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## FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

It must have been with very great pleasure that our readers perused the report we published last week of the proceedings at the Grand Festival, on the 30th ult., of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They must have known, or, at all events, have heard, that about a quarter of a century since the Scottish Craft was in a very critical condition, from which it could hardly have emerged with credit had it been a less ancient and influential organisation, presided over by rulers of less tact and judgment, and officered by men of less ability and determination. Many, indeed, must have known, or have gathered from the reports which are issued periodically, what great and ultimately successful efforts were made to restore the fallen fortunes of the Craft in Scotland, and these in particular will be hardly able to contain themselves with joy when they contrast the state of things as it is now with what it was when Bro. D. MURRAY LYON was elected, early in 1877, to the important office of Grand Secretary. This was made especially clear at the recent Festival by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. the Hon. JAMES HOZIER, M.P., who seems determined, as far as in him lies, that the story of this marvellous revival and how it has been brought about, shall be published as widely as possible. Early in 1899, Bro. LYON compiled and laid before the Committee of Grand Lodge a "tabular statement of the intrants recorded in the book of Grand Lodge in each year between 1800 and 1898, both inclusive," and from this it appears that in 1876—the year immediately preceding his election to office—the number was 3578, and that in 1898 it had increased to 7058. Since then, as Bro. HOZIER informed Grand Lodge, there has still been further increase to 7513, in 1899, and to 7658 during the present year, nor had he any scruple about adding at the close of his remarks that "it was no exaggeration to say that in this present year, 1900, there were upwards of 100,000 hailing from lodges under the Scottish Constitution." Again, as regards its financial position, Bro. HOZIER'S statement was equally emphatic: "The General Fund amounted to £19,246, the Benevolent Fund to £8035, and the Annuity Fund to £29,652, making a grand total for the three Funds of £59,634, exclusive of the heritable and moveable property, which was valued at

£25,400. Thus," including this last item, "the assets of Grand Lodge came to the princely sum of £82,334." Contrast this with the state of the finances when Bro. LYON was elected, and Grand Lodge was in debt to the extent of £20,000, and we shall have no need to concern ourselves about the change that has taken place during the last 24 years in the fortunes of Scottish Freemasonry. Yet the further figures that were included in the G. Master's statement are worth noting. The income for this year is returned at £7364, as compared with £7211 in 1899. The grants from the Benevolent Fund amounted to £738, and the Annuities to £1305, the total sum disbursed in Annuities since the foundation of the Annuity Fund in 1889 being, in round figures, £12,000. In accomplishing this the chief actor under successive Grand Masters has been Bro. LYON, and it is evident that at this moment, particularly when that officer has just retired, the Grand Master is desirous the fact should be made public.

But the foregoing facts and figures are not the only evidence that is forthcoming as to the degree of prosperity to which the Scottish Craft has attained during this period. Not only has the work of the lodges been better carried out, and the organisation of the Society, both at home and abroad, both strengthened and confirmed, but the number of lodges on the register has been greatly increased, and the lodges themselves widely distributed. At the close of 1876 the highest number on the roll was 581, now it is 910 or thereabouts, so that in these 24 years upwards of 300 have been placed on the register.

Moreover, notwithstanding that the Scottish lodges founded in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and to a great extent in New Zealand, though not lost to Masonry, have disappeared from the roll of Grand Lodge; but there are many districts, such as West Australia, Natal, the Transvaal, Syria, and Nicaragua which have been established, and have in some cases quite a formidable muster-roll of private lodges. But there is no need for us to go more minutely into statistics. Enough has been said to show that in our Colonies and possessions abroad the Scottish Craft is as widespread and flourishing, as at home it is well administered and strong. The contrast between its state in 1876 and now brings out this fact very clearly, and if we hark back, say, to the accession of the QUEEN, in 1837, it will be still more remarkable. We hope that this prosperity will be continued.

It remains for us to add that a special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Thursday for the purpose of electing a successor to Bro. LYON in the office of Grand Secretary. There were at the outset 16 brethren who offered themselves as candidates, but the Grand Committee returned six only, and out of these the choice of Grand Lodge fell upon Bro. DAVID REID, who was elected by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the University Masonic Hall, Cambridge, on Friday, the 7th instant, and was attended by 84 brethren. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, in opening the lodge at 5.30, was supported by Bros. the Rev. J. H. Gray, D.P.G.M.; R. Smith, 809, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Francis, 859, P.J.G.W.; Rev. A. L. Brown, 859, P.G. Chap.; C. H. Davey, 2107, P.G. Treas.; Oliver Papworth, 88, P.G. Sec.; A. S. Bell, 859, P.S.G.D.; R. J. Sharman, 809, P.J.G.D.; H. S. Davison, 88, P.G. Supt. of Works; F. Dewberry, 441, P.G.D.C.; Frank H. Potts, 2107, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Kempton, 2727, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Berridge, 441, acting P.G. Org.; and J. W. Armitage, 859, P.G. Purst.

The minutes of the last meeting, held November 27th, 1899, were read by Bro. O. Papworth, and confirmed.

The roll of the Prov. Grand Officers and the roll of lodges having been called,

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. C. H. Davey, presented his accounts, which had been duly audited, and the same were passed.

The Registrar's Returns of the lodges was presented as follows:

Lodge Nos.	Last year.	Initiations.	Joining Members.	Deaths	Withdrawals.	Present Number.	Members of Prov. G.L.
88	86	3	1	1	3	86	23
441	60	3	0	0	3	60	19
809	68	7	0	0	4	71	28
859	210	35	3	3	54	101	29
1492	26	0	2	0	0	28	2
2107	41	3	4	0	0	48	10
2727	44	7	0	0	3	48	1
	544	58	10	4	67	541	112

Bro. C. H. Davey proposed that Bro. J. Read be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

This was seconded by Bro. T. A. Guyatt, and agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the Prov. Grand Officers as follow:

Bro. W. P. Spalding, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. S. Bell, I.P.M. 859	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. A. L. Brown, W.M. 859	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. C. G. Griffinhoofe, Chap. 859	...	...	
" J. Read, 2727, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Norfolk (elected)...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Hutchinson, P.M., Treas. 2107	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Oliver Papworth, P.M., Sec. 88, P.P.S.G.W. (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. J. Moden, W.M. 88	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. S. Johnson, W.M. 809	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. H. Adie, W.M. 1492	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C. 441, P.P.S.G.W. (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. R. Roper, P.M., Chap. 441	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Dudley-Ward, S.D. 859	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. M. Martin, Org. 2107	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. A. Guyatt, W.M. 2727	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Fuller, 88	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. H. Tebbutt, 441	...	...	
" F. W. Bradley, 809	...	...	
" H. G. Comber, J.W. 859	...	...	
" L. F. Crane, J.D. 859	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. W. Metcalfe, I.G. 2107	...	...	
" C. H. Ellis, Tyler, 859	...	...	

In regard to Bro. Oliver Papworth, the PROV. G. MASTER mentioned that he had held the office longer than any previous Prov. G. Secretary.

The Report of the Cambs. Masonic Charity Association for the past year was presented by Bro. O. Papworth, the Secretary thereof. (A notice of it was given in last week's *Freemason*.)

Upon the motion of Bro. B. CHENNELL, seconded by Bro. J. M. HARVEY, it was agreed to nominate Bro. Oliver Papworth for re-election on the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the PROV. G. MASTER remarking how much the province was indebted to Bro. Papworth for what he had done in previous years.

Charity jewels were presented to Bros. J. H. Moyes, 88, and F. H. Potts, 2107, and Charity jewel clasps to Bros. Oliver Papworth, 88, and W. J. Armitage, 859. The PROV. G. MASTER said there were others also who were entitled, and it showed that good work was being done amongst them for the Charities.

The PROV. G. MASTER proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the South African Masonic Relief Fund. He observed that a grant of this kind was not a hardy perennial. Its object was useful and well deserved, for many of the Brotherhood had suffered.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The outgoing Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. C. H. Davey, proposed, Bro. W. P. Spalding seconded, and it was agreed that 15 guineas be voted to the Cambridge Masonic Charity Association for current expenses, and 10 guineas to one or more of the Masonic Charities.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed a hearty vote of thanks to those brethren who had served as Stewards to the Masonic Charities during the year on behalf of the province.

The DEPUTY P.G.M., in seconding, said nothing would give the province more satisfaction than to find that the stream of Charity was not running dry.

The motion was agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, for banquet.

At its close,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry."

"The Health of the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England and G.Z.," was next given from the chair, with the remark that his Royal Highness (who had now entered upon his 27th year of office) was a good and keen Mason and did his work uncommonly well.

In proposing "The Grand Lodge Officers," the PROV. G. MASTER expressed the opinion that there should be a Prov. G. Lodge for London. As matters now stood, the only chance of a London brother getting the purple was in Grand Lodge. If there were a Province of London the claims of brethren in all the districts of England for Grand Lodge office could be more considered. At the same time, the best was now done that could be done to acknowledge deserving brethren, although Grand Lodge authorities could not do all they would like to do. In connection with the toast he mentioned Bro. the Rev. J. H. Gray, P.G. Chap. Eng., and Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Gray responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and said it was a proud thing to belong to such a body, which worked so hard for Freemasonry in general. He was looking forward with interest to an account of their visit to Berlin.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER next submitted "The Health of the Prov. G. Master of Cambridgeshire," and congratulated him upon the prosperity of the province, the number of Freemasons now being incomparably larger than a few years ago. And as to the future, two of their lodges would have to alter their bye-laws or turn from their portals the seekers after light. There was no doubt that the Craft was prospering in the province, and this was dear to the heart of their Prov. G. Master. They had also to congratulate Colonel Caldwell that his rule had been so prosperous, wise, and dignified, and that he was so eminently kind. (Applause.) They desired nothing more than that his beneficent rule should continue.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was exceedingly proud of the results of the two provincial meetings they had held that day, and the enthusiasm that had characterised them. The Grand Chapter, which took place first, was attended by a larger number than at any previous meeting since he had presided as Grand Superintendent; and Prov. Grand Lodge was so largely attended that the supply of chairs ran short, the attendance being larger than he remembered before, good as it was at Wisbech last year. It was a very great pleasure to him to see the province growing and united. The numbers this year were virtually stationary, but whilst the Isaac Newton Lodge had decreased by students "going down" into other parts of the country, other lodges had increased, and the province had also increased in the efficiency of its work. It was pleasant to see their youngest lodge (St. Audrey's) so growing and flourishing, and introducing into Freemasonry many men who would otherwise have remained outside. Even if some of the lodges altered their bye-laws so as to permit of an increase in their membership, there would still be room for other lodges to be formed and the general membership of the province increased. The opening of the lodge at Ely had in no way interfered with the other lodges, except to encourage rivalry and emulation. There were good spots for the establishment of new lodges, and he would do what he could to forward so laudable a step. He was pleased to see all the lodges so well represented that day. The Grand Master of such a Province might well be proud. He hoped it would continue in its present harmony, and go on increasing in size and in spreading Masonic knowledge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Health of his Deputy and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." Referring to the Prov. S.G.W., whose appointment could not fail to be approved, he congratulated Bro. Spalding upon the success of his useful Masonic Year Book, and also congratulated him upon the honour attained by his son, Mr. P. J. Spalding, in a difficult University examination. (Young Mr. Spalding had previously gained first-class honours in the Law Tripos and in the Historical Tripos, and last Thursday he won the first Whewell Scholarship for International Law.)

Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray having responded in a most happy vein, Bro. W. P. Spalding submitted the toast of "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions," and, after thanking the P.G.M. for the kindly reference to his son, spoke of the enthusiasm of Bro. McKay in the cause of Charity, remarking that that worthy brother was of the greatest assistance to their own Masonic Charity Association.

Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. Eng. (a member of 88), thanked them for associating his name with the toast, for the Masonic Charities had always been nearest his heart. To his mind, Masonry without Charity would be a myth. He congratulated the Prov. Grand Master on what had been done in Cambridgeshire; their progress in the past had been made by leaps and bounds; and through the energy of their indefatigable Secretary the province was making progress in Charity year by year. He had not the slightest doubt but that in the new century the Province of Cambridgeshire would eclipse all its previous efforts.

Bro. J. V. Pryor proposed "The Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. Birt (St. Ivo) responded.

The PROV. G.M. thanked the Scientific Lodge for the holding of Prov. Grand Lodge under their banner; and Bro. F. J. Moden, W.M., responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, the pleasure of which had been enhanced by the harmony contributed by several brethren.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

This Prov. G. Chapter held a meeting at the University Hall, Cambridge, on Friday, the 7th instant, when 41 companions were present.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened at 4.45 by Comps. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Superintendent; Frank Piggott, Prov. G.H.; and Frederick Dewberry, Prov. G.J.

The minutes of the last Prov. G. Chapter, held November 28th, 1899, were read by Comp. W. H. Jarrold, and confirmed.

The Auditors' Report of the Treasurer's accounts, which showed a balance in hand, was adopted.

Comp. W. H. Francis, P.Z. 859, who has been Prov. G. Treasurer for four years, proposed Comp. P. Bramall, of the Etheldreda Chapter, No. 809, Wisbech, for the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, and this was agreed to.

The G. Superintendent then appointed and invested the officers of Prov. G. Chapter as under-stated:

Comp. G. F. Rogers, 859	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. King, 441	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. Percy F. W. Simpson, 859	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" P. Bramall, 809	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. R. Bambridge, 809	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" S. H. Sharman, 441	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Sindall, 88	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" H. C. Knott, 859	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. H. Moyes, 88	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. J. Armitage, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. H. Langridge, 88	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Davis, 809	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. H. Ellis, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual Prov. Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons was held in the Board-room of the Corn Exchange, Colchester, on the 27th ult., the arrangements for the occasion being made by the Principals and companions of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51.

Comp. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent, presided, and he was supported by Comps. George Cowell, P.A.G. Soj. as Prov. G.H.; Captain Giles, R.N., P.G.J.; Thomas J. Ralling, P.G.S.B.; F. H. Bright, P.G.P.S.; James Block, P.A.G. Soj.; Alfred J. Arthy, P.G. Reg.; C. H. Bestow, P.G.S.B.; G. W. Long, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.A.G.D.C., P.G.D.C.; J. P. Green, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Cummings, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; and others.

The roll of chapters having been called, the report of the Board of General Purposes was presented by Comp. J. C. Turner, P.P.G.J., who also moved its adoption. It stated that the 13 chapters of the province showed a membership of 357, as against 341 last year, 33 exaltations, and 11 joining members. The Board recommended a grant of 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and concluded with an expression of regret at the resignation of Comp. G. H. Finch, P.P.G.J., who had been a member since the formation of the Board in the year 1893.

Comp. GEORGE CORBLE seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The next business was the election of Comps. J. C. Turner, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J.; W. E. Dring, P.S. 453, P.P.G.H.; and George Cowell, P.Z. 1214, P.A.G. Soj., P.P.G.S.W., to serve on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, who was received with hearty applause, then rose to address the companions. He said he was exceedingly pleased to meet them again at this annual gathering. Meetings of this kind were something like the birthday gatherings to which when they were younger they were so delighted to look forward. But as they increased in years their occupations were more varied and exacting, their responsibilities were greater, and if they attained higher honours, advancing years brought those infirmities which were inseparable to man in this state of existence. This was, he believed, the 17th time he had had the honour of presiding over them and of meeting so many friends, to recall the blessings of the past year, take stock of their present position, and go on with encouragement, satisfaction, and hope for the future. The number of their chapters remained at what he might call the "mystic" number of 13. They could not call it a Masonic number—it would be much more so if one could be added, and so give them a double seven. This number had for some time appeared to meet the wants of the province, but he was gratified to know that there was a movement—and one that was evidently of the right kind—for the formation of a chapter at Shoeburyness. He need hardly say that the progress of the Order was not to be gauged by mere numbers. It was by the honest work of the chapters and the earnestness with which the principles they professed were carried out by individual companions, and the loyalty with which they adhered to the traditions of the Order; also by the fidelity with which they cultivated the true Masonic spirit which led them to esteem and respect each other and themselves. He was happy to say that during the past year there had been no rift in the lute, or a discordant note, which had given the slightest anxiety to the officials of the province, nor he trusted also to the Principals of the chapters, the result being that the province presented a happy, united, and harmonious body. In guiding the destinies of such a body he felt how great were his responsibilities, but at the same time his duties became a pleasure and his anxieties reduced to nothing on account of the true Masonic spirit which pervaded the whole province. He should like to tell them that when he went about in other parts of the kingdom, sometimes very far from where they were now assembled, it was most gratifying to him to hear the Province of Essex spoken of with the greatest respect as being a thoroughly good working province, and one that was loyally adhering to the best traditions of the Order. (Applause.) By the Report of the Board of General Purposes it would be seen that the numbers on the register showed a few more than last year—death had unfortunately removed some from among them, but they had been succeeded by others who would carry the Institution on, for they must bear in mind that however important an individual might appear in an Institution like theirs, he only served for his day and generation, although it was equally certain here as in other walks of life his works would follow him, and that individual who in the truest sense lived up to the principles of the Order, always left behind him, when the Great Enemy called him to another sphere, a memory clean among his survivors. He could not conclude without mentioning a matter which had affected him very deeply. No doubt they had all seen in the papers news that had come to this country from afar, and had revived the horrors of an atrocious crime committed in this town about seven years ago. They were met that day under the banner of the Patriotic Chapter, in which the victim of that crime was one of its most respected and intelligent members, and ever since that event his blood has been calling to Heaven for vengeance. It behoved them all—and especially himself in the position he occupied—to be cautious in remarking upon a matter which seemed likely to come before the tribunals of the country, but he thought it was legitimate for them all to express the hope that, though long deferred, retributive Justice was about to assert itself, and that, as should be the case, punishment would follow. He hoped to be pardoned for alluding to this matter, but he felt, meeting where they did, he could not let the opportunity pass without bearing his testimony to the honour in which the memory of the late Comp. Welch was held amongst them.

