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Institution. The day appointed for the Festival is Wednesday, the 26th June, while further particulars as to the place where it will be held, the number and distribution of the Stewards who have volunteered their services for the occasion, will be announced in due course.

As regards the claims of the Boys' School upon the support of the whole body of English Masons it is, we fancy, a 30 times thrice-told tale to recount them, but just now a greater degree of prominence than usual must be given to them. Thanks to the brilliant result of its Centenary in 1898, it has been found possible to give effect to a proposal first made by the late Earl of LATHOM, M.W. Pro G. Master, when presiding at the Festival in 1891, to remove the School from the crowded neighbourhood of Wood Green to the ampler site of between 60 and 70 acres, which was purchased at Bushey, near Watford, in the County of Herts, a short while before the 100th Anniversary. Strenuous efforts are being made to complete the erection of the new buildings, and from what the Treasurer has stated at the more recent Quarterly Courts of Governors and Subscribers, there is reason to hope that next year, or, at all events, early in 1903, the removal of the Boys from Wood Green to Bushey will have been effected. But this will, of course, involve additional outlay above and beyond what the generosity of the Craft has already provided for the erection of the new School. Apart from this, however, there is the annual cost of the Institution, for which provision must be made. The number of boys falls not far short of 300, and the annual sum required is between £14,000 and £15,000, while the permanent income, if we except the interest on what is held in reserve for building purposes, is only about £2500. There is, therefore, a round sum of £12,000 which must be raised, and the source to which we look for this supply is the Festival. Hence, we hope that next month's celebration, under the auspices of Bro. BEACH, will produce not only the sum absolutely required, but also a further amount that may be invested, and yield an addition to the very limited permanent income upon which the Institution relies for a part of its yearly expenditure. As for the manner in which the Institution fulfils its duties and responsibilities towards the boys that are placed under its charge, it is only necessary to refer to the successes of the pupils at the Cambridge Local and other Examinations for which they are entered. The failures are very few, but the proportion of those who pass, and a fair sprinkling of whom are awarded honours and distinctions, is overwhelming, so that those who contribute have the satisfaction of knowing that their donations and subscriptions will be well and advantageously spent. We shall have occasion to refer to the subject again between now and the last Wednesday in June. In the meantime we trust the efforts of the Stewards in the discharge of their self-appointed duties will bear good fruit, and that a few weeks hence it will be our privilege to record another great success in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

### THE "CONSTITUTIONS" OF 1767.

Bro. Millett, of the Lodge No. 1544, Camborne, has taken so much trouble in copying the title page and other portions of the "Book of Constitutions," A.D. 1767, to send me for my opinion as to its rarity and value, that I have ventured to send the particulars for reproduction in the *Freemason*.

### THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Two of the great Anniversary Festivals of the current year have been held with a success beyond anything that could have been hoped for or anticipated. As we remarked last week, the total of upwards of £25,000 which was raised for the Benevolent Institution in February was one not easily to be surpassed, yet at the Girls' School Festival on the 8th instant the Board of Stewards went one better, the "one" in this instance being £1000 and upwards. Thus taking the Returns at these two gatherings, we have a round sum of £52,000, and there is not a brother, who whether he has or has not borne a part in the efforts which have resulted thus satisfactorily but must experience a just sense of pride at such a total. There now remains to be celebrated only the Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and we must all of us hope that a like measure of good fortune will attend its celebration. The omens are in all respects most favourable. Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., the experienced and respected Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—than whom it would be difficult to mention one who has rendered greater service to Freemasonry or exhibited a deeper or more enduring sympathy with its Charitable Institutions—has very kindly promised to preside. Bro. BEACH is one of our most experienced Festival Chairmen, having already acted in that capacity on four different occasions, namely, in 1870 and 1883 for the Girls' School, in 1877 for the Boys' School, and in 1887 for the Benevolent Institution. Moreover, the Province over which he has so ably presided for 32 years is one of the staunchest and most regular supporters of our Charities. Apart from what it did in support of its Prov. G. Master's presidency at the Festivals just mentioned, it figured prominently at the Girls' Centenary in 1888, the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892, and the Boys' Centenary in 1898, its greatest achievement having been at the last-named Anniversary, when with a band of 56 Stewards it was entered for the handsome total of £3239. Moreover, though by no means the strongest of our Southern Provinces, it has on its register a compact and well-organised array of 48 lodges, which will no doubt be only too ready and willing to avail themselves of this further opportunity of proving their loyalty to Bro. BEACH and their goodwill towards this particular

Now Ready.—The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1901. Price 1/-, by post 1/1½.

The quarto volume bears the following inscription; the lodge noted was formed in 1769, and erased in 1831, but enjoyed the right for its W.M. to wear the "Freemasons' Hall Medal" attached to the Square, from the year 1783 to its finale.

"William Underwood, Whitney,  
Past Master of the Lodge of Virtue 311

To  
Brother James Hiscocks  
Also Past Master of the  
Lodge of Virtue  
Free Masons Hall  
Bath."

In Bro. Kenning's Vol. 2 of the "Archæological Library (1899) will be found my "Constitutions of the Freemasons, 1723-1784, and 1815-1896," in which full particulars are given of all the editions of the Regulations published for the Grand Lodge of England from the first (quarto) in 1723 to the last in 32mo and 8vo, A.D. 1896.

The second edition was issued in 1738, and in 1746 appeared the same work, with another title page. These were followed in 1756 by the third edition, and the fourth in 1767. The latter was prepared by a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge held on 9th April, 1766, and 500 were printed for sale in 1767. It is rarely met with now in good condition, and should be one of the special features of any Masonic library.

W. J. HUGHAN.

[TITLE]

THE

## Constitutions

OF THE

ANTIEN AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons,

CONTAINING

their History, Charges, Regulations, &c.,

COLLECTED AND DIGESTED,

BY ORDER OF THE Grand Lodge FROM THEIR OLD RECORDS,

FAITHFUL TRADITIONS, AND LODGE-BOOKS,

FOR THE USE OF THE LODGES,

BY JAMES ANDERSON, D.D.,

AND

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IN THE VULGAR YEAR OF MASONRY 5767.

[DEDICATION.]

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
CADWALLADER LORD BLAYNEY  
BARON BLAYNEY OF MONAGHAN  
LORD LIEUTENANT

And CUSTOS ROTULORUM of the said County in the kingdom  
of Ireland.

And Major General in His Majesty's service  
GRAND MASTER of MASONS.

Right Honourable and Right Worshipful SIR!

The Committee appointed by and with the Consent of your Worship to revise alter and make Additions to, and to continue this book of the history and Regulations of MASONRY, having examined and completed the same, according to the trust in them reposed by the GRAND LODGE take this opportunity of assuring your Lordship, that duly sensible of the great honour done the FRATERNITY by your presiding over them, they are commanded by the diffusive Body of Masons to testify their Gratitude, Brotherly Love, and sincere Obedience to your Lordship, and to these Regulations published by your Command. In Token whereof we most dutifully request your permission to inscribe this Edition of the History and Constitutions of Masonry to your Worship, and to subscribe ourselves,

Right Honourable Sir!  
Your Lordship's  
True and faithful Brethren,  
THE COMMITTEE.

[AUTHORITY.]

### THE SANCTION

WHEREAS on November 25 1723, the Grand Lodge in ample form resolved, That no alterations shall be made in their printed Book of Constitutions, without Leave of the Grand LODGE.

And whereas on June 27 1754 the Most Noble Marquis of CAR-NARVAN, Grand Master, with his Deputy and Wardens and the Grand Lodge, did appoint a Committee to review and make such alterations and Additions, consistent with the Laws and Rules of Masonry as they the said Committee should find necessary to be made to the former Editions of the Book of Constitutions for the use of the regular lodges; which said alterations and additions were made accordingly and approved of, and recommended, by the Grand Master, Deputy and Wardens to the Fraternity as the only Book of Constitutions;

And whereas on the ninth day of April 1766 it was thought necessary by the Right Honourable Lord Blayney, Grand Master, with his Deputy and Wardens and the Grand Lodge, to appoint a Committee to revise alter, and make some additions to the last mentioned Book of Constitutions, consistent with the Laws and Rules of Masonry, for the use of regular Lodges: and whereas the said necessary alterations and Additions have been made and this new Edition of the Book of Constitutions has been published with great care and Fidelity, under the inspection of our said Committee:

We the present Grand Master, DEPUTY and Wardens do hereby recommend this our printed Book, as the only Book of Constitutions, to the Free and Accepted Masons; and disclaiming all others Books that have not the Sanction of the Grand Lodge we warn all the brethren against being employed or concerned in writing, spreading, printing or publishing any other Books relating to Masons or Masonry, and against using any other book in any Lodge, as a Lodge Book, as they shall be answerable to the GRAND LODGE.

BLAYNEY, GRAND MASTER  
John Salter Deputy, GRAND MASTER  
Peter Edwards { GRAND WARDENS  
Horatio Ripley {

SAMUEL SPENCER,  
Secretary.

### CONSECRATION OF THE SAINT ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 1817.

A Royal Arch chapter, to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. (St. George's Day), in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Order. The proceedings were to have been conducted by his Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C., Grand Superintendent of Essex (Recorder of Colchester), but his Honour is confined to his bed suffering from an acute attack of sciatica, and his place was filled by the Provincial Grand Scribe E., Comp. T. J. Ralling, those who assisted in the ceremony being Comps. Claude E. Egerton-Green (Mayor of Colchester), E. H. Baily, John J. C. Turner, Richard Clowes, Albert Lucking, and W. Hayman Cummings, Mus. Doc.

In opening the proceedings, the CONSECRATING OFFICER said he was sure they would all sincerely regret the absence of the Grand Superintendent, whose interest in this Degree of Freemasonry was well-known, and it was, he knew, a matter of keen disappointment to the learned Judge himself. It was about six years since a chapter had been added to the roll of the province, and as the chapter then consecrated was the 13th, it might be that that proverbially unlucky number had been blocking the way. To those who, like themselves, felt the value of this Degree, it was a matter for hope that the ceremony of to-day would lead to further occasions of this kind, as there were several strong lodges in the province that should aspire to the possession of a Chapter Charter, and the Grand Superintendent would, he knew, welcome any legitimate opportunity of extending the Order in a district where the Craft had, under the beneficent rule of the Earl of Warwick, so greatly prospered. As regarded the St. Andrew's Chapter, he was sure he might, on behalf of the Consecrating Officers and visitors present, say that they trusted the founders would realise the responsibilities of their position, and exercise great care in the admission of members. In their desire to extend the benefits of the Order, let them remember that the strength of a chapter did not consist in numbers only—a small and harmonious chapter, where each companion knew and respected all the others, was infinitely to be preferred to a large membership, in which there might be discordant elements. In conclusion, the Consecrating Officer trusted that they might be spared to visit the chapter from time to time, and find the traditions of the Order were being faithfully carried out.

The solemn ceremony of consecration was then performed in accordance with ancient custom. In the course of the proceedings, Comp. E. H. BAILY, Prov. G.J., gave an earnest and thoughtful oration on the nature and principles of the Institution.

Starting with the assumption that as Craft and R.A. Masons they had entered upon a progressive science, he urged that the circumstances of their admission laid upon them the responsibility, not only of living their own lives, by the help of God, according to the promises and professions they had solemnly made, but required them to apply the knowledge they had gained to the welfare of others, and they could do that in part by affording opportunities for the extension of truth and Masonic instruction in centres where those opportunities do not sufficiently exist. It was with that object that they were assembled to-day, and being authorised by the Supreme Grand Chapter, were proposing to establish a house—a resting place—a centre of light and instruction—to those who sought after light. Comp. Baily continued: Certain companions are to take upon themselves the responsibility of conducting this chapter, and to be succeeded in due course by others; and it is very largely to them that the companions as a body will look for the increase of the knowledge of R.A. Masonry and its application to the welfare of those who are exalted. Those Masonic secrets which are to be communicated and applied within this chapter will, I doubt not, be fully and faithfully made known from time to time by the officers of the chapter, and I would offer these general suggestions: Let us never lose the dignity of Masonry—discipline, deference—courtesy—those marks of training—order, organisation, authority and obedience to authority, for some must rule and teach and others must learn to submit and obey. That the interest in the work of the chapter may not flag the ceremonies should be rendered impressively, with dignity and with accuracy, not

only by the First Principal, though in his prominent position much is expected of him, but by all the officers, for one is dependent upon another. Let the Principals be well supported, their authority upheld, their orders carried out with alacrity. Let the officers as they advance year by year master their work and excel in it, not only in the perfection of ritual but in the attention to detail, for this is in itself a discipline. Let all remember that some preparation and thought are always necessary before coming to a chapter—the ceremonies will not carry themselves through, for Masonry is a living ceremony in which those who assist in the work and those who are spectators remind themselves of the obligations of Masonry. In chapter we acknowledge and we bear in mind the presence of the true and living God Most High. We open our chapter with prayer, we close it with an ascription to God on High, and we commend ourselves to His keeping on the Volume of the Sacred Law. Specific preparation for an apprehension of the ceremony and of the work to come before the convocation are necessary, or if they are wanting, the empty form, the absence of reality will do no good, but will bring harm to Masonry in failing to keep the interest of those who are equal to their work, or of the beginner who is eager to learn, all of whom have a right to look for correct and impressive work—work which is attractive and instructive. Then let all the members recollect the responsibility of selecting only fit persons for exaltation. Only those who are really interested, who really desire knowledge and desire it only for its service and its promotion, will be a credit to you. And let us maintain and promote the tone of our Order, remembering that the tone of an institution is the tone of the average member which is raised or lowered by the tone of the individual member. With these limitations and in these surroundings you will impart to others the light which you have desired and have found in R.A. Masonry. Finally our Masonic work is not an end but a means. We need not, and we do not, claim to be superior to those who are not within the lodge or the chapter, but as Masons, and by means of our ritual we are perhaps more frequently reminded than some people of sacred things, of reverence, and of God. Let us, as Masons, by means of our brotherhood and our advantages in Masonry, as well as beyond its borders, ever remember that "here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." May this chapter be to the advantage of Masonic life, and be so carried on in the years that are to come that it may be a credit, a help, and an example to all—with plenty and abundance, with joy and cheerfulness, with peace and unanimity, with fidelity and friendship!

At the close of the ceremony the CONSECRATING OFFICER suggested that a telegram should be despatched to the Grand Superintendent informing him of the successful inauguration of the new chapter, and expressing the sympathy of the companions in his illness, and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

This was done, and a reply of thanks was received from his Honour, and his best wishes for the success of the chapter.

Meantime two of the Principals designate—Comps. James Berry, M.E.Z., and Robert Ford, H., were impressively installed into their respective offices by Comp. Albert Lucking, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D. of C. The J. designate was unavoidably prevented attending.

The other officers were elected as under: Comp. Thos. Byford, S.E.; A. J. Watts, S.N.; F. England, P.G.S.B., Treas.; Elliott G. Fletcher, P.S.; G. Jacob and George R. Rowe, Asst. Sojs.; C. W. Barnard, P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; Wm. A. Kemp, Org.; Oliver Trigg, Morris Cohen, A. J. Marden, Oswald Trigg, Alfred J. Whurr, George P. Gozzett, and Percival C. Watts, Stwds.; and F. Slade, Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Consecrating Officers for their services, they were elected hon. members of the new chapter, and each presented with a jewel commemorative of the event.

Nearly 50 companions afterwards dined together, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

During the evening a capital programme of music was rendered, those taking part being Miss Florence Machin, Bro. W. H. Stevenson, Comp. C. H. Bowmaker, and Mr. Fred Wilson.

**CONSECRATION OF THE GRANVILLE CHAPTER, No. 1096.**

The consecration of the above chapter, under the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, Province of Kent, took place at the South-Eastern Hotel, Deal, on the 13th instant, the ceremony of consecration being most impressively performed by Comp. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z., Grand Superintendent of Kent, who was most ably assisted by Comp. Horatio Ward, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.J., as D.C.

There was a large attendance of companions, amongst whom were the following, in addition to those whose names are otherwise mentioned: Comps. H. M. Biggleston, P.Z. 31; J. Plant, P.Z. 31, Prov. G. Org.; J. Hosking, P.Z. 429, J. 127, Prov. G.D. of C.; H. G. Croncen, 184; J. D. Terson, P.Z. 199, M.E.Z. 2587, P.P.G.S.N.; E. M. Stevens, M.E.Z. 199; Solomon, 483; G. F. Busbridge, P.Z. 503, P.P.G.S.; S. Wagon, P.Z. 503, P.P.G.S.B.; D. T. J. Lyle, P.Z. 503, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Weller, P.Z. 503, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. M. Apps, P.Z. 503, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Cornell, P.Z. 503; G. Knowles, P.Z. 503; W. G. Head, H. 503; C. F. Bow, J. 503; J. Stapley, 1st A.S. 503; J. Wood, 503; W. Hughes, M.E.Z. 558; J. Kingsford, P.Z. 709, Prov. G. Reg.; A. F. S. Bird, P.Z. 784, P.P.G.J.; G. H. Denne, M.E.Z. 784, P.P.G.S.; T. de Brunnow Holmes, P.Z. 784; J. Edgar, J. 784; F. H. Browne, P.S. 784; S. R. Norman, Janitor 784; Austin, Prov. G. Janitor; F. England, M.E.Z. 1000, Treas. 1817, Prov. G.S.B. Essex; R. Cawley, J. 172; and Forrester, 599.

