. James Weaver, their Secretary, who had been most assiduous in urging the payment of arrears. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. C. B. Powell, W.M., then installed, in perfect style, Bro. James William Mathews, S.W., as Master of the lodge on presentation by Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C. Bro. Powell was invested as I.P.M. The other officers were: Bros. Algernon Syms, S.W.; Louis Honig, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; James Weaver, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Akerman May, S.D.; Herbert Leonard, J.D.; W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C.; Frank Wheeler, I.G.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; Carl Keifert, Edward W. Whitmore, and E. H. Bull, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. After the delivery of the charges by Bro. Powell, Bro. James Weaver, P.M., presented the lodge with a bound copy of all the summonses of the lodge for the past 10 years, thus completing the 30 years' collection of the lodge summonses; and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed for the gift.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an elegant banquet.

Between the toasts a splendid musical entertainment, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org. (who with Bro. Edward Jones conducted), by Bros. Courtice Pounds, Frank Boor, Mervyn Dene, Richard Green, Mr. Conrad Formes, Bros. J. E. Hambleton, P.M. (cello soloist), Louis Hoing, J.W. (pianoforte solo), J. Solomon (cornet solo), the O'pheus Quartette (Bros. Robert Nelson, James Brand, Vivian Bennett, and Vernon Taylor), Bros. Walter Churcher, Tom G. Clare, and Harry Nicholls.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. C. Blount Powell, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said that in Bro. Mathews they had the right brother in the right place—a brother who possessed the sterling qualities of a W.M.—a brother who was well known to all as a man and a Mason, and the choice of the brethren could not have fallen on a more worthy brother. Bro. Mathews was a perfect Master of the Masonic art, and how splendidly he carried out the duties of the various offices, and by skill and ability paved the way to the proud position of W.M. they all knew. He would receive the full support of the brethren during his year of office, and the brethren would drink to his health, prosperity, and a happy year of office.

Bro. J. W. Mathews, W.M., in responding, said some years ago when he was initiated in this lodge he never thought he should have aspired to the position he had now risen to. He was so impressed with the magnitude of the position that he thought that some day he should like to crown his Masonic career by becoming Master of his mother lodge. He thought there was only one way to do so—by attending regularly the lodge and working the ritual. A Stewardship was offered him, and the rest lay with him. It was not the custom of the Lodge of Asaph to neglect those who worked with that aim. It was with peculiar pride he addressed the brethren that day as Master. He trusted his year of office would prove to the brethren that he had tried to render himself worthy of the position they had helped him to, and worthy of the Masters who had been in the chair from year to year. That, he believed, was the best way to make a return to them for the honour they had conferred upon him that day.

Bro. J. W. Mathews, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Charles Blount Powell," and said to some who had the gift of oratory all speeches were a pleasure. He did not claim that gift, and it was not easy to make a speech. A great deal, however, depended on the subject of a speech, and the subject of his speech now was easy, for it was "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Powell." All the brethren of the Lodge of Asaph felt year by year as Bro. Powell went through the offices that his knowledge of the ritual and ceremonials of office was as perfect as it could be; he had proved it to all who visited the lodge during his year, and it was not an ordinary compliment when he asked Bro. Powell now to accept a Past Master's jewel as a token of the brethren's appreciation of the thoroughness of his work throughout the year. He asked Bro. Powell to accept the Past Master's jewel from the whole of the brethren of the Lodge of Asaph as a mark of appreciation of his work. Long might he live to wear it as a memento of what he trusted would be one of the most pleasant years of his life.

Bro. C. Blount Powell, I.P.M., in reply, said he was not worthy of all the good things the W.M. had said, but during his year of office he worked hard to prove worthy of the confidence the brethren had placed in him. He was proud to say he had had a prosperous and happy year of office. He had 15 initiates, 14 passings, and 13 raisings. He thanked the brethren for the very valuable support he received from them during his year. He could only say he accepted this Past Master's jewel it had been the brethren's pleasure to present to him, and it was his pleasure to accept it. It would bring to his mind the happy year he had spent in serving the Asaph Lodge as W.M.

Bro. J. W. Mathews, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said the Lodge of Asaph was not a dining lodge, but it had, nevertheless, at all meetings many visitors. They came for the love of Masonry; it was the working that attracted them, and the banquet was a secondary consideration. The lodge met so early in the day that it must be a sacrifice to many visitors to come. The lodge was always pleased to see them, and always gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. James Fernandez, P.G.D.C., in responding, passed a high compliment on the working he had witnessed that afternoon. He expressed the thoughts and feelings of his brother visitors when he most heartily congratulated the Lodge of Asaph on having so proficient a Master as Bro. Mathews. There was a distinctive attraction in the Lodge of Asaph. It was said birds of a feather flocked together. The lodge was composed of musicians and actors. The drama and music generally considered themselves closely allied, and it was a mutual delight that they were identified with each other. The more they were so identified with each other the better would it be for art.

Bro. Bull, P.M., and Bro. Wynne, G.S.W. Victoria, also responded. Bros. C. C. Cruikshanks, P.M., and W. Lestocq, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Louis Honig, S.W., to that of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed a most delightful evening.

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Royal Arch.

Bayard Chapter, No. 1615.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at 33, Golden-square, Comps. the Rev. J. Hy. Smith, B.A., J. Easterbrook, M.A., and Ernest Clarke, M.D., F.R.C.S., in the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively. There were present amongst others, Comps. Major Woolmer Williams, P.Z.; S. W. Morris, C.C., I.P.Z.; H. C. Morris, C.C., Treas.; A. W. Timbrell, C.C.; G. H. Heilbuth, C.C.; Capt. Dade, Arthur Monckton, H. P. Monckton, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I.; Major Henry Wright, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., S.E.; W. T. Roberts, W. T. Rabbitts, A. Bush, H. J. Waring, B.S., F.R.C.S.; H. Morley Fletcher, M.D., F.R.C.P.; A. Timme, S. F. Fitch, and Melton Prior.

