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### THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

WE can hardly do better than repeat the words of Bro. Hedges Secretary of the Girls School, when replying to the toast of success to the other Charities, at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution on Wednesday, in summing up the result of that celebration. He congratulated the Benevolent Institution on being able to give the first proof that confidence in the ability of the Craft to support its Charitable Institutions was well founded; and we have the greatest pleasure in endorsing that congratulation. The result of Wednesday's Festival was so very satisfactory as to call for the heartiest approval from all concerned in the welfare of the Institutions of English Freemasonry, and in thus offering our general congratulations we must not forget a special word of praise to Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, to whose personal efforts so much of Wednesday's success is directly due.

The Festival was held in accordance with the programme, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, and was presided over by the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock Prov. Grand M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales. His lordship was supported by a large number of Brethren from his own and neighbouring Provinces, and by representatives of most of the other divisions of English Freemasonry, the whole assembly numbering upwards of four hundred Brethren, while a large number of ladies were present at a banquet in another part of the establishment, afterwards joining the Brethren at the Concert provided in the Temple of Grand Lodge.

The result of the Festival was a considerable surprise to most of those who were present, for, despite the fact that the Board of Stewards had risen to close on five hundred, there were grave fears that the usual average would not be maintained, after the very great strain put upon the English Craft in connection with the Centenary of the Boys School last year. However, all fears were dispelled when Bro. Terry made the announcement that the Festival return was £18,216 8s 6d, with eighteen lists yet to come in. May similar good fortune attend the other Institutions during the present year, and like successes fall to all three of them in years to come.

Of the total subscribed, London Lodges contributed £9,912, and Provincial ones £8,211, the balance coming from Foreign Stations. The premier place among the Provinces fell to Kent, with close on £700.

The dinner was well served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and at its conclusion

The Chairman, on rising to propose the toasts, said the first on the list was one that was dear to the heart of every Englishman; dear to every English home. It was often given, in every quarter of the globe, yet Englishmen were never tired of giving it honour—it was the health of our glorious Queen, coupled with the sincere wish that she might live for many years to reign over a happy and prosperous people. The toast was loyally honoured, and was followed by the National Anthem.

Second thoughts, said the Chairman, naturally led them, as Freemasons, to the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Prince had been the first to learn the lesson of devotion to duty taught him by his revered mother. He had made for himself a place in the hearts of the people, and was respected and beloved by them all. We Freemasons could regard him, not only as heir to the throne, but one among us as a Brother Mason. With the toast was coupled the health of the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, who were most enthusiastically pledged.

The next toast was that of the Grand Officers, to which Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. was called upon to respond. He was gratified that the duty had fallen upon his shoulders, but at the same time felt deeply the responsibility of replying to the hearty reception accorded to the toast. The Pro Grand Master of England was full of enthusiasm for Freemasonry, and might be relied on to uphold the prestige of the Order. The Deputy Grand Master was also devoted to Freemasonry, and would most certainly endeavour to maintain the true principles of the Craft. The Grand Officers felt an interest in the whole world, for the Grand Lodge of England being the mother of Freemasonry throughout the world they could but feel it a privilege to assist in upholding the great principles of the Craft in all parts of the globe.

In answer to repeated calls Bro. C. E. Keyser (who, it will be remembered, has consented to preside this year at the 101st Anniversary Festival of the Boys School) also responded. He did not quite know why the Brethren had called upon him to address them that evening. He could only hope it was generally felt among the members of the Craft that the Grand Officers did their best to promote the interests of the Brotherhood.

The succeeding toast the Chairman regarded as the toast of the evening. He hardly knew how to begin its proposition, and regretted he was not an orator, so that he might do justice to the occasion. But he could assure them that such words as he did offer came direct from his heart, and were warm in gratitude to the Stewards of the day and other donors to the Institution. Their thoughts that evening were with the Aged Brethren and the Widows of the Craft. He had had the pleasure of visiting the Institution at Croydon the previous day, and had the gratification of being introduced to many dear old ladies there. He made friends of them all, but he did not make love to them all—because James Terry was there, and as was well known he was always first with the annuitants. With regard to the financial condition, the Men's Fund, founded in 1842, had since that time supported 970 men; at the last election there were 202 men, each receiving £40 per annum, making £8,080; the permanent income was £2,295. There were at present fifty-five candidates for election, and only twelve vacancies. The Widows' Fund was founded in 1849; consequently, this was the Jubilee year of that branch of the Institution. Since it was started, 658 widows were supported; at the last election there were 245 widows, each receiving £32 per annum, making £7,840; and thirty-two widows who received for five years half their husbands' annuities, £640, making £8,480; the permanent income was £2,813, so that there was a deficit of £5,667 to be made up. There were seventy candidates for election, and only twelve vacancies. At the Croydon Institution there was accommodation for thirty-two residents, who enjoyed a comfortable home in their old age. What a blessing to know that these dear old people had a home and were in a measure provided for. No man could possibly be happy who led a selfish life—the happy man was he who tried to make others happy, and was willing to join with them in their pleasures, and sympathise with them in their troubles. Their thanks were due to Bro. Terry for all he had done in the many years he had worked for the Institution, and the tact and ability he had exercised in carrying on its work. His name would remain, long after he had passed away, loved and respected, as he one who had done so much for that Charity.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield Treasurer of the Institution replied to the toast, returning thanks to the Chairman for the very kind manner in which he had advocated the cause of the Institution that night. He had the pleasure of accompanying their Chairman on his visit to Croydon the previous day, and Lord Llangattock had then expressed himself as delighted with all he saw. He had even said he wished for nothing better in his declining days, should adversity come upon him, than to occupy two of those rooms at Croydon. During the past year, continued Bro. Farnfield, the Widows' Fund had been in very low water indeed, and they could but hope that when the result of that day's Festival was announced it would be found that a large proportion of the subscriptions had been given to it, because its needs were so great, and because it was the Jubilee year of the Fund.

Bro. James Terry Secretary of the Institution then read the list of subscriptions, his appearance and his subsequent remarks calling forth many expressions of approval. It was apparent that on this occasion the worthy Secretary was even more popular among his Stewards than ever, the special recognition accorded him by the Chairman being evidently endorsed to the fullest extent by the large company who were present.

After giving details in regard to the individual Provinces Bro. Terry announced as the result that 212 Provincial Stewards had raised £8,211; 267 London Stewards (in addition to thirteen Ladies acting in the metropolis) had collected £9,912; £84 had come from Foreign Stations, and the total result of the Festival, with eighteen lists still outstanding, was £18,216 8s 6d—an announcement which, it is hardly necessary to add, was cheered to the echo.

The Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire proposed the next toast. He had been somewhat unexpectedly called upon to submit the health of the Chairman, and while he recognised the compliment he knew he must face the difficulty. He felt he had to put in words their admiration of all that the Chairman had done for them that day. He felt he might offer a suggestion, and that was that the Chairman should pay

another visit to Croydon, accompanied by Bro. Terry, and personally acquaint the old people there of the great success that had attended his presidency. There might be many outside our ranks who looked upon Freemasons as a body of men who liked to meet together for enjoyment, but they, as Freemasons, knew there was more to attract them. They endeavoured to do what they could for the benefit of humanity at large, and there was no better exponent of their principles than the Chairman of that evening. The Brethren knew what Lord Llangattock had done for that meeting, and he asked them to make up for any shortcomings on his part by a most hearty reception of the toast of the Chairman. The toast was most heartily received, and was accorded musical honours.

The Chairman, who appeared to be really pleased with his reception, said he always felt at a loss to respond on such occasions as the present. He could only return his heartfelt thanks. He wished to take the opportunity, in the name of the Institution, of thanking the Stewards, and all the other supporters, for their handsome donations, and for having made his term of office so great a success. He looked upon the jewel of the Festival, and felt he should ever prize it among his most treasured possessions. He was proud of the honour that had been conferred upon him as Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division South Wales. He was proud of his twenty-two Lodges, and proud to feel that they were all working together for the good of Freemasonry. He desired to publicly express his appreciation of his Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and to say how loyal he had been, and what assistance he had rendered in the work of Freemasonry. He rejoiced to see so splendid a gathering, and could but feel that such meetings must be profitable and enjoyable to them all. Let them continue to show the world what Masons were—not only good diners, and wearers of fine clothing, but that they carried out the principles of the Craft, which, as they knew, were founded on the Volume of the Sacred Law. They belonged to the oldest society of the world, and should so act as to show they respected themselves, and so deserved the respect of others. They were one in hope and doctrine, and should remain one in charity.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. proposed the next toast. They had had a splendid bumper for the Old People, and now the Brethren had to look forward to what was in store for the others. He hoped the pockets of the Craft would remain open for the other Institutions, whose prosperity he had much pleasure to submit as the next toast.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls congratulated the Benevolent Institution on being able to give the first proof that confidence in the ability of the Craft to support its Charitable Institutions was well founded. He congratulated the Chairman and his Province, and referred back to 1897, when Lord Llangattock presided on behalf of the Girls School, the result on that occasion being upward of sixteen thousand pounds, of which the Chairman's Province contributed 1,000 guineas. That did not, however, exhaust the good work of the Province in recent years, for it contributed £605 to the Boys School last year, and with its £600 odd that night reached the respectable total of £2,300 for the three years.

