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## INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

It seems to be to very little purpose that consecrating officers and other brethren of high standing in the Craft should be continually dinning into the ears of members of our lodges the necessity for exercising the most extreme caution in accepting persons who offer themselves as candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, when the facilities for admission are such as are described in a letter we publish in another column. Our correspondent, who signs himself "Indignant," states, without qualification or reservation of any kind, that "certain London lodges are initiating men from the country without first making inquiry as to their character in the town in which they reside, and whether they would be considered fit and proper persons to be admitted to a lodge in their own town." He tells us further that "this is causing great uneasiness, and members are refusing to meet these so-called 'back door' Masons (?) in open lodge." His letter concludes with the appeal—which is quite natural under the circumstances—"please lend your assistance." The assistance we are able to render may not be much, but in the hope that it may be of service, it is cheerfully rendered.

In the first place, as regards the laws relating to candidates for initiation, Article 183 of the Book of Constitutions is to the following effect: "Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our antient and honourable Fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or enquiry made into their characters and qualifications . . . it is declared to be specially incumbent on all members of lodges to see that particular attention be paid to these several points." Article 184 provides that "no person shall be made a Mason without having been proposed and seconded at one regular lodge, and balloted for at the next regular lodge, which ballot shall not take place unless his name, age, profession, or occupation, and place of abode, with the names of his proposer and seconder, have been sent in the summons to all the members of the lodge." Article 186 provides, among other things, that every candidate must not only be of the full age of 21 years—except in certain specified cases—but also "a free man, and at the time of initiation

in reputable circumstances." Thus, so far as our Laws go, every reasonable precaution is taken to safeguard our lodges against the admission into Masonry of unworthy persons and persons who are not known to be "in reputable circumstances." Hence, it is not the Law which is at fault but those who act in ignorance or disregard of its provisions, and of these we take it—in the practice referred to in our Correspondent's letter—the proposer and seconder of the intended candidate are primarily to blame, and finally the Master, who allows the proposition to come before the lodge without ensuring first of all that due enquiry into the character and qualifications of the candidate have been made and with a result which is in every way satisfactory. But if the strict observance of these provisions is deemed imperative under the laws of Freemasonry in the case of the ordinary candidate who applies to be admitted into our "antient and honourable Fraternity" in a lodge in the town in which he resides or, at all events, within easy distance of his residence, *à fortiori* must it be imperative in the case of a candidate who resides a long way from the lodge in which he is proposed to be made a Mason. In a country town a person's character and qualifications are likely to be known among his neighbours; but it does not follow that they are equally well known among the members of a London lodge; and, *vice versa*, a man residing in London is not likely to be much known by those residing in a country town more or less remote. In any case, if inquiry into the character and qualifications of every candidate for initiation is held to be necessary and is provided for in the Laws or Constitutions of Freemasonry, it must be absolutely necessary in the case of one who is a stranger to the members of the lodge. It will be argued that the proposer and seconder are sponsors for the candidate's reputability, and to a limited extent they are; but the very fact of a man applying for admission into Freemasonry, not to a lodge within easy reach of his home, but 50 or 100 miles away, is alone calculated to arouse suspicion, and renders the inquiry provided for in Article 183 more imperative than ever, and to secure that this is made, and made properly and satisfactorily, is the duty of the W.M.

## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Every lodge should be one of instruction. But a lodge of instruction pre-supposes an instructor, and it also pre-supposes time and opportunity for instruction to be given, and very often these conditions are not present in the ordinary lodge. Were the Worshipful Master elect thoroughly examined by a competent Board before his installation, not only as regards his aptness in the ritual, but his knowledge of history, law, and Constitutions, then there might be no necessity for the lodge of instruction. As things are, however, the more the better.

It must be understood that a lodge of instruction, and the weekly rehearsal which obtains largely in the provinces, are two distinct things. The latter is quite unknown to the Constitutions, and is not officially recognised. As a matter of fact, it is an irregular unlicensed lodge of instruction, meeting by mutual agreement. The chief objection to it is that it usurps the place of the real thing. The instruction given is entirely *ad hoc*, or with special reference to the proper conduct of a forthcoming ceremony, and is practically so much drill.

Articles 158 to 161 describe the procedure necessary to form a lodge of instruction, or, at all events, they refer to it, and they

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define its relationship to the mother lodge. A warrant is not necessary. The record of a motion to that effect in the lodge minute book is quite sufficient to satisfy the Constitutions. In practice some little more formality is desirable.

The following form of warrant was once drawn up by the writer, and is at this moment hanging up in a very flourishing lodge of instruction.

Lodge . . . . No. . . . E.C.

Whereas certain brethren, members of this lodge, whose names are noted hereunder, have signified to us their desire to acquire more instruction in Masonic knowledge than they are able to obtain at the ordinary meetings of the lodge owing to the many and various calls upon its time. We, the Master and Wardens of the above lodge, acting by virtue of a resolution passed (date) and confirmed (date) do hereby allow these brethren to form a Lodge of Instruction to be called . . . . and recognise Wor. Bro. . . . as Preceptor thereof, and Bro. . . . as Secretary, and the following brethren as first members . . . . , under Articles 158 to 161 of the Book of Constitutions.

This is given merely as an example of what is suitable.

The sanction of a warranted lodge is not always necessary, inasmuch as the Grand Master may give the requisite permission.

In Article 158 occurs the very important phrase.

The lodge giving its sanction, or the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be . . . responsible that the mode of working adopted has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

What generally takes place in a lodge of instruction is that the lectures, or sections of them, are worked, officers to conduct the same being appointed at a previous meeting. Such appointments are, of course, part of the business of the meeting, and must find a place in the minutes.

It will be readily understood that a very serious, indeed the chief, responsibility lies with the brother who is elected to the office of Preceptor. The very appellation signifies that the members take the law from him, and accept his explanation of every word and phrase demanding explanation, and therefore it is most desirable that their confidence shall not be misplaced.

The Preceptor's duties may be described as twofold. The more important one is to see that ceremonies are conducted in accordance with working sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of England. The other is, of course, to supply enquiring brethren with information, and to make such explanations as seem to be called for.

First of all, the working. A little historical retrospect is necessary. At the time of the Union it was felt that uniformity in working was desirable, and a warrant was issued for the formation of the Lodge of Reconciliation—which included an equal number of members of each of the two Societies. They were instructed to prepare a ritual, and on May 20th, 1816, the ceremonies were rehearsed at two special meetings of Grand Lodge, the Duke of Sussex presiding. The work thus displayed was officially recognised, and out of the Lodge of Reconciliation, sprang a few years later, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, with Bro. Peter Gilkes as first Preceptor. Bro. Gilkes, who died in 1833, was succeeded by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, who presided over the lodge till his death in 1866. Bros. Fenn, Murton, and Richards succeeded, and it may be taken that the ritual taught in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement at the present day by Bros. Sudlow, Rushton, and Kentish is the same that was recognised nearly a century ago.

If not, we are absolutely without guidance, and though every brother who has occupied the Master's chair has solemnly declared his conviction that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry, yet he would be absolutely without the means of knowing whether he was introducing innovations or not.

Further discussion of this question, however, lies outside our province. All we need say more in this connection is to quote a resolution of Grand Lodge on December 1, 1869:

That with a view to securing greater uniformity of working and observance of the same usages and customs throughout the several lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to enquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice and to report to Grand Lodge thereupon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified nor countenanced.

Oliver says: "No abstract ceremonies can legally be performed, and all attempts at initiating a candidate would subject such a lodge to extinction." With regard to the performance of an abstract ceremony, with a brother to personate a candidate, it is a thing of common occurrence, and we venture to doubt whether Oliver has any foundation for the prohibition. It might be considered want of taste to travesty our working to that extent, especially as the lectures supply all that can be wanted.

And we have Oliver's authority for saying that members need not be clothed. Membership does not convey any Constitutional privilege, and it would not helc any brother disqualified to sit in Grand Lodge under Article 9.

It is to be recommended that at every regular meeting of a lodge which has sanctioned a lodge of instruction the minutes of the latter be read as part of the ordinary business, inasmuch as

any *laches* may entail serious consequences upon what may be called the mother lodge.

It is not absolutely necessary that the mother lodge and its offspring should meet in the same building. In fact, a District Grand Master having ruled that they must do so, his ruling was appealed against and reversed by Grand Lodge in December, 1882. Nor is membership restricted, every brother qualified to attend an ordinary lodge is eligible, and Mackey says that only Master Masons are eligible.

The Preceptor should be a reading man, aptness in ritual is not all. He should be qualified to explain matters which in a regular lodge are taken as being clear to everybody.

Occasionally lodges of improvement for Installed Masters are met with, one such, the Perfect Ashlar, formed with the sanction of *Lodge Perfect Unanimity*, No. 150, was formed by the writer and others in March, 1897. The object of the lodge was to make Worshipful Masters familiar with the ceremony of installation, and for this purpose meetings were to be held on the eve of each communication of the District Grand Lodge, when there was a chance of most brethren being present, and at any other time on the requisition of any brother who might be getting ready for such ceremony. The lodge was supported by fees payable by brethren present.

There are no less than 213 lodges of instruction in the London District alone.

### CONSECRATION OF THE SEYMOUR LODGE, No. 2804.

The above lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at the new Masonic Hall, Ipsley, Redditch. The lodge has been founded for the convenience of many brethren residing in the neighbourhood who have hitherto been members of a lodge in Birmingham (15 miles distant), and any residents who may desire to become Freemasons. A commodious hall has been built for the accommodation of the members.

The founders are Bros. Lord Ernest Seymour, P.M. 310, P.P.G.W.; Dr. Pierce, P.M. 1016; G. Trentham, W. S. Tunbridge, W. J. Taylor, J. W. Alcock, J. Burman, E. J. Charles, E. H. Durban, A. Eadie, C. H. Edmonds, T. Evans, W. Farrow, R. Fenwick, E. H. Godbold, J. J. Kendall, H. R. Lloyd, J. Lucking, W. Marhenke, T. W. F. Newton, R. W. Palk, A. W. Perkins, H. E. Perkins, A. E. Robinson, R. E. Short-house, H. W. Shrimpton, B. Perrins, J. Smith, R. W. Smith, E. Warner, and W. Woodfield, all of whom were present.

Bro. GEORGE BEECH, D.P.G.M., delivered the address on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the *Petition and Warrant*.

An impressive oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. Spencer Aldridge, M.A., W.M. 284, Prov. G. Chap.

Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and brethren: I do not think we can ever fully realise the intensity of the sorrow that King David felt that the privilege of building a house to the glory of God was not permitted to him. It is only when we study in the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Psalms, which were written at the end of David's life, that we get a glimpse of the innermost feelings of the King. Those Psalms reveal the King's truest self because they are his communings with God. Those Psalms are full of thanksgiving, but there is a note of pain running through them all. He, the King, had received a hundred times more than he could have asked, but not the desire of his soul—the building of the Temple was withheld from him. That Temple of his dreams, more glorious than was ever built with hands. That great Psalmist erected in everlasting stone, and lined with gold and filled with music. That beautiful imagination was refused to him. To know that Solomon, his son, should build it was no doubt a great thing, but yet a man's son, though dear, is not himself. His was the imagination, his the heart in which this great thought had been conceived, but not to him was to be the blessing of carrying it out. So David's thanksgiving to God is filled with humility and with pathetic acknowledgment of the promise that Solomon, his son, should build the Temple of God, but it is at the same time acute with an unexpressed pang, for he himself must not build the House. That privilege, my brothers, which was denied to King David, is in a measure granted to us Freemasons. We are allowed to erect and consecrate our lodges to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. To-day there are thousands of these lodges throughout the world, which have been erected and consecrated with the purpose that man may glorify his Maker. The Temple, which the Royal Solomon was permitted to build, what was it to the Jew of old? It was a place which could in a measure satisfy his desires for somewhere to place his affections, and, therefore, the Jew loved the place, not simply for its beauty and its stateliness, but because it hid him from the outside world, with all its miseries and offences, and brought him immediately into the presence of God. Take as examples of the thoughts of those who entered that Temple—"O how amiable are Thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts." Psalm 84; also in the 48th Psalm, "My soul is athirst for God, for the living God, when shall I come to appear before God?" As to ourselves, we have our privilege of erecting and consecrating our lodges, as we do here to-day. What are those lodges to us? They are places where we can enter, leaving our cares outside, putting away for the time our worldly concerns. Here we are taught to realise the universal presence of God, our dependence upon God, and the requirement of reverence for God. In those meetings our ceremonies speak of the duty of life, the needs of God (we may with all reverence speak of the needs of God), the needs of our brother, and the needs of ourselves. They speak, too, of the duty of growing in knowledge of God and His works; they tell us of the end of life when we may pass to the Heavenly Temple above. Now to think once more of the Temple and its place in Jewish life, it was visible material and local, and so from that Temple the Jew had to go forth again into his world; but it was to go forth with fresh strength, to lead his life according to the commands of the Divine Law. Such was the value of the privilege of the Temple to the Jew. And so you and I must remember that when we, too, leave our lodges, with their beautiful instructions, ceremonies, and rituals, that we shall

not have made the true use of the privilege of having our lodges unless we keep in mind as we pass into the world again that we are still in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe, and that he is calling upon us to put into practice the lessons we have been taught in those buildings, which the Great Architect of the Universe has allowed us to erect and consecrate to the honour and glory of His name. That so it may be with us, let our prayer be "So mote it be."

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Downing, Past Prov. G. Chap., assisted with some of the prayers.

The rest of the usual consecrating ceremony was performed in an admirable manner by the Consecrating Officer, Bro. George Beech, assisted by Bro. Major Glover, D.C.

Bro. Lord Ernest Seymour was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Beech, by whom the addresses also were given.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Dep. G.M. Eng.; the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; W. T. Page, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; G. M. Walker, E. Holmes, W. E. Pengelley, P. Fryer, H. A. Clulee, T. Rowbotham, Rev. G. J. Emanuel, A. W. Adams, G. H. Middleton, Wright Wilson, Felix Jones, W. H. Davenport, Canon Rivington, W. Hale, Rev. Parkins, J. C. Stackhouse, Dr. Felix Inrace, and Dr. Denne.

A Consecrating Officer's jewel was presented to Bro. George Beech.

A number of names were mentioned as candidates for initiation.

After the usual form of business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Warwick Arms Hotel.

## Craft Masonry.

### Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13. INSTALLATION OF BRO. JAMES QUICK.

There was a great gathering of London and local Masons at the Masonic Buildings, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, to witness the installation of our esteemed Bro. James Quick, S.W., and W.M. elect of the above old lodge, the mother, and indeed we may say the grandmother, of all the lodges in the Woolwich and Plumstead District.

The lodge was opened soon after two p.m. by the W.M., Bro. H. Jacobs, and the usual lodge business having been transacted, Bro. Quick was presented to the W.M., who proceeded to install his successor, which he did in such a manner as to meet with the encomiums of all present. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Jacobs, I.P.M.; J. Horne, S.W.; G. Dennison, J.W.; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas.; W. Dobbins, Sec.; B. Hudson, Asst. Sec.; G. Davies, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Crowley, S.D.; T. J. Wren, J.D.; J. W. Hodge, I.G.; J. Bailey and T. Furgusson, Asst. D.Cs.; H. K. Weathers, T. Hackney, A. Butteress, and J. O. Welsh, Stwds.; T. H. Griffiths, and T. W. Chambers, Org. Bro. Jacobs was presented with the usual Past Master's jewel, which he has well earned, and also with a hearty vote of thanks for his work as Installing Officer that day, for which he returned his thanks.

The brethren then proceeded to the Holborn Restaurant, where a choice and well-served banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Applebee, P.M.; E. Mills, P.M.; E. W. Carter, P.M.; H. Grice, P.M.; J. Matthey, P.M.; A. Cleal, P.M.; G. W. Reed, P.M.; W. H. Turton, P.M.; W. J. Barnes, P.M.; A. McQueen, P.M.; J. Welsh, A. Reynolds, G. Masey, W. Murrey, A. Swift, W. Elwiss, J. Morrison, T. Sandford, F. Moore, J. Heard, H. Young, E. Foster, A. Jacobs, A. Weeks, G. Bisker, J. Trollope, C. Pilcher, A. Vincent, J. Buckland, C. Crouch, H. Eason, T. Goner, F. Bussey, A. Creghton, E. L. Chasteaneuf, G. Roberts, T. Geddes, G. Swaisland, J. Howcroft, B. Hudson, J. Wright, C. Bunn, H. Cornish, J. Blackburn, J. Woodley, L. Green, J. Hall, J. Barden, A. Teaker, N. Hill, F. Martin, L. Wagg, J. Lee, H. Staples, H. Barrington, Skier, H. Tress, G. Chambers, F. Thomas, C. Robinson, J. Berry, C. Martin, T. Wits, T. Hurclo, G. Marshall, A. Durant, T. Enever, J. Thorp, C. Blight, I. Dixon, H. Grant, R. Hoare, T. Campbell, N. White, J. Templeman, W. Dixon, E. Proctor, A. Ilsley, A. Thompson, R. Stead, G. Gable, L. Wagg, H. Russell, S. Butler, W. Lawson, J. Harper, J. Attenborough, R. King, C. King, R. Hulford, W. Pannett, A. Beary, T. Moore, W. Lister, W. C. Doun, E. Bates, W. Jones, F. Harris, J. Hodder, W. Lambert, J. Luckfull, F. Dickson, W. Remington, W. Lynch, G. Bishop, S. Spurling, C. Waller, J. Tickell, T. Geddes, J. Littlewood, I. Jones, C. Pocknall, A. Stamford, C. Goodrich, and B. Delraclair, all of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. Jolly (Hon. Member of the lodge), P.M., Sec. 1472, P.M., Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; W. Chambers, W.M., H. Pamnant, P.M., R. Shand, C. Terry, and E. Robertson, of 700; E. J. Vallon, W.M., A. Wolfe, and W. Fletcher, of 615; W. Eveleigh, H. Fenn, and C. Hunt, of 829; A. Moore, W.M., J. G. Tucker, S.W., J. H. Bull, J.W., and C. J. Swiss, of 913; T. Green, W.M. 1076; A. Simmons, P.M., J. Howe, W.M., and W. G. Down, of 1536; T. Welsh, J.W., and A. Bassett, of 1472; H. Chase (Grand Lodge of Egypt); G. Golding, 1973; W. F. Buckland, 483; R. Rawlinson, W.M., H. Steer, S.W., and G. Reynolds, J.W., of 2399; L. Burrows, 1475; T. Martin, 299; J. Wood, S.W. 1973; T. Horwood and F. Downie, of 1604; G. Stevens, 19; J. Lyons, 100 (I.C.); J. Canter, 1327; and others.