An 18-carat jewel of his office was presented to Comp. Major Henry Wright, V.D., senior P.Z., and S.E. for the last 12 years, on his appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer in the Arch, and as an appreciation of the services he had rendered to the chapter by bringing it out of almost chaos to its present efficient and strong state. There are few chapters in London which have flourished as the Bayard has done for many years, which is betokened by the attendances at its meetings. The jewel, manufactured in Comps. George Kenning and Son's best style, was proposed by Comp. the Rev. J. Hy. Smith and seconded by the I.P.Z. Comp. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.S.W. was elected an honorary member owing to his high rank in Masonry, and the close touch in which nearly all the members are with him in civic Masonic life. A letter was read from Comp. Will E. Chapman, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. of the chapter, who therein related some of his experiences of the siege of Kimberley.

At the banquet at the Café Royal Comp. Melton Prior, the renowned *Illustrated London News* artist, who was shut up in Ladysmith, delighted his audience with a half-hour's interesting speech, which was much appreciated by the chapter.

Comp. Melton Prior had accepted an invitation from his old friend, Comp. Wright, to the Bayard Chapter more than once, but was suddenly ordered off, once to the Ashanti and once to the Greek-Turco Wars.

Comp. Dr. Herschell amused the company with conjuring tricks of a high order, and the *sans peur et sans reproche* companions parted reluctantly, all, however, including Comp. Melton Prior, to meet on the 16th instant, at the Albion, at the installation meeting of Alliance Lodge to meet the new Lord Mayor, who is one of the P.M.s., with Sheriffs and a number of Grand Officers.

CONSECRATION OF THE DEVONIAN LODGE, No. 2834.

The new London lodge, the Devonian Lodge, No. 2834, was consecrated on Thursday evening at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. The lodge, as its name implies, is connected with the County of Devon, and it has been founded for the convenience of Freemasons who are Devonians by birth, and for Devonians who reside in London and may desire to join the Masonic Brotherhood. The founders of the lodge are all Devonians, and Bro. J. Cockram Taylor, the originator of the lodge, is so decidedly a Devonian that he is honorary solicitor to the Devonian Club. There were but 14 founders. These were the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Halsbury, P.G.W.; Lord Churston, P.M.; Bros. Walter Wellman, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. William Whitley, P.G.D.; William Bradford, P.M.; John Cockram Taylor, P.M.; George Lambert, M.P.; P. H. Pridham Wippells, C. Luxmoore Drew, Rev. Harry A. Hebb, Dr. W. H. Cummings, John H. Life, F. W. Brodie, W.M. 1928; and Rev. Richard Peek, P.G. Chap. These brethren were present at the consecration, excepting Lord Churston, who was unavoidably away. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, John Strachan, Q.C., Rev. Canon Brownrigg, Frank Richardson, and W. Lake, and the musical accompaniment was under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, his choir consisting of Bros. Frank Tebbutt, Charles Ellison, P.M.; and Robert Radford. The other brethren who attended during the evening were—

Bros. Clement H. Berry, P.M. 860; T. Jeston White, 860; F. H. H. Orchard, P.M. 164, 444, P.P.G.D. Devon; T. H. T. Jarvis, P.M. 862; Stewart H. Bradford, 862; Frank Tebbutt, A. H. Tucker, 2189; H. T. Parker, P.M. 1138; Sydney J. H. Willey, 36; J. R. Thomas, 1928; Herbert Johnson, 2190; C. J. Drummond, P.M. 1541, W.M. 2178; C. Gordon, S.W. 2397; C. H. Scott, 2604; H. W. Schartau, I.P.M. 1261; C. L. Noverre, 10; E. R. Painter, 766; F. C. Atkinson, P.M. 376; Walter Reynolds, 862; John C. Denmead, J.D. 2087; Sigismund Kutnow, 1541; James Beal, J.W. 444; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. Pike, M.D., P.M. 1204, P.P.S.G.W. Worcester; Charles Piper, P.M. 1753, P.P.G.D.C. Devon; A. Clarke Williams, 1657; C. Stanley Gibbs, 2489; J. Passmore Edwards, 2369; W. W. Welsford, P.M. 1321; Hugh E. Diamond, 1704; Robt. J. Voisey, P.A.G. Std. Br.; Henry Neville, P.A.G.D.C.; L. O. Johnson, 2397; W. R. McConnell, Q.C., P.G.D. Reg.; Sir Forest Fulton, Q.C., P. Dep. G. Reg.; S. David Coates, 2729; John Latey, 2470; Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler; W. Morris, 99; W. M. Underdown, Q.C.; John Glass, P.M. 453; B. G. Elliott, P.M. 2020; J. H. Stanbury, 780; C. Swinfen Eady, Q.C., P. Dep. G. Registrar; Justice Kennedy, P.M. 1610; R. D. M. Littler, Q.C., P. Dep. G. Registrar; Horace B. Marshall, P.G.W. Middx.; Justice Bigham, P.G.W.; Robert Radford, 2553; Charles Ellison, 871; Wm. T. Massey, 160; and F. W. Harding, 444.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in delivering the address on the nature of the meeting, said it would not be necessary for him to occupy the time of the brethren for long with any words of his own. The brethren were met that day for the purpose of undertaking a very interesting and at the same time a very solemn ceremony, the constitution and consecration of a new Masonic lodge. The lodge they were about to start into existence that evening would be hereafter known by the name of the Devonian Lodge, and it had been established for the purpose of enabling Devonshire Masons residing in London to gather in lodge, and to maintain and promote that feeling of love and veneration which all Masons were taught to entertain towards their native country. He must heartily congratulate the founders of this lodge on having as their first Master a brother so distinguished as the Lord High Chancellor of England, one whose name he was sure would for all time be conspicuous on the roll of Devonshire worthies for which the county was so famous. He trusted that this lodge would have before it a very successful career, and that it might accomplish all those special objects the founders had in view, namely, to advance in every possible way the interests of the Masonic Order. The lodge was about to be dedicated to the service of God, and he would, therefore, call upon the Chaplain to give them the benefit of prayer.