The election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer then took place, and Comp. Andrew Durrant was unanimously re-elected for the 18th year, on the motion of Comp. G. CORBLE, seconded by Comp. A. J. H. WARD.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

- Comp. C. E. Egerton Green, M.E.Z. 51 (Mayor of Colchester) ... Prov. G.H.
- " E. H. Baily, M.E.Z. 453 ... Prov. G.J.
- " T. J. Ralling, P.Z., S.E. 51, P.G.S.B. Eng. (18th year) ... Prov. G.S.E.
- " R. Galpin, M.E.Z. 1024 ... Prov. G.S.N.
- " Rev. St. Clare Hill, I.P.Z. 2005... Prov. G. Reg.

- Comp. J. Bourne Bromley, I.P.Z. 2154... Prov. G.P.S.
- " W. H. H. Roscoe, I.P.Z. 1437 ... Prov. 1st A.G.S.
- " Robert Cook, M.E.Z. 276 ... Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
- " W. J. Barnes, M.E.Z. 276 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " F. England, H. 100 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas. 100, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. (18th year) ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " G. R. Brown, I.P.Z. 2256 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- " W. Hayman Cummings, 2005 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " J. H. Pavitt, H. 453... Prov. A.G.S.E.
- " A. W. Martin ... Prov. G. Janitor.

On the motion of the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Patriotic Chapter for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting, and having announced that the meeting next year would be held at Chelmsford, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

About 50 companions afterwards dined together at the Cups Hotel, under the genial presidency of the Grand Superintendent, and as his Honour had to leave early to catch the last train for London, the post prandial proceedings were concluded under the equally genial presidency of his Worship the Mayor of Colchester.

Button-hole bouquets, the gift of Miss Philbrick, Feering Hill House (sister of the Grand Superintendent) were placed on the banquet tables, and were much appreciated by those present.

MASONIC BANQUET TO LORD VALENTIA.

On Thursday, the 6th instant, on the evening of his receiving the freedom of the city of Oxford, Bro. Lord Valentia, who is the Deputy Prov. G. Master of Oxfordshire, was entertained at a banquet at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, by the brethren of the province. The gathering was the largest ever held in Oxfordshire, more than 200 being present. Every lodge in the province was represented, and the extraordinarily enthusiastic reception accorded his lordship testified to the esteem and affection with which he is regarded by the brethren of the province. Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. (in the absence in India of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Jersey) presided, and was supported by, besides the guest of the evening, Bros. Dr. Burton, G. Chap. Eng.; Dr. Pope, P.G. Chap.; F. P. Morell, P.G.D.; R. E. Baynes, P.G.D.; J. T. Morland, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Berks; the Rev. W. H. Horlock, P.P.G.W. Hermon-Hodges, M.P.; Major Noble; G. C. Druce, P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Oxford); G. H. Morland, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Oxon (Mark); R. Ovey, P.P.G.W.; the W.Ms. of the various lodges in the province, and many members of the neighbouring province of Berkshire.

The tables and rooms presented a very attractive appearance, the floral decorations being in red, white, and blue, tied with red and white ribbons, and flags were plentifully yet judiciously arranged on the walls, and the bill of fare was of a somewhat unique style.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the CHAIRMAN gave the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He coupled with the toast the name of their Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Burton, of Banbury, W.M. of the Cherwell Lodge, for, as they knew, Grand Chaplains were always chosen for their eloquence.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN, in reply, said if they wished to hear his eloquence they should visit St. Mary's, South Banbury, on a Sunday, when he allowed himself three-quarters of an hour. (Laughter.) He did not think the Chaplains were selected for their oratorical powers, but because they had Freemasonry at their hearts. He regretted that the clergy did not become Masons to the extent he thought they should. Every lodge should have its Chaplain. Some people thought that Christianity was incompatible with Freemasonry. It was a libel, for a good Mason was the best of Christians. They sank all politics, and he would advise every man who was of free age and honest and straightforward to become a Freemason.

Bro. Dr. POPE, in proposing the toast of the evening—"Our Guest"—said that what struck him was the extraordinary versatility of the talents of Lord Valentia, and the great efficiency he displayed in everything he did, whether in the hunting field, as Colonel of the Yeomanry, as Chairman of the County Council, a member of the House of Commons, or as Comptroller of her Majesty's household, he enjoyed the confidence of men of all shades of political opinion, and he ventured to prophesy that he would in the future reach even a higher position of distinguished merit. Directly the war broke out he was one of the first who used his energies in the formation of the force of Imperial Yeomanry; he had no thought for himself, but he gave up the positions he held in this country and his family comforts, and did not hesitate to go to the front. (Applause.) As Adjutant-General of the force he occupied a position of great responsibility, and he was one of the first to enter Pretoria. They were exceedingly glad to welcome him back, and he had no hesitation in saying that what he had done was a great honour to him and pride to them. They were proud of him—(loud cheers)—and might they, through him, send their congratulations to Lady Valentia from the length and breadth of the province; they knew what a noble wife she had been, and they asked to be allowed to share with her in her rejoicing on his safe return. (Cheers.) The motto of their guest's ancient house was "Virtutis Amore," two simple words—they meant the love of bravery and courage, the love of all that was noble and manly, of all that was good and right and loyal and true; and in the motto of Lord Valentia they might find the keynote of his whole life. No one had more worthily borne its motto than he whom they delighted to honour that night, and from the outpourings of their hearts they gave him a hearty welcome back. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) He was deputed to present the following address from all the lodges in the province, which would be signed by every one of the members:

"To the Right Worshipful Brother Viscount Valentia, M.P., P.G.W., D.P.G.M., and G. Supt. Oxfordshire, and P.G.M. Berks and Oxon, M.M.M.,—We, the members of the Lodges of the Royal Arch Chapters and Preceptories of Oxfordshire and of the Mark Lodges of Berks and Oxon, desire to offer your Lordship our fraternal greetings upon your safe return to your native country. We desire to express our deep gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the protection which He has graciously extended to you during the war in South Africa. We have observed with pride and pleasure your devotion to your Queen and country, and we welcome you back heartily once again to the County and Province of Oxfordshire, where your life and labours have been so greatly valued, and where you have shown yourself so deeply interested in all that concerns the prosperity and welfare of your brethren in Freemasonry. We wish you every happiness, and we pray that you may be granted a long life of usefulness

and honour, with health and strength to devote your many gifts in the future as in the past to the service of your Sovereign and her Empire.—Oxford, December 6th, 1900."

The reading of the address evoked hearty applause.

Bro. Lord VALENTIA, who was received with great cordiality, in reply, said he need not tell them how excessively glad he was to receive the loyal welcome they had extended to him. It hardly seemed to him 10 months since he left Oxford; in his drive through the city that day everything seemed to him in the old groove, and that time had passed with very little change. He had met some old friends, and they seemed as glad to welcome him home as he was glad to see them. The only change that he could perceive was the immense crowds in the streets and the magnificent cheering which they gave, and which he could hardly imagine was meant for him. He felt he did not deserve such a large amount of enthusiasm. (Cheers.) He went out to South Africa at the call of duty, and he had done only his duty, and the overwhelming congratulations which he had received on his return had affected him in no little degree. He could not imagine it was only meant for himself entirely, for he thought they had in their minds his gallant comrades, and should always be glad to interpret their compliments in that way. Many of them had left this city right loyally to serve their country at the theatre of war, and right worthily had they done their duty. (Applause.) He regretted he was not able to accompany them during the whole of the campaign, but he knew their record was a good one; he had asked many general officers under whom the Oxfordshire Yeomanry had served, and they had invariably informed him that they had served with credit, and that they did not know of any better service rendered by any of the regular troops. He should like to mention the name of one who was connected with Oxford, Lord Milton, who, being of an engineering turn of mind, had acted as engine-driver to Pretoria in supplying both men and officers with stores, and he did not know what they would have done without him. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for their noble welcome, a welcome so little expected on his return, and he must truly say over again that what he had done had only been his duty, and he thanked them exceedingly for having made his home-coming the enjoyable one it was. (Applause.)

Bro. HERMON HODGE, M.P., proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Colville Smith," thanking him on behalf of those present for all the trouble he had taken in arranging that banquet, the most successful the Craft in Oxford had ever held.

The CHAIRMAN having responded, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Songs were contributed by Bros. W. T. Upton, J. Day, Dr. Proudfoot, J. Wilson, and H. M. Turner, Bro. C. M. Taphouse fulfilling the duties of accompanist, whilst during the dinner the Volunteer Band, which had kindly given their services, played a selection of music.

## Craft Masonry.

Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HARRY MANFIELD, G. TREAS.

The first installation meeting of this successful lodge, which is so closely identified with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on the 7th instant at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when Bro. Harry Manfield, G. Treas., was installed as W.M. by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec. There was a large and representative gathering present, and the ceremonial and the proceedings that followed were of the most interesting and enjoyable nature, but the presence and individuality of the distinguished Mason from whom the lodge takes its name, and who was its first W.M., were sadly missed, and this gave the one sad note to an otherwise happy occasion.

After the opening of the lodge, the confirmation of minutes, and other routine business, Bro. Harry Manfield, G. Treas., was presented, and installed as W.M. by the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, Bro. Van Duzer acting as D.C. The officers invested were: Bros. F. C. Van Duzer, acting I.P.M.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., S.W.; A. J. Duck, J.W.; A. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., Sec.; C. W. West, S.D.; W. Lawrence, J.D.; J. H. Gerards, D.C.; J. T. Murray, Org.; E. P. Moore, W.M. 2150, I.G.; R. A. Quayle and A. P. Cohen, Stwds.; and J. W. Harding, Tyler. The previous meeting of the lodge was held on the Most Worshipful Grand Master's birthday, and a telegram of congratulation was sent to his Royal Highness. The Secretary read the following reply, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes: "To the W.M., Richard Eve Lodge. The Prince of Wales thanks brethren for kind congratulations.—KNOLLYS." Letters of regret were received from Bros. the Earl of Euston, Strachan, Q.C., John Glass, Smithson, Kempster, C. E. Keyser, J. D. Langton, Captain Barlow, and others. The W.M. moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Secretary for his presence and for his services as Installing Master. He said he expressed, though inadequately, the feelings of the members, and their appreciation of the manner in which the Grand Secretary had shown the beauty of the ritual, and the dignity and character he had given to the ceremony. There were many Past Masters in the lodge, but feeling this was an occasion of some interest, they had invited the Grand Secretary to perform the ceremony. The Grand Secretary, in acknowledgment, expressed his thanks for the high compliment paid him. He regarded it as a very great honour to be asked to undertake the installation, and he had done so with pleasure, not unmingled with sadness.

Lodge was closed, and banquet was served at Freemasons' Tavern, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

The W.M. first gave "The Queen and Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were both heartily honoured.

Bro. A. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Grand Officers," and said that the success of Masonry was mainly due to those at the head of the Order.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., in response, said that through the accident of Masonic rank rather than any Masonic fitness, the duty devolved upon him of replying. On an occasion of that kind he was sure it would be sufficient to assure the brethren how highly the Grand Officers appreciated the manner in which that toast was always given and received whenever Masons gathered together. There was a feeling of sadness that evening, as the brother after whom the lodge was named was a great friend of his for a number of years.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., quite sympathised with Bro. Everett—whom they were all delighted to see—in his feelings in regard to the late Bro. Eve. The Grand Officers were always ready to do everything they could to uphold the prestige, dignity, and prosperity of Freemasonry, and more, particularly—if he might be excused for saying so—did they discharge their duties in regard to the Masonic Charities. If any evidence of their interest in Charity was wanted, it was to be found in the fact that two of the Festivals would be presided over by the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. He felt that the interest of Freemasonry had been considerably advanced in the installation of the W.M., for he was held in the highest esteem by all. Under Bro. Manfield's regime they wished the lodge every prosperity, which was ensured by his presence in the chair.

The W.M. next submitted "The Masonic Charities." His remarks would be brief, for they had a lengthy programme before them; but he was glad to say that in that lodge Charity would not be lost sight of. As the brethren had appointed him Steward, he hoped to have a list not unworthy of the G. Treasurer and their lodge. The lodge had also voted a sum of money to the Boys' School, and, taking into consideration the position that the founder of the lodge held for so many years in connection with that Institution, he trusted their lodge would never be without a Steward for the Boys' School. He would not call upon any brother to reply, but he believed Bro. Gerards had an announcement to make.

Bro. J. H. Gerards, D. of C., said that every member was trying to do something to mark the unique event when the G. Secretary installed the G. Treasurer as W.M. He (Bro. Gerards) looked upon it from the point of view of Charity, and thought he would dust up that business place of theirs (Messrs. Spiers and Pond) and see what could be done. They had been very lax, and he had been trying to bring them up to the scratch. He had succeeded so far as to make an announcement that their firm had decided to subscribe regularly every year 10 guineas to each of the Masonic Charities. This was to be done through the Richard Eve Lodge as long as they sent up Stewards. He was going up as Steward for the Benevolent Institution as well as the W.M., and Bro. Van Duzer was Steward for the Boys. If they had a Steward for the Girls he should have pleasure in crediting that brother's list with 10 guineas.

Bro. F. C. Van Duzer, acting I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that as a young lodge they had shown great precociousness in securing the G. Treasurer as W.M. He need not tell them of Bro. Manfield's goodness, Masonic ability, good fellowship, or his earnestness in Charitable and Masonic work. Knowing, as he did, the W.M.'s goodness of heart, the work he was always doing for the Masonic Charities, and that he would show them how work should be done in the chair, he (the I.P.M.) could only say they had a great future before them in the lodge. Knowing the Grand Treasurer to be a good man and a good Mason, he gave them with all heartiness "The Health of the W. Master."

Bro. Harry Manfield, G. Treas., W.M., said he was deeply sensible of the honour done him in drinking his health in such a cordial manner, and the greater honour bestowed upon him in electing and installing him W. Master. He could not forget the allusion made that evening to the cloud that, in a measure, hung over them in the loss of the brother who gave his name to the lodge, and who was one of the most earnest of its founders. But, whilst they deplored his loss, his memory remained with them, and he ventured to think that the knowledge of the many services Bro. Eve rendered to Masonry, his great zeal in all that was best in the cause, and his great breadth of catholicity of opinion, would, in the future, bind them together, and make them remember one to whom they owed so much. Speaking personally, he thought there was a great gap between his predecessor in the chair and himself (the W.M.), but whatever might be wanting in his Mastership, he trusted they would allow him to say it would not be due in any way to effort, but want of ability. The standard of Masonic work in London and in that lodge was such that they who came from the provinces could hardly hope to attain to, but, supported by such an able and zealous body of officers, he trusted to be successful, and not bring discredit upon the lodge. He had been favoured in his Masonic career in point of honours far more than he deserved, but he had always looked back upon the time when he was Master of his mother lodge as, perhaps, the honour he appreciated most. There was a great satisfaction in having climbed step by step up the ladder of office and then placed in the chair, and whilst he could not profess to experience the same feelings in this lodge as he felt previously, yet the old memories were revived, and he appreciated the honour of presiding over so distinguished a lodge as this. He could only repeat that he appreciated their kindness, and he hoped when the time came to hand down the warrant they would feel he had done nothing to forfeit the affection and esteem they had been kind enough to show him.

