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INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR OXFORDSHIRE.

As announced in a leader in our last issue the installation of H.R.H. Prince Leopold as Provincial Grand Master for the distinguished Province of Oxfordshire will take place on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford. As a special and full report of the proceedings will appear in the issue for the 26th inst., all orders for that number should at once be sent to the Publisher of the "Freemason," 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).—On Monday afternoon last the annual meeting for installation of W.M. of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Bro. Joseph Clever, W.M., presided, and, assisted by his officers, raised Bros. Elliott, Allen, and Kidder, and passed Bro. Thos. F. Cooper. Bro. William Joseph Clever, of the Amity Lodge, 171, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge. The bye-laws were then read, after which Bro. J. Clever proceeded to instal Bro. George Angold as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively, yet withal quietly rendered, and obtained the hearty applause of the brethren at its conclusion. The brethren appointed to office by the W.M. were Bros. Joseph Clever, I.P.M.; L. Ruf, P.M., Treas.; Alfred Snellgrove, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Kidder, S.W.; W. H. Bateman, J.W.; H. Mower, S.D.; R. N. Coombs, J.D.; T. Kyffin, I.G.; W. Rudderforth, D.C.; L. Ruf, W.S.; Gilchrist, Tyler. Afterwards the W.M. presented Bro. Joseph Clever, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so said that he was sure that all the brethren would feel that it was nothing more than was his due for the heavy amount of work he had done during the year, and also for his excellent rendering of the installation. Bro. Clever, P.M., then said—I sincerely thank you for your very great kindness in having voted me this jewel. I can assure you I shall highly prize it. No jewel shall I wear on my breast that I shall prize more highly than that of Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, and I sincerely thank you. If I have discharged my duties to your satisfaction during my year of office I am fully paid for any efforts I may have used. (Cheers.) Some other business was then transacted, and the brethren adjourned to one of Bro. Painter's choice banquets. Among the company present were besides the brethren named above, Past Masters A. H. Lilley, Raynham W. Stewart, Dudley Rolls, Sidney H. Rolls, and J. B. Lemaitre; F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School; R. W. Little, Secretary Girls' School; James Terry, Secretary Benevolent Institution; Chas. Atkins, 27; J. A. Barnard, 217; A. M. Thomas, 134; E. Francis, 403; A. J. Small, D. Cornack, 538; R. Peart, W. H. Dudgeon, 558; E. B. Grabham, S.W. 19; J. R. Gallant, S.W. 813; A. Perndes, 179; E. Power, 91; Mortimer Davis, P.M. 12; J. Torras, P.M. 715; J. W. South, P.M. 60; J. R. Glenn, 1491; H. Massey ("Freemason"); and R. Farquharson, 99. Altogether fifty-seven brethren sat down to banquet. When the toasts were proposed Bro. Raynham W. Stewart responded for "The Grand Officers." He, however, thought that when he sat down in the lodge as one of its Past Masters his rank in Grand Lodge should be sunk. But as he had been called upon to reply, he would say that the Grand Officers were proud to have the opportunity of coming to the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge to see how the brethren did things there, and how prosperous the lodge was. The lodge was exceedingly prosperous, and there was hardly room for another member. Although the W.M. was well up in his work he would not have the opportunity of making a Freemason until a vacancy occurred. On behalf of Lord Skelmersdale and the other Grand Officers, he begged to inform the brethren that they were all delighted at the progress that was being made by

the Order. Bro. Clever proposed the toast of "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said that it was with very great pleasure that he did so. All the brethren were very much delighted to see that the W.M. had arrived at the proud position of presiding over the brethren of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge. Many of the brethren present remembered his being initiated, and had watched over his progress through the different degrees till he attained his present rank. None of the brethren had seen anything in him but what was pleasing, and that they would be gratified to find in any brethren following him. (Applause.) The W.M., in reply, said, after thanking the brethren for their cordiality, that he did not set himself up as a pattern Master, but he hoped that he should do the work of the lodge properly during his year of office. (Loud cheers.) The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," whom the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge were always pleased to see. After this he proposed a special toast in favour of Bro. Painter, who had spread such a splendid repast for the brethren that evening. Bro. Mortimer Davis was the first to reply, and remarked on the magnificent hospitality which the lodge had displayed that evening to the visitors. The manner in which the work had been done, and the gorgeous hospitality of the lodge, had always won for it great renown. From first to last it had been splendid. (Hear, hear.) Bro. C. Painter, in replying, expressed his gratification that the brethren were satisfied with what the Ship and Turtle had done. The W.M. then gave "The P.M.'s," from whom he expected great assistance during his year of office. Bro. Clever replied. He was very proud at being enrolled that day among the ranks of the P.M.'s. The pleasure he felt at being so enrolled was only equalled by the pleasure in being installed twelve months ago as W.M. As a Past Master he would do the best he could for the benefit of the lodge, the same as he had done while he was W.M. If he was spared, which he hoped he should be, he should use his utmost endeavours to forward the interest of the brethren; and certainly he should always be ready to render any assistance in his power. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed "The Charities," to which all three Secretaries responded, and the remaining toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated. The evening was enlivened by some beautiful singing by Bro. Farquharson.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel on the 25th ult. The lodge was opened by Bros. Waygood, W.M.; Kennett, I.P.M. Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., P.Z., &c., Sec.; Davis, S.W.; Mallett, J.W.; Darey, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Rumball, D.C. Amongst the P.M.'s were Bros. Peavor, Hopwood, Taylor, Green, Themans. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kennett, I.P.M., by permission of the W.M. raised Bros. Elverstone and Ormiston. The W.M. then passed Bros. Goldsmith, Titley, Cohn, Robinson, and Ginz, and initiated Mr. George Goulden into Craft mysteries. A letter of resignation from Bro. D. Davis, W.S., having been read, in consequence of his going abroad, and several communications having been made by the Secretary, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The visitors were Bros. Callingham (Domestic) and Cattle, S.W. (Ivy). Upon the removal of the cloth the toast of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," were given by the W.M. with a brief preface to each, and duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Kennett, I.P.M., spoke of the difficulties Bro. Waygood laboured under through business arrangements, which necessitated his residing for a time in the provinces, and that in order that day to be present in the chair of K.S. he had journeyed all the way from Manchester. He hoped that the brethren would join with him in drinking the W.M.'s very good health and a prosperous year of office. The W.M. having suitably acknowledged the compliment, proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Goulden," in a very cordial speech. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Goulden returned thanks. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and Bro. Cattle made a neat reply. In the intervals of the above toasts Bros. Bird and Robinson contributed some instrumental music, and Bros. Walls and Cattle sang several ballads.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel. Bro. G. A. Rooks, W.M., presided, supported by Past Masters Huguenin, (representative of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland), H. Lloyd Thomas, F. T. Dubois, Cockcroft, Powell, and Scarth; Bros. Burnaby, Lambert, Beattie, H. A. Dubois, Battye, Levander, Lee, Carlisle, Hannan, and visitors, Dr. Lavies, E. Horne, 92; W. Stepher, 34; W. C. A. Roëtter, 251; J. Stare, Celtic; J. Stoddart, 181; and H. Massey ("Freemason"). After the confirmation of the minutes of last regular lodge meeting, and of the emergency of the 21st of December, when the lodge celebrated its centenary, the W.M., Bro. Rooks, installed Bro. W. D. Burnaby in the Master's chair. The brethren appointed to office by the new W.M. were Bros. Lambert, S.W.; W. Beattie, J.W.; Battye, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Sec.; Macaulay, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Lee, I.G.; Carlisle, D.C.; Hannan; W.S.; and Riley, Tyler. At the conclusion of the addresses, which were well delivered by Bro. Rooks, Bro. Levander read a very interesting report made by the Centenary Committee, in which it was shown that the Centenary Festival was very successful, and that the whole of the expenses had been defrayed. The adoption of the report, which was moved by Bro. H. Lloyd Thomas, P.M., and seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.M., was carried unanimously. The Treasurer informed the brethren that the W.M., Bro. Rooks, had presented £30 to the lodge towards the expenses of the centenary, a fact which he thought they ought to be all acquainted with. (Cheers.) The accounts were then read, and on the motion of Bro. H. A. Dubois, it was ordered that they be printed with the next lodge sum-