Bro. Canon BROWNRIGG having performed this duty, delivered the following oration: The strength of the British Empire, and the force of the British character are in no small degree owing to the fact that our country represents not one, but many races. The Celt, the Angle, the Dane, the

Saxon, the Norman, the Flemish, and others are all constituent elements of the force to which we all belong. Whenever Englishmen carry the national flag, for peace or war, outside the two comparatively small islands which we call the British Isles, they take under it men all united in loyalty and devotion to the Crown, but all different in character and feeling. Centuries of neighbourhood and intermarriage have not effaced the individuality of our countries. Many associations of a great historic past and a great present keep the Devonian, the Cornishman, the Welshman, and, indeed, the inhabitants of every country true to his home. In this great city of London—in the various Dependencies and Colonies of the British Crown—the attractive force of home keeps men together for good. When a territorial regiment, defending the honour of the Crown, does some gallant deed, the whole country takes credit and rejoices. This is, I think, specially so with the distinguished county which will contribute the members of this lodge. Wherever Englishmen have gone in enterprise, in commerce, or in war, Devonshire has been to the front. Queen Elizabeth, who was a shrewd observer of character, said, so Fuller tells us, that a "Devon gentleman was a born wonder with a becoming confidence." She experienced the becoming confidence with which men like Drake, Hawkins, and Humphreys were able to go everywhere and do anything which the good of the English Crown demanded; men whom no difficulties kept back, no disparity of numbers affrighted; and I venture to think that our Gracious Lady the Queen will not be unwilling to endorse the opinion of her ancestress when she considers the services of the gallant and distinguished Devonian who will be with us again in a few days, and the becoming confidence with which at Ladysmith and elsewhere he refused to know when he was beaten, and went on until he got what his duty required. And so, brethren, I can give you no better evidence—wish you no happier lot than that, being in your new lodge, a rallying place for Devonian Masons, you should begin and continue your work with a becoming confidence. You can, if you use right means, be what you ought to be. Our ancient Fraternity accomplished what they did not because they had confidence, but a becoming confidence—confidence not in self, but in God and their cause—*Dieu et mon droit*—and you, too, the Devonian Lodge, can help your new lodge in the place which it will attain by the old Devonian spirit which, without ostentation or parade, recognises a lofty ideal, and with becoming confidence attain it.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed, and at its conclusion the Earl of Halsbury was installed by the Grand Secretary.

The other officers of the year were as follows: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Churston, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Devon, I.P.M.; Walter Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; the Rev. William Whittle, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W. Devon, J.W.; William Bradford, P.M., Treas.; John Cockham Taylor, P.M., Sec.; George Lambert, M.P., S.D.; P. H. Pridham Wippell, J.D.; C. Luxmoore Drew, I.G.; the Rev. Harry Arthur Hebb, P.G.D., P.P.G. Chap. Devon, Chap.; William H. Cummings, P.G. Org., Org.; John H. Lile, D. of C.; F. W. Brodie, Stwd.; and W. T. Winsor, P.M., Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were then elected honorary members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to them for the performance of the ceremony.

A long list of names of intending initiates and joining members was read by Bro. J. Cockram Taylor, Sec., and a telegram from Ipswich was read from Bro. Mr. Justice Bruce, regretting his inability to attend.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and honoured the customary toasts.

The LORD CHANCELLOR, in proposing the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the Earl of Warwick had expressed to their Secretary his great regret that he could not be there that night. They were sorry he was not with them. With reference to the other Grand Officers, he could not exactly say who was entitled to respond to the toast, but as they all knew the precedence he should call on the senior Grand Officer to respond.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON said there was a certain amount of sadness attaching to seniority in many conditions of things, especially in the seniority of years. He was afraid there was no mistake about the fact that by his seniority he had to respond to the toast, and he need hardly say it was not for the first time. There was nothing new under the sun, and there was nothing new to be said of the toast of the Grand Officers. He spoke with conviction, however, when he said he yielded to no man in his opinion of the Grand Officers, although he was one of them. They thanked the brethren very heartily indeed for the toast which had been so feelingly proposed by the Worshipful Master.

The next toast was that of "V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, and the other Consecrating Officers." The LORD CHANCELLOR said it was the toast of the evening. They were assembled after a consecration which he thought he might say from the mode in which it had been conducted—the admirable mode in which it had been conducted from first to last—must have made a deep impression on those who had been fortunate enough to witness it. With reference to the occasion itself it was unnecessary among Devonshire men to say how much they must all feel that they had new ties, inasmuch as they were associated together in the Devonian Lodge. He did not think there was any part of the United Kingdom—indeed, he might say the world—in which the feeling of affectionate relationship existed in a greater degree than among Devonians. They liked each other because they were Devonshire men. He was very proud indeed of those from whom he had descended in Devonshire. That was a feeling which was not only a most natural one, and a feeling which was predominant in their breasts that night, but he thought it was a most useful and proper feeling. They might say, like the Greeks of old, "Do not let us be worse than our fathers." He must say a word about the mode in which the consecration had been conducted. There were words of wisdom, words of eloquence, and words of thought which fell from the Consecrating Officers which would continue in the minds of many long after the banquet had passed away. They could not but feel grateful to their principal Consecrating Officer and to the other officers for their assistance in having done the thing so perfectly as they had done that night. He personally felt grateful to Bro. Letchworth for the great assistance he had been to him, and very heartily he proposed the toast.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, in responding, said the brethren had been compelled to listen to his voice for a very considerable time that evening elsewhere, and he would not inflict a long speech on them. But he wished, in words as sincere as they could be privileged, to return on behalf of those who had been associated with him in the consecration of the lodge their warmest thanks to the W.M. for the kind and generous terms with which he had

proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the reception they had given it. He had often on these occasions observed that among the many duties Grand Officers were called upon to discharge there was none more agreeable to them than in assisting in inaugurating a new lodge. He was sure they all most heartily wished the Devonian Lodge every possible success—a success worthy of the name it bore, and worthy of the distinguished brother who had done the lodge the honour of presiding over it for the first time.

