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THE KING AND THE CRAFT.

The minds of the brethren generally are just now seriously exercised in respect of two questions. In the first place, will King EDWARD VII., now that he has ascended the throne of his ancestors, vacate the office of M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, which he has held for the last 26 years? Secondly, in the event of his Majesty resolving to take this course, who will be elected to succeed him as M.W.G.M.? It must be clearly understood that we speak without authority upon these points, and are merely expressing our own opinion when we state our belief that, following the precedent set by H.R.H. GEORGE Prince of Wales on being appointed Regent for his father, King GEORGE III., his Majesty will retire from the position of Grand Master, and, on being invited to do so, will accept the office of Grand Patron. In such case we imagine that the King's brother, H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, who is already M.W. Past Grand Master, and has for many years been Prov. Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, will, if approached with a view to his being elected to succeed the King, accept the proposal, and graciously allow himself to be nominated for the office. There has, of course, been no time as yet for any arrangements to be proposed, much less adopted, but we incline to the belief that the course we have indicated will be followed.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA.

The closing scenes in connection with the long and glorious reign of our late Most Gracious Majesty Queen VICTORIA have been arranged to take place to-day (Friday) and to-morrow while on Monday, the 4th instant, the coffin will probably be removed from St. George's Chapel to the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, in order that it may be placed in the sarcophagus, where already have lain for well nigh 40 years the mortal remains of the late illustrious Prince Consort, whom her Majesty loved so dearly during their all-too-brief wedded life, and had mourned so deeply through all the long years of her widowhood. To-day her body will be conveyed from

Osborne House to Portsmouth on board the Royal yacht Alberta, which, followed by the Victoria and Albert, with his Majesty King EDWARD VII., the German Emperor, WILLIAM II., and his son, and the other Princes of the British and Foreign Royal and Imperial families on board, will steam slowly between the lines of the British fleet, supplemented by representative ships from the principal navies of the world, which have been sent to pay homage to the deceased monarch. To-morrow (Saturday) the Royal remains will be conveyed from Portsmouth to Victoria, whence they will be carried, on a gun-carriage and attended by the King and the Princes and Sovereigns of our own and other Royal and Imperial houses, to the Great Western terminus at Paddington. Here it will be again placed in the train which, with the Royal and Imperial mourners and representatives from other states, will convey it to Windsor and thence along the prescribed route to St. George's Chapel, where, in the presence of the assembled Princes and Princesses, the final obsequies will be solemnised. Originally, we believe, it was contemplated that when the service in the Chapel was over, the body should be removed thence to its last resting place in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore. But these arrangements have been since modified and the body will lie in the Chapel till Monday, when it will traverse the route to Frogmore and be deposited in the Mausoleum, but this part of the concluding ceremony will take place only in the presence of the KING and members of the Royal Family as well as of members of the Royal Household. Be it added that by Order in Council business will be entirely suspended, and all business houses, including banks, will be closed, not only in the Metropolis, but throughout the country, so that the most profound respect may be shown to a Sovereign who loved and laboured for her people as none of her predecessors had done, and by whom in return she was beloved and respected as no other Sovereign that ever reigned in ancient or modern times was beloved and respected.

The funeral from first to last, will be essentially a military one, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the QUEEN, who was proud of being a soldier's daughter and the head of the military service of the United Kingdom. The senior or naval service will have in charge the first portion of the outdoor ceremonial, while the military service will carry out the second portion until such time as the body occupies its appointed place in St. George's Chapel, when the clergy will complete the mournful task. But grand and imposing as the pageant will be from the very beginning to the very close of the solemn proceedings, there is still something grander and more imposing in the sorrow which is universally felt throughout the British Empire at the death of their much-loved and venerated Sovereign, and the sympathy with that national sorrow which is being exhibited throughout the other countries of the world. Britons have ever been proud of the illustrious lady who ruled over them so wisely and well for so many years; but, even in the midst of their deep grief at her death, they must be, if possible, still more proud when they note the reverence which is being shown to her memory by the Sovereigns and peoples of the whole world. May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect her Empire under her son and successor, and under his successors, as He has been pleased to watch over and protect it during all the years of her long and glorious reign!

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS IN LONDON AND WINDSOR TO-MORROW (SATURDAY).

On their return from Osborne on Monday, the Commander-in-Chief (Earl Roberts) and the Earl Marshal (the Duke of Norfolk) attended a meeting of the council charged with arranging the details of the Queen's funeral. In addition to these officers there were also present the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chamberlain), the Duke of Portland (Master of the Horse), Viscount Esher (Secretary to the Office of Works), Lord Suffield, the Earl of Selborne (First Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Henry Ewart (Crown Equerry), Sir Edward Bradford (Chief Commissioner of Police), the Earl of Pembroke (Lord Steward), Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane (Comptroller of Accounts, &c.), Sir Francis Mowatt (Permanent Secretary to the Treasury), Mr. W. H. Weldon (Norroy King of Arms), Mr. Lindsay (Windsor Herald), Mr. A. S. Scott-Gatty (York Herald), and Mr. H. F. Burke (Somerset Herald). The council was occupied for a considerable time. At the conclusion of the sitting it was announced that the route which the Queen's funeral procession will pass over in the metropolis will be the following. Immediately on the arrival of the Royal train at Victoria at 11 o'clock, the coffin will be placed on a gun-carriage, and the *cortège* will take its departure from the terminus and pass through the following thoroughfares:

Buckingham Palace-road.
Buckingham Gate.
Past Buckingham Palace.
The Mall.
St. James's Gate.
Past St. James's Palace.
St. James's-street.
Piccadilly.
Hyde Park Corner.
Enter Hyde Park through Apsley Gate.
Hyde Park (East side).
Marble Arch.
Across Lancaster-place.
Edgware-road.
Boundary-road (Oxford and Cambridge-terrace).
Sussex-gardens.
London-street.
Præd-street, to Paddington Station.

On reaching which the *cortège* will proceed to the arrival platform at the Great Western Railway terminus, where a train will be in waiting to convey the remains of the Queen and the Royal mourners and a few privileged persons to Windsor, which is expected to be reached a little before three. The Queen's remains will then be taken to St. George's Chapel by the following route, namely:

High-street,
Park-street,
Long Walk Gates,
George IV. Archway,
The Quadrangle,
Norman Gateway, to
The West Door of St. George's Chapel.

The funeral service will then be solemnised after which the coffin will be placed in a chapel apart and there remain till the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore has been made ready for its reception, which it is expected will be on Monday.

The following is the full official list of representatives and suites:

Argentine Republic—Don Florencio Dominguez.
Austria-Hungary—Archduke Francis Ferdinand.
Baden—The Grand Duke of Baden.
Bavaria—Prince Arnulf of Bavaria.
Brazil—M. Joaquim Nabuco M. Lima.
Denmark—The Crown Prince.
Ecuador—M. Homere Morla.
Egypt—Prince Mohamed Ali Pacha, Prince Mohamed Ibrahim, General Thurneyman Pacha, Colonel Izzet Bey, Colonel Yawer Bey, Ali Chelik Bey.
France—Vice-Admiral Bienaimé, General Dubois, Secretary-General of the Presidency of Republic; M. Delavaud, First Secretary of Embassy; M. Chabaud, Chef d'Escadron of the Military Household of the Republic; Lieutenant Faton, orderly officer.
Germany—Prince Henry of Prussia, the Prince of Hohenzollern, Vice-Admiral Baron von Seckendorff, Marshal of the Court.
Greece—The King of the Hellenes and the Duke of Sparta.
Gautemala—Don Fernando Cruz.
Hesse—The Grand Duke of Hesse.
Italy—The Duke and Duchess of Aosta,

Japan—Baron Hayashi Tadasu.
Mecklenburg-Schwerin—Count von Hardenburg.
Mecklenburg-Strelitz—Duke Adolphus Frederick.
Mexico—Don Sebastian de Mier.
The Netherlands—Baron de Hardenbrock de Burgambacht, Baron T. Tuyll de Serokskerken, Jonkheer de Ranitz.
Nicaragua—Don Crisanto Medina.
Oldenburg—Count von Wedel.
Paraguay—M. Machain and M. Ayala.
Portugal—The King of Portugal and five members of his suite.
Roumania—The Crown Prince of Roumania.
Russia—The Grand Duke Michael.
Saxe-Altenburg—Prince Ernest.
Saxe-Coburg—The Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg (Regent), Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, Prince Leopold, Hofmarschal von Rixleben.
Saxe-Meiningen—The Prince of Saxe-Meiningen.
Saxony—Prince George of Saxony, Major Baron von Maudot, Captain Baron von Metsch.
Servia—M. Chedomille Mijatovitch, General I. Lazarevitch, Captain V. Derok.
Siam—The Crown Prince.
Spain—The Duke of Mandas, Vice-Admiral Cervera, Lieutenant-Colonel the Duke de Sotomayor, First Secretary; Don Pedro Jover y Tovas, Secretary of Embassy; Don Carlos Crespi de Valladaura, Aide-de-Camp to Admiral Cervera; and the personnel of the Embassy (seven).
Sweden and Norway—The Crown Prince and a suite of three.
Turkey—Turkhan Pasha, Alexander Karatheodory Pasha, General Tahir Pasha.
Uruguay—Don Alfonso de Zumaran.
Waldeck and Pymont—The Prince of Waldeck and Pymont.
Wurtemberg—Duke Albert of Wurtemberg, Lieutenant-Colonel Bieber, Rittmaster von Vischer-Ihinger.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 6th instant:

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th October, 1900, to the 15th January, 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£ 40 16 6	Disbursements during the Quarter	£ 386 2 2
„ „ Unappropriated Account	255 4 0	„ Balance	158 7 5
„ Subsequent Receipts..	485 4 1	„ „ Unappropriated Account	236 15 0
	<u>£ 781 4 7</u>		<u>£ 781 4 7</u>

which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petition:

From Comps. James Berry as Z., Robert Ford as H., John Tyndall as J., and 16 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shoeburyness, to be called "The St. Andrew's Chapter," and to meet at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, Essex.

The foregoing petition being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Chapter of Brotherly Love, No. 329, from the Chough Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Yeovil.

The Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581, from the Wheatsheaf Hotel, to the Exchange Hotel, Manchester.

The Albion Chapter, No. 9, from the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

The Stone of Friendship Ezel Chapter, No. 287, from the White Lion Hotel, to the Brookfield Hotel, Stockport.

The West Kent Chapter, No. 1297, from the Crystal Palace, to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.

The Highgate Chapter, No. 1366, from Beale's Restaurant, Holloway, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg further to report that they have received from the Past First Principals and companions of the Western Australian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1033, formerly attached to the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, a petition, in which it is stated that, in consequence of the action taken by the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, in declaring itself a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the chapter having consequently been severed from the lodge to which it was attached, the petitioners had taken active steps with a view to the formation of a Supreme Grand Chapter for Western Australia; and that at a meeting of the chapter resolutions were carried, declaring such chapter to be the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and declaring who should be the several Grand Principals; and resolving that a petition praying for recognition be adopted and forwarded through the First Principal of "The Western Australian Royal Arch Chapter," to the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of "England;" and praying the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to recognise

the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia as a regular and Independent Sovereign Body, having jurisdiction throughout the Colony of Western Australia, and that the Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England would be pleased to will and signify that it is not its intention to grant for the future any Warrant for a new Royal Arch Chapter in that jurisdiction.

The Committee of General Purposes having very fully considered the petition, recommend that the prayer be not granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th January, 1901.

BOURNEMOUTH FREEMASONS AND THE NEW CENTURY.

A MEMORABLE GATHERING.

There was a memorable gathering in St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when the members of the Masonic lodges of the borough—Hengist, No. 195; Boscombe, No. 2158; and Horsa, No. 2208—accompanied by a large number of brethren representing other lodges, attended Divine service in that church. A Committee representing the three lodges referred to had been recently appointed to consider the best means of inaugurating the new century; and the united gathering in St. Peter's on the 16th ult., and the subsequent meeting in the Masonic Hall and the banquet in the evening, were the outcome of their deliberations. Outside the ranks of Freemasonry in the locality, a large amount of public interest had become centred in the notable event, and, therefore, a large assemblage in the church was quite expected. Seats were reserved for the Freemasons in the nave, immediately facing the chancel; in another part of the church 400 seats were reserved for wives and lady friends of Masons; and the remainder of the church was thrown open to the general public, nearly every seat being occupied.

The brethren began to assemble about 2.30, in the St. Peter's Boys' School-room, where they robed, and, in addition to the members of the three Bournemouth lodges, under the auspices of which the event was arranged, there was a good representation of various other lodges in the surrounding district and of some other lodges more distant.

Among the brethren present, many of whom are associated with more than one lodge, were: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master Hants and Isle of Wight; W. B. Rogers, P.P.G.R.; E. W. Rebbeck, P.P.S.G.W.; D. Sydenham, P.P.J.G.D. Dorset; W. J. Worth, P.G.S.B.; C. T. Miles, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Woodhouse, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Hodges, P.P.G.S.B.; C. W. Keep, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Dunn, P.G. Reg.; C. J. Whitting, P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; H. N. Jenkins, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. W. Miller, W.M.; W. H. Vye, P.M.; W. Mattocks, P.M.; J. A. Nethercoate, P.M.; W. Humphry, P.M.; F. T. Cutler, P.M.; E. Worth, P.M.; W. Harris; G. Fudge, J. A. Crawshaw, F. J. Webb, C. H. Mate, Lewis Johnson, S. B. Tudball, G. McWilliam, W. E. Jones, C. Laney, G. Lazenby, J. W. Mannell, A. Collins, J. H. Flint, Hammersley Campbell, C. H. Goater, F. J. Lonnen, R. Toop, H. Ridout, J. H. Morris, R. Buckworth, H. J. Stanbury, J. E. Webster, F. Parsons, C. D. Newton, A. C. Thorne, H. Baker, and S. G. Motcomb, all of 195; G. W. Powell, J. J. Brazier, P.P.S.G.D.; J. B. Atkinson, P.P.J.G.W.; H. E. Hawker, P.P.J.G.D.; H. B. Harvey, C. Pearce, G. E. Bridge, H. W. G. Knight, A. Youngman, F. A. K. Hounsell, P.P.G. Purs.; J. M. Dowden and T. J. Handford, P.P.J.G.W. Hereford; H. T. Pottle, E. H. Bone, W. Hogg, H. G. Harris, F. Broad, H. Youngman, E. R. Whitfield, J. H. Williams, J. E. Marsden, R. Tuffin, Reginald Down, C. H. Ratsch, Douglas Hillier, and B. Neale, all of 2208; Dr. J. A. Hosker, W.M.; D. W. Preston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. W. Wyatt, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. W. Sandell, C. W. S. Collins, G. A. Bligh Livesay, Tilney Barton, J. N. McRae, J. F. Fogerty, and A. Godwin Pratt, all of 2158; Tarrant, P.M. 137, P.P.A.D.C.; H. W. Ruff, P.M. 95; C. J. Woodford, P.M. 137, P.P.G. Purst.; T. L. Weldon, 84, P.P.G.D. Guernsey; J. Harvey, 2078, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Carter, P.M. 2539, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Paris, P.P.G. Reg.; Archibald Yeatman, P.G. Reg.; the Rev. T. Russell-Wright, 1146, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. G. Thompson, 1168; W. T. Flather, P.M. 139; S. Minty, P.M. 132; J. Phillips, P.M. 132; F. Hibbs, P.M. 132; J. W. Davis, W.M. 132; A. Bist, 319; D. Sugden, 2346; H. Grounds, 1707; S. B. Morse, P.M. 132; F. Walden, P.M. 132; G. S. Love, W.M. 319; A. Tuthill and W. S. Hallett, 137; J. Dean, 137; E. I. Legg, 132; O. Collins, 137; H. Newlyn, 145; R. F. Gannicott, 319; J. P. Stone and N. E. Hatch, 160; F. D. S. Siemms, 241; W. G. Abbott, 132; G. H. Beament, 137; A. Whaley, 132; A. Crockett, 132; A. J. Gawan; D. Galbraith, 132; F. Reynolds, 2539; J. Cruickshank, Lodge Jubilee; J. S. Briant, G. Parsons, S. Foster, G. R. Melmoth, S. Humphreys, and A. Williams, all of 319; G. M. Smooker, 132; H. E. Child, 137; and others.