The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Installing Master." Those who had had a fairly long career in Masonry knew, on occasions such as that evening, how much depended upon the way in which the duties were performed by the Installing Master. All the members of the lodge appreciated the fact that the Grand Secretary was asked if he would undertake that important duty, for they knew full well that in his hands they would be safe. As he had said in the lodge, nothing could exceed the dignity with which the Grand Secretary rendered the interesting ceremony. He had had the pleasure in common with many of witnessing ceremonies in which the Grand Secretary had taken the principal part, and the more they saw of his working, and the impressive charges which he delivered, the more they were convinced that they had the right man in the right place.

Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, in reply, said: W. Master and brethren, it is somewhat difficult to realise the fact that a year has passed since I had the great privilege of assisting in consecrating this lodge. On that occasion I ventured to predict that the lodge had a very successful career before it, and I also expressed a hope that the brother whom I had the great pleasure of installing in that chair might have before him a very happy and pleasurable year of office. My first prediction has been more than fulfilled, because I believe this lodge has had a most prosperous year, but it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove our brother. He was one who has left his mark in Masonry, one who was the staunchest supporter of all the Masonic Charities, and who, I may say, was the life and soul of one of those Charities, in whose prosperity every member of the Craft cannot fail to take the deepest interest. He has been removed from us, but I venture to think his memory will be cherished by many, and by none more than the members of this lodge which bears his name. I can assure you I regarded it as a great compliment to be invited to undertake the installation ceremony this evening. I was assured it was the wish of many Past Masters in this lodge I should do so, and I undertook the duty with a very great deal of pleasure. It has afforded me peculiar pleasure to install into the chair this evening my esteemed colleague, the Grand Treasurer. I can only express my sincere thanks for the more than kind terms in which he referred to the small services it has been my privilege to render. I cannot forget I have the honour of being an honorary member of this lodge, and I can only say I hope he will have a most prosperous year of office, and that the prosperity of the lodge may be maintained and continue. With these few words allow me once more to thank you for the high compliment paid me in drinking my health.

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Corble and Atkins.

For "The Officers" Bro. McLeod, S.W., responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" followed.

Bro. A. J. Thomas, P.M., gave a satisfactory report of the finances of the lodge.

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., Sec., in the course of his remarks, said they had had a successful year, having had eight meetings, initiated 14, had 14 joining members, and welcomed no less than 34 visitors. As far as the Charities were concerned, they had given 25 guineas to one and five guineas to the South African Fund. He was prepared to do his level best for the lodge, and if his efforts were not to their satisfaction they knew what to do; but he should always remain a member of the Richard Eve Lodge.

Bro. H. L. Cooke conducted the musical arrangements, which were highly satisfactory. The artistes included Madame Ruth Lamb, Miss Ethel Bevans, and Bros. Vivian Bennetts, Franklin Clive, J. H. Barnes, Ambrose Thorne, E. F. James, and Carl Steiner.

The brethren present included: Bros. George Everett, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, P.G.D.; Major J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Harry Bevir, A.G.D. of C.; James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; A. C. Spaul, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Scurrell, P.G.S.B.; T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Harry Manfield, G. Treas.; F. C. Van Duzer, I.P.M.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., S.W.; A. G. Duck, J.W.; Alfred J. Thomas, Treas.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, Sec.; C. W. West, S.D.; W. Lawrence, J.D.; E. P. Moore, I.G.; J. T. Murray, Org.; Alberman F. Trehawe Davis, and others.

## Royal Arch.

All Saints Chapter, No. 422,

INSTALLATION OF COMP. HANSON.

This chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Gainsboro', on Wednesday, the 5th instant. Present: Comps. B. T. Adlard, M.E.Z.; J. W. Hanson, H.; J. Constable, P.Z., J.; C. Liversidge, P.Z., P.S.; Caldicott, S.E.; Coulson, S.N.; W. Baines, P.Z.; Farmer, P.Z.; and Middleton, S.N.

Bro. Passmore was exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A.M. by Comp. Constable, P.P.G.S.N., and Comp. E. C. Liversidge as P.S. Comp. Hanson was installed by Comp. Adlard to the chair of M.E.Z., and Comp. Middleton to the chair of J. by Comp. Constable; the last-named was placed in the chair of H., no installation being necessary, this being the third time he has held that office.

A banquet was afterwards held at the White Hart Hotel, prepared by Host Comp. Milman.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### LOCAL DAINTIES.

(Continued.)

Dunstable larks are a dainty much coveted by epicures, and London is annually supplied from the country about Dunstable alone with not fewer than 4000 dozen. But the enthusiasm with which *gourmets* speak of these birds is far exceeded by the Germans, who travel many hundred miles to Leipzig merely to eat a dinner of larks. Such is the slaughter of larks at the Leipzig fair that as many as half a million are annually eaten, principally by the booksellers frequenting the city. Whittlesey Mere, in Huntingdonshire, now drained, once produced the finest ruffs and reeves, a delicacy of which Prince Talleyrand was extremely fond, his regular allowance during the season being two a day. An amusing anecdote is told of a young curate, who had come up to be examined for priests' orders, and was asked to dinner at Bishopsthorpe by Archbishop Markham. Out of modesty he confined himself exclusively to the dish before him, till one of the resident dignitaries observed him. But it was too late; the ruffs and reeves had vanished to a bird. Another story is told of a Londoner paying a visit to a country friend, who was told by his host previous to dinner that there would be a dish of small birds on the table; that two or three were admirable for inducing an appetite for the viands to follow. The host directed his friend's attention to the dainty, which his visitor highly appreciated, but observed, after eating about a dozen of the little birds, that he had no appetite, in fact he was not so hungry now as when he first took his seat at his friend's table. A similar tale has been told of another delicate morsel—the wheatear, popularly designated “the English Ortolan.” A Scotch officer was dining with a certain Lord George Lennox, then Commandant at Portsmouth, and was placed near a dish of wheatears, which was rapidly disappearing under his repeated attentions to it. Lady Louisa Lennox tried to divert his notice to another dish, but he said: “Na, na, my leddy,” was the reply, “these wee birdies will do verra well.” Norfolk and Suffolk have also been long renowned for partridges, and in years past a Leicestershire partridge was never dressed at Belvoir Castle. Some gastronomic enthusiasts have praised the pochard, or dun-bird, as a special dainty. It is a species of wild fowl, caught in the decoys of Essex and other counties; the flesh is said to melt in the mouth, like that of the celebrated canvas-back duck of America. Then there is the Dorking fowl; and the Scotch grouse has never been equalled in the opinion of connoisseurs. Burns, too, it may be remembered, wrote a poem in praise of Scotch “Haggis;” and Bishop, referring to jack-pudding, humorously speaks of the dainties of different countries. A favourite dish in Shropshire is “bubble and squeak,” of which report goes George IV. was fond. It is generally said that when Prince of Wales he happened to partake of it at a bachelor's table in that county, and was so pleased with it that the homely dish was frequently afterwards seen at the Prince's table at Carlton House. The county of Cheshire has for ages past been famous for the excellence of its cheese; and as far back as the time of Henry II. it is recorded how Countess Constance of Chester kept a herd of kine, and made good cheeses, three of which she presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The pride of Cheshire in the time-honoured superiority of its cheese may be gathered from a provincial song, published with the music about the year 1746, during the Spanish war in the reign of George II. Next to Cheshire, rank Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, and Somerset, for their cheese; and in the last county there is a proverbial rhyme current, which runs thus:

“If you would have a good cheese, and hav'n old,  
You must turn 'n seven times before he is cold.”

According to the popular error, Stilton cheese was originally made in the parish of Stilton, Lincolnshire; in point of fact, it was first produced in Leicestershire, where it continues to be made in the greatest quantity, but derived its name from an inn on the Great North Road, in the parish of Stilton, where it was first brought into notice. The finest cream-cheese is that of Cottenham and Southam, in Cambridgeshire; and formerly Banbury, Oxon, was noted for its milk cheese, about an inch in thickness. Thus in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (Act I, Scene 1), Bardolph calls Slender a “Banbury Cheese,” and in *Jack Drumn's Entertainment*, we read “You are like a Banbury Cheese, nothing but paring.” The fame of Banbury cakes is upheld by all juveniles. Falstaff was more complimentary to Tewkesbury than to Prince Hal, when he said the Prince's brain was thicker than Tewkesbury mustard. The cheese known by the name of “Trent Bank” is a good substitute for Parmesan, which is manufactured between Cremona and Lodi, the highest part of the Milanese. The butter of Epping and Cambridge has long been held in the highest repute; and it may be mentioned at the famed University town, butter, from the earliest time up to the present, has been sold by “the yard,” a roll of butter about the thickness of an ordinary round ruler, a pound in weight. As far back as the time of Elizabeth, Devonshire has been noted for its “clouted” (clotted) cream. The Hampshire honey, again, is deservedly in demand, and a Sussex rhyme says:

“Amberley—God knows,  
All among the rooks and crows  
Where the good potatoe grows.”

The famous plums of Pershore, in Worcestershire, are an important source of income to the parishioners, and it is said you can guess what kind of plum crop there is, in any given year, by the way a Pershore man answers the question where he comes from. “Why, from Pershore, to be sure,” lets you see that the plum crop is good. But if he replies, “From Pershore, God help us!” you may infer that it is a bad year for plums.

(To be continued.)

### MINOR ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued.)

We have previously mentioned that those who attended and were well-known at Court were expected, if they wished to continue in her favour, to make expensive New Year's gifts to Queen Elizabeth. In one of the lists we find that Bartholomew Campaine presents one piece of cloth of silver, stained (painted) with the half-figure of Henry VIII. This might be the same person with one Campion, an engraver or chaser of plate, whose name is preserved in an old inventory of the goods, chattels, jewels, &c., of the Earl of Sussex, taken at his death in 1583. There appeared the names

of the following artists, amongst the gilt and silver plate, one great pair of gilt vases, richly wrought, by Derick; others made by Campion; pots engraved and made by Martin, many other vessels by Derick, and others by Metcalfe. The contract for the tomb of the great peer, Thomas Radcliffe Earl of Sussex, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, and signal antagonist of Leicester, is still extant. He bequeathed £1500 to be expended on it; and his executors, Sir Christopher Wray, Lord Chief Justice of her Majesty's Bench; Sir Gilbert Gerard, Master of the Rolls; Sir Thomas Mildmay, and others, agreed with Richard Stevens for the making and setting it up in Boreham Church, in Suffolk, where it still remains. The whole charge paid to Stevens for his part of the work was £292 12s. 8d. In a list of debts to be paid after the earl's death by his executors, one was to Horatio Palavicini; probably for a set of hangings mentioned in the inventory; and £6 10s. od. to Randolph, the painter. Sir Horatio Palavicini was collector of the Pope's taxes in England in the reign of Queen Mary, on whose death, and the change of religion that ensued, he took the liberty of keeping the money himself, and settling in England. He built a house in the Italian style, with a loggia to the second story, with his arms over the portal, at Little Shelford, which was pulled down in 1750. He was also possessor of the estate and house at Baberham, near Cambridge, where, in the hall, on a costly chimney-piece, adorned with the history of Mutius Scevola, his arms still remain. His family were buried at Baberham, as appears by several entries in the parish register, where, also, is recorded the marriage of his widow, exactly a year and a day after Sir Horatio's death (who died 6th July, 1600) thus “Mr. Oliver Cromwell and the Lady Anne Palavicini were married 7th July, 1601.” In a MS. of Sir John Crew, of Ushington, a great antiquary and herald, was this epitaph, corroborative of the tradition above mentioned—

“Here lies Horatio Palavazene,  
Who robbed the pope to lend the queene;  
He was a thief: a thief! thou lvest;  
For whi? he robbed but Antichrist.  
Him Death with besom swept from Babram,  
Into the bosome of ould Abraham;  
But then came Hercules with his club,  
And struck him down to Belzebub.”

An account of the family of Palavicini, and their connection with that of Cromwell, is given in *Noble's Mem. of the Cromwells*.

(To be continued.)

### THE GRAFTON GALLERIES.

The second exhibition of the works of the famed artist, George Romney, is now held at the above Galleries. Many of the portraits have been lent by their respective owners; they are admirable specimens of his talent. Those most worthy of notice are—Nos. 15, Jane Thornton (Lady Balgonie); 19, Shakespeare, nursed by Tragedy and Comedy; 36, Matilda, daughter of John and Matilda Lockwood; 47, the Rev. Saml. Wesley; 53, Mrs. Crouch (actress). Perhaps the most important are those which represent the beautiful Emma, Lady Hamilton—3, as Cassandra; 23, Emma reading a Gazette recording one of Nelson's victories; 67, Emma as a Bacchante; 66, Emma as a Bacchante leading a goat; 70, Lady Hamilton as “Contemplation.” It is an interesting collection.

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### GARRICK THEATRE.

The author of the charming plays of “The Professor's Love Story” and “The Little Minister” has in his new piece, at the above theatre, entitled “The Wedding Guest,” treated of the errant husband being in trouble, between his old mistress and his new wife, and it may easily be imagined the contention of feeling which occurs between the two women. We need not here give the details of Mr. J. M. Barrie's powerful play. The grace and beauty of the first act is saddened by the unfolding of the mournful story in those which succeed. It is a pitiful tale that is told. There is a strong contrast between the confiding young wife, admirably acted by Miss Dorothea Baird, and the wronged mistress, undertaken by Miss Violet Vanbrugh, who has a trying character to exhibit. This lady's acting is far better in the passages of defiant indignation and resentment than in those of touching tenderness. The conclusion of the play is unsatisfactory; there is an element of doubt as to the chief characters still left unsolved. Mr. Martin Harvey, as Paul Digby, played with great feeling. Mr. Brandon Thomas, as the selfish, elderly squire, and Mr. H. Vibart, as the Scotch minister, proved faithful exponents of their parts. Miss Sergeantson, as the maiden lady of rank, acted with ease and refinement, and Miss Joan Burnett was successful as a little, kindly Scotch servant.

### CORONET THEATRE.

“Sweet Nell of Old Drury” has been played at the above theatre during the week. Miss Julia Neilson and Mr. Fred. Terry appeared, with all the original company, as at the Haymarket, where it was first produced. We have already noticed the piece, so will merely say that it was a great success, so much so that many people were unable to obtain admission for want of room. The play was staged with that completeness which characterises the management of this popular theatre.

### GENERAL NOTES.

The announcement has been made that Miss May Yohe will return to the stage, making her re-appearance at the New York Theatre in a new musical play entitled “The Giddy Throng.”

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“The Awakening” is the title of a new comedy by Mr. Haddon Chambers, which will probably be the next novelty produced by Mr. Alexander to follow “The Wisdom of the Wise,” at the St. James's.

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LOUGHBORO', NOTTINGHAM, MANCHESTER,  
LIVERPOOL, SHEFFIELD, LEEDS, BRADFORD, &c.,  
returning December 26th, 27th, or 29th, and on Monday,  
(Midnight), December 31st, to LEICESTER, NOTTING-  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1900.

**Masonic Notes.**

The regular meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, when 12 petitions (seven male and five widows) were considered and accepted. The Secretary reported that one male and one widow annuitant had died, and one accepted candidate, and that one male annuitant had resigned his annuity.

It is satisfactory to learn from the reports which were submitted at the half-yearly meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, which was held at the Town Hall, Salford, on Friday, the 30th ult., that the Craft is prospering greatly in that Province, and that if the year has not been as memorable a one as we had reason to hope it would some 12 months since, this is due to accident, and not to any inactivity or lack of zeal among the lodges and brethren. In the autumn of 1899, at the installation of Lord Stanley, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late lamented Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, it was announced that the Province intended to hold a Festival during the present year on behalf of its Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and that out of the sum raised it was in contemplation to appropriate 1550 guineas to the

purchase of a Perpetual Presentation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as a memorial to their deceased ruler. But the Festival has not been held owing to the absence of Lord Stanley in South Africa. However, his lordship is on his way home, and it is proposed that the Festival shall be held under his auspices some time during the spring or early summer of 1901. In the meantime, Prov. Grand Lodge voted 100 guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and £20 to its own Institution.