The next toast was that of "The Worshipful Master," and Mr. Justice KENNEDY said it was certainly not second in influence or importance to any toast they had honoured that evening. In two ways, perhaps, he regretted his own inability to discharge the duty of proposing the toast worthily. In the first place there was the want of eloquence which anyone would be required justly and without over-praise to do what ought to be done in proposing the toast, and the other reason was one which he was afraid no amount of education or training could set him right upon, viz., that he had the misfortune not to be a Devonshire man. Being by birth one of those who rejoiced in the name of Cockney, he claimed for Cockneys that they had a respect for those qualities for which their W.M. might justly and truly be praised. They respected loyalty alike to one's brethren in the world as to one's Queen and one's country. They respected the kindness which met a brother whatever his position was; a true friend and true brother alike in times of adversity and in success. They respected a man who had to perform public functions if he performed them with dignity. Those qualities, both as a judge and as a Mason, they found conspicuously in the man who presided over the Devonian Lodge. In those two capacities he could truly say, as a member of the Northern Bar Lodge and as a Judge, they knew the W.M. would not be wanting in the decision which a Master always ought to have, in the ability to discharge the exalted functions which



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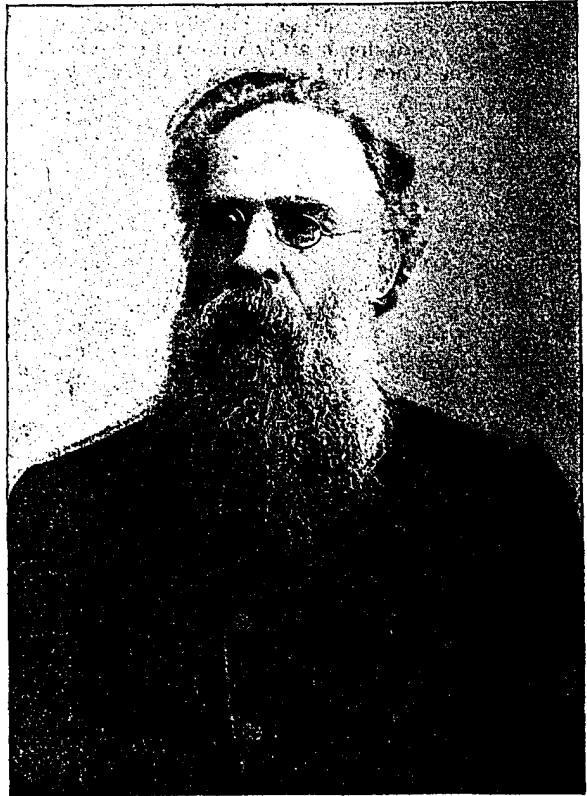
he had to discharge elsewhere as well as the important functions as a Master of Masons. They knew in kindness and loyalty they had no cause to regret, but every cause to be thankful, that they had in their first ruler a man whose heart was right and whose conduct was just. For those reasons he thought, without being eloquent and without being a Devonshire man, he might say with truth that he might commend the toast to them in a way they would approve and in a way facts would justify during his term of office all that could be said and all that the toast implied.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The LORD CHANCELLOR, in reply, said among the many qualities which distinguished Devonshire men one had not been mentioned by the learned judge who had just spoken—he meant that of modesty. (Laughter.) He had every right to exhibit that quality because, being a Devon man, and because of his profession which he had practised for 50 years, he was bound to be modest. What was he to say in answer to such a speech, and at the same time to exhibit that quality for which he claimed constant possession? Well, he would say this, in the positions to which the learned judge had referred he believed none of them could live under himself. He believed that which made them harmonise, and enabled them to go on, was a feeling that they were mutually dependent on each other. The Masonic spirit, if it could be extended to all society and to all mankind, he believed would, in a great measure, remove all difficulties which stood in the way of a higher and a better civilisation. One of the things which rendered Masonic intercourse so delightful was this, that it cultivated a spirit independent of all those questions on which men were divided. An infinite variety of feelings, thoughts, and imaginations which naturally belonged to different degrees divided men politically, theologically, and in many other ways, but the Masonic spirit enabled them to meet together in social intercourse, and in a manner which, for the time at all events, obliterated and stamped out the feeling of those differences which on other occasions necessarily kept them at arm's length. Therefore it was that the Masonic spirit which united them together, whatever might be their walks in life, was a gain for civilisation, a gain for that kindly spirit which tended to bring men together, and not to separate them. The toast in its terms was complimentary to him. He thought it was relevant to the toast, which, of course, was the



BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HALSBURY, P.G.W.,
WORSHIPFUL MASTER,



BRO. REV. WILLIAM WHITLEY, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W. DEVON,
JUNIOR WARDEN.



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SENIOR WARDEN.



BRO. WILLIAM BRADFORD, P.M., TREASURER.



BRO. JOHN COCKRAM TAYLOR, P.M., SECRETARY.

toast of the Worshipful Master for the time being, whoever he might be, to point out how desirable it was that there should be such an Institution as that they were met to form, when the W. Master and his brethren should be on such terms of intercourse as happily he thought they were at present. And in that spirit he heartily wished to reciprocate, and he desired to thank them most heartily for the way in which they had received him.

The LORD CHANCELLOR coupled with the toast of "The Visitors" the names of Bros. Justice Bigham, Underdown, Q.C., and Passmore Edwards, the latter of whom, his lordship said, had made an addition to the education of his country in the most practical form.

