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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THERE was a very large attendance at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, the general regret of the Craft at the death of the Pro Grand Master no doubt being the cause of the unusual gathering. A glance at the Lodge lists showed that a very large proportion of the Lodges were represented, while the fact that even the Gallery of the Temple was crowded afforded additional evidence of the large amount of sympathy aroused by the death of the Earl of Lathom. The portrait of the Earl was draped in black, while the furniture of Grand Lodge also bore tangible marks of mourning. The Grand Organist Bro. G. F. Smith played Chopin's funeral march at the commencement, the Brethren all standing during its rendering, and the Grand Master's procession entered at slow time, as a further tribute of respect.

Earl Amherst Deputy Grand Master presided, supported by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Earl of Euston, the Marquess of Hertford, Robert Grey, John Strachan, Q.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Thomas Halsey, M.P., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Vaughan Morgan, W. Russell, Lennox Browne, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, &c., &c.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain the Lodge was declared open and the minutes were read and confirmed.

In introducing the resolution in the name and on behalf of the Grand Master, expressive of the feeling of Grand Lodge on the melancholy occasion of the lamented death of the Earl of Lathom, Lord Amherst referred to the mournful duty which had fallen upon Grand Lodge twelve months back, when they had to express their sympathy with the Pro Grand Master on the death of the Countess of Lathom. Now they mourned the loss of the esteemed Pro Grand Master himself.

Lord Lathom was no ordinary Mason. He was initiated at an early age, and not long afterwards assumed the chair of a Lodge in Lancashire, while many subsequent honours had been showered upon him. All the Brethren knew full well how the large and important Province of West Lancashire prospered under his rule. He was a Brother altogether worthy to be the *alter ego* to the Grand Master. Five times he had taken the chair at their Charity Festivals, and he had endeared himself to everyone, even those with whom he was obliged to differ. In other branches of life much work fell on his shoulders, and particularly was this the case in connection with his office of Lord Chamberlain, in the discharge of the duties of which he gained the respect and friendship of Her Majesty the Queen. The loss of such a Brother should not be allowed to pass unnoticed, and he therefore proposed that Grand Lodge should pass a resolution expressive of its sympathy, and so place on record the sentiments of the Craft at the present time.

Bro. Beach made a feeling speech in seconding the resolution, being evidently much moved at the mournful task that fell to his lot.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn supported the resolution, which was carried amid manifestations of general regret.

Bro. Colonel Chaloner, M.P., P.P.S.G.W. Dorset P.P.S.G.W. Wilts W.M. of the Chaloner Lodge, No. 2644, Melksham P.M. 472 and 1271 nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master. He considered it a great honour to have the privilege of proposing the Grand Master for re-election, and took the opportunity of conveying the congratulations of the Craft to the Grand Master on his complete recovery of health. The Prince had endeared himself to all ranks and conditions of people, and would be again hailed with delight by the Freemasons of England as their chief.

Two Brethren were nominated for the office of Grand

Treasurer: Brother Alfred H. Bevan, and Brother Harry Manfield.

Bro. James Henry Matthews was re-invested as President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bros. David Dixon Mercer and Henry Garrod elected as Senior and Junior Vice President respectively, while the twelve Past Masters nominated for the same Board were declared elected.

Referring to the Report of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. suggested that better accommodation might be provided in the new premises proposed to be added to the existing Freemasons' Hall for the Secretaries of the Masonic Charities, but it was pointed out that there was no space for such a purpose.

The grant of the proposed sum of £500 to relieve the distress in Barbados was agreed to, and Grand Lodge was closed, the Brethren remaining standing while the Grand Organist played the Dead March in "Saul."

## MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Tuesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Euston, who was well supported by members of the degree.

The minutes having been confirmed, a vote expressive of the sense of the loss to Grand Lodge by the death of the Earl of Lathom Past Grand Master, and of sympathy with his family in their bereavement, was moved by the Earl of Euston, seconded by Viscount Dungarvan Deputy Grand Master, and carried unanimously. All the Brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, and the Lodge was draped, as was also the portrait of the late noble Earl.

The Report of the General Board, and the matters arising therefrom were dealt with in accordance with the Agenda, given in our last issue.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was nominated for re-election as M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bro. H. J. Adams, of Edmonton, on this occasion formally submitting the name of the popular chief.

Bro. Manfield proposed Bro. Alfred Bevan for election as Grand Treasurer.

The presiding officer informed the Brethren that he had secured the services of the Earl of Warwick as Chairman for the Festival next July of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Grand Lodge was subsequently closed.

An excellent example of returning good for evil is to be found in the action of the Grand Lodge of Catalonia, in Spain, the members of which have just passed a resolution (says a special telegram to the "Morning Leader") praying the rebel leader of the Filipinos to release the Spanish Monks and other persons for whom Aguinaldo demands such an exorbitant ransom. A Grand Officer of the Lodge will leave by the next mail, to convey the resolution in person to Aguinaldo; and the Grand Orient of France is to be urged to support the memorial. Our readers may remember we gave a description some time since of certain Masonic aprons and seals found on the bodies of rebels slain in battle in the Philippines, and therefore we may take it that Freemasonry, of a kind, exists in the Islands. It is to be hoped that the prisoners may be released by means of the memorial, and thereby afford the monks food for reflection that Freemasonry is not all bad, as they have been led to believe. On the other hand we learn from New York that the War department of the United States has directed General Otis to demand from Aguinaldo the unconditional surrender of the Spanish prisoners.

## NORFOLK.

ON Thursday, 1st inst., Norwich was visited by an unusually large number of Freemasons, who were attracted thither by two important installations, namely that of Comp. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau as Grand Superintendent, and that of Bro. Hamon le Strange P.G.D. as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk. Perhaps no more fitting place could be selected for such a ceremony than the Blackfriars' Hall, surrounded as it is by many historic associations. The banners above the throne were charged with crape rosettes, and the Brethren also were in mourning, as was the furniture of Provincial Grand Lodge, by reason of the recent death of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England.

Among the notabilities who took part in the ceremonies of the day were the Earl of Euston (Installing Master), Bros. T. F. Halsey P.G.M. Herts, Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Colonel Cook P.G.D., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., E. Letchworth G. Sec., G. W. Speth P.A.G.D.C., Colonel Caldwell P.G.M. Cambs., and Frank Richardson, the acting D.C. for the Grand Lodge of England, who directed affairs throughout the day with conspicuous ability.

The first business to engage attention was the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, which was held at half-past eleven. After the usual formalities had been complied with, Companion Sir Francis Boileau was duly installed by the Earl of Euston, and suitably expressed his gratitude for the honour that had been conferred upon him. The Grand Superintendent subsequently appointed and invested the First and Second Principals, and also his other Officers.

Companion A. N. Mann was elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and the following Companions were appointed to serve on the Committee of General Purposes:—Sir Charles Gilman, J. B. Bridgman, H. J. Sparks, and G. W. Page. After two Auditors had been named the Chapter was closed according to ancient form.

At half-past one the Present and Past Officers of the P. G. Lodge and Chapter, also W.Ms. and Wardens of the Lodges, and Principals and Past First Principals of the Chapters in the Province, partook of an invitation lunch at the Masonic Club, St. Giles's Street.

Blackfriars' Hall, which had been re-arranged, was again resorted to at half-past two. The banners of the different Lodges had been placed in position round the Hall, and under them the Brethren ranged themselves. Bro. Sir Francis Boileau presided, and was supported by a considerable number of distinguished Brethren.

After the Lodge had been opened, the Installing Master, with the Grand Officers, entered. Bro. Sir Francis Boileau left the chair, and Lord Euston took control.

The valedictory address of Bro. Lord Suffield was read, in which he offered the Brethren his heartfelt thanks for the unvarying kindness and loyalty they had displayed towards him during his long term of office.

The Provincial Grand Master-Designate Bro. Hamon le Strange was then brought in, and was subsequently installed as Provincial Grand Master in a most impressive manner by Lord Euston.

Before the investiture the Provincial Grand Master was asked to accept a full set of dress and undress clothing, also a chain and jewel of office. He was also presented with an illuminated address, as follows:

Right Worshipful Brother HAMON LE STRANGE,  
Past Grand Deacon of England,  
Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

We, the Brethren of the Province of Norfolk, desire to offer to you our most hearty congratulations on the distinguished honour which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been pleased to confer upon you by appointing you to the high office of Grand Master of our Province.

We also beg to assure you that in making choice of yourself as the successor to our late esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Suffield, his Royal Highness has not only given us sincere gratification, but has taken sure means to deepen our interest in and zeal for that Craft to which we are all so proud to belong.

During your term of office as Deputy Provincial Grand Master you have by your uniform kindness and courtesy gained the affectionate regard of us all; while you have in addition shown an unwearied interest both in the current affairs of the Province and in its past history, as is demonstrated by your "History of Freemasonry in Norfolk"—a work which must prove of increasing value as time goes on, and which will be treasured by future generations of Freemasons both in and out of the Province as an enduring monument of patient research, combined with unflagging zeal and ability. Under your rule and governance the Province of Norfolk will, we doubt not, enter upon an era of renewed prosperity and usefulness.

We ask your acceptance from us of the regalia of your office as a small token of our regard and esteem, and as an earnest of our intention to give

you our loyal and united support in the discharge of your duties as our Provincial Grand Master.

Signed on behalf of the Province,

FRANCIS G. M. BOILEAU,  
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

GEO. W. G. BARNARD,  
Provincial Grand Secretary.