Wearing full Masonic clothing and jewels, the brethren were marshalled by the Directors of Ceremonies, Bros. Hodges and Youngman, and marched from the boys' school into the churchyard and along the north side of the church to the west door.

At the steps of the western entrance the procession halted and the brethren opened out right and left, and faced inwards, allowing the Prov. Grand Master (preceded by the two Directors of Ceremonies) to pass up the centre; the P.G. Officers and brethren following in succession from the rear and thus inverting the order of procession.

On entering the church, the Prov. Grand Master was conducted to his seat by churchwarden Bro. Scott Evans; his seat being in the front on the south side of the nave. The three W.M.s. were seated in the front seat on the north side of the nave, and the rest of the officers right and left as they arrived.

In the absence of Bro. Duncan Hume, the organist of St. Peter's Church, Bro. A. T. George, organist of St. John's, Boscombe, presided at the organ, and played a march as the brethren were entering the church.

Shortly after three o'clock, the choir and clergy entered the church from the vestry, headed by the cross bearer, and marched in procession round the church singing the hymn "O God our help in ages past." The vicar (Canon Fisher) was assisted in the service by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Moore White (vicar of Pokesdown) and Bro. the Rev. F. E. Toyne (vicar of St. Michael's). The sermon was preached by Bro. the Ven. Basil Wilberforce, D.D., Archdeacon of Westminster, and Past Prov. Grand Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight.

At the close of the service, after the clergy and choir had retired, the Directors of Ceremonies conducted the R.W.P.G.M. from his seat and preceded him down the church, the brethren following in order. The Directors of Ceremonies led the procession back to the school, the two Assistant Directors of Ceremonies bringing up the rear.

At 6.30 p.m. a meeting of Hengist Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, when the Earl of Malmesbury was initiated into Freemasonry (being the first initiate

in this lodge in the new century) by the R.W.P.G.M., in the presence of a large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Bro. W. W. Miller, the W.M. of the lodge, was in the chair. Bro. Dr. J. A. Hosker, W.M. 2158, occupied the position of S.W.; Bro. G. W. Powell, W.M. 2208, that of J.W.; Bro. H. J. Atkins, 195, was S.D.; A. E. F. Francis, 2158, J.D.; and J. J. Brazier, Sec. 2208, I.G.

At the close of the ceremony of initiation, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Wilberforce for his very able and excellent sermon; the proposition being coupled with a request that he would place his sermon at the disposal of the Craft with a view to publication for the benefit of the Masonic Charities.

Hearty votes of thanks were also passed to the Rev. Canon Fisher, the vicar of St. Peter's; and the R.W.P.G.M. for having honoured the Masonic brethren by his attendance at their gathering that day.

UNITED BANQUET.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Hall, at the Grand Hotel, where a united banquet took place under the auspices of the three local lodges. The Prov. G. Master presided, and there were with him at, or near to, the head table Bros. W. W. Miller, W.M. 195; Dr. J. A. Hosker, W.M. 2158; G. W. Powell, W.M. 2208; E. W. Rebbeck, James Druitt, jun., A. E. F. Francis, H. J. Atkins, R. Hodges, Major Powney, C. J. Whitting, C. T. Miles, the Rev. G. Thompson, D. Sydenham, J. J. Brazier, W. Woodhouse, H. E. Hawker, Major Kenneth Balfour, M.P., Captain Phelps, and others. The new initiate, Bro. the Earl of Malmesbury, also sat beside the Prov. G. Master at the head table. An excellent repast of six courses was provided.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were submitted by the Prov. G. MASTER, and were duly honoured.

Bro. A. E. F. FRANCIS proposed "The Health of the M.W. the Pro G. Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G. Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Referring to the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Francis said it was their earnest wish that he might be blessed with health and a long life to continue his good work to the Craft in general, and to that province in particular. (Applause.)

The Prov. G. MASTER responded.

Bro. W. W. MILLER proposed the next toast—"The R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

The Prov. G.M., in replying, said his early days in Masonry were in the Province of Oxford. During the period in which he had had the honour of presiding over the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight the number of lodges had more than doubled, to say nothing of the chapters; but whilst that showed immense success in point of numbers, it would be nothing if the Freemasons of the province were not imbued with the principles of the Order upon which it was founded, and if they did not endeavour to act up to them.

The Prov. G.M. afterwards proposed "Freemasonry in Bournemouth." They had met that day, he said, to celebrate an important period in Freemasonry, namely, the advent of a new century; and it was a period when they should look back, and see what progress Freemasonry had made. In a brief retrospect the P.G.M. referred to Freemasonry both in England and abroad; and in speaking afterwards of Bournemouth he said he remembered the time, when he was first Prov. Grand Master, coming down there when the Lodge Hengist had been removed from where it had been previously located and the foundation of the new hall was laid under his auspices, and when the Hengist Lodge celebrated its centenary. Other lodges had sprung up in Bournemouth since then, and it was a great pleasure to him to see the unity and good fellowship which existed among them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. WHITTING acknowledged the toast. Lodge Hengist (he said) was, 100 years ago, 39 years of age; it was then located in the town of Christchurch, and consisted of seven members: James Lockyer, the old schoolmaster; William Hiscock Thomas Bayley, the bluff old sailor; the vicar of Christchurch at that time, the Rev. Richard Jackson, and his son; the father of Lodge Hengist, Dr. Thomas Jeans; and, last but not least, Dr. Philip Druitt, whose great-great-nephew (Bro. Jas. Druitt, jun.), they had the great pleasure of having with them that night. (Applause.) He regretted, however, that their oldest surviving Master, Bro. J. Druitt, sen., who was W.M. in 1844, was unable to be with them, for there were few lodges which could boast of having a P.M. who had filled the chair 57 years ago. (Hear, hear.) Having spoken of the fact that the lodge at Christchurch was known as No. 261 on the register of Grand Lodge, of the subsequent adoption of the name Hengist, and of the transference of the lodge to Bournemouth in 1851, Bro. Whitting said that no doubt in May next the lodge would be celebrating the jubilee of the establishment of Freemasonry in Bournemouth, and he mentioned the fact that they had present that evening in Bro. D. Sydenham, a brother who was present at the first meeting of Lodge Hengist in Bournemouth, on May 9th, 1851. (Applause.) Another local Mason who was present at that first meeting was Bro. Gutch, of Poole.

MASONIC NEW CENTURY BANQUET AT PORTSMOUTH.

Twice during the last few months the Portsmouth Town Hall has been the scene of highly successful and memorable Masonic gatherings. The first occasion was during the Mayoralty of Bro. H. R. Pink, J.P., when a record Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held; the second was on Tuesday, the 15th ult., when the brethren of Portsmouth and district assembled in large numbers, under the presidency of the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to commemorate the opening of the 20th century.

When the idea of holding a Masonic Century banquet was first mooted it was feared that the event would not be so successful as it eventually proved, and it was very gratifying to the promoters to see upwards of 200 brethren seated around the prettily-decorated tables. There are 18 Masonic lodges in Portsmouth and the district, and all of them were represented, Portsmouth Lodge, No. 437, having the strongest muster. Around the balconies of the hall were hung the banners of the various lodges and a special dispensation having been granted by the P.G.M., the brethren wore their collars and jewels.

Not the least pleasing feature of the gathering was that the galleries were thrown open during the evening to the lady friends of the brethren attending the banquet, and long before the tables had been cleared and the short toast list commenced they were crowded. A table was set apart for the members of each lodge, while the top table was occupied by the principal Provincial Grand Officers.

The P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, and was supported by Bros. Edgar Goble, Dep. P.G.M.; D. Mayer, G.D. Eng.; H. R. Pink, P.S.G.W.; J. Brickwood, P.P.G.W.; T. A. Bramsdon, P.P.G.W.; H. L. Watts, P.G.C.; W. C. Hawksley, P.P.G.C.; G. E. Kent, P.P.G.W.; and J. Haydon, P.P.J.G.W. There were also present a large number of other Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers, and most of the Worshipful Masters and officers of the Portsmouth and district lodges.

As the brethren took their seats, a beautiful souvenir of the unique gathering was handed them. It took the form of an artistically arranged book, which contained the badges and the names of the W.Ms. of the various lodges in Portsmouth and the district, as well as an interesting historical sketch of Freemasonry in Portsmouth during the 19th century, compiled by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, and other interesting details. The souvenir was the work of Messrs. Charpentier and Co., of High-street, Portsmouth, Mr. H. Innes being the artist responsible for the design.

During the banquet the string band of the Royal Marine Artillery, under Bro. T. Holding, discoursed a miscellaneous programme of music. The whole of the arrangements, which gave general satisfaction, were made by and reflected great credit upon Bros. G. W. Edmonds, 257; H. G. Fryer, 487; W. E. Duck, 1834; G. F. Lancaster, 903; E. H. Cooper, 309; W. A. Rowe, 903; C. Attree, 1069; and A. E. Spence, 1834.

The toast list was necessarily brief, but the speeches were nevertheless very interesting, not only to the brethren assembled, but to the guests who crowded the galleries.

The PROV. G. MASTER, of course, submitted the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft," and he expressed a hope that our beloved Sovereign, notwithstanding the many trials she had suffered, would be spared to reign over this country for many years to come.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. E. GOBLE, next submitted the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." Looking back to the beginning of the last century, he mentioned that in the year 1800 Prince George of Wales was the Grand Master of England, and from 1782 to 1843 they had had reigning over them as brethren of the Order one of the family of the Sovereign of England. This was a matter for great congratulation to them as Masons, and it showed them that their Order was one to be proud of. (Applause.) From 1844 to 1870 the Grand Master was the Earl of Zetland, while from 1870 to 1874 the Marquis of Ripon occupied the position. In 1874 their present Grand Master was appointed, and from that time he had been their ruler, so that he had reigned over them for 27 years, while Prince George of Wales had occupied the position for 23 years. The possession of such heads as these could not fail to add to the lustre and power that Masonry possessed throughout the world. He spoke in felicitous terms of the Grand Master, who, he said, was respected, esteemed, and loved throughout the Order.

The toast of the evening, "Success to Freemasonry in Portsmouth and Neighbourhood," was next appropriately proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER. He remarked that they had met to celebrate the existence of Freemasonry and the progress it had made during the century that had passed. The advent of another century led them to think of the great and remote antiquity of the Order. No trace whatever could be found of its commencement, but from the remotest ages its secrets had been handed down from generation to generation. In whatever country or land where knowledge existed, there also Freemasonry existed, and its principles and tenets had been preserved and handed down by their ancestors as unimpaired as they desired they should be handed down to those who would follow. (Applause.) In England Freemasonry had existed for over eight centuries, and during that time it had made great progress. It was not for him to dilate upon the many excellences of the Constitution, but he might say that those who had carried out to the full the noble principles of benevolence and charity upon which it was founded had done a good deal for their generation. (Applause.) He referred especially to the work which was being done in connection with the various Charitable Institutions of the Order and said that these bore testimony to the fact that they had not been unmindful of their duties or of the noble example of their ancestors. They had their Institutions in which the education of their boys and girls was looked after; they had also an asylum to which old Freemasons and their widows could go and spend their declining years if necessity arose. In these directions Masonry had done a great work, and they had every reason to congratulate themselves, not only upon their progress, but upon their present flourishing condition. The P.G.M. next referred to the large portion of the Hants and Isle of Wight Province which was comprised of the lodges in the Portsmouth district. Considering what a large and populous neighbourhood it was, it was not surprising that many Masons should have joined, and that the district numbered many excellent brethren who had done their duty to the Craft and brought credit upon it. There were no less than 18 lodges in Portsmouth and the district, and the members of them had invariably done their utmost to shed influence and lustre upon the Craft in the province and throughout the country. He congratulated them upon the manner in which they had conducted their business in the locality, and trusted that for many a year to come Freemasonry would retain the same credit in the province as it had in former years. (Cheers.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Bro. T. A. BRAMSDON responded, remarking that they in Portsmouth greatly appreciated the manner in which the toast had been proposed. Referring to the great antiquity of Freemasonry, he remarked that in Portsmouth there were four separate Masonic bodies, all of which were over 100 years old, meeting in the same building. These were the Phoenix Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter Friendship (which was the senior chapter on the roll), a Mark lodge, and a lodge of Knights Templar. He thought this was unique in the history of Freemasonry. Another interesting incident to them was that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was one of the most popular provinces in England, and that Portsmouth was one of the most popular and populous ports of the country. (Applause.) From the Portsmouth lodges many brethren went abroad, and were enabled to inculcate and promulgate the principles and tenets which they had learned in Portsmouth and all parts of the world, and much of the success which had attended Masonry in the Colonies was due to the fact that it comprised a large number of earnest brethren who had learnt the principles of the Craft in Portsmouth. (Applause.) During the 30 years their Prov. G. Master had reigned over them their progress had been most marked. Under his popular regime the number of the lodges in the province had exactly doubled, and applications for still further additions had been refused. It would have been impossible for Masonry to have continued so long, so successfully, and so satisfactorily were it not for the principles underlying the Order. (Applause.) There was something at the bottom of it that united them together as brethren and as men. (Applause.) He believed Masonry had now arrived at the zenith of its success, and he hoped it would continue as it was now for many years to come.

Bro. H. R. PINK, P.S.G.W., was entrusted with "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," and he spoke in warmly eulogistic terms of that gentleman's services. Bro. Beach, he said, was selected for the office he now held in 1869, and he had reigned over the province ever since. No one had worked harder, more zealously, or more faithfully than he. (Applause.) They all knew, too, the interest Bro. Beach took in other matters, and that he was at the

present time the Father of the House of Commons. They all hoped that he would be spared for many years to continue to hold his present positions.

The sentiment was honoured musically, and the PROV. G. MASTER briefly responded, and felicitously commented upon the assistance rendered him by the Prov. G. Lodge Officers.