Bro. Justice BIGHAM said the toast had been drunk with an enthusiasm and hospitality which, on the sample they had had that night, would justify them in expecting for that lodge, and he hoped, as far as he was personally concerned, he should have the opportunity on another occasion of making the speech which he ought to make that night. (Laughter.)

Bros. UNDERDOWN and PASSMORE EDWARDS also responded.

The LORD CHANCELLOR next proposed the toast of "The Officers," and said the brethren knew how very much depended on the officers of the lodge and how completely the harmony of the lodge was secured, or the reverse, according to the way the officers did their duty. They had officers in the Devonian Lodge in whom they might place implicit trust.

Bro. WALTER WELLSMAN, S.W., said the officers relied on the W.M.'s guidance in carrying on the lodge, and he had no doubt the lodge would be an honour not only to the W.M., but to the county they represented.

The Tyler's toast followed.

The usual requisites were supplied by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

Masonic and General Tidings.

TO-DAY (Friday) is the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G. Master, his Royal Highness having been born on the 9th November, 1841. We offer our most respectful congratulations to the Prince on this auspicious occasion.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular meeting for the month at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at four p.m.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON has returned home from Wankowa-Brelikow, Galicia.

Bro. SIR HENRY HARDEN, J.P., has been elected the president of the South Hampstead Club.

Bro. R. D. M. LITTLER, Q.C., C.B., opened on Saturday last the new recreation ground and branch library at Tottenham.

THE MEMBERS of the Enfield Wesleyan Church were entertained a few days ago by Bro. A. J. Hollington, C.C., and Mrs. Hollington at the Clock House, Forty Hill.

Bro. LORD ROBERTS, the hon. Colonel of the City Imperial Volunteers, has accepted an invitation to dine with the members of the United Service Club on his return from South Africa.

WOMEN OF IRELAND have decided upon presenting to Field-Marshal Bro. Lord Roberts, V.C., a Star of Saint Patrick in diamonds, as an evidence of the great esteem in which his services to the Empire are held by his countrywomen.

Bro. THE EARL OF HALSBURY, Lord Chancellor, has consented to preside at the "Ladies' Night" of the Legal Musical Society, in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 14th prox.

Bro. GEORGE PHILLIPS, the chairman of the late Holborn Board of Works, has been presented by the members and officials of that authority with a silver fruit stand in recognition of the services rendered by him during his 20 years' occupancy of the chair.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, WOOLWICH, S.E.—In the recent elections Bro. J. O. Widger, B.A., I.P.M. of the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, was returned at the top of the poll for his ward, and had the honour of obtaining the largest number of votes in the borough.

Bro. ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF VAUGHAN MORGAN laid, on Saturday, the 3rd instant, the dedication stone of the permanent church of St. Matthew, Willesden. He was accompanied by Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton, Bro. Under-Sheriff Gardiner, and his acting chaplain, the Rev. E. H. Pearce.

THE ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Mail Coach Hotel, 60, Farringdon-street, E.C., on the 23rd instant, at 6.30 p.m. The Lyric Vocal Quartette (Bros. Thos. Powell, Charles Strong, Etherington Smith, and Horace Reynolds) have kindly consented to render the musical portion of the ceremonies. Masonic clothing.

RAILWAY UNPUNCTUALITY.—Bro. J. W. Tickel writes: "A great deal of the unpunctuality not only on the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, but also on other lines, is due, it seems to me, to there being three classes of carriages on the trains. So long as passengers have to rush about as they do now in search of a particular class of carriage so long will delays occur. Considering the time that would be saved, to say nothing of the saving to the companies in other ways, is it not about time that two out of the three classes of carriages were abolished?"

ODDFELLOWS HONOUR CITY COUNCILLORS.—On the 5th instant the Pride of Garden Lodge, No. 897, of the National Independent Order of Oddfellows, held a social evening to celebrate the opening of the new Lodge Rooms in Carlton Chambers, Westminster. An interesting ceremony took place prior to the social part of the proceedings. On the nomination of Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, F.R.S.L., seconded by Bro. Councillor Burke, Councillors O'Flynn, Minty, and Sewell, and Messrs. W. Garside and W. J. Bentley were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge. Subsequently, Bro. Lee, P.G., the Treasurer of the Society, presided, and several songs were sung in good style, Mr. Pickles accompanying on the piano. A novel and instructive form of entertainment was introduced by Bro. Dr. C. F. Forshaw. Each member was given a slip of paper upon which he or she was intrusted to write some theme or subject. Bro. Dr. Forshaw undertook from the store of his memory to furnish a verse or poem bearing upon the subjects thus submitted.

Bro. W. J. BATHO, Finchley, was again successful in taking a prize at the Royal Aquarium this week for Canon Hall Muscat grapes.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE and their family leave Mar Lodge this (Friday) afternoon for London.

CAPTAIN PRINCE ALEXANDER OF TECK left Cape Town for England on Wednesday on board the transport Fort Salisbury, which is due to arrive at Plymouth on the 28th inst. Among the passengers by this week's homeward-bound mail steamer from Cape Town are Prince Francis of Teck and the Duchess of Teck.

H.M. THE QUEEN and Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenburg drove out at Windsor on the 7th instant, attended by the Hon. Harriet Phipps, and her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess, went out on Thursday morning. The Hon. Aline Majendie has arrived at the Castle as Maid of Honour in Waiting to the Queen.

IF AUSTRALIA was to be a great people, said Bro. the Earl of Carrington at Liverpool on Thursday night, it was of vital importance that it should remain Anglo-Saxon and Celtic. And in order that the good understanding between the Mother Country and her offspring should be maintained, it was necessary that our self-governing Colonies should receive their fair share of the plums and prizes of Imperial life.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY has forwarded to Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, the late Lord Mayor, the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Medjidieh, which his Highness the Khedive has conferred upon him as a souvenir of his visit to the City, and has informed Bro. Sir Alfred that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to give him permission to accept and wear the decoration.