The newly-installed Prov. Grand Master then addressed the Brethren, remarking that his first duty was to express his deep thanks to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the extreme honour paid him in selecting him to rule over the Province in which he himself resided. His second duty was to offer to the Brethren his deep gratitude for the splendid reception that had been given him on that occasion, and more especially for the practical form which their good will had assumed in the presentation of jewels and clothing. He was deeply touched by such kindness. The gifts would ever remind him of that eventful day. He had appointed to co-operate with him in the discharge of his duties Bro. Sir Francis Boileau as D.P.G.M. of the Province, a choice which, he had the satisfaction of knowing, met with the heartiest approval of the entire Province.

Bro. Sir Francis Boileau was then obligated and invested, and returned thanks in well chosen terms, promising his undivided support to the P.G.M., and his interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Province.

The Prov. G.M. then explained the absence of Bro. Lord Suffield, who felt unable to be present, and in a formal manner take leave of the Province. The illuminated address and Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by those who had been promoted to Provincial rank during Lord Suffield's Mastership, would be placed in his lordship's hands as speedily as possible. The text of the address was as follows:—

To the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk.

We, the Brethren of the Province of Norfolk, who have been honoured by you with the distinction of serving as your Provincial Grand Officers during your tenure of the Provincial Grand Mastership, on your retirement from that high office express to you a hearty appreciation of the genial and kindly spirit which has ever characterised your rule; and at the same time we ask your acceptance of the accompanying Jewel of a Past Provincial Grand Master, which we hope you will be spared for many years to wear on all Masonic occasions, and especially at those at which we earnestly look forward to have the pleasure of welcoming you amongst us.

Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers of Norfolk, Present and Past,

HAMON LE STRANGE, Prov. G.M.  
FRANCIS G. M. BOILEAU, D. Prov. G.M.  
HAROLD CHAMBERLIN, Prov. S.G.W.  
C. WINLOVE SMITH, Prov. J.G.W.  
GEO. W. G. BARNARD, Prov. G. Sec.

Norwich, 1st December 1898.

The P.G.M. moved a vote of thanks to the Earl of Euston, who had so willingly and efficiently performed the novel duty of installing the two principal Officers of the Province. He felt certain no better exponent of the ritual could have been secured.

Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, in seconding the proposition, referred to the remarkable ability and extreme courtesy exhibited by his lordship in the earlier ceremony of the day.

In reply, Lord Euston thanked those present for the kind vote. His attendance had given him great pleasure, and he was glad his work had given the Brethren satisfaction. He, however, felt that he was being thanked for merely doing his duty.

Special thanks were also accorded to the Prov. Grand Secretary, whose labours in connection with the arrangements for the gathering had been very arduous, and who was to be congratulated on the success achieved.

The P.G.M. announced that, in consonance with the wish of the Dean, the collection at the Cathedral would be devoted to the Reparation Fund; also that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Wymondham. The Provincial Lodge was then closed in due form.

The illuminated addresses were executed by Bro. W. R. Weyer, and are fine specimens of this gentleman's artistic skill. That of the Prov. Grand Master has a border of rich and elaborate design. On the left are the arms of Le Strange impaling Austin—Mrs. Le Strange's family blazonings—with the motto, "Mihi parva pueri," and below the arms of the Order of Freemasons, with the motto, "Audi, vide, tace." On one is the Grand Deacon's jewel (Bro. Hamon le Strange is P.G.D. of England), with the dove and olive branch, and on the right is the jewel of the Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk. In the address to Lord Suffield a prominent feature is made of his lordship's family blazonings, Harbord quarterly with Morden, with the motto, "Æquanimitèr." At the foot is the Provincial Grand Master's jewel, and the whole is surrounded by a highly floriated border in rich conventional scroll work.

At five o'clock a special service, attended by a large number of Brethren, was held at the Cathedral. The

Brethren marched in procession from the Chorister's School to the reserved seats in the choir. The surpliced clergy present included the Dean, Archdeacon Crosse, Canon De Chair, Minor Canon E. Bulmer, the Revs. A. J. Alpe, and L. G. Pollard, and Minor Canon Breffit. The early portion of the service was intoned by Minor Canon Breffit. The first lesson was read by the Rev. A. J. Alpe, and the second lesson by the Rev. L. G. Pollard. The canticles were sung to an effective setting by Bro. H. J. Brookes, and the anthem was Boyce's "Oh where should wisdom be found." The remaining portion of the service was intoned by Archdeacon Crosse. Before the collection the Dean briefly explained the object to which it would be devoted, and implored the Brethren to show their usual and characteristic benevolence by contributing liberally. The collection amounted to upwards of twenty guineas.

A grand banquet was held at the Royal Hotel in the evening. The Earl of Euston presided, and was supported on his right by the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Hamon le Strange, and on the left by Bro. Sir Francis Boileau.

A particularly choice menu was served in admirable fashion by Bro. Butcher, and the entire proceedings were of an enthusiastic character.

The Earl of Euston gave the Loyal toasts, and made a point of including the name of the Princess of Wales with that of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

In submitting the toast of the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter, the noble Chairman alluded to the great loss Freemasonry had sustained by the death of the Earl of Lathom.

Introducing the health of the R. W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Hamon le Strange, the Chairman congratulated the Province on having a Master so thoroughly acquainted with his work, and who would unflinchingly do his duty; one who would do everything he could to promote the welfare of the Craft in general, and of the Province in particular.

On rising to respond the Prov. Grand Master received quite an ovation. He said he felt he could not sufficiently thank the Brethren for the magnificent present they had made him. The beautiful address they had given him he should show to those who were not in the charmed circle, as a proof that Masonic work was appreciated. He had an intimate acquaintance with all the Lodges, and his visits enabled him to form a just estimate of those who did good work and were entitled to recognition. It was gratifying to see the good feeling that existed between the different Lodges, and among the Brethren. Masonry rested upon the great pillar of charity, but was not intended for those who only sought to make something out of it. It inculcated the virtues which are of advantage to the community at large. It would be his endeavour to do his very best to promote the interests of the Craft which all loved so well.

The health of the Grand Superintendent Sir Francis Boileau was most cordially drunk, as was that of the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, the Installing Officer, and the Visitors.

During the evening some choice music was provided, under the direction of Brother J. H. Brockbank, by the Cathedral Quartette Party.

It may be interesting to recall the names of those who, during the past 150 years, have held the office of Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk. The following list is as complete as may be, dating from 1759:

Date of Patent.	Date of Installation.	Name.
13 Jan. 1759	-----	Edward Bacon, M.P.
9 Aug. 1785	24 Aug. 1785	Sir Edward Astley, Bart., M.P.
18 Dec. 1793	-----	Hon. Henry Hobart, M.P.
5 Feb. 1801	14 Jan. 1802	General William Earle Bulwer.
26 May 1810	-----	Rev. Samuel Summers Colman.
1813	-----	William Palgrave.
1816	died before installation	
4 Mar. 1818	23 Aug. 1819	Sir Jacob Henry Astley, Bart., M.P. William Thomas Coke, M.P., afterwards first Earl of Leicester.
4 Mar. 1845	14 Oct. 1845	Edward Vernon, 4th Baron Suffield.
10 Feb. 1854	25 Sept. 1856	Benjamin Bond-Cabbell, M.P.
1 Mar. 1875	20 Nov. 1875	Hon. Frederick Walpole, M.P.
8 April 1876	20 Nov. 1876	Charles, fifth Baron Suffield, K.C.B.

The vacancy in the Prov. Grand Mastership, which was filled by Lord Suffield, was caused by the death of the Hon. Frederick Walpole, M.P., on 1st April 1876. Some months elapsed before it was announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed Lord Suffield, then a member of his own household, to the vacant chair. The retired Prov. Grand Master was born on 2nd January 1830, and joined the 7th Hussars at about the age of 18. While serving as the Hon. Charles Harbord with his regiment in Ireland he was initiated into Freemasonry, at Cork, in the first Lodge of Ireland, No. 1,

on the 7th April 1851, and was passed to the second degree in the same Lodge on the 5th May following. He succeeded to the title on the death of his half-brother, on the 22nd of August 1853. On the 1st January 1855, he was elected a joining member of Unanimity Lodge, then No. 119, at North Walsham, and, curiously enough, it appears from the minutes of that Lodge that he again took the degree of Fellow Craft there on the 5th February following. In 1871 he was appointed Senior Provincial Grand Warden of Norfolk, and he served as W.M. of Unanimity Lodge in 1876. Much enthusiasm was aroused by the announcement that H.R.H. the Grand Master proposed to honour the Province in which he lived by coming in person to instal the new Provincial Grand Master. The Drill Hall, Chapel Field, was selected as the best place for the event, the date being 20th November 1876. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Penrice, as D.P.G.M., and the ceremonies were duly carried out. Bro. Penrice was installed as Deputy, the chair of S.W. was filled by the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Duff, M.P., and that of J.W. by Bro. Hamon le Strange. No Cathedral service or banquet took place on this occasion, the Prince of Wales being compelled to leave the city at an early hour.

Coming to the Provincial Grand Chapter, with which Lord Suffield has also been associated, the following list shows the Grand Superintendents of the past century:

Date of Patent.	Date of Installation.	Name.
-----	-----	Hon. Henry Hobart, M.P.
16 Dec. 1792	-----	Joseph Taylor.
-----	25 Aug. 1819	First Earl of Leicester.
1 Aug. 1819	not installed	Benjamin Bond-Cabbell, M.P.
16 July 1854	died before installation	
-----	-----	Col. James Duff, M.P.
24 June 1879	22 Sept. 1879	Lieut.-Col. H. P. le Strange.
10 Mar. 1880	6 Oct. 1880	Lord Suffield.