This concluded the toast list, and subsequently an enjoyable musical programme, which had been arranged by Bro. H. G. Fryer, 487, was carried out. Songs were rendered by Bros. G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Peters, J. W. Adams, A. Puzey, and C. Attree, and Mr. J. A. Gould (humorous), while Bro. Dr. J. Kyffin gave a couple of whistling solos. Bro. George Washington Allen, in his inimitable style, contributed two recitations, and Bro. T. Holding gave a saxophone solo. Bro. J. H. Cowan, A.R.C.O., was the accompanist, and ably discharged his duties.

Craft Masonry.

York Lodge, No. 236.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. EDWARD S. ROBINSON.

ABANDONMENT OF THE BANQUET.

At a meeting of the above lodge, held in the lodge room, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday, the 21st ult., Bro. Edward S. Robinson was duly installed in the chair of K.S. for the year ensuing. The chair at the opening of the lodge was occupied by Bro. John A. Askew, W.M., and there were also present Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.M., P.G. Chap. Eng.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B.; M. C. Peck, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; Cowper, P.G. Std. Br., Charity Representative N. and E. Yorks; Sir J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.S.G.W.; G. Potter Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Foster, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; S. Border, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Jones, P.P.G. Treas.; A. Procter, P.M.; F. W. Laughton, P.M.; Bryson, P.M.; B. Kilvington, W.M. 1611, P.G. Org.; Grant, P.M. 973; Gill, W.M. 1991; J. H. Hastings, F. A. Camidge, A. H. Fletcher, H. Scott, D. Lockwood, Geo. Sykes, D. Carter, C. H. Morgan, W. Hirst, G. Hirst, G. Sharp, G. H. Osborne, N. T. Crombie, T. Parker, and others.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Askew, assisted by Bros. Potter-Kirby, Procter, and Laughton. Bro. E. S. Robinson appointed the following officers and invested them with their collars: Bros. O. G. Taylor, S.W.; J. S. Shannon, J.W.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.M., P.G.C., Chaplain; G. Potter-Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. C. Thompson, Sec.; A. G. Rayner, S.D.; F. W. Cull, J.D.; Watson Hirst, D.C.; A. Sample, O.g.; J. H. Wray, I.G.; D. C. Lark and A. H. Barron, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; W. Laley, Asst. Tyler; J. H. Wray, Almoner; Sir J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.S.G.W., Charity Representative; and A. H. Furnish, Librarian. Bro. A. Procter, P.M., was appointed Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. Before the lodge closed, Bro. Potter-Kirby moved the following resolution: "That the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the York Lodge of Freemasons, No. 236, desire to offer to Bro. Sir Joseph Sykes Rymer, P.M., P.S.G.W. of North and East Yorkshire, and Charity Representative of the Lodge, their hearty congratulations upon the honours of knighthood conferred on him by her Majesty the Queen." He spoke of the valuable services which Bro. Sir J. Sykes Rymer had rendered to the city and to Freemasonry, and said how warmly his brethren of the lodge congratulated him upon the honour which the Queen had conferred upon him. He alluded to the deep sorrow they all felt at the precarious state of health of the Queen. Bro. H. Foster seconded the resolution, which was supported by Bro. S. Border, and carried with acclamation. Bro. Sir J. Sykes Rymer acknowledged the compliment, and greatly as he prized the honour conferred upon him by her Majesty he valued even more the esteem and approbation of his fellow citizens. (Applause.) The W.M. announced that owing to the serious illness of the Queen it had been thought fit that they should abandon the installation banquet. ("Hear, hear.") They all were deeply sorry to hear that her Majesty was in such a critical state, and he called on the brethren to sing the National Anthem, a call which was feelingly responded to. Bro. Thompson, Sec., read a number of letters of apology for non-attendance, amongst them being Bros. R. F. Gould, W. J. Hughan, E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; E. Lawson, I.P.M. 910; J. Melrose, 2328; J. G. Butcher, Q.C., M.P.; G. Faber, M.P.; A. H. Furnish, the Rev. A. J. Chambers, and others.

Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624.

LADIES' BANQUET.

One of the most successful ladies' nights held in connection with this lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 16th ult. Adequate arrangements had been made for the comfort of the members and their lady visitors by the W.M., Bro. E. J. Badderley, the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. W. Smith, P.M., and the Stewards. The guests were welcomed on arrival by the W.M., and after a brief interval an adjournment was made to the banquet, which was well-served and heartily enjoyed.

"The Queen and Royal Family" was the first toast afterwards given by the Chairman.

Bro. W. E. Lane, I.P.M., then proposed "The Chairman," and said he was sure the company present would receive it with the greatest pleasure and enthusiasm. Of course, the members would be well aware how difficult it was for him to say anything that evening with respect to their Chairman, but they would all appreciate his efforts in making their gathering such a successful one. They knew that Bro. Badderley would make an excellent Chairman, and that under his genial sway they would have a pleasurable and enjoyable time.

Bro. E. J. Badderley, W.M., returned thanks, remarking that his was a position which only came once in a lifetime—to preside over their annual gathering. He was delighted to find they had such a large number present. He hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and would enjoy themselves in the ballroom later on, and that they would all be spared to meet again.

The Chairman then gave "The Ladies," and in reply Bro. E. Nice said that, like the clown in the pantomime, he might say "Here we are again!" He felt that the ladies had played him out. He had been called upon to respond to this toast, and to acknowledge his humiliation in failing in the first and most important duty in life. He would try to mend in the future. There were certain component parts in chemistry, perfectly harmless in themselves, but which when mixed together became an explosive and most terrible force, and so it was in life. There was no doubt love was perfectly harmless in itself. There was no doubt that disappointment was harmless in itself, but when they mixed the two together they became a power of such terrific force that an explosion took place. He was afraid, speaking for the bachelors, that they had suffered from minor explosions, but having been able to collect the scattered parts offered them to the ladies for acceptance. He was pleased to see so many ladies present—hoped these gatherings would continue for many years, even if he had to pay the penalty and get up to respond.

Bro. Harry Line, 2206, replied for "The Visitors" in an excellent speech. He felt proud at having his name associated with the toast. The visitors had spent a most enjoyable evening, and he felt sure he was but echoing their wishes when he said he hoped they would be invited again.

Several excellent musical items were well rendered by Miss Lillian Myles, Miss J. Worsell, and Miss Bertha Barnes, and Bros. Kruse and Field. Bro. E. J. Badderley (the W.M.'s eldest son) also contributed a violin solo.

Dancing was kept up with zest until a late hour, Bro. C. Longworth rendering efficient service as M.C.

Amongst the company present were Bro. E. J. Badderley, W.M.; Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Lane; Bro. and Mrs. G. Lane; Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Smith; Bro. and Mrs. Scarman; Bro. Moorman, P.M.; Bro. and Mrs. Bignold, P.M.; Bro. Coulthard, P.M., Treas.; Bro. and Mrs. W. Parsons; Bro. H. Line and Miss Line; Bro. J. Lawson; Bro. W. Chilcott and Miss Chilcott; Bro. and Mrs. W. Butler; Bro. and Mrs. J. Sheard; Bros. E. Nice, Hellyar, P.M.; Thompson, and others.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

NICOTIANA.

(Continued).

The pipes, at first employed by Sir Walter Raleigh and other young men of fashion, were exceedingly rude and simple, consisting of half a walnut-shell, with a straw inserted. The first clay pipes were made in this country about 1585, copied from those used by the natives of Virginia, while to a Hungarian shoemaker, named Kaval Kowates, is accredited the manufacture of the first meerschaum pipe in 1723, which has been preserved in the museum at Pesth. Means of rendering tobacco harmless to the consumer have been given to the world at frequent intervals. As long ago as 1670 glass globules were attached to pipes to intercept the tobacco juice and nicotine, and in 1629 Jacob Francis Vicarius, an Austrian physician, recommended the insertion of a small piece of sponge in the tube for a like purpose. Vizer recommended citric acid, which, however, has the serious disadvantage of spoiling the taste of the tobacco. Dr. Gautrelet, of Vichy, asserts that a piece of cotton-wool steeped in a solution (5 to 10 per cent.) of pyrogallic acid, and inserted in the pipe or holder, will neutralise all possible effects of the nicotine, while the number of patented pipes designed with a like view is continually increasing. And now, on the principle that prevention is better than cure, a smoker comes to the rescue of slaves to the weed. He says that chewing calamus root (a large reed) allays the craving for tobacco; further, that it is a harmless substance and a beneficial tonic. Another ascribes a like virtue to a plentiful consumption of water-cress two or three times a day; but doubtless many feeling with Hamlet's father that—

"Diseases desperate grown,
By desperate appliances are relieved,
Or not at all."

will prefer the disease to the suggested remedies. Like all innovations, the introduction of tobacco met, at first, with much opposition, our King James I. being one of its chief enemies. He used to call tobacco "the Devil's weed," and its smoking "the breath of Hell"; throughout Europe severe penalties and punishments were inflicted on those who ventured to indulge in the blowing of it; and, in 1624, Pope Urban VIII. issued a decree of excommunication against any person found taking snuff in church. However, its charms, sung by Lord Byron:

"Divine in hookahs, glorious in a pipe
When tipped with amber, mellow, rich, and ripe;
Like other charmers, wooing the caress
More dazzlingly, when daring in full dress;
Yet thy true lovers more admire, by far,
Thy naked beauties—Give me a cigar,"

have proved too strong for its opponents; and what a firm hold the habit gets on its devotees is forcibly illustrated in the following case: "When I was an officer," writes a naval man, "in Messrs. Money Wigram's ship the Kent, in 1857, on a voyage to Melbourne and back, we found that by some mistake no tobacco had been shipped, so being on the high seas, the men could get none till we fell in with some vessel" (meeting other ships was rarer then than now). "A curious thing happened. First the topmen, and then the rest of the crew, lost in a great measure the use of their hands, which trembled as if palsied—they grew so nervous that we were quite afraid to order them to do anything. On a strict enquiry being made, we found out they had been smoking their rations of tea. Old rope being substituted they recovered, and falling in with a Dutchman, after we got round the Horn, we were able to get some tobacco from her." The plant has afforded abundant food for legislation, and its adulteration must have been rampant during the reigns of the Georges to call for the stringent laws that were enacted, one example of which will suffice: "If any person shall mix any fustic, or other wood, or any leaves, herbs, or other plants (other than tobacco), or any earth, clay, or tobacco sand with any snuff work, or snuff; or shall colour the same with any sort of colouring (water tinged with colour, only excepted), he shall forfeit £200. And if any manufacturer or dealer in snuff shall sell or expose for sale, or have in his entered premises, any fustic, yellow ebony, touchwood, logwood, red or Guinea wood, Braziletto, or Jamaica-wood, Nicaragua wood, or Saunders-wood; or any walnut tree, hop, or sycamore leaves; or shall have in his possession any of the aforesaid articles; or any other wood, leaves, herbs, plants, earth, clay, or tobacco sand, mixed with any snuff work, or snuff, he shall forfeit £50, and the same shall be forfeited and may be seized" (29 Geo., 3 c., 68). The following epigram may fitly find a place in the stray notes:

"Of lordly men how humbling is the type
A fleeting shadow, a tobacco pipe,
His mind the fire, his frame the tube of clay,
His breath the smoke, so idly puffed away,
His food the herb, that fills the hollow bowl,
Death is the stopper—Ashes end the whole."

At least, once, in history, the "devil's weed" as our King James called it, played an important part in a political movement. When the revolution of 1848 came on, the Austrian Government enjoyed a monopoly of the manufacture and sale of tobacco in those parts of Italy under its control. The Liberals resenting the tyranny of the Austrians, and disliking to see so large a revenue pouring into the Austrian treasury from the sale of cigars and tobacco left off smoking—a patriotic method of resenting the Austrian domination. The Austrian Government thereupon supplied its troops with cigars, and the men of the garrison went about the streets of the Italian towns puffing smoke into the faces of the non-smoking Italians. The insult was warmly resented. The Milanese rose in rebellion and expelled the Austrians; Venice did the same; and thus was the revolution begun, which ended in the loss to Austria of all the Italian possessions.

MINOR ARTISTS AND ARCHITECTURE IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

(Continued).

The taste of all these stately mansions was that bastard style which intervened between Gothic and Grecian architecture, or which, perhaps, was the style that had been invented for the houses of the nobility when they first ventured on the settlement of the kingdom after the termination of the quarrel between the Roses, to abandon their fortified dungeons, and

consult their convenience and magnificence; for what we call Gothic architecture was confined solely to religious buildings, and never entered into the decoration of private houses. Thorpe's ornaments on the balustrades, porches, and outsides of windows are barbarous and ungraceful, and some of his vast windows advance outwards in a sharp angle; but there is judgment in his dispositions of apartments and offices, and he allots most ample spaces for halls, staircases, and chambers of state. He appears to have resided at Paris, and even seems to have been employed there; at least, he gives alterations for the Queen Mother's house, Faber St. Germans, which, no doubt, means the Luxembourg, in the Fauxbourg St. Germain, and a plan of the house of Mons. Jammet (Zamet). There are several other smaller seats and houses in the book; some with the names of the gentlemen for whom they were built. One which he calls *Cannons*, his *Father Fakes*, house, and another is a whimsical edifice, designed for himself, and forming the initial letters of his name, I ::::: T, conjoined by a corridor (expressed by the dotted lines above), and explained by this curious triplet—

"These two letters, I and T,
Joined together, as you see,
Is meant for a dwelling house for me,
John Thorpe."

The volume, however, is a very valuable record of the magnificence of our ancestors, and preserves memorials of many sumptuous buildings, of which no other monument remains. The honour of being the first royal collector of pictures has been given exclusively to Charles I. without due examination into the fact. A reference, however, to a catalogue of Henry's pictures will show that he had a large collection of fine paintings; it is an allowable conjecture that many of them were fine specimens of the Flemish and Italian schools, exclusively of those by Holbein and other eminent artists who were resident in England, and enjoyed the royal patronage. The whole number of pictures in the several palaces amounted in the inventory to 153. We find in his collection numerous portraits of himself, repetitions of those of his contemporary princes, particularly those of the Emperor Charles V. and Francis I., with whom he was perpetually conversant, of his predecessors, two of the Duchess of Milan, who refused to marry him, but not one of his six wives. This is the last of our papers on Painting and Art in the reign of Elizabeth.

THE NATIONAL SORROW.

The surest relief in the keenest sorrow, and the highest tribute the afflicted can pay to the memory of their beloved dead, is to be faithful to every observance of life and duty that would have given pleasure and satisfaction to the departed. This is the consolation of both prince and peasant. "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." Royalty has no monopoly of joy, and grief is very democratic. Queen Victoria was acquainted with the one and the other. The bliss of her earlier years was unclouded. When sorrow came, it came "not in single spies, but in battalions." In her happy days she never forgot her people, and she remembered them in her griefs, going among them with a tender simplicity, and mingling her tears with theirs. Nor in this feminine sensibility did she bate one jot of her stern duties to the State. Remembering that she was a woman, she never forgot that she was a Queen, nor, being every inch a Queen, did she ever forget that she was a woman. None of the dead Queen's eulogists have described her dual character of queenliness and womanhood with a more beautiful directness than the present King himself—"She united the virtues of a supreme domestic guide with the patriotism of a wise and peace-loving monarch." Scarcely had the bells done tolling when the blare of the heralds' trumpets proclaimed the new Sovereign. This is the every-day drama of life and death. And it is well that duty calls for action on the part of the living, how great soever may be the mortal who is called from the field. It is at this point of our national loss that we find, in the King's touching address to the Council, the true spirit of a loving son. In any important work which the Prince of Wales was called upon to advance he never missed an opportunity to reverently recall, by way of example, the memory of his illustrious father. As King, his first words announced an act of obedience to the wishes of his mother, and his next were an affectionate reference to the Queen's devotion to her wise and loving consort. It will not be difficult for a Prince whose affection for his mother was one of his characteristic traits to find consolation for the Queen's death in a manful regard for her precepts and example. He comes into his high office with a large knowledge of its duties and its responsibilities. He will do his utmost to be worthy of his great position, and the nation trusts his Majesty with a full assurance that he will succeed.