Bro. McLeod also replied, pointing out that the splendid success of the Boys' Centenary did not release them from anxiety as to the future. They wanted last year's return left to pay for the special work they then set themselves to achieve, and they wanted just a sufficient amount this and succeeding years to carry on the work.

Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Sec. proposed the next toast—those Brethren who, in the capacity of Steward and by their personal efforts, had produced the handsome amount announced by Bro. Terry. They had also to thank the Stewards for the splendid entertainment they had provided for the large gathering that evening.

The toast was duly acknowledged by Bro. Thomas, followed by Bro. James Lewis Thomas, after which Bro. Dr. Sutherland proposed the toast of the Ladies, to which Bro. Lennox Browne replied.

The usual concert was given in the Temple, a pleasing feature being an exhibition of Bro. David Devant's "Living Pictures." The Music was under the direction of the Westminster Singers.

## DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Friday evening, 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby.

The Provincial Grand Master Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss presided, and was supported by a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present and past.

The reports of the various Lodges showed that the number of members had increased, and that the Charities had been generously supported.

Bro. Sir Thomas Roe was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, in succession to Bro. W. Cooper.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers, as follow:

Bro. J. H. Lawson	-	-	-	-	Deputy
W. Cooper	-	-	-	-	Senior Warden
G. A. Capes	-	-	-	-	Junior Warden
F. C. Wardley	-	-	-	-	Master Overseer
T. W. Lumley	-	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
Rev. C. W. Groves	-	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Thos. Orrell	-	-	-	-	
Sir Thomas Roe	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. Whitaker	-	-	-	-	Registrar
Percy Wallis	-	-	-	-	Secretary
J. Payne Hall	-	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
R. A. Little	-	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
T. Oldham	-	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
Frank Iliffe	-	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. F. Rowan	-	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
A. R. Price	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Bass	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. C. Riley	-	-	-	-	Organist
W. Hart	-	-	-	-	Asst. Secretary
W. Woodiwiss	-	-	-	-	Inner Guard
W. R. Bryden	-	-	-	-	Stewards
G. Morrall	-	-	-	-	
C. Baggaley	-	-	-	-	
R. H. Higgett	-	-	-	-	
Arthur Shinn	-	-	-	-	Tyler.

Two grants on behalf of the Masonic Institutions were made at the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, last week, £10 being given in support of the list of Bro. Hooper P.M., a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and £20 for the list of Bro. B. Groner W.M., a Steward for the Girls School.

The Brethren of the Josiah Wedgwood Lodge, No. 2214, held their annual conversazione and dance in the Town Hall, Burslem, on 14th inst. The party, numbering over 100, consisting of members of the Lodge and friends, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

# Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

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The ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on 28th June 1899, under the Presidency of  
**W. BROTHER CHARLES E. KEYSER, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., PAST GRAND DEACON,**  
**Treasurer and Patron of the Institution.**

The services of Brethren as Stewards (representing Lodges or Provinces) and Ladies, are earnestly requested, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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## VOUCHING FOR CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With reference to the letter of P.M. upon this subject in your last issue, I am sure that every good and true Freemason will agree with his remarks, for nothing can tend more to the degradation of our Order than the admission of unworthy members. Hence my contention that the "Ancient Charge to the Initiate" should never be omitted from the ceremony, as is so frequently the case. It does no harm to remind the Brethren of their duty in this respect, and indeed on the agenda paper of a prominent Lodge in the Province of Essex that I recently received was the following note, which may be recommended for imitation—

"Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for initiation; one false step on this point may be fatal. If you introduce a disputatious person confusion will be produced, which may end in the dissolution of the Lodge. If you have a good Lodge keep it select. Great numbers are not always beneficial."—DOCTOR OLIVER.

Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER P.M.

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

IT is always with a great amount of pleasure we receive an invitation to the Westbourne Lodge, knowing that the ritual of Freemasonry will there be heard to perfection; therefore we postponed other engagements to attend the installation of our esteemed Brother George Weaver as W.M. of this Lodge, which took place on Thursday, 16th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, W.C.

Bro. F. Wortham W.M. presided, having as his supporters Bros. C. T. Brown I.P.M., G. Weaver W.M.-elect S.W., C. E. Lilly J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treasurer, S. E. Walker P.M. Secretary, W. Busby S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., E. Thomas I.G., R. B. Hopkins Organist, Fred Beesley and C. Halston Stewards, Sam Ellis P.M. Tyler; Past Masters C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., A. Arrowsmith, W. Roberts, L. Ascott, W. H. Faircloth, T. W. Allen, R. J. Rogers; Bros. Thomas Gale, R. Gilling, G. Butcher, J. Woodford, F. Brock, N. Rolles, W. Graham, W. Smith, W. Recknell, G. Russell, G. Walker, J. Martin, T. Stroud, T. Thompson, J. Arle, A. Pemberton, E. Stevens, P. Wheeler, George Goddard, H. Phipps, R. Jackson, W. Bell, J. Rees, Norris, &c.

Among the Visitors we had the pleasure of seeing Bros. A. Pettit I.P.M. 1732, G. Mogford P.M. 2362 Secretary Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, T. Mogford P.M. 2362, J. Bartlett P.M. 1637, H. C. Coffin 167, John Canning S.W. 538, John Pickering 1539, W. Middleweek P.M. 1793 P.P.A.D.C. Middx.,

A. Allenden I.G. 1623, C. Aubert 1672, G. Durrant 2291, F. Pollard 2648, H. Rolles 1381, Harry Hatton 2246, C. Watkins J.D. 1732, G. A. Jeffreys 2024, W. W. Lee P.M. 1897, T. Crampton, E. Dale, S. Tomkins, W. Yeo, J. Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and preliminary business disposed of, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. T. Brown P.M.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, who acted as D.C., presented Bro. Geo. Weaver for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Masters having been formed Bro. Weaver was inducted into the chair of K.S. and saluted, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow: C. E. Lilly S.W., W. Busby J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., S. R. Walker P.M. Sec., H. H. Bagnall S.D., E. Thomas J.D., F. Beesley I.G., C. A. Cottebrune P.M. P.G.P. D.C., P. Wheeler A.D.C., R. B. Hopkins Org., C. Halston and G. Goddard Stewards, S. Ellis P.M. Tyler.

Knowing by experience the ability of the Worshipful Master we were not surprised to hear the Officers invested in an impressive and faultless manner. Great compliment is also due to Past Master Brown, who was unexpectedly called upon to perform the ceremony of installation, and rendered it without the slightest hitch or hesitation. We also congratulate the Brethren of the Westbourne Lodge on having such an excellent worker among their Past Masters.

The W.M. presented to his predecessor in the chair Bro. F. Wortham a handsome Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, the gift being briefly acknowledged.

The labours of the evening being ended the W.M. received hearty good wishes from the visitors, and the Lodge was closed, the company adjourning to the banqueting room, where one of those excellent dinners was provided for which the establishment is so famous.

After the Brethren had done justice to the bountiful supply provided, the W.M. proceeded to honour the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

That of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bro. Cottebrune, who cordially acknowledged the fraternal goodwill expressed towards the Officers of Grand Lodge in general.

The I.P.M. Bro. Wortham, in proposing the health of the W.M., said that the able manner in which Bro. George Weaver had invested his Officers was sufficient proof that he would make a perfect ruler in the Lodge. He was sure Bro. Weaver would not require much assistance, and he wished him a prosperous year of office. He took the opportunity to sincerely thank the Officers for the great assistance they had rendered him during his term of office.

The toast was enthusiastically received, as was Bro. Weaver when he rose to respond. He thanked the I.P.M. for his good wishes, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a cordial manner. He was proud, honoured and gratified to be the Worshipful Master of the Westbourne Lodge, and could honestly boast of having always endeavoured to discharge faithfully whatever duties had been entrusted to him. He would do his level best to give satisfaction during his year of office, and so gain their approval, and merit the esteem and good feeling of the Brethren of the Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Wortham, also that of the Installing Master Bro. Brown, saying that the I.P.M. had done his best during his year of office. He thanked Bro. Brown for having honoured him by installing him in so faultless and perfect a manner. He was proud of having him as one of the Past Masters of the Lodge; the way in which he had been installed was a credit to the acting Master and to the Lodge.