The Province of Cambridgeshire is a small one. It has only seven lodges on its roll with an aggregate membership of about 540 subscribing brethren. Still it does its work admirably, especially in the support it gives to our Central Charitable Institutions. For many years past it has contributed most generously to their funds, and we are pleased to note that the Prov. Grand Master—Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell—made special complimentary reference to this fact at the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge on the 7th instant. He also greatly eulogised the services which Bro. Major Oliver Papworth has been rendering during the many years he has filled the most important office of Prov. Grand Secretary and as a member of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution. We feel sure that the brethren present, and more especially Bro. Papworth himself, must have appreciated these kindly encomiums of their and his chief. We hope it may be our privilege to learn that the prosperity which has attended the Province of Cambridgeshire during the last 15 or 20 years may be continued.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that during the late months of his Shrievalty Bro. Sir A. H. Bevan was prevented by illness from fulfilling the duties of his office, and in particular that he was absent through that cause on the day he should have quitted his post and invested his successor. It is now our sad duty to announce the death of our respected brother, who was as distinguished in Masonry as he was in civic and private life. Bro. Sir A. H. Bevan had the honour of being elected Grand Treasurer in Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry for the year 1899-1900. He was a generous supporter of our Institutions, as well as of numerous other Charitable Institutions unconnected with Masonry, and doubtless had he lived longer, would have continued his support to one and all of them. A record of his work in Masonry will be found in another column, but we must not omit to express here our respectful and sincere condolence with the family and friends of our deceased brother.

Hertfordshire is again lamenting the death of one of its most earnest and active Masons. Bro. John Purrott had been long a member of the Craft in St. Albans and Watford, and had filled high office in Prov. Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Chapter, and Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, as well as in the Stuart Preceptory of Knights Templar at Watford. He was highly esteemed and respected by the whole Masonic body in the county, and his death will create a void that will not be readily filled. He was, too, the oldest member of the Yeomanry force in England. He joined the Herts Yeomanry in the early "forties," and at the time of his death was the Regimental Sergeant-Major. His funeral was appointed to take place with military honours at St. Albans on Thursday, the 13th instant. We tender our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother.

In the West Indies there has always been a large amount of interest taken in Freemasonry. This is shown by the number of lodges there existing, which date from the last or the earlier years of the present century, to say nothing of those that were warranted then, but have become defunct. At the present time there are between 30 and 40 lodges in this part of the world under the English Constitution, two of them having been warranted during the present year. Last week we published a report of the younger of the two, which was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, St. John's, Antigua, on the 30th October last, and was started on its career under the guidance of his Excellency Bro. Sir George Melville, K.C.M.G., as W. Master. There appears to have been a strong muster of the brethren in honour of the event, and the ceremonies, both of consecration and installation, so far as it is possible to judge from the report that appeared, passed off admirably.

Next week we shall have the pleasure of laying before our readers the report of another successful Masonic function, the scene of the event being Woodbrook, in the island of Trinidad, and the event itself, the laying of the foundation stone of a new church by the acting Governor, Bro. Sir C. Courtenay Knollys, K.C.M.G., P.M., Past Deputy District Grand Master of Barbadoes. In the performance of his task, Bro. Sir C. Knollys was assisted and supported by the officers and brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, the youngest of the three English lodges located on the island. There was also a numerous attendance of clergymen, who would naturally desire to assist on such an occasion, and also a great concourse of the public eager to witness so unusual a spectacle. Thus, the 8th November, 1900, the day on which the stone was laid, will always be a memorable one in the annals of the Craft in Trinidad.

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, owing to the prominent position he has held for so many years in the political world, has so many demands upon his time, that it does not often happen that he can find an opportunity to discharge in person the duties of his office of Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, which he has held for more than 42 years. Hence the brethren of that Province must have been gratified beyond measure when they found his Grace was able to preside at their annual meeting on the 29th ult. The Duke likewise must have felt not a little proud when the reports for the past year which were laid before the Provincial Grand Lodge showed that the Craft in Derbyshire was in such a flourishing state. Indeed, there was only one matter for regret in connection with the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Master gracefully expressed the feelings of all present when he referred in terms of sympathy to the absence through illness of his able Deputy, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W., and uttered a hope that he (Bro. Okeover) would be able to resume his duties at no distant date.

Monday, the 17th instant, when Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England, will be installed Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire in succession to his brother, Earl Egerton of Tatton, who has resigned after 15 years of service, will be a day of days with our Cheshire brethren. It is not pleasant to realise that the bond which has so long united the ruler of a Province with the lodges and brethren he has presided with such ability and success has at length been severed. But it is one of the penalties the Craft pays for having distinguished public men to preside over its Provinces, that it cannot hope to retain their services for long or to have them frequently taking part in its gatherings. Lord Egerton has held office for some 15 years, and under his guidance, Cheshire, which has always been a stronghold of Masonry, has made great progress and won high distinction as a friend of our Institutions. But his lordship has found himself unable to continue longer as their chief, and he retires now with the respect and hearty good wishes of his brethren of the Province.

But though Cheshire has lost one of the ablest and most popular of those who have presided over it Masonically, it has the satisfaction of knowing that his successor is a man of high standing, who, by the manner in which he has discharged his duties of Grand Superintendent in Royal Arch Masonry and Prov. G. Master in the Mark Degree, has won the respect of the community. Moreover, he is a close relation of their retired chief, and while, on the one hand, they will be wishing heartily God-speed to their late Prov. G. Master, they are likely to welcome his successor with equal, or it may be with even greater, heartiness than if he were comparatively a stranger.

It is much to be regretted that the meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Durham, which took place on the 1st instant, was shorn of what should have been its chief attraction, and still more that this was due to the illness of the distinguished companion who would have been the leading actor in the day's function. Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram, who has been appointed to succeed the late Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., as Grand Superintendent of the Province, was prevented by a bronchial attack from attending, and his installation had necessarily to be postponed till some other time. We trust that our Rev. Companion will be speedily restored to health and inducted into an office which, there can be no doubt, he will adorn, and we trust, in spite of his ripe age, for many years to come.

## Correspondence.

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

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My suggestion, which you appear to consider as humorous, and which has so greatly amused you, according to your "Masonic Notes" of to-day, was, allow me to say, founded on what, I have been informed, actually occurred in a lodge some few years ago, and it may, surely, be assumed that what has happened in one case is possible in another.

A member of the lodge, whom we will call "A," was disqualified from voting, by one of the bye-laws, through being in arrear with his dues. After imbibing rather too freely, without having had the counteracting advantage of a good lunch, or dinner—so that it turned out, afterwards, that he "did not remember having attended any meeting at all"—he entered the lodge just as the ballot was about to be taken for the election of Treasurer. There were two candidates for the office, "B" and "C," who received an equal number of votes, when the W. M. gave a casting vote in favour of "B" and declared him to be elected. After the closing of the lodge, when it was discovered that "A" was in a reprehensible condition he left, first stating that a vote had been recorded from himself in favour of "B," and, consequently, upon the reading of the minutes at the following meeting (when "A" was absent) the question was raised, leading to a dispute which could not be settled, some brethren present being of opinion that "A" had voted, whilst others were certain he had not, and the election was proceeded with again at the next regular meeting.—Yours truly and fraternally,

E. PRINCE.

68, Wokingham-road, Reading.  
8th December.

### THE MASONIC CHARITIES AND YOUNG MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The member of the Charity Association referred to should give notice to the Secretary of the Charity for which he purposes acting as Steward that the sum of 10 guineas from the ——— Charitable Association will be on his list, and should request the Secretary of the said Association to pay the amount accordingly.

A brother drawing a successful ballot is entitled to give to the Charity of his choice by himself or any brother chosen by him.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

Eboracum, Herne Hill, S.E.

### A VETERAN YEOMAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to inform many members of the Craft who knew and esteemed Bro. John Purrott, of Maynes Farm, St. Albans, Herts, that he passed away on Sunday morning.

Bro. Purrott was well known in the Province of Herts, and was a Past Prov. G. Officer. In London he was associated with the Shadwell Clerke (Rose Croix) Chapter, of which he was Prelate, and in the similarly named Knight Templar Preceptory he was E.P. elect.

He was Regimental Sergeant-Major in the Herts Yeomanry, and the oldest member of the force in England. He was a fine type of a gentleman farmer, a keen agriculturist, and a straight and daring rider to hounds. He was Chairman of the St. Albans' Board of Guardians and the Rural District Council. The funeral will take place with military honours.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

### MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

After 26 years' experience of Masonic Charitable Associations, I have read with much surprise "Justicia's" letter in your issue of the 8th instant, and as there are generally two sides to a question, I hope this is a misunderstanding only, otherwise I feel that it must have an injurious effect upon Charitable Associations, and the Masonic Institutions likewise. Suffice it to say, that "Justicia's" letter do not apply to the City Permanent Masonic Benevolent Association, now in its sixth year, in which the ballot is only paid upon the written instruction of the member in whose favour it has been drawn.

The meetings are held in connection with the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction on the fourth Monday in each month, at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, where brethren can join at any time, or by applying to the Hon. Sec.,

C. H. WEBB, P.M.,  
156, Manchester-road,  
Cubitt Town, E.

December 12th.

## Reviews.

"THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS, 1900 (London, Macmillan and Co., Ltd. Price One Shilling).—This is a very handy and most useful publication, and is well arranged for reference. It contains all the Recorded Polls from 1835, carefully detailed after the names of all the members of Parliament, about whom are given condensed Biographical notices. The latter, though brief, are wonderfully to the point, and furnish the chief facts that should be known to ordinary readers as to their Representatives. The Election particulars are of a very interesting character, and the Statistical Analysis is both comprehensive and valuable. The Table at end is devoted to an alphabetical arrangement of all the members of the New Parliament, with their Constituencies noted, and finally there is an Index to Constituencies, the whole concurring with a List of Candidates, those that were defeated being in italics. The information really is from the *Times*, and is a creditable production from first to last.

"THE TEMPLE MAGAZINE" (Horace Marshall and Son, Temple House, London).—The Christmas number of the *Temple Magazine* is one of the best and cheapest of the season's publications. The cover is suggestive of the period, and the interesting and varied contents are fully representative of *Peace and Goodwill*, as far as possible. Of course, there is a *Ghost* story, but this "Ghost of Malvina" is not very "creepy" in character, and ends well. Articles on the Home, Toys, Parties, Guests, Winter, &c., are all redolent of Christmastide, and being abundantly illustrated as well as well-printed, this Part for Sixpence (no extra charge for the additional fare) is a marvel, and a credit to the well-known Publishers so familiar to Craftsmen as the Firm of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall.

"WEEK-ENDS IN DICKENS'S-LAND," being No. 2 of the "Week-End" Series. It is written and illustrated by Mr. Duncan Moul, and contains a map of the Rochester district. Lovers of Charles Dickens will be interested in this little book, which guides one to Gads Hill and the numerous spots in its vicinity immortalised by Dickens. The scenes (in the author's eye) of Mr. Pickwick's exciting adventures from Rochester to Dingley Dell, and the "Leather Bottle" at Cobham, are described and illustrated, besides numerous other interesting places in the locality. The book is published at 1s., and is a very handy size for the pocket.

"GODALMING AND ITS SURROUNDINGS."—This book has been very carefully and accurately compiled, and the information is presented in the clearest possible form. Chapters are devoted to the town in the past and at present, the remarkable Parish Church, the Charterhouse School, Loseley House, and the numerous villages scattered over the lovely wooded valleys which range themselves about Godalming. The type is illustrated with a number of drawings by Gordon Home, as well as some interesting photographs. The frontispiece shows the delightful old Market Hall, which, we regret to say, is very nearly doomed to destruction, and can only be saved by the most prompt measures. Included in the book is a map covering a large tract of country round Godalming, a plan of the town, and a list of distances for cycle rides. The index is a full one, and every piece of information is readily accessible. The ordinary edition is published at 6d. nett, postage 2d.; library edition (bound in cloth) at 1s. 6d. nett, postage 2d.

BELL'S CATHEDRAL SERIES.—This remarkable Series of Handbooks to the Cathedrals of Great Britain is, happily, being well supported by the reading public. The Publishers (Messrs. George Bell and Sons, of Covent Garden) only began the issue of these admirable Books, with *Canterbury* and *Salisbury* in 1896, followed by three in 1897, and so many as 10 in 1898. This year witnesses the number raised to 20, with four others of a uniform character (noted below); so that there are now in print the major portion of the series. The most of these were soon exhausted, and are to be had, in Second or Third Editions, carefully revised. The charming monographs have been planned to supply visitors to the great English Cathedrals with accurate and well-illustrated guide-books at a popular price. The Editors originally were Mr. Gleeson White (Author of *Salisbury*) and Mr. Edward F. Strange (Author of *Worcester*), but since the decease of the former gentleman the latter has been alone responsible. More than a score of Contributors have been enlisted for this great enterprise, each of whom has a special knowledge of the great Fane he writes about. The complete list of this very handy, artistic, and deeply interesting, as well as most instructive, Series, so far published, is as follows, viz.:

Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Exeter, Gloucester, Hereford, Lichfield, Lincoln, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Rochester, Salisbury, Southwell, St. Paul's, Wells, Winchester, Worcester, York; also uniform with these are (1) Beverley Minster, (2) St. Martin's Church, Canterbury, (3) Tewkesbury Abbey, (4) Wimborne Minster and Christchurch Priory.

All are ornately bound in cloth, crown 8vo., at 1s. 6d. each, subject to the usual reduction by discount houses until January 1st, 1901, when the price will be net. "A word to the wise should be enough." They are all lavishly illustrated, of a convenient size for the pocket, neatly bound, beautifully printed, and average about 130 pages to each volume. It is but the simple truth to state that they are supplying a long felt want, and have only to be consulted to be very warmly appreciated. The five handsome monographs not yet noted in these columns, which have been published since the previous issues were reviewed, are those of (20) Wimborne and Christchurch (21) Tewkesbury and Deerhurst (22) Carlisle (23) Worcester, and (24) St. Paul's. Of the first two, by the Rev. Thomas Perkins, M.A., F.R.A.S., Rector of Turnworth (illustrated from photographs by the author), and Mr. H. J. L. J. Massé, M.A. (author of "Gloucester Cathedral"), respectively, no higher praise can be bestowed than that they are fully equal in all respects to their predecessors. *Carlisle* is by Mr. C. King Eley, and contains 29 illustrations, adding interest to the excellent description of its fabric, and a brief history of the Episcopal See. Mr. Eley has used all reliable aids and done his best to make the volume as attractive as possible. *Worcester* is by Mr. Edward F. Strange, Editor of the Set; and there are 53 illustrations to aid in explaining and enforcing the text, which is of much more than average interest, and makes Worcester one of the best of the many thus published. A charming "Note on the City" will prove of value to the Masonic Fraternity, and indeed, the whole work is of special interest for all students. "St. Paul's," however (in a second edition), will possess chief value and be of most importance to the general reader, and so in some respects for the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, because the new building is so modern comparatively, and had Bro. Sir Christopher Wren for its architect. It is written by the Rev. Arthur Dimock, M.A. (Rector of Wetherden, Suffolk), who has succeeded most admirably in his much-loved task. Of course, the earlier buildings are duly described and illustrated (there are 39 in all of the latter), but most of the space is occupied with the present grand and sacred edifice, of which, as the author states, "we know not only exactly when it was built, but to a great extent, how and why." The *Parentalia*, by Sir Christopher Wren's son, and published by his grandson in 1753, and other notable and important works, have been utilised and all other known sources of information, the result being a very attractive brochure of considerable value, and which, of its kind, has really no rival.

## Craft Masonry.

Amity Lodge, No. 283.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. T. TAYLOR.