The Grand Superintendent, accompanied by the Past Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, having entered the chapter in procession, appointed his officers *pro tem.* as follows: Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G.H., as H.; Benjamin Snell, P.P.G.J., as J.; W. Russell, P.G. S.B. England, Prov. G. Treas., as S.E.; and Horatio Ward, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.G.J. (who kindly supplied the consecrating vessels), as D.C.; and the chapter was opened by the Consecrating Principals.

The Grand Superintendent and Prov. G.H. and Prov. G.J. having been saluted, the M.E.Z. addressed the companions on the motive of the meeting.

The petition and charter were read by the acting S.E., and the companions having signified their approval of the Principals designate, an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the acting Installing Principal, Comp. SNELL, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the musical portion being most ably carried out under the direction of Comp. T. Troman, Mus. Bac. Oxon, P.Z., who presided at the organ.

Comp. J. W. Court, M.E.Z. 503, was then inducted into the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. H. Chambers, P.Z. 2404, for Comp. Allan McIntosh, P.J.

2404, who has left the district, into the chair of H.; and Comp. G. Band, 2404, in the chair of J.

The investiture of officers was then performed by the M.E.Z., the remaining founders of the chapter, who will hold office during the first year of its existence, being Comps. C. Gladwell, J. 2404 Scribe E.; C. B. Wellden, 31, Scribe N.; H. Chambers, P.Z. 2404, Treas.; A. W. Court, P.S. 503, P.S.; T. A. Harding, 903, 1st A.S.; J. Parish, 2nd A.S.; W. T. Fisher, D.C.; T. Troman, Mus. Bac. Oxon, P.Z., Org.; and E. J. F. Hall, 2404, Stwd.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., a vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Superintendent and Consecrating Officers for the services they had rendered in the ceremony of consecration, and it was resolved that they become honorary members of the chapter.

The companions had partaken of an excellent lunch prior to the consecration, and the Grand Superintendent and other visitors expressed their entire satisfaction with the arrangements throughout.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.**

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held (on the invitation of the Britannia Chapter, No. 312), in the Church House, Flowergate, Whitby, on Friday, the 3rd instant, when there were present—Comps. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, K.T., Grand Superintendent; the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, 236, P.G.S.N. Eng., Prov. G.H.; Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, 312, Prov. G.J.; John Stevenson, 312, P.P.G.J.; M. C. Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Scribe E.; C. Tweedy, M.D., 236, Prov. G. Scribe N.; E. W. Purnell, 236, P.P.G. Scribe N.; J. W. Tindell, 1605, Prov. G. Reg.; Robt. McBean, 200, P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. Holloway, 602, Prov. Grand Prin. Soj.; Thomas Foley, 294, and Jas. Wildbore, 57, P.P.G. Prin. Soj.; Thos. Bell, 1248, Prov. 1st. Asst. G. Soj.; W. H. Attlay, 312, P.P.A.G.S., as Prov. 2nd Asst. G. Soj.; Edward Smithson, 312, W. A. Hutchence, 543, and Henry Watson, 734, P.P. Asst. G. Sojs.; J. T. Oliver, 312, P.P.G.S.B., as Prov. G.S.B.; Charles Gray, 734, and Jas. R. Lane, 294, P.P.G.S.B.s.; Geo. Leigh, 2134, P.P.G.S.B., as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Jas. Barton, 1605, P.P.G. Std. Br., as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Thos. Fidler, 543, and Burton Newbald, 312, P.P.G. Std. Br.s.; Jno. Geo. Wallis, 1511, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. J. Watson, 602, P.P.G.D. of C.; Geo. Petch, 1605, and Edward Ryley, 1605, P.P.A.G.D.s. of C.; R. W. White, 312, P.P.G.R., as Prov. G. Org.; Thos. B. Redfearn, 1511, Prov. Asst. G. Scribe E.; Charles Travess, 200, Prov. G. Janitor, together with many Principals, Past Principals, and members of the various chapters in the province.

The Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened in form, the Grand Superintendent, the Prov. Grand Second and Third Principals, and the Past Grand Officers of England were saluted with grand honours.

The opening hymn was then sung.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Comps. R. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E. Durham; T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Sir Joseph Sykes Rymer, W. H. Rose, P.P.G.H.; H. Onslow Piercy, Gilbert Wilkinson, H. J. Morton, Rev. C. E. L. Wright, P.P.G.J.; J. S. Moss, H. L. Swift, Jas. Milestone, P.P.G.N.; G. Potter-Kirby, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Lawton, J. T. Belk, S. Border, Geo. Bohn, R. G. Lucas, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Vernon Cooper, Col. H. F. Pudsey, L. P. Brekke, Fras. Creaser, H. Longford, M.D.; Jas. A. Brown, P.P.G.P.S.; G. W. Hudson, P.A.G.S.; Wm. Watson, P.P.G.S. West Yorks.; W. N. Cheesman, Arthur Jones, A. W. Cook, P.P.A.G.S.; W. Richardson, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Wimpenny, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. C. Godfrey, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Winterschladen, H. C. Clarke, J. L. Spetch, T. G. P. Barlow, T. M. Goldie, P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. Ridge, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Telah Harding, P.G.O.; J. R. Stringer, P.P.G.O.; H. Colbeck, M.E.Z. 250; J. Harrison, P.Z. 602; J. Bilson, P.Z. 1010; and J. Leach Charter, M.E.Z. 2134.

The minutes of the last Prov. G. Chapter, held at Middlesbrough, on 22nd May, 1900, were taken as read and confirmed.

The annual balance sheet, having been audited and found correct, was taken as read, and unanimously adopted.

Comp. Thomas Atkinson, M.E.Z. 312, was then unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer upon the proposition of the PROV. G. REG., seconded by the PROV. G.J.

Comps. T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.H.; and T. Gerard Hodgson, P.P.G.D.C., were then re-elected Auditors upon the proposition of the PROV. ASST. GRAND SCRIBE E., seconded by Comp. J. H. HARROWING H. 312.

The various chapters in the province then communicated.

The following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested. The Prov. Grand Third Principal was solemnly obligated:

- Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, P.G.S.N. Eng., 236 ... Prov. G.H.
- " E. W. Purnell (Lord Mayor of York), 236 ... Prov. G.J.
- " Michael Charles Peck, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., 250 ... Prov. G.S.E.
- " Thos. G. Milner, 57 ... Prov. G.S.N.
- " Thos. Atkinson, 312 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. A. Hutchence, 543 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " Jas. York Torr, 250 ... Prov. G.P.S.
- " F. W. Halliwell, 1611 ... Prov. 1st A.G.S.
- " W. R. Gensz, 602 ... Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
- " Percival Vernon, 1248 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " J. T. R. Miller, 660 ... } Prov. G. Std. Brs.
- " Geo. Rennard, 734 ... }
- " Jno. Geo. Wallis, 1511 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " William Ross, 294 ... Prov. A.G.D. of C.
- " J. W. Chapman, 1248 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " Thos. B. Redfearn, 1511 ... Prov. Asst. S.E.
- " Charles Travess, 200 ... Prov. G. Janitor.

The newly-appointed Prov. Grand Officers were saluted with grand honours.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:

Excellent Companions—After a lapse of eight years we again assemble in Annual Convocation in this pleasant and picturesque old town, which is most interesting alike to the antiquary, the artist, and the naturalist. The Freemason, too, may find ample material for his special study in Comp. Fox-Thomas's excellent histories of the Lion Lodge and the Britannia Chapter, under whose

auspices we meet to-day. These annual assemblies are very charming, for they bring together old friends, and we have the opportunity thus afforded of making new friends amongst those who have more recently joined our ranks. At the same time, we miss alas! many who were once our companions and fellow-workers who have been called from us, and retired behind the dark veil which hides immortal from terrestrial life. Death, the grand leveller of all human institutions, has been busy of late, and his dread arrows have stricken down several of our distinguished companions, who proved their great value in this province, and whose loss is, and long will be, keenly felt. Our E. Comps. W. H. Cowper, P.A.G.S. Eng., P.P.G.J.; Col. R. G. Smith, P.P.G.H.; and Andrew Farmer, P.P.G.S., held the highest places in respect to their Masonic work; whilst the sudden death of E. Comp. G. W. Speth, the Secretary of the famous Lodge Quatuor Coronati, will be severely felt all over the Empire. These were true brothers of the acacia, and their memories will remain fresh and green in the hearts of their sorrowing friends. In Supreme Grand Chapter the principal event of the past year has been the retirement of our M.E. First Grand Principal, King Edward VII., on his Majesty's accession to the throne. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught succeeds his Royal brother as our illustrious chief ruler, whilst the Earl Amherst, the Earl of Warwick, and M.E. Comp. Beach retain their several offices. It was intended to hold the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge on the 19th July, but as it is reported that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will be installed M.W. Grand Master in the Albert Hall, London, on the 17th July, I have considered it desirable to alter our annual meeting to Friday, 26th July, when I hope to meet a large assembly of brethren at Scarborough. There has recently been added to Freemasons' Hall, London, a fine Library and Museum, which is admirably adapted for the purpose, and will well repay a visit. Before I sit down I must express my best thanks, and those of the members of Prov. G. Chapter, to the Principals and companions of the Britannia Chapter for their kind hospitality, which has rendered our meeting so enjoyable. I may point out that invitations for next year's meeting of Prov. G. Chapter may be sent to the Prov. G.S.E., and will be duly considered.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT then proposed that letters of condolence be sent to the families of the late Comps. Cowper, Smith, and Farmer, which was seconded by the P.G.S.E., and carried.

The closing hymn having been sung, the Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

The annual dinner was held at the Crown Hotel, when Comp. E. Fox-Thomas, P.P.G.J., presided, and was supported by the Prov. G. Officers, and a select number of companions.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

### A MASONIC JUBILEE.

#### HENGIST LODGE, No. 195.

The Hengist Lodge, No. 195, Bournemouth, which was established at Christchurch in 1770, and transferred to Bournemouth on May 9th, 1851, celebrated its Jubilee as a Bournemouth lodge on the 9th inst. There has, we understand, been no festive celebration of the interesting event, but it is one, nevertheless, on which members of the lodge may be heartily congratulated.

A brief reference to the lodge's growth and development will not, therefore, be out of place in these columns. The history of the lodge was fully chronicled by Bro. C. J. Whitting during his Mastership in 1897, and referring to the pages of that interesting volume, we note that as far back as the 24th June, 1841, there was a Masonic gathering at the Belle Vue Hotel, members of the Hengist Lodge assembling with a number of brethren from Poole to celebrate the anniversary of St. John. Ten years later there was another meeting at the Belle Vue. The lodge had been in a condition of "suspended animation," but the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master, Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., was obtained for its revival and transference to Bournemouth; in the words of the historian, "it emerged from obscurity," and entered upon a new career which, practically speaking, has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. Of those who were present at that revival only two brethren now survive—Bros. D. Sydenham and G. H. Gutch (of Poole). The oldest member of the lodge, however, is Bro. J. Druitt, sen., of Christchurch, who was initiated into Masonic mysteries in 1839, occupied the chair in 1844 and 1845, and is the only surviving link with the old days at Christchurch. Next on the roll of seniority is Bro. W. B. Rogers, whose admission was 17 years later. The first initiate in Bournemouth was the late Bro. W. E. Rebbeck, and the roll of members includes most of the names that will be best remembered as pioneers of local prosperity. The last Mason initiated in Christchurch was the grandfather of the present Earl of Malmesbury, who was himself the first candidate to join this lodge in the new century a few months ago.

The Lodge of Hengist, we may add, is now the proud mother of two vigorous daughters in Lodge Boscombe and Lodge Horsa, and a third offshoot is a practical certainty of the near future. Our readers will, we know, join with us in the hope that when the Hengist Lodge celebrate their centenary in the borough (an epoch which, as a lodge, was duly honoured over 30 years ago) they will be in a still more prosperous condition.

## The Art Galleries.

Some very fine specimens of art are now on view at the Summer Exhibition of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours at 5A, Pall Mall East. The following include some of the most noteworthy exhibits: "Dawn," by H. Clarence White, P.R.C.A.; "Rainsborrow Crag Kentmere," by Cuthbert Rigby; "Tree Pionies" and "A Garden near the Thames," by Alfred Parsons, A.R.A.; "The Princess out of School," by E. R. Hughes; "Goatfell from the Sea, Arran," by Sir Francis Powell, P.R.S.W.; "Gudvangen, Sogne Fjord," by W. Matthew Hall; "Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon," by E. F. Brentnall; "A Sunny Morning," by Wilmot Pilsbury; "Welcome Visitors" and "The First Primroses," by Norman Tayler; "A Song of the Olden Time," by F. Smallfield; "A Study," by Edwin Alexander; "A Turn of the Wey" and "Under the Greenwood Tree," by Charles Gregoiy; "Daphne" and "Carina," by G. L. Bulleid; "In Arcady," by Miss Constance Philloti; "Quiet Evening," by Walter Field; "Begone, Dull Care," by W. J. Wainwright; "Springtime in the Midlands," by T. J. Watson; "Canterbury" and "Durham," by Albert Goodwin; "Primroses," by J. J. Hardwick.

At the Grafton Galleries, off New Bond-street, a very fine collection of South African pictures by R. Gwelo Goodman are now on view. The collection comprises pictures of the principal battlefields in the Boer War, including Colenso, the Tugela, Mafeking, Kimberley, Ladysmith, Majuba Hill, and Spion Kop. Of the remaining pictures special attention may be directed to those numbered in the catalogue as follows: 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 29, 30, 43, 57, 61, 73, 78, 81, 83, 86, 93, 97, 99, 115, and 118.

The latest addition to the Doré Gallery is "A Festival," painted in honour of Catherine de Medici by the celebrated Dutch painter, David Vinckenbooms. This picture is about 300 years old, having been painted between the years 1587 and 1623, and is one of the artist's best known works having been in the family of the Marquis Spero for upwards of 200 years, and has only just arrived from Naples. The scene which the painting depicts is exceedingly quaint—a *fete* in a garden of Dutch appearance, the enormous artificial hedges of which encompass an Italian villa. There is a lake in the centre, and groups of merry-makers in antique costumes disport themselves among the trees. The colours, especially the vermilion, appear as fresh as when laid on by the artist's brush; while the foliage of the trees would do credit to Claude himself, and the sky effects are also wonderful. The care bestowed by the painter on the complicated minutiae of his great work is truly marvellous.

Everyone who can possibly do so should make a point of seeing the real stone face of Christ, which is now on view at the Doré Gallery. This little stone, magically wrought by the hand of Nature alone into a simulacrum of the face of our Lord, with the crown of thorns on his head and great drops, as it were of blood, on the face, was casually picked up on Mount Kopsel, overlooking the Bavarian village of Ober Ammergau, where the celebrated Passion Play is enacted, by Mrs. E. J. Bacon, of Atalanta, Georgia, U.S.A. For eight years this lady had the little stone in her possession before she discovered anything remarkable about it, until one evening, under the light of a lamp, the wonderful portrayal of the likeness of Christ was accidentally discovered. Since then Mrs. Bacon, who has been a great traveller, has shown the stone to many in various parts of the world, but it is now, for the first time, on view at a public exhibition. Dr. Garnett, of the British Museum, and several leading geologists, guarantee that the impression on the stone is the work of Nature alone, unaided by art; indeed, the resemblance to the traditional appearance of our Lord is only perceptible when the light strikes it at a certain angle; at other times it seems quite an ordinary stone. The tiny projection which forms the eyebrow casts a shadow which resembles human eyelashes shading the eye beneath. The nose, beard, moustache, and contour of the face generally, are perfect. The stone itself is not more than an inch square.

## Craft Masonry.

#### Strong Man Lodge, No. 45. INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN BRIGGS, M.A.

The installation meeting of this important lodge—one of the most ancient in the Craft—was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 6th instant. There was a large gathering on this occasion, among the visitors being several G. Officers and Prov. G. Officers.

A few facts relative to the Strong Man may prove of interest. The chief founder of this lodge was the celebrated Thos. Topham, the original "Strong Man," the "Sandow" of the period. He was the landlord of an inn which stood on the site of the present Sadler's Wells Theatre. It is related that one morning as Topham was attending to his garden in front of the inn, a traveller on horseback drew near, who asked him the way to some place adjoining. Topham gave him the direction; the inquirer, however, did not understand it, so he repeated his question in a most offensive manner. Topham quietly approached the traveller, with both hands he lifted the horse from the ground, and pitched it and the rider into a field close by. We may mention, by the way, that an interesting article from the pen of Charles Dickens appeared in "Household Words" many years ago. The lodge jewel worn by the W.M., and transferred annually to his successor, represents Thos. Topham as an athlete, supporting the globe on his shoulders, as Atlas is fabled to have done. We cannot go into further details save that it has an unbroken record from 1733, when it was founded, up to the present time.

The lodge was opened on the 6th instant by the W.M., Bro. Thos. J. Burgess, those present included Bros. W. G. Mills, P.M.; William Briggs, P.M.; L. S. Fountaine, P.M.; C. Cordingley, P.M.; T. H. Roberts, P.M. 2502, P.P.G. Treas. Surrey; J. H. Beeny, P.M. 1797, P.P.A.G. Purst. Sussex; G. Masters, P.M. 1797; A. Cawley, W.M. 1797; R. Fairclough, P.M. 155; C. J. Ashdown, P.M. 1427; W. Vincent, 1194, Past G. Std. Br.; W. Purchas, P.M. 88, P.P.G. Reg. Cambs.; W. F. Wilkinson, P.M. 742; B. Chennell, 88, P.P.S.G.W. Cambs.; E. M. Money, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Steer, W.M. 1287; M. Meier, P.M. 2502; G. J. McKay, P.G.S.B.; and A. Dutton, P.M. 34.