Bro. Brown P.M. thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. He was pleased to have installed Bro. Weaver, knowing that he would make an excellent ruler of the Lodge. He wished him a prosperous term of office.

Bro. Wortham I.P.M. also thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and likewise Bro. Brown, for having performed the installation. Any assistance he could render he would be most happy to afford. He felt the W.M. looked very comfortable in the chair, and he hoped he would continue so during his year's Mastership.

The next toast the W.M. had very much pleasure to give was that of the health of Bro. Smith, who was initiated at the previous meeting. By the strict attention he had paid to the ceremony on that occasion, the W.M. felt sure their new Brother would make a worthy Mason among them.

Bro. Smith most sincerely thanked the W.M. for his kindness, and was

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**The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are earnestly solicited.**

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proud to have been accepted as a member in the Westbourne Lodge. In due time he hoped to prove himself worthy of the confidence of the members.

The W.M. in a short, but eloquent speech, gave the toast of the Visitors, and tendered them a most hearty welcome. The Brethren of the Westbourne Lodge were always pleased to see guests, and he personally hoped to welcome them on a future occasion.

Bro. Middleweek P.P.A.D.C. thanked the W.M. for his very kind reception, and said how pleased he was to see some of his oldest and dearest friends present. The working of Bro. Brown as Installing Master had proved a Masonic treat, while the able manner in which the Worshipful Master had invested his Officers had been a great credit to himself and to the Lodge.

Bro. Crampton said he appreciated the way in which he had been received by the members of the Lodge, and thanked Bro. Welford, the Treasurer, for his invitation.

Bro. George Mogford P.M. thanked the W.M. for having coupled his name with the Visitors' toast, and also complimented Bro. Brown on the perfect manner in which he had installed the present ruler Bro. Weaver, who in turn had invested his Officers without the slightest mistake. The perfect working of the W.M. was well-known to him, for as Secretary of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction he had frequent opportunities of listening to Bro. Weaver. He strongly urged on the younger Brethren the importance of attending Lodges of Instruction, so as to be able to fill any position they might be called upon to discharge. In conclusion he wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

Bro. W. W. Lee in a few but appreciative words also returned thanks, as did several others among the Visitors.

The W.M. in very complimentary terms proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, coupling with it the health of the Treasurer and Secretary.

This toast was worthily presented and received, and ably responded to by Bros. A. Arrowsmith, W. Roberts, C. T. Brown, and R. J. Rogers.

Bro. J. Welford P.M. Treasurer also thanked the W.M., and pledged himself that so long as the Brethren of the Westbourne Lodge reposed trust in him he would do his duty to the utmost of his ability.

Bro. Walker P.M. Secretary likewise responded, in an eloquent and humorous speech.

The toast of the Officers received at the hands of the W.M. and Brethren its just meed of praise, and was most ably responded to by the different Brethren in rotation, each pledging himself to do his utmost for the Lodge, and promising their assistance to the W.M., for whom they hoped a most successful year was in store.

The Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant and happy meeting to a close.

An excellent programme of music and songs was provided, amongst the artistes being Miss Annie Weaver, daughter of the W.M., who sang the "Merchant of Cheapside," and other songs, for which she was deservedly several times encored; the Misses A. and C. Cole, who are promising pupils of the former artiste, and gave an excellent selection on the mandoline (a duet waltz), specially composed by Miss Weaver, for the installation of Bro. George Weaver her father. The Misses Cole are highly accomplished artistes, and a great credit to their tutor. Mr. Avon Hastings and Mr. Harry Hudson also deserve great praise for the talent they displayed on the occasion. Bros. A. C. Hawkins and R. B. Hopkins Organist of the Lodge officiated at the piano.

#### DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THE installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, 14th inst., Bro. E. Sherry W.M.

The W.M. initiated Mr. Fryer, and afterwards passed Bro. Adams to the position of Fellow Craft.

He next proceeded to instal as the new Master Bro. Robert Ayton jun.

Before the Lodge was finally closed Bro. R. Ayton P.M. said he had a most pleasing office to fulfil, and that was to present, on behalf of the W.M., P.Ms., and members of the Lodge, their worthy Secretary, Bro. Calver, with a silver tea service as an acknowledgment of the valuable assistance which the Lodge had received from him during the past nine years. After other congratulatory remarks, Bro. Ayton read the inscription on the tray, and the tea service was placed on the Secretary's table.

Bro. Calver, amid applause, expressed his gratification at the handsome present, which he was sure his wife would appreciate as much as himself. Of course the matter had not been quite a secret, and when he was asked what form the present should take he made a selection which would be for his home and his wife, and of such a character as could be passed to his children and their children. After alluding to the fact that his Masonic and other public engagements took much time which otherwise would be devoted to his wife and his home, Bro. Calver closed his remarks by again thanking the Brethren for their valuable present.

An adjournment was then made to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent dinner was provided, and, after grace, the W.M. gave the Loyal toasts, to which Bro. Chatterton gave the customary vocal accompaniment.

In the course of the evening the W.M. congratulated the Lodge at having such a distinguished number of visitors, and especially referred to the attendance of Bro. C. Ernest Gray, the Member for East Ham, who would have remained with them but that at ten o'clock he was engaged to receive a deputation at the House of Commons.

Several Brethren replied to the toast, including a Brother who alluded to the circumstance that he was initiated in the Lodge thirty-four years ago.

#### CRICKLEWOOD LODGE, No. 2361.

THE regular meeting was held at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Wednesday, 15th inst., Bro. Stanley W. D. Ball presiding, supported by Bros. A. H. Oldrey I.P.M., James Stephens P. Dep. G. D. C. Treas., G. T. Peall P.M. Sec., Major J. R. Willing S.W., J. A. Adams J.W., F. H. Crook, W. J. Garrett, J. Horstead, G. W. Twyford, J. M. Goodwin acting I.G., C. E. Batchelor, W. M. Bolton, and many others. Visitor, Bro. Harry Willsmer, 1567.

Bros. Robertson and Emery were raised to the degree of M.M., and three gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet room, where the usual toasts were proposed by the W.M.

#### CLISSOLD LODGE, No. 2551.

AN ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on 16th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., when the W.M. Bro. Alfred H.

Cooper presided, and was assisted by Bros. Henry King acting I.P.M., Board P.M. S.W., Elliott P.M. J.W., J. J. Lamigeon Secretary, H. A. Badman S.D., W. R. Itter J.D., P. C. Cooper I.G., B. R. Watkins, S. Wolfors, C. Theffin, H. W. Butcher, E. Le Bas, W. Whitehouse, &c.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. W. Downer, Anglo Saxon Lodge, Brooklyn, U.S.A., and G. M. Wesson 1794.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Victor Mercer Cooper and Arthur Wm. Whyte proved their proficiency as Craftsmen, were subsequently raised to the sublime degree, were invested as Master Masons, and took their seats in the Lodge. The ceremony was effectively carried out by Bro. Alfred Cooper, and evidently made an impression upon the candidates.

This being election night according to the Bye-laws, the Brethren then proceeded to elect their Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year, with the result that the choice of the Lodge fell upon Bro. Elliott P.M. Junior Warden as Master, Bro. W. Mason Stiles P.G.T. as Treasurer, and Bro. T. C. Edmonds P.M. as Tyler.

Bro. Badman, in an impassioned speech, proposed that the sum of two guineas should be voted to the National Lifeboat Institution, but although the sympathy of the Brethren was in favour of the proposition, it was pointed out that through various circumstances the Lodge was still in debt to a considerable extent, and that it was necessary to be just before being generous. The vote was therefore reluctantly withdrawn although we venture to think the discussion on the occasion may lead to ultimate advantage for the Fund.

The W.M. announced that the Masonic Service held under the Banner of the Clissold Lodge, at the Kingsland Congregational Church, on the 29th, was very successful, and the funds of the Church had been benefited to the extent of £25.

It was agreed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. Alfred H. Cooper at the expiration of his year of office, for which Bro. Cooper suitably returned thanks.

The death of two members of the Lodge was announced, and the Secretary was ordered to send letters of sympathy to their bereaved families.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or for the Clissold Lodge in particular, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the Brethren adjourned to dinner.

### PROVINCIAL.

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#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 8th inst., Bro. Mark Steel W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Messrs. Henry Jacobson, Merchant, Manchester; and William Charles Benson, Hatter, &c., Higher Broughton, were successfully balloted for, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Bernhard Steel I.P.M. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. W. Dagnall J.W. Bro. Solomon Jacobs was afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the Worshipful Master.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being relieved by songs, &c., a pleasant evening passing swiftly away.