mons. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a choice banquet. When the toasts were proposed the W.M. called on Bro. Huguenin to respond for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Huguenin, as representative in Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, said he was glad to see St. Thomas's Lodge still following the path that had been laid out by its former Masters. The lodge had obtained for itself a high position, and on the occasion of the centenary festival this was appreciated by the large number of Grand Officers who were then present. He felt sure that the lodge would pursue its old course. He then passed a high compliment on Bro. Rooks' working during the whole of last year. (Cheers.) Bro. Rooks proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he was old enough to remember Bro. Burnaby coming to the lodge for initiation, and the first evening was not over before every brother was satisfied that he was animated by a truly Masonic spirit. It was his (Bro. Rooks') privilege when the brethren for the first time elected him to the chair, to place Bro. Burnaby in the first office he had filled in the lodge, and he felt determined with the assistance of the brethren to give him a higher position still. That determination had been carried out, for the brethren had now elected Bro. Burnaby as their W.M., and he had been installed that evening. That high position he would adorn, and the brethren would have the honour of being under the command of an excellent W.M. (Applause.) The W.M. in replying said (after thanking the brethren for their heartiness) that everything appertaining to Freemasonry was always present to his mind, and had a great interest or him, wherever he went. It was not, he said, by his own desire that he was elected and installed; but as it was with the concurrence and approbation of the whole lodge, he could not do otherwise than accept the office. He would then ask the brethren generously to look over any failings they might perceive in him. He could not hope to discharge his duties as well as the I.P.M.; his old age, his want of health, and his loss of memory would prevent him doing that; and it was in the full assurance that he would have the generous forbearance of the brethren that he consented to be their Master. All he could possibly do he would do; but he must remind them that he was often afflicted by a pertinacious old enemy called the gout, which might prevent his coming. If he lived his year of office throughout he would do in that time all in his power for the good of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Bro. Horne, 92, and Bro. Dr. Lavies, replied for the visitors. Bro. Lavies wore his Scotch Masonic clothing, and in reference to it said, that although a member of the Apollo Lodge, Grand Lodge of Scotland was his Alma Mater in Freemasonry. As in his profession as a medical man he had found Scotch doctors well received in England, so had he found the same cordial reception for Scotch Masons in English lodges. Bro. Roëtter, also replying for the visitors, and who wore the English apron, explained though a member of the Grand Lodge of Belgium before he was a member of our English lodge, he wore blue because the Belgium colours covered a number of degrees which had no status at all in a blue lodge. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. afterwards proposed "The P.M.'s," and presented Bro. Rooks with a handsome gold jewel, in accordance with the wishes of the whole of the brethren, as a token of their acknowledgment of his services for two years as their W.M. It was with the most heartfelt pleasure he presented him with this jewel, and he wished him many years of life to enjoy the wearing of it. Bro. Rooks, after some preliminary observations, in which he adverted to his new position of P.M. requiring the same indulgence as the W.M. had asked for himself, thanked the brethren for the gift of the P.M.'s jewel. But to speak a word for the P.M.'s, he assured the brethren that during the time he held office as W.M. it would have been impossible for him to perform his duties unless he had had the support of the P.M.'s. He thanked the brethren for the unanimity with which they had received his directions in the lodge, and the readiness with which they had always supported him. He should never forget the assistance he had had from one and all during his two years of office. Bro. Cockcroft also responded, assuring the brethren that all the P.M.'s had the interest of the lodge at heart; they had all spent many, many happy hours together, and he hoped that St. Thomas's Lodge would never be wanting in that feeling. Bro. Levander, responding for the Treasurer and Secretary, read Bro. Binckes's circular asking for a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' festival. Bro. Lambert replied for "The Officers." They thanked the I.P.M. for having helped them on and supported them. Speaking for himself, he felt especially grateful to him for many acts of kindness. With regard to the working of the lodge he trusted that the officers would not fall short. He hoped they would not prove themselves unworthy of the high character which St. Thomas's Lodge bore, or unworthy successors of those who had gone before them. He hoped rather that they would strive to perpetuate the fame of the lodge for years to come. The endeavours of all the officers should be used to the best of their ability, supported by the W.M. and P.M.'s, to render the lodge efficient and worthy of the Grand Lodge of England. If there was no other member of the lodge who would take upon himself the duty of representing it as Steward at the Boys' School festival, this being the centenary year of the lodge, he would undertake that office himself. (Cheers.) The brethren shortly afterwards separated. During the evening Dr. Lavies, the W.M., and others, favoured the brethren with some excellent singing.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The installation meeting of this prosperous young lodge, now four years old, was held on Tuesday last at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, Bro. Saml. W. Gardner in the chair, when Bros. Collins and Andrews were raised, and Bro. Guinwade was passed to the Second Degree. After the conclusion of the ordinary business, Bro. Mann P.M., one of the founders of the lodge, took the chair as acting W.M., and Bro. George Everett was presented to