The report of the Auditors was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Bond was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Wm. Briggs, LL.D., P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. Thos. John Burgess, who installed Bro. Briggs as W.M. of the Strong Man Lodge, who was pleased to instal Bros. Thos. John Burgess, as I.P.M.; E. J. Vidler, S.W.; Fredk. Bristow, J.W.; W. G. Mills, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Briggs, M.A., LL.D., Sec.; Henry Durell, S.D.; Arthur Hall, J.D.; D. A. Langdon, P.M., D.C.; E. M. Hall, I.G.; S. W. Heaton, Org.; J. H. Selmes, Bromley Hall, J. J. Berry, Arthur Davies, G. J. Ward, and A. G. Peckham, Stwds.; J. George Powell, A.D.C.; and Thomas Williams, Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to the Caledonian Room, and after a sumptuous banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and an elaborate musical programme was gone through before the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

#### Albany Lodge, No. 151.

##### AN INTERESTING CELEBRATION.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated their centenary on the 7th instant, at Newport, the occasion being made specially interesting by the attendance of a large number of Past and Present G. Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, though, unfortunately, the Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was prevented from attending, and his place was filled by his Deputy, Bro. E. Goble, P.G.S.B. Eng.

The brethren assembled at the hall in Lugley-street at one o'clock, the roll being signed by the following: Bros. E. Goble, D.P.G.M.; F. M. Burton, LL.D., P.M. 559; P.G.C. Eng.; H. G. Giles, 257, 1903, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; E. F. King, W.M.; H. E. Sharpe (vicar of Newport), P.P.G.C.; H. F. Grant; E. A. Swayne, J.D.; T. E. Porter, P.M.; E. Gibson Paris; H. Tait; G. Cox, P.M. 804, P.G.D.; W. D. Hutton; E. Herbert Morris; T. W. Faulkner, P.M., P.P.J. G.W.; F. C. Taylor; G. W. Ball; J. W. Davis; G. D. Darban; W. Thompson; G. Brown, P.M., P.S.G.D.; G. T. Shepard; G. J. Brady, P.M. 1037, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset; W. H. Long, P.P.J.G.D.; A. E. Marlow; F. W. Sargent; C. W. Buckland; J. H. Wavell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; B. Dicks, P.G. Std.; J. G. W. Jordan, P.G. Purst.; H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D.; H. H. Wheeler, P.P.S.G.W.; A. D. Allen; D. Chant, S.W.; Rogers, P.P.G.D.; F. Pincock; Roach Pittis; C. Alderslade, I.G.; J. W. Williams; P. W. Hardy; E. J. H. Wetherick; T. Ford; W. Garland, P.M.; H. Shepard; John Herbert; A. H. Brown; Lewis Colenutt, 1884, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Greenham, P.P.J.G.D.; and many others.

After the brethren had assembled, they sat down to a well-provided cold collation, under the presidency of Bro. E. F. King, W.M. of the Albany Lodge, after which a few Masonic toasts were given from the chair, the W.M. expressing great regret at the absence of the Prov. G. Master.

Bro. Dr. Burton, who was an initiate of the Albany Lodge, responded for the G. Officers of England; the Dep. Prov. G. Master for Prov. G. Lodge (proposed by Bro. J. G. Pinnock, P.M. 151); and Bro. Greenham for the visitors (proposed by Bro. F. Pinnock, P.M. 151).

The brethren then joined in procession, and wearing, by dispensation, full regalia, walked by way of Lugley-street, St. James'-street, High-street, and the Square, to St. Thomas' Church, which they entered by the west door. The weather, which was threatening in the morning, fortunately held fine, and the novel procession was viewed with interest by large numbers of the townspeople lining the pavements.

Prayers were read by Bro. H. E. Sharpe, Vicar of Newport, and the lessons by Bros. Richardson and Pickering. Special psalms and hymns and an anthem were sung, the musical portion of the impressive service being excellently rendered by a surpliced choir, a few of the members of which wore Masonic collars. The solo in the anthem was tastefully sung by Bro. Frank King.

The preacher was Bro. Dr. Burton (formerly curate of Newport, and now of Banbury, Oxon), who wore full academic robes in addition to his Masonic regalia, and whose text was, "And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Addressing his hearers as "Worshipful and well-beloved brethren," the Rev. Doctor said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to stand in that place to which he was accustomed during eight of the best years of his life upon so great and auspicious an occasion. It was a great occasion in the annals of Freemasonry, and particularly in the annals of the Albany Lodge. He had intended to say something about that lodge, but a brief history was to be supplied later on. Its warrant was dated the 9th of July, 1777, and was originally granted to a lodge held at Salisbury. In 1799 an Act of Parliament was passed to suppress secret societies, and the Freemasons evaded—should he say—that Act in a sense—by not demanding new charters, but applying for those of lodges which had become defunct, and this charter of the Salisbury Lodge came to the Albany Lodge at Newport, being issued on the 8th of May, 1801. They had then, to deal with 100 years—a mighty century. To the detractors of Freemasonry, and there were many, he would say, "Be careful what you do," for if they believed, and every Christian did believe, that the Almighty ruled all things, did they suppose He would have permitted an organisation to have continued so long in this mighty Empire to which had been entrusted so much of the surface of the globe, if it was an iniquitous and a wrong organisation. They had to deal with One from whom were all things and by whom all things existed, and He had blessed this organisation, and the presence of so many brethren in church that day was a proof of it. "This thing was of God, or it would have fallen long ago." What a glorious thing it was to be a Mason. Freemasonry was not a religion; a man might be religious and yet not be a Mason—nor a substitute for it—it was the handmaid of religion leading them to hope for higher things. "Excelsior" must always be its motto. Had the Albany Lodge done no good in the past? Right heartily they answered yes; and let them go on doing good. A Mason before all other men should understand that God seeth not as man seeth. He was so glad they had come to church as part of this festival. Having dwelt upon some of their duties as men and Masons, and spoken of the sense of responsibility which the celebration of a centenary should evoke, he said that faith, hope, and charity constituted Freemasonry. He alluded to the material good which the Masons had done in Glasgow Cathedral, Tewkesbury Abbey, and other places, to the fund raised for the Indian Famine, and to other efforts, and speaking to "the outside world," he said that Freemasonry was one of the most evangelical societies that he knew. It taught a man his duty towards God, towards his neighbour, and towards himself. Alluding to the large sums raised by Masons every year for benevolent purposes, he particularly instanced the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when over £140,000 was contributed, and added that on an average over £50,000 was raised every year.

The Doctor's discourse was an effort of gifted eloquence, and was listened to most attentively by a congregation which was not confined to members of the Craft.

The lodge room in Lugley-street not being sufficiently large to accommodate so large an attendance as was expected, a dispensation had been granted to hold a lodge meeting at the Star Hotel, whither the brethren marched in procession at the conclusion of Divine Service.

The W.M., Bro. E. F. King, occupied the chair, and after the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Frank King, P.M., read a brief historical sketch of the Albany Lodge. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then in a brief speech read the centenary warrant, and presented it to the W.M. to hold for the lodge, and said the Albany was one of the few lodges which had "Athol" written against its warrant date in the calendar. The W.M. duly acknowledged the warrant, after which Bro. D. S. Pring proposed, and Bro. Coombs seconded, a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M., which was carried and acknowledged. A similar compliment, on the motion of Bro. G. A. Brannon, seconded by Bro. Frank King, was accorded to Bro. Burton, LL.D., for his sermon, and after a few other formalities the lodge was closed in due form, and the interesting celebration was brought to an end, "high tea" being afterwards served.

#### Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when Bro. C. W. Chandler, W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. R. O. Hinderswell, I.P.M.; J. H. Wilson, S.W.; T. Sweeting, J.W.; Geo. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; D. Gower, S.D.; G. D. Lusty, J.D.; J. Johnson, acting I.G.; F. Adams, P.M., D.C.; C. R. Warde and J. D. Lewthwaite, Stewards; T. Noakes, Org.; J. Coote, P.M.; J. Omer, P.M.; J. W. Westmoreland, P.M.; J. Lusty, P.M.; H. Warner, P.M.; W. Woolley, E. Smith, S. Clements, J. Mankey, J. Martin, G. Arnold, W. May, J. McPhee, J. Longley, J. H. Holmes, W. Munro, P. G. Hart, W. Williams, J. Munro, W. H. Coote, T. Ewing, R. J. Court, I.G.; S. C. Friston, J. Harrington, F. Crookford, R. A. Hinds, G. Russell, R. Haslem, T. Fisher, H. J. Whiffen, J. Meeds, and W. D. Parsons. The visitors were Bros. E. W. Wickes, 1718; G. S. Bullock, 1524; H. Stone, 2184; P. Cronin, P.M. 1512; R. W. Ince, 1679; E. Brindley, P.M. 1382; R. H. Steed, 13; W. Dodge, 1472; F. Marsh, 781; J. Frampton, S.D. 1901; W. J. Nichols, 1599; G. Chivers, I.G. 65; Isidor Levy, 1366; J. Faulconbridge, J.W. 1382; W. Pugh, 1472; T. Chapman, 1382; H. Lawson, 1382; J. Templeman, 13; H. H. Jacobs, 13; P. Page, J.D. 1679; and J. W. Kendall, 781.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Haslem and Chapman and Lawson, of 1382, were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bros. Brettingham and Hinds were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which, a ballot having been taken, Mr. James Meads was initiated into Freemasonry.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the banqueting-hall, and dinner was served.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in a manner usually observed amongst Freemasons.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The sweet music interspersed made this meeting a memorable one, so far as the "Duke's" were concerned.

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

##### INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. SHIRES.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 10th instant, when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Hainsworth, W.M.; Turner, J. Shires, Geo. Smith, A. W. Fretwell, F. H. Buckland, Goldthorpe, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Stoddart, 371, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Robinson, 458, P.P.G. Purst.; C. D. Nicholson, 939, P.G. Purst.; T. Staniforth, 1482, P.P.G.W.; J. Franks, 1482, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Reed, 2078, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Langridge, 2078, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; and John Constable, 2259, P.P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. J. Shires, S.W., was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Buckland, who, in a perfectly correct and impressive manner, recited the ceremonial. Bro. Pawson gave the addresses, after which the newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Hainsworth, I.P.M.; C. Reasbeck, S.W.; J. Denison, J.W.; A. W. Fretwell, Chap.; G. Smith, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; J. Hurst, S.D.; F. King, J.D.; J. Charles, I.G.; F. H. Buckland, D. of C.; F. Duff, Org.; T. W. Turner, Almoner; A. W. Fretwell, Charity Stwd.; W. H. Ord, W. F. Furbee, G.

Fennell, and F. W. Daighton, Stwds.; J. Mason, Hon. Tyler; and J. Marsden and E. J. Pratt, Tylers. Bro. Hainsworth, on behalf of the P.Ms., presented Bro. Fretwell with his full provincial clothing as P.A.G.D. of C. (supplied by Bros. George Kenning and Son). Bro. Fretwell acknowledged the compliment in feeling terms, and thanked the brethren for their kind consideration and appreciation.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where the banquet had been prepared.

After having done ample justice to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and several songs and instrumental selections were very ably rendered.

It is worthy of note that Bro. Shires, the newly-installed W.M., was installed in the same chair 23 years ago, having been a Mason since 1871.

#### Ubique Lodge, No. 1789.

##### INSTALLATION OF MAJOR A. C. I. BOILEAU, R.A., P.D.G.M. NOVA SCOTIA.

The annual festival of the above lodge was held at the Criterion Hotel, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 13th inst. The W.M., Bro. Major-General F. T. Lloyd, C.B., presided, and was supported by Bros. Wishart, P.M.; Jenkinson, P.M.; Hansard, P.M.; Grose, P.M.; Shackleton, P.M.; Prewer, P.M.; and May, P.M. There were a large number of visitors present, including the following Past Masters: Bros. Godson, P.G.D.; Sanders, P.G.W.; Trendell, P.A.G.D.C.; Tower, P.D.G.D.C.; Parkyn, P.G.S.B.; Hopley, P.S.G.W. (U.S.A.); White, 2259; Nicholls, 700; Sinnett, 1536; Whitley, 571; and Hind, 183.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Bro. Field-Marshal Earl Roberts and several other distinguished officers and brethren. The following brethren were balloted for and affiliated with the Ubique Lodge: Bros. Major C. F. Hutchinson, R.F.A.; Major Barned Lewis-Barned, Kent Artillery; Capt. Nevinson, R.F.A.; Lieut. J. H. Gibbon, R.F.A.; and Lieut. J. L. Phillips, R.F.A. Q.-M.-Sergt. John Lloyd Evans, R.H.A., was then balloted for, and the ballot proving favourable, initiated. The ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. Prewer, P.M., assisted by Bro. Shackleton, P.M., as D.C. Bro. Major Boileau, the newly-installed Master, invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Major-Gen. F. T. Lloyd, C.B., I.P.M.; Col. H. M. Hozier, C.B., S.W.; Major H. L. Powell, R.F.A., J.W.; Capt. R. J. Wishart, R.G.A., P.M., Treasurer; Lieutenant J. Learmont, R.A., Secretary; Captain F. M. Rickard, R.A., S.D.; Captain H. Coningham, R.A., J.D.; Quartermaster-Sergeant W. H. Cameron, R.A., I.G.; Garrison Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Shackleton, R.A., P.M., D.C.; Lieut. W. C. H. Bell, R.H.A., A.D.C.; Major B. Lewis-Barned, Kent Artillery, Org.; Lieut. C. B. Wilkins, R.H.A., and G. Barlow, late R.A., Stewards; and C. Warren, late R.A., Tyler. Bros. Major G. S. Duffus, R.F.A., Captain H. G. Lloyd, R.F.A., and Lieut. J. W. May, R.H.A., were appointed Auditors, and were also elected to serve as a Reference Committee. The W.M. presented Bro. Major-General Lloyd, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, the I.P.M. acknowledging the compliment paid him in graceful terms.

Three propositions for initiation were received and one for a joining member, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where an excellent banquet had been prepared, during the course of which they were entertained by the performance of several airs by a portion of the band of the Royal Artillery, conducted by Sergt.-Major A. C. Mansfield.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Godson, P.M., P.G.D., responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers," expressed the gratification it gave him on that, as on many previous occasions, in the Ubique Lodge, to respond to that toast. He took occasion to commend the excellent working he had witnessed in the lodge, and the prevalence of that order which was to be expected in a military lodge. An important change had recently occurred in the Grand Lodge which affected the whole Craft. In consequence of the death of the Queen, the King was now their Protector instead of their Grand Master; but in his successor, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, they had a good man, a good Mason, and, as they knew, a good soldier, and they looked forward to the ceremony of his installation on the 17th July, which they all trusted would pass off with the greatest éclat.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past" was responded to by Bro. Colonel Bowles, P.D.G.M. Punjab, who referred to the advantages of Masonry to those belonging to a force, the members of which were dispersed throughout the world. Personally, he had, while in India, travelled over 1000 miles in the cause of Masonry alone, and had frequently travelled 48 hours at a stretch to attend a lodge. He was glad after a long absence to see the traditions of the Ubique Lodge kept up, and thanked them on behalf of the Provincial Officers for the way in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Major-General Lloyd, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which, he declared, was an easy toast to propose, since Bro. Major Boileau was so well-known—not only in the regiment—but in the Craft generally. His duties, he knew, would be fulfilled in a manner but few Masters could equal, and in wishing him a highly successful year he was sure he would see that the Charities were supported with goodwill and fervour.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and in his reply the W.M. referred to the new period beginning for Masonry with his Majesty King Edward VII. as their Protector, and for the lodge now that the country was emerging from the severe struggle in which it had been engaged. Their Commander-in-Chief was a gunner, and if he was not a member of the lodge now he soon would be. It was with regret they had received the letter announcing his inability to attend. Another matter he would like to mention was that the great wave of Imperialism which began with the war was being consummated by the enthusiasm with which the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York were everywhere received, escorted as they had been from port to port by his Majesty's fleet. One of the dreams of his own life had been the idea of Masonic federation wherever the Imperial flag waved, including his own beloved Canada. As regarded the lodge itself, he would like to see the meetings held oftener. As it was it took six months for a candidate to take the three Degrees, and in the army a man might be in another part of the world before that period had elapsed, or he might be dead and buried. He trusted that during the ensuing year they would support the Charities as they had done in the past.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Initiate," whom he welcomed as a member of the lodge. Bro. Evans had attained to the rank he held in the army by his talents and application, the exercise of which should make him a good Mason. He would give him the advice he always gave to every newly-made brother, to keep his face turned towards the East, and not to be content till he reached the Master's chair. Paraphrasing a famous saying of Napoleon's, he always liked to think every Mason carried the 47th Proposition in his knapsack.

Bro. Evans briefly responded, Bros. Townley, Sinnett, and Halsey replying to the toast of "The Visitors."