GENERAL NOTES.

Mr. Benson has decided to make alterations in the programme for his season at the Comedy Theatre, in consequence of having to close the theatre owing to the lamented death of the Queen. When the theatre re-opens, it will be with the continued performance of "The Merchant of Venice," until 13th February, the date on which "Coriolanus" will be produced.

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One of the most charming comedies which used to draw large and profitable audiences to a London theatre, was "A Royal Family," at the Court. Not only a wholesome and entertaining play, but it was admirably acted. We are glad to learn that it is having a great success in New York.

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Mrs. Patrick Campbell will re-open the Royalty Theatre on Tuesday, the 5th instant, with "The Happy Hypocrite," and "Mr. and Mrs. Daventry." The souvenirs of the 100th performance will be given away.

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BRAHMINISM AND FREEMASONRY.—At Madura, the other day (says a Calcutta newspaper), some members of the Viceroy's party were told that when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited the temple during his Indian tour, he was admitted everywhere, even into the Brahmin holy of holies, and all because his Royal Highness is the Grand Master of British Freemasonry. "Brahminism," it was stated, had some suade affinity with Freemasonry, inasmuch as it is a religion of signs and symbols, and, above all, a religion of esoteric secrets. One of the Viceroy's party, who claimed to be a Freemason, afterwards stated that he was induced on hearing the story to give a Masonic token, which was instantly recognised and returned by the attendant priests.

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Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand
 Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednes-
 day, the 6th instant, at the usual hour of 6 p.m.
 Doubtless a vote of condolence with his Majesty King
 Edward VII. on the lamented death of her Gracious
 Majesty Queen Victoria, and of congratulation to his
 Majesty on his accession to the throne will be pro-
 posed by the Grand First Principal in the chair, but
 the paper of Agenda was issued before the death
 occurred, and, therefore, we can only surmise that this
 will be done.

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As regards the business to be transacted, there is
 nothing to engage the attention of Grand Chapter
 beyond the report of the Committee of General
 Purposes, which contains, among other recommenda-
 tions, one to the effect that a warrant be granted for a
 chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No.
 1817, Shoeburyness, and to be called the St. Andrew's
 Chapter. This will augment the number of chapters
 in Essex, under the rule of Comp. F. A. Philbrick,
 Q.C., Grand Superintendent, to 14.

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It is also stated that a petition has been received
 from the officers and members of the Western Australian
 Royal Arch chapter formerly attached to the Fre-
 mantle Lodge, No. 1033, and now announcing itself
 as the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia,
 praying to be recognised as a regular and independent
 Sovereign body; and the Committee "having very
 fully considered the petition, recommend that the
 prayer be not granted." We are disposed to
 assume that as Grand Lodge has recognised the
 Grand Lodge of Western Australia, Supreme Grand
 Chapter will in due course accord recognition to the
 body charged with supreme authority over Royal
 Arch Masonry in the Colony, but at the present time
 the petition appears to be a little premature, and we
 think it would have been wiser had it deferred its
 request until it had a few chapters on its roll to
 preside over.

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While on the subject of Royal Arch Masonry, it
 may not be out of place to recall to the attention of
 our readers certain remarks that from time to time
 have been made as to the disproportion that exists
 between the number of Craft Masons and that of
 brethren who have been exalted to the Royal Arch,
 the disproportion being all the more noticeable from
 the fact that, according to the Book of Constitutions,
 "the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch" is
 included in "pure Antient Masonry," as "declared
 and pronounced" by the "Solemn Act of Union" of
 1813. We have recently had the opportunity of
 glancing through the "Masonic Calendar and Year
 Book" for the Province of Hertfordshire for the
 current year, and from this we learn that while the
 Province contains 24 Craft lodges with an aggregate
 membership of 922, the chapters on its roll are only
 eight in number, and with only 156 subscribing com-
 panions all told.

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The Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire
 Comp. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., and
 his able second in command (Comp. Richard Wilson
 Prov. G.II.) have for some time past been impressing
 upon their Province the advisability of giving greater
 encouragement to the Royal Arch, or rather of encour-
 aging Craft Masons to offer themselves more readily
 as candidates for exaltation, and they have been doing
 this on the very ground we have just stated—that
 the Royal Arch is an integral part of "pure Antient
 Masonry" according to the Union of 1813. In West
 Yorkshire the Royal Arch, relatively to Craft Masonry,
 is about as strong as it is anywhere in the country,
 there being 45 chapters to 82 lodges, while the propor-
 tion of subscribing members is about one to three.
 Comps. Jackson and Wilson maintain that in the cir-
 cumstances this is not enough, and that certainly the
 proportion, at the very least, should be one to two.
 Other Grand Superintendents and prominent Royal
 Arch Masons take pretty much the same view.

But here in Hertfordshire, which is very far from
 being wanting in zeal for Masonry, there are only
 eight chapters to 24 lodges, and but 156 Com-
 panions to 922 Craft Masons; or, in other words,
 the chapters are only one-third in number of the
 lodges, and the number of subscribing Companions, as
 compared with the Craft Masons, about one-sixth.
 There is evidently room for increase here, especially
 when we find there are such lodges as the Berkham-
 stead, No. 504, with 57 members; the Gresham, No.
 869, with 37 members; the King Harold, No. 1327,
 with 100 members, and, others which have no chapters
 attached to them.

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Almost precisely the same remarks will apply to
 the Province of Kent. According to the Calendar,
 just issued, for the current year, the Province contains
 65 lodges, with an aggregate subscribing membership
 of 4550, while the number of Royal Arch chapters is
 only 29, and the total of subscribing companions
 only just exceeds 760. In other words, though the
 proportion of chapters to lodges falls not far short of
 one to two, that of R.A. companions to Craft Masons
 is about one to six. Clearly there is plenty of room
 in Kent, as in Hertfordshire, for improvement in this
 matter.

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There appears to be no end to the losses by death
 which the Craft has been experiencing for a long time
 past, and to the list of those whose demise we have
 had the mournful duty of chronicling in these columns
 must now be added the name of Bro. Sir John W.
 Maclure, Bart., M.P., whom her late Majesty created a
 baronet on New Year's Day, 1898, and who was
 appointed J.G.D. of Grand Lodge in 1893. Our
 deceased brother will always be remembered for the
 signal services he rendered to Lancashire in connection
 with the Cotton Famine, when, largely through his
 exertions, about a million and three-quarters sterling
 was raised for the relief of the distressed Lancashire
 operatives, who were thrown out of work by the
 stoppage of the cotton supply caused by the Civil War
 in the United States from 1861 to 1865. We offer our
 respectful condolence to the family and friends of our
 late brother, a record of whose services to Masonry will
 be found in another column.

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We are pleased to hear that Bro. James Terry has
 made further considerable progress in organising the
 Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival in
 behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,
 and that already not far short of 450 ladies and
 brethren have volunteered their services on the
 occasion. We trust this number will be largely
 increased between now and the day fixed for the
 celebration.

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It is much to be regretted that already quite a
 number of addresses from private lodges and other
 bodies should have been sent to Osborne for presenta-
 tion to the King on the occasion of the demise of her
 Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. No possible
 objection could, or is ever likely to, be raised to
 resolutions of condolence being passed by private
 Masonic bodies, and ordered to be recorded on the
 minutes, but there, having regard to the enormous
 amount of labour involved in acknowledging these
 addresses on the part of officials who have already
 more work than they know how to cope with, we think
 the matter should rest.

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We announced last week that a Special Communi-
 cation of Grand Lodge will be held on some date,
 which has yet to be fixed, for the purpose of passing
 resolutions (1) of condolence with the King on the
 lamented death of his august mother, Queen Victoria,
 and (2) of congratulation to his Majesty on ascending
 the throne of his ancestors. We all know that Grand
 Lodge is composed, not only of the Present and Past
 Grand Officers, but also of the Masters, Wardens, and
 Past Masters of all the private lodges under its juris-
 diction; and it appears to be quite unnecessary
 that the private lodges should repeat individually
 what they have already done collectively as con-
 stituent parts of Grand Lodge. Moreover, there is a
 certain etiquette to be observed in these matters, and
 addresses to the King should be forwarded either
 through the Home Secretary, or, if sent Masonically,
 through the Grand Secretary, who, by Article 218 of
 the Book of Constitutions, in all "business con-
 cerning Masons or Masonry" is the official channel
 of communication between the Grand Master and the
 Craft.

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We were in error in our Note of last week in
 announcing that the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, did
 not intend holding the customary banquet on the
 occasion of the installation on Tuesday, the 12th
 instant, of the W.M. for the ensuing year. We had
 information to that effect; but the banquet will be held
 as usual, as the arrangements for the late Queen's
 funeral will have been carried out.

Correspondence.

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

NUMBER OF LODGES ABROAD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to Bro. Hughan's notice of the "Calendar and Pocket Book" for the current year, surely he in error when he observes that there is a falling off of only *four* lodges Abroad, compared with the year previous.

As a matter of fact, the total decline is *thirty-nine* lodges, including the 35 that in March last year founded the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

However, it is quite easy to perceive that Bro. Hughan has inadvertently included in his calculation the 35 West Australian lodges which appear in this year's "Calendar" as a District Grand Lodge, in spite of the fact that they severed their connection with the English Constitutions nearly a year ago.

Being an official publication, one might reasonably expect the "Calendar" to be up to date, which it certainly is not in this particular instance.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

January 26th.

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VERBAL CHANGES IN THE RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Without entering into the question raised by Bro. Last, in your issue of the 19th instant, as to whether the words "fear" and "faith" have dropped out in our present ritual as now used by the I.P.M. at the closing of lodge, the evidence he gives seems reasonable that they were formerly in use.

As to the second part of his letter, the words he once heard interpolated undoubtedly rendered the otherwise ambiguous wording of the sentence clear enough; whether they, too, are relics of old time, I do not know.

As the sentence is usually given, it implies that "signs" can be sent; but if, as I have always held, a semi-colon pause be made after the word "signs," the true meaning becomes intelligible enough.—Yours fraternally,

WALTER GRIPPER, P.M., &c.

The Poplars,
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January 24th.

Reviews.

"PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE CALENDAR 1901."—This handy compilation is by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Herbert G. E. Green; the size being 10in. by 5in., and folded for convenience. The details are wonderfully numerous and complete, considering the space at command, both sides of the sheet being utilised. The 51 Lodges, 45 Royal Arch Chapters (*printed in red*), 16 Mark Lodges, 10 K. T. Preceptories, 4 Rose Croix Chapters, and other Bodies are all duly arranged, with their Numbers, Names, Places, Days and Hours of Meeting, Dates of Warrants, and Calendar for 1901 for each, besides other particulars. Subscribing members of the Lodges to 31st December, 1899, number 4287; the R. A. Chapters, 1603; the Mark Lodges, 544; and the K. T. 250.

"FREEMASONS' MANUAL FOR KENT, 1901."—This well-known and much appreciated annual is in its 24th year of publication, and is edited in quite a perfect manner by Bro. Frank Hitchens, P. Prov. G. Reg. (of Gravesend). There are 65 Lodges, with 4550 members (for 1900), about which will be found a very full account, as respects their Warrants, Meetings, Officers, Past Masters, &c., arranged systematically and to date of publication. So also as to the 29 Chapters, 20 Mark Lodges, and other Masonic Bodies. Besides these, there are the Bye-Laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge—Craft and Mark, the Provincial Grand Chapter, &c.—and the statements of the Provincial Grand Treasurers. The Votes in the Province for the Masonic Charities are duly detailed, as respects the Lodges and other Bodies, amounting to a total of 6174. Doubtless it would require too much space to give those held by the brethren, but surely the total might also be printed. During the six years, 1894-1899, the Lodges and members have subscribed the handsome total of £14,124. Finally there is a comprehensive Calendar of Meetings for 1901, in the preparation of which, and also of the Manual generally, Bro. Hitchens has done admirably, and deserves the hearty thanks of all the Province for his great labour.

Craft Masonry.

Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1. INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN DIMSDALE.

This lodge met on the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the installation of the W.M., who had been elected at the previous regular meeting. Bro. E. M. Morriss, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. Dimsdale, S.W. and W.M. elect; Colonel E. Pryce-Jones, M.P., J.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; C. Belton, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; B. W. Levy, S.D.; Newton Dunn, I.G.; George Rattcliffe-Steel, D.C.; Percy Leftwich, Stwd.; Henry R. Rose, Org.; Griffin, P.M.; Sir Homewood Crawford, P.M.; John Dimsdale, P.M.; E. Knowles, P.M.; John Brickwood, R. Reece, J. W. Burton, H. Holt, J. W. Chard, W. F. L. Hall, A. E. Bember, F. Wyburg, F. B. Edwards, H. T. Johnson, H. J. Waterlow, G. Horegon, H. Bucknall, A. F. Blades, W. J. Shaw, J. C. Bell, M. C. Lumley, R. J. Thomas, C. S. Lepine, Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; and Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton, P.A.G.D.C.

After the lodge had been opened and the usual formalities observed, donations of 10 guineas to each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, of 20 guineas to another charitable object, and of 10 guineas to another were voted. Bro. Ernest M. Morriss, W.M., then installed Bro. John Dimsdale, the brother of Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, P.M., and Past Grand Treasurer, as Master for the next 12 months. Bro. Morriss was invested with the collar of I.P.M., and the other brethren appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the year were: Bros. Colonel Pryce-Jones, M.P., G.S., S.W.; Benn Wolfe Levy, J.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Belton, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; Cecil Holden-White, S.D.; Newton Dunn, J.D.; Percy Leftwich, I.G.; George Rattcliffe Steel, P.M., P.G.S., D.C.; H. R. Rose, F.R.A.M., P.G. Org.; R. J. Reece, M.D., and Harold J. Johnson, M.B., Stwds.

The proceedings of the lodge were followed by a choice banquet, and the toasts which followed were interspersed with some pleasant music.

The speeches were of the briefest description.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was given by the W.M. simply in the words: "I give you the Queen and the Craft. The Queen: God bless her, God save her."

Her Majesty's illness was the guiding principle of the quietude observed during the evening.

The toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was simply proposed in three words.

That of "The Grand Officers"—of whom there were many present, including several members of the lodge—was replied to by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.