The post of Grand Superintendent, since the revival of Royal Arch Masonry in Norfolk, in 1861, seemed to be an unfortunate one, Colonel Duff dying before installation, while Colonel le Strange passed away during his first year of office in 1880. Lord Suffield had by this time qualified for the office by being installed as First Principal of Unanimity Chapter, No. 102, and the vacant office was conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Grand Superintendent. His lordship was installed as Provincial Superintendent on 6th October 1880, by the Rev. C. J. Martyn Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, the second and third chairs being filled by Comps. Bignold and Hamon le Strange, who were re-appointed to their respective Offices, as also was the Prov. Grand Scribe E. Comp. Baldwin.—"Eastern Daily Press."

## DERBYSHIRE.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 30th ult., the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, for the transaction of the general business of the Province. There was, as usual, a large attendance of Brethren when the Deputy of the Province Bro. H. C. Okeover and Officers opened the Lodge at three o'clock.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master read a letter which had been received from the late Lord Lathom, in reference to a vote of condolence passed by the Prov. Grand Lodge a year ago on the terrible calamity he had sustained in the death of his wife. Bro. Okeover proceeded to refer to the death of Lord Lathom himself, and to pay a warm tribute to his memory. He moved a vote of condolence with the family. This was seconded by Bro. Cox, and carried.

On the motion of Bro. Okeover, seconded by Bro. Cox, a sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Provincial fund on behalf of the recent Festival of the Boys School.

The reports of the various Masters of the Lodges were then read, and disclosed the fact that progress continued to be made, and that all were in a satisfactory condition.

The reports of the various Committees were adopted, that of the Charity Committee showing that the sum of £2,400 was taken up on behalf of the Province at the recent Festival of the Boys School.

Bro. A. J. Flint P.M. Tyrian Lodge was elected Treasurer.

Other routine business having been transacted, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers for the year, as follow:—

Bro. John Walker	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Joseph Sladen	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Giles Andrews	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. Joseph Eayes	-	-	-	

W. Loverock	-	-	-	Registrar
A. J. Flint	-	-	-	Treasurer
Wm. Naylor	-	-	-	Secretary
W. H. Edwards	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
G. W. Howard	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
T. B. Smith	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
T. Berridge	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Moulton	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Oers.
E. Beardmore	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Wright, Booth	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
John Bradley	-	-	-	
T. P. Hewitt	-	-	-	Organist
W. S. Gilman	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. M'Naught Davis	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Henry Hole	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
A. A. Greig	-	-	-	Stewards
A. D. C. Amos	-	-	-	
Walter Smith	-	-	-	
T. J. Hitchens	-	-	-	
W. Taylor	-	-	-	
A. Cope	-	-	-	Tyler.
Aslinn	-	-	-	

The Brethren afterwards dined together in the Lower Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Cox.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### DORSET.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Poole, on Thursday, 24th ult. The Provincial Superintendent Comp. Montague Guest presided.

The business of the Chapter was of the usual character, and included the investiture of Officers for the ensuing year, among them being:

Comp. A. Graham	-	-	-	J.
W. Barlow Morgan	-	-	-	Scribe E.
A. G. Chapin	-	-	-	Scribe N.
J. H. Whadcoat	-	-	-	P.S.

There was a banquet afterwards, about thirty-five sitting down, under the presidency of Comp. Graham.

### PHILBRICK CHAPTER, No. 1662.

WHILE the cry in many quarters is that the Royal Arch degree lacks support and encouragement, there are evidences in others that under proper supervision and—if we may say it—fostering care it may be made both popular and prosperous, the present condition of affairs at the recently consecrated Philbrick Chapter being a case in point. It is true that the Chapter has for its chief one of the most popular Masons of the day, in the person of Comp. Shurmur Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, but we do not think even he will desire to take all the credit for the way in which Arch Masonry is growing through the medium of this Chapter, named after the popular Royal Arch chief of the Province of Essex.

Comp. Shurmur is supported in the chairs of the Chapter by Comps. J. H. Wildash and William Harris, while among its other Officers and prominent members are to be found many active supporters of the Degree, all of them vying with each other in the desire to serve the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry in general and their own Chapter in particular.

The meeting of this Chapter held on Saturday, 3rd inst., may, we think, be accredited as creating a record in Royal Arch Masonry, the names of no less than twenty-three Brethren appearing on the summons as candidates for exaltation, while two others, who had already been admitted to the Arch, were candidates for joining, and we think it safe to say that at no previous ordinary meeting of a Chapter has anything like so large an acquisition of strength been made.

A dispensation from the Grand Chapter giving authority for the convocation to be held at the Lord Brooke Hotel, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, having been granted, the members assembled at that hostelry, and business commenced punctually at five o'clock.

The Principals' Chairs were filled by Comps. William Shurmur M.E.Z., John Henry Wildash H., and William Harris J., who were supported by a large number of members and their visitors.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Shurmur proposed that his Honour Judge Philbrick Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex should be elected as an Honorary Member of the Chapter, which was carried unanimously.

The ballot was then taken for the twenty-three Brethren, candidates for the Arch degree, all of whom were approved.

Seventeen of the candidates on the list presented themselves for exaltation, and these Brethren were taken in four contingents, in the following order:

(1) Bros. George H. Pizey, Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374; K. M. Yeoman, Pickwick Lodge, No. 2467; Frederick Robert Peck and Robert Halestrap Tongue, Walthamstow Lodge, No. 2472.

(2) Bros. George Henry Perks and Joseph Inkpen, Walthamstow Lodge; Robert Walter Pettitt, Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662; and James Bishop, Victoria Lodge, No. 1056.

(3) Bros. John P. Watts, Charles Thomas Papworth, Walton Hardy and Donald James, Walthamstow Lodge; and A. Attwell, Beaconsfield Lodge.

(4) Bros. Alfred George Hopkins and William Washington West, Beaconsfield Lodge; Nathaniel Fortescue jun., Walthamstow Lodge; and Frank Goetze, South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858.

The whole of the ceremony was carried out in each case without abridgment, the lectures being delivered by Comps. Grazeley P.G.A.D.C. England (who gave the historical one), James Speller P.P.G. Soj. Essex (who gave the symbolical), and William Shurmur P.G.S.B. (who gave the mystical), and with such experienced expounders of the ritual they were most ably and impressively rendered.

Comp. Ben Johnson P.Z. and Comp. James Clark Scribe E. of the Shurmur Chapter, No. 2374, were admitted as Joining members, and thus the day's work of the Chapter resulted in an increase of twenty members to its roll—Judge Philbrick having honorary rank conferred upon him, seventeen being exalted, and two accepted as Joining members.

A vote of condolence with the family of the late beloved Pro G.Z. the Earl of Lathom was passed by the Companions.

Previous to the closing of the Chapter five names were submitted as candidates for exaltation, so that the next meeting gives every promise of being as busy as this was, the following six candidates having already been approved on the ballot, and each of them having expressed regret at inability to attend on this occasion: Bros. George Savory Fulford, Walthamstow Lodge; William Lane, Jasper James Kelf, Frederick B. E. Amos, and Louis Leopold Yexley, Beaconsfield Lodge; and Henry Austin Penstone, Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.

Before concluding our report of this most interesting meeting we feel a word of special praise should be given to the Scribe E. Comp. James Clark, whose zeal and energy in connection with the meeting was in great measure the cause of its success.

Bro. Julius M. Price has just published his experiences of the trip he made in the spring of this year through British Columbia to the goldfields, under the title from "Euston to Klondyke." The book contains some fifty illustrations, reproduced from sketches and photographs taken on the spot. Bro. Price was accompanied on this journey by Bro. Lionel Harris, the present W.M. of the Eccentric Lodge.

### GAS LIGHT CRICKET CLUB.

AT the second annual dinner of the Gas Light (Kilburn) Cricket Club, held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday last, Bro. A. Wyatt (of the Royal Commemoration and Elliot Lodges) President occupied the chair, supported by Bros. T. V. Fenn, A. E. Horstead, P. Davis, Harry Willsmer, S. Pardoe, M. Strang, Percy House, J. Golby, S. A. Pardoe, E. H. Keighley, T. Matthews, and a company numbering upwards of 140.

An illuminated Testimonial—an excellent specimen of the illuminator's art, supplied by Bro. W. H. Toyé—was presented to Bro. Wyatt President of the Club, in token of the appreciation of his many kindnesses, and the hearty support he has always accorded the officers and members; together with a handsome book, in which the names of over 100 subscribers appeared.

An excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Robert Dennant, assisted by a quartette of excellent artistes, added to the enjoyment of a record evening.

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We are compelled to hold over several reports and items of news, in consequence of the pressure on our space.

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## LADIES' BANQUET AND BALL OF CONFIDENCE LODGE.

**A**MONG the many enjoyable entertainments arranged by the Lodges of the metropolis for the winter season there are few which are looked forward to with more pleasurable anticipation than the Ladies' night of the Confidence, which has come to be regarded as an event of the year, by ladies and others who have attended in the past, and is known by repute to many who have not yet had the pleasure of being present at one of the re-unions.