There were also present Bros. P. Joseph S.W., Simon Mamelok P.M. P.G.J.D. Treas., J. H. Phillips Sec., M. Phillips J.D., Louis Mistovski I.G., Geo. Rideal P.M., Leon Levy P.M., Nathan Robinson, H. B. Morris, Harry Levy, J. B. Levey, &c.

#### CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Victoria Street, Manchester, on Monday, 6th inst., Bro. Surg.-Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough Worshipful Master. Three ceremonies had been announced on the summons, and Lodge was opened at an early hour, the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed.

Successful ballots were taken for Messrs. Alic Phillips, Surgeon, Manchester, Surg.-Lieutenant Manchester Cos. Vol. Med. Staff Corps; and Ernest Alfred Simmons, Wine Merchant, Manchester, late Captain 7th Lanc. Vol. Art. (Manchester Artillery), who were afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M.

Bro. Lieut. Martin Charles Victor Hertz was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Major T. W. Ashworth I.P.M. undertaking the ceremony. The working tools in both degrees were presented and explained by Bro. Captain Peter Nightingale J.W.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were enlivened by songs, &c., a pleasant evening being spent.

Besides those already mentioned there were present Bros. Rev. John Challinor S.W. P.P.G.C., Col. J. Howarth Clark, V.D., J.P., P.P.G.S.D., Major Fred Pratt P.M. Sec., Lieut. Geo. Heys S.D., Surg.-Capt. J. T. Smith I.G., Capt. J. E. R. Hall Std., Col. Hy. Robinson P.M. P.P.G.Reg., Col. Hy. L. Rocca P.M. P.P.G.D., Major W. Humphreys, Capt. A. Galloway, and others.

#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

AT the regular meeting held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, the principal chair was taken by Bro. Clement J. Hall I.P.M., in the absence of the Worshipful Master, through illness.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Alfred Cordwell and Jas. Plant were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. 1798 P.P.G.J.D. Treasurer, the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Wm. Dagnall J.W.

An election of Officers then took place, with the result that Bro. Bryce S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect, Bro. R. H. Whatham as Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Boden P.M. as Charity Representative.

The usual festive board took place, a harmonious evening passing pleasantly away.

#### THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Friday, 10th inst., Brother William Alderley Boyer Worshipful Master.



Following the usual business of the Lodge was a social evening, non-Masons and ladies having been invited, and, as evincing the popularity of Bro. Boyer, the Visitors turned up in large numbers, nearly seventy being present. After supper a very excellent musical programme was gone through, as follows:—Solo and Chorus, "God save the Queen," and the Worshipful Master's Song, "Here's to his health," by Bro. Chas. Wroe; Solo and Chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. Fred Eastwood; Songs, "A Widow Bird," "To Rose," and "The Enchantress," by Miss Bertha Guthrie; Violin Solos, "National Airs," &c. by Miss Gwladys Crawford. Maestro Ferruccio Zernitz Bonavia, Diplomato al R Conservatorio di Milano, played in his usual masterly manner "Le Légende," by Wieniawsky. Songs, "In the Cloisters," and "Pauline," by Master H. Beach; Mandoline Solo, "Mazurka," by Miss Florence Wroe; and "Shaksperian Recitation," by Miss Burt.

Loyal and Masonic toasts, the former submitted by the W.M., were enthusiastically received.

That of the Ladies was proposed by Bro. F. J. Large S.D., who commenced by remarking that at all social and festive gatherings where the toast of the Ladies was proposed it naturally became one of very great importance, but on the occasion of the annual social evening of the Manchester Lodge, as they only had the opportunity of toasting the Ladies once a year, it became absolutely the most important toast of the evening, and he was sorry it was not entrusted to some one better able to propose it, as to do it anything like justice required at least the eloquence of a Cicero or a Joseph Chamberlain, which unfortunately he was not possessed of. In the first place he tendered to all the Ladies present, on behalf of the Manchester Lodge, a very cordial and hearty welcome, and was certain that not only many Brethren of that Lodge, but of all the Lodges in the kingdom, were sorry they were unable to welcome the Ladies at all their gatherings. Why they could not do so it was not his duty to explain, but if he might be allowed to hint at a reason, he was afraid it was owing to a little peculiar failing in their character, their well-known inability to keep a secret, and he was sure when the Ladies retired to the room upstairs they would look with renewed interest upon the authentic picture hanging there of the only lady who ever attained the dignity of a Master Mason, and he thought if that lady were alive now Messrs. Barnum and Bailey would offer her a fabulous annual income to go and sit among their Freaks—he begged their pardon—he meant the Prodiges, as she would most undoubtedly be the greatest Prodigy of the lot, viz., a lady who could keep a secret from her nearest and dearest friend. In proposing the toast of the Ladies one naturally wondered to what they could compare them, and he thought it rather strange that, owing to all the Ladies being or having been daughters, the only thing he could find to compare them to was the sun, he meant the sun, not the son. The sun they knew rose in the morning to open and enliven the day, so did the Ladies, especially the enlivening part, sometimes. When the sun shone upon them, as it did occasionally in Manchester, they felt glad and joyful, and so they did when they had the Ladies with them. When they had no sun, as was the usual state of matters in Manchester, they felt dull and depressed, and he asked the gentlemen present to try and imagine what existence in Manchester would be without the sun and without the ladies. The idea was awful; purgatory itself would be paradise compared to that. Then, again, they were told by the newspapers, and if it was stated so in the papers it must be true, that the sun occasionally had spots upon its face. He was not going to be so rude as to assert that any lady ever had spots upon her face, but he did say they had little imperfections upon their dispositions, very fortunately for mere men, which prevented them from being quite angels, as he could not think of anything more awful than having to sit day by day facing an angel. For his own part he was afraid in course of time he would throw hard words at that angel, and other men might be tempted to throw something harder still. Then, again, they were told by scientific men that if the sun stopped performing its natural functions, the world in a short time would cease to exist, but they did not require to be told by scientific men that if they had no ladies, the Brotherhood of Freemasonry would soon be non-est, and the world would cease to exist. Common sense taught them that. Then, again, in regard to the ladies, their very characters were a combination of opposites, and they were a puzzle to all men, being quite a paradox. Their virtues were many and great, and their failings few and insignificant. They were at once the delight of our existence, the pride of our homes, and the ruin of our pockets. They were the most economical of mortals, and the most extravagant occasionally. He had no hesitation in stating that nearly all the ladies present (especially the married ones) would make twenty shillings go as far as most men would make forty go, and when they had done that they would go to dear Jack, and after explaining how economical they had been, would demand forty shillings for themselves to spend as they liked; and he was thankful to say in the majority of cases they got it, and might they continue to do so till the end of time. Then, again, see how methodical they were. He would like to know how many ladies at the end of last year told dear Jack they had determined to keep an account of all the money they spent in future, and dear Jack bought them a splendid Diary for 1899, ruled with double money columns, and explained to them that the left hand page was the debit side of the book, and the right hand page the credit side, and that they were to debit themselves with what they received, and credit themselves with what they paid away, and when they had mastered this lesson they commenced in their very best handwriting:—"Received from dear Jack, the 1st January 1899, the sum of £20," and when that was all gone, and they wanted more, they went to dear Jack for it, who wished to see how it was spent, so they produced their Diary, with "Received from dear Jack, £20" on the one side, and on the other (beautifully written): "Spent it all, £20." And so they might go on for any length of time, pointing out the peculiarities of the ladies, but, as he said before, their virtues were many and great, and their failings few and far between. He thought the character of the ladies was never better summed up in a very few words, than when Sir Walter Scott wrote:—

"O, woman! in our hours of ease,  
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;

When pain and anguish wring the brow,  
A ministering angel thou!"

He had very great pleasure in calling upon all the Gentlemen and Brethren present to drink very heartily the toast of the Ladies.

Brother Chas. Jordan Organist responded, and after thanking the Gentlemen and Brethren for the very hearty reception they had given to the toast claimed it as his privilege, being the youngest Mason present, to respond. He thought Brother Large, in proposing the toast, though he had referred to the many and great virtues of the ladies, had been rather hard upon some of their little failings. For his own part, so far, he had only seen the bright side of the ladies, but when he had lived as long as Brother Large probably he would know something about the other side of the question also. He felt very proud of the enthusiastic reception that had been given to the

toast, and on behalf of the ladies tendered to the Manchester Lodge their thanks.

Bro. William Charlton, J.P., I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in a brief, but very effective speech, in which he alluded to his many unostentatious acts of charity.