Bro. Jacobs, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said they all knew when their W.M. placed the gavel in his hands the purposes to which it would be put, and knowing that, he felt sure that it was totally unnecessary for him to enlarge upon the merits of their W.M. Those merits were known not only to every brother of the lodge but to every Mason in the district, and if their W.M. was not so well beloved as he was he would not occupy the position he now held. He asked them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved.

The W.M., in response to a very hearty reception, said he felt like an initiate would when he first saw the light, for that day he had been initiated into the secrets restricted to the Master's chair. He wished especially to express his gratitude to every member of the lodge for placing him in the proud position he now occupied, and trusted they would never regret the confidence placed in him. He should endeavour to do that which was right, and retain their esteem by a faithful discharge of the duties attached to the high office he held, and trusted to have, with their assistance, a pleasant and successful year of office.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Installing Officer," said those of the brethren who were present at the ceremony of installation that day must have been powerfully impressed with the effective manner in which Bro. Jacobs had discharged the duties, the onerous duties, of Installing Officer, and those who were privileged to be inside the lodge when he (the W.M.) was installed in the chair would agree with him when he said that, so far as he knew, Bro. Jacobs was one who knew what to do and how to do it; and when they took into consideration that in most cases it only fell to the lot of a brother to discharge that duty and perform that splendid ceremony once in his lifetime, they would certainly agree with him that their esteemed I.P.M. was entitled to their gratitude for his work that day. For himself, he heartily thanked Bro. Jacobs, and would ask them to show their appreciation of that brother's worth by the heartiness of their "fire."

Bro. Jacobs, in reply, said he felt deeply gratified at the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and would now further thank them for the handsome jewel presented to him that day by the brethren of the lodge. It seemed to him that whatever he had done had met with their approbation; and their kind good wishes to him were an ample payment for any exertion he had made to qualify himself, both as Master and Installing Officer of their and his grand old mother lodge, the "Union Waterloo." He should always remember with pride that he had that day received their approbation, and while it was tinged with a little regret at having to vacate the chair, yet he felt sure that their present Master would sustain the prestige of the lodge, and the harmony and happiness of the brethren.

Bro. Applebee, in responding for "The Past Masters," regretted not being able to attend the lodge, but had heard the highest praise given to Bro. Jacobs for the admirable manner in which he had carried out his work that day as their Installing Officer. For himself, he was proud to say that it was many years ago since he was installed as Master of that lodge, there were then present 68 brethren; that night they had with them 168; and he was proud to see so many brethren present to do honour to the occasion. They were told that they, the old Past Masters, were "fossils," and they were also told in their grand ritual that some must rule and govern, while others must submit and obey, and though the Past Masters had ceased to rule they would, in governing, never go beyond the boundary set by the grand principle and tenets of the Order.

Bros. Reed, Cleal, and Grice also responded.

Bros. Jolly, Chambers, Swiss, Vallon, and others, responded for "The Visitors," and after "The Officers" had been toasted, the proceedings, which had been most enjoyable, closed.

The following ladies and gentlemen sang selections during the evening: Miss Nellie Beare, Miss Clara Price, and Bros. E. T. Walford, J. G. Dickenson, and G. R. Roberts. Bro. Griffiths presided at the piano.

### Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY COLE.

The installation meeting of this lodge, which is now 42 years old, was held on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Bro. A. J. Hexter, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Henry Cole, S.W.; H. A. Turnbull, J.W.; George S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; Henry Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; T. Weeks, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Jones, I.G.; William Graves, Org.; Henry Hexter, P.M.; Robert W. Bennis, P.M.; James H. Brand, P.M.; Frederick Kedde, P.M.; Spencer Homewood, A. W. Beney, Frederick W. Brett, J. G. Young, W. H. Latham, George Grogan, Henry Crabb, Cecil Maltby, William Kedde, William Varney, H. M. Winch, E. J. Johnson, W. Wells, H. E. Lane, W. G. Payne, William Moss, Henry G. French, Frederick Collins, E. J. Dwyll, S. J. Southcombe, George Elliott, and Albert Page. The visitors were Bros. James F. Quartley, 228; Henry Baker, P.M. 2699; H. Lewis, W.M. 2599, P.M. 1558; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. L. Targett, P.M. 1559; H. Lalman, P.M. 1853; J. Pilcher Shoveluis, 1641; James A. Shelton, P.M. 2579; F. J. Ruse, P.M. 65; Alfred F. Dottridge, P.M. 172; George C. Hudson, P.M. 141; F. J. Feldon, S.D. 2579; John Shepherd, P.M. 140; W. C. Holland, J.D. 140; J. E. Chittock, 2485; E. L. Greville, 2222; J. Williams, 15; T. E. Williams, 15; Samuel Firminger, S.W. 1559; and J. Butzbach, 1559.

The W.M. passed Bro. Homewood to the Second Degree, and then gave way to Bro. Bennis, P.M., who had a personal friend among the intending initiates. Bro. Bennis took the chair, and initiated Messrs. Wilmot Ernest Lane and William Zacharias Payne. Bro. Hexter again took the chair, and in capital style installed Bro. Hy. Cole, S.W., W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, who was presented to him by Bro. Henry Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., Sec., Bro. T. Weeks, P.M., acting as D.C. Bro. Hexter was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. H. A. Turnbull, S.W.; W. Elliott, J.W.; G. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; T. Weeks, P.M., D.C.; T. Jones, S.D.; F. W. Brett, J.D.; A. W. Beney, I.G.; W. Moss, A.D.C.; E. E. Austin, P.M., and J. Lines, Stwds.; W. Graves, Org.; and J. S. Gregory, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hexter, and several names were given in for initiation and joining. The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, and honoured the usual toasts.

The music, under the direction of Bro. William Graves, Organist, was performed by the Excelsior Glee Party, Miss Rubie Grey, Miss Clara Pierce, Mr. Henry Slaughter, and Mr. Walter Vernon.

Bro. H. Cole, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," feelingly referred to the death of Prince Christian Victor, the grandson of the Queen, who went out to South Africa to do what he could for the benefit of the country and the Queen, and the brethren would sympathise deeply with her in her loss.

Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G.P., P.M., responded to the toast, which included "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Hexter, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Henry Cole, W.M., in reply, said he felt somewhat out of place in his position as W.M., but he felt very proud to be in it. He accepted the chair with very great diffidence, as Bro. Garrod would endorse; but through the kindness of the brethren they unanimously elected him, and all he could do for the credit and the benefit of the Belgrave Lodge he should do. He believed they had in him a very poor Master. At any rate when he went out of the chair perhaps they would say what they thought of him. He thought very little of himself at present. He hoped he should be spared to do credit to himself and the lodge.

Bros. Lane and Payne replied to the toast of "The Initiates."

Bro. H. Cole, W.M., proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said the brethren saw how Bro. Hexter had performed his duty that evening; he had given them great satisfaction. He thanked Bro. Hexter for the assistance he had given in the past, which he was sure he would be ready to give in the future. He had much pleasure in attaching to Bro. Hexter's breast the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him. Bro. Hexter, as well as all other P.Ms. of the Belgrave Lodge, were very proud of the lodge; it was their mother lodge, and they always would be proud of it. Bro. Hexter would be very proud of the jewel, which he deserved; he had during his year done credit to the lodge, and the brethren were proud of him.

Bro. Hexter, I.P.M., in reply, said it was his ambition when he was placed in the chair to give satisfaction. That had been so passed to-night by the kindly manner in which the brethren had appreciated his efforts, as evidenced by the jewel which they had given him. He hoped he might be spared many years to wear it. He should appreciate it more than any honour conferred on him by her Most Gracious Majesty.

Bros. Lewis, Shelton, Dottridge, Stephens, Hets, Quartley, Targett, and Lowman responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and the toast of "The P.Ms., Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" having been followed by the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, having spent a most pleasant evening.

### Zetland Lodge, No. 1311.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. W. MAYO ROBSON, M.D., F.R.C.S.

##### VISIT OF THE PROV. GRAND MASTER, BRO. W. LAWIES JACKSON, M.P.

The annual festival of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1311, was celebrated in Leeds on Friday, the 10th instant, under very favourable auspices. The new Master is Bro. Dr. Mayo Robson, whose eminence as an operating surgeon is, as one of the speakers remarked during the evening, European. This fact alone drew many visitors, and the result was one of the largest meetings of a private lodge which Leeds has hitherto witnessed.

The Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, paid a visit to Zetland Lodge on this occasion. He was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson, whose recovery from his recent accident is only just complete. The brethren expressed great satisfaction at seeing Bro. Wilson's cheery face amongst them again, and many were the congratulations which he received. The lodge was called for 4.30, and shortly after that time Bro. H. M. Forbes, W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. E. L. Frazer, I.P.M.; A. W. Mayo Robson, S.W.; W. E. B. Marchant, J.W.; K. Smiles, P.M., Chap.; W. W. Clayton, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Smith, Sec.; H. Littlewood, S.D.; W. Carby Hall, J.D.; H. J. Roper, I.G.; F. Long, Org.; and T. F. Wheeler, Tyler. Other members of Zetland comprised: Bros. W. D. Hollis, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. G. Blackburn, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; A. Whitehead, P.M.; G. H. Clemons, P.M.; Wm. Postlethwaite, P.M.; M. A. Brigg, P.M.; J. A. Godwin, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.W.; Anderson, P.M.; J. W. Dobson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Jarvis, P.M.; C. W. O. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.; also Bros. Ellis, Glover-Alexander, A. J. Swift, G. P. Humphrey, Asquith, R. J. Roper, A. L. Whitehead, and J. Macdonald.

The visitors were very numerous, and included Bros. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., Prov. G. Master; Richard Wilson, P.M. 289, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G. Master; J. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M.; W. C. Lupton, P.M. 974, P.P.G.W., G.D. of Eng., Mayor of Bradford (second year); W. H. Cowper, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Letch Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G.W.; F. Cleaves, P.M. 904, Prov. S.G.W.; G. H. Parke, P.M. 154, P.P.G.W.; G. Bolton, P.M. 154, P.P.G. Treas.; Fox Thomas, P.P.G. Chap. N. and E. Yorkshire; J. H. Clarke, P.P.G.D. of C. Derbyshire; H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; [Dr. Mossop,

P.M. 974, P.P.G.D.; Dr. McGregor, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.; J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, P.P. Asst. G. Sec.; W. Cockerlyne, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Org.; T. M. Holmes, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Chalker, P.M. 154; H. Bromet, P.M. 2677; and R. J. Smith, P.M. 1042. The medical profession naturally mustered strongly, and besides those in the Zetland Lodge (and they are many) included Bros. West Symes, A. T. Bacon, P.M. 1211; West, Brown, P.M. 1211; Williamson, Foster, Longford, Bates, P.M. 1522, P.P.G.D.; Draper, Hall, Hamer, Kingston, Campbell, Holmes, Kershaw, Naylor, and A. Dennison, 1211. The Leeds lodges were represented by Bros. Dr. Martin Forbisher, I.P.M. 289; Henry B. Wilson, W.M. elect 289; F. Hinchliffe, W.M. 304; Fenton, W.M. 306; Whitfield, W.M. 1042; Haigh, W.M. 1211; Gardiner, W.M. 1221; the Rev. W. Wilkinson, W.M. 2069; and Barker, W.M. 2608. There were also present Bros. De Burg Birch, A. Willey, Robinson, J. Barracough, I.P.M. 304, Bottomley, Gutfeld, Gilbert Jackson, C. Blagborough, Jowett, Cawthorp, H. Wyler, J. Stewart, T. E. Spalding, H. Cockerlyne, 304, W. McQuat, Myers Berwick, Sykes, F. Broadhead, Palmer, G. R. Humphrey, and A. Willey.

The first portion of the installation ceremony was most ably conducted by the retiring and very popular W.M., Bro. H. M. Forbes. The Board of Installed Masters numbered 55. From this stage the duty of Installing Master was taken up by Bro. R. Smailes, P.M., whose rendering of the ceremony was universally applauded. Bro. A. W. Mayo Robson was heartily greeted on being placed in the chair. He at once invested his I.P.M., Bro. Forbes, the jewel attached to whose collar being very lucidly explained by Bro. E. L. Frazer, Bro. Forbes' own I.P.M. The brethren, to the number of 35, being re-admitted, the proclamations were made, and the usual salutes given, Bro. W. W. Clayton acting as Dir. of Cers.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. E. B. Marchant, S.W.; H. Littlewood, J.W.; R. Smailes, P.M., Chap.; W. W. Clayton, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Smith, Sec.; W. Carby Hall, S.D.; H. J. Roper, J.D.; Wm. Postlethwaite, P.M., D. of C.; F. Long, Org.; A. J. Swift, I.G.; and G. P. Humphrey and J. Macdonald, Stwds. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered in Bro. Smailes' usual effective way, and this completed the ceremony.

Bros. E. L. Frazer, P.M., and H. M. Forbes, I.P.M., were elected to serve on the Committee of Management, and Bro. H. Gaskell Blackburn, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., was chosen to represent the lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee. The two Wardens were put upon the local Charity Committee. This was all the routine business, and the W.M., in a few well-chosen words, thanked the R.W. Prov. G.M. and other distinguished visitors for the honour they had paid to Zetland Lodge by visiting it on the occasion of his installation, and trusted that all would remain to refreshment.

Apologies were announced from several brethren, amongst whom was Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire, P.G. Std. Br., and I.P.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

The musical portions of the ceremony were under the able management of Bro. F. Long, Org., and the extract from Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* was effectively sung by Bro. C. W. O. Smith, P.M.

The lodge being closed, the brethren dined together. The resources of the very useful, but not too commodious, Masonic rooms at Carlton Hill, it was seen from the first would be entirely inadequate in this instance, and the brethren decided that the banquet should be held at the *Metropole*, a large and very handsome hotel recently opened in King-street, Leeds. The commodious *salle à manger* of this establishment, warm, well-ventilated, and spacious, answered the purpose admirably, and the floral decorations and table appointments were generally admired.

Upwards of 100 brethren sat down, Bro. Dr. Mayo Robson presiding. He was supported by all the brethren whose names are mentioned previously, as well as by others whose occupations prevented attendance at the lodge. An excellent dinner was provided by the *Metropole* management.

After dinner the usual routine of toasts was proceeded with.

"The Health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen" was most enthusiastically received.

In proposing "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," Bro. Mayo Robson said that if this had been an ordinary occasion he might have proposed the toast in the ordinary terms and asked them to drink to our excellent Grand Master, a most enthusiastic Freemason; but as it so happened the Prince of Wales was not only a Masonic colleague, but also a colleague with himself of the Royal College of Surgeons. The honorary degree of F.R.C.S. was conferred upon the Prince because he is foremost in all good works and manifests the greatest interest in everything which conduces to the alleviation of suffering and the general welfare of mankind. He (the W.M.), therefore, asked them on this occasion, for the reason he had named, to do special honour to this toast. With it he included the Grand Officers, and he would call upon Bro. W. C. Lupton, G.D. of Eng., and Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.G. Std. Br., to reply for Grand Lodge.

The toast was most cordially drunk, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung with great heartiness.

Bro. W. C. Lupton, in response, said Grand Lodge would be greatly pleased to note—and he could assure them that Grand Lodge took some trouble to ascertain what was going on in the various provinces—would, he was sure, be gratified to hear that a brother of such position and eminence in the surgical profession had been placed in the chair of his mother lodge. The lodge had honoured him and he would add dignity and repute to the office. The Masonic body were the most loyal subjects her Gracious Majesty could claim, not in the British Isles only, but in the Colonies and Dependencies throughout the world, and the Grand Lodge Officers were loyal to their chief even as the Craft generally was loyal to Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. H. Cowper (N. and E. Yorks) also spoke.

To Bro. M. A. Brigg, P.M., was entrusted No. 3 on the list, "The R.W. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, the W. Deputy, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Brigg called attention to the increase in the numbers of lodges and members since the *regime* of the present Prov. Grand Master; pointed out how the contributions to Masonic and other Charitable purposes had been steadily maintained, and rejoiced to see that love, harmony, and loyalty were the characteristics of the West Yorkshire Freemasons. He took this evidence of true Masonic spirit as the best possible proof that the affairs of the province were administered with justice and equity, and, therefore, he commended the toast to their notice.

"Prosper the Art" was sung, and on the R.W. Prov. Grand Master rising to reply he was received with great cheering.

Bro. William Lawies Jackson said he was proud to be in such distinguished company that evening, and to respond to the toast so ably proposed by Bro. Brigg. It was, of course, the office—not in a personal but in a larger sense—that they esteemed; it was sometimes, however, the privilege of the occupant to share that esteem, and he trusted he might claim some portion of that good feeling. He was rejoiced to be able to confirm the statement made by the proposer as to the increase and prosperity in all departments of the Craft in the province, but the good feeling to which Bro. Brigg had referred he estimated at a far higher rate than mere increase of numbers. The class of men whom they should welcome were those to whom, without any feeling of inequality, they could extend the hand of fellowship. Peace, harmony, and brotherly love at present reigned amongst them he was delighted to say. He (the speaker), during his term of office, had had most valuable assistance from the Deputies who had served under him. There was first Bro. Henry Smith, who, with a long Masonic experience, was able to give him help in every possible way. On asking to be relieved he was succeeded by Bro. J. C. Malcolm, than whom no one strove harder to discharge his Masonic duties. After him came the present Deputy, Bro. Richard Wilson. The time was not yet come to pronounce upon Bro. Wilson. He trusted his recovery from his accident was nearly complete, and he would leave him to answer for himself. Their W.M. was a brother who, in the pursuit of his profession, was called here, there, and everywhere, and in conversation with himself had modestly suggested that it was owing to the geographical position of Leeds, its centrality, that he (Bro. Robson) was so constantly in demand. "It was not for me," continued the Prov. G. Master, "to deceive him, but I think you and I might have found a somewhat different explanation for the continual appeals to Bro. Mayo Robson's surgical skill. I am especially glad that men like him, of mark and distinction, attracted by love of the Craft, can be found to make such sacrifices of valuable time in the interest of our Order. We want good men, and cannot have them too good; in Bro. Robson we have got a good man, and the accession of such men as he cannot but enhance the dignity and increase the value of our Order." Bro. Jackson concluded a very interesting speech by complimenting Bro. Smailes upon his excellent conduct as Installing Master, and the Zetland Lodge upon the general good work it had shown.