On the 6th instant, the brethren of the above lodge met in their lodge room, Grey Mare Hotel, Haslingden, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. T. Taylor as the W.M., and appointing and investing the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year. An intimation from Bro. James Newton, P.M., Past G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. of East Lancs., that he, and Bro. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Prov. Grand Master East Lancashire, intended to be present was the means of attracting a large gathering of Masonic brethren from various parts of the province. Amongst the distinguished brethren present were Bros. John Chadwick, P.M. 277, P.P.G. Treas.; Alderman Edwin Hardman, P.M. 286, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Witham, P.M. 215, P.P.A.G. D.C.; William Halstead, P.M. 1948, P.P.G.S.B.; James Shuttleworth, C.C., P.M. 286, P.P.G.S.B.; T. H. Hamer, P.M. 283, P.P.G.P.; G. H. Braddock, I.P.M. 277; Hughes, P.M. 1219; Greaves, P.M. 1948; Joseph Harling, P.M. 1948; E. H. Ellison, P.M. 1634; T. Collinge, P.M. 215 (Hon. Member); E. Barlow, P.M. 215; James Clarke, P.M. 215; Captain D. Halstead, P.M. 215; Thomas Baxter, I.P.M.; G. H. Haworth, W.M. 215; and numerous other brethren from the sister lodge and other lodges in the locality.

In consequence of the various ceremonies, the lodge was opened at four in the afternoon, all the officers of Amity Lodge and a large majority of the brethren other than officers being then present. Bro. R. V. S. Houghton, W.M., occupied the chair, and after opening the lodge, and placing Bro. James Shuttleworth as acting S.W., and Bro. Clarke as acting J.W., proceeded to raise Bro. Glover to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. In this interesting ceremony Bro. Houghton, by his impressive manner, rendered the ceremony very effective, calling forth eulogies from the distinguished brethren.

It being now six o'clock, the W.M., through the medium of the acting J.W., the brethren were invited to partake of a "high tea," which, for their better comfort and convenience, was spread in the lower room of the Public Hall.

After a short vacation, the brethren were duly called to resume their Masonic duties, when Bro. Houghton proceeded with the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. J. T. Taylor, W.M. elect.

In this ceremony the Installing Master, Bro. Houghton, greatly surpassed any of his previous renderings of Masonic ceremonials, and proved that, as a comparatively young Freemason, he affords promising expectations of his future usefulness to, and influence in, Freemasonry in the Eastern Division of the Province of East Lancashire, which fact

was partially recognised by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. James Newton, being deputed by the brethren of the lodge to present Bro. Houghton with a valuable jewel as a mark of esteem from the brethren of his lodge.

Bro. Newton prefaced his remarks by expressing his own regret and apology on the part of and for the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds. In the course of his remarks on the presentation, Bro. Newton expressed his high satisfaction at the efficiency of the officers present, and the ability displayed by the Installing Master in so effectively rendering the important ceremonies of the evening.

Bro. Houghton thanked Bro. Newton for his courteous remarks, and the brethren of his lodge for that token of their esteem, assuring them that he had in his past efforts for the Craft sought no material reward, sufficient for himself being the assurance that he had given them some measure of satisfaction during his term of office.

The newly-installed W.M., Bro. J. T. Taylor, then proceeded to invest his officers, which ceremony he performed in a most efficient manner. The I.P.M., Bro. Houghton, gave the several addresses, after which Bro. James Newton, Prov. G. Sec., addressed the brethren at length with reference to the forthcoming Festival of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P., Prov. G. Master. Bro. Newton thanked the lodge for their efforts at the Festival in 1895, and appealed to the brethren to exceed the amount contributed on that occasion. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren spent the remainder of the evening in mutual congratulation, and duly honoured the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, these being interspersed by songs rendered by Bros. Southerst, Harling, Harrison, Tomlinson, and Capt. Halstead, and a flute solo by Bro. J. S. Green, the accompanist being Bro. R. H. Haworth, Org. 215, who acted in the absence of Bro. Franklin Hindle, C.C., Organist of Amity Lodge.

### Alfred Lodge, No. 306.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. A. BOORMAN.

The brethren of the above lodge and visitors, including the W.Ms. of the other Leeds lodges, to the number of about 120, spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds. The occasion was the installation of Bro. J. A. Boorman, S.W., into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year and the subsequent celebration of the Festival of St. John. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. Fenton, when the G. Officers, comprising the Installing Master, Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D., P. Dep. P.G.M., and Bro. J. Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg., and a numerous body of Prov. G. Officers and visitors entered the lodge. The installation ceremony was most impressively conducted by Bro. J. C. Malcolm, who, however, with Bro. Strachan, was obliged to leave before the termination of the proceedings. The obligation having been administered to Bro. Boorman, the anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" was sung by Bro. Tom Child. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Fenton, I.P.M.; R. H. Crowther, S.W.; R. A. Blackburn, J.W.; J. C. Moorhouse, Chap.; A. Redmayne, P.M., Treasurer; S. Peckover, Secretary; J. R. Barton, P.M. 42, P. Prov. Asst. G. Sec., Assistant Secretary; R. H. Blackburn, S.D.; G. W. Longfield, J.D.; W. A. Millard, I.G.; C. H. Wilson, P.M., D.C.; J. Flockton and H. Bacon, Orgs.; C. E. Steel, E. S. Whalley, R. Farrar, and A. Thompson, Stwds.; and T. F. Wheeler, Tyler. Bro. W. Towers, P.M., was elected the Provincial Charity Steward, on the motion of Bro. W. M. Tate, P.P.G. Std. Br., seconded by Bro. R. H. Crowther, and was duly invested, and Bro. E. S. Whalley and the Senior Warden were elected as representatives of the lodge on the Leeds Charitable Institution. Bro. A. H. Gawthorpe was appointed Musical Director.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Pilkington, manager to Powlony's Limited, in the dining room of the hall.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, not forgetting "The Masonic Charities," which was proposed by Bro. W. Towers, the Charity Steward, and responded to by Bro. W. Blackburn, P.P.S.G.D., and Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee.

Notwithstanding that the large number of guests tested the capacity of the room to the utmost degree, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, the musical portion of the evening's entertainment being contributed by Bros. D. J. Miller, T. Child, R. A. Blackburn, C. Rhodes, C. Palliser, A. H. Gawthorpe, H. Gale, and other brethren.

### Pattison Lodge, No. 913.

The above is a musical lodge, and takes a great deal of care and a rare lot of time over the musical portion of its ceremonial; one of the officers explained to us that the principal reason for its—the musical—elaboration was that it made a good impression on the candidate or candidates. There certainly was plenty of it at their late meeting on Thursday, the 6th instant, when Bro. Arthur Moore, for the first time since his installation, presided as its head. The *habitat* of the lodge is at the handsome Masonic Hall and Buildings, at the foot of Mount Pleasant, Plumstead; and although it was a dreary and dull night—wet and windy, cold and miserable—yet not all the efforts of Old Boreas, acting in conjunction with the Pluvian Jupiter, or the prediction of that day's *Standard*, prevented the "Pattisons" and their brethren of neighbouring lodges attending—not in single spies, but in battalions.

The lodge was opened soon after six p.m. by Bro. Moore, who commenced his work by raising Bro. Charles E. Peplow and initiating Mr. John E. Thompson, both ceremonies being most admirably worked by him and his new officers.

It was late before the lodge was closed, but a neat little cold collation was afterwards enjoyed.

After dinner, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, and in proposing that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Dep. G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," reminded the brethren of the fact that his Royal Highness had honoured their lodge in the person of their esteemed Bro. C. Coupland, who had received at their Grand Master's hands the distinguishing collar of a P.A.G.D.C. They were sorry that Bro. Coupland was not with them that night, but were proud to think that in their ranks they had such an excellent and honoured Mason.

Bro. the Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," said he was exceedingly glad to find himself amongst them once more, and to be their Chaplain. That was one of the reasons that brought him there that night, and the next was to see how they were going on. He congratulated the lodge upon its W.M., and the W.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of *raising* and *initiation*. He then in whimsical phrases spoke of his journey from near Gravesend in the "Flying Walkin." They had actually performed the journey of 15 miles in one hour. He assured them that notwithstanding all the difficulties of his fast travelling, he should endeavour to attend the meetings of the lodge, and thus show his regard for the honour they had conferred upon him. So far as the rest of the P.G. Officers were concerned, he believed they were all well. Bro. Eastes, their veteran and esteemed Deputy Grand Master, would the following day, entertain a large and distinguished body of Masons at his house at Ashford, on the occasion of the installation meeting of "The Invicta Lodge," which held its meetings at Ashford, and of which Bro. Eastes was the oldest Past Master. In the name of the Past Prov. Grand Officers, he thanked them for their enthusiastic reception of the toast.

Bro. R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.R., also responded, and assured the brethren that wherever he had the honour of representing the lodge he should do all that lay in his power to make himself worthy of that honour.

The I.P.M., Bro. E. M. Taylor, then proposed the toast of "The W.M." They all knew the reason of his once again handling the gavel. It was one of the most important as well as the most arduous duties the I.P.M. or any other Past Master had to perform, so far as he knew, and that was to propose the health and prosperity of the W.M. who had succeeded him; and as Bro. Moore had succeeded him, it was his pleasant, important, and honourable task to propose the toast of Bro. Moore's health—"The king dies; long live the king." Bro. Moore had succeeded to the throne, and they trusted he would rule and govern as well as those who had preceded him. He believed it to be a firmly established fact that no Worshipful Master ever quite believed that his predecessor or predecessors worked the ceremonies quite so well as he himself could; but from what they had seen of the working of their Master that night, they who thought so, and he himself was of the opinion that if not quite up to the standard of their usual working, their W.M. had done very well, of course, for a first attempt. He would now take the opportunity

of thanking them for the vote of thanks tendered him that evening as the Installing Officer at their previous meeting. Well, he considered it to be the duty of every Master to install his successor. He believed in their W.M. they had a brother who would do all that was required of him without bombast, and finish his year of office with as much *eclat* as those who had preceded him, and at its close install his successor. He asked the brethren to give their W.M. all the kind, generous support they had given him (Bro. Taylor), and then he felt sure that their W.M.'s year of office would be worthy of the high prestige of the Pattison Lodge.

The W.M., who was received with applause, said their I.P.M., in proposing his (the W.M.'s) health, had made statements, some wrong and some right. Those who achieved the position of W.M. at any rate tried to do their work as well as their predecessors had done, and all he could say was that their I.P.M. had an immense amount of cheek. He should endeavour to do the work to their satisfaction. He certainly had not the confidence their I.P.M. had, but he would leave it to them to say, when his year was finished, whether he had done it to their satisfaction or not. He thanked them most heartily for their kind reception of the toast.

The other usual lodge toasts were honoured, and some excellent singing by Bros. Nell, Kirkman, and others added much to the pleasure of a most enjoyable evening.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. James Tucker, S.W.; J. H. Bull, J.W.; W. C. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; F. Hoar, S.D.; B. Hammond, J.D.; Dr. J. Clarke, I.G.; Sydney Horton, P.M., Org.; T. J. Nell, A.D. of C.; C. H. Stone, F. G. White, and Hedley Vicars, Stwds.; C. Warren, Tyler (officers of the lodge); H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. O. Cook, P.M.; J. J. Murphy, P.M.; James Farrier, P.M.; J. Turton, P.M.; J. O. Widger, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.P.A.G. D. of C. Essex (hon. member); Prof. Gault, W. Legge, D. Sedgely, W. Champion, J. Daniels, C. E. Peplow, A. D. Capon, E. W. Sampson, W. Chaney, W. Wren, W. Broadbridge, J. Swaisland, E. G. Denton, W. Folkard, S. Roach, G. Frankling, F. Hutchings, G. Laurence, L. Nebel, W. Hallam, R. Ginman, T. Oliver, J. Thompson, J. Allen (all of the lodge); J. D. Brooks, W.M. 1973; J. Wood, S.W. 1973; W. Taily, P.M. 13; T. Roberts, S.W. 507; C. Curtis, 829; R. J. Cockrane, J.W. 1536; W. Barlow, I.G. 1464; and E. Carter, J.W. 700.

### Ebury Lodge, No. 1348.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. STUART WALKER, W.M.

The members of this lodge entertained a goodly company of lady friends and visitors at the Criterion Restaurant on the 29th ult. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, thanks to the hospitality of the hosts and the capital entertainment provided. Each lady took away with her a choice bottle of scent as a souvenir of the occasion. Not the least pleasing incident of the proceedings was a presentation to the W.M., Bro. Stuart Walker, and Mrs. Walker, of a handsome silver sugar basin and sifter, as a token of the high esteem and regard in which the W.M. is held by the members.

After an excellent banquet, at which the W.M. presided, "The Queen and the Royal Family" was heartily honoured.

Bro. H. Fincham, P.M. and Sec., then made the presentation to the W.M. and Mrs. Stuart Walker, and said he need not tell the company of the affection and regard in which the W.M. was held by every member. It was owing to that feeling and also to the splendid services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Stuart Walker that the members desired to offer a small token in recognition of their appreciation.

Bro. C. Stuart Walker, W.M., returned thanks for this act of kindness. With regard to any services he had rendered, he had certainly done what he could but had been more than repaid by their kindness. He could scarcely thank them for their valuable gift, and hoped—burglars willing—to be constantly reminded of the members of the Ebury Lodge.

Bro. C. Botterill, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master." As the company were aware, the W.M. was the head of their lodge, and Bro. Walker was a very worthy representative of it. A great deal had already been said of the W.M. by the Secretary and in better terms than he could use. He had known the W.M. for a very long time, and the longer he knew him the better he liked him. Bro. Walker had taken a great deal of pains and shown great energy in making that evening a success, and he, therefore, asked all present to cordially drink his health.

Bro. C. Stuart Walker, W.M., said that whatever he had done towards the success of that evening, the honour of presiding over such a splendid audience was sufficient recompense. As W.M., he had plenty of opportunities of responding in a regular way. As chairman of the evening, he sincerely thanked them for mustering in such splendid form and supporting him on their annual ladies' evening.

The W.M. proposed as the last toast "The Ladies and Visitors," offering them a cordial and hearty welcome, and expressing a sincere hope to see them all at the next annual gathering.

Bros. Huddon and Lardner briefly responded.

The entertainment arranged by the W.M. was worthy of all praise both for its variety and excellence, and where all were so good it would be invidious to particularise. The artistes included Miss Angrove Williams, Miss Beatrice Cowley, Mr. James A. Davis, Bros. C. Stuart Walker, W.M.; Alex. Edwards, W. Nelson, F. W. Stephens, P.M.; W. E. Goodwins, and Will Edwards, and Mr. Walter Graham. Bro. A. W. Bray, S.D., officiated as Musical Director, and Bro. M. A. Attwood proved, as usual, an efficient accompanist.

The company present included the W.M. and Mrs. Stuart Walker; Bro. H. Fincham, P.M., Sec.; Bro. W. C. Wigley, P.M., Treas.; Bro. F. Stephens, P.M.; Bro. Atkin, P.M., and Mrs. Atkin; Bros. Nelson (senior and junior); Bro. Botterill, I.P.M.; Bros. Whittick and Lotz; Bro. and Mrs. Ward; Capt. Thomson, and many others.

### British Union Lodge, No. 114.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. V. D. COLCHESTER.

The annual festival in connection with the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 6th instant, when Bro. V. D. Colchester, P.P.S.G.D., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of a large number of brethren and visitors.

Bro. H. C. Casley ably officiated as Installing Officer, and after the new W.M. had taken the chair, he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hy. Miller, S.W.; F. W. Turner, J.W.; Rev. H. Carter, Chap.; R. K. Casley, P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; C. E. Fempest, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; F. Ward, S.D.; H. S. Jefferies, J.D.; H. C. Casley, P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; B. C. Ransome, I.G.; W. E. Watkins and H. E. Churchman, Stewards; and George Gould, Tyler.

### Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. JAMES KELLAWAY.

The first of the annual Masonic installations in the Southampton district took place on the 5th instant, when the brethren of the above lodge met in large numbers at their pretty headquarters at Woolston, to witness the installation of Bro. James Kellaway, the retiring Senior Warden, as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The ceremony was admirably worked by Bro. R. Way Rider, P.M.

The officers appointed were Bros. H. Slade, I.P.M.; J. Hinton, S.W.; Nalder Roberts, J.W.; Rev. G. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Chap., Chap.; A. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Methven, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; F. Kimber, S.D.; G. W. Newnham, J.D.; J. A. Billett, Org.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. Key Allen, I.G.; S. White, F. W. Wade, W. H. White, and R. H. Reed, Stwds.; and C. Henley, Tyler.

After lodge business had concluded, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. C. Henley. The newly-installed W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by a large number of visitors and lodge brethren.

Much regret was expressed at the absence of the retiring Master, Bro. H. Slade, who had met with an accident only the day before, which confined him to his house.

It was incidentally mentioned during the proceedings that the I.P.M. is to receive a Past Master's jewel for his services to the lodge during the past year.