Bro. Boyer responded, being visibly affected. In the first place he thanked Bro. Charlton for his kind words of commendation, and also the ladies for their attendance, hoping he might live to see very many pleasant evenings like the one they were then enjoying. His interest in the Craft was not merely of a passive kind, as he had endeavoured to prove, and feeling sure that he possessed good Officers, who would loyally support him, he looked forward to a fairly prosperous year in the chair of the Lodge.

The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. W. B. Akerman P.M. Prov.G.A.D.O. D. of C., and responded to by Mr. Registrar Smith (father of the S.W.), who, in the course of some very pungent remarks, delivered with true forensic ability, said of the Worshipful Master that he had known him for a period of forty-six years. His abbreviated title was that of W.M., but to his mind the letters meant not only W.M.—Worshipful Master, but W.M.—worthy man. Words like these, uttered by a gentleman occupying the high legal position of Mr. Smith, added another testimony to the popularity of Bro. Boyer.

The last toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons," given by Bro. A. C. K. Smith S.W., brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings in connection with the Manchester Lodge.

We may say that during the proceedings Bro. Boyer had the active support of Bros. W. E. Davies Treas., J. A. Thompson Sec., P. Z. da Cunha I.G.; J. Jordan, W. H. Ashworth, and C. Wroe Stewards. Among the numerous Visitors were Bros. W. H. Maxfield P.M. 201 P.P.G.O., W. J. Sherlock 2109, and A. J. Thomas Doric, 58 (Canada).

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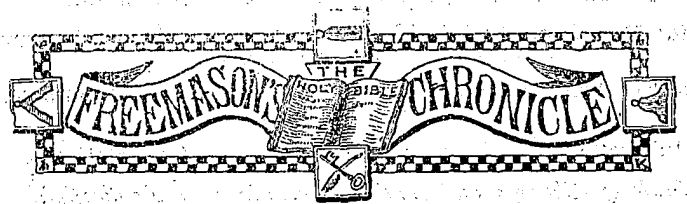
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be built near the site for the new post office, opposite the  
town Institute, will provide accommodation for the meetings  
of Masonic Lodges, and premises for a Masonic Club. It is  
interesting also to note that the Hall will be available for  
public gatherings, entertainments and meetings.

**"A SPRIG OF AGACIA."**

WITH regret we have to record the recent death of  
Brother John Clayton P.M. 89 321 P.P.S.G.W.,  
which occurred at his residence, Northumberland Place,  
Richmond Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Our lately deceased  
Brother, who was a well-known Solicitor, had occupied the  
position of Overseer for the poor of Ashton, and in the jubilee  
year 1887 was successful in obtaining Municipal honours,  
which he held at the time of his death. Bro. Clayton was  
advanced to the Mark degree in the Skelmersdale Lodge, No.  
141, in due course becoming W.M. and Prov.G. Reg. of East  
Lancashire, and in 1894 he was appointed Prov.S.G. Warden  
of Cheshire. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch  
Mason in the Royal Cheshire Chapter, No. 89, and ultimately  
became First Principal. He was honoured by the Grand  
Superintendent of Cheshire with the office of Prov.G.J. He  
was one of the founders of the Richard Newhouse Chapter,  
No. 2433, and was also an old Knight Templar, holding  
Prov. Grand honours in that degree. He had identified  
himself closely with charitable institutions, and had attained  
the dignity of Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Cheshire  
Masonic Charities, besides acting as Steward on many  
occasions. The interment took place in the cemetery,  
Dukinfield, and was very imposing, the floral tributes being  
numerous. Many private and public friends attended the  
funeral, the Ashton Town Council being represented by the  
Mayor (Bro. Walter Newton P.P.G.J.D.), and a number of  
Aldermen and Councillors. There was also a large contingent  
of Freemasons, the following, amongst other Lodges, being  
represented, viz.: 89, 268, 300, 324, 361, 368, 381, 430, 581,  
830, 1088, 1144, 1166, 1322, 1408, 1459, 1774.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

**T**HE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, 1st March, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Grand Lodge will be opened at two o'clock in the afternoon punctually, and will not be closed until the conclusion of the ordinary business of Grand Lodge, which will be taken at 7 o'clock. The following is the Agenda of business:

## At 2 o'clock p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December 1898, so far as they relate to the election of Grand Treasurer, will be read and put for confirmation, after which the Candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer will be formally proposed, and the ballot proceeded with. Brother Alfred Bevan P.M. No. 2458, and Bro. Harry Manfield P.M. No. 1764, the only nominations.

## At 7 o'clock p.m.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December 1898 will be read for confirmation.

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which there are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:-

The Widow of a Brother of the St. John Lodge, No. 90, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 943, Norwich ... ..	50	0	0
A Brother of the Mornington Lodge, No. 1672, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, London ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, London ...	50	0	0

## 5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board begs to report that the tenancies of the two houses, the property of Grand Lodge, numbered 57 and 58 Great Queen Street, on the west side of Freemasons' Hall, having expired at Christmas last, instructions were given to the Grand Superintendent of Works to prepare plans and specifications for a building connected with Freemasons' Hall, to be erected on the site; such building to comprise, on the ground floor, a Library and Museum, a Committee Room, and a room for the Assistant Grand Secretary, whose present office it is proposed should form a portion of the approach to the new building; on the first floor, additional accommodation for the Grand Officers; on the second floor, additional rooms available for Lodge or other purposes; and in the basement, lavatories, dressing rooms, and rooms for the storage of papers. The plans prepared by the Grand Superintendent of Works having, after full consideration, been approved, and the necessary bills of quantities prepared by an independent Surveyor, the Board authorised tenders for the execution of the work being obtained from six eminent firms of builders, selected for the purpose. Tenders having been received from all these firms, it appeared that that of Messrs. Cubitt and Co., of Grays Inn Road, was the lowest, and the Board has authorised a provisional contract, to be entered into with Messrs. Cubitt and Co., for the execution of the work, including the demolition of the existing buildings, and the shoring up of the adjacent ones, for the sum of £12,077.

The Board is perfectly satisfied as to the necessity of the proposed work, and are of opinion that the plans which have been prepared in every way provide for the necessary requirements; and it asks Grand Lodge to confirm the contract which has been provisionally entered into with Messrs. Cubitt.

The Board has further to report that it has entered into a provisional contract, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge, for the purchase, for the sum of £8,150 and further payment of £134 5s 0d on account of the Vendor's Solicitor's and Surveyor's fees, of the freehold premises numbered 55 and 56 Great Queen Street, and No. 3 New Yard. These premises are at present let as under:-

No. 55 Great Queen Street, on a lease to Mr. Woolff, expiring 1906, at a rental of £130 per annum.

No. 56 Great Queen Street, on a lease to Mr. Hocking, expiring 1914, at a rental of £130 per annum.

A Stable in the rear, to Mr. Dickson, on a lease expiring 1907, at a ground rent of £10 per annum.

The Board ventures to think that Grand Lodge will recognise the expediency of acquiring this additional property, some part of which adjoins on two sides the Structure of Freemasons' Hall, the acquisition of which would enable provision to be made for the better accommodation of the Charities.

The stables Nos. 9, 10 and 11 New Yard are now in the possession of Grand Lodge, the tenant thereof having given up possession. The Board has agreed to put these premises in a tenable state of repair, and has arranged that they be let from quarter to quarter, so that if they be required for future extensions of our buildings, Grand Lodge may be able without loss of time to deal with such portions of its premises.

The Board has to report that the following Presentations have been made to the Library and Museum since the last Meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:-

## TITLE OR OBJECT. BY WHOM PRESENTED.

Laws and Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Ireland, 1898.—The Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Constitution, Bye-Laws, &c., Grand Lodge New Jersey, 1897.—The Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Masonic Code, &c., Grand Lodge of Utah, 1898.—The Grand Lodge of Utah.

Laws of Masonry, Grand Lodge of Kansas, 1898.—The Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Old Past Grand Stewards' Jewel and Rosette.—Henry Kemp P.M. No. 862.

Masonic Journal, Vol. 1, bound.—J. Armstrong P.P.G.W., &c.

Duke of Sussex Medal.—W. H. Toye P.M. No. 1278.

Apron and Collar of the late Earl of Zetland.—Victor A. Williamson P.G.W.

Engraved Portraits of the Duke of Kent, Martin Folkes Past D.G.M., John Aubrey, F.R.S.—Wm. Jas. Hughan P.G.D.

Warrant of Lodge Moral Reformation, No. 609.—Harold Burke P.M. No. 2190.

Northumbrian Masonry, 1898.—John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar (The Author).