Bro. Richard Wilson also responded. After a humorous reference to the unexpected call upon him, he passed a high tribute to the surgical skill and knowledge of their

W.M., and to the somewhat awful responsibility it carried with it. In lodge it would be a rest and a change from his every-day duties, and there his cares would be of a less serious character. Bro. Wilson closed by thanking his Masonic brethren for the sympathy shown to him during the period he was laid up, and assuring them how honestly glad he was to take his place amongst them again.

In proposing the toast of "The W.Ms. of the Leeds Lodges and other Visiting Brethren," Bro. H. Gaskell Blackburn, P.M., Junior G. Warden of the province, called attention to the custom in Leeds of holding what were called "Worshipful Masters' nights," at which each W.M. in turn invited the occupants of the chairs of all the other lodges. He thought the system an excellent one, and doubted if the W.Ms. realised the power for good in Freemasonry which this fellowship and combination gave them. Bro. Blackburn instanced the Masonic Hall in process of erection. At first the idea was that the whole province should unite. This fell through, but the W.Ms. of the Leeds lodges took counsel together, and the result is the present building, which is so far advanced that the brethren hope to occupy it during the coming year. In addition to the W.Ms., Bro. Blackburn extended the heartiest Zetland welcome to all the other numerous visitors.

After a song by Bro. T. M. Holmes,

Bro. Martin Forbisher, I.P.M. 289, for the W.Ms., and Bro. Dr. McGregor, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D., for the visitors, made happy response.

When Bro. H. M. Forbes, I.P.M., took in hand the toast of "The W.M. of the Zetland Lodge" he was extremely well received. He called attention to the fact that Bro. Mayo Robson was the fifth of the medical profession who had occupied the chair of the Zetland Lodge. In Bro. Mayo Robson they had got, he was sure, a thoroughly good Master, and he would ask them most heartily to drink to his health.

This was done, the enthusiasm being increased by the stirring song "Hail to thee our brother" by Bro. Wm. Cockerlyne, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Organist.

On Bro. Mayo Robson rising there were some moments before a hearing could be obtained. He said for the last half hour, knowing what was expected of him, he had almost wished himself under the table, only that that position might be misinterpreted. They had done him too much honour. He wished he had the eloquence of a previous speaker—Dr. McGregor—who, though called upon without notice, could express himself so fluently and so well. He envied him such power; he much feared his own remarks would not be adequate to the occasion; but, at any rate, he could appreciate the handsome things which had been said of him and the kindness shown in their utterance. It was his privilege to be inducted into Freemasonry by their late lamented brother, Dr. McGill, who, besides being a surgeon by instinct, was the very type of a genuine Freemason. It was an honour to be introduced into the Craft by so admirable a brother, and it should be his utmost effort as time and circumstances would allow to maintain the traditions and uphold the dignity of Lodge 1311. As W.M. during the coming year he would hold a peculiar position; they hoped to see themselves settled in their new home, and if he should be spared he would in his official capacity also see the close of the 19th century and their entry upon the 20th. That was an experience which could not again occur. He hoped the brethren would not be disappointed in him. He feared that making him W.M. was somewhat of a Masonic experiment; but he hoped such experiment was not illustrated by the old saying—*Fiat experimentum in corpore vili*. Bro. Robson concluded by asking help from his Past Masters, loyal support from his officers, and sympathy from the brethren generally, and offered his heartfelt thanks for the gracious reception that had been accorded to him.

Bro. J. A. Godwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., then asked the brethren to drink to "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. H. M. Forbes." Bro. Forbes, he declared, had been one of the best Masters Zetland Lodge had had, and had succeeded in the three great Masonic points—firstly, mastery of the ritual; secondly, power and influence in his lodge; and, thirdly, ability in the happiest way to draw the brethren together in bonds of love and harmony. Let them therefore drink his health as it deserved.

Bro. Forbes said that by the help of his I.P.M., Bro. E. L. Frazer, his officers and Past Masters he had got through his year with great satisfaction. He declared that his Secretary, Bro. J. W. Smith, had proved a tower of strength to him, and as to the rest he trusted he had not only made new friends, but had succeeded in keeping the old ones. He thanked them all round.

The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. R. Smailes, P.M.," was submitted by Bro. W. W. Clayton, P.M.

Bro. Smailes said he had done his share of the work at the request of Bro. Forbes, the retiring Master, whose ability to do the whole was shown at the earlier stages. It had been an honour to him to have the privilege of installing Bro. Mayo Robson, and being a professional brother, he thanked Bro. Forbes for giving him the opportunity.

"The Past Masters," by Bro. Marchant, S.W., followed.

Bro. Jarvis responded.

"The Officers of Zetland Lodge" was the last toast, and was given by Bro. E. L. Frazer, P.M. Bro. Frazer said the W.M. counted upon help from his officers; he could assure him he would have it. Bro. Frazer also referred to the appointment of Bro. Wm. Postlethwaite, P.M., as D. of C., and the admirable manner in which he had discharged his somewhat onerous duties throughout this important evening.

Bro. A. J. Swift, I.G., replied.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The brethren of the Zetland Lodge are to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements which were made to secure the comfort of their very numerous guests, and the Secretary, Bro. J. W. Smith, should also be complimented upon the splendid result which has attended his indefatigable efforts.

Songs were contributed by Bros. C. Blagborough, Gilbert Jackson, W. Cockerlyne, T. M. Holmes, and others during the evening, whilst Bro. Jowett, Mus. Bac., at the piano, and Bro. Gutfeld, with his violin, pleased with their duets. The recitations of Bro. Gawthorp were also thoroughly appreciated.

## Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329.

### INSTALLATION OF BRO. WALTER THOMAS SNELL, P.M.

The installation meeting of this renowned and influential South London lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on the 17th instant. Present: Bros. Benj. Thos. Whitehead, W.M.; Walter Thos. Snell, P.M., I.W., and W.M. elect; Robt. Elgar, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Young, S.D.; W. G. Vaughan, J.D.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.G.D., D.C.; W. E. Allard, I.G.; R. J. Pitt, Org.; H. Walter Phillips and J. Shuttle, Stwds.; Geo. Harrison, Tyler; R. J. Voisey, P.G.S.B.; Major Thornhill, P.M.; Chas. Wilson, P.M.; W. Y. Andrews, P.M.; S. H. Goldschmitt, P.M.; Wm. Andrews, P.M. P. Roberts, T. S. Sutton, G. Ellis, J. Barker, W. H. Webb, G. Trotman, F. R. Waller, C. S. Jones, A. Bell, W. C. Williams, Mark Tooley, N. J. Morris, G. H. Godwin, C. Bullock, E. Warburton, W. J. Falkner, T. E. Barnes, F. Welch, H. M. Reid, H. Falkner, H. C. Jarvis, W. Butt, F. Andrews, and J. H. Mortis. The visitors were: Bros. C. A. Weedon, 1507; S. P. Fisher, J.W. 217; Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622; C. Phillips, 2552; A. England, P.M. 1216; G. D. Fairburn, 30; J. G. G. Piggott, 930; G. Ryan, S.W. 2006; W. F. Holdaway, 2503; W. P. Webb, P.M. 1381; B. T. Drayner, S.W. 1295; S. F. Mackway, P.M. 2310; T. Saunders, 902; H. Styles, Huclon Lodge, Chili, South America; T. G. Messent, 1922; J. W. Sinclair, Prov. G. Sec. Ayrshire (S. Constitution); J. C. Jenner, 1963; C. W. J. Bird, late 1641; A. J. Brickwell, W.M. 2016; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; P. C. Walker, P.M. 2016; W. Courtney, 1507; Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641, and P.M. 507; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. P. H. Mortis was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a most efficient manner. The Auditors presented their report, which shows the lodge to be in a highly satisfactory state. Bro. Perceval A. Nairne, P.G.D., D.C., next presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter T. Snell, to the W.M., Bro. B. T. Whitehead, to receive from him the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in an exceptionally full Board of Installed Masters (32), and in a manner which left nothing to be desired, for all were highly gratified at the splendid rendering. The W.M. next invested the I.P.M. with the collar, which, he said, was the I.P.M.'s by right for the valuable services rendered during the past year. The new W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. B. T. Whitehead, I.P.M.; E. H. Young, P.M., S.W.; W. G. Vaughan, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, P.M., Treas. (deferred); Robert Elgar, P.M., Sec.; W. E. Allard, S.D.; C. E. Jones, J.D.; P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., D.C.; H. King, I.G.; R. J. Pitt, L.R.A.M., Org.; F. L. Sutton, A.D.C.; H. Walter Phillips and J. Shuttle, Stwds.; and George Harrison, Tyler. The three addresses were rendered in a most perfect and impressive manner by the installing Master, Bro. B. T.

Whitehead. The W.M. next rose and among his remarks said of all the Masters who had passed the chair in the Sphinx Lodge none were more worthy, and the jewel never more heartily given than to Bro. Whitehead. In reply, Bro. Whitehead said he was pleased and highly gratified at receiving the Past Master's jewel presented to him, and he hoped to do in the future what he had done in the past for the benefit of the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, personally superintended, and carried out in her usual capable manner.

The banquet ended, the W.M. presented the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" in most loyal and affectionate terms, and which was honoured by all, and also that of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," which called for few remarks indeed, but certainly under his auspicious guidance Freemasonry had flourished to a much greater extent than previous Grand Masters.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that their duties were carried out in a most exemplary manner as those privileged to attend Grand Lodge could testify. The Sphinx Lodge was highly honoured in having among its Past Masters such brethren of distinction as Bros. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D.; R. J. Voisey, P.G.S.B., who had been a most zealous and faithful worker for so many years, and the brethren congratulated him upon his recent selection among the Grand Officers, and also Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., who was unavoidably absent that night, which was deeply regretted. The W.M. said he could add nothing to the lustre of those worthy brethren, and he asked that the toast be drunk to most cordially.

Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., in reply, said that he most warmly thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast of the Grand Officers, and begged to be excused speaking more as a week previously he was very indisposed and could not speak.

Bro. R. J. Voisey said as Bro. P. Nairne had lost his voice he had lost his speech, for he felt he could not do justice to such an august body, and the mantle of Bro. Nairne had not fallen upon him. It was an entirely new toast to him, and as a Grand Officer he had had so few opportunities of attending Grand Lodge. However, he was proud of the position, and heartily thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions towards him. He also stated that a representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was present in the person of Bro. Sinclair, Prov. G. Sec. of Ayrshire, who had travelled 400 miles to be present at the Sphinx Lodge, and the brethren were proud to welcome so eminent a Mason; also that many Grand Officers would have been delighted to be present and with such excellent work as had been exhibited by the I.P.M. and the officers of the lodge, and also to know that so good a brother as the W.M. had been installed to carry out the same.

Bro. B. T. Whitehead, I.P.M., in presenting the toast of "The W.M.," said it was his privilege and duty to propose it to one so worthy and esteemed. Those who had known the W.M. as many years as he (the I.P.M.) had, knew the careful and capable manner he had always fulfilled his duties in the lodge. He was an excellent worker, and had already filled the chair, and received the Past Master's jewel for able services rendered in the Clapham Lodge. He felt confident that the brethren could look forward to a very successful year, and the duties being carried out most efficiently, for it was a well-known fact that the brethren resident in Camberwell were good workers. All he (the I.P.M.) knew of Masonic knowledge was learned in Camberwell, and as the W.M., Bro. Snell, had been a resident in Camberwell for so many years, it spoke for itself that the year would be one of great success to the lodge. He asked the brethren to drink most cordially.

Bro. W. T. Snell, W.M., in reply, said he most heartily thanked the brethren for such a reception, and he felt greatly honoured to be W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge, in which he was initiated, and which stood so high in numbers and importance. He had been introduced by the esteemed Bro. R. J. Voisey, and had thought then that he should have been many more years in arriving at the position of W.M.; but circumstances had happened which had enabled him to attain that proud position of so important a lodge in South London, and he most sincerely thanked the brethren for the great honour done him.

The toast of "The Visitors" received at the hands of the W.M. a most cordial and hearty greeting, which was characteristic of the lodge. It was felt in the Sphinx Lodge a great privilege to welcome a goodly array, especially at installations, and that occasion was no exception, there being 36 present. There were among the number two very distinguished Masons—Bro. Sinclair, of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Bro. Styles, of the Huelon Lodge, Santiago, Chili, South America, whom the W.M. coupled with the toast, together with Bros. Stone, W.M. 1641; Edwards, W.M. 2005; Brickwell, W.M. 2016; and Andrews.

In reply, Bro. Sinclair, in an exhaustive and instructive speech, spoke of the different associations in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the manner in which they were carried out—so different to our working, but yet all tending to the one and the same grand issue. He also stated the pleasure it gave him to be present after so long a journey, and congratulated the excellent working of the lodge, and offered a hearty greeting to all who ever attended his lodge over the Border.

Bro. Styles also, in a very pertinent speech, thanked Bro. Falkner for his presence there that evening, and to him he was deeply grateful, for he had witnessed excellent working, although so different to that he had been accustomed to in Chili. He had been a Mason for 35 years, and most of that time where the language of the country was Spanish, and it certainly afforded him a great pleasure to be in the company of so many English brethren which he had never experienced before. It proved the universality of the Science for he had been associated and connected with the lodges the most southern in the Southern Hemisphere. In Chili there were about 30 lodges, and a membership of about 1500 brethren. He heartily thanked the brethren.

Bros. Stone, Edwards, Andrews, and Brickwell also ably responded.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The I.P.M. and P.Ms. of the Lodge," and said in the wisdom of the esteemed Bro. Dir. of Ceres, he had coupled the two toasts together, as the time was rather limited. Of the I.P.M., the ceremony of installation had been carried out in a most perfect manner, and, in fact, he had proved himself one of the very best, for the work during the whole year had been of an exemplary kind. It would be difficult to visit any lodge and find the work done better, and to him (the W.M.) the manner the three addresses were rendered seemed to open up to him a new life, and had appealed to him in such a way that had not been experienced before. It was only due to tender a very hearty vote of thanks for his admirable work that evening, and also for his services throughout the year. Also of the P.Ms., who had done honour to the lodge, and of whom there was a goodly array to support the W.M., and who were ever ready to support the chair in every possible manner with the same excellence which characterised their working.

In reply Bro. Whitehead, with feelings of emotion, said he was hardly deserving of such flattering remarks, but at the same time he always said, when he took office, that he would do his very best to carry it out. It redounded upon his worthy father, Bro. Voisey, who initiated him, and also Bro. Dr. Rose, the excellent Preceptor of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, under whom he had gained his thorough knowledge of Freemasonry. He recommended the brethren to attach themselves to that lodge of instruction so that they could be able to perform the duties efficiently, and become worthy Masters of the Sphinx Lodge. Now he was numbered among such an array of illustrious brethren, he should do all he possibly could in the future as in the past, and whenever the W.M. required him his services were at the W.M.'s disposal.

Bro. Goldschmitt also ably responded, and especially mentioned the excellence of the installation ceremony by the I.P.M., and with what pride he was now welcomed to the ranks of the P.Ms.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," coupled with "The Treasurer and Secretary," was next proposed by the W.M., congratulating himself upon such an excellent array. He, with the brethren, was deeply grieved at the continued illness of Bro. Reynolds, P.M., Treas., and hoped he would soon recover. The W.M. also spoke in high eulogium of Bro. R. Elgar, P.M., Sec., who was a tower of strength in the lodge, as also of the whole of the officers, who were one and all capable.

The toast was responded to most ably by Bro. Elgar, Sec., who apologised for the absence of the Treasurer, but whose spirit was with the lodge, and also for himself that he should continue to do his utmost for the welfare of the Sphinx Lodge.

Bros. E. H. Young, P.M., S.W.; W. G. Vaughan, J.W.; R. J. Pitt, L.R.A.M., Org.; and H. Walter Phillips, Stwd., also very suitably replied.

The Tyler's toast closed a memorable meeting. An excellent programme of music was arranged under the direction of Bro. R. J. Pitt, Organist of the lodge, the artistes being the Euterpean Vocal Quartette, Miss Annie Swinfen, Miss Annie Wilson, Mrs. Albert Cornish, and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail; Miss Edith Potter (of great promise) and Miss Rose Hill; at the piano, Bros. George F. Grover and R. J. Pitt.

Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. W. GLOVER.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge Hotel, Horwich, on the 13th instant. There were present: Bros. W. H. Howarth, W.M.; Thos. Cooper, I.P.M.; W. W. Glover, S.W., W.M. elect; Jas. Ryder, J.W.; Rev. T. Storey Bates, Chap.; R. Hampson, Treas.; W. M. Varley, P.M., acting Sec.; F. Thornham, S.D.; Jas. Kay, J.D.; Ralph Bates, D.C.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; R. Harrison, I.G.; John Wood, W. Baldwin, J. H. Hadfield, and R. T. Court, Stwds.; T. Eddlestone, Tyler; F. M. Palmer, P.M.; Z. Tetlow, P.M.; J. H. Howarth, P.M.; M. Guthrie, E. W. Buckley, W. J. Slater, E. E. Jones, J. Dongill, P. Coulthurst, F. Dickens, C. Levitt, W. Booth, G. Cunliffe, A. Parr, H. L. Compton, W. Stacey, E. W. Short, H. Barker, Geo. Holford, Thos. Hope, Jno. Heald, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; T. H. Margison, P.M. 1126; J. C. Varley, P.M. 277; John Urnston, P.M. 1723; Hy. Dickinson, W.M. 1032; T. Y. Fowler, J.W. 1032; J. F. K. Wreyford, I.G. 2631; J. Farnworth, 350; W. Grimes, 2528; J. R. Gledhill, 992; R. H. Entwistle, 1325; T. Baldwin, 935; J. Bentley, 2363; A. W. Boughton, 1723; A. T. Ramsden, 1723; and C. Scott, I.G. 2269.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Howarth, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. W. Glover, S.W., was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. M. Varley, P.M., by Bro. W. H. Howarth, W.M. Bro. Varley carried out the ceremony in a most excellent and impressive manner. Bro. Glover was proclaimed Master, and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. W. H. Howarth presented the working tools. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers, the addresses being given by Bro. W. H. Howarth: Bros. W. H. Howarth, I.P.M.; Jas. Ryder, S.W.; F. Thornham, J.W.; Rev. T. Storey Bates, Chap.; Richard Hampson, Treas.; W. M. Varley, P.M., Sec.; J. Kay, S.D.; R. Harrison; J.D.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Ralph Bates, D.C.; Z. Tetlow, P.M., A.D.C.; T. Eddlestone, I.G.; J. H. Hadfield, R. T. Court, and M. Guthrie, Stwds.; and W. Baldwin, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by Bros. T. Cooper, P.M., Z. Tetlow, P.M., and Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org., respectively. The balance sheet, a very favourable one, was adopted, and Bro. Whitaker re-elected Charity Representative.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet, a most sumptuous one, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Parr and his good wife.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Earl of Lathom, R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were proposed by the W.M.

Bro. Jno. Heald, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., in responding, spoke highly of the good work he had that day seen in the Horwich Lodge, and wished the W.M. and brethren every prosperity. He was proud to be one of its founders and noticed that the cause of Charity had been brought well to the front during the past 12 months.

Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org., also responded.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire," and an honorary member of 2324, spoke of the great work which the worthy Prov. G.M. was doing in South Africa for his Queen and country.

Bros. Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and E. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler, responded, and after congratulating the W.M. on the position he had that day attained, referred to their R.W. Prov. G. Master whom they hoped to have back amongst them at a very early date.

The I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Howarth, proposed the next toast—that of "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. W. Glover." The I.P.M. said he had followed keenly the doings of the W.M. since he was initiated some seven years ago. He had been a faithful and zealous Mason, and had served every office from Steward in an admirable manner.

The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner. He asked them to rally round him, so that when the time came for him to leave the chair he might feel that harmony and concord had prevailed during the whole period.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. W. M. Varley, P.M."

Bro. Varley, in replying, said it was a very proud day in his life, as the whole of the work relating to the installation had been done by the Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. Varley also mentioned that he had never missed a lodge meeting since the consecration.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The I.P.M. of the Lodge," and referred to the good work which Bro. W. H. Howarth had done during the 12 months. The brethren had shown their appreciation of it by subscribing a handsome jewel, which he had great pleasure in presenting, and he hoped the I.P.M. would have long life and good health to wear it.

Bro. W. H. Howarth, I.P.M., in responding, thanked the W.M. for the very flattering remarks he had made regarding him, and advised the W.M. during the coming year to do as the older Past Masters had done, viz., rule with a firm hand. Some brethren thought he had been a little too strict, but it was all for the good of Freemasonry, and what was the result?—the brethren had found out it had been to their advantage, and had shown it by presenting to him that beautiful jewel, for which he heartily thanked them, and trusted, as the W.M. had said, that he might have long life and good health to wear it.

Bro. Thornham, J.W., proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" in a very happy manner, and Bro. Ramsden responded.

Bro. Ryder, S.W., in proposing "The Past Masters of the Lodge," referred to the quotation on the toast list—

"Men who their duties know,  
It will be your province to communicate light."

They had done their duty well, and every one had done their utmost to communicate light to the rising brethren.

Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.O., responded.

The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," and presentation of a jewel to Bro. Hampson, who has been Treasurer for the past 12 years. Bro. Tetlow, P.M., in proposing the toast and making the presentation, referred to the great work which Bro. Hampson had done during the time he had been connected with the lodge. He had carried out his duties in an admirable manner, and so long as the lodge had such a brother to look after its finances it was sure to prosper.

Bro. Hampson, in responding, thanked Bro. Tetlow and the brethren for the manner they had received the toast of the officers. He also thanked them on his own behalf for the very handsome jewel they had presented to him, and trusted I.G.A.O.F.U. might spare him for many years to wear it.

Bro. King, in proposing "The Founders of the Lodge," paid a great tribute to them.

Bros. Couthurst and Hampson responded. Bro. Tetlow, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Dr. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G. Org.

Bro. Whitaker, replying, mentioned that during the past year the members of the lodge had responded to his calls in a very handsome manner. He had been able to send over £26 to the Lord Lathom Memorial Fund; £10 10s. to the sick and wounded and widows and orphans of our soldiers in South Africa; £2 2s. to other South African funds; and to raise the Local Charity Fund, about £10.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting. The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Dr. Whitaker, in which the following contributed to the harmony of the evening: Bros. Bates, Urnston, Roberts, Grimes, Guthrie, Entwistle, Howarth, and Whitaker.

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**To Correspondents.**

T.F.—You are quite right in your opinion that "animal being" is correct; the context shows that "inanimate" would be altogether wrong.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

The unexpected announcement of the death early on Thursday morning of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Past Grand Organist of United Grand Lodge has been received everywhere with the utmost sorrow, as well among his brother Masons as by his fellow countrymen. It is felt that in him the country has lost one of the greatest composers of the English School of Music; one who, it may be more than any other of our composers, has delighted thousands upon thousands of our men and women with his beautiful compositions. It is, indeed, a great national loss we have just sustained, and all who knew him intimately, or were connected with him professionally or otherwise, have our sincerest sympathy.

There can be very little doubt, in our opinion, as to the meaning and intent of Article 130 of the Book of Constitutions so far as the confirmation of the election of a W. Master—not the mere confirmation of the correctness of the minutes as a record—is concerned. The article, after prescribing what is necessary to be done as regards the annual election of Master, goes on to say—"At the next regular meeting the first business after the opening of the lodge shall be the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed, so far, at least, as relates to the election of Master, he shall be deemed to be elected, and shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage." But, says the article a little further on, "should the minutes of the election of Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren will again proceed to elect a Master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election at the next regular meeting the installation of the Master shall follow."

In respect of those parts in italics of the passages which we have quoted, it seems impossible that there can be two opinions. It is permitted to every private lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England to determine at which of its regular meetings the election of a Master for the ensuing year shall be held, and if, at the next regular meeting, his election is confirmed, then, and then only, shall the proposed new Master "be deemed to be elected"; but if the said minutes be not confirmed, the lodge "will again proceed to elect a Master," and it is not till after the confirmation of the minutes of the fresh

election at the next regular meeting that "the installation of the Master" is allowed to take place. There is, there can be, nothing obscure about the meaning and intent of the law, which, to use a familiar phrase, is "as plain as a pikestaff."

With all deference to Bro. E. Prince, P.M. 209, &c., it is absurd to argue, as he does in the letter we published on the 10th instant, that "a confirmation of minutes on all transactions . . . is required for the sole purpose of showing that the brethren concerned assent to them as a correct record of the proceedings." Confirmation of the minutes of proceedings at a regular lodge meeting may or may not be interpreted to mean, in respect of ordinary matters, nothing more or less than the mere verification of the record. But the inference we draw from Article 130, having regard to the very careful manner in which it is framed, is, in the first place, that "confirmation" of the minutes of proceedings means approval or endorsement of all the things done at the meeting preceding that at which the minutes are submitted to be dealt with. Where the minutes are a mere record of the lodge having met at a certain place on a certain day when certain officers and members and visitors—if any—were present, the lodge was opened, certain ceremonies were performed, &c., &c., confirmation is nothing else than verification and all the brethren have to do is to secure that the minutes are a correct record of what took place. But—to confine our attention to this Article 130—the minutes relating to the election of a Master require something more than the mere verification of the fact that a certain brother was elected. His election at one regular meeting must be confirmed in the sense of approved or endorsed at the next regular meeting, and it is only when that has been done, that the law says "he shall be deemed to be elected and shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage." If the election is confirmed, the installation of the Master-elect follows; if it is not confirmed, the lodge must proceed to a fresh election.

What may be done in respect of the other minutes of proceedings is comparatively of no consequence; they may be confirmed or non-confirmed, or the consideration of the question whether they shall or shall not, may even be postponed till another regular meeting. But it would be paying a very poor compliment to the framers of our laws to suppose that they would take all this trouble over the election of a Master if they intended that confirmation of the minutes relating to his election meant nothing else than the mere verification of the fact of his having been elected. From our point of view, Bro. Charles E. Ward, P.M., &c., is correct in his inference that Article 130 "clearly gives power to the lodge to rescind the election if considered necessary."

The question whether all minutes of proceedings are to be taken merely as verbal descriptions of what took place is far too large a one to be dealt with in the compass of a few Notes, or even of a leading article or two. Of course, as regards matters of ordinary occurrence they are, and the terms "confirmation" and "verification" mean one and the same thing. But in more important matters, such as the election of Master, the voting of money, the adoption of new or the amendment of existing rules, we hold that the minutes are more than a mere statement of what took place in respect of these matters, and their confirmation something more than a declaration on the part of those who were present that the Secretary has accurately recorded them.

We congratulate the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland on the addition which has been made to its roll of lodges. The Province is not, numerically, a very strong one, but latterly it has been making considerable progress, the Ambleside Lodge, No. 2745, having been consecrated, after an interval of six years, in 1899, while the present month has seen the inauguration of the Alston Lodge, No. 2794, Carlisle. The ceremony was recently performed by the Prov. G.M.—Lord H. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., assisted by his Deputy and other Prov. Officers, but to the regret of all who attended the function Bro. G. Dalrymple, Prov. G. Std. Br., who has just resigned the office of Prov. G. Secretary, and who had planned the necessary arrangements, was prevented by ill-health from taking part in the proceedings. However, everything passed off well, and we wish the Alston Lodge a long and prosperous career.

The presentation of lodge banners appears to be a far more common occurrence in the North than in the South of England, and is almost invariably attended with a considerable amount of ceremony. Cases of this kind have been reported in our columns from time to time as having occurred in the Province of Durham, and a fortnight since we had the pleasure of reporting the presentation of a banner to the Savile Lodge, No. 1231, Elland, by Bro. A. W. Law, P.M., and the distinguished brother who was invited to perform the ceremony of unveiling it was none other than Bro. W. C. Lupton, J.G. Deacon of England, and one of the ablest and most respected members of the Craft in West Yorkshire. The banner, which was manufactured by the well-known firm of Bros. George Kenning and Son, was a marvellous specimen of embroidery, and Bro. Lupton, in unfurling it, did his duty very gracefully.

Berlin has just been the scene of a grand Masonic function. On Sunday, the new Hall of one of the three Grand Lodges located in Berlin, was inaugurated with appropriate ceremonial, among the distinguished brethren present on the occasion being the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master of England; Bros. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Past G.W., Prov. G. Master-nominate of Cheshire; Col. John Davis, A.D.C., Prov. G.M.-nominate of Surrey; Col. Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.; and Col. W. Campbell, A.D.C., P.G.D., who attended as a deputation from the Grand Lodge of England. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia is the Protector of the three Grand Lodges in Berlin, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught the representative of the three at our Grand Lodge. The reception of the English brethren was most cordial, and the proceedings passed off in a manner worthy of so important an event.

We have always held, and often stated, that Bro. Crowe has done good and useful work of its kind as a Masonic writer, and we trust we shall not be supposed to have spoken in disparaging terms of his book on Aprons because we described it unintentionally as an "Illustrated Catalogue," instead of a "Series of Illustrated Articles." The mistake is due to the book not being at hand when we wrote the Note.

The news of Bro. George Reynolds's death on Wednesday, the 14th instant, will be received with regret among his many friends. He was an ardent Mason, and had done good service as Master, and subsequently as Secretary, of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, and as M.E.Z., and afterwards S.E. of its Chapter. He also took the leading part in founding the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, was appointed its first Secretary, and was one of a Deputation which visited Baltimore for the purpose of presenting a decoration which had been voted by the lodge to Bro. General Shryock, M.W.G. Master of Maryland, as a memorial of his visit to this country, and to the Anglo-American Lodge. A few years since Bro. Reynolds had the misfortune to lose his only son, Bro. Herbert G. Reynolds, P.M., and never quite recovered from the blow.

The Province of Hertfordshire has recently sustained a great loss by the death of Bro. John Brittain, who for the last 20 years or so had done good suit and service to the Craft in "Little Herts." He was a P.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, and served as Prov. J.G. Warden in 1885; was P.Z. and Treasurer of the Gladsmuir Chapter and present G.J. of the Province; and a P.M. of the Watford and Gladsmuir Mark Lodges, Nos. 241 and 366 respectively, and Past Prov. G. Warden, and was the principal founder and first W.C.N. of the Gladsmuir Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

The Report on Correspondence which was presented this year to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Illinois, and for the compilation of which Sir Knight General J. Corson Smith is responsible, is not only valuable for the information it contains relating to the other Grand Commanderies in the United States, but is also made additionally interesting by the record of General Smith's latest travels, and, as our readers know full well, he is a great traveller as well as a most able and enthusiastic Mason. The itinerary has the further merit of being numerous and well illustrated, as, indeed, have been all the others itineraries which have emanated from the pen of our distinguished brother. Reports on Correspondence are valuable for purposes of reference; but, as a rule, not attractive reading, but this Templar Report of General Smith's is both valuable and pleasant to read, and we hope it may be our privilege to receive many more of a similar character.

## 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.

(CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES).

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I am pleased that my letter of 10th inst. has opened up a discussion on this important point, as it may thus be the means of eliciting, through your columns, some definite instruction on the subject.

As I read it, the Article in the *Freemason* of 27th ult., was intended, primarily, to explain the *modus operandi* of private lodges, and I quite concur in the views set forth from its commencement to the end of the 13th paragraph, with the proviso, however, that Rules 74 and 251 of the Book of Constitutions refer only to Grand Lodge procedure and are not meant to apply to that of private lodges, as your correspondent infers, but that if, when the minutes of private lodges are read, the three questions mentioned in the third paragraph of such Articles are answered in the affirmative by the members present, the whole of such minutes become confirmed at once, as a matter of course, as no exception can then be taken to any vote or resolution which has been duly passed and properly recorded, and I do not think it signifies which of the two phrases quoted in paragraph 16 is used by the W.M. "when putting the Minutes," they being, to my mind, synonymous.

It is something to have obtained the admission of "Masonic Jurisprudence" under head three of his letter in your issue of to-day, but I should still like him to be good enough to quote the "various places in the B.C." where the "three classes of questions, &c.," are mentioned in such a manner as to lead to his conclusions in relation to private lodge business.

With regard to head four of the same letter, I contend that there is no need for assumption, because, even with the little light we possess on the subject, there should be no doubt about the mode of procedure in private lodges in dealing with the matter under discussion.

In reply to Bro. Charles E. Ward's strictures, in his letter of the 10th instant, I beg to assure him that my criticism was made after a full consideration of the points to which he calls attention, and he must excuse me for observing that his quotation "re confirmation of election of W.M.," is so incomplete that he has (I daresay unintentionally) quite distorted my remarks.

I agree with Bro. Ward's opinion respecting the election of a candidate, and claim that it supports my argument, which includes the theory that every minute, when correctly written, records an "unalterable fact," let the subject of it be what it may.

I also agree with him that it is usually provided in lodges that no alteration in the by-laws can be binding until confirmed at the next regular lodge meeting; but it is further enacted, in Rule 162 Book of Constitutions, that no such alteration can be valid until it has been approved by the Grand Master, as well as in the case of a provincial lodge by the Provincial Grand Master previously, and this only is where, in my judgment, the power of *rescinding* comes in.

If I am wrong in the views I have expressed, I shall be only too glad to be set right by some indisputable authority, and it seems to me that the most satisfactory means would be the addition of a rule in the Book of Constitutions, defining exactly what the confirmation of minutes really consists of, and, if the various descriptions of lodge business should be treated differently, it would be well for them to be carefully classified accordingly in the suggested new rule.—Yours fraternally,

E. PRINCE.

68, Wokingham-road, Reading,  
17th November.

## INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Certain London lodges are initiating men from the country without first making enquiry as to their character, &c., in the town in which they reside, and whether they would be considered fit and proper persons to be admitted to a lodge in their own town. This is causing great uneasiness, and members are refusing to meet these so-called "back door" Masons (?) in open lodge. Cannot something be done to stop it? Please lend your assistance.—Yours fraternally,

INDIGNANT.

November 13th.

## A MESSAGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be glad if you will allow me to give a message through your valuable paper to my readers of "The Temple Rebuilt" and "The Revelation of the Schechinah," published by you for me in 1886 and 1887, which is only that

*The Old Testament is the Ritual, and the New Testament is the Doctrine,*  
because it is the key of all antinomies.—Yours fraternally,  
VINCIT, QUI SE VINCIT.

## Mark Masonry.

Jordan Lodge, No. 319.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN GLANVILLE TURLE, L.D.S.

Bro. John Glanville Turle, L.D.S., was installed W.M. of the above lodge at Torquay on Monday last. The meeting was held in the handsome Masonic Hall belonging to the lodge, and Bro. John Taylor, J.P., P.M., P.A.G.D.C. of Eng., the indefatigable Secretary, was the installing Master, who did the ceremony most effectively. Bro. Turle was presented by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, the retiring W.M., who was warmly congratulated on his well-deserved appointment as Prov. J.G.W. of Devon, and saluted accordingly. The Wardens appointed are Bros. J. D. Beer and John Glanville, and the Overseers are Bros. W. Eliot Thomas, Charles Hill, and A. G. Thomas. Bro. S. Wills, P.M., &c., was re-elected the Treasurer, much to the satisfaction of the members, and Bro. John Taylor has again accepted the office of Secretary, for it is to him mainly the brethren will look for guidance now that they have lost the services of the lamented Bro. John Lane, who was the first W.M., and then the Secretary. The R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. of England, &c., who attended, expressed his good wishes for the continued success of the lodge under Bro. Turle's Mastership, and praised the perfect manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered.