Bro. SIR ROBERT H. ROGERS presided on Monday, the 5th instant, at the annual meeting of R. H. and S. Rogers (Limited), at the Guildhall Tavern. In regretting the absence of his colleague, Mr. Alderman Pound, the Chairman said that nothing but ill-health would have kept him away, as he was interested in all the work of the company. As far as his memory served him, the Alderman had attended all the meetings throughout the year. It was proposed to make a final distribution at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the six months ended September 30th on the ordinary shares, making the total dividend for the year on those shares 7½ per cent. Of the remaining sum it was recommended to add £1600 to the reserve fund, thereby increasing it to £4200, and to carry forward the balance of £1137. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C., seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. Alderman Pound was afterwards re-elected on the directorate.

NEW FRESCOES AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE.—Two handsome frescoes have been added to the walls of the Royal Exchange, already adorned by the late Lord Leighton and other eminent artists; and on Tuesday witnessed their formal acceptance by the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir A. J. Newton) on behalf of the Gresham Committee. His lordship, who wore his robes of office, was attended by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan and Bro. Sheriff Lawrence, and a distinguished company, including Lady Newton, watched with evident interest the brief ceremony of unveiling, which was performed by Mrs. John Paddon and Mrs. Abe Bailey, wives respectively of the donors, who are personal friends of the Lord Mayor. One panel is from the brush of Mr. Ernest Normand, and represents the Sealing of the Magna Charta by King John. The artist has carefully studied historic details, and the result is an exceedingly clever and pleasing picture rich in the richest of colours. The second panel is by Mrs. Normand, better known in the world of art as Henrietta Rae. The scene which she depicts is one which all Londoners will like—viz., Richard Whittington, Lord Mayor of London, assisted by his family, in the act of bestowing charity upon London's poor at the gateway of his residence. The ground and house are covered with snow, and a burning brazier casts a ruddy glow upon the crowd. The whole effect is most pleasing. As the pictures have been painted in spirit fresco colours, they are said to have the power to resist all external damp and change of temperature.

AT THE recent annual general meeting of the "Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men" Generals French and Baden-Powell and Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., were unanimously elected as honorary members. The greater number of the members of the retiring council were re-elected, but there was an infusion of new blood in the persons of Messrs. A. A. Banes—son of Major Banes, M.P.—H. Johnson, of St. Mary's Hospital; W. Mudford of the Standard; H. Nash, Borough Councillor for Greenwich; and H. W. Popkiss, of Dover. Rules were adopted for the administration of the benevolent fund. At the conclusion of the meeting a highly-instructive and interesting lecture on "Canterbury and its Cathedral" was given by Mr. T. R. Nunn, medallist of the Walthamstow Photographic Society, in addition to a valuable topographical collection lent by Mr. J. Cabban, of Greenwich, for inspection, both being free to members. The annual dinner is to take place at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when the Right Hon. Lord Harris, G.C.S.I., &c. (who has been unanimously re-elected as president for the ensuing year) will take the chair, supported by Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Major-General E. Davidson-Smith, and others, as guests of the evening. Application for dinner tickets should be made to the Hon. Secretary, 11, Fernholme-road, Nunhead, S.E., a limited number only being now available. The Association is making rapid progress, no less than 57 new members having been elected during the past month.

THE OLD MASONIANS.—The above Society of old Scholars of our School at Wood Green inaugurated their 15th season by a most successful concert on Friday, the 2nd instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. S. Chandler, Treasurer of the Association and I.P.M. of the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, who was supported by the officers of the Association and a numerous company of its members. The programme, which had been arranged by the Chairman and Mr. G. Cross-Willett, was well-varied, and carried through with a good deal of eclat. Bro. W. J. Packer opened the concert by singing "Our Jack's come home to-day." Bro. Patrick O'Doherty sang a couple of songs in excellent voice, and as an encore gave "Blow, blow, thou wintry wind," accompanied on the piano by Bro. Sargeant, the composer. Mr. Pearce Robinson, who is now making his debut in London as a tenor, was deservedly applauded in his two songs, "Once" and "Pretty Jane." Mr. J. E. Walters gave a banjo solo, "Cromartie." Mr. R. Riley proved his thorough mastery of the piccolo by playing a couple of lively and spirited selections. The humorous portion of the programme was particularly well sustained. Bro. V. J. Lee elicited roars of laughter by his stump speech on "Temperance," and Bros. Harry Hawkes, Willred Stracey, and Mr. Will Bentley each came in for a round of hearty applause. Mr. J. H. Hewlett very kindly acted as accompanist throughout the evening. Just before the interval the Chairman, in a short speech proposed "The Health of the Old Masonian C.I.V.s.," who, he was glad to say, had returned from South Africa none the worse for their arduous campaign. He further alluded in a few words to the loss they had sustained by the death of their old schoolfellow, "Jacky" Bloomfield, who went out to South Africa with the Hampshire contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry. The toast of the C.I.V. was responded to by Private A. H. Windsor. Bro. Chandler afterwards, in a humorous speech, on behalf of the association presented Bro. Patrick O'Doherty with a case of cutlery as a token of the good wishes of his schoolfellows on his recent marriage. At the conclusion of the evening Bro. R. H. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr. Cross-Willett, which was carried with acclamation. A thoroughly enjoyable gathering was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

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COTTON-SEED OIL.