the benefit of installation, and having been obligated and intrusted according to ancient form, was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and installed W.M. of the Kennington Lodge for the ensuing year. The entire ceremony was performed by Bro. Mann in a very impressive style, the several charges being rendered with much point and feeling. The following brethren were appointed officers:—Bros. Higgins, S.W.; Reeve, J.W.; Walls, S.D. Kholer, J.D.; E. J. Page, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Stuart, Hen. Sec.; Speedy, I.G.; D. C. Marsden, D.C.; and Longstaff, Tyler. The business of the lodge over, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was laid in the large room of the club house, and was everything that could be desired, either in the way of excellence, elegance, or the care taken to provide for the comfort of the brethren. The manner in which the tables were provided and served reflects the greatest credit on Messrs. Trotman and Sons, the purveyors. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed by Bro. Everett, W.M., and received by the brethren with the loyalty and good feeling usually displayed by Freemasons. In proposing the first toast, Bro. Everett said that the very sumptuous repast they had just partaken of having somewhat curtailed the time at their disposal, he should make the speeches as short as possible, and trusted the brethren would lend their assistance by giving their attention to what little he had to say. It was always a pleasure to propose the first toast of the evening, because as loyal subjects and Masons we hold in high esteem our Queen and the noble institution to which they all belonged, and it was an additional pleasure at the present time when she is about to reappear in our midst and assume her proper place in the country from which she had so long withdrawn herself. The next toast, the W.M. said, was always a very popular one, "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Masons." It was a great thing for Freemasonry when that very unexpected thing occurred which enabled them to elect as Grand Master the future ruler of this kingdom. And it was very satisfactory to find after having done so that His Royal Highness was a good Mason, and took a deep interest in everything connected with the Craft. His journey in the East too was all that could be desired. In every place he has visited the Freemasons had always been to the fore in giving him a true welcome. Proposing the next toast, he said they all knew that the Earl of Carnarvon was a very eminent statesman, and had done great things for his country, that Lord Skelmersdale was a very zealous young Mason, very proud of the position in which he had been placed, and that the rest of the Grand Officers were placed in very good hands. It was gratifying to know that in the absence of our M.W.G.M. the interest of the Craft did not suffer, as the officers he had mentioned were always ready to conduct the work of Grand Lodge. He would couple with "The Health of the Grand Officers" the name of Bro. Joseph Smith, of the Domatic, of which he was the father. Bro. Smith, in replying, said they all knew that the Earl of Carnarvon was a very hard-working Mason, and that the Craft under his guidance did not suffer through the absence of the Prince of Wales, because Lord Carnarvon does all that is required of him. The Grand Officers were open to the whole of the Craft, but as there were only seven Grand Officers there was a difficulty in rewarding deserving talent. As the Craft was spreading so widely he thought it would become necessary to return to the position of former times and have two Grand Lodges, so that there might be more offices to bestow. With regard to the Master they had that day installed, he believed that they would find he combined the qualities of firmness and gentleness, and that while he held his own in the lodge, and never allowed any one to trespass upon him he would, also conduct its affairs with true courtesy, and never himself trespass upon any one. Bro. Mann then said—Brethren, I rise on this occasion with two conflicting sentiments, one of great pleasure, and one of pain and difficulty. The cause of my now occupying the position of I.P.M. is that the real I.P.M. has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. I have been looking round for him and really do not know where he has gone to. [It appeared afterwards that Bro. Gardner had been called out, expecting to return in a few minutes, but had been detained unexpectedly, and in fact did not make his appearance until a late period in the evening.] Well, then, brethren, I have great pleasure in proposing "The Health of our W.M." I do not know that I can say anything in his favour after the speech that Bro. J. Smith has made. He is a great authority; being the father of the Domatic, he may be looked upon as the grandfather of the Kennington. I think with Bro. Smith that we shall find in Bro. Everett a Master who will hold his own. We have not been progressing so favourably as could be wished, but I feel sure we shall do better in the coming year, and then Bro. Everett will have, what I am sure we all desire for him, a happy and prosperous year, many, many joining members and many initiates, and that at the end of his term of office next year we may every one of us respect him as we do at present. In reply, Bro. Everett said—Brethren, what I have to say at this particular moment will occupy but a very short time indeed. For the kind manner in which this toast has been proposed and responded to I wish to thank you. I do not know yet how I may be able to acquit myself, neither do you. I can only say I take this chair with the intention of looking to the interests of the lodge. If I succeed in doing that, and have your approval, I shall have met my reward, and while stating my intention to do my duty to the lodge, and to support the dignity of the chair, I will appeal to you all to extend to me that indulgence which will enable me as Master to do my duty properly. I am determined to go through my year of office, if Providence allows, with credit to myself and credit to the lodge. If you will support me I think I can guarantee a very happy and prosperous year. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and in doing so said—Brethren the next toast I have to propose is one that is al-