The toast of "The I.P.M. and other Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge" was responded to by Bro. Major-General Lloyd and the Installing Master, Bro. Prewer.

The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Col. Hozier, S.W.; Major Powell, J.W.; and Learmont, Sec. The W.M., in proposing the toast, mentioned that Colonel Hozier had been educated at Woolwich and Paris; had served in the Royal Artillery, Life Guards, and Army Service Corps, and at the War Office. He was Colonel of the Kent Artillery, and though at present unfortunately absent, he hoped he would soon fill the chair of the Ubique Lodge. The W.M. also paid a high compliment to the Secretary on the excellent manner in which his multifarious duties were performed.

Bros. Major Powell and Lieut. Learmont responded, the latter detailing some interesting statistics with regard to the lodge, which during the last two years had contributed £1121 to the Masonic Charities, besides £70 in private relief. It had been in existence now for 22 years past; during the past year the membership numbered 31 and 32 the second year. In 1897, they had 181 members, but only 170 during the past year. He hoped that this year they would number 200.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

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### Masonic Notes.

Yorkshire Freemasonry has been greatly in evidence of late. In our issue of last week we had the pleasure of publishing reports of the recent annual meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, both in the Craft and in the Mark Degree, while in the same issue we were able to show that it was represented to splendid purpose at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This week we give an account of the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire, which also took part in the Girls' School on a more

limited scale. In all these reports of the Provincial meetings it was made very clear that in both divisions of the great northern county the Craft in its most important branches is in a most prosperous condition.

As regards the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge, it was unfortunate that Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, was unable to preside, but his place was ably filled by Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M., who was well supported by Bros. John C. Malcolm, P.G.D., and Henry Smith, P.G.D., both Past Deputies of the Province, the Prov. Grand Officers, and the representatives of the lodges. In the course of his address, Bro. Wilson, reviewed at some length the events of the past year, the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, the accession of Edward VII. to the throne, and the election of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as M.W. Grand Master in succession to the King, necessarily occupying a prominent place in the record. Bro. W. Blackburn, Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province, in moving the adoption of its Report, described what the Province had done and was arranging to do for the Central Masonic Institutions, and what West Yorkshire had accomplished and would endeavour to accomplish in respect of the elections to the Schools and the Benevolent Institution. Subsequently a resolution expressing the grief of the Province for the death of the Queen, its congratulations to the King on his accession to the throne, and the pleasure it felt at the Duke of Connaught's election as Grand Master in succession to the King, who is now Protector of the Craft in England, was adopted *nem. con.*, while the Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of account showed that the Province was financially as strong as ever. The appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year virtually concluded the business portion of the proceedings.

The record for the Mark Degree is equally gratifying. The Prov. G. Mark Lodge met at Castleford on the 1st instant. Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M.M., in his review of the past year, had the very great pleasure of being able to show that during the last few years the Mark had made very great progress, the number of its lodges having increased from 12 to 17, while the membership was correspondingly greater. Bro. Mason referred with pride to the generous part which his Province had taken in the later Festivals in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and expressed the hope that it would continue its support in respect of future Festivals. New Prov. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, and before Prov. Grand Lodge was closed Bro. Mason was recommended unanimously to the M.W. Grand Mark Master for re-appointment as Prov. G.M.M. for a further term of three years.

As will be seen from our full report in another column, there was a very full attendance of companions at the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire, which was held at Whitby on the 3rd instant, under the presidency of the Marquis of Zetland, Grand Superintendent. The reports showed that the Royal Arch in North and East Yorkshire is in a satisfactory state, and his lordship had the pleasure of being able to congratulate those present on that position. Unfortunately, it was his duty to refer to the deaths of three prominent members—Comps. W. H. Cowper, P. Prov. G.J.; Col. R. G. Smith, P. Prov. G.H.; and A. Farmer, P. Prov. G. Soj.—by whose deaths the Province had sustained a serious loss; and, on his lordship's motion, letters of condolence were ordered to be addressed to the families of their late companions. The Grand Superintendent likewise referred in sympathetic terms to the great loss which Freemasonry generally had sustained by the death of Comp. G. W. Speth, who, from the organisation of the lodge till the day of his death, had filled the office of Secretary of the famous Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. In fine the meeting was a successful one, and the companions dined together before separating.

We are at last in a position to congratulate the Royal Arch Masons of Durham on the installation of Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram as their Grand Superintendent. The function was to have taken place in the autumn of last year, but the Canon's illness prevented the arrangement from being carried out, and it was not till Saturday, the 4th instant, when a special convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, for the purpose, that the successor to the late Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was

invested, and took upon himself the duties and responsibilities of his office. We trust he may be spared for many years to give his Royal Arch companions in the Province the benefit of his great experience in this, as in the other important branches of Masonry.

It does not often happen that we have the opportunity of publishing about the same time reports about Masonry in the North of England, but in addition to those which have reached us in respect of the Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark in the two Yorkshires and Durham, there has appeared one of the Prov. G. Chapter of West Lancashire, which was lately held at Garston, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom, Grand Superintendent. As regards the number of its private chapters, this is about the strongest Royal Arch Province in England, though the proportion of Chapters to Craft Lodges is lower than in West Yorkshire. Still it is satisfactory to know that both financially and numerically West Lancashire is very favourably circumstanced, and we have little doubt that the endeavours which are being made to strengthen the Royal Arch in the North will not be without their influence in the Province of West Lancashire.

Brethren interested in the preservation and study of the "Old Charges," and in particular of the largest collection of those valuable documents, domiciled in West Yorkshire, will rejoice to hear that His Majesty the King has accepted a copy of the "Beaumont MS." reproduction, which has been ably edited and published on behalf of that Province by Bro. William Watson, the Honorary Librarian. We warmly congratulate the indefatigable editor accordingly, and feel assured the gracious acceptance by the Sovereign of this, the latest reproduction, will be much appreciated in Yorkshire and wherever the collection is known and valued.

Two new lodges have just been added to the London roll, one of which—the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2840, which was consecrated on Friday, the 3rd instant, and has Bro. Alderman Sir A. Newton, Bart., for its first Worshipful Master—is intended for brethren hailing from the County of York; and the other which was consecrated on the 7th instant, under the style and title of the Middlesex Hospital Lodge No. 2843, has for its first W. Master, Bro. T. F. Burns, a Past Prov. G. Officer for Surrey. Both lodges have started under very favourable conditions, and we need hardly say that both have our sincerest wishes for their success. By the way, the W.M. of No. 2843, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, is reported to have said there were four other medical lodges in London, namely, the Æsculapius, and three that were connected with the Charing Cross, the London, and St. Thomas's Hospital respectively. He might also have included the Rahere, which is connected with St. Bartholomew's, and the Sancta Maria, with St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Thus the medical profession is very closely associated with Freemasonry.

We have no doubt that the regret which was felt by Comp. his Honour Judge Philbrick, K.C., and the companions of his Royal Arch Province of Essex at the former's enforced absence from the recent consecration of the Saint Andrew's Chapter, No. 1817, Shoeburyness, was mutual as between his Honour the Grand Superintendent of the Province, and the officers of his Prov. Grand Chapter. But sciatica is no respecter of persons, and Comp. Philbrick was unable to conduct the ceremony of inaugurating the new chapter. He must, however, have been delighted to hear that the proceedings passed off successfully, and that there is every prospect of the new chapter proving a worthy addition to those under his charge. There is still a regrettable disproportion between the lodges and chapters in Essex, but the consecration of the chapter at Shoeburyness is, at all events, a step in the direction of reducing this, and we wish it a long and useful career.

We have received a letter from Bro. W. Parsons, P.M., on the subject of our criticisms of a former communication of his relating to the election of candidates to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We regret we are unable to publish it in this number; but we promise him it shall receive due attention next week.

We have also to express our regret that for the same reason other communications and reports, including one of very great interest in connection with the recent distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, are held over for the present.

## Reviews.

THE DIRECTORY OF PAPER MAKERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM for 1901, is as invaluable to the trade as ever. It contains an alphabetical list of the paper makers of the United Kingdom, also lists of paper enamellers, paper makers' representatives, London wholesale stationers, and the grouping of paper mills in the various counties. The classification of makers with makers' names, trade designations used as water marks, and information valuable to the trade generally is published. Publishers: Henderson, Craig and Co., Limited, 97, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

In addition to the above, we have received the following new books, which will be reviewed in our next issue: From Messrs. Methuen, "The Redemption of David Corson," by C. F. Goss; "The Black Wolf's Breed," by Harris Dickson; and "Bunter's Cruise," by Charles Gleig. From Chatto and Windus, "East London," by Sir Walter Besant.

HOW TO READ THE WAR NEWS FROM CHINA, published by T. Fisher Unwin, price 1s., is a useful vade-mecum of notes and hints to readers of despatches and intelligence from the seat of war, with a coloured map and glossary of military and technical terms. There are also short descriptions of various places mentioned in despatches, notes on the customs, army and institutions of the Chinese, also short biographical sketches of prominent men among them, and among the Allies who have been opposed to them. To the newspaper reader who wishes to take an intelligent interest in the progress of events in the Far East, this little book will prove invaluable.

LA REVUE DE PARIS, London current edition, T. Fisher Unwin, price 2s., is replete with articles of interest to those who are able to enjoy French literature in the original. The serial story, "Le Cilice," is included in this number, and a new story by Paul Adam, entitled, "L'Enfant d'Austerlitz," is commenced, the scene of which is France under Napoleon. Not only is the story interesting from an historical standpoint, but it will evidently be of peculiar interest to Freemasons. The disastrous effects of revolutionary politics on Continental Masonry is abundantly demonstrated, and there are other points about this tale calculated to interest members of the Craft. There is a further very thoughtful article on the Triple Alliance, dealing more particularly with its second renewal, 1887-1891, from the pen of M. Billot, while M. Diehl writes of the dead cities of the East in a most readable manner, and takes special notice of the traces of French architecture in Cyprus and Rhodes. Character studies of the painter, Alfred Agache, and that quaint 18th century soothsayer, Catharine Théot, are sandwiched between a chatty article on the beginnings of the popular novel, and an account by Gaston de Ségur of a canoe-trip up the Wanganui River, in New Zealand.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. J. Miles and Co., 68-70, Wardour-street, a handsomely-bound copy of "Vagrom Verse and Ragged Rhyme," by Robert George Legge. Though unambitious in title, yet the verses are undeniably excellent, and are written with true poetic instinct, and the arrangement of metre is in accordance with the truest canons of art. A vein of philosophy, frequently sad, but never pessimistic, is apparent throughout. The poems worthy, in our opinion, of especial mention are "The Dream Birds," "Philosophy," "A Prayer," and last, though by no means least, "Wrecks." Other poems in this volume have been inspired by recent events, the War in South Africa, the death of the Queen, &c.

The Swan Electric Engraving Company have forwarded to us an *édition de luxe* of their latest publication "The Progress of British Newspapers in the 19th Century," which, in a form and style superior to anything hitherto attempted, gives a general view, in very readable form, of the progress of the great "Fourth Estate" during the last century. The history of the London papers during the period dealt with has been written by Mr. H. R. Fox-Bourne; that of the provincial papers by Mr. Alex. Paterson; that of the Scottish papers by Mr. Jas. Strong, and that of the Irish by Sir Jas. Henderson, Bart., Past President of the Institute of Journalists. The linotype has been used in the composition of the work, and the illustration of various newspapers, with portraits of their proprietors or editors, do infinite credit to the engraver's art.

"ONLY A WOMAN—CRUCIFIED," published by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall and Co., is by the authoress of "Checkmated" and other works. The view of life presented by this little volume is of a sombre hue, almost entirely unrelieved by any brighter tints than those afforded by the descriptions of the various places visited by the heroine in her travels, and one would fain believe that such characters as Dr. Spiritus, Colonel Walkett, and the Bar-Sinisters were merely creatures of the fancy, only that experience proves they have but too many counterparts in real life. The heroine, Eleanore Vernon, is the descendant of a noble Irish family, born in Australia, and, contrary to the traditions of her house, brought up as a Protestant. Dr. Spiritus and Father Freeman, both Jesuits, follow the heroine, who is a great heiress, with their persecutions, in consequence of her secession from the Romish Church. Their evil influence affects her married life adversely, and subsequently pursues her in her endeavours to substantiate her claims to the property of which her branch of the family are the rightful owners. The Jesuit finally combine with the Bar-Sinisters and their tool, Colonel Walkett, only too successfully, and Eleanore sinks lower and lower in the social scale till penury and madness are her portion, and she is finally murdered by Colonel Walkett.

"BY COMMAND OF THE PRINCE," by J. Lawrence Lambé, published by T. Fisher Unwin, price 6s. There are many novelists who constantly seek fresh scenes as the theatre of action for their plots, just as there are others who always lay the scene of their novels in a particular country, but it is some time since we read a work of fiction so absolutely fresh as regards the *mise-en-scène*, local colour, and contemporaneous historical events as is the work under review. The scene of the plot is in Bulgaria, for the most part, either at Sofia or Philippopolis, though occasionally it is transferred to Buda-Pesth. The author evidently knows both the country and the people intimately, and would appear to have been an eye-witness of the dramatic history of that country from its deliverance from Turkish rule after the Bulgarian atrocities of 1877, including the struggle for supremacy between the Liberals and Conservatives after the accession of Prince Alexander, the patriotism of the Prince for his adopted country, with the consequent estrangement of Russia, and the Muscovite intrigues which led first of all to the Servian War in which Prince Alexander defeated the late King Milan, the subsequent kidnapping of the Prince, his return, abdication, succession by Prince Ferdinand, the assassination of the patriot Stambouloff, and ultimate reconciliation with, not to say absorption by, Russia. The plot of the story is interwoven with the political events of the times. Detcho Boytcheff is the son of a Bulgarian brigand, educated for the army by Prince Alexander, and distinguished for valour at the battle of Slivnitza in the Servian War. Subsequently he joins the Russophil party, and is concerned in the abdication of the Prince, and on the triumph of Russia becomes a Court favourite and aide-de-camp at the Palace. When only a poor lieutenant he falls in love with a beautiful Austrian girl, a singer at one of the *cafés chantants* of Sofia. Their marriage is postponed until Boytcheff can pay his debts and attain to a position more secure. In the meantime a child is born, and, though a favourite at Court, partly indeed because thereof the debts increase, and Boytcheff marries the daughter of a wealthy priest in order to rid himself of them. The deserted mistress creates a scandal at the Palace which threatens to ruin Boytcheff, whose debts his rich father-in-law refuses to pay. Then follows the murder of the betrayed woman, the discovery of the crime by the united endeavours of the Austrian Minister and the murdered woman's fellow-singers at the *cafés chantants*, concluding with the execution of the murderer and his accomplice, the Prefect of Police. Whether regarded as a work of fiction or as a lucid explanation of the almost incomprehensible politics of the Balkan Peninsula, or both, "By Command of the Prince" is deserving of very high praise.

## Craft Masonry.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN HENRY WITTY.

This eventful meeting, which was unique in many ways, and also a record one, took place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 9th instant. A large assemblage of the brethren met to witness the installation of so worthy and distinguished a brother into the chair of K.S. Among those present were: Bros. F. Lewin, W.M.; H. Loveless, I.P.M.; John Henry Witty, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. W. Brading, J.W.; D. Varrall, P.M., Treas.; C. Clark, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Simmons, P.M., D.C.; J. E. Williams, J.D.; Thos. Wall, I.G.; E. S. Cockton, Org.; R. W. Pembroke, Stwd.; G. A. Ball, P.M. 1901, Tyler; Thos. Bugler, P.M.; Stephen Gunner, P.M.; Thos. Hales, P.M.; H. Pitt, P.M.; G. G. Beneditti, P.M.; T. G. Caulfield, F. H. Hall, E. E. Smith, P. Richbell, William Williams, W. J. Huntley, B. W. Cooney, H. Patience, Sidney Rowland, W. B. Tomlinson, A. Lesser, W. H. Scottorn, and H. T. Saunders. The visitors were: Bros. A. Akam, 871; T. H. Sewell, 1339; F. Berry, I.P.M. 211; G. H. Hall, 1339; Amos Oakdene, W.M. 2472; E. A. Waghorn, 2749; E. G. Platt, 1327; C. G. Hamley, S.D. 2426; Thos. Grummant, P.M. and Sec. 1559; N. Hudson, 147; H. Kemp, P.M. 862; G. D. Fairburn, Stwd. 30; Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622; J. Ellinger, P.M. 2222; M. T. T. Strang, J.W. 1981; C. Lloyd, Stwd. 1981; Wm. Shepherd, J.W. 140; H. C. Cuttriss, 217; W. H. Keeble, P.M. 615; J. King, 917; N. Courtney, 1507; F. G. Messent, 1922; E. Morratt, I.G. 1601; N. Palmer, J.W. 2750; F. Baggey, 2535; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 2372; W. H. Lunsdell, 1623; W. Lewis, P.M. 79; J. S. Pointon, I.P.M. 1901; and Charles Henry Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which showed the lodge to be in a thoroughly sound position with substantial balances on each account. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Witty, was next presented by Bro. W. H. Simmons, P.M., D.C., to the W.M., Bro. F. Lewin, to receive from him the benefit of installation, which was performed in a most exemplary manner in a full Board of 23 Installed Masters, the record number in the lodge. Bro. J. H. Witty, W.M., invested his officers in a capable and impressive manner as follows: Bros. F. Lewin, I.P.M.; G. W. Brading, S.W.; J. E. Williams, J.W.; D. Varrall, P.M., Treas.; C. Clark, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Simmons, P.M., D.C.; T. Wall, S.D.; R. W. Pembroke, J.D.; Wm. Williams, I.G.; P. Richbell, and B. W. Cooney, Steward; E. S. Cockton, Organist; and A. Ball, P.M., Tyler.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The three addresses were most impressively and perfectly rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. F. Lewin. A ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. Hy. Scottorn, which proved unanimous in his favour. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Witty, very kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Lewin, I.P.M., to allow him to initiate his friend, Mr. Scottorn, which ceremony was most ably rendered. Bro. W. G. Simmons, P.M., gave the charge in an admirable manner. The W.M. assumed the chair, and it having been announced he hoped to stand as a Steward at the next Boys' Festival, it was unanimously resolved—"That the sum of 10 guineas from the Benevolent Fund be placed upon his list." The W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, most gratefully thanked the brethren for the unexpected, yet highly appreciated, gift. A like sum was also mentioned to be placed upon a Past Master's list—Bro. Bugler—at the forthcoming Benevolent Festival, of which notice of motion was given. Such acts of beneficence speak volumes, and a lodge carrying out such principles might well be proud. Another record in the lodge was the presentation of a splendid banner by the I.P.M., Bro. F. Lewin, as a thankoffering to the lodge for his experiences during the past year. It was unanimously resolved—"That a most cordial vote of thanks be accorded him for his very great kindness in presenting the lodge with such a beautiful banner." In reply, Bro. F. Lewin said he thanked the brethren for allowing him to do so. The past year had been a very pleasant one, and he hoped that many such would be spent. He presented the banner as a thankoffering to the lodge, and he most heartily thanked them for so kindly receiving the same.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the third record in the lodge occurred, viz., never had such floral decorations been witnessed, the whole was perfectly enchanting—palms, daffodils, with the lovely creeper smilax in festoons all over the tables, interspersed with flowers, while every brother was provided with a beautiful button-hole in damask and blush roses. The whole arrangements spoke volumes for the master hand—the W.M.—who was so ably supported by his assistants.