The cotton-seed oil industry, though it can boast but a comparatively recent origin, bids fair to attain to great importance. As the name of this product implies, it is the oil obtained by crushing the seeds of the cotton plant. Probably cotton-seed oil has always been known to cotton producers, but it is only within the last 25 years that even an eminently practical people like the cotton farmers of the United States have realised the commercial possibilities of the product. Before the great Civil War occurred between the Northern and the Southern States, the Texas and South Carolina planters had hardly heard of this oil. New conditions, however, prevailed with the advent of peace. Great Britain was not so dependent upon the United States for her cotton supplies as she had been. The Southern planters, too, had to work on the most economical lines possible, and thus cotton products, regarded during the "ante-bellum days" as of no account, were carefully utilised. Still cotton-seed oil made slow progress, and the year 1867 saw only some four mills for crushing the seed in the United States. At the close of 1894, however, the number had increased to 253, of which no fewer than 27 are in South Carolina. England, too, has a big share of this oil business. Whole cargoes of cotton-seed, frequently in bulk, are brought to this country principally from Alexandria. The United States used to send us vast quantities of this seed. She now does so no longer, crushing the seed and manufacturing the various products derived from it herself. Hull is the principal port to which these consignments of Egyptian and Brazilian cotton-seed find their way, the manufacture of vegetable oils being a very important one at the Humberside town. It is well known that the raw cotton of commerce is the fluffy or downy fibre surrounding the seeds of the cotton plant. When the cotton is picked, and the seeds excluded, it is only to be expected that some portion of the fibre remains attached to the seeds. Before the seeds are crushed this has to be carefully removed. The process is aptly described as delinting, and the lint or cotton picked off in the process, though short in the staple, is extremely fine and silky to the touch, and has a high commercial value, being especially sought after by manufacturers of gun-cotton. No portion of the seed is wasted. Formerly the hulls, or shells, were regarded as possessing no commercial value, and were merely used as fuel. Now, however, it has been amply demonstrated that fuel of this description is extremely costly. They are largely used as cattle food, being mixed for that purpose with cotton-meal, the crushed kernel of the cotton-seed. Formerly, the cotton-meal used to be almost wholly exported to Great Britain or the Continent of Europe, where its efficacy as a cattle-fattener has long been duly recognised. Much, however, of the seed-meal is now despatched from the cotton areas to the towns or cattle-raising centres of the north and west of the United States, while another considerable portion of the output is returned to the land, mixed with phosphates, as a fertiliser, to promote the growth of future cotton crops. Strange as it may seem, the oil manufactured in England is held superior to that produced in the United States, on account of its greater clearness and better colour. Among the inhabitants of the United States cotton-seed oil is rapidly achieving popularity. Many housewives prefer it in their culinary processes to lards, and animal fats of a like nature, and an equally dubious origin. In fact, cotton-seed oil enters very largely into the composition of many of the compounds called "lard."

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THE SCHWEITZER SYSTEM OF BREAD-MAKING IN PARIS.

There has recently been established in Paris a society for forming in all the populous centres of France combination milling and baking-houses, worked by machinery, known as the "Schweitzer system." The object is to furnish 100 kilogrammes (220 lbs.) of nutritious and digestible white bread from 100 kilogrammes of grain at the lowest cost of production. The United States Consul at Roubaix, in his last report, says that the model establishment which is at La Vilette, Paris, opened its doors to the public on 15th June, 1899. It may be visited on Sundays by those desirous of studying its operation. At a meeting of the Society, in December last, a report was made concerning the success of the effort to supply good bread at a low price to the Parisian public. In the bakery at La Vilette and in the branch houses sales are rising daily. Official analyses by the National Agronomical Institute and by the municipal laboratory at Paris show that the Schweitzer bread contains more nutritive nitrogenous properties than ordinary baker's bread, and more than double the phosphates in the latter. The bread known as *pain de ménage* is sold to the working classes at about 1½d. per pound, considerably less than the usual price. The Vilette establishment is a building of iron and stone, about 515 feet long, situated on a canal, and constructed at a cost of about £40,000. The wheat arrives in a boat, which is moored in the canal, elevators hoist it into bins, whence it is carried by an immense elevator to the top of the mill, and turned into the different cleaning and separating machines. After all foreign substances have been removed, and the grains of wheat have undergone a thorough brushing and washing, they are clean and shining; but the grooves of the wheat sometimes retain a little dust. This is completely eliminated by a Schweitzer appliance, which, seizing each grain lengthwise, splits it exactly in the groove. The wheat thus cleansed passes into the mill, composed of flat circular steel grinders, grooved in such a manner that they accomplish the decortication of the kernel and its granulation into meal at the same time. Attached to the mill are the works for kneading the meal, water, and yeast into bread. All this is done mechanically, the works being separated into three stories. Special yeast is prepared in the upper story in rooms heated in winter and cooled in summer. The yeast, flour, and the salted and filtered water, are carried down by machinery into kneaders in the form of half-cylindrical tubs. The wheat, salted water, and yeast automatically enter one end of the tub, and dough, in an endless skein of pale yellow, issue from the opposite end. This dough finally falls on tables on the ground floor, where it is weighed and made into bread of every shape and dimension. In connection with this model establishment is a laboratory for the chemical examination of the samples of wheat submitted for purchase. These are, upon arrival, ground and passed through a sieve by a small hand-bolting mill, which determines, immediately, the nutritive volume of the grain in gluten and nitrogenous matter. This system is on view at the Paris Exhibition.

MINIATURE PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

In the same collection (that of Charles I.) were several more of his works, particularly a view of the Spanish Armada, and a curious jewel, containing the portraits of Henry VII., Henry VIII., Edward V., and Queen Mary; on the top was an enamelled representation of the battle of Bosworth, and on the reverse the red and white roses. This jewel was purchased by the King of Hilliard's son. The tablets upon which Hilliard painted his miniatures were seldom of ivory. "Hippolito Donato, a celebrated limner at Rome, used a card, or smooth piece of pasteboard, which, after he had rubbed with a slickstone, he, with starch finely laid on, pasted an abortive skin upon the same, upon which, when it was thoroughly dry, smooth pressed, and prepared, he did draw the form of the face with lines of lake," *Peacham*. In the essay towards an English school of painters, it is said that Mr. Fanshaw had the portraits of Hilliard and his father, finely executed, with inscriptions on gold letters; on the former—

"Nicolas Hilliardus, aurifaber, sculptor, et celebris illuminator serenissimæ reginæ Elizabethæ, anno 1557, æt suæ 30."