## Craft Masonry.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. W. CHANDLER.

The installation meeting was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The officers present were Bros. F. Adams, P.M., acting W.M.; C. W. Chandler, S.W.; J. H. Wilson, J.W.; T. Sweeting, S.D.; D. Gower, J.D.; D. G. Lusty, I.G.; R. T. Court, A.D.C.; Wakefield and C. R. Warde, Stwds.; Geo. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; and a very numerous assemblage of brethren. The visitors included Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. Nelson, P.J.G.W. Middx.; H. Wagstaff, P.M. 212; W. Long, P.M. 700; T. Sheppard, P.P.G.D. Middx.; E. Brindley, P.M. 1382; W. T. Legg, P.M. 898; F. Neale, P.M. 1981; S. W. Timson, P.M. 781; W. H. Grigg, 2664; MacScanes, 781; Stone, 2284; F. P. P. Steel, 2512; Faulconbridge, S.D. 1382; J. Levy, P.M. 205; A. F. Holland, 1326; S. Cooper, 1861; J. Frampton, 1901; W. Parsons, 1421; G. Chivers, 65; G. E. Bullock, 1524; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Arnold and Holmes were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. Adams, P.M., then installed Bro. C. W. Chandler as W.M. in a manner worthy of such a veteran in Freemasonry. The officers invested with collars by the W.M. were Bros. J. H. Wilson, S.W.; T. Sweeting, J.W.; D. Gower, S.D.; D. G. Lusty, J.D.; R. J. Court, I.G.; C. Wakefield, A.D.C.; and Warde, Johnson, and Lewthwaite, Stewards. It must not be overlooked that Bro. Wakefield, P.M., was again the Treasurer, Bro. George Parrett, P.M., the Secretary, and Bro. R. O. Hinderwell, I.P.M. The balance sheet having been presented by the Auditors (Bros. J. Coote, P.M.; J. Johnson, H. Woolley, and C. R. Warde), was adopted by the members and ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the proposition of Bro. J. Coote, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. R. Omer, P.M., the sum of 60 guineas was voted to the Charities, viz., 20 guineas to the Old People, 20 guineas to the Girls, and 20 guineas to the Boys.

After further lodge business, an adjournment was made to the Queen's Hall banqueting room, where dinner was served by Bro. G. H. Roberts (a member of the lodge), in a manner worthy of the best traditions of the proprietor of the Three Nuns.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Master," "The I.P.M.," who, by the way, received his collar and jewel at the banquet table, and "The Installing Master, Bro. F. Adams," were in their turn duly honoured and in necessary cases suitably responded to.

"The Masonic Charities," always well received by "the Duke's," was responded to by Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., in their most happy vein.

The remaining toasts having been dealt with, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

The musical arrangements, although prepared by Bro. T. F. Noakes, Organist of the lodge, who was prevented through illness from being present, were successfully carried out by Bro. Kipps, who officiated as director and accompanist.

## Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.

The regular meeting of this excellent lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 15th inst. After the ordinary work of the lodge had been disposed of, the following episode occurred: Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M., Treas.—in accordance with his notice of motion—proposed "That the sum of 25 guineas be taken from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of procuring a small testimonial for presentation to our highly-esteemed Bro. Wm. Cleghorn, P.M., P.Z., &c., in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary of the lodge during the last 11 years." Bro. Webb, in the course of his remarks, said he was sure the brethren did not expect him to make a lengthy speech on the subject, and he did not consider it at all necessary, for he knew Bro. Cleghorn was not the man to appreciate a lot of fulsome encomiums, and he (Bro. Webb) could not paint the lily were he to try. Besides, nearly all the brethren of the lodge were fully acquainted with the merits of Bro. Cleghorn, although he (Bro. Webb) thought perhaps he was more cognizant with his honest and straightforward qualities than any other member of the lodge. Anyway, he was quite certain that a better or more faithful Secretary could not be found in the Craft, saying nothing about his great abilities as Preceptor. He felt sure the brethren would agree with him that that small acknowledgment was the least they could do to mark their high appreciation of his character and services to the lodge.

The motion was seconded by Bro. T. Owen, P.M., supported by Bros. E. B. Home-wood, W.M.; Reed, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Cane, P.M.; Kempton, P.M.; Paul, P.M.; the Senior and Junior Wardens; and other brethren, and carried with acclamation.

The presentation will be made at the regular meeting in January next.

## Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE DAVIS, P.M.

This important lodge held its installation meeting at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. W. H. Handover, W.M.; J. French, I.P.M.; Geo. Davis, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; S. Ransom, J.W.; T. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; Reuben C. Green, P.M., Sec.; S. K. Bennett, S.D.; H. Armfield, J.D.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D. of C.; George Passingham, E. W. Beard, and Frederick King, Stwds.; J. T. Lackland, Tyler; Leslie Standring, J. S. Atkins, P.M.; E. M. Royes, H. G. Handover, R. W. Warder, H. A. O'Schoof, George W. Passingham, J. Anderson, Edward Lee, J. P. Williams, William G. Perring, William Alexander Thomson, Asst. D. of C.; F. W. Nicholls, Herbert L. Jones, Tilney Rising, B.A.; A. K. Thomson, M.D.; Walter C. Elms, H. E. Mansfield, and Albert E. Owers, Visitors: Bros. Alfred Dowsing, 1196; J. B. Walker, W.M. 2317; Wm. Middlewick, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Geo. English, P.M. 901; Lewis Beale, W.M. 1767; U. B. Neville, P.M. 1767; Jubal Webb, P.M. 55; A. England, 1219; A. E. Goodchild, 901; E. R. Armfield, 2766; J. Gillingham, P.M. 1238; F. L. Chandler, 1656, P.P.G.P. Middx.; T. W. Heath, P.M. 1767; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; W. J. Millington, P.M. 2246; W. R. Hack, P.M. 1656; W. H. Armfield, I.P.M. 2246; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Davis, P.M., was presented by the D. of C., Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M., to the installing Master, Bro. H. Foskett, P.M., who obligated him. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the Master elect being an Installed Master was simply placed in the chair of W.M. by the installing Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Handover, I.P.M.; H. Holmes, P.M., P.D.G. Herts, S.W.; T. K. Bennett, J.W.; T. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Huish, P.M., Sec.; H. Armfield, S.D.; W. A. Thomas, J.D.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D. of C.; Fredk. King, I.G.; H. L. Jones and J. P. Williams, Stwds.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; J. T. Lackland, Tyler. There was a very pretty episode in connection with the investiture of officers which we are pleased to mention. When it was the turn for the Secretary to be invested, Bro. Reuben Green, who had for so many years acted in that capacity, and was so highly esteemed by all his brethren for the able and efficient manner in which he discharged his Secretarial duties, resigned his post, placing the jewel of his office in the hands of the W.M. He stated that the pressure of business compelled him to do so; he begged to offer Bro. Huish as his successor, feeling fully assured that he would most effectively carry out the duties of Secretary to the satisfaction of the W.M. and the brethren. The W.M. stated that it was with extreme regret he accepted the resignation of Bro. Reuben Green; he felt he had no alternative, but begged to assure his worthy brother how much he personally valued his services, and how highly they had been valued by the lodge. The W.M. then appointed a worthy successor, Bro. J. M. Huish, P.M., as Secretary. The installing Master gave the three addresses. Ballot was taken for Messrs. Henry Ernest Mansfield and Albert Ernest Owers. It proved unanimous in each case; the candidates were initiated by the W.M. The correspondence having been read, and "Hearty good wishes" interchanged, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall.

After an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Grace having been sung by the Crichton Part Singers (Messrs. Hadyn Grover, Stanley Ince, Hugh Cochrane, and Bro. F. King), the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft." He said this toast was always loyally and enthusiastically received at every Masonic gathering. He alluded to the chequered life of our gracious sovereign, the sunshine and shadows of her career, which had endeared her to all her subjects.

"God Save the Queen" was sung by Miss Minnie Chamberlain. In giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said though owing to his numerous engagements he was unable to be often with the brethren personally he was ever with them in spirit. He took a warm and lively interest in the Craft.

"God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Mr. Hugh Cochrane. "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been given,

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. He said the name of their honoured W.M. was, indeed, a "household word" amongst the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon. He was their schoolmaster, having been the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction for 22 years.

The W.M. replied. He thanked the brethren for the very hearty welcome they had extended to him on this the second time of his presiding over the lodge. It was, indeed, gratifying to him to know that the services he had been able for so many years to render to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been appreciated and that the brethren in an eminently practical way had testified their confidence in him by entrusting the interests of the lodge to his care during the ensuing year. He assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to uphold the dignity and usefulness of the mother lodge.

In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. said it was indeed a very pleasant duty to give that toast. He had a personal knowledge of Bro. Henry Ernest Manfield, and felt sure he would prove to be a good Mason. Report also spoke well of Bro. Albert Ernest Owers. He gave the toast of the initiates, with great confidence in their worth.

The Initiates replied. Bro. Manfield said he admired what he had seen of Freemasonry. He had been taught to proceed with caution, and he certainly intended to do so.

Bro. Owers replied very briefly. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," said he had devoted a great deal of time and attention to Freemasonry during his year of office, which the lodge had duly appreciated, in proof of which he had now the pleasure of attaching to his breast the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted him, and he considered he had well merited it.

The I.P.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred on him. In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said that visiting was not only a pleasure, but also a duty, for always something might be learned. There were not so many visitors that evening as they were accustomed to receive on occasions like the present. Various causes might be assigned, however, he was glad to welcome those present. He called on Bros. F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656; Jubal Webb, P.M. 55; G. English, P.M. 901; Lewis Beale, W.M. 1767; and W. R. Mack, P.M. 1656; and all these brethren individually replied.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., who said the lodge was proud of its Past Masters. How well one of them had done the installation that evening—he alluded to Bro. Henry Foskett.

The Installing Master, in reply, said how great an honour and pleasure it was for him to install the W.M.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said how valuable were their services to the lodge.

The Treasurer and Secretary replied. "The Officers of the Lodge" having been given, the S.W., J.D., D.C., and the Stewards each briefly responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening. The musical directors were Bros. C. A. Tanser, Org., and F. King, Mrs. F. King, R.A.M., presiding at the piano.

**Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.**

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Ralph Langton, W.M.; Rupert Smyth, I.P.M.; Dr. Hey, S.W.; H. F. Woodward, J.W.; Samuel White, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; T. H. James, S.D.; J. V. Sherrin, J.D.; A. C. Williams, I.G.; A. B. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; George Rawlinson, P.M., Stwd.; Thomas Briggs, P.M.; Septimus Croft, P.M.; R. S. Ellis, J. C. Hayes, C. Leedham, and Plant, Tyler.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Hey was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Samuel White was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Ralph Langton, the outgoing W.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge.

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

**Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.**

**INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. T. ROBERTS.**

After 21 years of existence, the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, a member of the lodge, one of its founders, and an early Past Master, has attained the highest position the citizens of London have it in their power to confer. Bro. Frank Green, who was one of the first Wardens of the lodge, having already attained honours in Grand Lodge of England by being appointed Junior Grand Deacon in 1883, has now become Lord Mayor of London, and as he is still a member of the Alliance Lodge, he seized the earliest opportunity which offered itself during his mayoralty to attend the lodge meetings, and within a week of his first taking his seat in the civic chair he attended the lodge as one of its Past Masters. The occasion was the installation of the Worshipful Master, and the meeting was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Ernest Clarke, W.M. There was a very large muster of brethren, and among them were Bros. W. T. Roberts, S.W. and W.M. elect; Sir George David Harris, P.G.D.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir J. C. Dimsdale, M.P., P.G. Treas.; Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan-Morgan, P.G.T.; Sheriff Lawrence, T. L. Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg.; J. D. Langton (Under-Sheriff); T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C. (Under-Sheriff); Ex-Sheriff Col. Clifford Probyn, P.G.T.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.G.D.; Sir Homewood Crawford, P.G.D.; W. G. G. Walsham, P.G.D.; E. E. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matter, P.A.G.D.C.; H. C. Richards, Q.C., M.P.; Henry Clarke, J.P., P.M., P.A.G.D. of C., Treasurer; W. H. Cummings, P.G. Org.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S.B.; Major Henry Wright, V.D., P.M., P.G.S.B.; James Grose; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S.; James Perkins, P.M.; H. Squire, P.M.; E. F. Fitch, P.M.; T. S. Oakley; W. Bruce-Clarke, P.M.; Capt. W. Simpson; Major F. Dunfee, P.M.; John Adams; M. R. Webb, J.P.; Baron de Bush, P.M.; Ex-Sheriff George Hand, J.P.; R. O. Callaghan; M. Bates, P.G.S.; Thornton, J.P.; E. Garnet Man, J.P., P.M.; E. Lee; F. S. Jackson, P.M.; R. Hovenden; the Rev. J. Hy. Smith, P.P.G. Chap. Leicester and Rutland; J. Roll; S. Monckton; Japheth Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; T. Richards, Dr. Barrett, A. W. Read, Pakeman, H. Deighton, A. W. Timbrell, F. H. Pankhurst, Banister Fletcher, Morley Fletcher, H. Smith, C. Monckton, H. P. Monckton, H. Godwin, T. Fraser, W. H. White, the Rev. R. Hosken, J. Slyman, G. Herschell, H. Blennerhassett, J. H. Milton, T. B. Bethell, A. Fowler, Major Woolmer Williams, A. M. M. Forbes, Damant, J. Rimmer, H. Massey, P.M., P.Z. 619 and 1928; E. M. Hicks Beach; Dr. Clement Godson, P.G.D.; H. Pretty; I. Burns, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. Gripper, P.P.G.D. Surrey; C. Thomson, W. Hicklin, G. Rowell, Luff, P. Clarke, A. E. Kipps, J. H. Drysdale, J. Calvert, H. J. Waring, Colonel J. Otway, P.P.G.W. Berks, F. Hobbs, A. J. Hollington, S. Fitch, H. F. O. Timme, G. H. Heilbuth, A. Bush, C. J. Andrews, E. Strange, H. H. Thompson, W. T. Rabbits, F. G. Gullick, and H. C. Morris.

The principal work which had to be performed in lodge was the installation of the W.M., but the lodge also adopted the favourable report of the Audit Committee, which Bro. Henry Clarke, the Treasurer, laid before the lodge. Bro. Dr. Ernest Clarke, the W.M., inaugurated a new departure in the custom of the lodge. It has hitherto been the system for Bro. Sir John Monckton to install the Master, but this year the outgoing Master installed his successor, and he did it in such a style that a Board of 39 Installed Masters must have thought he was a practised hand at the ceremony. Without any hesitation, and as glibly as if he had been a Preceptor of a lodge of instruction, he went through the whole of the details of the ritual, and placed Bro. William Thomas Roberts in the chair of King Solomon for the Alliance Lodge for the next 12 months. Bro.

Major Henry Wright acted as D.C. He was himself invested by the W.M. as I.P.M., and the other brethren who had the honour of receiving the collar of office for the year were: Bros. Percy Monckton, S.W.; H. Carlile Morris, J.W.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Leicester and Rutland. Chap.; Henry Clarke, J.P. P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Major Henry Wright, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Ernest Clarke, M.D., F.R.C.S., P.M., D.C.; H. J. Waring, M.S., F.R.C.S., S.D.; George Hand, J.D.; F. G. Gullick, I.G.; Alexander Bush, Org.; A. W. Read and Stanley Fox Fitch, Stewards; and Lovell, P.M., Tyler. The first act of the new W.M., after Bro. Dr. Clarke had delivered the addresses, was to present to Bro. Dr. Clarke a Past Master's jewel, which he said the I.P.M. had won by his admirable conduct of the lodge during the past year. Bro. Dr. Clarke gracefully acknowledged the gift, and then the lodge voted an illuminated address to Bro. Frank Green, P.M., P.G.D., congratulating him on attaining the high position of Lord Mayor. His lordship thanked the brethren for their brotherly cordiality, and said he should treasure the testimonial as a memento of the kindly feeling the members of the Alliance Lodge entertained for one of its old Past Masters. Several new initiates and joining members were proposed and seconded, and then the brethren closed the lodge, and adjourned to an elegant banquet.

The toasts were afterwards proposed, and under the able direction of Bro. W. Emerson, Miss Florence Ogilvy, Madame Edith Hands, and Miss Frances Roscorla, and Bros. Reginald Brophy and Alexander Tucker contributed some excellent vocal music to the general entertainment.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. C. Dimsdale, P.G.T., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said he knew it was only because he was sitting by the side of the oldest Past Master of the lodge (Sir J. B. Monckton), who was his senior by many years in Masonry, that he was called upon to respond to that toast. He felt it an honour to speak for the Grand Officers. It was quite true that the Prince of Wales was very sagacious in his choice of able coadjutors. He (Sir J. Dimsdale) was able to speak in that strain, because he was in the position of being an elected Grand Officer, and he had to thank the Craft for having elected him Grand Treasurer. With the great development of Masonry they had seen the strong bond of connection which there was between Grand Lodge and the other lodges throughout the kingdom. They all had one object and one aim in view—the benefit of Masonry and the principles it had in view. Those principles were religious, but not sectarian, and they treated everyone alike who came within its fold. He trusted that in the strides it had made in the last quarter of a century Freemasonry might extend its blessings to others, and show that a good Mason must be a good man. He felt that the lodge had had a very successful evening. The work had been well done; not only was it correctly done, but it was done with emphasis and feeling. The Grand Officers appreciated it fully.

Bro. Dr. Clarke, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who was an exemplification of brotherly love, relief, and truth. They all loved the W.M., he was dear to them all; he was actuated by benevolence; and truth was his great object. He need not say more. He wished Bro. Roberts a most successful year of office, and hoped he would conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to all the brethren.

Bro. Roberts, W.M., replied, and said that ever since he had been in the lodge he had had nothing but kindness extended to him.