ways well received in every lodge, no matter when or where. It is "The Visitors." We have got eighteen visitors to the Kennington Lodge this evening; some have already left us, for as you are aware, our Bro. Adams gives his annual ball to-night, and several brethren have departed to attend it, as they have made an annual practice of doing. I bid our visitors a very hearty welcome, on behalf of the Kennington Lodge. The practice of visiting one another's lodges is both pleasant and beneficial from the interchange of thought and friendly feeling derived from it, and also it is desirable to see how the working is performed in other lodges than those we ourselves belong to. When they come to us we do our best to make them happy, and are always ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship to them. Among the more distinguished brethren visiting us to-night I may mention Bro. Mortlock, who performed the raising in the lodge in a manner that must have made a deep impression on the brethren present. We have also Bro. Starland and Bro. J. Smith, Grand Officers. We cannot ask all to reply, and therefore I shall couple the toast with the names of Bro. Gladwood and Bro. Treadwell. This toast was duly responded to, and "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge" was proposed and responded to in the usual course. Bro. Everett: Brethren, I have rather an unexpected duty to perform at this late hour of the evening. It is one that I expected earlier in the evening, but in the absence of the person to whom it applied I was unable then to do it. The lost sheep has returned to the flock. Our Immediate Past Master was called away unexpectedly; he believed he would only be absent half an hour, but has been detained two or three hours. I have to propose "The Health of the I.P.M." If ever there was a man doomed to appear at the wrong time, our brother Gardner is that man. He became Master of the lodge unexpectedly, and before his time, and he was not very successful in the working of the lodge. I am not going to insult Bro. Gardner by saying that he did things which he did not do—that he sincerely desires the success of the Kennington Lodge I know—but he came into the chair before he was prepared, and he did as well as he could under the circumstances, and I am bound to say that he did not receive that assistance and support from officers and his I.P.M. that he was entitled to expect, and if ever any man deserved sympathy our Bro. Gardner did. Now having so far cleared up matters I am going to present him with the P.M.'s jewel which has been unanimously voted to him, and I dare say he will make a very good P.M. Bro. Gardner in pinning this jewel on your breast let me inform you that it is a token of the hearty good will of the brethren, and that we all sympathise with you very much for what you have had to contend with. Bro. Gardner thanked the brethren for their gift, and assured them that his forced absence in the earlier part of the evening had been a great deprivation to him. Bro. Everett's remarks had been somewhat graphic, some indulgent, some severe, but the severe ones he knew were not intended personally, and he received them as they were given. This brought the speeches to a close, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. G. L. Everett, W. Palmer, John Kent, and Treadwell, of the Domatic Lodge; J. Ungent, P. Jubilee; P. Parsons, Belgrave; John Sharland, P.P.G. Treas.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; A. G. Bragg, St. Mark; R. Whitley, Strawberry Hill; F. G. Potter, Ench; W. F. Page, Upton; Mortlock, Industry; C. F. Poupard, Mount Edgecumbe; W. Henke and Whiteway, Metropolitan; A. Wilkins, St. Paul's; J. Burford, Phoenix; and E. C. Massey ("Freemason"), who, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Press," thanked not only the W.M. and the lodge for their kindly remembrance, but also the Craft generally for their support of the paper he represented. Fifteen P.M.'s were present at the Board of Installed Masters.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT.—Abbey Lodge (No. 624).—The twenty-second anniversary of this prosperous lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, January 11th. For many years past the fame of the Abbey Lodge has been increasing, and it now ranks high for its efficient and uniform working, and for the correct rendering of those beautiful and imposing ceremonies so peculiar to Masonry. This lodge, numbering nearly 100 members, has reached the proud position of being the largest lodge in the province, and has frequently received the highest encomiums from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, and from his Deputy, Bro. F. James. The lodge during the past year has lost none of its prestige, but under the benign and statesmanlike behests of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Auty, it has gained further laurels to its fame. Punctually at two o'clock the lodge was opened, when, after the dispatch of some formal business, the installation of Bro. C. Graham as Worshipful Master of the Abbey Lodge for the ensuing year took place. The duties of the Installing Master were most efficiently performed by Bro. R. H. Auty. The W.M. then appointed as his officers Bros. S. Briggs, S.W.; K. Macrae, J.W.; W. J. Gotthard, Treas.; J. Robertson, Chaplain; W. H. Bailey, Sec.; T. Martin, S.D.; Halliday, J.D.; J. Borwell, I.G.; and Lane, Tyler. Precisely at half-past four the brethren sat down to a sumptuous dinner, Miss Whittingham being the purveyor. After grace had been said, the Worshipful Master, in eloquent terms, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to in true Masonic style. The R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. F. James, responded to the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M. for Staffordshire," and in doing so paid a high tribute of praise to the officers of the Abbey Lodge. "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge" was proposed in a neat and appropriate speech by Bro. G. Allsopp, to which each of the following brethren responded, viz.: Past Masters Starey, Meredith, Gotthard, Anderson, and Day. The W.M. then gave "The R.W.P.G. Masters of Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire, also the officers of the several Provincial Grand Lodges," when

Bros. Hillam, Merry and Want responded. "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. Graham," was next proposed in highly complimentary terms by the retiring W.M., Bro. Auty. This toast was enthusiastically received and drank with musical honours. Bro. P.M. Starey gave "The Masonic Charities," which was duly honoured. Past Master Anderson in a humorous speech proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by the brethren from neighbouring lodges. "The Health of Bro. Auty, Installing Master," was proposed by the W.M. and drank with musical honours. "The Officers of the Abbey Lodge" was next proposed by Bro. Meredith, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Briggs, Martin, Macrae, Bailey, Day, Borwell, Gotthard, and Lane. During the evening, which was a very pleasant one, the vocal powers of the following brethren added considerably to the harmony and pleasure of all present: Bros. Martin, Hillam, Meredith, Howe, Ball, Bailey, Anderson and Hales. Subjoined is a list of the visiting brethren and the brethren of the Abbey Lodge present on the occasion:—Bros. Frank James, D.P.G.M.; C. Trigg, P.G.S.W. Derbyshire; M. A. Bass, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Starey, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. P. Want, P.M. 761, P.P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire; J. Bodenham, P.M., 726, 751, P.G.T.; J. H. Meredith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. J. Gotthard, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Jones, P.M. 460, and W.M. 1520, P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Merry, W.M. 731, P.G.D. of C., Derbyshire; J. Anderson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. G. McLean, P.P.G.P.; J. Bedmore, W.M. 1039; P.G.O.; L. F. Day, P.P.G.O.; H. Woodhouse, P.M. 726; T. F. Hale, W.M. 781; R. Auty, P.M.; C. F. Graham, W.M.; S. Briggs, S.W.; K. Macrae, J.W.; W. H. Bailey, Sec.; T. Martin, S.D.; T. Halliday, J.D.; J. Borwell, I.G.; E. Hodson, W. Boden, R. Howe, G. Douglas, F. Hallam, C. Adams, G. H. Allsopp, R. R. Bellamy, P.S.W. 625; W. Drewry, P.M. 353; G. A. Taverner, W.M. elect 353; W. L. Ball, 353; J. L. Spooner, 353.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Thursday, the 20th ult. There were present Bros. Hopwood, P.M. 141, W.M.; W. Hammond, I.P.M., P.J.G.D. Middlesex, &c.; Raw, P.M., Treasurer; J. Hammond, P.M., Secretary; Hill, P.M., P.Z., &c.; S. W.; Hurst, J.W.; Fox, J.D.; Jessett, I.G.; Ockenden, D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, initiated Mr. W. Messenger, passed Bros. Moody and H. Tagg, and raised Bro. B. R. Aston. The whole of the three ceremonies were carefully carried out by the W.M. Upon the motion of the I.P.M., Bro. Hopwood, the W.M., was recommended by the lodge for the honour of P.G.S. of the Province; and Bro. Ockenden, D.C., was also recommended to fill the office of Steward for the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. Bro. Walls then proposed, which was seconded by Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., that Bro. E. T. Barrett, of No. 1503, should become a joining member. Some minor business having been transacted, which included the appointment of Bro. Tagg, a founder of the lodge, to the vacant office of A.W.S., the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold collation, catered for by Bro. Hiscox. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. (Eteniat); Knight, (574); Kruehler, (1303); Clarke, (103). Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in consequence of the lateness of the hour, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with great brevity. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Hammond, I.P.M., congratulated the lodge upon having so zealous and old a worker as Bro. Hopwood in the chair of K.S., who he felt sure would at the conclusion of his year of office carry with him the good wishes of every member of the lodge. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and immediately proposed "The Health of the Initiate." Bro. Messenger, in reply, thanked the brethren, in which he stated that from the little he had seen of Freemasonry that evening he was sure he should like it when he became thoroughly acquainted with its mysteries. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. expressed how gratified he felt at having had a visit from two old friends and brothers of his that evening, namely, Bros. Wilson and Knight, both of whom had come some distance to see him. With regard to the other visitors, he hoped that their visit to the Hemming had been in every way satisfactory. The toast having been duly honoured, and responded to by Bros. Knight, Kruehler, and Clarke, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." in very cordial terms. In his speech he stated that notwithstanding the very complimentary manner in which Bro. Hammond had spoken of him and his services to the lodge that evening, he must differ with him in one important particular, and that was "that the success of the lodge was mainly owing to his (the W.M.'s) personal efforts." He could assure the brethren that although he had taken, and should continue to take, a very great interest in its welfare, yet the hard work hitherto had been cheerfully undertaken and successfully carried out by their Immediate Past Master, and, in conclusion, he hoped that Bro. Hammond would be spared many years to come to assist by his valuable advice and instruction the junior officers and any members of the lodge who might be desirous of holding the proud position of W.M. of the Hemming. This toast having been warmly drunk, Bro. Hammond replied in a short but pertinent speech, in which he modestly acknowledged the high commendation of the W.M., but at the same time stated that his individual efforts would have been unavailing had they not been assisted by the W.M. and the rest of the working founders of the lodge. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, in giving which the W.M. spoke at length upon the great services rendered by Bros. Raw, Treasurer; J. Hammond, Secretary; and the rest of the working staff. Bros. Hill, Raw, Hurst, and Jesset severally replied. Between the toasts Bros. W.