This year's celebration took place on Tuesday, 29th ult., at the regular quarters of the Lodge, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and success again attended the efforts of the Worshipful Master Bro. E. Pennock and the strong Committee who worked with him, this latter including Bros. G. Spice S.W., J. W. Simeons J.W., W. Cutting S.D., S. W. Fells J.D., Metcalfe Baillie I.G., T. Wiffen and J. E. Fells P.M. Stewards, T. Kington I.P.M., F. S. Plowright P.M., Alfred Jay, and R. M. Owen, with Bro. E. J. Davey P.M. in the position where he has won so much renown—that of Hon. Secretary.

The company, numbering in all about 150, sat down to a most enjoyable banquet shortly after seven o'clock, and at its conclusion the brief toast list usual on such occasions was dealt with by the Worshipful Master, the various speeches being interspersed with songs, &c., given under the direction of Bro. E. H. Lough Organist of the Lodge, the following Artistes assisting in this part of the programme: Mr. R. E. Miles, Bro. Reginald F. Eviatt, Bro. R. B. Hopkins (with his ever popular silver bells), Bro. Jules Guitton, Bro. Fred W. Stephens, Mrs. R. M. Owen, Bro. J. W. Simeons, and Bro. E. H. Lough.

After the Loyal toasts Bro. Davey Secretary of the Lodge proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who responded.

"The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. W. Cutting S.D., and responded to by Bro. Simeons J.W., who said it was with the greatest pleasure he rose on behalf of the Ladies, to respond to the toast of their health, which had been so eloquently proposed and enthusiastically received. In identifying himself with the Ladies that evening he desired, in the first place, to congratulate the Worshipful Master on having attained the honour of presiding over them—the Ladies—that evening, and thank him for the hospitality that had been so liberally bestowed upon them. Might the Ladies have the same favour shown in the Ball room as they had received at the Banquet table; on their part he promised a full measure of sympathy, as at the ordinary meetings of the Lodge the members were deprived of their presence. But on what he might term their state occasions, to gaze on the fair faces and graceful proportions of the Ladies, and benefit by their society, must be a very great encouragement to them to belong to the Craft. Bro. Simeons concluded by again thanking the members, and by expressing the hope that the Ladies might have the pleasure of supporting the Masters of the Confidence Lodge for many years yet to come.

Bro. F. S. Plowright P.M. proposed the health of the visitors, for whom Bro. Spedding W.M. 939 replied.

No small part of the evening's enjoyment may be put to the credit of Bro. J. Fells P.M. who, as usual, faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and looked to the comfort of the guests. The champagne was supplied by his firm, the brand being Rocher & Fils, Vintage 1889, and it was much appreciated.

## DINNER TO BRO. LIEUT.-COLONEL PROBYN.

**A** COMPLIMENTARY dinner was given at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday of last week to Lieut.-Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., Grand Treasurer of Freemasons, by friends who desired to congratulate him on the Masonic and civic honours recently gained by him.

The Earl of Euston Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the Mark Degree, presided over a gathering of more than one hundred gentlemen, the guest of the evening occupying a seat on his immediate right, and Colonel Sir Horatio D. Davies, K.C.M.G., M.P., the seat on his immediate left. The Honorary Secretaries of the movement were Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary of the Mark Degree and Bro. J. D. Langton, of New Inn, Strand.

During dinner a beautiful selection of music was performed by the string band of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, Colonel Probyn's regiment.

The toasts which followed were very few, the principal one being, of course, that of the guest of the evening.

The Loyal toasts having been honoured, Lord Euston proposed the health of Lieut.-Colonel Clifford Probyn. He wished, he said, that they had selected for the post someone who could have spoken more thoroughly than he could of what Colonel Probyn had done. They knew that in every walk of life that he had undertaken he had done his duty like an Englishman. The Colonel had succeeded in every path of life he had adopted, and that was one reason they were there that evening ready and willing to congratulate him on what he had achieved, whether in his own line of business, or in the defence of his country as a volunteer officer, or in his connection with the glorious old city of London. They respected him mainly as an Englishman, and they were now presenting him with a certain little memento—a handsome service of plate—but they were going to give him something additional. It was not official, but it was done from their hearts, because his friends felt he deserved it. It was in recognition of his services, and they hoped he would look upon it as a token that those present were his friends.

Lieut.-Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, in acknowledging the speech and the gift, said if he were to live the longest time given to mortal man he did not believe that that evening would be effaced from his mind. When he looked round and saw the gentlemen congregated to do him honour he was more than gratified. He did not know before that he had so many good friends, and such friends, in the world. He could not say he had done well, but that he had done his best to be straightforward, upright, and honest in his association with men. He thanked them for the testimonial they had presented to him. They knew that men who were called to high office were often away from home, and he was certain the present made to him would be appreciated by his wife. He had been treated by his friends with great kindness on many occasions. Recently a presentation of his chain of office was made to him in the old historic Guildhall. There was a large sum over, and it was his intention to give it to the Masonic Charities. He could only hope that throughout his life he would never do anything which would in the slightest degree minimise the kind consideration which the Brethren had shown him, and which he should always recollect.

Viscount Dungarvan proposed the toast of Sir Horatio D. Davies, and a gratifying response was accorded to it.

The Alderman briefly and appropriately replied.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Alliston and Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., were amongst the subsequent speakers, says the "City Press."

## ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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**SHAFTESBURY THEATRE.**—After a run of several months the Casino Theatre Company of New York is still attracting large and delighted audiences with the lively "Belle of New York." As a specimen of Yankee, as distinct from American humour, the piece is highly diverting, especially as it serves to introduce us to such talented members of the troupe as Mr. Harry Davenport and Miss Edna May. The former is ubiquitous, never tiring, carrying the fun along yet never obtrusively; while the lady presents a picture entirely different to our own actresses in a similar role. She sings her songs in a quiet, almost impassive manner that is exceedingly effective. The other artistes are all admirable in their respective lines. Thus Miss Phyllis Rankin represents the little Parisienne to the life, were it not that her face is inanimate, her graceful dancing and arch manner of singing being all that could be desired. The stately Miss Helen Dupont gives due effect to the Comic Opera Queen; a very quaint sketch is presented by Mr. J. E. Sullivan as "the polite lunatic"; Mr. W. P. Carlton rattles through the part of young Bronson and renders his songs agreeably; Messrs. Frank Lincoln and Leslie Stiles are very amusing as the Portuguese Twins, and Mr. G. K. Fortescue quite realises the dignified Impressario. Such are the plums of this enjoyable theatrical pudding, and they are supplemented by an excellent male and female chorus of really good singers, brilliant costumes and pretty scenery. It is no wonder that the piece is attractive, that the songs are whistled all over the town, and that our country cousins during the present week have been delighted with our cousins across the sea.

**ALBERT HALL.**—Without any desire to enter upon the merits of the discussion at the London County Council, which body decided that Sunday entertainments shall not be given for the sake of profit (as such might be regarded as a topic of a religious nature), we cannot help drawing attention to the fact that the vast audiences which assemble at the Albert Hall on Sunday afternoons sufficiently demonstrate that there is a large section of the public to whom a couple of hours of rational amusement on the Lord's Day undoubtedly appeals. Such being the case one is tempted to enquire why this section may not be catered for. Selections upon the magnificent organ, a performance by one of our best military bands, and a few songs of a religious nature, surely cannot have anything but an elevating tendency; and we trust that the organisers of these Sunday afternoons, to which no reasonable objection can be urged, may be supported in their endeavours.

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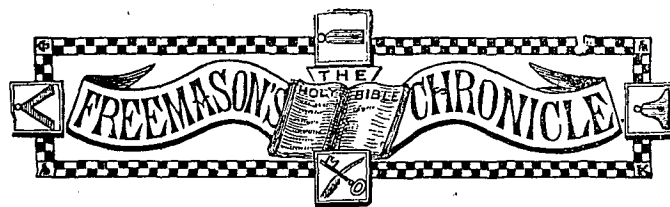
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**ST. AUDREY LODGE.**

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the report of the speech of the gallant and learned P.G.M. of Cambridgeshire, at the banquet after the consecration of the above Lodge, he refers to St. Etheldreda as a Patroness of Freemasonry, at Newmarket, and St. Audrey, at Ely. I was always under the impression that Etheldreda and Audrey were names of the same person (e.g. Richard and Dick, or Mary and Polly).

The history of St. Etheldreda is fairly well known, as the foundress of Ely Cathedral, and as Patroness of Ely Diocese. The Cathedral of Ely is called St. Etheldreda's, therefore the name of the Lodge at Ely (St. Audrey) is a most appropriate one.

It was formerly the custom to hold a fair at Cambridge in honour of this saint, when people would purchase ribbons and tinsel, and it is from this circumstance that the word "tawdry" is derived.

Lest I should be displaying personal ignorance I must hide my identity, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

An S.W.

5th December 1898.

## LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

### Monday.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, r. M.H.  
29 St. Alban, Albion  
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall  
193 Confidence, Anderton's  
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall  
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion  
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall  
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2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.  
2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road  
40 Derwent, Hastings  
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth  
88 Scientific, Cambridge  
104 St. John, Stockport  
105 Fortitude, Plymouth  
106 Sun, Exmouth  
133 Harmony, Faversham  
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight  
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, South Shields  
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury  
292 Sincerity, Liverpool  
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield  
297 Whitham, Lincoln  
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth  
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth  
314 Peace and Unity, Preston  
330 One and All, Bodmin  
339 Unanimity, Penrith  
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill  
379 Honour, Bath  
411 Commercial, Nottingham  
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
587 Howe, Birmingham  
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth  
632 Concord, Trowbridge  
643 Royal, Fife  
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis  
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly  
721 Independence, Chester  
797 Hauley, Dartmouth  
884 Derwent, Wirksworth  
893 Meridan, Millbrook  
941 De Tabley, Knutsford  
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth  
1149 Dorking, Dorking  
1174 Pentangle, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Enfield  
1253 Travellers, Manchester  
1302 De Warren, Halifax  
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Bootle  
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool  
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'y'b'ge  
1436 Castle, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury  
1474 Israel, Birmingham  
1496 Trafford, Moss Side  
1564 St. John, Woking  
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611 Eboracum, York  
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1730 Urmston, Urmston  
1792 Tudor, Harborne  
1802 Vernon, Retford  
1852 Forest, Mansfield  
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Kildgrove  
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall  
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington  
2049 Eilan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.  
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham  
2185 Ardwick, Manchester  
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas  
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells  
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland  
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea  
2487 St. Michael, Stone  
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale  
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

### Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Albion  
180 St. James Union, F.M.H.  
193 Percy, Ship and Turtle  
211 St. Michael, Albion  
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross  
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse

834 Ranelagh, Criterion  
933 Doric, Anderton's  
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich  
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall  
1693 Kingsland, Highbury  
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall  
2546 Rahere, Frascati  
80 St. John, Sunderland  
93 Social, Norwich  
131 Fortitude, Truro  
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton  
241 Merchant, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Boston  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
319 New Forest, Lymington  
371 Perseverance, Maryport  
473 Faithful, Birmingham  
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster  
495 Wakefield, Wakefield  
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell  
502 Rectitude, Rugby  
503 Belvedere, Maidstone  
567 Unity, Warwick  
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen  
593 St. Ann, Alderney  
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton  
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Harwich  
686 Jerusalem, Bristol  
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury  
723 Panmure, Aldershot  
764 H'r'bour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.  
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor  
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey  
892 Royal Edward, Leominster  
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's  
903 Gosport, Gosport  
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn  
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness  
1073 Greta, Keswick  
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge  
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington  
1267 Kenlis, Egremond  
1373 St. Hubert, Andover  
1402 Jordan, Torquay  
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks  
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, Newquay  
1545 Baildon, Baildon  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill  
1782 Machen, Coleshill  
1837 Lullington, Willmington  
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse  
1883 William of Wykeham, W'nch'ter  
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop  
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay  
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wilberforce, Hull  
2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man  
2256 Warner, Chingford  
2324 Horwich, Horwich  
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe  
2521 Noel-Money, Weybridge  
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

### Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
3 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall  
11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall  
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead  
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall  
136 Good Report, Albion  
147 Justice, Deptford  
548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.  
1228 Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern  
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons'-hall  
1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn  
1586 Up. Norwood, Upper Norwood  
1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel  
1815 Penge, Anerley  
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Ct. Bk.  
2410 Æsculapius, Café Royal  
2581 Empress, Earl's Court  
54 Hope, Rochdale  
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey  
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe  
146 Antiquity, Bolton  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
204 Caledonian, Manchester  
225 St. Luke, Ipswich  
244 Yarborough, Jersey  
274 Tranquility, Newchurch

277 Friendship, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Lancaster  
288 Harmony, Todmorden  
323 Concord, Stockport  
498 Royal Standard, Dudley  
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills  
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor  
679 St. David, Aberdare  
730 Ellesmere, Chcrley  
731 Arboretum, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno  
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing  
852 Zetland, Salford  
854 Albert, Shaw  
1005 Zetland, Gloucester  
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford.  
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham  
1060 Marmion, Tamworth  
1064 Borough, Burnley  
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge  
1091 Erme, Ivybridge  
1094 Temple, Liverpool  
1101 Grey Friars, Reading  
1112 Shirley, Southampton  
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton  
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe  
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor  
1181 De la Pole, Seaton  
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate  
1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man  
1248 Denison, Scarborough  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot  
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curwen, Workington  
1465 Ockenden, Cuckfield  
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool  
1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes  
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford  
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne  
1703 Windrush, Witney  
1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands  
1798 Zion, Manchester  
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough  
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Ambie  
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor  
1947 Stanford, Hove  
1958 St. George, Portsea  
2046 Robinson, Maidstone  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester  
2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hampton Ct  
2284 Smyth, Grimsby  
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree  
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey  
2389 Avondale, Middlewich  
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay  
2483 Hadrian, Westham  
2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill  
2540 Ember, East Molesey

### Thursday.

6 Friendship, Criterion  
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern  
169 Temperance, Deptford  
179 Manchester, Anderton's  
657 Canonbury, Holborn Rest  
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.  
1320 Blackheath, Southwark  
1613 Cripplegate, Albion  
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal  
1901 Selwyn, Peckham  
2551 Clissold, Highbury Stat'n Hotel  
42 Relief, Bury  
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton  
57 Humber, Hull  
98 St. Martin, Burslem  
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth  
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool  
230 Fidelity, Devonport  
245 Mechanics, Jersey

267 Unity, Macclesfield  
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne  
286 Samaritan, Bacup  
322 Peace, Stockport  
343 Concord, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Blackburn  
350 Charity, Farnworth  
363 Keystone, Whitworth  
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale  
394 Southampton, Southampton  
425 Cestrian, Chester  
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne  
489 Benevolence, Bideford  
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester  
600 Harmony, Bradford  
605 Combermere, Birkenhead  
659 Blagdon, Blyth  
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes  
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn  
802 Repose, Derby  
833 Afan, Aberavon  
900 St. George, Tewkesbury  
939 Palham, Worksop  
940 Philanthropy, Stockton  
1000 Priory, Southend  
1011 Richmond, Manchester  
1037 Portland, Portland  
1042 Excelsior, Leeds  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1332 Unity, Crediton  
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln  
1393 Hamer, Liverpool  
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton  
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable  
1534 Concord, Prestwich  
1562 Homfray, Risca  
1776 Landport, Landport  
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton  
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.  
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton  
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford  
2107 Etheldreda, Newmarket  
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe  
2226 St. David, Rhymney  
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge  
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield  
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent  
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport  
2341 Clemency, Oldham  
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow  
2555 England Centre, Weedon

### Friday.

2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall  
152 Virtue, Manchester  
155 Perseverance, Liverpool  
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton  
347 Noah Ark, Tipton  
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley  
1295 Gooch, New Swindon  
1311 Zetland, Leeds  
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough  
1357 Cope, Sale  
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland  
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton  
1794 De Vere, Nottingham  
2065 St. Osyth Priory, Cfct'n-on-Sea  
2231 Talbot, Stretford  
2447 Pallatine, Manchester

### Saturday.

1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.  
1641 Crichton, Camberwell  
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's  
811 Yarborough, Brighton  
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme  
1126 Oakwood, Romiley  
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow  
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton  
2105 Cama, Hampton Court

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.

ON Wednesday, 23rd ult., an enjoyable Cinderella in connection with this Lodge was given at Ladywell Baths, Lewisham, in aid of the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. Those present numbered close on 150.

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## INSTRUCTION.

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## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 167.

THE seventh annual meeting and banquet of this popular Lodge was held at the Court House, Harlesden, on Thursday, 24th ult., when Bro. J. T. Mercer P.M. 2427 presided, supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. Stephen Hussey P.M. 1637 Treasurer, and F. S. Priest P.M. 1637 Secretary. The duties of Stewards were well carried out by Bros. H. A. Moore 1637, F. J. Greenwood 2593, and W. G. Cane 1767.

After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in well chosen words by the able President, and cordially responded to by the company present.

An excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bro. C. Winterbon, who presided at the piano, was carried out, Bros. J. Bartlett, G. Chapman, A. Williams, W. G. Cane, and others assisting.

In addition to those already mentioned we noticed Bros. Fripp, Fisk, Stanley Ball, Golby, Fordham, Lawrence, H. Willsmer, McBane, and about thirty others.

During the past season there have been 1,153 attendances at the meetings, being an average of twenty-three. The sale of the "Freemason," which is presented to the Lodge each week, and disposed of by auction after the meeting, has, during the year, realised upwards of £10.

Twenty Guineas have been paid to the Masonic Charities, and after paying all expenses a balance of £1 3s 9d is carried forward.

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## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 24th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. S. W. Keene P.M. W.M., W. Langdon S.W., R. Adlington J.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. Sec., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. Preceptor, H. T. Johnson S.D., E. H. Wilcox J.D., J. Dennis P.M. I.G., R. W. Robinson, F. W. Osman, and others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree and resumed to the first. Bro. Osman then answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

The Preceptor gave the lecture on the tracing board in a faultless manner. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and closed down.

Bro. H. T. Johnson moved, and it was unanimously carried, that a vote of condolence be recorded and sent to the family of the late Lord Lathom. The Secretary was also directed to write to Bro. Ex-Inspector Rawlings, and express the sympathy of the members of the Lodge with him in his dangerous illness.

ON Thursday, 1st inst., Bros. W. Langdon W.M., R. Adlington S.W., H. T. Johnson J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. Treas., J. H. Cummings P.M. Sec., E. H. Wilcox S.D., R. W. Robinson J.D., S. W. Keene acting Preceptor, F. W. Osman I.G., J. R. Francis, A. J. Swash, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Francis taking the position of candidate. By the kindness of the W.M. Bro. Francis assumed the chair, and Bro. Langdon answered the usual questions, was entrusted and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Adlington was unanimously elected as W.M. for the 15th inst., as the next meeting would be placed at the disposal of the Mother Lodge.