The banquet, too, was all that could be desired, and Bro. Callingham, the proprietor, is to be congratulated upon the excellence of the viands and the expedition with which the duties were carried out.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the toast of "H.M. the King and the Craft" in loyal and patriotic terms. All knew the great service he had rendered to Freemasonry, and all were proud that he had graciously taken the title of Protector of the Order.

The toast was received right royally.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," the first time it had been presented in the lodge. He had done excellent service in Freemasonry, and the Order would go on prospering with him at the head.

In proposing the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they performed their onerous duties

with efficiency for the benefit of the Craft in a most self-denying manner, and they were no doubt the "Stars of the Country."

Bro. F. Lewin, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms proposed the most important toast, that of "The W.M." All the brethren with him wished the W.M. health and strength to enable him to carry out his duties during the coming year. He was a most zealous worker, and had succeeded the I.P.M. in every office year after year in a most capable manner, therefore, all could well imagine his great interest in the W.M. Since Bro. Witty's initiation he had taken the deepest interest in the lodge, and as each installation came round he had always provided the tables with beautiful decorations, but never had an installation meeting presented such a lovely display. He had the thanks that evening from every brother of the lodge for his great kindness. The officers were a most capable body, and he trusted the W.M. would have a most successful and happy year of office.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

Bro. Witty, who, on rising, received quite an ovation, said he had always been a worker and not a speech-maker, and should not inflict long speeches upon them either then or any other meeting. He was not born either a parson or a lawyer, but a plain blunt Yorkshireman. He was very thankful to see such an excellent array of brethren present, many of whom had witnessed his initiation in the lodge. That evening had been anxiously looked forward to for some years past, and sometimes he doubted if ever he should succeed to such an honourable position, but he had been encouraged by his dear wife to persevere, and he had done so, for she was a thorough Mason, and knew that he was always in good company among Masons. He hoped to have a good year, with plenty of work, so that he might fully justify their choice, and he most cordially thanked them.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "Bro. Lewin, I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said that during the last few months Bro. Lewin had rendered him most valuable assistance, and he was confident that the same would be extended during the coming year, for every young W.M. needed hearty support. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present the jewel so unanimously voted by the brethren for able services rendered to the lodge, and he was echoing the wish of every brother that he might live many many years, and wear the same in the Excelsior Lodge. He would ask the brethren to drink most heartily to the toast.

Bro. F. Lewin, in reply, said he was more than thankful for the many kindnesses he had always received from the brethren, and his sincere desire was that he might live for many years and wear the token of their regard and esteem. The W.M. could rest assured that at all times when his services were required he should be ever ready to give them.

The toast of "The Initiate" was presented by the W.M. in most cordial terms, and duly responded to.

In proposing that of "The Visitors," the W.M. said there was a long and influential array of 32 in number. The brethren were delighted to see them, and he gave them all a jolly good Yorkshire welcome.

Bros. Berry, I.P.M.; Thos. Grummant, P.M.; Isaac Dunn, P.M.; John Ellinger, P.M.; Jos. Pointon, P.M.; H. Kemp, P.M.; and Amos Oakdene, W.M. 2472, very ably responded.

The W.M., in appreciative and very laudatory terms, proposed the toasts of "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge," which were duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable and happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged, the artistes being Bros. C. Clark, Kendall Ward, W. Simmons, Thos. Grummant (Reciter), C. E. Nott (in Burlesque Sketch and Quick Change Sketch), loudly encored; Ralph Pembroke, Thos. Bugler, M. Strong (Reciter), and P. Richbell. Bro. E. S. Cockton, Organist of the lodge, very ably presided at the piano.

Bro. J. H. Witty, W.M., was initiated in 1894 in the Excelsior Lodge and served all the offices. He joined the Hortus Lodge four years since, in which he is J.D. He was exalted in the Star Chapter, No. 1275, and has filled each office with great credit and in which no doubt at the next convocation he will succeed to a chair. He was a Steward and is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and is standing at the next Boys' Festival. Professionally, the W.M. is a most successful horticulturist, and from his early boyhood "Excelsior" seems to have been his motto, for he commenced his apprenticeship in a nursery in Yorkshire, and step by step succeeded to the nurseries of nobility and even Royalty, H.R.H. the then Prince of Wales, and also at Buckingham Palace. His services are required very frequently all over the country and even on the Continent adjudicating at various floral exhibitions. He has also been a very successful exhibitor, and is the holder of many medals. Such a career would appear to have its well-merited reward in his attaining the chair of the Excelsior Lodge, and all wish him still further prosperity.

### Duncombe Lodge, No. 1486.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. J. WHITE.

At the last meeting of the above lodge, held at Kingsbridge, Devon, Bro. Robert Chase installed Bro. W. J. White as W.M. The charge to the W.M. was given by Bro. G. Hooper, and the charge to the officers and the brethren by Bro. J. R. Gill. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. C. Periton, S.W.; H. S. Nicholls, J.W.; Rev. T. C. Lewis, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Joseph Foale, Treas.; R. Chase, Sec.; E. Calkin, S.D.; T. Willing, J.D.; J. O. S. Cranch, Org.; G. E. Toms, I.G.; E. H. Boon, R. T. O. Robinson, and J. E. Isaac, Stewards; G. Hooper, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; W. K. Mundy, A.D.C.; and J. Lee, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Albion Hotel, when a large number of brethren assembled, the chair being occupied by the W.M., and the vice-chair by the S.W. About 20 brethren from Dartmouth attended.

### Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE RYAN.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was held at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, on Saturday, the 11th instant. Bro. A. J. Brickwell, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Burton, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; P. C. Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; F. Clark, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; A. J. Constable, P.M., P.P.G.Stw.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.W.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Sec. The visitors included the following Past Masters: Bros. Hardy, 1386; Pascali, 2090; Powling, 1472; Elgar, 1329; Cooper, 534; Budd, 2521; Haysler, 2521; Bates, 1507; and Barry, 1507.

The lodge having been opened, routine business was transacted, the Treasurer's report showing a balance of £45 to the credit of the Lodge Benevolent Fund. Bro. G. Bernard Gilbert, of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, was balloted for as a joining member and admitted. Bro. Geo. Ryan, the W.M. elect, was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being most admirably performed by the retiring Master, the solemnity of the proceedings being greatly enhanced by Bro. Brickwell's elocutionary attainments and impressive delivery. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. J. Brickwell, I.P.M.; H. Long, P.M., 79, S.W.; J. R. Hill, P.M., 157, J.W.; F. Clark, P.M., Treas.; J. Bruton, P.M., Sec.; M. C. Elwell, S.D.; J. Webster, J.D.; Dr. F. R. P. Taylor, I.G.; A. J. Constable, P.M., D. or C.; G. B. Gilbert, Org.; W. J. Crump, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., P.P.J.G.W., A. J. Dudgeon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and H. Johnson, Stwds.; and Martin, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Mr. George Day and Rev. Charles Major Jenkins were then balloted for as candidates for initiation, and the ballot proving favourable they were both duly initiated. The W.M. was elected to serve as representative of the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and propositions for a joining member and for an initiate were received. Bro. Thos. Ralling announced that he had been instructed by the Prov. G.M. to convey his thanks to the lodge for the assistance rendered at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution when the Province of Essex contributed the record sum of £4000. Before closing the lodge the W.M. presented Bro. A. J. Brickwell, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, and in doing so paid him a well-deserved compliment on the excellence of his work during his tenure of office.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the dining hall where an elegant banquet had been prepared for their delectation.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The King and the Craft," observed that as King they had only known King Edward a short time, but as Grand Master they had

known and honoured him for a quarter of a century, and trusted he would long be spared as their Protector.

The singing of the National Anthem was followed by the usual Masonic toasts, the W.M. coupling with the toast of "The Grand Officers," the names of Bros. Ralling, Clowes, Crump (first Mayor of Islington), and Lieut.-Col. Lucking, the last named being unfortunately absent, the first time for many years, through ill-health.

Bro. T. Ralling, in responding to the toast, observed that the Grand Lodge was standing on the threshold of a new epoch, and they were looking forward to the installation of a new Grand Master. Though they regretted his Majesty the King was no longer their Grand Master, yet they rejoiced that he was succeeded by one allied to him in blood and resembling him in the interest he took in the Craft.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. Walker, Clark, Bruton, Constable, Crump, Ralling, and Dudgeon, the last-named, one of the founders of the lodge, being unavoidably absent.

Bro. Walker, in response, expressed the Prov. G. Officers' appreciation of the rank conferred on them, and their consciousness of the duty devolving on them to do all they could to promote Masonry in the Province of Essex. He was glad to see the Tilbury Lodge in such a flourishing condition.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," complimented him on the pains he had taken to master the ritual and on the early age at which he had been elected to the chair.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his gratitude for the esteem in which the lodge held him, and for the enthusiastic manner in which the brethren had received the toast. While in the chair he would do the work to the utmost of his ability, and considered himself fortunate in being supported by principal officers who were all Past Masters.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," again took the opportunity afforded him of paying Bro. Brickwell a well-merited compliment on the success that had attended his Masonic studies and on his performance of the installation ceremony, which had been admired by all the officers.

Bro. Brickwell, I.P.M., briefly responded in suitable terms.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Initiates," assured the brethren that Bro. Day, whom he had known for many years, would make a true Mason; while he looked forward to investing Bro. the Rev. C. M. Jenkins as the first Chaplain of the Tilbury Lodge.

Bro. Jenkins commenced by expressing the pleasure it gave him to be able to rise as an initiate. There were two thoughts present with him during the whole of the ceremony he had just passed through which had never before entered his head, though he had been told many things about Freemasonry which he now found to be very wide of the mark—indeed, very far from the truth. (Laughter.) Regarding the ceremony he had just passed through from the aspect of a tyro, the first thought that had struck him was the majestic and solemn nature of the function he was taking part in. He had been present at many functions in his life before, but none of them were comparable to this for simplicity, dignity, and solemn majesty. The second thought that had struck him was what a wonderful spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship prevailed among those who were called Masons, and he looked forward with pleasure to the years to come during which he would be called a member of their dignified Order. He would try to attain to the high ideals placed before him by Masonry, and constitute another element of strength and unity of mind and soul.

Bro. Day also responded, pledging himself to do all he could to uphold the dignity and honour of the Order, and expressing the hope that he would prove of use to the Craft.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Bates and Harper, and that of "The Past Masters and the Officers" by Bros. Long, Clark, and Bruton, the last-named conveying an invitation to the lodge from the Earl of Warwick, Prov. G.M. of Essex, to be represented at a fête to be given by him at Warwick Castle on the 29th prox.

An excellent programme of music was rendered during the evening by Bros. S. Noble, F. G. Gilbert, D. Attwater, R. Dennant, and W. Edwards, the proceedings being brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

### Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399.

#### INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM STEER.

The continued progress of the above lodge, during the 10 years or so of its existence, is most extraordinary, and is the theme of much speculation among the other lodges in the neighbourhood, as to its ultimate strength; it has, at the present time, some 160 odd members, and bids fair to double the number in a few years. The meeting under notice took place on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead.

Bro. Robert Rawlinson, W.M., opened his lodge at 5 p.m., and after the preliminary business had been settled, proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. W. Steer, S.W. and W.M. elect, which ceremony he performed discreetly and well. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Rawlinson, I.P.M.; E. Reynolds, S.W.; R. Price, J.W.; Capt. Penstone, Treas.; J. Truscott, Sec.; W. Kenny, Asst. Sec.; B. G. Hubbard, S.D.; H. Furlong, J.D.; E. Woods, I.G.; W. Rose, D.C.; R. Worthington, B. Hanson, W. Taylor, H. May, Cooper, and Lucas, Stwds.; and T. Brown, Org. The charges were then admirably rendered by Bro. Rawlinson, who was complimented on his excellent working, and accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel as a mark of esteem of the brethren, and for his valuable services during his year of office, for which he returned his sincere thanks, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of in the concert room of the establishment, the platform of which was bordered with beautiful shrubs and choice flowers, and on which platform a portion of the Royal Artillery Band, under the direction of Bro. Sergeant Chambers, played selections of opera and other music during the repast.

Among other brethren present were: Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.M. 1536, P.P.J.G.W. Kent; J. Wheatley, P.M.; J. Bilton, P.M., P.M. 1536; G. Dyer, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.) P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; H. Roberts, G. Johnson, W. Graham, J. Radford, G. Cooper, W. Southin, J. Lamb, A. Willis, R. Buxton, A. Grover, R. Short, W. Hibbert, E. Heather, C. Todd, H. Grute, E. Alexander, H. Rhodes, J. Furlong, F. Naylor, E. Brooks, G. Hanson, T. Harris, W. Levy, A. Cowling, W. Quidling, R. Ryder, W. Bridger, F. Widgey, J. Aylen, W. Campbell, C. Peters, W. Koper, A. Dowd, W. Lucas, H. West, E. Dud, E. Avery, W. Taylor, W. Brackenbury, H. May, A. Djaer, W. Broadley, H. Haise, J. Dyer, J. Sammons, W. Lambert, J. Anderson, G. Lindley, H. Cooper, W. Uglow, W. Hurst, W. Baker, Jas. Syne, E. Redford, Kenny, T. Taylor, S. Toze, and A. Huntley, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were: Bros. G. R. Nichols, P.M. 700, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; E. W. Sinnett, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; J. Quick, W.M., H. Grant and A. Butterfist, of 13; E. J. Vallon, W.M. 615; W. Chambers, W.M., E. W. Carter, P.M., H. Pamment, P.M., and J. Roland, of 700; A. Moore, W.M., E. Taylor, P.M., F. Hoar, S.D., S. Back, J. H. Bull, J.W., T. Arnold and T. Olivér, of 913; J. Howe, W.M., W. Shackleton, S.W., R. Cockrane, J.W., G. Ingle, P.M., and E. Brooke, of 1536; J. D. Brooks, W.M. 1973; A. S. Gardener, P.M. 2707; S. H. Chaplin, W.M. 1472; H. A. Penstone, S.D. 1707; R. Spillane, 371; H. Loneragan, 860; A. Chapman, S.W., and W. Iveleigh, 829; K. Bennet, 183; H. Nutshed, 169; R. Humphreys, 193; S. Enever, S.D. 1423; A. Paul, S.D. 871; and W. Phillips, 871.

After the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The toast of "The King and the Craft" was received most enthusiastically, as was that of "Earl Amherst, Pro G.M.," who, as the Prov. G.M. of Kent, is everywhere well known and beloved.

"The Deputy G.M. and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured,

Bro. Rawlinson, I.P.M., proposed, in a most effective speech, the toast of "The W.M." He said the gavel was placed in his hands, as was the ancient custom of the Order, so that he might be in a position to propose the toast of the evening—that of their esteemed W.M. For the past 12 months he, as their W.M., had been entitled to the constant use of it; but he had had to resign it into the hands of a good Mason and brother, whose duty it was with it to keep good order, especially in the east. (Applause.) He (Bro. Rawlinson) had now subsided into the peaceful and placid shade of the left of the chair, hence it was that the toast was placed in his hands. Well, he could assure them that in their W.M. they had one who would sustain the high reputation of the lodge for good working, good order, and good hospitality. The prestige of the lodge was safe in

his hands, and he would undoubtedly add, if it were possible, even more not only to its lustre, but to its strength and stability. Bro. Steer was only a few hours old as their Master, but they and he felt sure that when he left that chair he would leave it with their hearty commendation as one who had done his duty nobly and well.