Hammond, Raw, Hurst, and Walls vocally amused the brethren, who separated shortly after the Tyler's toast had been given. The next meeting of the lodge will take place on the third Thursday in the present month.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—

This lodge held its regular weekly meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall on the 28th ult. The officers were Bros. R. N. Field, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Watts, S.D.; Thurston, J.D.; Terry, I.G.; Geiler, Tyler; Larham, Preceptor; Francis, Secretary; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. As it is optional with the W.M. what he will do on the fourth Friday in the month, Bro. Field decided on this occasion to work the Installation Ceremony, which he accordingly did to the satisfaction of all present, the addresses being delivered in a very impressive manner, at the conclusion of which the thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Field for the able manner in which he had performed the beautiful ceremony. The Second Section in the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Larham, assisted by Bro. J. W. Watts. The lodge was then closed, and adjourned till the following Friday at 7.30 p.m.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's (No. 1147).—

The lodge of instruction working under this warrant met again on Tuesday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street. The attendance was good. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting Bro. Cohen, Lodge of Affability, No. 27, was elected a joining member. The ceremony of the Third Degree was then gone through in a most admirable manner by the following brethren, Bro. T. R. Peel, W.M. St. David's acting as W.M. and Preceptor:—Bros. W. Hadden, S.W.; T. Elliott, J.W.; L. H. Poulton, Friendship, 44, S.D.; J. McLean, J.D.; F. Coupe, I.G.; F. Singer, as Candidate.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 7th inst. In the absence of the Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart., the throne was occupied by Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, Past Substitute Grand Master. He was supported by Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, Senior Grand Warden; William Hay, Acting Junior Grand Warden; William Mann, Past Grand Warden; D. Loth, representative of the Grand Orient of France; Lindsay MacKersy, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada; John Laurie, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Junior Grand Deacon; William Officer, Past Grand Deacon; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer; F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards.

Apologies for absence were read from the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master; the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Substitute Grand Master; Colonel W. Montgomery Neilson, of Queenshill, Provincial Grand Master Glasgow; Captain George F. Russell Colt, of Gartscherie, Grand Sword Bearer; Murdoch McKenzie, Chief Grand Marshal; J. H. Neilson, Dublin, and G. Miller, Bridge of Allan, Grand Stewards. Charters were granted to the following new lodges:—New Province, Sale, Gipp's Land; Puzey Caridad, Molendo, Peru; St. Thomas, Gibraltar; St. Bryde, Uddingston; St. Leonard, Lanthead; and Plantation, Glasgow. An application by Lodges No. 3, Dunse, and No. 261, Tweed, Kelso, for transfer to the Province of East Lothian was, along with a report regarding it by Grand Committee, considered, and I delayed in the meantime. Bros. Peter McLagan, M.P., of Pumpherston, and Lord Ramsay were appointed Provincial Grand Masters for the Provinces of Linlithgowshire and Forfarshire respectively. Several motions were tabled for discussion at next meeting. Bro. Officer expressed gratification at seeing Bro. Laurie able to resume the duties of Secretary after his severe illness, a sentiment which was re-echoed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Laurie.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

On Saturday evening, the 5th inst., the quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East was held in the Masonic Hall of Lodge St. Mirren, No. 129, at No. 5, Moss-street, Paisley, for the purpose of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year. Bro. Colonel A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Prov. G.M., presided; Bro. ex-Bailie J. Caldwell, of Craigielea, P.G.S.W., and Bro. James Gilmour, P.G.J.W. The commissioned office-bearers appointed by the P.G. Master are Bros. Capt H. McDowall, Yr. of Garthland, P.G.D.M.; James Caldwell, P.G.S.M.; James Gilmour, P.G.S.W.; John Peters, P.G.J.W.; R. L. Henderson, P.G. Sec.; Rev. R. Stephen, Renfrew, P.G. Chap. The elective office-bearers are as follows: Bros. A. Macpherson, 129, P.G. Treas.; A. Wallace, 129, P.G.S.D.; L. McKellar, 512, P.G.J.D.; J. B. Lamb, 370, P.G. Arch.; ex-Bailie Fisher, 370, P.G.B.B.; T. Hart, 153, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Adams, 153, P.G. Dir. of M.; J. Carswell, 129, P.G. Mar.; W. T. Smillie, 307, P.G.A.M.; M. Walker, 116, P.G.S.B.; A. Morrison, 129, P.G.S.S.; S. S. Abbott, 347, P.G.J.S.; J. Forrest, 153, P.G.I.G.; and W. Alexander, P.G. Tyler.