Bro. A. J. Swash S.W. Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, was elected a member.

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## EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

ON Friday, 2nd inst., at Bro. T. H. Darby's, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, Bros. W. R. Hutton W.M., W. H. Handover S.W., W. R. Flack J.W., G. Davis P.M. Prec., W. J. Mason P.M. Sec., H. Armfield S.D., A. England J.D., H. Hatton I.G., G. D. Mogford P.M., W. R. Hatton W.M., A. R. Finch W.M., H. Holmes P.M., G. Nisbet P.M., F. L. Chandler P.M., T. H. Darby, L. Standing, W. H. Cave, W. A. McLeod, J. Chapman, and J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. D. Mogford candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. P. Hatton, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. Cave answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. W. H. Handover was elected to preside at the next meeting.

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## IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.

A MOST successful meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Douglas White's, the Pier Hotel, Chelsea. Being Preceptor's night the chair was taken by the popular Bro. G. Holland, with Fountain Wood S.W., W. S. Thwaites J.W., A. Schott Sec., F. Leeks S.D., W. R. Mead J.D., R. Hicks I.G.

There were several members and Visitors present to witness the working of Brother Holland, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, including the charge, with Bro. Franklin acting as the candidate.

After the ceremony the Preceptor gave a very interesting and learned lecture on the first degree, and he was highly complimented for the real

Masonic treat he had provided for the Brethren. Bro. Wood S.W. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent and perfect working of their Preceptor.

Two more members were added to the list, bringing up the number to fifty-five.

We congratulate the Brethren of this Lodge on its success, and wish it and them continued prosperity. Bro. Fountain Wood will preside on Tuesday next.

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## WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. Culverhouse W.M., W. West S.W., H. J. Rose J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., W. Rudderforth P.M. Treas. Acting Sec., A. Chinnery S.D., H. Wood J.D., G. Yeowell I.G., A. Myall, G. Baker, A. Menn, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Myall candidate, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Menn was entrusted, and, the Lodge being further advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. West was elected to preside on Monday next.

ON Monday, 5th inst., Bros. C. West W.M., H. Rose S.W., G. Spice J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, C. Wetton P.M. Deputy Preceptor, J. W. Simeons Sec., J. Ollington J.D., H. Williams I.G., Rudderforth, Wynman, and others.

The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. G. Baker acting as candidate in both cases.

Bro. H. Rose was elected as W.M., and his efficient working being well known we expect to see a very good attendance at the next meeting.

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## EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

THERE was an exceptional gathering, and a most successful evening was spent, on the occasion of the working of the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge last week, at Bro. Charles Sisman's, the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, under the presidency of Bro. C. L. Plant P.M. the popular Preceptor of the Lodge.

The presiding Officer had the support of Bros. H. Cornford W.M.-elect 1922 as S.W., W. Hill I.G. 1512 Treas. as J.W., W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572 acting I.P.M., E. J. S. Ware J.W. 1922 Sec., M. McVey S.D., W. Hurley J.D., Charles Sisman Steward, C. Elderfield I.G., &c.; among others present being Bros. O'Dea P.M. (Preceptor of several Lodges of Instruction), W. Stunt P.M., Wiltshire, Walker, Spencer, Brown, Side, Queloh, Groom, Heath, Stone, Shipton, Shephard, R. Trotter, F. Swinford, Whiting P.M., Little, Burton, McGregor, J. Wynman, &c., the whole assembly numbering between fifty and sixty Brethren.

The Sections of the first degree were worked by the following Brethren: B. Sobel, W. E. Groom, M. McVey, E. J. S. Ware (Sec. of the Lodge), W. C. Hurley, R. Whiting P.M., H. Cornford W.M.-elect 1922 (in the absence of Bro. F. W. Trotter), after which the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment.

On resumption the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the Sections connected therewith were worked by the following: Bros. K. Taylor P.M. 2148, C. H. Stone P.M. 507, W. Hill (in the absence of Bro. C. Johnson), W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, and J. Hooper P.M. 1320.

Lodge was further advanced, and the third degree Sections were worked by Bros. B. Cohen, W. Hill, and J. R. Cass P.M. 1320, the last named bringing the work to a most successful conclusion, the whole reflecting the greatest credit on the Brethren who assisted, as well as on the worthy Preceptor, who did so much to ensure the success of the meeting by the ability he displayed in the chair.

Bro. O'Dea P.M., who had assumed the position of I.P.M. on the retirement of Bro. Whitaker, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the W.M., and recorded on the minutes, in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair on the occasion. This was seconded by Bro. Cornford S.W., supported by Bro. E. Ware Secretary, and unanimously agreed to by the members.

The acting W.M., in acknowledgment, sincerely thanked the Brethren for their mark of favour, and Bro. Whitaker particularly, for the kind assistance he had rendered in the work of the evening.

The worthy Preceptor next proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the Brethren who had worked the different Sections—especially to Bros. Cornford and Hill, who had kindly taken the place of Brethren who were unavoidably absent—and this suggestion being seconded in regular order it was unanimously agreed to.

The following Brethren were admitted to membership of the Lodge, viz: Bros. H. Levy, O'Dea P.M., Bliss, Shephard, Barwick, Smyth, McGregor, S. West, Greenway, Mitchell, and several others.

Bro. O'Dea, being called upon to acknowledge the election, tendered thanks on his own behalf, and felt sure that all the other Brethren who had been elected were also delighted to join the Lodge, where they had the advantage of an able and painstaking Preceptor—one who was always ready and willing to impart Masonic instruction to all who desired to acquire it.

The Lodge meets every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the Preceptor Bro. C. L. Plant P.M. 101 being, as Bro. O'Dea observed, an able and efficient tutor of the Masonic ritual—at all times pleased to impart knowledge of the work to any Brethren who may attend the Lodge. The Lodge meets in most comfortable quarters, and Bro. Sisman, Proprietor of the Hotel, tells us he will be pleased to accommodate Lodges of Instruction and other similar gatherings on the other evenings of the week.

In connection with this Lodge of Instruction a Benevolent Association has been worked for some time. As a result a sum of 260 guineas was sent during the period of the first series, and the second one, now in operation, is likely to prove even more successful.

AT the same comfortable quarters, on Wednesday, 7th inst., Bro. H. Eyre officiated as W.M., and was most ably assisted by the following: H. Cornford W.M.-elect 1922 S.W., F. W. Trotter J.W., C. L. Plant P.M. Prec., W. Hill Treas., E. J. S. Ware Assist. Sec., W. E. Groom S.D., F. Messent J.D., L. Shipton I.G., H. Levey, Sisman, Morris, Wynman and others.

The Lodge being duly formed the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. Morris offered himself as candidate. The ceremony was perfectly rendered, and at its conclusion the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. Cornford, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the Lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Trotter J.W. worked the first section of that Lecture.

A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was accorded to the W.M. in recognition of his able working in the chair, this being the first occasion on which he had presided.

Bro. Cornford was elected to preside on Wednesday next, and he being a capable worker an excellent exposition of the ritual may be looked for on that evening.

The Preceptor Bro. Plant was deserving of a word of praise on this occasion, as he certainly appeared to be untiring in his efforts to ensure the perfection of the Brethren who placed themselves under his care.

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#### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 12th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bro. John H. Cumming P.M. acted as W.M., and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Keene candidate. Bro. R. Reid W.M. of the Star Lodge worked the seventh section of the first lecture, the questions being put by Bro. Spiegel P.M. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Spiegel worked the third section, the questions being put by Bro. Hellier P.M.

Bro. Stuart S.D. Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, was elected a member.

ON the 19th ult., Bro. R. Reid presided, and opened to the second degree, the questions leading to the third being answered by Bro. Cousins. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and then called off and on. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor.

It was carried unanimously that Bro. Pankhurst, of the Hemming Lodge (the host of the Windsor Castle Hotel) become a member.

ON the 26th ult., those present included Bros. L. Powell W.M., F. W. Ridgway S.W., S. W. Keene P.M. J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., P. Cronin S.D., W. Handover J.D., W. Atkinson I.G., R. Reid Steward, Arthur Williams P.M. 834 2090 Preceptor, E. Fox P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., G. Kirkham P.M., H. J. Cousins, L. Walsh, K. M. Ross, I. Flack, E. Wilkins, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Flack candidate. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the first section was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor.

Bro. Ridgway was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ON Saturday, 3rd inst., Bros. W. T. Ridgway W.M., S. W. Keene P.M. S.W., P. Cronin J.W., R. Josey P.M. Sec., W. Handover S.D., W. Atkinson J.D., W. Hide P.M. acting Preceptor, J. H. Cummings P.M. Stwd., K. M. Ross I.G., M. Spiegel P.M., H. Bone, W. Herring, R. Reid W.M. of the Star Lodge, A. J. Swash, J. Stewart, and others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the questions answered by Bro. Bone, who was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The traditional history was given, the whole work being excellently rendered by the W.M., who is only a Mason of twelve months standing.

Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off and on. Bro. Cronin assumed the chair, and rehearsed a portion of the installation ceremony, and after resuming to the second degree rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Reid candidate.

Bro. A. J. Swash S.W. 87 was elected a member, and Bro. S. W. Keene P.P.G.P. Middx. W.M. for the next meeting.