Bro. Morriss, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said the office of Master of the Grand Master's Lodge was a very responsible one. It required an apprenticeship in the Craft to carry out the duties of the chair properly. Bro. Dimsdale was initiated in the lodge 18 years ago, and he had successfully occupied the various offices to the satisfaction of the Master of the lodge. It was usual for a Master of the lodge to take the chair of another lodge first, but Bro. Dimsdale had chosen to wait until he was called to the chair of his mother lodge. He had, nevertheless, taken an interest in other Degrees of the Order, and had occupied several important offices in them. They all knew him to be a gentleman, a worthy Mason, and the brother of their esteemed Past Master, Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, who occupied the chair some years ago in an admirable manner. Bro. Dimsdale entered on his year of office when the lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and he carried with him the best wishes for a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Dimsdale, W.M., in replying to the toast, which was most heartily drunk, said he only hoped he would be able to carry out all the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. It was always his idea to do the work as perfectly as possible.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Plant, P.M. 31, and B. Martin, 10.

Bro. Dimsdale, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said that without the P.Ms. the lodge would be nowhere. The brethren knew how thoroughly well the I.P.M. had done his work during his year of office. He thanked Bro. Morriss for the splendid manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening.

Bro. Morriss, I.P.M., in responding to the toast, said it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to instal Bro. Dimsdale. On behalf of the Past Masters, he could assure the W.M. that they would give him all the support and assistance he might require during his year of office.

Bro. Steele, P.M., said he could not let the opportunity pass without saying how pleased the Past Masters were with the perfect way in which the I.P.M. had installed his successor.

Lodge of Justice, No. 147.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

A banquet was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 21st ult. to celebrate the completion of 100 years consecutive working. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Embleton Thomas, W.M., presided, and was supported by about 150 brethren and ladies. In a very interesting history recently compiled by the Secretary, Bro. W. E. Lilley, P.M., it is shown that the lodge was formed 20th January, 1777, at the "Fox and Goose," King-street, St. Giles's, London. The lodge, however, was not successful, and there is no further record until 1801, when the lodge was revived, and the minutes are intact from this date. The dormant lodge was revived by a Bro. Larkin, on 21st January, 1801, and was opened at the Baptist's Head, St. John's-lane, St. John-street, West Smithfield. The lodge was originally constituted as a military lodge, in connection with the West London Regiment of Militia, and its first name was the West London Militia Lodge. This at a subsequent period was changed to the "Jolly Potters' Lodge." In 1828 it was first known as the Lodge of Justice—the name which it still bears, its present No. 147—being given to it in 1863. The West London Regiment being quartered between London and Deptford will account for the frequency of the lodge's removals. Its favourite, or, perhaps, its most convenient place of meeting was the Trinity Arms, formerly called the "Three Jolly Potters," Church-street, Deptford. The removal from the White Swan, Deptford, to its present place of meeting, the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, took place on 13th January, 1897, during the Mastership of Bro. James Balsdon. In the early days the Master and officers were appointed every six months, and all officers were elected by vote of the brethren. On 11th December, 1818, it is recorded that the Master was elected for the ensuing 12 months—a new departure. The lodge has always been to the fore in Charitable work, and grants for doctors' bills and funeral expenses were recorded in 1807. An interesting item was the relief—to the extent of £145.—to two brothers, who were mariners belonging to the transport Eagle, which was taken by a French privateer. It was solely on account of their belonging to the Masonic Order that our distressed brethren were set free. The following sums stand to the credit of the lodge with the Masonic Charities: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—men £275 5s., widows £309; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £105; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £126. The following extract from the minutes is worth repeating: "4th June, 1805, a Brother was fined 1s. for swearing, but refused to pay. He afterwards paid; and swore again, saying that he would have his shilling's worth—for which he was again fined 1s."

At the centenary celebration the banquet was followed by a musical programme and several toasts.

"The Queen" was proposed by Bro. Rev. T. W. Embleton Thomas, W.M., who said that at such a time it was not a complimentary toast—for all their good wishes were for the health of their beloved Queen. They all loved her, and bowed down to her as a Queen and as a woman. One of our greatest Cabinet Ministers had referred to her Majesty as one of our two greatest statesmen. She had been a great power for good, and as a Queen had shown great judgment. The German Emperor had shown the greatest compliment that one sovereign could pay to another by leaving his bi-centenary festivals in order to express, by his presence, his sympathy to one whom he honoured as Queen and as one of his own relatives. In her womanly qualities her Majesty especially appealed to them, for who but a woman would ever of thought of allowing the soldiers to wear the green on St. Patrick's Day, and thus show her respect for their traditions; who, except a woman, would have thought of visiting Ireland but a short period ago, and thus showing her faith in the loyalty of her Irish subjects? As a woman her life had been noble and pure, and was at all times in sympathy with her subjects. They could only pray to the Almighty to spare her to reign over them, and grow more and more in the hearts and affections of her people.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was next given from the chair, and heartily received.

The Chairman then gave "Prosperity to the Lodge of Justice," and said they could not receive the toast unless they knew something of Freemasonry, and the ladies did not. He was precluded from saying anything Masonic, but this was a special occasion being their centenary, and although he knew perfectly well that the ladies were blessed with perennial youth, they would not celebrate another centenary of the lodge. Therefore he did not mind if he stepped across the broad path he ought to keep and told them a few secrets about Freemasonry. He did it for the reason that no lady present would ever utter a word to a single person outside. Freemasonry was in one word—a Society. If the ladies would be satisfied with that simple answer to a simple question it would be all right. What sort of a Society? A very old Society, existing for years and years—they could not tell for how long, but beyond the memory of man, and records. It was a peculiar Society extending over the whole world. What were their Principles? Their principle was love—the love for the brethren, and the sisters as well. They all thought there ought to be brotherly love and they were bound together in brotherly love with duties to be performed towards one another. Others might say they were Socialists. They were not, because he had heard it said that the principles of Socialism were "what is mine, is my own, and what is yours you must share with me." That was just the opposite to Freemasonry, the principle of which was, "what is yours is your own, and what is mine I will share with you if you want it." They would, therefore, see a great difference between Socialism and Freemasonry. The ladies would still not be satisfied and would ask what were their political opinions. They were thoroughly conservative with regard to their secrets, and good old liberals with regard to the feelings of others, and progressive concerning the welfare of the brethren. They combined all these things in one. He would say to the unmarried ladies "look out for a Mason," for if they had a good Mason they might be sure of a good husband. They were told they always had good dinners. Looking into the history of the lodge he found that in the old days the brethren regaled themselves with bread and cheese. They had improved upon that, but he could assure the ladies that the members had

practised self-denial in order to set before them the banquet they had had that evening. The ladies would ask "what good do you get out of Freemasonry?" They did not want to get any good, but wanted to try to do good to other people. He had now told them all about Freemasonry. If they tried to make other people happy, they could not help being happy themselves. He would say to the ladies—if their husbands or sweethearts did not visit them—do not "blow them up" if they had been attending a little dinner, because the ladies would not know what work they had done before that dinner. The members had not kept the centenary festival to themselves, but had enjoyed the company of the ladies, and he would ask them all to drink "Prosperity to the Lodge of Justice." What the lodge had done in times past had been for the good of mankind. It was doing that now and was succeeding and they would go on trying to benefit their fellow creatures and do good to all men.

Bro. John Freeman, P.M., replied as the senior Past Master present, after which Bro. J. G. Thomas, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. White, W.M. 2046.

Bro. T. D. Leng, P.M., next gave "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the sums given by the lodge to these Institutions. In addition to the sum of £815 voted by the lodge in the past 25 years, a Steward had represented the lodge every year except one, and on two occasions they had sent up three Stewards in one year. They had a Lodge Benevolent Fund and also a Centenary Fund, to which nearly £200 had been promised to assist Masons or their widows whilst seeking election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., responded.

Bro. W. Fielder, S.W., proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. T. J. Wooff, J.D., suitably responded.

The concluding toast was "The Chairman," given by Bro. J. Cook, I.P.M., in felicitous terms.

An excellent musical programme was given under the direction of Bro. Walter E. Dilley, F.M., Sec., in which the following artistes assisted: Miss Osborne Rayner, Madame Meredith Elliott, Master Walter Dilley, Miss Rosa Dilley, Bros. C. Ellison, Edward Davis, and W. W. Piggott, and Mr. Walter Hengler.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED COCKS.

On Wednesday, the 16th ult., the 133rd anniversary and installation meeting of this old lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. W. J. Derby, W.M., presiding, and among those present were Bros. Cocks, S.W.; Bulmer, J.W.; Lacey, P.M., Treasurer; Webb, P.M., Sec.; Griffiths, I.P.M.; Iggleden, J.D.; Mustart, I.G.; Moore, P.M.; Seddon, P.M., Org.; Higgs, P.M.; Jay, P.M.; Starnes, P.M.; Bayley, P.M.; Butcher, P.M.; Baillie, Brokenshire, Cole, Coffin, Frost, Fielder, Franklin, Gough, G. Higgs, J. C. Higgs, Jarman, King, Launday, Marshall, Norris, Naylor, Prebble, Reeve, Wallis, Jates, Parke, and Leuson (the last two being initiates). Visitors: Bros. Quicke, 1531; Busby, 733; Artley, 2625; Hopp, 1900; Diprose, 1853; Morby, 1853; Koperly, 1987; West, 55; Malchholm, 1950; Runciman, 511; Savill, 2427; Langfield, 1734; Kemp, 160; Armstrong, 1817; Waters, W.M. 27; Holland, 1306; Gisby, 1670; Peters, 2394; Kerfoot, 172; Chaffey, 1563; Lambert, 228; Knott, 1539; Harris, 2595; Stanley, 1851; and Cox, 2264.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. passed two brethren, and initiated Messrs. Parke and Leuson, after which Bro. Iggleden proposed that a sum of one guinea be given to the "Richard Eve" Memorial Fund, but on the suggestion of Bro. Webb that amount was raised to two and a half guineas. Bro. Alfred Cocks was then impressively installed into the Master's chair, the inner working being performed by Bro. Webb, while the I.P.M., Bro. Derby, delivered the addresses, and Bro. Lacey carried out the duties of D. of C., all in their well-known perfect manner. The W.M. appointed the following brethren to work with himself during the ensuing year: Bros. W. J. Derby, I.P.M.; J. H. Bulmer, S.W.; J. Iggleden, J.W.; C. Lacey, Treas.; C. H. Webb, Sec.; F. G. Mustart, S.D.; J. C. Dunningham, J.D.; Pacey, I.G.; G. H. Seddon, Org.; W. A. Sterling, D. of C.; W. Tidman, Asst. D. of C.; E. J. Wallis, E. Brokenshire, and F. R. King, Stwds.; and S. Ellis, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. briefly submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

After that of "The Grand Officers" had been duly honoured,

Bro. Derby proposed the toast of "The W.M." In doing so, he felt certain Bro. Cocks would make a most efficient Master, and ended by observing that during the previous two years the lodge had been augmented by no less than 23 members. He hoped their present W.M. would meet with an equally successful time during his year of office.

During the evening Bro. Derby was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and also with a solid silver cigar case, as a mark of appreciation from his junior officers. Both of these were suitably engraved, the latter gift being an entirely unexpected token of the good feeling evinced towards him.

The remainder of the speeches were necessarily curtailed owing to the capital musical programme provided, the artistes being Madam Clara Dowle, Miss Ada Stewart, Miss Emilie Dettmar, Bro. W. J. Derby, Mr. Adolph Fowler, Mr. Fred Wilson, and Mrs. C. F. Quicke, and Bro. H. Gisby at the piano.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LOVELL STEVENS.

The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual festival at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on the 21st ult., when Bro. Lovell Stevens, the S.W. of the past year, was installed as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being admirably worked by the retiring Master, Bro. W. Martin. The Masters and Past Masters present also included Bros. H. G. Giles, R.N., P.M. 1903, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Lashmore, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Cross, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. O. Longland, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. E. Aldis, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Jenvey, L. Steele, P.P.S.G.W.; T. G. Dacombe, P.G. Std. Br.; T. E. Smith, and J. Berry, all of the above lodge; Chaloner Shenton, 76; A. J. V. Bagshaw, W.M., and J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg., of 839; J. Lemon, P.P.S.G.W., W.M., and H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., of 394; N. S. Ashby, W.M., and Bernard Harfield, P.P.J.G.W., of 1112; J. Kellaway, W.M., and A. J. Brown, P.P.G. Std. Br., 1461; and E. A. Edwards, W.M. Lodge of Emulation, Eastleigh. Bros. C. Burch, W.M. elect 76, and C. A. Curtis, 1780, were also among the visitors. An apology was announced from Bro. T. King, W.M. 1780, and warm sympathy was expressed towards him in the anxious period through which he is passing, his wife, the sole witness of the tragedy in a South Western train last week, being still detained in hospital.

The following were invested as lodge officers for the year, viz.: Bros. W. Martin, I.P.M.; J. E. Adams, S.W.; A. Smith, J.W.; T. Lashmore, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Aldis, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Lisle, S.D.; A. E. Horton, J.D.; G. Cross, P.M., D.C.; G. H. Male, I.G.; G. A. Andrews, Org.; R. Bishop and W. R. Adkin, Stwds.; and W. Vane, Tyler. A vote of thanks to Bro. Martin for his services both as Installing Master and in the chair during the past year was accorded, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to him, and he expressed high appreciation of the compliment. The lodge business included a notice of motion to vote 50 guineas to the fund being raised to purchase, at a cost of £1500, a Perpetual Presentation to the Boys' School as a testimonial to the Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Beach, M.P., who is to preside at the annual Festival of the School in June next. The Prov. G. Secretary, in the course of the evening, gave some interesting details as to the progress of the fund.

The installation banquet, well provided under the superintendence of Bro. Cross, D. of C., was partaken of by about 80 brethren, the newly-installed W.M. presiding, and being the recipient of many "Hearty good wishes."

In the course of the evening a telegram was sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with their Grand Master in the illness of his Royal mother, and before the company broke up the W.M. received a reply from his Royal Highness, stating he was "very thankful for your kind sympathy."

Priory Lodge, No. 1000.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. G. JARVIS.

The installation banquet and ceremony in connection with this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on the 17th ult. The outgoing Master, Bro. E. G. Fletcher, was unavoidably detained by an important engagement until the evening, but

Bro. Chas. H. Bowmaker obliged him by carrying out the afternoon's work in a manner never to be forgotten by the brethren present. He installed Bro. J. G. Jarvis as W.M., and the new Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Brown, jun., S.W.; W. Y. Hobbs, J.W.; Rev. E. E. Kimber, M.A., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas. (37th year); Chas. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; J. H. Smethurst, S.D.; T. Byford, J.D.; T. J. Ralph, I.G.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. W. Wade and Oliver Trigg, Stwds.; and A. Martin, P.G. Tyler, Tyler (23rd year).

After the ceremony, the usual banquet was served by Mrs. Buxton and the hotel staff in a very satisfactory style, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The music during the evening was greatly appreciated. Mrs. A. Bathurst sang "The Valley by the Sea" and "The Children's Home," and in each instance was deservedly encored. Other songs were "The Basque Muleteer," Bro. W. H. Stevenson; "Far away," Bro. W. H. Judd; "I dare," Bro. F. J. Cumine; "To-morrow will be Friday," Bro. G. R. Dawson; "The Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond," Bro. Stevenson; "Three Jolly Britons," Bro. W. T. Darke; "The Village Blacksmith," Bro. Cumine; and the trio, "Peter Piper," was given by Bros. Judd, Bowmaker, and Stevenson. Two recitations, "A Change of Treatment" and "The Taking of Lungtungpen," were cleverly delivered by Bro. Valentine Hill; and Bro. W. Foster recited "Lasca." Bro. A. J. Hadrill, F.R.C.O., was accompanist, and Bro. Stevenson was musical director.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. BILLSON.