Bro. W. T. Roberts, W.M., proposed "The Lord Mayor." To-night they had the special satisfaction of welcoming that brother, who was one of the P.Ms. of the lodge. In the Corporation Bro. Frank Green had filled the several offices with credit to himself and to the honour of the City. He had been elected by the unanimous voice of the citizens. The City of which he was the Chief Magistrate was the heart of the world. The City was noted for its hospitality, its charity, and its benevolence without reference to creed, rank, or nationality. They were delighted to know that the present occupant of the civic chair was, like so many of his predecessors, a Freemason and a Past Master, and a Past Grand Officer. He did not know a position where the Masonic virtues of brotherly love, relief, and truth were more fully practised, and he rejoiced that Bro. Alderman Frank Green was in that position. He then presented to his lordship the illuminated address of congratulation, framed and glazed, which was voted to him in the lodge.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, in reply, said it was with feelings of great and special pride he rose to thank the W.M. and brethren. They might understand that he experienced a considerable amount of difficulty in finding words sufficiently expressive to reply, but he regarded the toast as having been proposed in a truly Masonic spirit, and he hoped the brethren would believe him when he said he replied in an equal Masonic spirit. He was there that night in a unique position. He was not only present, but he was supported by his two Sheriffs and their Under-Sheriffs, which he regarded as a great compliment paid to his dear old lodge—the Alliance. (Hear, hear.) He was one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge. Sir John Monckton was the oldest Past Master of the lodge, and the second having recently died, he (the Lord Mayor) was the second oldest Past Master. He regarded to-night as being a great success, and he specially referred to the number of Grand Officers who were visitors. That was sufficient testimony that the Alliance Lodge was very successful, and he asked himself the question to what did they owe that success? He thought it was the successful way in which the lodge was started. No lodge could possibly start under better influences. It had a most excellent first Master, Sir John Monckton, and he esteemed it a very high honour to be asked by Sir John Monckton to be one of his Wardens. From that moment it was a success. It was with great pride and gratification he received the brethren's generous address. It would be one of his greatest pleasures to hand that address to his family when he took it home; it would show them the regard in which he was held by his brethren in Masonry, and especially by the brethren of the Alliance Lodge. Freemasonry was a great and living organisation. It was a surprise that any body should be able to command the sources of benevolence to the extent the Craft had commanded them. As long as the Craft exercised true benevolence it would command the respect and esteem of the world. In proportion as those principles were practised by the Craft would the Craft extend. Again thanking the brethren for their gift, he assured them he should treasure it to the end of his days.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton responded to a toast drunk in his honour. Bro. Henry Clarke, Treas., proposed "The Visitors," which toast was responded to by Bros. Sheriff Lawrence, H. C. Richards, Q.C., Dr. Love, and Fowler; and the other toasts followed before the brethren separated.

**Crays Valley Lodge, No. 2147.**

**INSTALLATION OF BRO. SAMUEL GALE, P.M., PROV. G.S. BUCKS.**

This happy incident took place at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, which fully maintained its reputation. Present: Bros. Arthur Ellis Oxley, W.M.; Samuel Gale, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; L. Pugh, J.W.; G. Miles, S.D.; F. Lewis, J.D.; A. Mitchell, I.G.; W. Beer, Stwd.; E. Baldwin, Org.; Henry Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; F. Stanger, P.M., D. of C.; Wm. Tapsell, Tyler; J. F. Cookson, P.M.; W. E. Bailey, P.M.; W. R. Taylor, W. R. Bassett, F. R. Greenfield, and F. E. Hood. The visitors were Bros. Reginald Jeffcott, 622; Frank Tyrer, 2046; S. J. Cross, P.M. and Sec. 2242; H. W. Clewom, P.M. 2262, Prov. G. Treas. Bucks; John Hattersley, P.M. 2262, P.P.J.G.W. Bucks; G. M. Fraser, P.M. 1462; A. Smallburn, 1222; H. Strouts, 1524; R. J. Bassett, 2530; and Chas. Hy. Stone, W.M. 1641, P.M. 507.

The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Stanger, P.M., D. of C., next presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Gale, P.M., to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which was carried out in an impressive manner, and for which Bro. A. E. Oxley, W.M. and Installing Master, received the hearty congratulations of all present. The officers for the ensuing year were invested in a very able manner by the new W.M. as follows: Bros. A. E. Oxley, I.P.M.; Llewellyn Pugh, S.W.; Fred. Lewis, J.W.; H. Tyrer, Prov. G.S. Kent, Treas.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; F. Stanger, P.M., D. of C.; A. Mitchell, S.D.; W. Beer, J.D.; E. Balwin, I.G.; F. Hood, Org.; A. Bailey and F. R. Greenfield, Stwds.; and W. Tapsell, Tyler. The three addresses were perfectly and impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, which showed the lodge to be financially sound. The brethren are to be highly congratulated upon the purchase of the beautiful American organ, which adds greatly to the solemnity of the ceremonies. Bro. A. E. Oxley, I.P.M., was elected as the Charity Representative.

The lodge having closed, the brethren, by special desire, took train to Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., to enjoy a sumptuous banquet, personally superintended by the Bro. Managers. This was quite an innovation in the Crays Valley Lodge, and the W.M. and brethren are to be congratulated upon its unbounded success.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the loyal and Masonic toast in commend-

able and loving terms, which were as loyally received. As also the toast of "The Pro. G.M., Earl Amherst; Dep. G.M., Earl Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," who the W.M. said were deserving of the deepest gratitude of the whole Craft for the untiring interest they always took in the cause of Freemasonry.

In presenting the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. A. E. Oxley, I.P.M., said he had been entrusted with the gavel for the first time in that capacity, but he had not the words to fully justify the toast, and he should have liked the presenting to have fallen into other hands. However, he would do his best. He had watched the career of the W.M. for many years, and it was a thoroughly good one, both in the lodge and in other capacities. Bro. Gale had earned the love and esteem and was respected by all with whom he came in contact, and in installing him as W.M. of the Crays Valley Lodge its destiny could not have been placed in better hands, and he asked the brethren to drink to the toast in bumpers.

On rising to respond, the W.M. received an ovation, for which he thanked the brethren for their heartiness and enthusiasm. Also to the I.P.M. he tendered his sincere thanks for his kind remarks. It was the second time he had been installed and occupied the chair of K.S., he had performed the duties from the bottom to the top, and also had been appointed Prov. G.O. of the Province of Bucks, which he highly esteemed. He dearly loved the Crays Valley Lodge, and would do his utmost to promote its best interests. No lodge could exist without new blood, and he earnestly hoped that the brethren would introduce good men and true, so that the same continued success of the lodge might be fully maintained. He thanked the brethren most heartily for such a cordial reception.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The Visitors" in a most cordial manner, and hoped the brethren would always honour the lodge by their presence, which always gave them great gratification. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Stone, W.M. 1641, and Cross, P.M., Sec. 2242.

Bros. Stone and Cross replied in most cordial and appreciative terms, thanking the brethren for their hearty reception and also for their generous hospitality. Bro. Cross also ably advocated the attendance of the brethren at lodges of instruction, thus enabling them to fulfil the duties as had been exemplified in the working of the ceremonies that evening.

Bro. S. Gale, W.M., next presented the toast of "Bro. A. E. Oxley, I.P.M. and Installing Master," who was one of the best. He had been initiated in the lodge, passed through every office with great credit, and was a thorough good Mason. It would be hard to meet a more genial and kind-hearted brother, and who had proved himself beyond reproach. It gave him (the W.M.) infinite pleasure to present the Past Master's jewel, and allow him to pin it to his breast. It was most efficiently earned, and the desire of the brethren was that the G.A.O.T.U. might long spare him to wear the same in the lodge.

The inscription was as follows: "Presented to Wor. Bro. Arthur Ellis Oxley, P.M., by the members of the Crays Valley Lodge, 2147, as a token of esteem and in acknowledgment of his valuable services as W.M. 1899-1900."

In reply, Bro. A. E. Oxley, I.P.M., thanked the brethren most sincerely for the very cordial words spoken of him, which he felt were hardly deserved. However, his earnest wish was that he might wear that beautiful jewel, so unanimously voted and presented to him, in that lodge for very many years. He would most assiduously assist the W.M. (who was a most worthy brother and also his uncle) during the coming year, and also continue as a Past Master, even to being an old fossil, and not desert the lodge as some Past Masters had done, and should be most ready and willing to do all he possibly could for the welfare and success of the lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary," and remarked upon the manner some of their worthy number remained in the lodge, and were always ready and competent to perform any duty they were called upon to perform. Of the Treasurer, Bro. Hy. Tyrer, P.M., the W.M. thanked him for the great interest he had always taken in the lodge since its consecration, and who was one of the founders. Of Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., their worthy Secretary, the W.M. most cordially thanked him for again accepting that position. He had the good of the lodge at heart and had always taken the greatest interest in its welfare. Nothing was too great a trouble to him, and he was ever cheerful and ready to devote his time and energy for the good of the lodge and the W.M. hoped he would retain the position for many years to come, for with him it was in safe keeping.

In reply, Bro. Cookson, P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and also the brethren for so hearty a reception. He had always made an effort to attend the lodge as his predecessors and trusted to long continue to do so.

Bro. R. J. Pugh, Sec., also highly appreciated their cordial reception. It gave him very great pleasure at seeing the prosperous state of the lodge, and congratulated the brethren on the unanimity of feeling which pervaded the lodge. He hoped the W.M. would have some initiates during the year so that the prosperity of the lodge might continue. The little he was able to do for the lodge was to him a labour of love and a recreation from his ordinary vocation. He trusted he should attend in the future as in the past, and promised the same loyalty of service.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. stated they were a set of which any lodge might be proud, as he knew they were all capable and efficient. He urged them to attend punctually and regularly, which their acceptance of the various positions required.

Bro. L. Pugh, S.W., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks of the officers who would prove that they deserved them by acting up to his wishes. Their best thanks were due to the W.M. for bringing them up to town, giving them such a glorious night, and for the musical treat in which they had so fully participated.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the pleasantest evenings ever spent in the lodge only too soon.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Mr. Walter James, most ably assisted by Miss Kate Welley, Miss Marie Lotz, both loudly encored, and Mr. James's Concert Party, Mr. W. E. Manatan, Mr. Lindley Darby, Mr. Charles Lawrence, Mr. Walter Fullerton, and Mr. Walter James.

The jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son and gave great satisfaction.

### Royal Rose Lodge, No. 2565.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. MAJOR J. AUSTIN CARPENTER.

WELCOME HOME TO BRO. CAPTAIN A. HOWELL, C.I.V.

This installation was held at the headquarters of the 3rd V.B. the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment, on the 12th instant. There was a large gathering of the brethren and visitors, among the latter being Bros. A. J. Taylor, P.M. 1791; Arthur Carpenter, 2536; Louis Harteld, 2771; E. Holland, 2771; and others.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., the minutes read and confirmed, and Bro. Major J. Austin Carpenter, the out-going W.M., was again installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed with much solemnity and earnestness by Bro. Capt. R. J. H. Eccles, P.M. The officers of the lodge were then invested as follows: Bros. Captain R. J. H. Eccles, P.M., I.P.M.; T. D. Long, S.W.; Captain C. Berridge, J.W.; Colonel C. G. Brown, Treas.; Captain E. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; Lieut.-Colonel T. E. Carey Bates, D. of C.; Col.-Sergt. A. J. Smith, S.D.; Col.-Sergt. C. E. Cotton, J.D.; Col.-Sergt. W. G. Banister, I.G.; Capt. Mowbray Bessell and Col.-Sergt. Viney, Stwds.; and Sergt. Instructor E. Sanders, Tyler.

The interest of the evening was greatly enhanced by the presence of Bro. Capt. A. Howell, who commanded the men of the Royal Fusiliers, who formed part of the City Imperial Volunteers lately returned from South Africa. Capt. Howell, as a member of the lodge, was warmly greeted by his brother officers and the N.C. officers of the regiment who form the lodge.

The banquet was held at the head-quarters of the regiment. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were proposed in suitable terms by the W.M.

After "The Grand Officers" had been honoured,

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on having entered into a second year of office.

In reply, the W.M. expressed his thanks, adding that it was seldom a Mason was fortunate enough twice in succession to be Master of a lodge, and he remarked he would be glad to see more N.C. officers in the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed in kindly terms "The Health of Capt. Howell," congratulating him upon his safe return and upon the admirable work he had done while commanding G Company of the C.I.V.'s—work that had received high commendation

from Col. Mackinnon—and reference was also made to Bros. Lieut. Reilly and Sergt. Hall, members of the lodge, who are still in South Africa with the Service Company attached to the line battalion.

Bro. Capt. Howell, in his reply, stated that the welcome that touched him as deeply as any he had received since his return to England, was that of the lodge. He thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for their reception, and he was glad to be back among them. All members of the lodge would be interested in hearing how the men of the regiment conducted themselves while on active service. He personally felt on leaving that he was not so much an officer of the C.I.V., but still Captain of B Company of the old regiment, and that on many a long night he had thought of his brother officers and the regiment and wondered what they were doing. He gave expression to the anxiety of all ranks to fulfil the expectations of the regiments from which they had been selected, and their solicitude that nothing might occur whilst at the front which should in the slightest degree reflect disadvantageously upon the Volunteer Force, the honour of which they felt was in their keeping, and that opportunity would be given of proving to carping newspaper critics, who, so often cast a slur on the utility of the Volunteers that they were capable of standing side by side and doing their duty with the regular forces. He was proud to say that the men from the Royal Fusiliers acted with the steadiness and coolness of old hands, even in their first action checking with their field glasses each others' sights, the cheerful way all had borne great fatigue and suffering and many privations, also the way the men marched and fought clearly proved once and for all that in the future the Volunteer Force of this country are competent and willing to act if called on with the Regular Army.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was drunk and replied to; also that of "The Visitors," Bros. Taylor and Harteld replying.

Replying for "The Past Masters," Bro. Capt. Pugh, P.M., made reference to the interest shown in the lodge by the late Bro. Capt. Gordon-Carey, who had been mainly instrumental in its foundation and early success, the mention of his name giving rise to a reception which showed how greatly he was esteemed, and how keenly his loss was felt by every member of the lodge.

The musical talent was of an unusually high standard, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening.

## Instruction.

KIRBY LODGE, No. 263.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

This lodge of instruction was started in 1889 under the title of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction, the name being subsequently altered to the "Kirby," to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. W. H. Kirby, Preceptor. The efforts of the founders have met with very great success, and many students of the ritual find the lodge a useful preparatory school for the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The working done at the ninth annual festival held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 20th inst., reflected the highest credit upon the Preceptor, Bro. George Rankin, especially as all the workers are young Masons who had never previously worked the Sections at a festival. There was one exception, Bro. Allsop, who kindly filled a gap at a few hours notice in a very creditable manner.

Amongst the brethren present were the following Grand Officers: Bros. Harry Mansfield, G. Treas. (the President of the Festival); R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. G. Kentish, P.G.S.B.; P. Nairn, P.D.G. D.C.; and Sir Forrest Fulton, P.D.G. Reg. The total number present was about 170, and included Bros. Geo. Rankin, Preceptor; W. R. Bennett, P.M.; D. D. West, P.M.; C. Lewis, P.P.G.D. Essex; A. M. Barnard; Wm. Baker, W.M. 2205, and F. W. Ward, 31, Secretaries; H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; F. C. Van Duzer, P.M.; R. Newton Crane, P.M. 2397; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; Manuel, P.M.; and many others.

Lodge having been opened, the First Lecture was worked by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. Fred. Coysh; 2nd Section, Bro. Allan Fuller; 3rd Section, Bro. Colver Gordon; 4th Section, Bro. G. E. Dadswell; 5th Section, Bro. J. M. Payne; 6th Section, Bro. R. H. McLeod; 7th Section, Bro. T. W. Allsop, P.P.G.D. of C. Bucks. Where all did so well it would be invidious to make distinctions, for in every case the enunciation and punctuation were particularly good, and evinced careful and thoughtful study. A vote of thanks to the workers was unanimously passed on the proposition of the President, Bro. Harry Mansfield, G. Treas., seconded by Bro. W. G. Kentish, P.G.S.B. Bro. Rankin, the Preceptor, returned thanks, mentioning that all the workers were young Masons, two having been initiated during the year, and not one of their number had worked a section at a Festival previously. He thanked Bro. Allsop for coming forward to fill a gap, and assured the brethren that the workers considered it an honour to represent the lodge. The President was elected an honorary member, and the lodge was closed.

The dinner which followed was presided over by Bro. Harry Mansfield, G. Treas., who subsequently proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

"The Grand Officers" was humorously proposed by Bro. W. R. Bennett, and in reply Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., having alluded to the distinguished services of the Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M., said he would leave the toast in the hands of Bro. Sudlow. With reference to the remark of the proposer that he (Bro. McLeod) could not have done the work performed by his son in the 6th Section that evening, this was quite true. It was a treat to listen to working which was so instructive, and he wished it was more generally done in Craft lodges when time permitted. The Preceptor might well be proud of his staff as he naturally was of his son's work.

Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G.S.B., also replied. He said it was a duty on the part of the Grand Officers to be present whenever opportunity afforded on occasions such as this, and in this way to lend encouragement to the excellent work done at lodges of instruction. In the Kirby Lodge, through the excellent Preceptorship of Bro. Rankin, they were quite sure of hearing good work, and that evening had been no exception. As he was generally considered a critic, he would like to say that the standard of excellence was extremely high. For the intellectual treat given them and the hearty reception, he returned hearty thanks.

Bro. R. Newton Crane, P.M., proposed "The President," and said that knowing Bro. Mansfield personally he was emboldened to propose his health. It was a great honour to be asked to take the chair of a Craft lodge and in this respect he was reminded of the logs that went down with the current of the river where he came from in America. He had been in some lodges where they had run the old logs down the stream. They simply could not help themselves but they had to go because it was their turn. To be elected to the highest office in Masonry was a great thing, and the highest thing that could occur in the career of any Mason. It was a remarkable thing that in this country where there were so many Masons, so many anxious to get on in the Craft, that the lodge should put its finger on one man and say "we want you." There was one other greater compliment than being elected Grand Treasurer, and that was to be elected President of this lodge of instruction. Some might stumble into the position of Grand Treasurer—and many would like to know how the accident could be brought about—but it was a sporting chance for a Grand Officer to be brought into the chair of a Festival such as this. They had selected for their Chairman that evening one of the best fellows in the world, and one of the best Masons in England.