The W.M., who was received with much cheering, said he thanked them most heartily for their kind reception of the toast, so eloquently put before them by Bro. Rawlinson. Bro. Rawlinson had spoken of him in most eulogistic terms, and he should endeavour to show himself worthy of that eulogy by a sincere desire to do the work entrusted to him to their satisfaction. Should he have health and strength to do that work, he would do it to the best of his ability. He felt sure the Past Masters and brethren of the lodge would support him by every means in their power, and with their assistance he hoped to be able to leave the chair with the same satisfaction to himself and to the brethren as his predecessor had done. (Applause.)

Bro. Rawlinson having briefly but feelingly responded to a hearty and enthusiastic reception of his name as Installing Officer, in which he assured the brethren that the work had been to him a labour of love, the toast of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge" followed.

Bro. Capt. Spinks, in response, said he hoped the toast would never be received in that lodge with less pleasure than it had been on that occasion. He trusted that as the W.M. went on he would find the work was shared between him and the Past Masters, the only difference being that when things went wrong he would get all the blame, and when they went on all right they (the Past Masters) would get all the credit. (Laughter and cheers.) He then gave a most gratifying account of the late Girls' School Festival, presided over by their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst. On that occasion he (Bro. Spinks) had the pleasure of taking up, as a Steward, the handsome sum of £49 10s., while the grand total subscribed amounted to the magnificent sum of £26,519 17s. 3d. (Loud cheers.) On the 6th instant he had the pleasure and honour of being invited to witness the presentation of prizes to the young people, and it was a most pleasing sight to witness the girls going through their exercises and evolutions. The presentation took place in the Alexandra Centenary Hall, and it was a sight he should never forget, and should always remember with pleasure. Countess Amherst spoke to the children, and made a most eloquent and excellent address. After a little banter about the modesty of their Bro. Wheatley on the occasion, and wishing the W.M. and lodge every prosperity, Bro. Spinks resumed his seat amid hearty cheering.

Bro. Bilton congratulated the lodge on its great progress. It was said at its formation that it would not last three years, but as they had some 160 good members and were continually adding to their strength, it looked as if it would last a long while yet and go on progressing.

Bros. Dyer and Wheatley also responded.

Bros. Quick, Chambers, Moore, Vallon, Brooks, Chaplin, Howe, Gardener, Brooker, and Enever, responded for "The Visitors," and then "The Treasurer," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some splendid singing by Miss Edith Payne, Miss Ella Johnson, Bros. E. Burchell and W. Steele, and Mr. Albert Bolden. Bro. Parsons played a euphonium solo splendidly, and Bro. Malcolm Johnson accompanied on the piano.

The whole affair was a most delightful one, and reflects the highest credit on the lodge and its excellent management.

## Royal Arch.

### Panmure Chapter, No. 720.

#### INSTALLATION OF COMP. F. A. POWELL.

The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Monday last, when no less than five Past Grand Officers attended to honour the highly esteemed S.E. of the chapter, who had been elected to the chair of M.E.Z., on his first appearance as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bros. H. C. J. Edwards and Dr. Harris were exalted to the Royal Arch by Comp. F. A. Powell, Dep. G.D.C., assisted by Comps. C. Castell, H., and A. Larson, J., after these three had been installed in a most able manner by Comp. John Read, P.G. Org., the senior member of the chapter. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rendered by all the officers. The visiting Past Grand Officers were Comps. H. Lovegrove, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Money, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Tipper, P.A.G.D.C.; and R. J. Voisey, P.A.G.D.C. Comp. Walter Lawrance was elected a joining member.

An excellent banquet was followed by music, under the direction of Comp. J. Read, P.G. Org., and Comp. H. Tipper performed on his bells.

### The Duke of Fife Chapter, No. 2345.

#### INSTALLATION OF COMP. CHARLIE WOODS.

The annual installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel on Wednesday, the 8th instant, and proved most interesting and successful. Through the fact that the Second Principal was not able to proceed to the chair of M.E.Z., a dispensation from the late First Grand Principal of the Order (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) was read permitting Comp. Charlie Woods, J., to be passed through the second chair and into the first. The ceremonies of installation were beautifully performed by Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., who placed into the respective chairs Comps. Charlie Woods, M.E.Z.; James Smith, H.; and Ed. Brindley, J. After the installations the M.E.Z. invested the officers who were elected at the previous meeting, appropriately addressing each one, viz.: Comps. A. Robertson, Treas.; Fred Wilks Sinclair, S.E.; W. Greatorex, S.N.; Geo. Taylor, P. Soj.; and Chas. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor.

Certain matters connected with the chapter were discussed, and apologies for absence from a number of distinguished Masons were made. A letter from the Home Secretary, in answer to the letter of sympathy to his Majesty the King on the death of Queen Victoria, was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as was one from the Duke of Fife and the Princess his wife.

All Masonic business being ended, the companions discussed an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Charlie Woods.

Afterwards the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were duly proposed.

The M.E.Z. submitted "His Majesty the King, the Protector of H.R.A. Masonry." He pointed out that this was the first time the toast had been proposed in the chapter. The King was an excellent Mason, who had done long and faithful service to the Order, as was shown even by the detail of the dispensation they had read that day. They hoped he might have a long and happy reign.

The M.E.Z. proposed "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.E.G.Z.," who had so recently been proclaimed. He had already done yeoman service as Prov. Grand and District Grand ruler, and the success of Masonry was assured by his accepting office.

In submitting "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said that the chapter had a personal interest in the Grand Officers. It was founded for a most distinguished one—Comp. S. Cochrane, P.G. Treas.—and also included among its members Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.A.G.D.C., one of the most zealous and industrious of Masons; an excellent man, a dear friend, and one who was respected wherever he was known. They missed Comp. Cochrane, who was at another meeting, but Comp. Voisey had, at great trouble and with some physical pain, come to spend a short time with them.

Comp. Voisey responded, saying that many Grand Officers were real workers, and that he had been to various parts of the country to carry out Masonic duties. He held Grand office, and was very proud of the fact, as all others were, who were equally fortunate. He was glad to come to their meetings, and he always felt happy with them.

Comp. John Mitchell, I.P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z., Comp. Charlie Woods," who was a zealous worker, and took for his motto the plan of doing the best he could in everything he undertook. Without him there would probably have been neither a Duke of Fife Lodge nor a Duke of Fife Chapter. He had been most careful of the interests of those bodies of which he had been so energetic a founder. He loved the Order and its beautiful ceremonies, and all wished him a successful year of office.

Comp. Charlie Woods, M.E.Z., replied. When he was exalted over 14 years ago he looked forward to reaching the position he occupied that night. Progress had been

slow, but he felt even now, after so long an apprenticeship, how difficult his task would be. He appealed for plenty of work to be given him to do.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The H. and J." Comp. James Smith, H., was now First Principal in another chapter, and was a credit to everything he undertook. Comp. Brindley, J., was young as a R.A. Mason, but on "the island" he was well known as a distinguished and energetic worker. Both would act as strong pillars of support to the First Principal.

Comps. Smith, H., and Brindley, J., responded suitably.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Installing Principal," saying how grateful the members were to Comp. Voisey for what he had done so many times for them. Although really not well enough to be with them, he had carefully performed the three ceremonies most impressively. Perfect in word, clear in diction, impressive in manner—everything has gone smoothly and well. The work had been given in a way that was a treat to those present. Comp. Voisey had been a very dear friend of his for many years. They had worked side by side for the advancement of the Order. Each had done his best, but, of course, Comp. Voisey's best was much better than the speaker's.

Comp. Voisey gave an interesting reply, praising the zeal shown by the M.E.Z., who should many years before have accepted preferment in the Order.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Visitor." It was strange to have only one visitor at an installation meeting. Comp. Latham had worked side by side with the M.E.Z. in the past. Each had known and helped the other; each knew the other as a friend as well as a Mason. They all welcomed him most heartily.

Comp. J. Latham had spent a most happy evening, enjoying everything that had taken place.

In proposing "The Past Principals" the M.E.Z. reviewed the work each had done. The latest addition to the number was endeared to all. In presenting him with the P.Z.'s jewel voted by the chapter he expressed a hope that for many many years he would wear it among them.

Comp. John Mitchell, P.Z., responded, and in a touching speech said that he appreciated the gift for the kind sentiments that actuated the givers.

The other P.Z.s replied.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Janitor's toast were given.

The harmony of the evening was much increased by songs and recitations from Comps. Brindley, Caink, Barrow, Fitch, Basset, and Greatorex.

Comps. Wyer, Harvey, and Folkard acted as Directors of Ceremonies at different parts of the meeting.

## Knights Templar.

### Gwent Preceptory, No. 115.

The inauguration meeting of this active preceptory was held on the 25th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Newport (Mon.). The Knights having formed the arch of steel, the E.P. Sir Knight Newby, Prov. Marshal, entered, accompanied by the P.E.P.S. Sir Knights Homfray, Jones, and Williams, and occupied the chair.

The preceptory having been opened, the Registrar called the muster-roll. The officers present were: Sir Knights S. G. Homfray, P.E.P.; R. A. Forsyth, 1st Cons.; S. Dean, Treas.; T. P. Garrett, Reg.; P. Lindy Atkinson, Herald; Dr. De Vere Hunt, Std. Br.; E. J. Richards, Org.; and Carl Carlsen, Capt. of Guards. The minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot being taken for Comps. A. Widdess, Edwin Hughes, and George D. Thomas, having proved favourable, the two former and Comp. W. Hunter, accepted at a previous meeting, were then installed by Sir Knight G. Homfray, P.E.P. After which Sir Knight E. C. Newby, P.E.P., presented Robert Alex. Forsyth, 1st Cons., who was splendidly inaugurated E.P. by Sir Knight S. G. Homfray, P.E.P. The E.P. then invested his officers: Sir Knights E. J. Whitley, 1st Cons.; Sam Dean, 2nd Cons.; F. J. Roberts, Chap.; S. Dean, Treas.; T. P. Garrett, Reg.; E. W. Schofield, Marshal; P. Lindy Atkinson, Almoner; Dr. De Vere Hunt, Herald; Fred Martin, 1st S.B.; Carl Carlsen, 2nd S.B.; Henry Frazer, Capt. of Guards; and E. J. R. Richards, Org. The alms having been collected, a vote of condolence was passed, a copy of which was ordered to be sent to the widow of our late lamented Bro. Sir Knight E. W. Evans, P.E.P., who so ably acted as Marshal for some years. Several apologies were sent from Sir Knights who were interested in the local bye election, which resulted in the return as M.P. of Bro. Sheriff Lawrence a few days later.

The preceptory having been closed, the Knights adjourned to the Westgate Hotel for dinner, where an excellent menu was gone through.

The usual loyal and Knights Templar toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Instruction.

### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; C. Nicole, S.W.; H. J. May, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Assistant Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; F. M. Wemborn, S.D.; J. Horstead, J.D.; H. J. Dunaway, I.G.; H. Hell, P.M., Preceptor Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, &c.; W. R. Corfield, C. Weston, A. L. Langton, E. Lucas, G. Mortlock, W. Lee, H. R. Bower, and A. Noel.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Corfield being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed, Bro. Lucas being the candidate. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

### WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1625.

A well-attended meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th instant, Bro. Charles Ether Smith, S.W. 2182, being in the chair, Bro. C. A. Barter, W.M. 1623, in S.W. chair, while Bro. A. Ellenden occupied the J.W.'s chair. Bro. H. Hill acted as Preceptor in the unavoidable absence of the regular Preceptor, Bro. F. P. Weinel, who, we are extremely sorry to say, met with a rather severe accident, but from which, fortunately, he is rapidly recovering. Bros. Hy. King acted as S.D., Stanley Galpin as J.D., and S. van Royen as I.G. Besides there were present: Bros. J. Hoffmann, Sec.; Thos. Powell, W.M. 2182; J. Shervington, W. Thos. Pearce, Wm. Sumner, A. Metcalf, George Henrich, George Meissner, George Newnham, James Brown, and the host, J. R. L. Daish.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Shervington answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Jas. Shervington kindly acting as candidate, after which Bro. J. Hoffmann worked the 1st Section of that Degree, assisted by the brothers. Bro. H. Hill then, to the delight of the brethren, gave the lecture on the tracing-board in a masterly style. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Smith kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. A. Barter, who worked the initiation ceremony in perfect manner, Bro. Geo. Newnham acting as candidate. Bro. Barter having in turn vacated the chair to Bro. Smith, the lodge was duly closed with solemn prayer, the brethren having previously accorded to Bro. H. Hill, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks for kindly acting on this occasion as Preceptor, and Bro. Hill expressed his gratitude, intimating at the same time that there was nothing that at any time gave him so much pleasure as when he could assist in Masonic work in whatever capacity.

On Wednesday, the 22nd instant, the chair has been specially reserved for the Preceptor, Bro. F. P. Weinel, who has kindly consented to work the initiation, raising, and installation ceremonies, starting at 6.30 o'clock promptly, and as it is not very often that a Preceptor presides at any lodge of instruction, all brethren who would like to hear the work done in an impressive and faultless manner are most cordially invited. To those brethren whose regular lodge of

instruction may close during the summer months it will no doubt be good news that the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction meets during the whole of the year at 27, Knight-riders-street, E.C. (St. Paul's Churchyard), at 7 p.m., and we are likewise certain that those who attend will greatly benefit thereby, for Bro. Weinel may be reckoned as amongst the best and most genial of Preceptors, while the brethren are always willing to give way should any visiting brother like to work any ceremony during the course of the evening.

#### METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1056.

A meeting was held at the Mail Coach, Farringdon-street, E.C., on Friday, the 10th instant, when there were present Bros. Radford, W.M.; G. Knights, S.W.; H. B. Spaul, F.M., J.W.; A. Wilson, S.D.; Neilson, J.D.; Uientz, I.G.; J. D. Webb, P.M., Treas.; W. R. Witt, P.M., Hon. Sec.; F. P. Weinel, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; T. P. Warwick, P.M.; W. Hayward, Skelton, Cunningham, and Hampton.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the 1st Section of the Lecture being worked by Bro. Spaul, P.M. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. announced that the ceremony of passing was about to be rehearsed. Bro. Hayward having offered himself, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Weinel, P.M., the 2nd Section being worked by Bro. Spaul, P.M., who also worked the 3rd Section. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. G. Knights was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

#### CAMDEN CHAPTER, No. 704.

The above chapter of improvement held its first meeting since its resuscitation at Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender-hill, S.W., on the 3rd instant. Present: Comps. R. C. Bayne, as M.E.Z.; Lein A. Francis as H.; G. W. Fortescue as J.; A. Moorhead as Scribe N.; Wm. G. King as P.S.; and Ralph Grist, S.E.

The chapter was regularly opened by Principals and Past Principals. The companions were admitted, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Gunner acting as candidate. To mark their appreciation of the able manner in which the officers performed the ceremony the companions re-elected them for the next meeting on the 17th instant. The convocation was then closed.

## The Craft Abroad.

### Waller Rodwell Wright Lodge, No. 2755 (E.C.). INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. LOCKWOOD.

The installation meeting of the above new, yet flourishing, lodge took place on the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Strada Stretta, Malta. The remarkable Masonic history of the brother whose patronymic distinguishes the lodge is most interesting, and is as follows: Waller Rodwell Wright, only son of Mathias Wright of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, Esq., entered at Lincoln's Inn on the 23rd November, 1793, at one time Consul in the Ionian Islands. In 1814 appointed President of H.M. High Court of Appeal and Senior Member of the Supreme Council of Justice in Malta. Died, 20th April, 1826. Initiated in the now extinct Royal Edwin Lodge, No. 193, at Bury St. Edmunds, on the 23rd October, 1800. Joined the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 1, London, on the 26th November, 1800. Joined the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 239, London, on the 18th December, 1801. He was one of the three distinguished Masons who, on behalf of the Original Grand Lodge of England, assisted in preparing the Articles of Union with the rival Grand Lodge, and one of the four who signed those articles in 1813. At that time he was the Second Principal of Grand Chapter, the others being H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and Bro. John Aldridge. On taking up his residence in Malta, he became Prov. Grand Master, and remained in that office until his death. In 1804 he was elected Grand Master of the Order of the Red Cross in England. On the 12th April, 1807, on the revival of the Knights of the exalted Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem, Bro. Wright was elected Grand Master, being succeeded on the 6th August, 1812, by the Duke of Sussex. Prior to his leaving England for Malta, Grand Chapter presented him with a service of plate worth £300, and on the 20th May, 1814, the Prince of Wales's Lodge presented him with a valedictory address, he having been the working Master of the lodge for several years, in which the following passage occurs: "We know not where to look for your equal in the united characters of a poet and a Mason." In vindication of his claims as a poet, it will be sufficient to say that he was the author of "Horæ Ionice" and of the Ode sung at the farewell dinner given to the Earl of Moira, first Marquess of Hastings, Deputy Grand Master of England, previous to his departure as Governor-General of India.