The P.G.M., Bro. Campbell, then performed the ceremony of installing the office-bearers into their several offices in a most effective and impressive manner.

During the evening the P.G. Treasurer submitted last year's financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of over £80. Bro. J. Cunningham, I.P.M. 347, asked a question, which was answered by the P.G.M.

It was afterwards agreed on the motion of Bro. J. Gilmour, P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. George Fisher, J.W. 129, to raise the subscription to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the P.G.M. for his presence that evening, having left London that morning for the purpose of presiding at the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the more so, seeing he had to return the same night at 8 p.m. The lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Kilwinning (No. 4).—

The regular monthly meeting of this old lodge was held in their hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., Bro. Robert Prout, R.W.M., in the chair. Bro. G. Holmes, S.W., and Bro. W. McCulloch, J.W.; with the other office-bearers and a good number of brethren present. The W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. G. McDonald, W.M. 73; J. Bannerman, D.M. 73; J. McInnes, S.M. 408; and William Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"). The lodge was opened, and after disposing of business of minor importance, Mr. J. Cairney was admitted and initiated on behalf of Lodge Thistle and Rose, No. 73, Bro. McDonald, W.M. 73, performing the ceremony.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—

This lodge was held in the Kilwinning Masonic Hall, 170, Buchanan-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., Bro. G. McDonald, W.M., presiding; Bro. A. McLeod, S.W., and Bro. J. Haubridge, J.W. The W.M. was supported on the dais by Bros. J. Gillies, P.M., Sec. 103; J. B. Macneil, I.P.M. 332; J. S. Ampleford, Treas.; R. Richards, Sec.; J. Bannerman and W. Ferguson ("Freemason"). There were also present Bros. Neil Cameron, Treas. 103; J. McInnes, S.M. 408; G. Innes, J.W. 292; Wm. B. Paterson, 27; W. T. Kay, S.D.; J. Balfour, P.G.D. of C.; R. Currie, 73; and a large number of others. The Secretary read minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. It was then arranged to hold the annual festival in Bro. Wallace's Assembly Rooms, 152, Campbell-street, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd February. Mr. A. Abrahams was initiated by Bro. G. McDonald, W.M. Bro. R. Carnachan was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. J. B. Macneil, I.P.M. 332, (on behalf of Lodge Union 332); and Bros. W. Morfue, H. W. Selby, R. Carnachan, 332, and G. D. Ferguson, 103, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. Gillies, P.M., Sec. 103.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 30, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, 1st inst., Bro. J. Booth, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. W. Burns, I.P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; W. Stewart, S.W.; R. Barr, J.W.; W. Wilson, D.M.; J. G. Ritchie, S.M.; J. Paton, Treas.; and A. McPhee, Sec. The lodge having been opened, and minutes of last meeting read and approved of, Bro. McPhee, Sec., resigned on account of pressure of business. Bro. Wilson, D.M., was elected Sec. in his stead. Mr. Peter Knowles was initiated by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The annual festival of this lodge is to be held in the Lesser City Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th March. There was no other business of importance.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Union and Crown (No. 103).—The monthly meeting was held in the M.H., 170, Buchanan-street, on Monday evening, the 31st ult., Bro. D. Murray, W.M., in the chair; Bro. W. Thomas, S.W.; and Bro. W. Forsyth, J.W. The other office-bearers present were Bros. A. M. Wright, I.P.M.; A. Bain, P.M.; J. Gillies, P.M., Sec.; Neil Cameron, Treas.; R. Munro, D.M.; P. Cullen, Chaplain; A. Gray, S.D. The meetings of this lodge are always well attended, and on this occasion a large number of members and visiting brethren were present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. W. Bell, I.P.M. 34; J. Bannerman, D.M. 73; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); E. Arthur, Mother Kilwinning, 9; T. Nisbet, 34; J. Anderson, 28; A. McCulloch, 117; J. Laurence, 219; D. Proven, 332; and others. On the lodge being opened it was agreed to that the annual festival of the lodge take place on Friday, 3rd March. Mr. T. Craig was initiated into the First Degree by Bro. Wright, I.P.M., and thereafter Bros. G. D. Ferguson and A. Smith were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. J. Gillies, P.M., Sec. It may be mentioned that the meetings of this lodge are to be held in the M.H., 30, Hope-street, on and after the 29th of May.

TARBOLTON.—St. James's Lodge (No. 135).—

The brethren of this lodge met in the Crown Inn, on Friday evening, 28th ult., to celebrate the anniversary of Scotland's poet king. Bro. A. Stewart, W.M., presided, while Bros. McCosh and Lee acted as Croupiers. After supper, which was served up in Bro. Dodd's usual good style, and the preliminary toasts over, the W.M. in an appropriate speech gave the toast of the evening, "The Memory of Burns," which was duly honoured. "A" the air, "Rantin Robin," "Burns' farewell to Tarbolton Lodge," and other toasts, made up a pleasant evening. The lodge room was tastefully decorated. The jewel worn by the poet and other relics had a conspicuous place assigned them. "Auld Lang Syne" and the "round," requested with a tear, brought the meeting to a close.

CALTON.—Lodge Shamrock and Thistle (No. 275).—

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Friday evening, the 4th February, Bro. D. Ronald, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. W. Findlay, S.W., and Bro. T. Neilson, J.W.; also Bros. J. Paterson, D.M.; J. Horn, Sec.; W. B. Hutcheson, Treas.; C. Mair, S.D.; C. McLeish, J.D.; H. Cox, I.G.; and J. Guthrie, Tyler. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren present. On the dais were Bros. W. Phillips, P.M., and W.M. 556; R. Jack, W.M. 128; Wm. Ferguson, P.M. 543 ("Freemason"); and J. Duthie, 219. Bro. Horn, Sec., read minutes of last regular and emergency meetings, which were adopted. A proof sheet of revised code of bye-laws were then handed to each member

for approval at next meeting, to be held on Friday, 7th April. It was unanimously agreed to that the annual festival of this lodge be held in their own hall, 22, Struthers-street, Calton, on Friday evening, the 3rd March. A sum of money was voted towards a charitable purpose, after which Bros. W. Scougall and R. Boreland were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Paterson, D.M. Bros. T. Halbert, C. D. Gray, R. Boreland, and J. Park were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. J. Duthie in a very impressive manner.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. Andrews (No. 465).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, 3rd inst., in F.H., Bro. D. Gilchrist, W.M., in the chair; Bros. G. B. Davidson, S.W., and W. Chalmers, J.W. On the dais were Bros. D. Reid, I.P.M.; J. Clark, D.M.; R. Donaldson, Treas.; A. B. Ferguson, W.M. 354; and W. Ferguson, P.M. ("Freemason"). Present among the visiting brethren, J. McLachlan, 87; J. Brown, 173; J. Buchan, 219; and others. On the lodge being opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were admitted, and received the First Degree at the hands of Bro. Gilchrist, W.M., viz.: Messrs. Robert Syme, John Houston, George Brown, Archibald McDonald, and John B. McKenzie. Thereafter a committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Dramatic (No. 571).—

A meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, the 3rd Feb., at 3 p.m., Bro. W. J. E. Dobson, W.M., in the chair; Bros. H. W. Jackman, S.W., and Wm. Sivewright, J.W.; Wm. Barbour, Treas.; J. Houston, D.M.; R. S. Smyth, S.D.; and L. R. Mitchell, J.D. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. J. Booth, W.M. 87; W. Phillips, W.M. 556; J. Law, I.P.M. 570; W. Ferguson ("Freemason"); J. M. Oliver, S.W. 360; P. Brownlie, J.W. 34; and W. McCulloch, J.W. 4. Three gentlemen were admitted, and initiated into the Entered Apprentice Degree by Bro. Dobson, the W.M., viz.: Messrs. J. Robertson, G. Burnett, and W. Woolf. Bro. G. Burnett was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree by Bro. W. Ferguson, I.P.M. 543; and the said brother, having to leave Scotland in a few days, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. W. Phillips, W.M. 556.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. W. ROMAINE CALLENDER.

A few brief words of sincere regret for the untimely death of this most excellent of Masons may not be out of place. It is our earnest desire to express our sorrow for this melancholy event, which has removed from our midst one whom to know was to love, and whose usefulness to his fellow man was apparently only just begun. The Province of East Lancashire, with which he was more immediately connected in his Masonic career, can scarcely realize the loss it has sustained, nor can it tell where to look for one to take the place of our lamented brother, whose ear was ever ready to listen to the brother in affliction, and whose liberal and generous efforts in the cause of our Masonic charities have made his name a household word. Bro. Callender was initiated in the Social Lodge, No. 62, at Manchester, in 1850, and in due time filled the chair of W.M. He was the first Master and founder of the Callender Lodge, 1052, and of the Travellers' Lodge, 1253. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire he was elected, by the unanimous voice of the brethren, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and was afterwards appointed by the late Bro. Stephen Blair, P.G.M., to the office of Prov. G.S.W., and on the death of Bro. Lawrence Newall to the Deputy Provincial Grand Mastership, which he filled up to the time of his death, having been re-appointed by his present P.G.M., Bro. Col. Starkie. Bro. Callender also filled the position of Prov. G.H. in the Royal Arch Chapter of East Lancashire, and was a P.G.D. of England, and a P.G.A.S. in the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter. It is, however, in connection with the Mark Degree that our lamented brother deservedly reaped the fullest honours that could be bestowed on him. It will be in the recollection of every member of the Mark Degree that it was entirely through the personal popularity and esteem in which Bro. Callender was held by all that the union of the English and Scottish Mark Lodges was happily effected, and when therefore, Bro. Lord Limerick, the G.M.M., appointed him to the office of Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masons in England, it was acknowledged by all to be peculiarly appropriate. As the Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lancashire, Bro. Callender took a deep interest in the degree, and presided at every Provincial Grand Lodge. He was a member of the 31st, a P.E.C. of the Jerusalem Encampment of K.T., a member of the Rosicrucian College of the Northern Counties, a P.M.P.S. and Intendant General of the Red Cross of Constantine, and M.V. Grand President of the Order of High Priesthood for England. The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland for Lancashire and Cheshire have also to mourn the loss of their chief. His remains were interred at Heaton Mersey Church on Saturday, 29th January, and amongst all the floral tributes of affection which were placed on the coffin lid, none were offered with more genuine sympathy or more lasting regrets than the sprigs of acacia which fell from the hands of his brother Masons. Peace to his ashes. He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him.

BRO. G. B. ADAMS.

We deeply lament having to record the death of Bro. G. B. Adams, who expired at the Western Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, after a brief illness. His demise will be deeply felt by the Masonic brethren who knew him, and had the privilege of his acquaintance.

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THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

A meeting of the Sovereign Princes of this degree was held on Monday last, for the purpose of conferring the degree on His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. There were present on the occasion:—The Earl of Carnarvon, 33°, M.P.S.G.C.; Captain N. G. Phillips, 33°, S.G.C.; Major-General Clerk, R.A., F.R.S., 33°, G.T.G.; J. M. P. Montagu, 33°, G.C.; Colonel A. W. Adair, 33°; C. J. Vigne, 33°, P.M.P.S.G.C.; Major Shadwell H. Clerke, R.B.G., 33°, G.S.G.; Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°; Andrew Hay, 33° of Scotland; Raphael Costa, 33°, D.I.G.; Samuel Rawson, 33°, D.I.G.; W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, A.S.S.G.; Major George Barlow, 32°, D.I.G.; The Earl of Limerick, 32°; C. Hutton Gregory, 32°; James Glaisher, F.R.S., 32°; Colonel Goddard, 32°; Lt.-Col. F. Burdett, 32° of Ireland; Captain Portlock Dadson, Royal Body Guard, 32°; Captain Paget Bourke, Royal Body Guard, 30°; J. C. Parkinson, 31°; George Lambert, 31° (Warden of Regalia); Major-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., 31°; John Hervey, 31°; Charles Horsley, 31°; Capt. A. Bott Cook, 31°; The Earl of Shrewsbury, Royal Body Guard, 30°; Lt.-Col. H. Somerville Burney, 30°; Lt.-Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, late Gren. Guards, 30°; Montague J. Guest, 30°; Raymond H. Thrupp, 30°; H. H. Riach, 30°; Capt. F. Courtney Trower, 30°; E. B. Webb, 30°; J. B. Monckton, 30°; Walter Spencer, 30°; C. E. Willing, 30°; C. Grillion, 30°; F. Binckes, 30°; John Read, 30°; R. W. Little, 30°; &c., &c.