The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 25th ult. Bro. H. J. Grimwade, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers and members: Bros. J. Billson, S.W.; H. F. P. Inglis, J.W.; R. F. Young, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Charles Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Baddeley, P.P.G. Stwd., S.D.; J. Marchand, J.D.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D. of C.; Dr. Haskins, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. A. Cooke, Stwd.; H. Martin, P.M., Tyler; G. B. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. C. Collingwood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Mean, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. M. Rainsford, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Cranston, P.M.; the Rev. Emlyn Jones, Englehardt, Wheeler, Marsh, Bygrave, Hart, Smith, Terry, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, P.P.G.D.; Hill, and a few others.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the November meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. Billson was presented to receive the benefit of installation at the hands of the W.M., who performed the ceremony very ably and impressively, and Bro. Grimwade having been invested as I.P.M., the brethren below the rank of Installed Master were admitted and saluted their new W.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Baddeley, S.W.; Inglis, J.W.; Young, P.M., Treas.; Gray, P.M., Sec.; Marchand, S.D.; Cooke, J.D.; Englehardt, I.G.; Lewis, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; and H. Martin, Tyler. The other business on the agenda having been disposed of, lodge was closed, and adjourned till the last Friday in February.

The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshments, and separated at an early hour, the customary installation banquet being postponed till the February meeting.

Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 2555.

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at St. Budeaux. After opening the lodge, the W.M., Bro. C. Smale, announced that, in consequence of the death of the Queen, from whom the lodge derived its title, there would be no business done, although there was a candidate on the circular for initiation. It was decided by the members to send a vote of condolence to the Grand Master, King Edward VII., and Bro. Col. Edyvean, Prov. S.G.W., was requested to communicate this vote to his Majesty. The brethren sang hymns suitable to the event, and at the close Bro. Rev. H. J. Petty, acting Chaplain, recited a prayer, thanking the Great Architect of the Universe for the blessings of the reign of Queen Victoria, and invoking Him to watch over the King and Grand Master. The brethren then dispersed.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. S. COCHRANE, P.Z., P.G. TREAS.

This chapter held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd ult. Among those present were: Comps. Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, M.E.Z.; S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas., H. M.E.Z. elect; J. J. Birch, J., H. elect; J. C. Pratt, S.N., J. elect; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; A. B. Spawforth, P.S.; J. Cooper, 1st Asst.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; C. E. Birch, P.Z.; W. Radcliffe, P.Z.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C. Eng.; C. W. Mapleton, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.Z.; and R. H. Goddard, P.Z., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Lieut.-Col. W. Hart inducted Comp. S. Cochrane, P.Z., as M.E.Z., and Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., installed Comps. J. J. Birch as H. and J. C. Pratt as J. The officers elected for the year ensuing are: Comps. Collens, P.Z., S.E.; Spawforth, S.N.; Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Cooper, P.S.; J. M. Campbell, 1st A.S.; J. G. Q. Besch, 2nd A.S.; A. E. Samuel, D.C.; M. Woolf, Stwd.; Goddard, P.Z., Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Principal. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, I.P.Z.

The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Comp. Major Walls responded on behalf of "The Grand Chapter."

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in fluent terms by Comp. F. McDougall. In the course of his remarks he called attention to the many years that had passed since the M.E.Z. had allied himself with No. 3 Lodge and the chapter connected with it. It was a source of great satisfaction, both to the members of the lodge and chapter, when Bro. and Comp. Cochrane was elected Grand Treasurer of England, in conclusion he hoped that the M.E.Z. would have a most prosperous year of office.

The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the proposer of the toast for his kind remarks. Although the Fidelity Lodge was not his mother lodge, yet he was very proud of being a Past Master of it. The Fidelity Chapter welcomed him some 14 years ago as one of its children, and the members had done him the honour of electing him their First Principal. He was sorry to say that, in consequence of advancing years, indifferent health, and last, and not least, severe domestic trouble, he could not promise more than a regular attendance during his year.

The toast of "The H. and J." followed, and was briefly responded to by Comps. Birch and Pratt.

In submitting the toast of "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. particularly alluded to the valuable services rendered that evening by Comp. Lardner, whose excellent working of the installation ceremonies of the Second and Third Principals must have delighted all those who were privileged to be present. Comp. Collens was one of the most courteous and indefatigable of Secretaries, and he (the M.E.Z.) was pleased to see their revered and venerable Treasurer, Comp. Heming, present, and looking so well. In conclusion, he said that there were other Past Principals present who had done good suit and service in the cause, but time prevented him from coupling their names with the toast. He was extremely sorry that the I.P.Z. had had to leave in consequence of the serious illness of a near and dear relative.

This pledge having been warmly drunk and responded to, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 441.
INSTALLATION OF COMP. JOHN VAIL, P.P.A.G.S.

The half-yearly convocation was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The installation of the Principals took place at 4.30. Comp. John Vail, P.P.A.G.S. was (by dispensation) installed in the chair of M.E.Z., after being installed in the two other chairs; Comp. J. F. Symonds, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., continued the occupancy of the chair of H.; and Comp. F. R. Leach, P.P.G. Std. Br., was installed in the chair of J. The installation work was effectively carried out by Comps. B. Chennell, P.P.G.J.; S. H. Sharman, P.P.G.D. of C.; and H. King, Prov. G.J. Among the installed Principals present to witness the ceremonies, besides those named, were Comps. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; F. Piggott, P.P.G.H.; W. P. Spalding, P.P.G.J.; J. Sheldrick, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Royston, P.P.A.G.S.; H. E. Greef, P.P.G.S.N.; Dr. J. R. Green, P.P.G.P.S.; R. H. Adie, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Sindall, P.A.G.S.

Upon the admission of the companions, the newly-installed First Principal made feeling allusion to the death of the Queen. The officers elected in July last were then invested, viz.: Comps. J. Sheldrick, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg., Scribe E.; G. F. Knowles, Scribe N.; J. Vail, Treas.; J. Dempster, P.S.; F. W. Miller, 1st A.S.; C. Thompson, 2nd A.S.; J. Royston, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., D. of C.; E. E. Ing and A. R. Jennings, Stwds.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Janitor. The exaltation of three candidates followed, Comp. H. King now officiating. The work of the P.S. was admirably given by Comp. Dempster. After the historical and symbolical lectures, by Comps. Leach and Symonds respectively, Comp. Chennell delivered his charming description of the pedestal, and Comp. King impressively communicated the signs.

Comp. Vail then closed the chapter, and the companions dispersed, the banquet being abandoned in consequence of the death of the Queen.

Zetland Chapter, No. 603.
INSTALLATION OF COMP. JAMES CLOUGH.

The usual meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Bath-road, Cleckheaton, on Monday, the 28th ult., when a large number of visitors and members were present, the installation of the Principals for the ensuing year also taking place, the following being installed and invested: Comps. James Clough, M.E.Z.; Sydney Mortimer, H.; George Blackburn, J.; J. T. Last, P.Z., Scribe E.; R. F. Rogerson, Scribe N.; Dr. Chas. Forshaw, F.R.S.L., P.S.; H. Thornton, 1st A.S.; S. H. Petty, 2nd A.S.; Samuel Halliday, Treas.; and C. H. Powell, Janitor.

The banquet was afterwards held, but owing to the lamented death of her Majesty, no toasts, Masonic or otherwise, were given.

The Star Chapter, No. 1275.
INSTALLATION OF COMP. P. H. GARNER.

The above very happy convocation took place at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. Present: Comps. J. S. Targett, M.E.Z.; P. H. Garner, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. H. Edwards, J., H. elect; W. H. Smith, J. elect; Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; Charles Meierhoff, P.Z.; W. R. Barr, P.Z., acting S.N.; Charles Hy. Stone, P.Z., acting P.S.; G. G. Benedetti, P.Z.; J. H. Witty, E. F. Nash, R. Reid, and C. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor; and others. The visitors were: Comps. Hy. Cornford, H. 1901; and J. H. Cureton, P.Z. and S.E. 2182. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Thos. Bore, W.M. 1275, which proved unanimous, and he was exalted in a very impressive manner by the M.E.Z. The lectures were delivered by Comps. Charles Meierhoff, P.Z., as J., P. H. Garner, H., and Thos. Grummant, Z., in a very able manner. A conclave of First Installed Principals was formed, and Comp. P. H. Garner was installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. Thos. Grummant, P.Z. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Installed Second Principals was formed, and Comp. J. H. Edwards installed into the second chair by Comp. Charles Hy. Stone, P.Z. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Third Principals was formed, and Comp. W. H. Smith installed into the chair of J. by Comp. Woolmer Williams, P.Z. (the father of the chapter). The conclave was closed, and the companions admitted. The M.E.Z., Comp. P. H. Garner, invested his officers as follows: Comps. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., Treas.; Thos. Grummant, P.Z., S.E.; C. Meierhoff, P.Z., D.C.; W. R. Barr, P.Z., S.N.; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., P.S.; E. F. Nash, 1st A.S.; R. Reid, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Leber, Stwd.; and C. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor. In well-chosen remarks Comp. P. H. Garner, M.E.Z., next presented the I.P.Z., Comp. J. S. Targett with a P.Z.'s jewel for able services rendered during the past year. The I.P.Z., Comp. Targett very suitably acknowledged their handsome testimony.

The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329.
INSTALLATION OF COMP. ROBERT A. TIDMAS.

This happy event took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. Edwin Gauntlett, P.Z., M.E.Z.; R. A. Tidmas, H., M.E.Z. elect; H. Cornford, J.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C.; R. Elgar, P.S.; E. Vinen, Org.; W. Y. Andrews, Stwd.; G. Harrison, Janitor; Lieut.-Col. Vincent, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; V. T. Murché, P.Z.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; G. G. Benedetti, P.Z.; J. Barker, W. Andrews, J. E. Latham, J. Irwin, W. H. Barratt, J. P. Robinson, E. F. Giraud, W. Wratten, W. Smart, H. H. Prior, and E. J. Day. The visitors were Comps. H. C. Turner, 1589; J. Lightfoot, P.Z. 1901; and C. H. Stone, P.Z. 1275 and 1901.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. A conclave of Installed First Principals was formed, and Comp. Edwin Gauntlett, M.E.Z., installed Comp. R. A. Tidmas into the chair of M.E.Z. in a perfect and impressive manner. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Installed Second Principals formed, and Comp. Henry Cornford inducted into the chair of H. by Comp. R. A. Tidmas, M.E.Z., in a very able manner. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Installed Third Principals formed, and Comp. H. Cornford, H., installed Comp. J. E. Latham into the chair of J. in a highly commendable manner. The conclave was closed, Comp. Lieut.-Col. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., acted as D.C., and presented the Principals. The M.E.Z. invested his officers most impressively as follows: Comps. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; Robert Elgar, S.N.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; Perceval A. Nairne, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Major J. A. Thornhill, P.S.; W. J. Wratten, 1st A.S.; B. C. Hastwell, 2nd A.S.; Ernest E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., as Org.; W. Y. Andrews and H. W. Prior, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Janitor. A ballot was taken for Bros. J. Irwin, J. P. Robinson, and E. F. Giraud, which proved unanimous, and they were exalted into R. A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. The lectures were given by the respective Principals. The balance sheet was presented, received, and adopted, and showed the chapter to be in a flourishing condition. The M.E.Z., in a few very appropriate remarks, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to present the P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Edwin Gauntlett, I.P.Z., which had been unanimously voted for services rendered to the chapter and to their satisfaction, although during his year he had suffered a sad bereavement in which the I.P.Z. had their entire condolence. He hoped he would long wear the Past Principal's jewel. In most suitable terms Comp. E. Gauntlett most heartily thanked the companions for the many kindnesses received at their hands. He had performed the duties to the best of his ability, and hoped to continue to have their appreciation. A Past Principal's collar and jewel was also presented the I.P.Z. from the chapter. Charity, which is characteristic of the chapter, was exemplified fully in the sum of three guineas being voted to the Daily Telegraph Fund, and also notice of motion that the sum of £5 5s. from chapter funds be placed on the list of the M.E.Z., who was standing as Steward for the Girls' Institution. Comp. Perceval A. Nairne, P.G. Std. Br., in eulogistic and most loving terms, proposed "That the companions of the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329, beg leave to express to his Majesty King Edward VII., G.Z., their sorrowful and respectful sympathy in the sad bereavement which has befallen his Majesty and the Royal Family, and the Nation at large, through the death of her late Majesty the venerable and beloved Queen Victoria." This was most ably seconded by Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.A.G.D.C., and supported by the M.E.Z. At this juncture the Dead March in "Saul" was played in a very effective manner by Comp. Vinen, Org.

The business of the chapter ended, it was closed.

Instruction.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE, No. 1259.
ANNUAL SUPPER.

This pleasing event took place at the Eastern Hotel, Limehouse, on Thursday, the 17th ult., under the able presidency of Bro. Frank Adams, P.M., Asst. Preceptor and Treas., supported by Bro. G. Arnold, which was highly appreciated, and full justice was done thereto.

The toast of "The Queen" was given by the Chairman and duly honoured.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of Bro. J. W. Westmoreland, P.M.," and took the opportunity of presenting to him a silver tea service bearing the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Joshua Watson Westmoreland, by the Members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction, No. 1259, as a mark of their esteem and regard for invaluable services rendered. January 17th, 1901," subscribed for by the members.

Bro. J. W. Westmoreland, who has rendered yeoman service as Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, and Hon. Secretary to the Benevolent Fund attached thereto, suitably responded.

The toasts of "The Preceptor," "The Chairman," and "The Treasurer and the Secretary" were proposed in felicitous terms.

Each of those brethren responded, and acknowledged the kindly feeling of the brethren.

Several songs were rendered in good style to the satisfaction of all present by Bros. Geo. Parrett, P.M., Preceptor; C. W. Chandler, W.M. of the mother lodge; H. Warner, P.M.; R. O. Hinderwell, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, S.W.; T. Sweeting, J.W.; D. Gower, S.D.; R. J. Court, I.G.; C. Wakefield, A.D.C.; T. Lewthwaite, Stwd.; J. Timson, P.M. 781; A. Lucas, 781; J. Hannaford, 1716; J. May, W. Woolley, G. Arnold, W. Crabbe, C. R. Warde, Stwd., Sec.; and others.

An excellent supper was provided, and everybody admitted that a pleasant evening had been spent.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; H. J. May, S.W.; E. P. Fischer, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardymant, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; S. Cload, S.D.; A. E. Turner, J.D.; C. Nicole, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; Dr. C. M. Simpson, E. Lucas, J. Horstead, W. A. Evans, J. Graves, H. J. Kimbell, jun., C. J. Field, F. H. Johnson, A. Noel; and H. B. Harding, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Evans being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Evans again as candidate. Bro. May was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. C. J.
MARTYN, M.A., PAST G. CHAPLAIN.