On the other—

"Ricardus Hilliardus, quondam vicecomes civitatis, et comitatus, Exoniæ, anno 1563, ætatis suæ 58, A.D. 1577."

Virtue says he saw them, afterwards, in the possession of the last Sidney Earl of Leicester, and that they were then taken out of the old frames and set in a snuff box. Hilliard continued in vogue during this reign, and great numbers of portraits by his hand, especially of ladies, are extant. Of this statement, doubts may reasonably be entertained, because so much time was requisite for a degree of finishing so elaborate; and his price was also very large. Want of a careful protection, or the evanescent nature of the tints, has, at all events, reduced them now to a very small number. Miniatures, for many obvious reasons, are much more liable to be destroyed than oil paintings, if the fading of their colours only were considered. Hilliard obtained still greater favour from King James, drawing his Majesty's and Prince Henry's pictures; and receiving a patent to this effect—printed by Rymer: "Whereas our well beloved servant, Nicholas Hilliard, gentleman, our principal drawer of small portraits, and embosser of our medals, in gold, in respect of his extraordinary skill in drawing, graving, and imprinting, &c., we have granted unto him our special licence, for twelve years, to invent, make, grave, and imprint, any pictures of our image, or our royal family, &c., and that no one do presume to do so without his licence obtained, &c." This grant was of great emolument to him, as, about that time, he engraved many small plate and sold licences for others, with the heads of the king and royal family, which were then, and are still used for counters. Simon Pass, and other engravers were employed by him in these works.

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THE METROPOLITAN MUSIC HALL, EDGWARE-ROAD, W.

We had a spare evening last week, and paid a visit to the above music hall. Its exterior is very attractive, being well illuminated with electric installation. We were agreeably surprised with what we saw. A Miss Agnes Maltino, with a well-trained sweet voice, gave an operatic solo, in costume. A sketch, entitled "On Deck," by the Ouda Bros., was very smart; one or two of the effects were original and unexpected. Miss Goodwynne Earle, comedienne, has evident talent. The Dumond Italian Minstrels (French rather) we recognised as old favourites, having previously seen them at the Alhambra and elsewhere; their music was as good as ever—the solo on the violin was played with great delicacy and finish. The Miniature Marie was a pretty young girl, full of life and animation; she was, deservedly, a great favourite with the audience. Mr. Geo. Chirgwin, with his eccentric dress and manner, seemed to afford great amusement. There were some good African and Chinese pictures—Bio-Tableaux they are called. During the interval the March from "Tannhauser" was effectively rendered by the band. There was a laughable sketch, "Troubles in Monkeyland," by the Lomas Troupe, which afforded opportunity to display their agility. Mr. Chas. E. Edwards, as the Happy Tramp, is very clever. The ever-blooming Minnie Palmer was seen in her American success "Rose Pompon."

GENERAL NOTES.

Mrs. Langtry will open the renovated Imperial Theatre at Westminster with the new play written for her by Victorien Sardou, called "Marie Antoinette." The title rôle and leading character, we need hardly say, will be impersonated by the fair manageress.

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At the Empire the new illusion now in rehearsal will be shortly produced. It is styled "A Phantom Drill," and in a spectral army appears and disappears—as mysteriously as De Wet's forces.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, November 17, 1900.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Logic Club, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer-street, W., at 11.15 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
58, Felicity, Prince's Restaurant.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
103, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
106, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1789, Ubiq, Criterion.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2391, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.
2426, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.
2454, Guildhall School of Music, Holborn Restaurant.
2505, Royal Rose, Head Quarters 3rd Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers, Edward-street, Hampstead-road.
2632, Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel.
2682, Sancta Maria, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

720, Panmure, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1704, Cable, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGE.

224, Menatschum, Cafe Royal.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

140, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Brondebury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Hotel, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marques of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2, Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance).
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Zoric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Zwis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel.
781, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
933, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1196, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1269, Leopold, Holborn Restaurant.
1571, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1593, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1604, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
1668, Samson, Cafe Royal.
1693, Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant.
1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.
2400, Brentwood, Castle Hotel.
2427, Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras.
2751, Arts, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.
1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Curro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salvation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Fies., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Kembles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.
Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E.
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
136, Good Report, Albion Tavern.
147, Justice, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
518, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel.
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.
1687, Rothesay, Frascati Restaurant.
1766, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.
1815, Penge, Clarence Hotel.
1827, Alliance, Albion Tavern.
1904, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1986, Honor Oak, Anderton's Hotel.
2168, Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.
2347, Grafton, Grafton Rooms.
2362, Bloomsbury Raffles, Head-quarters Chenies-street.
2470, Telegraph Cable, Hotel Cecil.
2528, Lancastrian, Hotel Cecil.
2697, St. Michael le Querne, Holborn Restaurant.
2765, Earl's Court, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

Old Kent, Mark Masons' Hall.
385, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROSS.

139, Alleyo, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londeborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.
New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, 27, Knight-rider-st., E.C.
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East H. m., at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.

23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Albion Tavern.
657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1365, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lovender Hill, S.W.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.
2012, Navy, Hotel Cecil.
2694, Justinian, Inns of Court Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Cannon-street Hotel.
507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
834, Andrew, Criterion.
1685, Guelph, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—

1657, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.

MARK LODGES.

190, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.
331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel.
361, Onslow, Cafe Royal.
451, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

154, Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Countts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.
High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
Langton, Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Montebello, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.
Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.
Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
975, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern.
1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2243, Argonauts, Frascati Restaurant.
2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.
2416, Midland and Oxford Bar, Cafe Royal.
2721, Light, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

45, United Kemeys Tynte and Temple Crossing Preceptory, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Chough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farteigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Labroke-grove, Notting-hill.
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington at 8.
Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.
2513, Sir Walter St. John, Holborn Restaurant.
2773, Assistance, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammermith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.
Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.