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#### ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

ON Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p.m., at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bros. Holmes W.M., T. Holland S.W., B. Cohen J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, O. Wetton P.M. Deputy Preceptor, F. Holden Treas. S.D., J. Walker J.D., S. Voigt I.G., Wynman, Parkinson, Newstead, Husk, and others.

After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the investiture of Officers. Bro. Holland vacated his chair in favour of Brother Shaw, and the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed.

Bro. Cohen will preside on Wednesday next.

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#### HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

ON Friday, 25th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., Bros. T. Melville W.M., F. Aris S.W., J. Bennett J.W., H. G. Holland P.M. Preceptor, R. H. Neville P.M. Treas., J. Kobelt Sec., H. Ramsbottom S.D., J. B. Schrader J.D., J. W. Harrison I.G., A. Taylor P.M., C. G. Ridgway, J. Lamb, J. W. Hunt, C. Drake, and J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lamb acting as the candidate. Then followed the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Ridgway as the candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree and closed down to the first.

The next meeting being Officers' night Bro. J. Bennett was elected W.M. for the 13th inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on Friday, 27th January next, further notice of which will be given in our columns.

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#### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

AT the Earl Derby, High Rd., Kilburn, on Monday, 28th ult., Bros. A. F. Hardymont Preceptor as W.M., R. J. Campbell P.M. P.Z. Treasurer as Preceptor, J. Gawthrop W.M. S.W., Batchelor J.W., H. Willsmer Sec., Wheeler I.G., A. E. Horstead Organist, M. Spiegel P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.Std. Bearer Surrey, Smith P.M., Palmer, Battrum.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Battrum acting as candidate. Bro. A. F. Hardymont gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Palmer acted as candidate while the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. James Gawthrop was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ON Monday, 5th inst., Bros. J. Gawthrop W.M., C. Batchelor S.W., R. H. Oldrey J.W., A. Hardymont Preceptor, R. J. Campbell P.M. Treasurer, H. Willsmer Sec., W. Knowles S.D., T. E. Curtis J.D., A. Horstead Org., G. Wheeler I.G., M. Spiegel P.M., T. Smith P.M., T. Matthews, T. Battrum, Leavers, Fraser, Hawdon, C. Hammerton, H. Crook, G. Coxen, W. G. Coxen, Palmer, P. Davis, J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hammerton being the candidate. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews candidate. This ceremony, including the charge, as well as the former one, was most perfectly rehearsed.

Bro. Batchelor will preside on Monday next.

#### MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 28th ult., Brother Thomas Hamnett Worshipful Master.

One of the ancient constitutional charges having been read, and the minutes confirmed, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. James Carvell Woolstone, Advertising Contractor, Manchester, who was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. S. H. Stubbs J.W. who presented and explained the working tools, and also rendered the charge after initiation.

The following were also present, viz: Bros. E. A. Smith I.P.M., Sam Luke S.W., Cyril H. Beever P.M. Secretary, F. Todd S.D., Councillor Dr. W. F. Dearden J.D., H. Bowes I.G., Seth Wrigley P.M. P.P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, W. H. Purdy Org., Thomas Black P.M. P.P.G.D., Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., &c. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Rowarth I.P.M. 1052, E. A. Mayall J.D. 2702.

#### MASONIC RELICS AT LEWES.

ALTHOUGH the time at the disposal of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, on the occasion of his recent visit to Lewes, when the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held there, was necessarily limited, the Duke devoted nearly a quarter of an hour to inspecting the rare and interesting collection of Masonic relics and curios which the Museum possesses, being conducted round the building by the Mayor-elect, Bro. G. Holman.

It was pointed out to the Duke that the building is itself of great historic interest, resting as it does upon the site of the old west gate, one of the circular towers of which still remains. His Royal Highness's attention was directed to the foundation stone of the building, which was laid in 1797 by Major-General Hulston as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and also to the memorial stone laid many years ago by the Earl of Chichester, then Lord Pelham, the present structure being laid on the foundations of the old Masonic Hall. The relics exhibited included an ancient and valuable dinner service, formerly belonging to the South Saxon Lodge, and recovered a few years ago; and an engraving representing the visit of King William the Fourth and Queen Adelaide to Lewes, in 1830. The old banner, bearing date of the year 1822, was displayed in company with the handsome banner presented to the South Saxon Lodge by Mrs. G. Holman, in commemoration of the Jubilee year. Another object inspected with much interest was the very ancient organ which, according to tradition, belonged to Queen Elizabeth, and was presented to the Lodge by the late Duke of Sussex. The original Charter of the Lodge (1796); and the Warrant, dated 1801, constituting the South Saxon Lodge the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex—a distinction it enjoyed for about fifteen years; as well as the Centenary Warrant, presented a little more than a year ago; the trowel used by Lord Pelham in laying the foundation stone; and the old silver seal of the Lodge with which the Warrant of 1801 was signed, were also viewed by the Duke.—“Sussex Daily News.”

#### The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—Friday, 16th December, Fancy Dress Ball at 11 p.m.  
 Drury Lane.—Boxing Day, Forty Thieves.  
 Her Majesty's.—8.15, The Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
 Haymarket.—8.10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manœuvres of Jane. Matinée, Saturday, 2.15.  
 Adelphi.—Boxing Day, Dick Whittington.  
 Criterion.—8.40, The Jest. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
 Daly's.—8.15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
 Savoy.—8.20, The Sorcerer, and Trial by Jury. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
 Prince of Wales's.—13th December, La Poupée.  
 Gaiety.—8.15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
 Strand.—8.15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
 Vaudeville.—8, A bad penny. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
 St. James's.—8.30, The Elder Miss Blossom. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 Globe.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 Comedy.—15th December, Milord Sir Smith.  
 Avenue.—8, Constancy. 8.30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
 Garrick.—8.15, Mr. versus Mrs. 9, Brother Officers. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
 Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
 Terry's.—8, The Lady Bookie. 8.45, The Brixton Burglary. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
 Lyric.—8.15, Little Miss Nobody. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 Duke of York's.—8, Red Roses. 8.45, The Adventure of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 Grand.—Next week, Charley's Aunt.  
 Parkhurst.—Next week, The Skirt Dancer.  
 Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next Week, The Honourable John.  
 Alexandra.—Next week, The White Heather.  
 Dalston.—Next week, Under the Red Robe.  
 Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. La Belle Otero. Jack Ashore, &c.  
 Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Alaska, &c.  
 Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.  
 London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.  
 Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
 Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
 Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.  
 Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.

## NEW MUSIC.

Chappell and Co., Limited.—No. 143 of Chappell and Co.'s Musical Magazine is well arranged for the season, containing as it does a selection of eight dances and a march, all of which introduce popular tunes of the day, and, as a consequence, are sure to win approval during the winter festivities. The "Gondoliers," "Circus Girl," "Gay Parisienne," and other compositions of the day are laid under contribution, and pleasing results are the outcome.

"The Topsy-Turvy Hotel" is dealt with in many forms by Messrs. Chappell. We have a "selection," arranged for the pianoforte by Charles Godfrey jun., which—like all the productions of this famous musician—is effective, and ably compiled; it should become a favourite.

Carl Kiefert has given us a very lively Waltz on the "Hotel" melodies of Victor Roger and Lionel Monckton; while for Lancers, founded on the same pleasing tunes, Mr. Warwick Williams has provided a very effective arrangement.

"Toujours" Waltz, by Carl Kiefert, is another contribution from the same source; and, introducing as it does some of the liveliest items of the "Hotel" comedy, it can be recommended as lively, with the certainty of winning approval.

Among other recent songs published by this firm are:

"Leave me not." Words by Clifton Bingham, music by Tito Mattei—a production which may best be recommended by saying that the two famous artistes have here done themselves credit.

"Teach me the charm." Words by Constance Sutcliffe, music by Noel Johnson.

"She is far from the land." Words by Tom Moore, music by Frank Lambert.

"Sea Breezes." Words by Edward Teschemacher, music by Franco Leoni.

"Speak but one word." Words by Edward Teschemacher, music by Frank Lambert.

"Song of the Bow." Words by A. Conan Doyle, music by Florence Aylward.

"A Mediæval Knight." Words by Ronald Aubrey, music by Guy d'Hardelot.

"The Curfew." Words by J. Tobin, music by Monk Gould.

Francis, Day and Hunter.—As usual this firm is well to the front with reasonable novelties.

Karl Kaps shows himself to advantage in his "Jolly Folly" Quadrilles, in which the popular songs of the day are introduced with his accustomed ability and thoroughness.

The same composer supplies the music for the "Chain Cotillion," a new dance arranged by Mortlake W. Mann, which from the description set out by the inventor should certainly provide hearty amusement during the season, and remain thereafter as a regular favourite.

The mere mention of "The Three Musketeers;" whether in the gavotte—composed by Celian Kottaun—or in any other form, may be taken as a signal for popularity. We predict the same good fortune is in store for this

number as is the case with its namesake at the Globe Theatre at the present time—a full measure of public appreciation.

We have also received from this firm: "From Skies to Earth again" (with violin and 'cello obligato), the words and music by Leslie Stuart.

Enoch and Sons.—The firm's "Dance Album" contribution to the season's music, is the 13th of the series,—but surely the proverbial ill luck of the baker's dozen cannot attend so interesting a number. The part contains four Waltzes—"Life's Lullaby," on Gerald Lane's celebrated song, being among the number. "Popularity Lancers," introducing popular songs of the day; an "Up to date" polka, a "Whistling Barn Dance," and a Berlin Polka, aptly designated "Unter den Linden"—an excellent shillingsworth, without a doubt.