Masonic Halfpenny Token, 1794.—James J. Pope P.M. No. 1305.

Origin and Antiquity of Freemasonry.—Dr. Albert Churchward, P.M. &c.

Photograph of the late Earl of Lathom (framed).—George Kenning P.P.G.D., &c.

Oration at the dedication of the Masonic Temple, Torquay.—Wm. James Hughan P.G.D.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

18th February 1899.

The Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th instant, showed a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £9,296 2s 11d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100.

6. Report of Brother John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1898.

7. Appeal by Bro. J. R. Gibbons, of Lodge Star of the South, No. 1025, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, against the decision of the District Grand Master upholding his exclusion from the Lodge for alleged un-Masonic conduct.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2736.—The Nil Sine Labore Lodge, London.

2737.—The Captain Coram Lodge, London.

2738.—The Army and Navy Lodge, London.

2739.—The Lodge of Verity, London.

2740.—The Comrades Lodge, London.

2741.—The Cathedral Lodge, London.

2742.—The Eyre Lodge, London.

2743.—The Maida Vale Lodge, London.

2744.—The Sydenham Lodge, London.

2745.—The Ambleside Lodge, Ambleside, Westmorland.

2746.—The Tombo Lodge, Tombo, Queensland, Australia.

2747.—The St. Michael Lodge, Newquay, Cornwall.

## MARK GRAND LODGE.

**T**HE Quarterly Communication will be held on Tuesday next, 28th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, at 5 for 6 p.m. The following is the Agenda of Business:

1. Read and, if approved, confirm Minutes of Quarterly Communication of 6th December 1898.

2. Election of the M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Election of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD,  
31st MARCH 1899.

During the three months ending 31st December 1898, there have been issued:—Mark Certificates, 161; total registered, 39,192.

Since the last report three Warrants have been granted for new Lodges, viz.:-

521 Charters Towers, Queensland.

522 Phoenix, Gympie, Queensland.

523 Wilbraham, Widnes.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 55; number registered, 5,798.

Warrants for four Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, viz.:-

Menatschim, to be attached to the Menatschim Lodge, No. 224.

Noel, to be attached to the Noel Lodge, No. 505.

Charters Towers, to be attached to the Charters Towers Lodge, No. 521.

Phoenix, to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 522.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to appoint:-

R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Edward S. Hill, K.C.B., M.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for South Wales.

R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Lathom to be Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire.

R.W. Bro. Charles Hammerton to be District Grand Master for Gibraltar.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years:-

R.W. Bro. Thomas Fredk. Halsey, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire.

R.W. Bro. W. A. F. Powell, as Provincial Grand Master for Bristol.

The Grand Secretary has received the following letter from the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom:-

43 Seymour Street, W.,

26th January 1899.

DEAR BROTHER MATIER,—On behalf of my family and myself, may I ask you to convey to all the Members of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons our most sincere and grateful thanks for their kind and sympathetic resolution of condolence with us in the great sorrow that has come upon us.

I am, dear Brother Matier,

Yours fraternally,

LATHOM.

The V.W. Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Master Overseer, having



presented a copy of his book, "Northumbrian Masonry," the Board have accepted the same with many thanks, and placed it in the Library of Grand Lodge.

The Board have accepted from W. Bro. John Armstrong P.Prov.G.W. Cheshire, with many thanks, a volume of the Masonic Journal, published in Liverpool.

#### FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Warwick Past Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire has most kindly consented to preside at the thirty-first Annual Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 12th July 1899, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of Ladies and Brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board have elected on the Educational Fund, without a poll:

John Richardson Hindle, son of the late Bro. Edward Davies Hindle, of the Preston Lodge, No. 143, Preston.

The Board have to report the death of an annuitant, Bro. W. S. Gillard, and that the widow has been elected on the Annuity Fund without proceeding to a formal poll.

The following cases have been relieved:

Bro. T. U. P., Lodge No. 62, £10.

Bro. J. R. D., Lodge No. 64, £10.

Bro. N. P., Lodge No. 238, £10.

R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Secretary.

5. A Motion will be made that the Report be taken as read.

6. A Motion will be made that the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.

7. A Motion will be proposed that the Report be adopted.

#### 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.

House Committee, R.M.B.I. Croydon at 3.  
4 R.L. Som. Ho. & Iness, F.M.H.  
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel  
28 Old King Arms, F.H.  
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
222 St. Andrew, Albion  
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.  
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's  
1540 Chaucer, Southwark  
1615 Bayard, 33, Golden Square  
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion  
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel  
43 St. Paul, Birmingham  
48 Industry, Gateshead  
62 Social, Manchester  
102 Unanimity, North Walsham  
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley  
302 Hope, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Halesworth  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
543 Cleveland, Stokesley  
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
607 Chicheley, Thrapston  
699 Roscavea, Chacewater  
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro  
827 St. John, Dewsbury  
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge  
999 Robert Burns, Manchester  
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1688 Buxton, Buxton  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton  
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.  
1861 Claremont, Croydon  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
1991 Agricola, York  
2042 Apollo, Liverpool  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.  
2257 Powell, Bristol  
2279 Thornham, Thornham  
2363 Minnehaha, Minstrel, M'chester.  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff  
2553 Rufford, Nottingham  
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

##### Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall  
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle  
92 Moira, Albion  
141 Faith, Anderton's  
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co.Ho.  
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall  
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole  
1348 Ebury, Criterion  
1441 Ivy, Camberwell  
2108 Empire, Criterion  
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham  
126 Silent Temple, Burnley  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
293 King Friends, Nantwich  
299 Emulation, Dartford  
310 Union, Carlisle  
373 Socrates, Huntingdon  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
448 St. James, Halifax  
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead  
599 Sherwell, Banbury  
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch  
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un-Edge  
943 Sincerity, Norwich  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton  
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton  
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.  
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde  
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford  
1353 Torbay, Paignton  
1390 Whitwell, Milton  
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station  
1447 St. Matthew, Barton-on-Humber  
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold  
1479 Halsey, St. Albans  
1522 Olicana, Ilkley  
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead  
1587 St. Giles, Cheddle  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop  
1942 Minerva, Fenton  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2328 Albert Victor, York

2339 Mistley, Manningtree  
2358 Mona, Castletown  
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.  
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's  
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

##### Wednesday.

Quarterly Communication, United Grand Lodge, 6 for 7.

1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn  
2032 Richmond, Richmond  
74 Athol, Birmingham  
94 Phoenix, Sunderland  
137 Amity, Poole  
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse  
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth  
168 Mariner, Guernsey  
279 St. John, Leicester  
282 Bedford, Tavistock  
287 Unanimity, Stockport  
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield  
298 Harmony, Rochdale  
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol  
327 St. John, Wigton  
406 N'tern Counties, N'castle-on-T.  
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester  
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate  
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.  
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester  
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
838 Franklin, Boston  
929 Waveney, Bungay  
970 St. Anne, East Loce  
992 St. Thomas, Manchester  
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man  
1010 Kingston, Hull  
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool  
1085 Hartington, Derby  
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse  
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich  
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street  
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone  
1335 Lindsey, Wigan  
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh  
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk  
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
1478 Lougheat, Warminster  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb  
1532 Bective, Carlisle  
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool  
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington  
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh  
1736 St. John, Halifax  
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson  
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells  
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton  
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne  
2334 Jersey, Bicester  
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough  
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff  
2464 Longsight, Longsight  
2495 Goodacre, Bootle  
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale  
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

##### Thursday.

10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.  
27 Egyptian, Anderton's  
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.  
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel  
227 Ionic, Criterion  
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall  
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall  
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury  
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.  
1383 Friends in Council, 33, G'den Sq.  
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington  
1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate  
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.  
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel  
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway  
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell  
2202 Regent Park, Finsbury  
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford  
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n  
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly  
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle  
31 United Industrious, Canterbury  
38 Union, Chichester  
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath  
110 Loyal Ch'rian, Merthyr-Tydvil  
114 British Union, Ipswich  
123 Lennor, Richmond, Yorks  
132 Unity, Ringwood  
195 Hengis, Pournemouth  
215 Commerce, Haslingden  
219 Prudence, Todmorden  
249 Mariner, Liverpool