Bro. Harry Mansfield, G. Treas., in his response, said he had afforded Bro. Crane a peg upon which to hang a very happy speech. He felt nervous about presiding over such a lodge with such a reputation and such traditions, and considered it a very great privilege. The lodge had had several distinguished and honoured Presidents, and he ventured to think it was not to himself personally but to the position which he held that he owed the honour. He could assure them that it had been an extreme pleasure to preside over such a gathering. In proposing "The Kirby Lodge of Instruction" he might have said "Our worthy selves," for by their kindness he was now a member, a privilege which he highly valued. One of the best features of Masonry were the lodges of instruction, and that night he felt a privilege in presiding over one of the most successful of them. It was the custom for the Chairman to indulge his audience with some statistics. That was not his intention, and he would merely say that that lodge had fully maintained its well-deserved reputation during the past year. In evidence of that he would only allude to the brilliant working they had seen. If they took into consideration the fact that the Sections were worked by men who had only just come into Masonry, it was evidence of the sound working taught. He believed that lodges of instruction had exerted a great influence in Masonry. Speaking of his

own town, since a lodge of instruction had been formed there had been a wonderful improvement. It was no longer felt that an incoming Master had merely to open and close the lodge, but he usually performed the work with credit to himself and the lodge. It was not always thus, for he remembered about 20 years ago, when the P.M.s. ruled the lodge with a rod of iron, and woe betide the young Mason who attempted to do any work. Some of the results of lodges of instruction were greater uniformity, a more intelligent working and greater dignity. No only in the ritual had they done great work, but in the Charities. He was one of those who believed that the whole foundation of their Masonic structure rested upon their Charities. He objected to the word "Charities" because it implied almsgiving. Charity was a duty instilled into them upon their initiation but one he was afraid some Masons did not always recognise. Some of them who had served as Stewards knew there were many who never gave anything, and some were like the lady who, buying a wedding present, asked "How little can I give and not be considered mean?" If every Mason contributed the same to the Charities as he did to his lodge, what great results they would have, and what great anxieties the Charities would be relieved from. They could spend all they could get in helping the boys by scholarships to get into the Universities. The Kirby Lodge had recently founded a Benevolent Association and had already raised 250 guineas. An example worthy to be emulated. The lodge of instruction formed a common meeting place where religious and political opinions were excluded, and that was one of the things which helped very greatly to influence Masonry. He congratulated this lodge of instruction on its success and hoped it would continue.

Bro. George Rankin, Preceptor, replying, said that by the courtesy of the Committee it again fell to his lot to answer this toast. For the third year his name had been accepted as Preceptor, although all the members of the Committee were qualified for the post. They were proud of the increasing success of the lodge, and could only acknowledge that that success was due to their close connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It was quite usual to find the workers at the Emulation were members of the Kirby. Through the kindness of Bro. Sudlow this lodge of instruction seemed to be regarded as the preparatory school for the Emulation. This festival brought them many recruits, and they were very fortunate in securing such eminent Masons to preside. These included Bros. Sir J. Dimsdale, the Grand Secretary, the Archdeacon of London, C. E. Keyser, R. C. Sudlow, and Sir Forrest Fulton. He thanked the Stewards for making the festival a success. In conclusion, as was their usual custom, he would give them a silent toast to the memory of their first Preceptor, Bro. Wm. Hy. Kirby.

Bro. P. Nairn, P.D.G.D.C. proposed "The Kirby Lodge," replied to by Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, P.D.G.R.; and Bro. Barnard gave "The Bank of England Lodge," from which the lodge of instruction obtained its warrant, answered to by Bro. H. Pritchard, the Secretary of that lodge.

Bros. Owens and Bennett kindly contributed several musical items.

STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th instant, at the Salisbury, Strand, when there were present: Bros. W. Rapley, P.M., Preceptor; Camillus Pastorelli, W.M.; Sparks, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; Nott, S.D.; Westcott, J.D.; Pugh, I.G.; Kibblewhite, Sec.; Lisle, and Thomas. Bro. Lacey was a visitor.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lacey acting as candidate. This was duly performed, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lacey, who announced his intention of rehearsing the Second Degree. Bro. Pastorelli offered himself as candidate, and having answered the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Pastorelli returning to the chair, when the ballot was taken for Bro. Lacey, who was declared unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Sparks was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and announced his intention of working the Third Degree, officers in rotation. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Pastorelli for the excellent way in which he had for the first time discharged his duties concluded the proceedings, and the lodge was closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge and the monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence were held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, presided. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, were in their accustomed chairs.

Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department.

There were also present—

Bros. W. Fisher, W. M. Bywater, James, Block, Felix Kite, Thomas Jones, F. W. Hancock, Thomas J. Ralling, A. W. Duret, E. W. Nightingale, Charles Pulman, Charles J. R. Tijou, R. W. Ker, W. Kipps, S. H. Goldschmidt, John Ellinger, Alan de Tatton Egerton, W. H. Caton, E. Ernest B. Blount, Charles Henry Stone, Arthur Blenkarn, S. Potter, William H. Storks, Charles E. Ward, Edgar E. Bond, Joseph Cohen, Lorenzo Faull, H. Massey, F. J. Clarke, G. M. E. Hamilton, Charles H. Lawrence, Edward Blinkhorn, Frank L. Palmer, F. W. Golby, E. D. Homewood, George Fagg, F. Robinson, John Attley, J. W. Burgess, R. W. Barber, F. C. D. Fenn, Charles Robinson, F. Arthur King, James Printon, W. H. Lascelles, Frederick R. Wortham, Frank Lockett, Samuel Vickers, J. Campbell, Frank Barrett, J. Austin Carpenter, J. H. Cooper, and A. J. Swash.

At the General Committee of Grand Lodge, the paper of business for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of December 5 was laid before the brethren. The Board of Benevolence was then opened.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, Junior Vice-President, rose, and said that before proceeding with the business of the Board of Benevolence it was his privilege and very great pleasure indeed to move a vote of thanks to the President of the Board. It was the only way in which the brethren of this Board could mark their appreciation of their President for his past services. (Hear, hear.) He was quite sure that every one present at the Board would agree with him that they were very happy to have such a brother as they had at the present time as their President. His hope was, and the hope of every one present was, that Bro. Matthews might be spared to them to occupy the honourable position for many years to come. He did not think it necessary to say very much, because this was not a formal vote. He was going to move this expression of feeling of every member of the Board, and he trusted as such their President would receive it. Without further remarks he would move, "That a most hearty and cordial vote of thanks be given to V.W. Bro. James Henry Matthews for the very able, kind, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of this Board during the past 12 months."

Bro. HENRY GARROD, Junior Vice-President, in seconding the motion, said it was unnecessary for him to make any lengthy statement on account of the happy feelings existing between the President and the Board itself, and he should content himself with simply seconding the resolution so ably put forward by Bro. Mercer.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, President, said: My hearty good wishes to you; I thank you for your very kind expressions, and I can only hope that I may continue to have your assistance, for without your support I should not be able to get on with the business.

The brethren then proceeded with the business of the Board of Benevolence. They first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the October meeting to the extent of £530. The new list contained the 29 petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Castlemain (Victoria), and Worksop, Dunmow, Dukinfield, Bourne, Sutton Bridge, Secunderabad, Feltham, Croydon, Thame, Honiton, Broxbourne, East Molesey, Bloemfontein, and Bury St. Edmunds. Two of these were deferred and one dismissed. A total of £720 was voted to the remainder. Grand Lodge was recommended to approve of £75 in one case, and £50 in three cases. The Grand Master was recommended to sanction £40 in each of four instances, and £30 in the same number of cases. Eight grants of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one grant was made of £5.

Scotland.

THE PRECEPTORY OF THE TEMPLE IN GLASGOW

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th instant, in the Masonic Hall. Frater Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart., of Delvine, the Preceptor, presided, and among those present were Sir Jas. Buchanan, Bart., J. Dalrymple Duncan, Provost Kirkwood, R. H. B. Thomson, J. M. Riss, and Major F. W. Allan, Secretary.

The minutes being read and approved of, three aspirants were introduced and installed as Novices, Esquires, and Knights.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Frater Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart....	... Preceptor.
" R. King Stewart ...	... Past Preceptor.
" James A. Reid ...	... Sub-Preceptor.
" Sir James Buchanan, Bart. ...	... Marischal.
" A. A. Spiers ...	... Chancellor.
" James Boyd ...	... Almoner.
" F. W. Allan ...	... Secretary.
" R. M. Mann ...	... Treasurer.
" Rev. Principal Story, D.D. ...	... Chaplain.
" Sheriff Mark Davidson ...	... Bauceniffer.
" H. G. Fenton-Newall... ..	... Br. of the Vex. Bel.
" William Bilsland ...	... Chamberlain.
" J. Cunningham Kay ...	... Steward.
" Rees Price ...	... 1st Aide-de-Camp.
" J. Guthrie Smith ...	... 2nd Aide-de-Camp.

The fratres, on the preceptory being closed, adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, the Preceptor being chairman, and the Secretary, Croupier.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE GREEN SYMONS, P.M. AND J. 45.

Bro. George Green Symons has passed from amongst us. The name we little thought of, but it designated one whom we are not likely to forget, a manly presence, a clear and vigorous speaker standing firmly on the threshold of right, a sympathetic friend, and a Mason with whom every member of the Strong Man Lodge and countless others were proud to be associated. A Freemason who devoted a great part of his leisure hours to the pursuit of Masonry, he became an epoch maker in the Strong Man Lodge, even among strong men. For a quarter of a century, he was the pulse of the "dear old lodge," a term loved by him and echoed by the brethren, who strained to catch the characteristic intonation of their devoted Past Master's voice, to note eagerly the affection and solicitude betokened by his loving eloquence, and to mark with reverence those qualities which stamped him as a leader. His whole heart was with his mother lodge, where he had installed no fewer than 14 Masters, and the words of a recent speaker in the lodge, "the rapturous enthusiasm tempered with patriarchal dignity," with which he performed the ceremony was something to be remembered. A fearless advocate armed with the courage of his convictions, the righteousness of his motives was patent even to those who differed from his views. No public man of any strength of character ever treads an unopposed path, and at the present moment, when the gavel of the Great Architect has called the worker to his rest, the writer ponders, reflectively and lovingly, on the many issues on which our dear departed brother and himself have entered, "for and against," in Masonic matters, both in lodge and private conversation. Though often "platform enemies," the welfare of the lodge was their common aim. For many years Bro. Symons filled the office of Director of Ceremonies, and afterwards that of Treasurer of the lodge, always with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He was also one of the founders of the Strong Man Chapter, and at the time of his death occupied the chair of Third Principal. He was a frequent representative of his lodge at the Festivals of the Benevolent Institutions, and an arduous worker in the sacred cause of charity. At the banquet-table he was a genial companion, a pleasant and ready speaker, and a vocalist of no mean order. Outside the sphere of Masonry, Bro. Symons took a keen interest in social and political questions; an ardent loyalist, he served for years as a volunteer, and his bearing was soldier-like to the end. Fond of athletics, he excelled in rowing, and in the autumn of his life his leisure was largely spent "up the river." The many friends who mourn his loss will long remember his manly presence, his genial smile and kindly advice, while the lodge which occupied his thoughts to so large an extent, and to which he devoted so much energy, will long have reason to deplore his loss. He was born in 1839, died on the 10th inst., and was interred at Brompton Cemetery on the 14th instant.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.—The General Council in their third annual report state that during 1899 the receipts were £48,536 15s. 4d., as against £39,272 3s. 5d. in the previous year; while the sum distributed was £42,000, of which £20,250 was given in annual grants, and the balance in donations. The cost of management and collection was about 3½d. per cent., as compared with 6½d. for 1898.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT left Buckingham Palace on Tuesday evening for Dublin.

BRO. THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF GRANBY left London on Tuesday night for Newport, Salop.

ACCORDING to present arrangements, her Majesty the Queen will remain at Windsor Castle till the middle of next month, when the Court proceeds to Osborne for the Christmas season.

A NEW and pleasant drive in Windsor Park, which, by command of her Majesty, has been named the Queen Victoria Avenue, has been completed. It is about half-a-mile long, and situated in the vicinity of the Prince Consort Memorial, between Cumberland-gate and Virginia Water.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, accompanied by her daughter, Princess Alice of Albany, arrived in London from Germany, and drove to Buckingham Palace. On Wednesday her Royal Highness presided at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Guild, and afterwards went to Windsor on a visit to the Queen.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK (PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND) eldest daughter of the Queen, attained her 60th year on Wednesday, having been born on November 21, 1840. Her Imperial Majesty became, on January 25, 1858, the wife of the late Emperor Frederick III., who died in 1888, and has had eight children, the eldest being the present German Emperor.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, Pinner, will be held at the Hotel Metropole, Whitehall-place, S.W., on Wednesday, 19th prox., when Bro. Jeremiah Colman, D.L., J.P. (of J. and J. Colman, Ltd., London and Norwich), has kindly consented to preside, and will be supported by the Sheriffs of London (Bros. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T., and Jos. Lawrence).

BRO. SIR EDWARD CLARKE, Q.C., presided at a lecture given on Wednesday night by Dr. Blake Odgers, Q.C., at the Bloomsbury Settlement, on "Changes in the Law During the Present Century." Bro. Sir Edward observed that he had all the more pleasure in meeting there Dr. Odgers, who was Recorder of Plymouth, a place with which he himself had been intimately associated, and which had given him opportunity of service in the House of Commons.

THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF ST. PAUL'S have presented the Rev. C. N. Kelly, M.A., Minor Canon, to the rectory of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, and he will no doubt continue the social work which was carried on in connection with the church by the late Bro. the Rev. Professor Shuttleworth. Meanwhile, an influential committee, which includes the Bishop of London, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, and Mr. G. W. E. Russell, proposes to place the Shuttleworth Club—founded for young people engaged in the City—on a permanent financial basis as the most appropriate memorial to Mr. Kelly's predecessor.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER have gone to Tanderagee Castle, county Armagh, Ireland. This estate was once the property of an Irish chief named O'Hanlon, but has been in possession of the Montagu family for nearly three centuries. On Wednesday night a brilliant display of fireworks was given, and bonfires were lighted on neighbouring hills. His Grace, on behalf of his bride, returned thanks to his tenants and friends for their cordial welcome. The Duke and Duchess leave for America to-morrow (Saturday), and will afterwards visit India and Japan.

HER MAJESTY has appointed Bro. the Earl of Londesborough Vice-Admiral of the Yorkshire Coast, a position held by his lordship's father and grandfather. In his naval capacity, Lord Londesborough is responsible for the capture and due punishment of any pirates who may attempt maritime plunder in the neighbourhood of Scarborough or adjoining seaports. Formerly, the Court over which he is supposed to preside saw that these buccaneers were properly hanged in chains, and were also entrusted with the duty of trying alleged felonies on board ships coming into Yorkshire harbours.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Central Council for the Organisation of War Relief Funds met on Wednesday at the Mansion House, Bro. the Earl of Derby being in the chair. Among those present were Bro. the Earl of Carmouth, Bro. General the Hon. Herbert Eaton, Colonel C. E. Macaulay, Captain J. C. Hobbs, Mr. Coles Child, Mr. C. Hampden Wigram, Lieut.-Colonel Tannahill, Mr. Cave-Brown-Cave, Mr. A. E. Spender, Colonel Gildea, C.B., Mr. C. S. Loch, the Mayor of Portsmouth, Mrs. E. F. Chapman, and others. The committee considered various proposals for the better organisation of war relief funds and the form of communication to be made to those in charge of them throughout the country.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS receive, as a rule, far more kicks than halfpence. Their shortcomings are always being paraded, but of the great services they render we hear but little. The ratepayers of London are just now under an especially deep debt of gratitude to the Local Government Board. Through their persistent refusal to accept the plans of the Metropolitan Asylums Board for the Southern Hospital the outlay has been very substantially reduced, the cost per bed being now only £355, as against £395. The actual saving, £30,000, is perhaps of little moment in itself, but the principle is important, and London, it is safe to say, will in future be the gainers to no small extent through the evidence this action gives that the Local Government Board is determined to put down all undue expenditure with a firm hand.—*City Press*.

LORD HARRIS, in spite of a severe cold, from the effects of which he was visibly suffering, presided over a great gathering of men of Kent and Kentish men at the third annual dinner of the Association at the Holborn Restaurant on the 14th inst., and was supported by Bro. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Major-General E. Davidson Smith, the Mayor and ex-Mayor of Canterbury, Mr. Christopher Bennett, Mr. R. S. Jackson, L.C.C., Mr. Alderman Hearn, Messrs. A. A. Banes, W. Mudford, W. Ellis, and others. After the usual toasts had been honoured, the Chairman gave the toast of the evening—"The Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men." He said he thought associations of that kind had opportunities of doing something to hold together the various elements of society in the county. He was glad to inform them that they had the good wishes of the highest official in the county—the Lord Lieutenant—who, unfortunately, was unable to be present; another Kentish man, Col. Mackinnon, of the C.I.V.'s, was also unable to attend. In proposing the toast of "The Honorary Members," which included Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Generals Baden Powell and French, his lordship paid a high tribute to the latter, while Mr. Henniker Heaton, who sailed for Australia on Thursday, was presented with an illuminated address, and a solid silver envelope to contain it, in recognition of his eminent services in effecting penny imperial postage and postal reform. The next fixture of the association is a Cinderella dance to be held at the Bridge House Hotel on the 8th prox., tickets for which can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 11, Fernholme-road, Nunhead, S.E., to whom all enquiries should be made as to membership, &c.

WITH REGRET we learn that the condition of Bro. ex-Sheriff Sir Alfred Bevan is causing grave anxiety to his relatives and friends.

THE BOROUGH COUNCILS.—Bro. Sir Henry Harben, the first Mayor, has promised to present a chain of office to the Borough Council of Hampstead.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR has forwarded 10 guineas to Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar on behalf of his fund for the provision of Christmas hampers for 5000 crippled children.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the number of candidates for next meeting of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, on the 6th prox., exceeding the limit allowed by Grand Lodge, it has been decided to summons a lodge of emergency for the following Tuesday, December 11th, to initiate those not received at the regular lodge meeting.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH CORPORATION.—The 236th anniversary festival in aid of the funds of the Corporation will be held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, London, W.C., on Friday, the 30th instant (St. Andrew's Day), under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Robertson. Tickets for the banquet one guinea each.