The lodge having been opened and the usual preliminaries accomplished, Bro. J. Lockwood, D.G. Supt. of Wks., was installed W.M. by Bro. W. T. L. Washington, P.M., D.J.G.W., who discharged the duties of his high office in a manner which met with the highest encomiums from all present, and for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Groat, D.J.G.D., I.P.M.; F. Hulley, D.G.S.B., S.W.; J. R. Ness, P.D.G. Stwd., J.W.; W. J. Phillips, P.D.G. Reg., Treas.; T. L. Washington, D.J.G.W., D. of C.; H. R. Harvey, Sec.; the Rev. R. D. Lewis, R.N., D.G. Chap., Chap.; W. S. Robinson, Dist. G. Sec., Org.; A. H. Crockford, D.G. Org., S.D.; A. L. Barrett, J.D.; A. E. Blunden, I.G.; R. C. Bates, D.G. Tyler; Tyler; and T. J. Johnson and J. Haurey, Stwds. The other lodge matters, consisting of the election of a representative for the Board of General Purposes, the Masonic Hall Committee, the permanent Committee, and Steward for the Malta Charities' Association, having been happily effected, the lodge was closed, and the brethren banquetted.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the toast-list being interspersed with songs.

Among the other brethren present were the following: Bro. C. H. Horsfall, P.M.; C. Atkinson, P.M.; R. G. Cook, P.M. 349; E. Budgen, W.M. 407; S. G. Yeoman, P.M. 407; C. Richards, P.M. 407; E. G. Hadley, P.M. 407; F. J. Noonan, W.M. 515; J. F. Shepherd, I.P.M. 515; W. A. Adams, P.M. 515; H. Mitchell, P.M. 1923; T. G. Hasell, W.M. 1923; J. Friend, P.M. 1923; T. Winton, W.M. 1926; G. Staton, W.M. 273 (I.C.); W. J. Ward, P.M. 1448; and F. Powell, P.M. 2735.

### SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

May is the month of smiles, the gushing streams  
Are glad that May upon them shines once more;  
The flowers rejoice 'neath heaven's unsullied beams,  
The woodlands laugh, for she gives bounteous store.  
The twittering birds sing carols loud and long,  
And greet her merrily each rosy morn;  
All Nature joins them in one perfect song,  
For is not she the sweetest month e'er born?  
Mountain and valley, moor, and field, and lea,  
She clothes in verdure, radiant and rare,  
And lends to all her loving, tender glee,  
And gifts bestows that rich and poor can share.  
Ten thousand welcomes then to Queenly May,  
The month divine—the gayest of the gay!

Bradford,

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the 103rd Anniversary Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 10th instant, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, was in the chair, supported by about 35 Stewards.

The SECRETARY of the Institution reported correspondence he had had with the Brighton Railway Company by which it appeared the company declined to allow privileges enjoyed in former years on the extended time for return journey whenever the Festival had been held at Brighton, and had also increased the fare by 33½ per cent. He also reported the result of enquiries with reference to other places available for the meeting, and letters from Stewards unable to attend the meeting.

Considerable discussion followed, and it was ultimately resolved, with practical unanimity, to hold the Festival at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, the 26th prox.

Bro. Edgar Goble, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, was elected President of the Board; Bros. Harry Bevir and Jas. Stephens were elected acting Vice-Presidents; Bros. Jno. W. Gierle, J.P., P.G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight, and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., were respectively elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the Board of Stewards.

The acting officers, with Bros. T. A. Bullock, Corble, Fraser, Pritchard, Powell, Parsons, Money, Songhurst, and Alfred J. Thomas were appointed a Committee to make all arrangements for the Festival.

### CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2848.

On Saturday, the 11th instant, at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, consecrated a new lodge, which will be known as the Victoria. This is the first new lodge that has been opened in the kingdom in the present century, and the warrant for its formation is the first that has been signed by the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M.

There was a large attendance of members of the Craft, about 170 being present, including brethren from all parts of the country. In performing the consecration ceremony the Earl of Dartmouth was assisted by Bros. Col. W. G. Walker, D.P.G.M.; Col. J. B. Morgan, Prov. S.G.W.; T. H. Spencer, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. W. G. Mayne, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Dunbar Steen, Prov. G. Sec.; G. L. Birch, Prov. A.G.D.C.; and G. Allerton, Prov. G.P.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Walter Hamblett, P.M., was installed as W.M. by Bro. Colonel Walker, the other officers, all of whom, with Bro. Hamblett, are the founders, who were instituted being Bros. J. Carver, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C., I.P.M.; A. Whitehouse, S.W.; Hady Whitehouse, J.W.; W. Robinson, Treas.; T. D. Douglas, Sec.; E. J. Parkes, S.D.; G. Reed, J.D.; T. W. Bigglestone, I.G.; and Sergeant Bennett, Tyler.

The music was rendered by Bros. A. Smith, W. H. Smith, E. W. Smith, and A. W. Evans, the organist being Bro. Taylor. The other brethren who attended included the following:

Bros. J. Bodenham, 2706, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.P.G.W.; C. A. Newham, P.M. 526, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Green, P.G.P. Eng.; Alec Smith, P.M. 347, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Mills, P.M. 347, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Solly, 662, P.J.G.D.; A. Gray Maitland, P.P.G.C.; W. A. Wood, P.M. 1039, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Hallam, 1942, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Smith, P.M. 347, P.P.G. Purst.; G. H. Stanger, 419, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Berry, 419, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Eardley, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Dalley, 526, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Baker, 526, P.P.J.G.D.; I. Roper, 526, P.P.G. Org.; T. J. Barnett, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. J. Smith, P.M. 526; M. Schwerin, 1474; J. Powell, P.M. 347; J. L. Taylor, 347; A. Baines, P.M. 2149; H. Smith, S.D. 347; H. Collins, P.M., D. of C.; J. E. Warner, I.P.M. 347; F. Hughes, P.M. 482; W. Pinner, W.M. 662; T. Cox, P.M. 1039; F. C. Bastick, P.M. 1119; W. W. Doughty, 539; J. Webster, W.M. 347; P. Fry, W.M. 1942; J. Wilkins, I.P.M. 1838; W. H. Brooks, P.M. 1520; H. George, I.G. 347; J. Alleston, P.M. 418; O. Every, Chap. 1942; G. Bott, P.M. 347; G. Withers, W.M. 456; H. Ward, P.M. 456; F. C. Bates, S.W. 456; J. Gandy, P.M. 486; E. Forrester, W.M. 2474; J. Whitworth, P.M. 347; J. Pasfield, P.M. 347; H. Taylor, W.M. 526; J. W. Bromley, P.M. 546; L. K. Fairley, W.M. 1520; W. H. Fellows, P.M. 347; E. W. Smith, P.M. 347; G. W. Butler, S.W. 347; A. E. B. Owen, 2487; and R. M. Lord, P.M. 419.

At the close of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to a banquet, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

### WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will (dated January 1, 1900) of Bro. Colonel Hugh Mackay Gordon, of Abergeidie Castle, Aberdeen, and the Courtyard, Eltham, who died on March 19, has just been proved by the Rev. Adam Stephenson Gordon, the brother, John, Sutton Sams, and Mark Noble Buttanshaw, the executors, the value of the estate being £63,746. The testator gives £1000, his household furniture, &c., at Eltham, and the income for life of £30,000 to his wife, Mrs. Susan Amelia Gordon; £100 each to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Eltham National Schools, and the Eltham Cottage Hospital; £1000 and certain coastguard cottages in Sussex to his sister-in-law, Edith Frances Gordon; £2000 to his sister, Anne Cecilia; £1500 to his nephew, Cosmo Huntley Gordon; £500 to his brother, James Henry; £1000 between the children of each of his brothers, James Henry, Charles Vincent, and Lewis, except his nephew Cosmo; and many small legacies. He settles his house at Ballater, with the furniture therein, and £5000, on his wife for life, with remainder to his brother James Henry, with remainder to his nephew Cosmo Huntley. On the death of his wife, he gives £10,000 each, upon trust, for his brother James Henry, his sister Anne Cecilia, and his nephew Cosmo Huntley. A sum of £2000 is to be held, upon trust, should Abergeidie Castle not be sold or re-let at the expiration of the lease to the late Queen Victoria, to purchase furniture for the Castle, and a further sum of £1000 for the repair of the roads there, but the executors are empowered to spend a portion of the income from the £1000 in contesting the claim of the Duke of Fife to seats in Crathie Church. The residue of his property he leaves to his wife.

THE LORD MAYOR AT STREATHAM.—Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan and Under-Sheriff Gardiner, visited Telford Park, Streatham Hill, on Saturday afternoon last to lay the foundation-stone of a new church—St. Thomas's—which is to take the place of the present temporary iron building. There was a large attendance at the ceremony. Bro. the Archdeacon of London, in the course of an address, touched on the salient points in the progress of the scheme, pointing out that in three years £3000 had been spent on the site and foundations. Nearly £3000 had been raised towards the building of the nave, and £2000 more was required to complete it. In the Lord Mayor, whom they warmly welcomed, they had one to whom religious work specially appealed.

## Science, Art, and the Drama.

### DOUBLES.

Nature must have her mischievous moods, or she would never set about producing human replicas. Nobody wants them, and the unfortunate who knows he has a "double" somewhere, by no means rejoices in the knowledge or cares to be brought into contact with his counterfeit presentment. Two temporary sojourners at an American winter resort started one morning from opposite points for an early stroll on the beach. Midway they met, halted and glared at one another as they stood twitching their fingers in the self same way. Each looked upon a dwarfish swarthy wizen-faced man, with a black unkempt beard, wearing a brown check suit, and saw himself as others saw him. Neither felt like saying with Dromio of Ephesus, "I see, by you, I am a sweet-faced youth," but the readiest of the two, a New York doctor, blurted out, "Mr. Gould, I believe," "I am not quite sure if I am," was the testy answer of the railroad autocrat, "I wish you would not wear clothes like mine." "Shave off your beard, and I won't," snapped by the doctor passing on. He had, perhaps, the most reason for being dissatisfied with his likeness to the Napoleon of Wall-street. People wanting "points," respecting the ups and downs of stocks and shares, stopped him in the streets, receiving his angry disclaimer of any acquaintance with such matters, with sceptical laughter and rude remarks; while, one particular afternoon the doctor was rendered especially indignant, by utter strangers familiarly slapping him on the back or digging him in the ribs, inquiring "How about that cradle?" a salutation explained to him, on taking up a newspaper, and reading "Mr. Jay Gould has presented Mrs. George Gould with a cradle for her first-born." Doctors seem to be well provided with doubles. A London physician has his personality duplicated in that of a well-known artist, and another medico's possession of a double or, as the Germans term it, a *doppel-ganger*, in the shape of a popular song writer and song singer, led to the latter finding himself stayed, in a street walk, by a lady, who, without any parleying, poured forth a flood of information about her ailing daughter's physical affliction. Not till she had exhausted her theme, or her breath, did she give Mr. Lovett King a chance of asking whom she took him to be, and then he had some difficulty in making her believe he was another man altogether, and not the medical adviser, for whom she mistook him. Sir Edward Thornton, sometime her Majesty's representative in the United States, and Judge Poland, of Vermont, brought a well-intentioned young fellow to doubt the evidence of his eyes for evermore. At a wedding party in Washington, recognising a gentleman he had met in Mexico, he wished him good evening and proffered his hand for a shake. No shake came, and his greeting was returned by a curt "I fear you have the advantage of me." "Is it possible that you don't recollect seeing me with my father in Mexico?" was the freezing response. "Why surely you are Sir Edward Thornton?" By no means, sir; I am Judge Poland, of Vermont." A week or so later, the unwitting offender was at another party, and, catching sight of the judge (as he thought), walked up to him. "That was an awkward mistake of mine the other night, my taking you for old Thornton." "And pray whom do you take me for now?" queried the other. "Why Judge Poland, of Vermont, of course." "My name is Thornton" said the Ambassador, leaving the unlucky blunderer pondering how in the future he was to tell who was who. One can imagine a popular actor's delight at a Northcountryman addressing him as "Mr. Mayor." Whether the Mayor would have been equally pleased at a member of a touring company slapping him on the back, with "What cheer, Johnny," is a little doubtful. One man, at least, was delighted at discovering he had a "double." He was the manager of a London theatre in want of an acting manager. Among the applicants for the berth was an actor the veritable counterpart of himself. "You're the man for me," said the manager, clinching the engagement then and there. Having secured him as his lieutenant, the wily manager utilised the marvellous resemblance between them by deputing the acting manager to represent him whenever an undesirable caller came to the theatre bent on an interview. When the Strand Theatre was in the hands of Mrs. Swanborough, Mr. Robert Hillier, the American author, had an odd experience there. Tending the price of a stall to the money-taker, that worthy said: "All right, Mr. William; you can go up, sir." "What do you mean?" inquired Mr. Hillier. "Oh, it's all right," responded the other, "You needn't pay, you know that." The visitor insisted upon paying, and his cash was taken, under protest, the money-taker calling to the check-taker: "Show this gentleman into a private box."—Mr. Hillier had scarcely settled himself when the box-keeper appeared, telling him "Mrs. Swanborough was in the dress-circle, and wished to speak to him." "Mrs. Swanborough wishes to speak to me!" exclaimed the supposed American; "she does not know me." The disconcerted man duly conveyed the reply to the manageress, the result being his return with the imperative message, "Sir, your mother desires you to come to her at once!" "My mother!" ejaculated Mr. Hillier; "my mother has been dead many years." However, he went to the dress-circle, and satisfied Mrs. Swanborough he was not her son William, and returned to enjoy the performance, with a mind at ease as to his identification and the sanity of the manageress and her money-taker. During their reign at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft were unpleasantly apprised of the existence of a married pair, travelling about in their shape and names, to the credit of neither. The day after returning from a holiday spent in Switzerland and Venice, Bancroft, meeting his orchestral chief, was asked what he thought of the new play at the Criterion, and said he had not yet seen it. "Not seen it?" returned the baton-wielder, "why, one of the band, who has been with us for years, told me he saw you and Mrs. Bancroft in a private box at the Criterion last night." A morning or two after Mr. Bancroft opened a letter from a debt-collector, demanding immediate payment of the money due to a Ventnor hotel-keeper for carriage and horse-hire. Never having set foot in Ventnor, he surmised that somebody was playing a joke upon him, and thought no more about it until a second and more peremptory demand roused him to indite an angry denial of his indebtedness. A few weeks later the hotel-keeper himself came to the theatre, stated his business, and was shown into the green-room. "Good-evening, sir," said the manager. "I am Mr. Bancroft." "So I see, sir," said the visitor, cheerily. After a little skirmishing, the hotel-keeper owned himself impressed by his supposed debtor's denial, but for which he would readily swear he was the gentleman who came to his house with a lady, as Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, of the Prince of Wales' Theatre. Pointing to a large photograph, Mr. Bancroft said, "That is my wife's portrait." "Yes, and a very good likeness it is,"

was the answer. Pressed for particulars, he said that his Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft stayed with him for a month, living on the best, and then wanted to depart without settling up, promising to do so as soon as they reached town. A compromise was effected, the gentleman being allowed to go, leaving the lady and her belongings in pawn. The cash was duly remitted, and the hostage released; mine host subsequently discovering he had omitted to charge for carriage hire, hence his demand, which, he was at last convinced, was made in the wrong quarter, and departed disappointed but disillusioned. Mr. Bancroft, however, had not heard the last of the nefarious pair. Later on, when he and his wife were nightly appearing on the boards, two young lady friends, writing from Switzerland, expressed their surprise at seeing them there at that time of year, and inquiring why Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft had cut them dead twice in one day; and at a still later period, Mr. James Payn, the novelist, reproached him for utterly ignoring him and Mrs. Payn when passing them at King's-road, Brighton, to which the actor replied it was a year since he had seen Brighton. Telling their "double" grievance in their delightful *Reminiscences*, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft hoped some day they might be repaid for the annoyance endured by a legacy intended for their "doubles." That was years ago, and they are still hoping.

### PAINTERS AND OTHER ARTISTS IN THE REIGN OF JAMES I.

(Continued.)

Norgate was totally unknown at Marseilles, and whilst walking many hours every day on the pier, in a disconsolate manner, was observed by a French gentleman. Inquiring into his circumstances, he told him that, perceiving he was able to walk at least 20 miles a day, if he would set out on his journey homewards he would furnish him handsomely for a footman, by which assistance Norgate arrived in his own country. In very early life Norgate discovered considerable talents for minute drawing and designing ornamental scrolls for the embellishment of MSS. He was Clerk of the Signet to King Charles I., whom he attended into Scotland in 1640. Fuller says that the Bishop, finding him inclined to limning and heraldry, permitted him to follow his fancy therein. It does not appear that he remained long enough at Cambridge to have taken any degree, or to have applied himself to any of the learned professions. In pursuit of that branch of the arts to which his genius more particularly led him, he came to London and soon connected himself with the eminent painters who were patronised by Charles I. To the Royal Gallery, and to those of Lord Arundel and the Duke of Buckingham, at that period, containing the finest collection of foreign pictures, before their dispersion on the Continent, he had constant access. Norgate soon obtained the patronage of Thomas, Earl of Arundel, the father of vertu in England, and it is presumed that he was domesticated at Arundel House. In 1633, he was appointed by Lord Arundel, as Earl Marshal, Windsor Herald, in the College of Arms, and soon after, "Illuminator of Royal Patents," some of which are still preserved by noblemen to whom they were granted, and are, indeed, exquisite specimens of beautiful design and finishing, upon vellum, inferior in no great degree, to the elaborate bordures which enclose the miniatures of Guilio Clovio. With such excellence and facility of pencil, it is a fair conjecture that he made many small limnings from the Arundelian collection (a kind of drawing in which the Earl is said to have taken great delight), but from their evanescence, or other causes, there are none now extant. He instructed Lord Arundel's sons, Henry Fredk. and William, afterwards the unfortunate Viscount Stafford, in his elegant art. Thus having, from superior opportunities, acquired a correct knowledge of masters, and become intimately conversant with the theory of painting, Lord Arundel sent him to purchase pictures for him on the Continent.