254 Trinity, Coventry  
266 Naphtali, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Blackburn  
289 Fidelity, Leeds  
294 Constitutional, Beverley  
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield  
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
305 Apollo, Beccles  
309 Harmony, Fareham  
317 Affability, Manchester  
360 Pomfret, Northampton  
362 Doric, Grantham  
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton  
446 Benevolent, Wells  
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington  
509 Tees, Stockton  
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
539 St. Matthew, Walsall  
633 Yarborough, Manchester  
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, Blackpool  
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby  
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
913 Pattison, Plumstead  
971 Trafalgar, Batley  
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton  
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury  
1231 Savile, Elland  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle  
1324 Okeover, Ripley  
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington  
1384 Equity, Widnes  
1473 Bootle, Bootle  
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge  
1500 Walpole, Norwich  
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padham  
1513 Friendly, Barnsley  
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield  
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham  
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm  
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford  
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon  
1829 Burrell, Brighton  
1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th  
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst  
2043 Kendrick, Reading  
2169 Osborne, East Cowes  
2317 Bisley, Woking  
2321 Acacia, Bradford  
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon  
2350 Corinthian, Hindley  
2386 Clarence, Chester  
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

##### Friday.

90 St. John, Albion  
554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street  
1275 Star, Greenwich  
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.  
2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.  
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's  
2488 Eccentric, Criterion  
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney  
44 Friendship, Manchester  
242 St. George, Doncaster  
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge  
306 Alfred, Leeds  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury  
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop  
698 Ryde, Ryde  
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford  
751 Eastnor, Ledbury  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester  
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1405 Southwell, Nottingham  
1458 Truth, Manchester  
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1725 Douglas, Maidstone  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton  
1993 Wolseley, Manchester  
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead  
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield  
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

##### Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle  
1572 Carnarvon, Albion  
1928 Gallery, Anderton's  
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell  
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill  
1388 Canynges, Bristol  
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton  
1494 Felix, Hampton Court  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
2077 Epping, Chingford  
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey  
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet  
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby  
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath  
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

2166	Collections	42	0	0
1954	Sholto H. Hare	36	15	0
Unatt.	Lt.-Col. G. J. Parkyn	159	6	0

UNATTACHED.

## DEVONSHIRE.

954	J. R. Wilson	95	0	0
1135	Alex. H. Fisher	26	5	0
Unatt.	F. B. Westlake	10	10	0

## DORSETSHIRE.

137	W. H. Whadcoat	10	10	0
472	Henry G. Kersley	31	10	0
Unatt.	Lt.-Col. W. Watts	10	10	0
	J. H. Whadcoat, J.P.	105	0	0

## ESSEX.

276	Fredk. Spalding	60	0	0
1817	Col. Qur. Mas. Serg. Emberson	56	17	6
2005	J. R. Johnson	119	2	0
2255	J. H. Bridgman	61	19	0
Unatt.	James Berry	105	0	0
	Ernest Brown	10	10	0
	James Speller	...		

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

592	W. M. Pooley	52	10	0
592	E. C. Sewell	10	10	0
839	James Burton	5	5	0
1067	Russell James Kerr	35	13	6
Unatt.	R. V. Vassar-Smith	63	0	0

## HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

195	F. T. Cutler	116	16	0
257	Comr. H. G. Giles (See Lo. 1903)	...		
359	L. Steel	112	7	0
723	Richard Eve	10	10	0
903 & 2153	Capt. Francis Powell (See Lo. 2404 and 2612)	...		
1069	James Watson Gieve	10	10	0
1331	George H. Atkinson	25	19	0
1331(Ch)	Major J. G. Harwood	25	0	0
1903	Comr. H. G. Giles (See Lo. 257)	10	10	0
2153	C. T. Miles	31	10	0
Unatt.	John William Gieve, J.P.	63	0	0

## HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	Dr. A. H. Boucher	44	13	0
1479	Dr. E. H. Lipscombe	39	7	6
1479(Ch)	John Purrott	29	8	0
2323	George D. Coleman	33	11	0
2372	G. S. Metcalfe	42	0	0
2372(Ch)	Dr. W. P. Warren	31	10	0
2518	C. E. Keyser	115	10	0
2732	T. J. Mercer	10	10	0
Unatt.	W. Metcalfe	10	10	0
	W. T. Boydell junr.	10	10	0
	Reginald Hughes	10	10	0
	William Baddeley	10	10	0

## KENT.

127	Leonard Hill	102	7	6
784	James Edgar	36	15	0
829(Ch)	William Russell (See Lo. 1464)	10	10	0
913	Walter Busbridge	200	0	0
1050	Edward Barrell	47	14	0
1223	E. J. Dodd	17	5	0
1464	William Russell (See Chap. 829)	48	6	0
1531	J. M. Smith	...		
1692	W. Burr	10	10	0
1915	J. W. Elvin	10	10	0
1915	J. Reginald Elvin (Lewis)	52	10	0
2041	A. A. Frigout	21	0	0
2200	Albert Burslem	50	2	6
2404	Capt. Francis Powell (See Los. 903, 2153 & 2612)	75	0	0
Unatt.	C. J. Gallard	10	10	0
	Mrs. R. W. Walker	5	5	0

## EAST LANCASHIRE.

37	E. G. Harwood	10	10	0
37	F. W. Broadbent	10	10	0
37	G. E. Greenhalgh	10	10	0
37	Dr. T. E. Fliteroff	10	10	0
37	W. Forrest	10	10	0
37	Arthur Longworth	10	10	0
992	Charles Truby	10	10	0
992	Robert Williamson	10	10	0
Unatt.	C. D. Cheetham	126	0	0

## WEST LANCASHIRE.

32	C. Forbes Bell	10	10	0
1325	J. W. Burgess	10	10	0
1561	R. B. Abbott	78	15	0
1561	Thomas Baxter	10	10	0
2349	G. W. Parkes	12	12	0
Unatt.	Capt. C. H. Garnett	21	0	0
	G. A. Myers	10	10	0

## LEICESTERSHIRE &amp; RUTLAND.

Prov.	C. Bennion	424	14	6
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## LINCOLNSHIRE.

Prov.	Major R. F. Moresby White	166	9	0
469	C. E. Bonner	52	10	0
838	W. H. Gane	31	10	0
1386	W. Mortimer	52	10	0
2351	N. C. Cockburn	...		

## MIDDLESEX.

382 & 2163	W. H. Reed (See Lo. 2671)	40	8	0
1567	Walter Tyler (See Lo. 862)	55	18	0
2024	Walter Haddon	94	10	0
2087	C. E. Wetton	76	13	0
2523	W. Langdon	42	2	6

## MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Prov.	Fred Phillips	42	0	0
457	F. A. Powell	65	0	0
471	A. E. Jones	70	0	0
683	Alfred Swash	20	0	0
818	C. H. Evans	44	16	0
1258	W. H. Haskins	18	18	0
1429	William Gibbs	31	10	0
1562	T. Acland	21	0	0
2186	G. C. Francis	13	8	3
2226	John Llewellyn	10	10	0
2556	M. J. S. Lyons	...		
Unatt.	Lt. Col. C. R. Lyne	...		

## NORFOLK.

Prov.	S. F. Stackard	105	0	0
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## NORTS &amp; HUNTS.

442 & 2533	George C. Caster	136	10	0
Unatt.	Harry Manfield	26	5	0
	John Haviland	21	0	0
	George Ellard	38	6	6

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

2497	Summers Hunter	30	0	0
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## NORTH WALES.

Unatt.	C. K. Benson	10	10	0
	Thos. Coxhead	10	10	0

## OXFORDSHIRE.

357	Roger C. Parr	21	0	0
478	A. F. P. Barton	26	8	0
1036	The Hon. H. Lee-Dillon	37	16	6
1515	Ralph Foort	16	18	6
1703	H. C. Haggood	12	12	0
1895	A. R. Brakspear	15	15	0
2414	Arthur C. Bateman	...		

## SHROPSHIRE.

Unatt.	Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.	15	15	0
Unatt.	W. Lascelles Southwell	21	0	0

## SOMERSETSHIRE.

Prov.	Grand Lodge	21	0	0
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## SOUTH WALES (E.D.)

Prov.	The Chairman	105	0	0
36(Ch)	J. H. Taylor	465	0	0
237	A. L. Roberts	21	0	0
237	J. H. Nott	...		
237	H. G. Davies	...		
237	A. Davies	...		
237	Henry Macdonnell	...		
2547 & 1992 (Ch)	W. A. Beer	40	0	0

## SOUTH WALES (W.D.)

Prov.	J. D. Perrott	105	0	0
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## STAFFORDSHIRE.

Prov.	The Earl of Dartmouth Prov. G.M.	283	10	0
482	William Allman	...		
482	Frank Hughes	36	15	0
624	Francis Thompson	10	10	0
624	W. H. Bailey	...		
2149	Thomas Taylor	...		
Unatt.	Rt. Hon. Lord Burton	26	5	0
Unatt.	George C. Kent	...		