The installed Masters present on the occasion were: Bros. R. W. Rider, W. M. Chapman, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Methven, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Brown, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Miller, W. Fowler, P.G. Org.; J. Martin, S. B. Crox, H. B. Rohss, F. Wentworth Shields, and Dr. Brown, all of the lodge; W. Martin, W.M.,

and E. O. Longland, P.M. 199, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Greenslade, P.M. 1112; T. G. King, W.M. 1780; and G. Ward, P.M. 1883, P.P.S.G.D.

The usual round of loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, "The Healths of the Worshipful Master" and "The Installing Master" being cordially drunk.

During the evening Bro. H. Lashmore, one of the Past Provincial Officers, in responding for the province, took the opportunity of calling attention to the scheme by which it is hoped to raise funds to purchase for the province a Perpetual Presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in connection with the presidency at the Annual Festival in June next of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Beach; and further he stated that an effort is to be made to get the 1000 guineas left to the province by Bro. Eve appropriated to the Boys' School, and to supplement it by funds from the Prov. Grand Lodge sufficient to purchase a second Perpetual Presentation.

During the evening some solo and concerted vocal selections were admirably rendered by Bros. Wareham, Conlan, J. A. Billett, and Finmore.

### Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. EDWIN HUGH TOMPSETT.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 14th instant. Among those present were Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; E. H. Tompsett, S.W., Master elect; F. F. Bonney, P.M., J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; G. Dobson, S.D.; A. O. Hemming, J.D.; G. S. Hertslet, D.C.; F. A. Foes, and G. Hertslet, Stwds.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.A.G.P., Treasurer elect; E. W. Davis, P.M.; A. B. Brown, P.M.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tompsett having been presented, was installed W.M. by Bro. Fisher, P.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Bonney, P.M., S.W.; Dobson, J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Chap.; Fisher, P.M., Treas.; Major Walls, P.M., Sec.; A. O. Hemming, S.D.; G. S. Hertslet, J.D.; F. A. Foes, I.G.; G. Hertslet, D.C.; Major-General F. W. Hemming, T. H. Kendrick, and T. M. Hawkins, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. Bright. A sum was voted from the funds to a testimonial to Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D., for his long services as Treasurer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Dr. Hinton, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. H. Kendrick, and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Bro. W. Fisher, P.A.G.P., responded on behalf of "The Grand Lodge," and Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.C., replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was submitted in kindly terms by the I.P.M., and duly acknowledged.

The W.M., in giving "The Past Masters," particularly alluded to the services of Bro. Briggs, P.M., and Treasurer for many years, and who had been a most punctual attendant. Every member of the lodge regretted that ill-health had been the primary cause of his resignation. However, they hoped to have the pleasure of his society and the advantage of his advice for many years to come. He coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Bright and Briggs.

Bro. Bright having responded,

Bro. Briggs upon rising was warmly received. He said that words failed him to adequately express his acknowledgments to the lodge for their great kindness to him. Next to his parent lodge—the Bayard—no other held so high a place in his estimation as the Sir Francis Burdett did. He had served it as an officer, a Master, and as a Treasurer. He had been supported by the Past Masters and the Secretary, and he thanked them all for the kind vote that they had passed that evening. He was advancing in years, and his health was not robust, but he hoped to be with them for some time yet.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed. The W.M., in proposing this toast, spoke in the most flattering terms of both those officers.

Bro. Fisher, in reply, thanked the brethren for the confidence that they had placed in him by electing him as their Treasurer. It was an important position to fill, but he would endeavour to discharge its duties to the best of his humble abilities, and if he could only equal the work of his respected predecessor he should be more than satisfied.

The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Bonney and Dobson.

The jewels and menus were supplied by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

### Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.

Judging by the numerical attendance and the enthusiasm of the brethren, the emergency meetings of the Rothesay Lodge are as popular as the usual monthly gatherings. This was apparent at the emergency meeting held on the 5th instant at the Restaurant Frascati, on which occasion the W.M., Bro. Louis Verdier, was well supported by the officers and brethren; there being also a good sprinkling of visitors. The principal business in lodge consisted of the passing of Bros. Meyers, Hawkes, and German, and the initiation of Mr. Arthur Crawley Potter and Mr. Charles John Besser, the ceremonial being conducted by the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, in his usual cultured and impressive manner.

At the banquet, which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with effect by the W.M., and duly honoured.

In submitting the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. George Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., paid a graceful tribute to the intensity of feeling which characterised the Master's working. His ideal of Masonry was of the highest order, and although being a Frenchman, he was somewhat diffident as to his rendering of the ritual, yet he (the I.P.M.) had no doubt that their W.M. could and would discharge his duties of the lodge to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The W.M., Bro. Louis Verdier, rendered his thanks in grateful terms. He did not know that he deserved all the confidence they reposed in him. ("Yes, yes," and applause.) He was very proud of being the Master of the Rothesay Lodge, for whenever he visited other London and provincial lodges he found that the fame of the Rothesay had preceded him. (Applause.) He was deeply indebted to the I.P.M. and the Past Masters for the cordial assistance which they were always ready to render him, and his feeling of gratefulness for this assistance and for the confidence with which they had elected him to the chair he would carry with him to his last days. (Applause.)

In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. remarked upon the steady influx of new members. Ever since he joined the lodge, the Rothesay had gone on and on and had now nearly reached a climax. They had some very old members of the lodge with them and they would, he felt sure, join with him in extending a very hearty welcome to the new blood in the shape of the initiates, Messrs. Potter and Besser. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. Potter, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kindness shown him in making him one of their members. He could assure them that it was one of the most important days of his life. (Hear, hear.) It was one of those happy occasions he had looked forward to for years, and he could not find words to really express what he felt. He hoped that in the future he would be able to deserve it. (Applause.)

Bro. Besser also returned thanks for the honour conferred on him. He had desired to be a Mason for a very long time, and now that he had joined the honourable Fraternity he would do his utmost to be a good Mason in the Rothesay Lodge. (Applause.)

The W.M. then extended a warm welcome to the visitors—a welcome that he knew came from the bottom of the hearts of the members of the lodge.

Bro. W. A. W. Grayson, 862, having briefly replied,

Bro. R. M. H. Griffiths, 1677, said he was very proud to be invited to the Rothesay Lodge. In the pursuit of his avocation as a journalist he was constantly in association with members of the lodge and of other lodges, and he could assure them that the Rothesay was known far and wide. (Applause.) The lodge had a very wide influence, and it was likely to be felt in many directions. ("Hear, hear.")

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. dwelt upon their loyalty to the lodge, remarking that the Rothesay could not have risen to its present high position in the Masonic world without their enthusiastic assistance. ("Hear, hear.")

Bro. Geo. Herbert-Burns, I.P.M., acknowledged the compliment in the eloquent manner characteristic of him. He then proceeded, in earnest and impressive language,

to refer to a calamity which had recently befallen the lodge in the death of an old member—Bro. Richard Ballinger. There was no member of the lodge more highly esteemed than he—quiet of demeanour and undemonstrative though he was. He was a thorough gentleman in every possible sense of the word. He was also a man of great business ability, and in that capacity had been of invaluable service to the lodge. Their good Bro. Secretary and himself and other members of the lodge had also known Bro. Ballinger in the outside world, and he could assure the members of the Rothesay that they had lost a very dear friend and good brother, of whom it could be said that those who had known him the longest and the closest esteemed him the most. As a matter of privilege, he (Bro. G. Herbert-Burns) proposed that the members of the Rothesay should ask their good Bro. Bolton, Sec., to write a letter to the widow and family expressive of the deep sympathy which the lodge felt at the irreparable loss they had sustained.

A vote of condolence having been unanimously agreed to,

Bro. Shaw, P.M., responding also for the Past Masters, said, as one of their oldest members, it afforded him the greatest pleasure to see such a large gathering of Past Masters. It was a matter of great pride also to him to see the lodge growing in numbers and affluence as it was, and it would always be a pleasure to him to work for the lodge.

Bro. Catten, P.M., also expressed the pride he felt in being a Past Master of the Rothesay Lodge. He could tell the initiates that they had that evening entered one of the grandest Orders in the world, and the more they knew of it the greater would they esteem it.

The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," acknowledging, in eulogistic terms, the devotion to duty of both Bros. Walter Adams and Thos. J. Bolton. Their able Secretary was always the first to know what was going on for the good of the lodge. He remembered when he first joined he had occasion many times to seek out Bro. Bolton for Masonic advice, and he always got the best. And his good wife, who took the greatest interest in Masonry, was always ready to tell him everything that was good for the lodge. She was a good sister, and he would like the lodge to drink her health.

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Secretary, Bro. Bolton, announced the arrival of the Mayor of Finsbury, Bro. Enos J. Howes, J.P., who was at once the recipient of an enthusiastic ovation and the hearty congratulations of the lodge on his election to the Mayoralty.

Bro. Enos J. Howes, in acknowledging the toast of his health, made a graceful and appropriate speech. He took it, he said, as a very great compliment to receive their kind congratulations. He certainly felt proud of the position to which his fellowmen had recently elected him. For a man to stand well with his fellowmen was a desirable attainment, and their choice of him as Mayor of the Borough in which he had worked for 22 years was an appreciable reward. (Applause.) His attainment of that high and exalted position was owing to a large extent to his brothers in Masonry. (Applause.) All through his long municipal life he had been conscious of such assistance. That was one of the good points of Masonry. They could help one another in public life by recommendations and suggestions. There had been many proud moments in his life, and one of them occurred on Monday, when he found himself at the Hotel Cecil near the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Order. He felt then that it was a grand position for a man to attain to who had worked up from the bottom of the ladder. He sincerely hoped that his own progress would prove an incentive to his brethren the initiates, to whom it showed that there was no position in the Masonic world to which they might not aspire. (Loud cheers.) In conclusion his worship tendered his grateful thanks to Bro. Bolton, P.M. and Secretary, for all that he had done for him in the past. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec., responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," explained that Bro. Adams, like a good Mason, had left the Rothesay to take his part at Grand Lodge. Referring to the vote of condolence passed respecting their late dear Bro. Ballinger, it had been his intention to write such a letter in any circumstances. But he thought he would let that evening pass over first. As they probably knew, he was a rare stickler for laws and regulations, and by the Book of Constitutions no other business could be taken in a lodge of emergency than that in the summons. Reverting to the speech of their good brother, the Mayor of Finsbury, he was glad to hear him touch upon the higher flights of Masonry, for thus did he rightly and justly show a brilliant example to the new brothers and initiates. (Cheers.)

Bro. Louis Verdier, as Master, then proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Officers."

Bro. E. Mills, S.W., expressed the pleasure it always gave him to be present to support the Master.

Bro. W. Maskell, I.G., said it gave him very great pleasure to occupy even the humble position of I.G., and if it should be the will of the lodge, at a later date, to call him to some other position he would respond to the call, and work as enthusiastically as he now did. (Applause.)

Bro. Bentley, acting J.D., also responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

An excellent musical programme was carried out by Bro. Cavaliere Tito Mattei, the gifted Organist of the lodge, Bro. Catten, Bro. Bentley, Bro. J. J. Mitchell, Mr. Will Ballard, and others, whilst Bro. Secretary Bolton convulsed the audience with his amusing stories.

The company included Bros. Louis Verdier, P.P.G.S., W.M.; George Herbert-Burns, I.P.M.; Edward James Mills, S.W.; William Henry Butler, J.W.; Walter Adams, P.M., Treas.; Thos. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec.; George William Duck, S.D.; Walter Maskell, I.G.; William Shaw, P.M., D.C.; Charles W. Holmes, A.D.C.; Cavaliere Tito Mattei, Org.; Henry Baldry and W. A. Bond, M.D., Stwds.; J. Bailey, Tyler; Enos Howes, J.P., G. Mentasti, R. Madewell, T. C. Peacock, J. Buley, A. Hugo, C. J. Edney, T. J. Grieverson, J. A. Campbell, W. Garrett, T. P. Smith, S. A. Broomhead, F. Meyers, R. J. Owen, H. Hawkes, J. J. Mitchell, W. C. Stratton, C. J. Besser, A. German, and Thos. Hooper. Visitors: Bros. W. A. W. Grayson, R. M. A. Griffiths, and John Handley.

### United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. WHILLMORE CHANT.

Tuesday, the 4th instant, saw a particularly hearty gathering of members and visitors, numbering in all over 100, of this representative lodge at the Inns of Court Hotel. The Charities were represented 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. Bro. Nicholson Haydon, I.P.M., is to be complimented on the sharp incisive manner in which he gave the addresses, and for the robust way in which he acknowledged and thanked the lodge for his jewel.

After a very well-served banquet, the W.M. rising gave the usual loyal toast—"The Queen and Craft," which was received with enthusiasm.

For the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," the W.M. observed briefly that he was a grand man.

He coupled the name of Bro. Terry (who he pointed out was present with Bro. McLeod) with the toast of "The Pro. G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," and Bros. Terry and McLeod suitably responded.

The I.P.M., in then proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it might have been placed in other hands, but it was evidently a task which he appreciated, as he said it was a duty and a pleasure, as he had known the W.M. from almost boyhood; in fact, when marrying they followed one another, on the L. and N.W., they had been S.W. and J.W. together, and socially connected in trouble. To conclude, Bro. Chant was a unique Master for the United Northern Counties Lodge, as he is one to whom the distressed may go for succour, his hand being guided by justice, and his heart truly expanded by benevolence. Such is the brother who has succeeded to the chair of K.S.

The W.M., responding very briefly but impressively, said he did not know how to thank the brethren except from the bottom of his heart, but he hoped the lodge would lose none of its lustre during his year of office.

For "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Nield being called upon to speak, remarked tritely that the poor ye have always with you, and that the Boys' and Girls' Schools were rocks of support and a great comfort, and were most magnificent Charities in this charitable land, and he hoped the Old People would not be behind in the new century, although we did have too many types of Levite, and he hoped the Charities would receive great support from lodge during the W.M.'s year.

Bro. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in reply, said that if their income was double what it is they would only then have sufficient for the enormous number of candidates, as there were 100 now seeking admission, and the list was full, and called attention to the wide range that the Charity covered, and hoped his hearers would divest themselves of their metallic substances.

Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., thanked Bro. Nield for his speech, and

mentioned that being a comparatively young lodge they had not nominated any one themselves, but its members had given their votes to those that required them. Outside of hospitals he looked on the Masonic Charities as the finest examples of charity. He was proud of the Boys' School, which had been raised from unknown nothingness to something worthy. While doing their best, there was still another institution doing excellent work, the Girls' School, making the girls fit mates for the boys when they grew up. The United Northern Counties Lodge had always been generous; let them emulate those who have gone before. He was present at the initiation of Bro. Chant, and now had been present at his installation.

Bro. Hextall, in replying for "The Visitors," commented on the fact that in the last month of the last year of 1900 the response should fall to him, and was then followed by eight other worthy brethren who had known the W.M. for various lengths of time up to 30 years, and were all greatly gratified on being present on such an auspicious occasion.

The remaining toasts having been suitably responded to, a noteworthy evening reached its inevitable conclusion.

Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M., Secretary, is one of the original founders and oldest member.

Messrs. Fradelle and Young took an interesting flash-light photograph of the assembly.

During the evening some excellently-rendered songs, &c., were given by Bros. Roland Henry, Mandeno Jackson, and Mr. Alex Turner, "Richard, of Taunton Deane," being specially sung by the last-named as a compliment to the W.M., who is a Taunton man.

### Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 15th ult., when there were present among others: Bros. H. Gale, W.M.; C. F. Davis, S.W.; H. Webster, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; Major F. C. Walls, P.M., Sec., P.G. Std. Br.; W. Hill, S.D.; C. Boyce, J.D.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., A. Z. Schultze, R. F. Ruff, R. S. Fox, and C. E. Page, Stwds.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Hopkins, P.M., P.P.G.P.; P. Cronin, P.M.; and C. Wheatley, I.P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Lynn and Tims were passed to the Second Degree in an admirable manner by the W.M. Bro. Webster was elected W.M.; Bro. Jessett, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. The names of three brethren were excluded from the list of members. A Past Master's jewel and collar were voted to the W.M. The lodge was then closed.

Refreshment followed labour.

Bro. W. Hopkins responded, in a neat speech, on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

The I.P.M., in submitting the toast of "The W.M.," congratulated him upon the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year, and he hoped that he would crown his labours by installing his successor.