Long Melford presented a mournful scene on Tuesday, the 15th ult., when the mortal remains of its late rector, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, were placed in the grave beside those of Mrs. C. J. Martyn, who pre-deceased her husband some years. In all the private houses the blinds were drawn and all shops and places of business were closed, while the whole of the inhabitants and a large number of visitors from surrounding districts and from places still further removed assembled in the church and at the graveside to pay their last tribute of respect to one whom they had all loved and revered during the years he had sojourned amongst them. The Freemasons of Suffolk and from elsewhere, of whom for so many years he had been one of the most distinguished members, were in great numbers, but there were also representatives of the Foresters, Oddfellows, Druids, Shepherds, and other friendly societies, which Bro. Martyn in his day had done so much to encourage and support. The body had lain in the chancel of the parish church during the previous night, and as the hour arrived for the obsequies to commence, it was borne outside the sacred building, accompanied by the choir and clergy in their surplices, and was then turned and re-entered, followed by a long procession composed of the chief mourners, the brethren, and the members of the different societies, already named, and other bodies.

Among the family were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martyn, Dr. and Mrs. White Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Lees, Master John Lees, Miss Martyn, Mr. G. Bennet, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Cook, Miss Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Martyn, Master Charles Martyn, Miss Enid and Miss Cecile Martyn, Master Ronald Martyn, Mr. W. Holmes, Mr. Flower Holmes, Mr. R. Denny, Mr. B. Preston, Sir Cuthbert Quilter, Bart., M.P., the Earl of Donoughmore, representing the United Lodge, Mrs. W. P. Eversley, Mrs. Keeling, Col. Barnardiston, Col. and Mrs. Matthews, the Rev. F. E. P. Bull, the Rev. H. Bull, the Rev. W. Bussey, the Rev. A. Parker, and others.

Among members of Grand Lodge there were present the Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A.), Bros. N. Tracy, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Secretary Suffolk; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Secretary Essex; and Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., and J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., the Secretaries of the Benevolent Institution, the Girls' School, and the Boys' School respectively.

The representatives of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk included: Bros. Arthur Grimwade, P.P.G.W.; James Bardwell, P.P.G.S.B.; Fred Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg.; John George, Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Stokes, P.P.G.P.; Rev. Barrington B. Syer, P.P.G.C.; Thos. B. Ardley, P.P.G.D.; Rev. Thos. Normandale, P.P.G. Org.; John B. Marchant, P.P.G.P.; Edward Sparke, P.P.G.D.; Charles Oliver, P.P.G.D.; G. F. Hawkins, P.P.G.D.; P. Morris, P.P.G.W.; Charles C. Vincent, Prov. G.D.; S. R. Anness, P.P.G.W.; James W. Harvey, P.P.G.W.; George Andrews, P.G.S.B., and many others, together with many officers of the Prov. Grand Lodges of Norfolk, Essex, &c. There were also present representatives of a number of Craft lodges and other Masonic bodies, among them being the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259; the Abbey Lodge, Bury St. Edmund's; the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823; the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury; the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich; the Adair Lodge, No. 936; the Perfect Friendship Lodge, Ipswich; the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516; Fidelity, No. 555; Virtue and Silence Lodge, St. Luke's Lodge, Ipswich, &c. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and there were some 200 or 300 who remained outside. When the first part of the service was ended, the body was again carried from the church to the graveside, where the body was reverently laid in its final resting place, amid the sorrowful regrets of all present.

A very large number of wreaths and other floral tributes were sent by the members of the family, friends, and different bodies with which the deceased had been directly or indirectly connected, among the brethren and lodges that thus evinced their respect being Lord Henniker, Prov. G. Master of Suffolk; the Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk; the Prov. G. Chapter of Suffolk; the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of East Anglia; Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G. Lodge of Norfolk; the W.M. and brethren of the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester; the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224; Prudence Lodge, No. 388, Halesworth; Bro. the Rev. Richard Peck, M.A., Past G. Chaplain; the Royal St.

Edmund and Abbey Lodges, Nos. 1008 and 1592 respectively; White Rose Chapter, No. 1008; the brethren of Mark Lodge No. 105; the W.M. and brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 939, Ipswich; the Martyn Chapter, No. 1224; United Lodge, No. 1629; the Grand Secretary (Bro. E. Letchworth); the Boys' and Girls' Schools and Benevolent Institution, of all three of which the deceased was a Patron; Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham; St. Luke's Lodge, No. 225, Ipswich; Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich; British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich; the Abif Lodge, No. 2810, Saxmundham; the Earl of Donoughmore, &c., &c., &c.

The inscription on the coffin was as follows:

"Every day will I give thanks."
CHARLES JOHN MARTYN, M.A.,
 Clerk in Holy Orders,
 Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen,
 Rector of Daglingworth, Gloucestershire,
 Formerly Rector of Long Melford,
 Past Grand Chaplain, Freemasons of England,
 Chaplain of Order of St. John of Jerusalem.
 Born Jan. 14th, 1836.
 Died Jan. 7th, 1901.
 "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. BROOKE LAMBERT, P.G.C.

The death took place on Friday last of Bro. the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A. D.C.L., Vicar of Greenwich, after a short and painful illness, at the age of 67 years. He was educated at Brighton College and Oxford, and was curate at Preston, Worcester, Hillingdon, and St. Mark's, Whitechapel. He was appointed vicar of the last-named church, curate-in-charge of Rainhill, Lancs., vicar of Tamworth, and curate-in-charge of St. Jude's, Whitechapel. Twenty-one years ago Mr. Gladstone offered him the living of Greenwich, which is of the annual value of £1100. He was Educational Secretary of the Social Science Association, a member of the London University Extension Society, and of the Departmental Committees on Poor Law Schools, 1894-96, and Industrial Schools, 1895-97. Besides being a contributor to the *Contemporary Review*, Bro. Lambert was the author of "Sermons on Pauperism" and "Sermons on the Lord's Prayer." He was Governor of the Sutton Poor-Law Schools and member of the Greenwich Board of Guardians. He was initiated in the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, Tamworth, on the 13th August, 1873, and five years later had the honour of being installed as Worshipful Master. In 1877 he joined the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1644, Birmingham, and for the second time was elected and installed in the chair of K.S. in 1882. In 1880 he was elected a joining member, firstly, of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and secondly, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, Greenwich, while the following year he became a member of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, which also meets in the same Metropolitan suburb, and in 1884 of the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041. He has thus been connected with half-a-dozen lodges, of which two are located in the Midlands and the others in or near London, his earlier services in provincial Masonry having been recognised by his appointment in 1875 as Prov. Grand Chaplain of Staffordshire. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Marmion Chapter, No. 1060, on the 12th November, 1875, and installed M.E.Z. on the 17th September, 1879, his services in this branch of Masonry having been rewarded with the appointment in 1878 to the office of Prov. G. Registrar. His last appearance in the pulpit was on December 9th, when he preached before the Mayor and Corporation of Greenwich. The remains were cremated at Woking on the 30th ult. The coffin was carried to the crematorium by clergymen.

BRO. SIR JOHN WILLIAM MACLURE, M.P., P.G.D.

Bro. Sir John William Maclure, M.P., P.G.D., who had been ill for some time, died at a quarter-past one on Monday morning at his residence, Whalley Range, from inflammation of the lungs. Up to midnight the family doctor had every hope of the patient's recovery, and it was shared by the doctors in attendance, who relied on Bro. Sir John's fine constitution. About that hour, however, a sudden relapse occurred, and he passed rapidly away. Bro. Sir John was the friend of all members, irrespective of party, and few more genial and popular men have been seen at St. Stephen's during the present generation. "John William" Maclure—he was known by his two Christian names all over Lancashire—was born in Manchester on April 22, 1835, and was the son of John Maclure, of Manchester, and brother of the Dean of Manchester. When his education, at the Manchester Grammar School, was completed, he settled down to business in Manchester as an insurance broker. A love of work and a remarkable catholicity of taste, however, prevented him from confining his attention to any one branch of industry; and his connection with a very large number of public companies must have kept him fully occupied. He found time, nevertheless, for much philanthropic work. He was one of the founders of the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association, and the Lancashire Cotton Famine Relief Fund, which he founded and practically managed, distributed more than a million and a half among the sufferers from the famine from 1862 to 1866. As churchwarden of Manchester, too, he raised nearly £50,000 for the purpose of restoring the old parish church, which has since become the Cathedral. He was trustee and treasurer of the Cotton Districts Convalescent Fund, a Knight of St. John, a Volunteer major, and a Justice of the Peace. He represented the Stretford Division of Lancashire in Parliament from 1886 to the time of his death. He was initiated in the Callender Lodge, No. 1052, Manchester, on the 14th June, 1866, and having made rapid progress through the minor offices was installed W.M. in 1870. In 1869 he assisted in founding the Travellers Lodge, No. 1253, and was elected a joining member, and afterwards became W.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 64. He was also successively Prov. G.D. and Prov. G.W. of East Lancashire, while as regards the Royal Arch he was exalted in the Social Chapter, No. 62, Manchester, and presided as M.E.Z. of a chapter. In 1893 he was appointed J.G.D. of United Grand Lodge. He was a Life Governor of the Girls' School and a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and served as Steward twice for the Girls' School, five times for the Boys' School, and at the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution in 1892, and on two other occasions.

BRO. ALDERMAN GAUKROGER, J.P.

It is with very deep regret we announce that Bro. Alderman William Gaukroger, J.P., expired suddenly at his residence, Fernside, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 15th ult. The sad news spread rapidly in the town, and created a painful sensation, for the deceased gentleman was moving among his friends apparently in his usual health on the day previously. In fact, he seconded the adoption of the report at the annual meeting of Messrs. John Crossley and Sons, Limited, and nothing in his manner then suggested that he was so near his end. The deceased was an ardent Freemason, having been a member of Probity Lodge, No. 61, Halifax, since his initiation on October 23rd, 1871. He held the position

of Master in 1878, and Treasurer in 1885 and 1886. He was also Charity Steward for his lodge for several years, and held provincial honour in the Craft, being P.P.S.G.D., besides provincial honours in the R.A. and K.T. Degrees. He was exceedingly well known throughout the province, and his genial and kindly recognition of his brethren in the Craft made him welcome at every function or gathering, and his memory will not readily pass away in West Yorkshire.

The high esteem in which he was held was demonstrated in a striking manner at the funeral on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. There was a very large attendance of business, social, and private friends. In point of numbers attending, indeed, it was the most impressive funeral procession that has been witnessed in Halifax for some time. There was a numerous muster of Freemasons, amongst the brethren present being Bros. H. Smith, P.G.D. Eng.; J. Dunning King, V.E.P. of the Knight Templars of West Yorkshire; and J. W. Mouchman. From Probity Lodge, No. 61, with which the deceased brother was especially identified in Craft Masonry, there were present Bros. A. Scott, W.M.; G. W. Baxter, W.M. elect; A. Arnold, A. Winks, J. Holdsworth, J. W. Balme, F. Fleming, G. Buckley, J. Duff, W. Emmott, W. Cash, W. Ackroyd, A. Morton, R. Shoesmith, the Rev. G. S. Smith, Chief Constable Pole, W. Wright, R. E. Nicholson, C. L. Kershaw, J. W. Shoesmith, W. Scarborough, and T. W. Fleming. Representing St. James' Lodge, No. 448, were Bros. C. E. Rose, W.M., J. A. Roberts, W. D. Shoebridge, Jonathan Jessop, T. Robertshaw, G. Tinker, T. Greenwood, H. Balme, J. Milligan, W. Crabtree, J. B. Brearley, W. Holdsworth, H. E. Riley, G. H. Longbottom, J. W. B. Winter, F. Spence, and H. Ackroyd. De Warren Lodge, No. 1303, was represented by Bros. L. Farrar, W.M., J. Seed, A. Alderson, L. Marshall, J. Bunce, and J. Douglas. Attending on behalf of St. John's Lodge, No. 1736, were Bros. W. Crossland, W.M., J. W. Daniels, and Gibson Dixon. There were also present representatives of Prince George Lodge, No. 308, Eastwood (Bro. E. Halliday); Ryburne Lodge, No. 1283, Sowerby Bridge (Bros. W. H. Thorpe and J. C. Bell); and Savile Lodge, No. 1231, Elland (Bro. Dr. Hoyle). The brethren each wore a sprig of acacia in their button-hole. Amongst the members of the Corporation, and others, walking in the procession were several who were thus distinguished. On arriving at the church gates, the procession was met by members of the Parish Church choir, surpliced, Archdeacon Brooke, and the Rev. J. F. Pechley. The choir numbered in all 42. Amongst the adult members were Messrs. J. V. Binns, A. Barnes, F. W. Fleming, J. Collins, W. Storey, F. Carter, E. Haigh, J. W. Greenwood, T. H. Hitchen, B. Beverley, W. H. Dunstan, G. Burke, O. Sykes, A. Blakey, A. Snowden, B. Calvert, G. Kershaw, C. Bowker, C. Sheldrake, E. Dawtrey, and D. Mitchell. Archdeacon Brooke recited the opening sentences of the beautiful burial service of the Church as the coffin, preceded by the choir, and followed by the mourners, was borne into the church and up the aisle into the chancel. There, almost covered by flowers, it remained whilst the service was continued. Several friends and admirers not in the procession were present in the church. Amongst them we noticed Major Edwards, the Rev. Dr. Hall, Mr. B. W. Jackson, Mr. W. Eastwood, Inspector Robb, Mr. N. Marshall, Mr. G. Barnes, and the Rev. H. F. Wonnacott. The accommodation remaining in the church, after those in the procession had taken their seats, was quickly occupied by members of the general public. Mr. English, organist at the Parish Church, was at the organ. The special psalms were chanted by the choir. After the lesson, read by the Rev. R. F. Pechey, the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was most impressively sung. Archdeacon Brooke then offered prayer.

SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Grey winter's growing older day by day—
 His snarls wax feeble for his strength is weak;
 Yet with expiring breath he seems to say,
 "On all my vengeance I will surely wreak."
 But heed we not his sullen, dismal growls,
 King Sol, his master, warmer grows each hour;
 And tho' he raves, and fumes, and frets, and howls,
 Far, far has fled his former trenchant power.
 The snowdrop comes and braves his tyrant wrath,
 And in the copse the daisy too, appears,
 Clearing the gloom from off our dreary path,
 And laughing at old winter's taunts and jeers.
 Sweet messengers of love 'mid jar and strife,
 Cheering the heart and brightening all our life!

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Industry, No. 186.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM SAMUEL PAGE, JUN.

The installation meeting of this centenary lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. The occasion was an especially interesting one, as by the kindness and courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Charles Smith, the opportunity was given to Bro. William Samuel Page, P.M., Sec., of installing his son William Samuel Page, jun., into the chair of King Solomon. A large number of visitors together with the brethren of the lodge assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed in the most impressive manner.

The W.M., in a perfect manner, invested the following officers: Bros. H. C. J. Edwards, S.W.; F. J. Sparke, J.W.; W. H. Hook, P.M., Treas.; W. S. Page, P.M., Sec.; C. H. Ennes, S.D.; H. Burton, J.D.; G. H. Menhinick, I.G.; C. Daniels and W. Brown, Stewards; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. Immediately after the delivery of the addresses, the sad intelligence of the passing away of our beloved Queen was conveyed to the brethren.