## SUFFOLK.

929	W. H. Mann	42	0	0
936	T. E. Key	23	2	0

## SURREY.

370(Ch)	Rev. E. R. Parr	39	12	6
889	W. H. Gaze	91	6	0
1149	James A. White	30	8	0
1347	Harold Griffiths	38	6	6
1638	J. W. Woodcock	28	1	0
1714	A. E. Mitchell	16	5	0
1861	E. W. T. Hoare	52	10	0
1929	J. J. Lamigeon	10	10	0
2095	William Soper	30	9	0
2096	John Wayte	60	17	0
2096	P. J. Rowlands	10	10	0
2422	C. P. King	14	3	0
2422	H. A. P. Genge	26	4	0
2422	E. G. Wilson	42	0	0
2444	E. H. Lewis	42	17	0
2502	R. A. Thompson	35	0	0
Unatt.	Tom Cookes	52	10	0

## SUSSEX.

38 & 56	George Fielder	57	7	6
732	H. Manwaring	63	5	0
1184	F. W. Hotham	41	2	0
1465	C. B. O. Clarke	32	10	0
1636	J. Garrett	53	0	0
1797	H. H. Webb	31	10	0
1821	Reuben Strong	27	6	0
1829	W. P. Smith	42	0	0
2434	A. H. Thomas	36	15	0
2676	C. J. Morris	10	10	0
2676	H. G. White	10	10	0
Unatt.	Gerald Loder, M.P.	10	10	0
	Robert Green	...		

## WARWICKSHIRE.

74	J. C. Nicol	10	10	0
74	J. Perkins	21	10	0
74	T. Surman	10	10	0
74	J. H. Laver	10	10	0
74	J. F. Kemp	10	10	0
395	Arthur P. Cohen	10	10	0
1551	Thomas Rowbotham	10	10	0

## WORCESTERSHIRE.

1874	J. C. Aston	64	1	0
2034	Charles Whittington	...		
2034	Samuel G. Mason	31	10	0
2034	Wilfred Owen	...		

## NORTH &amp; EAST YORKSHIRE.

57	T. G. Milner	65	0	0
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## WEST YORKSHIRE.

296	F. G. Cornu	...		
296	Capt. A. E. Bingham	...		
306	William Blackburn	...		
458	Capt. E. Hind	...		
458	Henry Wilson	...		
603	Samuel Law	...		
603	William Sharpe	...		
837	Bernard Evans	...		
904	James Mellors	...		
904	Fredk. Cleaves	...		
904	Marriott Le Tall	...		
904	P. B. Coward	...		
910(Ch)	Edmund Lord	...		
1019	Capt. H. G. E. Green	...		
1042	Charles Grosvenor	...		
1042	Henry Cowbrough junr.	...		
1102	Walter Bailey	...		
1108	W. H. Davison	...		
1239	Thomas Rowbotham	...		
1514	W. F. Munroe	...		
2268	Major E. S. Tozer	...		
2321	James B. Fearnley	...		
2558	Charles Stokes	...		
2695	Thomas Woods	...		
Unatt.	C. L. Mason	...		
	Mrs. Joseph Sykes	...		
	Total from the Province	500	0	0

## FOREIGN STATIONS.

## INDIA.

J. M. Kerr	...			
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## BURMA.

Surg. Major W. Kiddle	10	10	0
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## EGYPT.

His Excellency Idris Ragheb Bey	52	10	0
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## MALTA.

James A. Bell	10	10	0
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A Amount included in Provincial or other list.

## CONSECRATIONS.

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## ARMY AND NAVY LODGE.

**T**HE Army and Navy Lodge, No. 2738, the latest addition to the long roll of English Lodges, was consecrated on St. Valentine's Day, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.D. as S.W., Col. John Davis P.D.G.D.C. as J.W., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C.

After the dedication ceremony, Bro. M. A. McInerny P.M. was installed as first Master of the Lodge, the Warrant of which was delivered into his care. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. A. McKenzie I.P.M., E. G. Farley S.W., J. M. Rogan J.W., C. S. Burdon Treasurer, J. Hazard Secretary, J. Duffy S.D., W. E. Bailey J.D., J. N. Durrant I.G., S. Wright D.C., G. W. S. Bush and A. Truckle Stewards, and T. E. Weeks Tyler. A committee of members was appointed to frame the Bye-laws, and the Founders and their friends afterwards celebrated the occasion by an excellent dinner.

We hope on some future occasion to be able to attend a meeting of the Lodge, and report upon its working.

**F**REEMASONRY, which in these days seems to be irrepressible, says the "Daily Telegraph," has invaded the Founding Hospital, where has just been consecrated by the Grand Secretary and several skilled Assistants the "Captain Corum" Lodge, No. 2737. The Treasurer of the Hospital Bro. Robert Grey P.P. Board of B. is the first Worshipful Master, Sir John Monckton and Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., the first Wardens, and Bro. P. de Lande Long the first Treasurer. It is expected and hoped that the charitable aims of the Hospital and its benevolent founder will be aided and fostered by the new Lodge, adds our contemporary.

Referring to this consecration the "Yorkshire Post" says: probable no Lodge ever started on its career with so astonishing an array of Grand Officers among its founders and its first Officers. It is like a regiment of generals, or a ship manned by admirals.

We particularly direct the attention of Brethren who may desire to record their vote for the election of a Grand Treasurer on Wednesday next, to the Agenda of Grand Lodge which we publish elsewhere, and from which it will be seen that the ballot will be open at 2 o'clock. The balloting boxes will be closed at a quarter past seven, when no more voting cards can be taken, and the ordinary business of Grand Lodge will be proceeded with.

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The annual dinner of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Fumagalli's Restaurant, Wilton Road, S.W., on Wednesday, 15th inst. An excellent menu was admirably served, and ample justice done thereto by a large assemblage of Brethren, with Bro. G. Holland Preceptor in the chair. During an interval, Bro. Boulton, on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction, presented to Bro. Holland a magnificent portrait of himself, taken and framed for the occasion by Bro. Bailey, of Hindon Street. The Preceptor, in response, exhorted the Brethren to attend regularly at some Lodge of Instruction, and thus gain a more intimate knowledge of the beautiful symbolical teachings of the Masonic Art than they could otherwise obtain. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and, amongst other events, Bro. Fumagalli was congratulated and thanked for the admirable manner in which he had provided the dinner on the occasion.

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When the Bill for giving a State funeral to M. Faure was presented to the deputies, M. Dejeante, a socialist, took the opportunity to move that the ceremony should be civil and not religious. The excuse he gave for his intervention was that the late President was no church-goer and was a Freemason—in which character he was excommunicate. Of course, M. Dejeante's motion was simply a manoeuvre in the endless clerical v. anti-clerical battle, says the "St. James's Gazette."

## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

**T**UESDAY, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., being Officers' night, a very good meeting took place, the Brethren of the Mother Lodge being in full force. Those present included Bros. C. T. Brown I.P.M. 733 W.M., C. E. Lilly S.W., W. S. Busby J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., Ch. Halston S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., F. Beesley I.G.; Past Masters T. Mogford, G. Knight, W. M. Roberts; Bros. Milner, Graham, Wynman, Tucker, Shaw, Matthews.

The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. T. Mogford being presented as W.M.-elect, and taking the Obligation. Bro. Brown delivered the three addresses, Bro. Rogers making a perfect D.C. The Lodge was called off. Resuming, Bro. Brown re-occupied his chair, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. T. Mogford gave the Ancient charge.

The annual supper will take place on Tuesday, 21st March.

The Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, continues its career of steady progress and prosperity. The new smoking room, or as we might term it "Hall," just opened, does not replace the splendid Grand Central Hall, but is an addition, to meet the demands of those desiring a "warmer" room. The pretty self-contained suites are finished, and the new banquet and Lodge rooms are in hand, as well as a large ladies' drawing room, with retiring rooms attached. The manager remarks with some satisfaction that while the comfort of visitors is being well looked after, attention is given to the well-being of the staff, as when the present alterations are completed they will have the best staff quarters, with excellent conveniences. The Directors have also decided to split the £20 shares into four of £5 each, which has met with great approval, and increased the popularity of the holding.

Palace Theatre.—Mr. Morton is to be congratulated on his enterprise in having obtained a production in biograph form of the highly interesting scene at Versailles, last Saturday, when M. Loubet, having been elected President of the Republic, was driven in state to the station, en route for Paris. This realistic picture was shown at the Folies Bergères on Sunday, and proved so successful that Mr. Morton arranged for its production at the Palace. On Monday another new picture will be added—Petticoat Lane, on Sunday morning.

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