Messrs. Enoch and Sons also send us a selection of songs, among which we have:

"Love me to-day!" Words by Frederic E. Weatherley, music by F. Paolo Tosti. There is hardly any need to particularise when such well known names as are here associated appear in connection with a song. This production of the well known author and composer is a credit to them, and should add to their reputation.

"Children's Ways." Words and music by Gerald Lane.

"My Flower." Words by E. Teschemayer (the German version by M. Ronald), music by Landon Ronald.

"River Dreams." Words and music by Gerald Lane.

"Serenade" (La Chanson de ma Mie). French words by Th. de Banville, English version by R. H. Elkin; music by H. Bemberg.

G. Ricordi and Co.—"Lays for little ones" is an attractive title at this season of the year, and the music and words collected under this heading by Herbert T. Bunning in the one case, and F. E. Weatherley and G. R. Askwith in the other, well sustain the favourable opinion formed at the outset. It is a good plan to introduce pleasing illustrations in connection with the music set our younger friends, as the presence of judicious "colouring" is likely to create an interest in the lessons, and lead to the pieces being approached with an amount of pleasure, rather than as actual tasks. Altogether the volume of "Lays" is made very effective, even the covers being deserving of a word of praise, as exemplifications of what it is possible to produce with an artistic combination of white and black—the colours introduced being really subsidiary, although contributing to the general good effect.

Also received: "When summer was." Song by Walter Head, music by Alice Borton.

"Speak!" Words by Clifton Bingham, music by F. Paolo Tosti.

It is proposed to hold a Masonic ball in the Town Hall, Newbury, early in the new year, under the auspices of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, of which Bro. Stephen Knight jun. is Worshipful Master, and Major Gerald Ricardo Senior Warden.

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Sunday, January 22nd	-	-	Arrive Port Said. [Port Said.]
Tuesday, January 24th	-	-	Depart Port Said.
Wednesday, January 25th	-	-	Arrive Jaffa to embark passengers from Jerusalem.
Thursday, January 26th	-	-	Arrive Alexandria for Cairo.
Tuesday, January 31st	-	-	Depart Alexandria.
Friday, February 3rd	-	-	Arrive Malta, afternoon.
Saturday, February 4th	-	-	At Malta, leaving at midnight.
Monday, February 6th	-	-	Arrive Naples, mid-day.
Tuesday, February 7th	-	-	Depart Naples, mid-day.
Thursday, February 9th	-	-	Arrive Marseilles.
Friday, February 10th	-	-	Arrive London.

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### CHURCH SERVICE.

A UNIQUE service was witnessed at St. Michael's Church, Southfields, on Monday evening, 30th ult., when a Masonic Service was conducted in the presence of a large number of Masons and the public. The weather was most inclement, but the large congregation was a tribute to the energies of Brothers Clark and Teidemann, who made all the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the company. As the clock struck eight the Masons solemnly filed into the church, wearing their aprons and various other badges of Office, all appearing in Masonic mourning owing to the death of the Earl of Lathom. There were nearly two hundred Masons present.

The evening service was read by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Dobson, M.A.), the opening hymn being "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem." The Psalms chanted were, "I was glad when they said unto me" and "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is." The special lessons were from Haggai ii. 4-10, and Revelation xxi, which were read by Brother the Rev. E. G. Gordon, Vicar of St. Mark's, Battersea, Chaplain of the Wandsworth Lodge. The hymn before the sermon was, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving."

Brother the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain preached a highly intellectual and interesting sermon from II Peter i. 7, "Add to godliness brotherly kindness." In the course of his observations he said all were brothers, so said our Lord; and wherever the gospel of Christ had been faithfully preached and truly understood, there the great doctrine of the brotherhood of man, especially the brotherhood of Christian men amongst themselves, had silently and surely taken its place. When, for instance, in the early days of the history of this country, Edward the Confessor uttered such expressions of human equality as were recorded in the year 974, we might be sure the idea of Christian brotherhood had begun to penetrate barbarian society. That monarch said "We know through God's grace that the labourer has become the noble, that the agriculturist has become the squire, and the scribe the Bishop." These were noble words indeed, and showed that ancient society was entirely with the spirit of the gospel. It was so at the present time amongst them as Masons. Were we not creatures of one nature, of one decisive form, made in one mould, saved by one redemption? All were alike, perhaps holding different views on religion, but all Brothers. The French revolution of a hundred years ago gave us an awful example of the mistake of endeavouring to bring about a brotherhood of mankind by decrees and punishments, instead of allowing it gradually to grow in their minds. Brotherhood could not be forced on man by law. Men must be persuaded by truth and beauty and the exceeding happiness of the idea, by teaching and by example. Brotherhood had brought forward all that was admirable in mankind. It had been preached since the early times, and had often been repeated in the history of the world. It was one of the delightful characteristics preached by Freemasonry, that it materially helped the Christian religion in realising Fraternity. Unlike the Continental Freemasonry, the Freemasonry of Great Britain was founded upon the principles of religion, their coat of arms being comprised of the emblems of the four evangelists. Their meetings and deliberations were guided by sacred rites, whilst every ceremony was profoundly and solemnly religious. But it was to the principles of the Brotherhood he would like to direct their attention. Every member of the Craft felt a warm sympathy with his Brother in all his ways. They needed no introduction to each other, and were all on terms of friendship, whilst all were equal. After every meal the box went round for charity, and it was pleasing to see the Lodges vying with one another in the amounts they could collect for charity. He could not help thinking that if the same spirit pervaded the members of our churches, much more good would be done by Christianity. In conclusion, he made a very tender allusion to the much lamented death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

The hymns after the sermon were "Now thank we all our God" and "All people that on earth do dwell," during the singing of which a collection was taken on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The Benediction, pronounced by the Vicar, closed the service.—"Putney News."

Lord Kitchener is no mere ornamental Freemason, but has found time to devote some of his spare energies to making himself an expert in the Craft's "work," having founded two strong and prosperous Lodges at Suakim and at Berber, of both of which he was the first Worshipful Master, and which are to-day flourishing, with a goodly roll of members, and in excellent working order. It says something for the prescience of the authorities of the Masonic

world that these and other valuable Masonic services were recognised in the Diamond Jubilee year by the selection by the Prince of Wales of Lord Kitchener (then Sir Herbert Kitchener) to the exalted Masonic rank of Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. This is the highest office to which a Commoner is appointed; the Senior Grand Wardenship, according to a rule which is almost without exception, being conferred each year upon some noble lord.—"World."

The Grand Master's Mark Lodge of Instruction meets at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on the first and third Fridays in the months of October, November, December, January, February and March in each year. The Lodge is opened at 6 p.m. punctually. Bro. John Smith P.M. P.G. Stwd. (4 The Crescent, Bedford) is the Secretary, Bro. J. Reynolds Green Past G. Deacon the Preceptor, and Bro. C. F. Matier P.G. W. G. Sec. the Treasurer.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

WHEN we said last week, in briefly referring to the Christmas Greeting Cards produced this season by Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons, that their newest designs were really works of art, it was no mere figure of speech, as an examination of their numerous handsome designs amply demonstrates.

The Platino Panels (on India), originally introduced by Messrs. Tuck some three seasons back, are growing in popularity, and no wonder, the specimens we have seen of this year's work being superb. They indeed form most charming little gifts for Christmas, and specially appeal to those who love art in its highest form, and would hesitate to send a friend a seasonable token of mere ordinary merit.

Among the "mechanical and hand-painted celluloid cards" are to be found some of the most luxurious and effective gifts of the firm's collection. The specimens of this department which we have seen are beyond ordinary praise, and may be quoted as examples of the highest skill in the very large field which is open to the manufacturer.

The "Novelty" calendars this season are of themselves worthy of special mention, many of the designs being unique and forming handsome decorations for the wall.

In book, booklets, and toy books and Calendars we have a separate department to which Messrs. Tuck have devoted considerable attention, and are as successful as in their other branches. For a particular novelty we commend the "Umbrella" series, which, while being more particularly intended for the amusement of the younger folk, are yet suitable for table decorations and odd corners desired to be made attractive and appreciative for the older among us.

In conclusion we may add a word as to the variety and wide range of Messrs. Tuck's productions this season—amply demonstrated when we record the fact that their collection of cards numbers upwards of 1,400 sets of entirely new designs, embracing within its scope every class of subject, from grave to gay, from lively to severe; all reproduced in the most approved styles of colour, tone, and black and white.

The Great Western Railway Company announce that several excursions will be run during Christmas week to their various Stations in the West of England, including Bristol, Bath, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, &c., the tickets being available for 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 days at cheap rates. An excursion will also be run to Guernsey and Jersey on each of the three days preceding Christmas, to return within fourteen days, at a return fare of 25s. Full excursion programmes can be obtained from the chief office at Paddington, or at any of the local offices and Stations.

The December number of Cassell's Magazine is a double part, excellent alike in its illustrations and text. A feature is made of some coloured plates, appropriate to the season, and all the best features of the popular monthly are well maintained side by side with the special fare provided for Christmas reading.

Our evening contemporary, the "Echo," celebrated its 30th birthday on Thursday, and marked the event by the issue of a double number, containing some most interesting particulars of the foundation and growth of the journal. We congratulate our esteemed Bro. Passmore Edwards, the third editor and present proprietor of the paper on the splendid record he has created, and the brave show he is now making with the earliest of our halfpenny evening papers.



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