After a few words of reverential tribute, the lodge was closed, and an intimation conveyed that the musical entertainment would be postponed.

The brethren dined quietly together, and separated at an early hour.

Among the visitors were the following: Bros. Henry W. Lee, P.M. 2549; Edward J. Whitewood, 2771; C. E. Wellington, 309; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec. Essex; W. T. Thompson, P.M. 2157; W. Haynes Dunn, 1298, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Herts; A. P. Lye, P.M. 2822; J. Longhurst, P.M. 2157; H. Chalfont, F. Ling, 576; and Reginald J. H. Bodilly, S.W. 453.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

On Monday last, the 28th ult., the usual meeting was held of this lodge, the brethren appearing in Masonic mourning. The officers were Bros. Wm. Miles, W.M.; J. Genese, I.P.M.; C. Graham, P.M., S.W.; A. F. Serjeant, J.W.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; L. Weil, P.M., Sec.; S. Russell, S.D.; E. H. Parry, J.D.; Wm. Cooper, I.G.; G. W. Cooper, Org.; J. Poluk, P.M., D.C.; W. Geddes, Stwd.; and a small gathering of the brethren.

Lodge being opened, Bros. Thompson and Purvis were raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. Janisch, Woodley, and Da Costa, after being duly balloted for, were initiated. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a very admirable manner, and just before the closing of the lodge, he referred to in very sincere and feeling terms to the irreparable loss the Empire had sustained. The W.M. called on Bro. Poluk to read the Poet Laureate's poem, which was impressively done, all the brethren standing, and when the lodge was closed, the brethren sang "God save the King."

There was no banquet.

Masonic and General Tidings.

AT THE MOMENT of going to press we learn there will be a Special Meeting of Grand Lodge at Langham Place, on the 15th inst., of which brethren will receive notification by usual circular.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR preached in Canterbury Cathedral on the 27th ult.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., entered, on the 25th ult., upon his 73rd year.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE, M.P., has accepted the presidency of the Widows' Friend Society.

BRO. FIELD-MARSHAL EARL ROBERTS has consented to become a vice-president of the Bethnal Green Free Library.

BRO. F. J. HORNIMAN, M.P., is prolonging his tour in Egypt, and does not intend to return to England until the second week in February.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR will preside at the Holborn Restaurant to-morrow (Saturday), over the 18th annual dinner of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

BRO. W. S. PENLEY, who has been suffering from pneumonia, following upon an attack of influenza, is now considered by his medical attendants to be out of danger.

LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD.—Her Grace Lily, Duchess of Marlborough, has made a gift of £1000 to Dorking Cottage Hospital, in memory of her husband, the late Lord William Beresford.

THE 6th annual ladies' banquet and dance (under the auspices of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548), arranged to be held at Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 6th inst., has been postponed indefinitely.

BRO. COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL, who has seen nearly 55 years' service at the Guildhall, retired on a pension of the 25th ult., much to the regret of those employed in the Chamberlain's department.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR and Dr. Joseph Parker are among the signatories of a letter suggesting that children's national memorial services should be held throughout Great Britain and the Colonies on the afternoon of Sunday, the 3rd prox., at three o'clock.

UNDER the chairmanship of Bro. Thomas Ca tling, the Urban Club held their first dinner of the century at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, recently. The guests included Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar, and the Rev. E. C. Hawkins.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON.—Chairmen of Committees.—The Chief Commoner, which position has fallen to Bro. T. Hastings Miller; Bro. T. H. Brooke Hitching, J.P., the General Purposes Committee; and Bro. Deputy Walford, the West Ham Park Committee.

THE CITY SHRIEVALTY.—At the approaching election of Sheriffs of the City of London, Bro. Alderman J. C. Bell, who is next in rotation among the Aldermen for the office, will come forward as a candidate. Bro. Alderman Bell has been a member of the Corporation since 1882, and was formerly chairman of the City Commission of Sewers.

IN CONSEQUENCE of the lamented death of her Majesty Queen Victoria, the Cinderella arranged to be held by the St. James's Union Lodge on the 15th prox. at the Freemasons' Hall in aid of the Masonic Charities has been abandoned. The Bohemian concert for the same object will take place as originally announced on March 22nd at seven o'clock, in the large hall.

THE ILLUMINATION OF THE HAGUE, in honour of the approaching marriage of Queen Wilhelmina, has been postponed from to-morrow (Saturday) to Monday, the 4th inst., on account of the funeral of Queen Victoria. The Duchess of Albany and the Princess Alice will not be present at the wedding festivities, owing to being in mourning for the late Queen Victoria.

AT A MEETING of the Ball Committee of the Burdett-Coutts' Lodge, No. 1278, on Tuesday evening, it was decided to abandon the ball and banquet arranged to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 13th instant. In order that the Masonic Charities may not suffer, and so that the ladies will not be disappointed, it was arranged to have a summer outing towards the end of June.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S APPEAL.—A pressing application having been received from the Cape Colony Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, a further sum of £1000 (making together £5000 since the commencement of the war) has been remitted by wire by Colonel Gildea. Nearly £2000 of this sum has been given in relief to the wives and families of Colonial troops.

IN ADDITION to the memorial service at Westminster Abbey to-morrow (Saturday), at which seats will be allotted to members of the House of Lords, a special service for members of the House of Commons is to be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster. At St. Paul's Cathedral only one service will be held instead of two, and will commence at 12 o'clock. A special service is also to be held at Lincoln's Inn Chapel.

AMONGST THE latest contributions received at the Bank of England for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London is one of £250 from the Prudential Assurance Company (Limited); Viscount Boyne, £100; Seaton Delaval Coal Company, £52 10s.; Mr. Robert A. Druce, £30; Mr. John Young, 3rd Battalion Scots Guards, and "In gratitude for great kindness," £25 each; "An Irishwoman," £23 5s.; "An Edinburgh Citizen," Hon. Mr. Justice Kennedy, and "B," £20 each.

AN INFLUENTIAL DEPUTATION waited on Bro. the Lord Mayor on Friday last, at the Mansion House, to request him to nominate Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., J.P., for the office of Sheriff for the year ensuing. The Lord Mayor stated that he would have pleasure in acquiescing with the request. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall is the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Horace Marshall and Son, publishers, of Temple House, Temple-avenue, E.C., and 125, Fleet-street, E.C. He is a member of the Court of Common Council for the City of London.

SALE OF MEDALS.—An interesting collection of medals was dispersed at high rates by Debenham, Storr, and Sons, in Covent Garden, last week. A naval medal with three bars realised £25; another with bar for boat service £17 10s.; the Peninsula medal with 10 bars awarded to Captain Sewell (A.D.C. to Lord Beresford during the campaign), £24; a similar medal with five bars, Waterloo medal, and Netherlands medal awarded to Sir W. Whymper (surgeon to the Coldstreams), £25; another group with bars, Vittoria and Sahagun, and Benevente, £25; and a gold Derry artillery volunteer medal, £23.

THE PROV. GRAND SECRETARY OF DEVON.—The numerous friends of Bro. John Stocker, Prov. Grand Secretary of Devon, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the ancient city of Exeter. Not only as Prov. Grand Secretary, but also as Prov. Grand Scribe E. (P.A.G.D.C. of England), Bro. Stocker has done, and is doing, splendid work for the Province of Devon. Though the duties of both offices are of a very onerous character, so far he has declined any vote of money for clerical assistance, the whole of his valuable services not costing the Province anything, so that all the receipts go in full for the purposes of Charity. With 60 lodges and 30 chapters in Devon, it is not difficult to understand that the honorary Secretary of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter has his work cut out to attend to the duties of such a large province.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, held at the central offices, Gray's-inn-road, on Saturday evening (Mr. H. N. Hamilton-Hoare, the Treasurer, presiding), it was unanimously resolved, on the recommendation of the Distribution Committee, that a sum of £17,700 be awarded to the 107 participating institutions, viz.: 28 general hospitals, £6392 3s.; eight cottage hospitals, £165; 57 special hospitals, £4931 12s.; 31 dispensaries, £900 12s.; 17 convalescent homes, £1496; and 26 miscellaneous (including ambulance, distribution, and surgical appliance committees, also institutions for the gratuitous nursing of the sick poor in their own homes) £3805 13s. The awards were £686 6s. 4d. more than in 1899. The total receipts reached £20,222, being a slight increase upon the previous year.

BRO. G. BALFOUR is now convalescent, and was able to return to London on a Thursday.

THE DRAPERY TRADE are more than satisfied with the King's action in limiting the period of mourning.

BRO. WELLSMAN, C.C., W.M. 1745, S.W. 2834, P.A.G.D.C., has been elected chairman of the City of London Schools Committee.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to offer Mrs. Creighton, wife of the late Bishop of London, a set of apartments in the Palace at Hampton Court.

THE news from Cronberg about the Empress Frederick is much better. Her Majesty has been free from pain for some time, and her drives in the open air have done her good.

THE BURIAL of the late Mr. Basil Woodd Smith, J.P., D.L., formerly chairman of the Hampstead bench of magistrates, took place on the 31st ult., in the family vault in Hampstead parish churchyard.

A MAGNIFICENT WREATH was sent on Thursday to Windsor bearing the inscription: "From the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England; a token of heartfelt grief and of devoted loyalty."

THE INSTALLATION of His Excellency Lord Northcote as Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India took place on the 24th December, 1900, at the Freemasons' Hall, Colombo.

THE HON. SECRETARIES of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have been informed that a legacy of £1000 (free of legacy duty) was bequeathed to the fund by the late Mrs. M. E. Pate.

BRO. FRANK NEWTON, 1209, and of the Playgoers Lodge, No. 2075, has lately acquired the Imperial Hotel, Richmond, Surrey. He is well-known to us, and we wish him every success in his new undertaking.

THE LORD MAYOR (Bro. Alderman Green) and the Lady Mayoress are to preside at the annual meeting of the London Society for Teaching the Blind and at the distribution of prizes on Saturday, 27th April.

BRO. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., Secretary of State for India, was to have presided on Saturday last at the annual meeting of the Ealing Cottage Hospital, of which he is president, but the engagement was postponed.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR approves in a qualified way of the suggestion that the chief of the London diocese should be given the rank of Archbishop, and that a Bishop should be appointed for each of the boroughs.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE arrived at Portsmouth on Saturday evening last, and was the guest of Sir Charles and Lady Hotham, at Admiralty House, until Monday morning, when he crossed the Solent in the Alberta for Osborne.

AT THE Court of Common Council on the 31st ult. a vacancy was declared in the office of Secretary to the Guildhall School of Music, vacant by the appointment of Mr. Hilton Carter to a better position. The salary is from £300 to £350 a year.

THE annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Exeter, being presided over by Bro. G. C. Davie, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. Devon, and acting Prov. G.M.

BRO. LORD EGERTON OF TATTON, under medical advice, has been compelled, in consequence of ill-health, to resign the Chairmanship of the Royal Commission on the Port of London, as he is ordered to take complete rest from further work for some time.

TO-MORROW (Saturday) the ordinary train service in and out of Victoria Station will be entirely suspended between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and the station will be closed to the public. Additional facilities will be given to enable passengers to arrive at Victoria up to 9 a.m.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th ult., Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel G. Walton Walker, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, was installed Worshipful Master of the Foster Gough Lodge, No. 2706, by Bro. Pepper, assisted by Bro. Lord Dartmouth, the Provincial Grand Master.

THE gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society has this year been awarded to Professor Edward Charles Pickering, of Harvard College Astronomical Observatory. The medal will be presented at the annual general meeting of the Society on Friday, the 5th inst., at Burlington House.

MAORI CHIEF'S GIFT TO LORD ROBERTS.—Bro. Lord Roberts on Wednesday received through the Agent-General for New Zealand a valuable Maori merc, or tomahawk, of greenstone, sent as "a token of great admiration" by Tuta Nihoniho, an influential Maori chief, and his people.

AT ITS WEEKLY MEETING the London School Board unanimously decided to appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice Wills and Mr. Justice Kennedy in the case of Regina v. Cockerton, in which it was decided that the Board could not apply the rates to the maintenance of science and art classes.

IN THE EARLY HOURS of the 31st ult. Buckie Burn Bridge (N.B.) collapsed. It was only on Tuesday last formally christened by the Buckie Town Council the "Queen Victoria Bridge," in memory of our late Sovereign. The three arches, two of 25 feet and one of 34 feet, went bodily into the valley 40 ft. below.

BY THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN, the Church Army has lost a good friend, as for years her Majesty deeply appreciated the work of the society amongst the criminal, the outcast, and the destitute classes. All meetings in connection with the society's work have, wherever possible, been postponed until after the funeral.

LOOSERED, no doubt, by the recent gale, the large flagstaff on the top of the historic church of Bray, near Maidenhead, has fallen and wrought considerable havoc. The Union Jack was at half-mast out of respect for the late Queen, and this came down with the pole, which brought with it a huge portion of the battlements and coping of the tower, the whole crashing into a large stone vault and completely destroying it. The vault was that of the late Mr. James Coombes, banker, of Windsor, who died early in the last century.

SIGNOR VERDI, the great composer, after several days of resistance, which proved his great strength, passed away about three o'clock on Sunday morning, at the age of 87. On Saturday evening last the aged composer was much better, and recovered consciousness. He smiled at those about his bed, and, although he could not speak, soon made them understand that he wished to have his hands washed. After this he seemed very satisfied, and sank again into unconsciousness. Early on Sunday morning he began to grow rapidly worse. He opened his eyes and made an evident effort to speak. He raised one arm as though in farewell, gave a sigh, and passed peacefully away.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS will miss Bro. Sir J. W. Maclure, the bluff, hearty, effervescent member who figured some years back in *Vanity Fair* as "the Whitehead Torpedo." Sir John, no doubt, was at times highly explosive; but he was armed with nothing more than a blank charge. It was impossible, indeed, to take him very seriously. Even Speaker Peel—who in his authoritative moods, as someone said, was enough to sour all the beer in the Kitchen Committee's cellars—found difficulty in keeping his countenance that day when he had to "reprehend" Sir John "in his place in the House" for something he had done as a director of the Cambrian Railway. Yet Maclure, despite his free-and-easy style and his sometimes embarrassing "asides" during debates, was an earnest and resolute man in the grain.

AN INTERESTING RELIC of the South African campaign (says the *Liverpool Mercury*) has just come into the possession of the present chief of a Mark Master Masons' lodge whose meetings are held in Liverpool. It is a beautifully designed and very heavy sterling silver snuff-box, whose Hall mark shows it to have been manufactured in England when William IV. was King. In the four corners of the lid, whose elaborate chasing is in parts worn smooth by long use, are engraved emblems of the sun, the crescent moon encircled by stars, the square and compasses, and the level. Then there is an inscription in the quaint right-angled characters of the Mark Masons' alphabet, and which when deciphered reads: "Presented to J. Calf as a token of affection by his wife." An inscription on the bottom reads: "J. A. Elton to J. J. Raaff, Friendship, 1—1—95." Raaff was a Boer who, it is believed, fell at Paardeberg, where the box was picked up by a British soldier.