(To be continued.)

MR. FORBES ROBERTSON'S next production at the Comedy Theatre will take place on Wednesday, the 22nd instant. As already announced, the play is to be an elaboration of "The Sacrament of Judas," which the author, M. Louis Tiercelin, has written into three acts. The translation is by Mr. Louis N. Parker, who was responsible for the excellent adaptation of the one act version produced by Mr. Robertson at the Prince of Wales' Theatre. The scenery is in the hands of Messrs. Helmsley and Hann, and the dresses are by Miss Edith Craig, Messrs. Simmons and Co. and Messrs. Pratt and Sons. The scenes, dresses, and properties are after designs by Le Celt, an artist whose work is well-known and greatly admired in France, but of which very little has been seen on this side of the Channel.

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**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, May 25, 1901.

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 19.**

THE ST. JOHN'S CLUB.  
1, Marjorie Grove, Sisters' Avenue, Lavender Hill, S.W., 11 a.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 20.**

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 1, Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern.
- 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
- 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
- 1604, Imperial, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2050, La France, Cafe Royal.
- 2489, Willesden, St. Andrew's Schools.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.

**MARK LODGE.**

- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8
- Brondebury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
- Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.
- Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
- Duke of Cornwall, Bristol Room, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Erkenwald, Railway Hotel, Barking, at 7.45.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E. at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road 3, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marques of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
- Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
- Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
- Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
- Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
- Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
- St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
- St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
- St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.
- Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Fenge-rd., at 8.
- Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30
- Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
- Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel, High-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
- Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
- Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantion-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
- Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Joric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8

**THE MASONIC CLUB.**

The Salisbury, 91, Strand, 5.30.

**TUESDAY, MAY 21.**

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 704, Camden, Frascati Restaurant.
- 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
- 2045, Wharton, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2191, Anglo-American, Hotel Cecil.
- 2265, Barnato, Cafe Monico.
- 2408, Hampstead, Vestry Hall.
- 2771, Yorick, Queen's Hotel, Leicester-square.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel.
- 26, Castle of Harmony, Cafe Royal.
- 45, Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant.
- 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern.
- 281, Jordan, Guildhall Tavern.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Quipper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 39, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 1.
- Dalhousie, Lord Suro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Egyptian, Salut-tion, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
- Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.
- Faith, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station S.W.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- London, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
- Isoppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30
- Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8
- Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Mount Edgumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Kembles' Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Richmond, The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
- Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Wandsworth-road, S.W., at 7.30
- St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
- St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
- Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.
- Stockwell, Callingham's Restaurant, 94, Cannon-st., E.C., at 6.

Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Southgate, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W. at 8  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22.**

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant.
- 754, High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
- 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2416, Hiram, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**THURSDAY, MAY 23.**

House Committee Girls' School at 4.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 658, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green.
- 861, Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.
- 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Cafe Royal.
- 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 2432, Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern.
- 157, Bedford, Mark Masons' Hall.
- 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1607, Ravensbourne, Obelisk Hall, Lewisham.

**CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—**

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

**ROSE CROIX.**

- 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-square.

**FRIDAY, MAY 24.**

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

**CRAFT LODGES.**

- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1597, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant.

**SATURDAY, MAY 25.**

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- 1207, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
- 1670, Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2741, Cathedral, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

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- 1185, Lewis, Holborn Restaurant.
- 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. SHERIFF LAWRENCE was elected M.P. for the Monmouth Boroughs on the 7th instant.

MR. WILLIAM ROME, the chairman, has issued invitations for a dinner of the Library Committee at Painters' Hall on Friday, the 7th prox. Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, and Sheriff Lawrence will be the guests of the evening.

THE installation meeting of the Prince of Wales Mark Lodge, No. 4, will be held on Monday next instead of the regular day (Whit Monday) when Bro. A. E. Mullins will be installed as W.M., and Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W., will be invested as Treasurer.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855, Plympton, has unanimously elected Bros. George Stoneman W.M. for the ensuing year; S. Hicks, P.M., Treas.; and James Gidley, P.M., Tyler; and Bros. W. Rowe, G. Stoneman, E. Rowe, J. C. Revell, and T. Challice, Auditors. The installation was fixed for the 12th prox.

THE Prov. G. Lodge of Staffordshire intend holding their annual meeting in Tamworth on the 20th instant. Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth and all the brethren have signified their wish to attend service in the parish church at four o'clock. The service will be fully choral, and will be conducted by the Prov. G. Chaplain, with assistance. Seats will be reserved for the brethren, the remainder of the church being unappropriated.

AT THE annual meeting of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Dover, on the 6th instant, Bro. W. H. East, the head master of the Municipal School of Art, and a Past Master of the lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, during which the lodge will celebrate its centenary, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Earl Amherst, will visit Dover. The attendance on the occasion of the election was the largest known at the Masonic Hall.

A SUMMER OUTING has been arranged in connection with the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, and will take place on June 20th. The brethren will leave Paddington in the morning, proceeding by train to Henley-on-Thames, where the steam launch Bonafide will be in attendance, with a string band, light refreshment, &c., to convey them to the Compleat Anglers' Hotel at Marlow, where luncheon will be provided, after which the cruise will be continued to Maidenhead, where a banquet will be provided at the Raymead Hotel. The price of the tickets has been fixed at one guinea each.

THE funeral of Captain G. H. B. Reed, R.N., was recently attended by Mr. C. Kitson (Exeter), cousin of the deceased; General Fitzgerald, Captain Target, R.N.; Mr. D. Waugh, R.N.; the Mayor (Alderman F. J. Bowles), Messrs. J. Grose, W. F. Newman, J. H. Hunt, N. Fox (Magistrates), J. M. Carne, G. N. Carne, R. H. Cooper, G. Dash, H. Mansell, S. Tressider, R. Thomas, T. Jones, W. J. Barnicoat, G. Laity, and W. W. J. Sharpe. The rector (Canon Christopherson) and Rev. F. F. Savage (vicar of Flushing) officiated. Wreaths were sent by the Love and Honour Lodge and by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carne.

LOVERS OF MUSIC will be interested to learn that Miss Vera Margolies will give a pianoforte recital, under the direction of Mr. W. Adlington, at St. James's Hall, next Monday afternoon, 20th instant, at three o'clock. A delightful programme has been arranged for the occasion, which will include some of the best compositions of Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Tschaikowsky, Liszt, and other composers. Prices of admission, sofa stalls, 10s. 6d.; unreserved balcony, 3s.; area, 2s.; and gallery, 1s. Tickets may be obtained from the usual agents, from Mr. W. Adlington, Concert Director, 22, Old Burlington-street, W.; or from Miss Vera Margolies, Woodville, Turney-road, Streatham-hill, S.W.

THE FIRST EDITION OF "PILGRIM'S PROGRESS."—Messrs. Sotheby's sale last week was distinguished by the appearance of a very large copy of the first edition of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," 1678. The extraordinary rarity of this volume has almost passed into a proverb. There are five known copies. Of these, three are imperfect, and only one—the Nash copy sold last week—is perfect, in having the engraved portrait of Bunyan dreaming, by R. White. This portrait has the view of the city in the background labelled "Vanity," which is an error for "Destruction." The volume consists of 232 pages of text, and was published at 1s. 6d. The first bid was £100, and the hammer fell at £1475—the value, it may be mentioned, of a fine copy of the first folio Shakespeare, or of a perfect specimen of Caxton's Press.

THE 94th half-yearly election to the Royal Hospital for Incurables will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 31st instant, commencing at noon and closing at two p.m. precisely. The chair will be taken by the treasurer, Bro. Herbert John Allcroft, and 25 candidates will be elected. The annual sale of inmates' work for their own benefit will be held at the hospital from two to seven o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 11th, 12th, and 13th prox. The sale will be opened by Mrs. H. J. Allcroft, and friends are invited to give their hearty support on this occasion by visiting the hospital or by contributing plain or fancy articles for the benefit of those inmates who are unable to work for themselves. These gifts should have the name and address of the donor attached, and will be gratefully received by Mrs. Cosher at the hospital.

THE forthcoming Naval and Military Exhibition, which is to be opened at the Crystal Palace by Bro. Earl Roberts on Thursday, the 23rd instant, is designed to commemorate the Jubilee of the Great Exhibition of 1851. Lady Roberts will unveil the late Mr. Harry Bate's great equestrian statue of her distinguished husband. The figures on the base of the statue representing War and Victory are of heroic proportions, and the work as a whole has the distinction of being the only equestrian statue to Earl Roberts in this country. His Majesty King Edward VII. has lent some exceptionally interesting exhibits, including the Jubilee offerings to Queen Victoria from the Royal Navy and Marines. The Military Section will comprise a Volunteer Camp, Ambulance Section, and a Balloon Section. The last-named will have the advantage of having been formed under the sanction of Sir Redvers Buller. Mr. Eric Bruce, the Secretary of the Aeronautical Society, and M. de Fonvielle, the venerable French aeronaut, are giving active assistance. The use of the balloon in military operations will be demonstrated, and a special interest attaches to this section, as Sir Redvers is lending the very balloon employed by him during the siege of Ladysmith. The Naval Section will comprise a tableau illustrating Nansen's expedition to the North Pole, a representation of the Battle of Trafalgar, and other interesting spectacles. Fifty thousand guinea tickets have been allocated for the benefit of the various Military and Naval Charities.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West End Offices, where tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Whitsuntide. Tickets can also be obtained at Clapham Junction, Battersea, Chelsea, Kensington (Addison-road), and at the stations on the Hammer-smith and City Line. Excursions will be run on Thursday, May 23rd, to Cork, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c.; on Friday, May 24th, to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Bala, Dolgellau, Barmouth, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Rhyl, &c.; on Friday night to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Ch epstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c.; on Saturday, May 25th, to Newbury, Savernake, Marlborough, Devizes, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, Minehead, Lynton, &c.; and on Saturday night, to Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Ch epstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, &c. On Friday, May 24th, excursion tickets, at a return fare of 22s., will be issued to Guernsey and Jersey, by train leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m., and on Saturday, May 25th, from Waterloo at 9.50 p.m. On Whit Sunday a cheap train will run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at Midnight an excursion will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On the Bark Holiday cheap trains will be run to Reading, Newbury, Savernake, Marlborough, Devizes, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Whit Tuesday an express half-day excursion will be run to Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon. Cheap tickets are issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th, the Company will run several trains in duplicate. For full particulars see our advertisement columns.

THE KING has graciously consented to become patron of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

BRO. SIR WALTER PEACE, K.C.M.G., has accepted the office of President of the Anglo-Saxon Club for the present year.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S illness has taken a serious turn, and the United States President has decided to abandon the remainder of his tour.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, BART., has sent a donation of 10 guineas to the Bethnal Green Free Library, of which he is the president.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE will preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Artillery, which takes place at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on the 14th prox.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SITE.—In the House of Commons on Monday the Bill promoted by the almoners of Christ's Hospital to sanction the sale of the site was read a third time, and passed.

THE SPANISH ART EXHIBITION.—The beautiful collection of Spanish pictures at the Guildhall Gallery continue to attract thousands of visitors daily. On Monday 4064 persons passed through the turnstiles.

THE KING has been pleased, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Scotland, to appoint Mr. Charles Kincaid Mackenzie, K.C., to be Sheriff of Fife and Kinross, in room of Sheriff Mackay, resigned.

THE LONDON HIGHLAND GATHERING.—The eighth Highland gathering will be held on Whit-Monday at Stamford Bridge. The profits will be handed over to the Royal Scottish Corporation and the Royal Caledonian Asylum.

THE KING has been graciously pleased to become an annual subscriber to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. His Majesty has been associated with the society from his boyhood. In his name the late Queen sent a subscription as far back as 1847.

IT IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN that the 24th of this month, the birthday of our late lamented Queen, is to be observed as a general holiday in the Government offices, not only this year, but also in the future, and is to be designated "Queen Victoria Day."

LADY SETTRINGTON, Lady Knox, and Lady Edwina Roberts beg to thank all who have so kindly sent them money and clothes for the troops in South Africa. They have received £1945 18s. 1d., and sent out 186 cases. Lady Edwina Roberts will be very glad to receive any further contributions of money sent to her to 17, Dover-street, W.

THE CITY LANDS COMMITTEE.—Bro. T. Hastings Miller, the Chief Commoner, entertained at dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Friday the members of his committee and a number of distinguished guests, including the Lord Mayor, the Chairman of the London County Council (Mr. A. M. Tarrant), Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., Col. Sir James Willcocks, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan.

ADMIRERS OF "CYNICUS" will be interested in hearing that a new humorous and satirical work from his pen, entitled "Lines and Outlines," illustrated by sketches from his pencil, will be published on October 1st this year. Orders received before then will entitle the purchaser to a copy of the *edition de luxe* for one guinea, or of the ordinary edition for 10s. 6d. On and after October 1st the above prices will be doubled.

THE LADY MAYORESS AT BERMONDSEY.—The Lady Mayoress presided at the Bermondsey Town Hall, on Saturday last, at an exhibition of old English games given by the Bermondsey Guild of Play in support of a scheme for the provision of a country holiday home for cripples and invalid children. In acknowledging a vote of thanks, proposed by the Duchess of Bedford, the Lady Mayoress said she was sure that all present had enjoyed the programme, which had also given much delight, apparently, to the performers.

FIREMEN'S "ROLL OF HONOUR."—The big oak frame which stands in the chief waiting room at the Winchester House, headquarters of the London firemen, in the Southwark-bridge-road, and which is headed with the words "Metropolitan Fire Brigade Roll of Honour," received on Tuesday morning an addition to the brass plates which are screwed upon it, indicating the names of men killed in the execution of their duty. The addition is that of Frederick C. Baldock, who lost his life at Brixton-road last month. There are now 19 plates on the board.

PROPOSED NEW MASONIC TEMPLE IN OXFORD.—The inadequacy of the accommodation at the Masonic Hall, in Alfred-street, has long been recognised, and this has been more apparent of late by increased membership, especially of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340. The City lodges have accordingly set themselves seriously to the task of erecting a handsome and commodious Temple. The Committee having the matter in hand are working assiduously in this direction. A provisional site has been selected at the top of Queen-street on premises at present used by Messrs. Hall for printing works. The idea is to erect a building about the same size as that of the Apollo Lodge, No. 357, in Frewin Court. The City brethren, if the project is carried out, as seems highly probable, will be provided with suitable rooms for their meetings, and on the ground floor will be a banqueting hall, which will be available to the public for balls, concerts, &c. It is estimated that the proposed new building will entail an expenditure of from £4,000 to £5,000.

THE LONDON AND MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.—Dr. J. Mason, chairman, presided, on Wednesday afternoon, at the annual meeting of the above company, held at the chief office, Southwark Exchange. The report states that in the course of the past year 211,205 new policies had been issued by the company, and at the close of the year its funds had risen to £208,023, the amount saved during the year being £22,332, which was more than in any preceding 12 months. The directors recommended the payment of a dividend of five per cent. and a bonus of 2½ per cent. for the year on the paid up capital of the company, free of income tax. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said he desired to say at once that the past year had been a solidly progressive one with the company, and that they had managed to surpass and outstrip all their previous records. In the course of the past year they had issued no less than 211,205 new policies, which was a larger number than they had ever before granted in a single year. Having done that, it would naturally occur to them to turn and discover what the increase in the life premium income had been. The increase was not a disappointing one; on the contrary, it could most truthfully be described as exceedingly satisfactory, being no less than £24,494, or nearly 23 per cent. over the previous year's income of £107,824, and bringing up last year's income under the head of life premiums to £132,319. As regarded the growth of revenue under the head of interest, dividends, and rents, in the life department alone the amount had risen by £711 during the year, from £5743 to £6455. A sum of £253 received for premium receipt books, duplicate policies, and assignment fees brought up the total of the year's income in the life department to the sum of £139,027. On the outgoing side of the account, the claims, including £535 paid for surrenders and annuities, amounted to £45,118, which sum was but slightly, only £919, in excess of what they amounted to in the preceding year upon the much smaller premium income. Of course, they did not lose sight of the fact that the death rate of the country was lower during the period which their past financial year covered, than what it was in the preceding year; but, nevertheless, that low claim ratio said much for the beneficial effects of the care which was exercised in accepting proposals for assurance. Regarding other items of outgo, he would mention that the greatly accelerated growth in the premium income could only have been brought about by a larger expenditure upon new business, but the directors were most fully convinced that, within a reasonable limit, the best investment of funds was upon new business. They had kept well within that limit, and were abundantly satisfied that they had secured good value for the money expended. Going on to the sickness and medical aid assurance account, he would just like to observe that it was in a satisfactory state. The past year's savings had been invested in the same high-class securities as those of former years, and he believed they would be something more than satisfied at knowing that they totalled no less than £22,332—the largest sum ever saved in one year—and brought up the total of the company's assets to the sum of £208,023. Mr. W. Dawes seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

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