The W.M. having briefly replied, gave "The Master Elect."

Bro. Webster, in reply, said that he had been elected to the chair a year earlier than he expected, but by punctual attendance at lodges of instruction he hoped to be able to merit the approval of the brethren. The Hemming was a large and important one in the province, and it was no mean task to preside over its destinies.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bro. C. Wheatley and G. Ransford, who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

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

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday last. Present: Bros. J. W. Hainsworth, W.M.; Turner, I.P.M.; J. Shires, S.W.; C. Reasbeck, J.W.; George Smith, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; A. W. Fretwell, Chap.; J. Denison, S.D.; J. Hirst, J.D.; F. H. Buckland, D. of C.; King, Charles, and Ord, Stwds.; Mason, Hon. Tyler; J. Marsden, Tyler; E. J. Pratt, Asst. Tyler; J. W. Bridge, P.M.; F. J. Forth, P.M.; A. N. Snelling, F. Duff, W. F. Duthie, W. G. Morton, J. W. Browne, and A. Bridge. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, P.P.G. Std. Br. W. Yorks; W. Holroyd, P.P.G.P. Notts; D. Nicholson, 939; J. G. E. Pashley, 516; R. L. Fryer, Colne, Mon.; and E. Simpson, Colne, Mon.

Bro. W. F. Duthie (F.C.) was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. being ably assisted in the work by Bros. Fretwell, Turner, and Reasbeck. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Spink, Shires, and Deighton, which were all declared unanimous, and two other candidates were proposed. No. 242 thus seems to be in a very prosperous condition, so far as "work" is concerned.

After lodge, light supper was partaken of in the ante room, where the customary toasts were indulged in, interspersed with music, for which Doncaster Lodge is now so celebrated. With Bro. H. C. White at the piano, Bro. Duff at the organ, and Bro. Reasbeck at the violin, an accomplished trio is formed such as few lodges can boast. As the visitors expressed, a most enjoyable hour was spent outside after some excellent work inside the lodge.

### Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. J. SIMPSON.

The installation meeting of the above popular and prosperous lodge took place at the King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, on Monday, the 3rd inst., and with only one exception was a very enjoyable one, the exception being the extreme lateness of the hour of banqueting, so that it was close upon 10 p.m. before the toast of "The Queen" was proposed and drunk. We trust our dear Greenwich friends will excuse us, but we do hope that on their next anniversary they will meet earlier or do less work.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. R. D. Simpson, Messrs. Foster and Brady were initiated, one of the Past Masters reciting the lecture very impressively. Bro. F. J. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M.—his own father—to receive at his hands the benefit of installation; and we here and now congratulate our esteemed Bro. Simpson, sen., upon the unique position he occupied—that of preceding and then installing his son in the chair of this splendid lodge, of which he (the father) is a founder. The ceremony was most impressively performed, the Board of Installed Masters was numerous, and its congratulations were of the heartiest, both to father and son. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bro. R. D. Simpson, I.P.M.; J. W. Rozier, S.W.; Donald McCall, J.W.; Higgs, Treas.; G. P. Carter, P.M., Sec.; C. Greenaway, S.D.; W. Powley, J.D.; E. W. Higgs, P.M., D.C.; F. F. T. Marrable, I.G.; E. W. Higgs, P.M.; E. Mills, W. J. Armstrong, E. A. Higgs, and J. S. Fowler, Stwds.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. The addresses were faultlessly rendered, and then some important lodge business was transacted, and at a late hour the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the handsome assembly room of the hotel, and was a treat. Bro. Barney believes that a generous banquet is good after labour, especially on installation meetings.

It was absolutely too late to report speeches, but those we were favoured to hear, were brief and to the point.

Amongst other brethren present were: Bros. H. Roberts, P.M.; J. G. Thomas, P.M.; J. H. Harper, P.M.; E. Eades, P.M.; W. J. Frooms, P.M.; G. Burney, P.M.; G. Burney, jun.; W. J. Huntley, B. Stainger, W. Armstrong, C. Thomas, A. Baigent, J. Fowler, E. A. Higgs, E. Carpenter, C. Cordell, S. Beale, T. Law, C. Coleman, C. Bassett, J. Nfxon, F. Burney, J. Smith, F. Butler, F. Borland, W. Rowley, B. Blagrove, T. Smalley, A. Metcalf, H. Kinneard, E. Mills, J. Eades, T. Shields, B. Fortt, T. Rogers, and others, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were: Bros. C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472, P.M., Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; J. Dhedbury, P.M. 2346; T. Bonner, P.M. 1382; T. Smith, P.M. 140; J. Fyfield, P.M. 902; W. Bull, W.M. 829; T. Coombes, J.W. 829; A. Huddart, S.W. 15; S. Cuning, W.M., J. Russell, A. Gunnington, and H. Scott, of 1766; H. Iggledon, 2346; C. Badcock, 781; R. Watts, 1817; A. Stevenson, 2184; C. Green, 873; J. Smith, 1382; F. Nanger, 2675; J. Farrow, 2346; W. Brady, J.W. 140; C. Perry, 700; G. Haynes, 79; W. Holding, 140; J. Stratford, 1382; A. Haynes, 153; and others.

The musical part of the proceedings were in the hands of Bros. Buckley, Crawley, Spinks, Noaks, Simmons, G. Burney, sen., Cockren, and Bowlden.

## Obituary.

### BRO. SIR A. H. BEVAN, P.G. TREASURER.

Bro. Sir A. H. Bevan (ex-Sheriff of London), who died on the 8th instant, after a prolonged illness, and who had the honour of being elected to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year at the March Communication of Grand Lodge in 1899, had a distinguished, if not a very prolonged, career in Masonry. He was initiated in the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, in 1891, and was in the chair of W.M. at the time of his election to Grand Lodge office. In the interim, however, he exhibited great activity in Craft work. In 1892 he was a founder, and subsequently elected W.M. for two years in succession, of the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, Eton, and for his services in its behalf was appointed Prov. G. Registrar of Buckinghamshire. He also joined the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, and the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712, while during the year 1899 he assisted in founding the Captain Coram Lodge and the Sydenham Lodge, Nos. 2737 and 2744 respectively. He was a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Friends-in-Council Chapter, No. 1383, in 1893 was a joining member of the Canterbury Chapter, No. 1635, the Studholme, No. 1591, and the Studholme Brownrigg, No. 2421, Amersham, Bucks; while in 1895 he became founder and First Principal Z. of the Bevan Chapter, No. 2553, Bucks, and subsequently Prov. G.S.N. Bucks. In 1899 he became *ex-officio* G. Treasurer of Supreme Grand Chapter. Nor did Bro. Sir A. H. Bevan confine his attention to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. He was in 1899 G. Treasurer of the Mark Grand Lodge, was installed Knight of the Temple in 1893 in the Studholme Preceptory, No. 140, and was its E. Preceptor in 1899, and in 1895 joined the Temple Court Preceptory, No. 162, Woking, while in the A. and A. Rite he had been perfected Rose Croix, and taken the 30°, and was a member of the Studholme Chapter, No. 67. But more especially did our Institutions secure his services, and in addition to having acted many times as Steward for each of our Schools and for the Benevolent Institution, he was Patron of them all. Sir Alfred was a Governor of St. Thomas's and the Foundling Hospitals, and was generally well known and esteemed for his ardour in the cause of philanthropy.

### BRO. SIR FRANCIS G. M. BOILEAU, Bart., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. and G. Superintendent Norfolk.

Bro. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Bart., J.P. and D.L. of the County of Norfolk, and Major of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment, Past S.G.D., was one of the most prominent Masons in Norfolk. He was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, on the 23rd May, 1871, and installed W.M. in 1880, being appointed the same year Prov. S.G.W. He was installed in the Royal George Chapter, No. 52, Norwich, on the 20th June, 1879, and exalted in the chair of M.E.Z. in 1884. In the following year he was appointed to the chair of Second Principal in the Prov. Grand Chapter. He was also a Mark Mason,



having filled the chair of A. in the Walpole Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 92, Norwich, in 1892; a Knight Templar, and Past E.P. of the Cabbell Preceptory of that Order, and a Past M.W.S. of the Albert Edward Chapter, No. 87, King's Lynn, which was founded in 1880, and for the warrant of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was, according to a statement in Bro. Hamon le Strange's "History of Freemasonry in Norfolk," one of the petitioners. He also took the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and was a Life Subscriber of our three Masonic Institutions. In 1898, on Bro. Hamon Le Strange's installation as Prov. G. Master Norfolk, Sir Francis was appointed his Deputy, and in the same year he succeeded Lord Suffield as G. Superintendent of the Province.

### BRO. JOHN PURROTT, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.W. HERTS.

The Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, St. Albans, was consecrated by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., on the 29th April, 1874, a few days after he had been installed Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire, and among the very earliest of its initiates was the worthy brother who passed away on the 9th instant, Bro. John Purrott, who, during the 26 years that have since elapsed, had devoted himself, heart and soul, to the advancement of Masonry, and, in so doing, won the love and respect of all Hertfordshire Masons from Bro. Halsey downwards. It was not long before Bro. Purrott was invested with the collar of office as S.D. of his lodge, and in 1879 he was installed as its W. Master. On vacating the chair the following year he was appointed Secretary, and in that capacity—in which he continued to act until the day of his death—he won golden opinions from its members and from the rulers of the province, and after serving as Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden in 1894. He was exalted in the Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385, Barnet, in 1875, and having gone through the ceremony within the period of 12 months—which was then the legal qualifying

period for the exaltation of a Master Mason as a Royal Arch—was required to go through the ordeal a second time. In 1885, he was installed in the chair of First Principal Z., and subsequently discharged the duties of Treasurer. In 1891, he helped to found and was installed first M.E.Z. of the Halsey Chapter, No. 1479, and in 1883 and 1884, was Prov. Pr. Soj. in the Prov. Grand Chapter. He was a P.E.P. of the Stuart Preceptory (K.T.), Watford, P.M. of the Watford Mark Lodge, No. 241, and Past Prov. G.M.O., and, finally, he was a Life Subscriber of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions, and had served once as Steward for each of the two Schools and seven times for the Old People.

BRO. THOMAS GEORGE DOUGHTY, P.M. 1287, M.E.Z. 766.

The members of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, and William Preston Chapter, No. 766, deeply lament the loss of Bro. Thomas George Doughty, who passed away, at the early age of 49 years, on the 30th ult., and was buried on the 4th instant at Norwood Cemetery. The chief mourners were his two sons, Vernon and Harold; his brother, Bro. Arthur Charles Doughty, P.M. 1287; his brother-in-law, Mr. Fred. Rose; and Dr. Scott Gibson, his medical attendant. Among a number of Masonic and other friends we observed at the Cemetery Bros. C. Davis, P.M.; T. Steer, S.W.; F. Bascombe, S.D.; C. Hinshelwood, A. Hutchinson, and W. Cleghorn, P.M., Secretary, members of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287; while Comps. H. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C., and S. Southwell, P.Z., represented the William Preston Chapter, No. 766, of which the deceased was First Principal at the time of his death. Also Bros. H. H. Nuding,



P.M. 1924; W. Pound, P.M. 19; W. Vaughan, J.W. 1329; G. Knox, P.M. 145 C. Wheeler, 1329; F. G. Flewett, 1194; E. A. Lavender, 2345; and A. Flint 1697. A large number of wreaths were placed on the coffin, including one from the Great Northern Lodge. The late Bro. Doughty was initiated in the Great Northern Lodge in November, 1882, and served the office of W.M. in the year 1898. He was exalted in the William Preston Chapter in May, 1893, and was installed in the First Principal's chair in May last. His fine, manly presence, vigorous and cheerful temperament, and kind disposition will long be remembered by the members of his lodge and chapter, who were proud of him, and very sincerely mourn his premature death. The Upper Norwood Athenæum Society, of which he was a former vice-president, sent a wreath, and many members, including Mr. J. Downes, the secretary, and Bro. C. Wheeler, the treasurer, were present at the funeral. As the cortege passed the Norwood Constitutional Club the blinds were drawn, and the large Union Jack was hoisted half-mast high as a mark of respect to the deceased.

BRO. G. P. FESTA, P.M., P.Z.

We regret to announce the death, on the 8th instant, of Bro. Giovanni Paolo Festa, who was a P.M. of the Montagu Guest Lodge, No. 1900, P.Z. of the chapter attached to it, and in the Mark Degree P.M. of the Thistle Lodge, No. 8; and Past A.G.D.C. of Grand Lodge. Bro. Festa had done good service for our Charitable Institutions, was a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and Vice-President of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, and had served as Steward at some 14 or 15 of their Festivals.

BRO. ROBERT ROBERTS, P.M., P.P.G.D. N. WALES.

On Saturday, the 1st instant, the funeral took place at Bangor of Bro. Robert Roberts, the ex-postmaster of Bangor, the interment being at the Glanadda Cemetery. The deceased, who was a P.M. of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, and also a P.P.J.G.D., was accorded Masonic rites at the graveside. The body was first removed from the deceased's late residence to the Cathedral. The principal mourners were Miss Roberts (daughter), Mrs. Jones (sister), Mr. Wm. Roberts, of Liverpool, and Mr. Ellis-Roberts, of Birkenhead (brothers), Dr. Roberts, Bootle (nephew), who were accompanied by several members of their families. The preliminary service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Bishop of Bangor (the deceased having been for many years a lay clerk in the Cathedral). The late Bro. R. Roberts was the Treasurer of the St. David's Lodge, No. 384, and it was in compliance with his special wish that the said lodge decided to attend the funeral, and to arrange and carry through the Masonic part of the sad ceremonial, and, of the brethren present, some 50 or 60 were members of St. David's, the mother lodge of the province. Among those present were, in addition to the members of St. David's, Bros. Walter Jones, W.M. 1113; R. G. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Sam. Evans, 1488; O. P. Jones, 1488; J. Gregson, 1113; J. A. Rodway, 1849; G. Williams, 1849; E. Jones, 1849; E. P. Spry, 1136; and many others. The brethren met in the lodge-room, and walked in procession to the Cathedral, where, through the courtesy of the Dean and Chapter, seats were allotted them under the tower, and they afterwards proceeded to the cemetery to pay their last

tribute of respect to their late Treasurer—who had been associated with St. David's for 35 years, in the course of which period he acted for many years as Treasurer. The wreath from his lodge was carried by the Secretary, Bro. Robert Owen, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., who has been a member of St. David's for some 34 years. The Masonic ceremony at the graveside was most impressive, Principal Fairchild, P.P.G. Chap., officiating. The Masonic arrangements were under the superintendence of Bro. W. P. Mathews, P.M., P.G. Dir. of Cers., the Bible being carried by the W.M.'s little son, Master Norman Gregory. Through the unavoidable absence from home of Bro. Westlake-Morgan, W.M. 1849, Cathedral organist, the sub-organist (Mr. Martin) presided at the organ, and played the Dead March. The Lord Bishop, preaching at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, made a touching reference to the deceased; and at the Welsh service in the evening the Cathedral organist (Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan) played the Dead March (Handel). Wreaths were sent by the following: Miss Roberts, Mr. and Misses Roberts, Liverpool; Mrs. H. Pritchard, Portdinorwic; Mrs. Scotland; organist and lay clerks of Bangor Cathedral; the St. David's Lodge, No. 384; Mrs. Humphrey Williams and family, Friars-terrace; Mr. George Williams, Rydal Mount; and Messrs. W. McKenzie and J. B. Williams, High-street.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. HENRY RUSSELL.

The funeral of the late Bro. Henry Russell, the composer of "Cheer, boys cheer," and other popular songs, took place on Monday at Kensal Green Cemetery. The funeral cortege left the deceased's residence, 12, Howley-place, Maida Vale, shortly after 10 o'clock, and arrived at the cemetery about half-an-hour later. A short service was held in the cemetery church, the Rev. Henry Lloyd Russell (rector of the Church of Annunciation, Christchurch) officiating. The chief mourners included Mr. H. Russell, Mr. L. Ronald Russell, and Mr. C. Russell (sons), and Mr. H. Russell and Mr. Cooper (grandsons), and about 100 people followed the coffin to the grave. The coffin, which was of oak, with brass furniture, was covered with floral tributes, including a pillow of chrysanthemums with the line "England, farewell, farewell for ever," from "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," sent by Mrs. Henry Russell, and a handsome wreath of violets, with the inscription "In loving remembrance, from Sir Henry Irving."

## Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Priory was held at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Monday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Horatio Ward. The Sub-Prior entered under the arch of steel, and opened the Provincial Priory in full form.

The minutes having been confirmed, and the Prov. Treasurer's accounts approved and adopted,

The PROV. SUB-PRIOR explained that the Prov. Prior, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., K.C.T., &c., was unavoidably prevented from attending owing to his duties at the Colonial Office, and had requested him to preside in his place, and retain the office of Prov. Sub-Prior, which he had consented to do.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed by the Prov. Prior as under, and the Prov. Sub-Prior invested such of them as were present—

Sir Knight Horatio Ward	...	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. A. Jackson	...	...	Prov. Prelate and Almoner.
" Lieut.-Col. F. A. Bowies	...	...	Prov. Chan.
" P. Monson	...	...	Prov. 1st Con.
" H. M. Biggleston	...	...	Prov. 2nd Con.
" A. H. Bowles (elected)	...	...	Prov. Treas.
" Lieut.-Col. Sankey	...	...	Prov. Vice-Chan. and Reg.
" W. Russell	...	...	Prov. Marshal.
" G. Wilks, M.B.	...	...	Prov. War. of Reg.
" S. Horsley	...	...	Prov. Herald.
" J. D. Terson	...	...	Prov. 1st Std. Br.
" W. H. East	...	...	Prov. 2nd Std. Br.
" W. Campbell Taylor	...	...	Prov. Banner Br.
" H. Metcalf	...	...	Prov. S.B.
" J. E. Barton	...	...	Prov. Cham. and Capt. of Gd.
Frater G. Harrison	...	...	Prov. Guard.

The alms having been collected, a Committee was appointed to go through the bye-laws, and consider suggestions made by Sir Knight A. H. Bowles. The Provincial Priory was then closed.

The knights afterwards dined together at the Royal Fountain Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov. Sub-Prior.

The toasts usual to loyal and Christian Masonry were duly honoured, and the knights separated.

## Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 7th instant. Present: Comps. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z.; Hy. Cornford, H.; Frank Swinford, J.; T. Grumant, P.Z., Preceptor; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Cureton, P.Z., S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Victor Turner, M.E.Z.; Isaac Dunn, P.Z.; T. R. Cass, M.E.Z.; Wm. Smith, Wm. Beecroft, Wm. Dawson, P.Z.; and P. H. Garner, M.E.Z. elect.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. W. Smith personating the candidate. Comp. Hy. Cornford, H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). Comp. Wm. Smith, P.S. 72, was elected a joining member. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, and also hearty congratulations to Comp. Wm. Dawson, P.Z., on his safe return from America. The chapter was then closed.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th instant, at the Earl Derby, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. Hardymont, P.M., Preceptor; J. Lilley, W.M.; Palmer, S.W.; Eves, J.W.; Horstead, S.D.; J. Grover, J.D.; Goodwin, I.G.; T. Bore, Sec.; J. Campbell, P.M. Treas.; Gawthorp, P.M.; Woods, Golby, G. Coxen, and H. Grover. Bro. G. Davies was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. G. Davies acting as candidate. The ceremony of initiation was next rehearsed, Bro. Grover acting as candidate. Bro. Palmer was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1901.**

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**WORSHIPFUL BROTHER**  
**CAPTAIN JOHN BARLOW, J.P.,**  
 P.M. 1260, 1012, &c., &c.

*Chairman of Executive Committee—*  
**W. BROTHER JAMES IRVINE, P.M.**

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, December 22, 1900.

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16.**

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.  
 185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.  
 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Cafe Royal.  
 1694, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.

**MARK LODGES.**  
 173, Temple, London Tavern.  
 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8  
 Brondebury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.  
 Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.  
 Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.  
 Duke of Cornwall, 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.  
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
 Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.  
 Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.  
 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
 St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.  
 Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
 South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.  
 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
 Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30  
 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.  
 Walthamstow, Lord Brooke, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow, at 8.  
 Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
 Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Panton-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.  
 Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
 Joric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
 "Swiss Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.**

Board of General Purposes, at 5.  
**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 30, United Mariners, Frascati Restaurant.  
 75, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.  
 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.  
 2022, Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing.  
 2023, Old Westminster's, Cafe Royal.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.

**MARK LODGE.**  
 284, High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.  
 438, Britannic, Mark Masons' Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
 Oapper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
 Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8  
 Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
 Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
 Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.  
 Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
 Egyptian, Salvation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.  
 Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.  
 Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.  
 Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
 Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.

Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
 Ippa, "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 Edgcombe, 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.  
 Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.**

Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.  
**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 169, Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel.  
 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.  
 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.  
 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 1352, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.  
 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1571, Leopold, Holborn Restaurant.  
 1673, Welcome, Cafe Royal.  
 2272, Rye, Holborn Restaurant.  
 2301, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
 554, Yarborough, London Tavern.  
 ROSE CROIX.  
 121, Belgrave, 33, Golden-square.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 6, Friendship, Criterion.  
 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.  
 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.  
 657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.  
 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.  
 1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal.  
 1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.  
 2551, Clissold, Great Eastern Hotel.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
 79, Pythagoreas, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 1671, Mizpah, Hotel Cecil.  
**CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—**  
 1657, Aldersgate, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.  
**MARK LODGE.**  
 Bon Accord, Criterion.

**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.  
 Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
 Crouch End, Christ Church Schoolroom, Edison-road, Crouch End, at 8.30.  
 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8  
 Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.  
 Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
 Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.  
 Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
 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, 244, 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, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., 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, 104, 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.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**  
 2243, Argonauts, Frascati Restaurant.  
 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 2712, Jubilee Masters, Hotel Cecil.  
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.  
**MARK LODGES.**  
 251, Mount Moriah, Mark Masons' Hall.  
 409, Savage Club, Mark Masons' Hall.  
**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**  
 6, St. George's, Mark Masons' Hall.  
 105, St. Michael, Mark Masons' Hall.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22,**

No Meetings.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

AT THE MEETING of the Irish Literary Society to-morrow (Saturday) evening at the Society of Arts, Mrs. Ernest Rhys will deliver a lecture on "A Hundred Years of Irish Fiction." Mr. Anthony Hope will preside.

LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH, Secretary for Scotland, has accepted the Chancellorship of St. Andrews University, and it is expected that the installation ceremony will take place about the end of January.

THE DUKE OF FIFE will preside at Sir Squire Bancroft's reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," in aid of the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, at Portman Rooms, Baker-street, on the evening of Wednesday, the 2nd prox.

WE ARE GLAD to announce that Bro. James F. Haskins, Ph. D., P.P.G. Org. of Essex and Herts, who met with an accident to his knee some weeks ago, has so far recovered as to be able to attend to his professional duties.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have signified their intention of being present at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, the 19th inst. at three p.m., at the memorial service to be held for soldiers and sailors who have fallen in war during the year 1900.

CHEQUE FOR £6000.—A cheque for £6000 was last week handed to the General Hospital as the result of the recent Triennial Musical Festival at Birmingham. The total receipts amounted to £15,292, and the expenses to £9283. The profit on the 1897 Festival was £5147, the receipts then being £14,282, and the expenses £9135.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—The warehouse excursion to Scotland, for 6, 8, or 16 days, has again been arranged by the East Coast route, and a special express will leave King's Cross (G.N.) at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, the 21st instant, for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen. Tickets can be had at the usual offices in advance.

THE KINTORE MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION meets at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, S.E., on the first and fourth Thursdays in each month (except July and August) at 8.30 p.m., under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Wm. Dawson, F.M. All Mark Masons will be welcomed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3rd, 1901.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—A Legacy of a Quarter of a Million.—At the annual meeting of the directors of the London Missionary Society, on the 11th instant, it was stated that a legacy of a quarter of a million had been bequeathed to the Society, under the will of the late Mr. Robert Arthington, of Leeds, who had expressed the wish that the money should be devoted to new work in connection with tribes and peoples who had not obtained a version of the Bible in their own tongue. The money will provide an income of £7000 or £8000 per year.

THE FREEMASONS' CLUB (RICHMOND, SURREY), LIMITED.—As many brethren desire the club to be available during the Christmas holidays, the directors have decided to open the premises to-morrow (Saturday), 15th inst., at four p.m., when the chairman will be pleased to welcome the members (the formal inauguration being deferred until some time in January next, of which due notice will be given.) The directors have much pleasure in stating that 232 brethren have applied for membership, and that 1544 £1 shares have been allotted. For the information of Masonic friends who may desire membership of the club, we may mention that after the 31st instant there will be an entrance fee of one guinea, in addition to the payment in full of one £1 share and an annual subscription of one guinea.

THE ASSOCIATION OF MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN held a most successful Cinderella dance at the Bridge House Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th instant. The room was gaily decorated with bunting, and the special feature of the programme was the "Men of Kent Quadrille." In the course of the evening, the chairman of the council, Mr. Walter Kemp, presented one of the M.Cs. (Mr. J. T. Hearn) with a badge for introducing 21 new members, and congratulated those present upon the rapid growth of the association, the membership of which numbers 486. A very efficient band was provided under the direction of Mr. T. A. Green, G.S.M. Inquiries as to membership should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 11, Fernholme-road, Nunhead, from whom nomination forms can be obtained.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—The Great Northern Railway Company announce that cheap excursions will be run on Friday night, December 21st (for 6 and 8 days); Monday night, December 24th (for 3 or 5 days); and Friday night, December 28th (for 6 and 8 days) from London (Woolwich Arsenal and Dockyard), Greenwich (S.E. and C.), Victoria (S.E. and C.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., for Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Alnwick, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Dumfries, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Dalmally, Oban, Fort William, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland. Passengers by the excursion on 21st return on Wednesday, 26th, or Friday, 28th December; those by the excursion on 24th December return on Wednesday, 26th December, or Friday, 28th December; and those by the excursion on December 28th, return on Wednesday, 2nd, or Friday, 4th January, according to period of ticket taken. Tickets at about a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by above excursions to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within 16 days, including days of issue and return. Cheap fast excursions will be run on Saturday, December 22nd (for 5, 6, or 8 days, and Monday, December 24th, (for 3, 4, or 6 days), from London (Woolwich Arsenal and Dockyard), Greenwich (S.E. and C.), Victoria (S.E. and C.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross, &c., for Cambridge, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Lynn, Norwich, Cromer, Yarmouth, Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Burslem, Tutbury, Stoke, Newark, Chesterfield, Edwinstowe, Retford, Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham, Huddersfield, Manchester, Liverpool, Doncaster, York, Hull, Harrogate, Bridlington, Malton, Scarborough, Whitby, Stockton, Richmond, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Durham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Shields, Sunderland, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Accrington, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, and other principal stations in the Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and North Eastern Districts. Monday night, December 31st (for 1, 2, or 5 days), to Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Warrington, and Liverpool. On December 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 24th, additional trains will be run to meet the requirements of traffic. On Saturday, December 22nd, and Monday, December 24th, the 5 p.m. express from King's Cross will be continued to Melton Constable, calling at all stations East of Peterborough. Monday, December 24th, a special express at ordinary fares will leave London (King's Cross) at 12.20 midnight, Finsbury Park 12.25, for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Holme, Peterborough, Spalding, Boston, Louth, Grimsby, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Laisterdyke, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, &c. On Christmas Day the trains will run as on Sundays. For further particulars see advertisement columns.

BRO. JOHN LOBB, C.C., is a candidate for election on the Council of the Institute of Journalists.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR opened on Saturday last a bazaar held at Haringay in aid of the building fund of St. Paul's Church.

BRO. COL. T. DAVIES SEWELL, F.R.A.S., P.M., P.G.S., has just been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR presided on the 8th inst. over the monthly house dinner and smoking concert of the Press Club.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH SAVORY, Bart., the chairman of the Council, presided on Saturday last at the distribution of prizes by the Rev. T. W. Sharp to the students of the Princess Helena College, Ealing.

THE WILL OF Bro. Joseph Heaton, of 3, Camden-square, the chief London agent of the Midland Railway Company, and late colonel commanding 5th (West) Middlesex R.V., was proved on the 4th ult. by Mrs. Marian Heaton, the widow and sole executrix, the value of the estate being £2896 9s.

THE PROMISED VISIT OF T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales to Belfast will take place about the 16th of April. It has already been announced that they will be the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Mount Stewart. One of the principal engagements of the Prince and Princess will be a visit to the show of the North-East Agricultural Society.

BRO. CAPT. W. BOUGHTON CHAMBERS, of her Majesty's Customs, Calcutta, has been nominated for Fellowship of the Royal Society of Literature. His proposers are the following, all of whom are Fellows of the Society: Bro. Dr. Chas. Forshaw, of Bradford, England; Kunwar Kushal Pal Singh, Esq., M.A., LL.B., F.R.G.S., M.R.A.S., of Agra, India; his Highness Rajah Sir S. M. Tagore, Calcutta; and Kumar Shyama Kumar Tagore, Esq., Calcutta. Bro. Boughton is the editor of the *Indian Freemason*, *Indian Tit Bits*, &c., and one of the founders of the proposed military lodge, "Defence," whose headquarters will be in Calcutta.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—Christmas Arrangements.—Ordinary Train Service.—On Friday and Saturday, December 21st and 22nd, the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require. On Wednesday, December 26th, and Tuesday, January 1st, certain booked trains will be withdrawn, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. The Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, December 21st, 22nd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at the Midland Company's City and suburban offices. For further particulars see advertisement columns. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c., on Fridays, December 21st and 28th, for six or eight days, and on Monday, December 24th, for three or five days, by which return tickets will be issued at about a third class single fare for the double journey. The single tickets will be available for returning on any day within 16 days from and including the date of issue. Cheap excursion trains will also be run from London (St. Pancras) on Saturday, December 22nd, to Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, Scarborough, Newcastle-in-Furness, and the Lake District, &c., returning December 26th, 27th, or 29th, and to the same places (except Birmingham) on Monday, December 24th, returning December 26th, 27th, or 29th. On Saturday midnight, December 22nd, a cheap four, five, and seven days' trip will be run to Leicester, Nottingham, Manchester, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, and Sheffield; on Monday midnight, December 24th, to Leicester, Loughboro', Nottingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, &c., for two, three, or five days; and on Monday midnight, December 31st, to Leicester, Nottingham, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, Sheffield, &c., for one, two, or five days. Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) and principal provincial stations on Friday, December 21st, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, &c., via Liverpool, available for 16 days, and via Morecambe, available for returning on December 27th or 29th, and January 1st, 3rd, or 5th, 1901; on Friday, December 21st, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow, or via Liverpool, available for 16 days; on Saturday, December 22nd, to Londonderry, via Morecambe or via Liverpool, available for returning December 27th, 31st, or January 3rd, via Morecambe, and on December 25th and 29th, and January 1st or 5th, via Liverpool.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY issue tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining tickets at a crowded railway station, particularly at holiday times, and the booking office at Paddington Station will be open all day for the issue of tickets on December 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 24th. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days. On Thursday, December 20th, Cheap Excursions will be run from Paddington, Clapham Junction, Kensington (Addison-road), Hammersmith, &c., to Cork and Killarney; on Friday, December 21st, to Waterford, Limerick, Tralee, Kilkenny, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c.; on Saturday, December 22nd, to Savernake, Devizes, Frome, Yeovil, Bridport, Weymouth, Portland, &c., returning December 27th; on Saturday night, December 22nd, to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., returning December 26th, 27th, or 29th; to Evesham, Worcester, Hereford, &c., returning December 26th; on Saturday and Monday nights, December 22nd and 24th, to Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelly, Carmarthen, New Milford, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c., returning December 26th or 27th; and on Monday night, December 24th, to Guernsey and Jersey, for 13 days or less. On the days immediately preceding Christmas Day, several of the trains from Paddington will be divided, and the first portion of some of them will start five minutes before the advertised time. On Saturday and Monday, December 22nd and 24th, the 6 p.m. from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance, and the 12 midnight from Paddington will convey passengers to the Kingswear, Kingsbridge, Wadebridge, Fowey, and Newquay branches. On Monday, December 24th, the 3 p.m. from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Truro. A special train will leave Paddington at 10 p.m. for South Wales, calling at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, which on this date will leave at 9.25 p.m. A special train will leave Paddington at 1 night for Reading, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c. On Christmas morning the usual Sunday service of trains will run, and special trains will leave Paddington, at 5.30 a.m., for Reading, Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, Swansea, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c.; and at 5.35 a.m. for Reading, Oxford, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcel traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains, carrying parcels only will run between the principal stations.

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