THE *Freemason* may be obtained from any newsagent or bookseller. When any difficulty is found, copies will be posted regularly direct from the Publishers, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., on the following terms: Twelve months (home), 13s. 6d.; six months, 6s. 9d.; and for abroad, twelve months, 15s. 6d.; six months, 7s. 9d., post free.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION.—A concert in aid of the City branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will be held on January 30th at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attending. Mr. E. Seaman, C.C., is the musical director, and it is hoped that he may be as successful in his selection of artistes as he was on a former occasion, when a similar concert was given at the Guildhall. Tickets may be obtained of Mr. Deputy Sayer, 4, Lower Thames-street, and Mr. J. Barber, the Secretary, Fishmongers' Hall.

THE WILL bears date January 23rd, 1893, with a codicil of 2nd August, 1900, of Colonel Lionel George Henry Seymour, fifth Earl of Portarlington, of Emo Park, Portarlington, Queen's County, who died on the 31st August last, aged 42 years, leaving personal estate of the net value of £35,265 5s. 1d., and the gross value of the whole of whose estate is £90,976 15s. After certain legacies Lord Portarlington settled the lands and hereditaments, of which he had power of disposition, upon trust in favour of his elder son in tail male, and he left the residue of his property in trust for investment in the purchase of real estate, as if it were money arising, under the Settled Lands Acts, from the sale of the settled real estate.

WEDNESDAY was the anniversary of the birth of her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, whose health, it is satisfactory to learn, has so much improved that she was able to have around her in the Schloss Friederichshof, Cronberg, a large family gathering. The German Emperor arrived at one o'clock, and took luncheon with his august mother, the other guests being the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, the Prince and Princess of Schaumburg-Lippe, and Prince Friedrich Carl of Hesse. The Emperor drank to the health of the Empress Frederick. Many bouquets and messages of congratulation were sent, and the inhabitants of the district presented her Majesty with a richly-illuminated address. All the Berlin newspapers note the auspicious anniversary in highly sympathetic terms. At Windsor and in London the anniversary was celebrated with much rejoicing. At St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and other churches the bells were rung, and flags floated from several of the Government offices and many public buildings. Joyous peals were given at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and a Royal salute was fired in the Long Walk.

### FREDERICK THE GREAT AS A FREEMASON.

The opening of the new grand residence of the National Lodge of Prussian Freemasons in Berlin on the 18th instant, and at which several distinguished Englishmen were present, reminds me of a fact not very generally known. Frederick the Great, long before he ascended the throne, was admitted to the Craft, and subsequently founded a lodge at the Castle of Rheinsberg, where during his youth he spent so many happy days. His initiation took place during the night of August 14-15, 1738, at Brunswick. The step he took was unknown to his father. The latter was not favourably inclined to the brotherhood, whose first lodge was only opened at Hamburg eight months before the Prince Royal became one of its members. It was at the pleasure of "Het Loo," in Gelderland, where Queen Wilhelmina is to spend her approaching honeymoon, that the idea first took possession of Frederick's mind, after having heard a very outspoken speech by Count Schaumburg-Lippe in favour of the brotherhood. He confided his intention to the Count, but Frederick was travelling with his father, whose itinerary had been mapped out beforehand, and their road did not lie by Hamburg, the only city in which at that period there was a lodge. Schaumburg-Lippe communicated with Baron von Albedyll at Hanover, who in his turn apprised the Hamburg lodge of Frederick's project, and of the obstacles in consequence of his inability to leave the King. Father and son were, however, timed to arrive at Brunswick on August 12, and the day before Master vom Stehl vom Oberg reached that city with the members of the Hanseatic city's lodge. The next night was fixed for the ceremony, which took place at the hostelry Zum Schloss Salzdahlum, and up to the present day the anniversary is kept by all the Grand Lodges of Berlin.

It has often been asserted that as the years went on Frederick's relations with the Freemasons became strained. It has been even stated that Frederick, when Regent, resigned his membership, persuaded, as he was supposed to be, that some of the military secrets of the comparatively new kingdom had been divulged to Austria by a Freemason. The tale has been embellished in various ways. There is not a particle of truth in it. It had its foundation in a curious fact. After the loss of the Battle of Kollin, a letter in an unknown handwriting reached the general headquarters. It contained an offer of assistance of the Freemasons, and bore the signature of some eminent members of the Craft. Frederick was sufficiently subtle to detect a manoeuvre, not of the Freemasons, but of the Jesuits. Not the slightest notice was taken of the epistle, which was sent to the archives. There are many proofs of Frederick's unwavering friendship to the brotherhood, and notably a letter in French, written in 1781, to the lodge in Berlin, which, curiously enough, was called "The Royal York of Friendship."

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, December 1, 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 25.**

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 74, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
- 26, Castle of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.
- 144, St. Luke's, Holborn-Restaurant.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
- 706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hall, Woolwich.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.
- 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1017, Montefiore, Trocadero Restaurant.
- 1540, Chaucer, St. James' Restaurant.
- 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
- 1632, Stuart, Frascati Restaurant.
- 1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
- 1745, Farrington (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel.
- 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 2397, Columbia, Hotel Cecil.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 12, United Prudence, Albion Tavern.
- 50, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- 188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
- Bromdesbury, 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, Bristol Room, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., 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.
- Marquess 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, Wood Green, N., 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, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Joric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 46, Old Union, Cafe Royal.
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 205, Israel, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- 1348, Ebury, Criterion.
- 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1728, Temple Bar, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2108, Empire, Criterion.
- 2696, Arcadian, Hotel Cecil.
- 2705, Playgoers, Tivoli Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 21, Cyrus, Blanchard's Restaurant.
- 180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- 548, Wellington, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- 800, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1365, Clapton, Great Eastern 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 1.

- Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Fuma-elli'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 Ties, 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, Walham 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.
- Varborough, 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 28.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 822, Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal.
- 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar.
- 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Criterion.
- 2332, Boro' of Greenwich, Masonic Rooms.
- 2395, Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton.
- 2416, H. ram, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2455, St. Martin's, New Town Hall, Charing Cross.
- 2456, Chancery Bar, Hotel Cecil.
- 2650, Christ's Hospital, Christ's Hospital

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 794, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.

**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, Edislon-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.
- Derby Almerot, 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
- Eye, Eye 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, R., 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.
- Londesborough, 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 8.
- Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, 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 29.**

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2192, Highbury, Cock Tavern.
- 2204, Chough, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2789, Royal Warrant Holders, Cafe Royal.

**CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—**

- 1057, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burdett-Coutts, 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.
- Earl's Court, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W.
- Elliot, Railway Hotel, Bethnal.
- 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 Noon & 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.
- Montefiore, 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, Newington-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 30.**

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, at 3 p.m.

**CRAFT LODGE.**

2766, Putney, Parish Offices.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

**ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.**

1, Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**

26, Faith and Fidelity, Mark Masons' Hall.

**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, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
- Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
- Coburn, 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, Ladbroke-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, Fishmonger's 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, DECEMBER 1.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 142, St. Thomas's, Hotel Cecil.
- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1949, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2406, Cheerybles, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2661, Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2741, Cathedral, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2763, Harringay, Salisbury Hotel, Green-lanes.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, 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.

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## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### SUSPENDED VITALITY IN ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

A writer on "Humanity; Past and Future," in the *Pall Mall Magazine*, says: "A means will be discovered to suspend animation, and thereby prolong interrupted life, perhaps, for centuries." This bold prediction is a curious comment upon the controversy, renewed from time to time, as to the possibility of the growth of "mummy wheat." Botanists, generally, deny the possibility of the suspended vitality of corn, during many centuries, and reduce its life history to the short span of seven years. Yet scientific dreamers, already fancy the problem of suspended animation, even in warm-blooded animals, almost solved. But if Nature altogether refuses, even under the most favourable circumstances, to extend her lease of life to those grains which she has herself matured and hardened, to endure months or years of seeming death, how is she to be induced to do so, in the case of those creatures to whom breath is life, and the exclusion of air death? Nevertheless, hibernation—which is a form of suspended animation—is common in many warm-blooded animals, whilst the chrysalis state is almost universal among insects. No one knows how long these two forms of death in-life may endure, under abnormal conditions, or how far the principle may be extended. Indian jugglers have, as we know, long claimed the power of suspending animation at will, and one instance, at least, is recorded in which this power seems to have been subjected successfully to a very severe test. Doubtless, most people will continue to class this with the stories of toads shut up in rocks, and the growth of mummy wheat, regarding all alike as impossible. The sceptic may be right but it is quite possible to err on the side of scepticism; and it is certain that the vitality of seeds is much under estimated. A case in point came under the notice of a scientist some years ago, when, on the death of an aged relative, seeds of melon and geranium which had been stored for nearly 50 years—the locality whence derived, and the date having been carefully noted by the deceased—were sown, with the result that many of them grew and produced fruit and flowers of excellent quality. This which can be vouched for proves that under ordinary circumstances seeds will retain vitality for at least half a century; how much longer, who shall say? Darwin gives many instances of seeds which have germinated after having been floated for long periods on sea water; and a plant reared from a nut, supposed to have been a relic of the great Krakaton eruption, which had stranded near Port Elizabeth three years afterwards, is still growing in the Botanic Gardens there. But, perhaps, the most remarkable cases of long-continued suspension of vitality and renewal of life in plants are those which occur occasionally when earth which has remained undisturbed for centuries upon exposure to the air brings forth plants, not, indeed, unknown to botanists, but unknown to the district in which they appear. Dr. Carpenter, in his *Vegetable Physiology*, brings forward several singular cases of this kind; in one, clay thrown up from beneath 14 feet of peat earth, yielded seeds, which, when sown, produced a species of chrysanthemum. In another, some well diggers in America, 40 miles from the sea, came upon sea sand, which, upon being brought to the surface and scattered, yielded a number of small trees. These proved to be beech-plum trees, which grow only on the sea shore, and were, of course, new to the district. Prof. von Heldrich, of Athens, asserts that at the silver mines of Laurium, in Greece, a luxuriant crop of horned poppy of an unknown species has appeared on soil covered to a depth of 10 feet by the scorix thrown out by the ancient workers, and recently disturbed in order to re-melt the old refuse. An exceedingly interesting instance of this kind occurred in Bath some years ago, when, on uncovering the old Roman baths, wherever the spade of the explorer let in air and light, a fern—certainly, at present, unknown in the neighbourhood—sprang up in every little nook and corner. Some of these plants lived, and grew for years; but, although carefully protected, they have now entirely disappeared. The new life and strange environment was in some way distasteful to them, and they died away, as they had appeared, suddenly. A similar story might be told in many other localities. Even in London, it is said that the hedge-mustard springs up wherever a house is burned down; and after the Great Fire in 1666 the yellow charlock, or rocket, appeared in profusion in the district swept by the flames. In South Africa it has been observed that whenever a grass fire occurs near Graaf-Reinet, the Cape gooseberry and a scarlet flowering bulb spring up for miles, instead of the plants burned, and in the same neighbourhood, wherever stones are excavated, the tobacco tree appears on the spot quarried. Now, in all these cases, the plants re-appearing after a long somnolence must have been buried at a season when fructification was perfected and germination in abeyance. For if they had not been in seed they could not have survived, and had germination commenced they would doubtless have perished. It is just this fact, which seems to have been overlooked in the case of mummy wheat, which Lord Winchelsea had failed to make grow, but which Mr. Sutton, a practical seed-grower, says his firm has frequently grown successfully when sown immediately after being taken from the mummy cases before the atmosphere has had time to destroy its vitality.

(To be continued.)

### MINIATURE PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

With regard to Hilliard, in *Hoydock's Preface to Lomazzo on Painting*, translated by him, occurs a curious specimen of the panegyric style, so much in fashion in the reign of Elizabeth—"I wish I had the skilful pen of Giorgis Vasari, for then, I doubt not but that I should, in a short time, finde matter enough to write paralels of their lives, comparing our English painters with the Italian, as Plutarch did the Roman captaines with the Grecian. Then would Master Nicholas Hilliard's hand, so much admired among strangers, strive for a comparison with the milde spirit of the world's late wonder, Raphael d'Urbino; for to speak truth, his perfection in ingenious illuminating or limning, is so extraordinary," &c. *Ad nauseum*. In the last clause of the patent granted to Hilliard by King James—"De licentiâ Nicholas Hilliard super picturam Regis"—treats of an extraordinary privilege. "In respect of his art and skill in drawing, engraving, and imprinting, of pictures, and representations of ourselves and others, we do give and grant the privilege for 12 years, to grave any manner of picture of our image, or other representation of our person, with power to take a constable

and search for any pictures, plates, or works printed, sold or set up, contrary to the tone, meaning, and intent of these presents, at the yearlie rent of 13s. 4d." This monopoly gave Hilliard a control over all the engravers and printsellers of that time, and having died in 1616, his son enjoyed the patent during the remainder of its term. Hilliard died 7th January, 1619, and was buried in St. Martin's Church, in the Fields, Westminster (as appears by the register), in which parish he had a house. He made his will, leaving 20s. to the poor of the parish; to his sister, Anne Avery, twenty pounds, of thirty that were due of his pension, the remaining ten pounds to his other sister, some goods to his servant-maid, and all the rest of his effects, plate, jewels, rings, &c., to his son Lawrence Hilliard, his sole executor. Hitherto, we have been obliged to owe to other countries the best performances exhibited here in painting, but in the branch (miniature) in which Oliver excelled, we may challenge any nation to show a greater master, if, perhaps, we except a few of the smaller works of Holbein. Don Julio Clovio, the celebrated limner, whose neatness and taste in grotesque were exquisite, cannot be compared with Isaac Oliver, because Clovio never painted portraits, and the latter little else. Don Julio Clovio, a native of Croatia, was born in 1498. He was, at first, an ecclesiastic, but received the dispensation of the Pope. He attained an unrivalled distinction for miniature painting in Italy. He commanded the patronage of sovereigns and princes, for whom he chiefly painted. For Cardinal Farnese Clovio illuminated "the office of the Virgin Mary," in which the figures did not exceed the size of an ant; yet all the parts were perfectly distinct when seen through a magnifying glass.

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### THE CONTINENTAL GALLERY—IMPERIAL ROOM, 157, NEW BOND-STREET, W.

There are two exhibitions, now, at the above gallery, both of which will repay a visit. The first we shall notice is the annual collection of Silver Point, Gold Point, and Water Colour Drawings by the well-known artist, Charles Sainton. In our notice last year, we entered into full details of the technique of this artist's work, stating what were our impressions of his designs, their poetical conception, and the delicate graceful manner in which they were rendered. We can only here mention a few of Mr. Sainton's works, which more particularly pleased us. It is difficult, however, in such an *embarras de richesses* to make a selection—all are so delightful—there is such a versatility, that the artist is excellent in whatever he undertakes. We think, perhaps, we would award the palm to No. 17, "O'er Hill, o'er Dale," water colour—there is a beautiful finish and exquisite harmony of colour, which cannot fail to arrest attention. Nos. 2, "Daughter of Eve," 5, "A call to Arms," 7, "Who is this trespassing on Fairy ground," 13, "Water witch," 14, "Sea Maidens' Home," 19, "Summer's Flight," 22, "Study for Spring," 23, "The Nymph's Haunt"—all of these are full of merit, as are many more which we leave the visitor to discover. We have been informed that every picture is sold. We are glad to hear it, and congratulate Mr. Sainton on his well-merited success.

### OUR BOYS IN KHAKI.

This is a series of new war pictures by John Hassall, H. Teppings Wright, and Louis Edwards. They are only seven in number, yet each of them appeals directly to the sympathy of English people, who see here depicted the gallant deeds and modest bravery of their countrymen, aye, and even of their countrywomen, who have loving and lion hearts, forsaking relations and friends, and devoting themselves to the sacred cause of Charity. Heroines, indeed, are they, who prove that they have sprung from worthy sires, elevating the dignity of their sex by the laurels they have so nobly gained. These pictures are "First in the Trenches," "Fix Bayonets," "A Member of the Red Cross Army," and "From Earth to Heaven," by John Hassall; "A Warm Corner for the Guns" and "An Affair of Outposts," by Louis Edwards; and "Joe Chamberlain Speaks," by H. Teppings Wright. These pictures are painted in a rough, but very effective, manner, and have a convincing air of truth. Every one should see them.

### CRITERION THEATRE.

"The Noble Lord," an original farcical comedy, by Robert Marshall, is an attractive piece. There are three contrasts of character—Lord Archibald Melrose, Prime Minister, Mr. Arthur Bouchier; the Right Hon. Oliver Watson, M.P., Leader of the Opposition, by Mr. Weedon Grossmith; and Mr. Terence O'Hagan, M.P., Leader of the Irish Party, by Mr. George Giddens. All three are candidates for the hand of the wealthy Baroness Macray of Chantyre, impersonated by Miss Ellis Jeffreys. The manner in which the lovers woo the fair lady is most amusing. Miss Ellis Jeffreys shows, in a charming way, the difficulties she encounters, and how she overcomes them. The interest of the piece is well sustained throughout, even to the third act, which flags in so many instances. The Lady Palmyra Fenton, a love-sick *ingenue*, silly though she may be, is made attractive by Miss Annie Hughes. Miss Emily Vinning effectively took the part of the Marchioness of Middlesex, in lieu of Mrs. Calvert, who could not appear through indisposition. The pivot on which the piece works is the upholding of the rights of woman by the Baroness Macray; much trouble arises from this to the lady and her lovers.

### GENERAL NOTES.

Very few people pause to think of the commercial value embodied in songs and pianoforte pieces which they perform. But that it is very high was amply illustrated at a musical sale last week, when the copyrights of several songs were sold at high prices. Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer" was purchased at £616; his "Holy Temple," £167; and "Glory to Thee, my God," an old favourite, by the same composer, £157. Mr. Lawrence Kellie's pretty and popular "Love's Nocturne" fetched £316, and a pianoforte piece by Tavakowski realised £143. Only last year, too, the business of a large firm of music publishers on being put up to auction found purchasers to the amount of £111,000.

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The band of the Royal Artillery seems more attractive than ever this winter. Every Sunday afternoon the Albert Hall is thronged with people, who listen to the delightful music performed by the splendid instrumentalists directed by Cavaliere Zaverl.