The Earl of Carnarvon, assisted by Capt. Philips, and the other officers of the Chapter, duly performed the ceremony of advancement, and at its conclusion the Earl of Carnarvon expressed to His Royal Highness the great pleasure he had in welcoming him to the 30th degree, in the absence of the patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

CONSECRATION OF THE STUDHOLME CHAPTER.

Most of those present at 30° Chapter remained for the ceremony of consecration, and to see the thirteen candidates afterwards advanced to the 18°. H.R.H. Prince Leopold staying to see Mr. Collins, his Equerry receive the degree. The musical part of the ceremony was very finely executed under the direction of Bros. C. E. Willing, 30°, and John Read, 30°, assisted by Bros. C. S. Jekyll, 18°; R. de Lacy, 18°; John Hodges, 18°; and G. T. C. Carter, 18°, all of the St. George Chapter, Rose Croix.

The original members of the chapter who were present at the consecration ceremony were Bros. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, 30°, K.G., &c., &c.; Major George Barlow, 32°; Capt. P. J. Bourke, 30°, Royal Body Guard; Dr. D. B. Brodie, 18°; Major-General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., 31°; Capt. H. S. Brownrigg, 18°, Rifle Brigade; Colonel F. Burdett, 32° (Ireland); Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney, 30°; Captain A. B. Cook, 31°; Bonamy Dobree, 18°; Captain W. D. M. C. P. Farrier, 18°, Grenadier Guards; C. Grillion, 30°; the Earl of Limerick, 32°; J. B. Monckton, 30°; J. C. Parkinson, 31°; Colonel C. W. Randolph, 18°, Grenadier Guards; S. Rawson, 33°, Lieut.-Colonel Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, 30°, late Grenadier Guards; Capt. L. V. Swaine, 18°, Rifle Brigade; Captain F. C. Trower, 30°; Edward B. Webb, 30°; C. E. Willing, 30°.

A chapter of the 18th Degree was first opened by the Supreme Council, 33°, and the Studholme Chapter was then consecrated by the M.P.S.G.C. the Earl of Carnarvon. After this the following candidates were perfected:—Bros. Sir J. E. Hartington, Bart.; Sir Bruce Maxwell Seton, Bart.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Capt. G. F. Ormy, Harry Hankey Dobree, K. R. Murchison, late 13th Lt. Inf.; E. Pattison, P.G.W.; Sir George R. Prescott, Bart.; George Claridge, Capt. J. B. Hayes, 12th Lancers; E. Henslowe Bedford, Robert Hawthorn Collins, Equerry to H.R.H. Prince Leopold; Sir William Henry Drake, K.C.B.

General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., was then installed M.W.S. by Ill Bro. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 33° Grand Secretary General; after which the following officers of the chapter were appointed:—1st General, Colonel Randolph, Grenadier Guards; 2nd General, Captain H. Studholme Brownrigg, Rifle Brigade; High Prelate,

the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Captain of the Guard; Captain Farrar, Grenadier Guards; Raphael, Captain Leopold S. Swaine, Rifle Brigade; Treasurer, Bro. H. Hankey Dobree; Recorder, Bro. Charles Grillion, 30°.

Some further business was afterwards transacted, and a dinner was subsequently partaken of at Willis's Room, to which about fifty sat down. The whole of the ceremonies of the day were splendidly conducted, and were very impressive.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this institution was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Col. Creaton in the chair. Among the other members present were Bros. S. Rawson, Charles Lacey, Benj. Head, L. Stean, Capt. Wordsworth, John Constable, William Hilton, A. H. Tattershall, J. Newton, James Brett, J. Ebenezer Saunders, C. F. Hogard, Thos. Cubitt, H. M. Levy, Raynham W. Stewart, A. Lemaitre, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey ("Freemason") and James Terry, (Secretary).

The Secretary announced the death of three annuitants who had long been in the receipt of the benefits of the institution; also that there were 24 male and 33 female candidates for next election. The receipts for the female fund during 1875 were £4,131 and the expenditure £3,792 3s. 1d.; leaving a balance of £338 16s. 11d. The receipts for the male fund had been £5,668 3s. 9d.; and the disbursements £5,543 17s. 8d.; leaving a balance of £124 5s. 1d.

The committee then declared vacancies for 17 males and 10 females; and on the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved to put 10 more females on the fund.

The Finance Committee having recommended that £50 a year be added to the Secretary's salary, Bro. Terry left the room after the foregoing business had been transacted; and

The Chairman rose and said that in consequence of this recommendation, and that the matter might be brought on in order, he now begged to move it. He had very great pleasure in doing so, because he thought no one round the table saw more of the working of the Secretary's office than himself. Having seen so much he could say truthfully that since Bro. Terry had been Secretary he had done the work of the institution well. Not only had he increased the work of the office, but he had greatly added to the income of the institution. The income now was one third more than it was when Bro. Terry took the office of Secretary. It was not necessary to go further into the matter; and he would therefore move "That the salary of the Secretary be increased £50 per annum." (Cheers.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded the motion. He also knew a great deal of the management of this institution, and he could say that they all owed a great deal to Bro. Terry for the proud position in which the institution now stood. A proof of this position lay in the fact of their having been that day able to put 10 additional women on the funds. That at least showed that there had been a great deal of ability on the part of Bro. Terry. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Terry, he was sure, had done the best that he could for the institution. When he (Bro. Stewart) served his first Stewardship it was thought a very proud thing if £500 was collected at a festival. Last year it was £800 odd. He had now stood 27 Stewardships, and none knew better than he the working of the institution. He was very proud indeed to second the motion, because he felt that it was Bro. Terry who had so raised it. That brother had given his best support to the institution, and the brethren would all shew that they would support those who did good to the Masonic institutions. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master, China, put the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry having been called into the committee room, the Chairman, addressing him, said he had very great pleasure in informing him that the Committee had unanimously agreed to raise his salary £50 a year. The vote was quite unanimous, and he was sure Bro. Terry would appreciate it the more for being unanimous. He congratulated Bro. Terry on the event.

Bro. Terry said it was exceedingly gratifying to him that the vote had been passed unanimously. That certainly added to its value. If by any increased efforts on his part he could further the objects of the institution more than he had done already, the brethren might rely on his using increased efforts. (Cheers.)

Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D., said that though he did not happen to be present at the time the vote was passed, he heartily concurred in it, for he thought that Bro. Terry was well deserving of it. (Hear, hear.)

The brethren then separated.

In the Dublin Court of Exchequer, on Saturday, judgment was given in the cause "Attorney-General v. the Roman Catholic Bishop of Cork." It was decided by this judgment that bequests for masses for the repose of one's soul, to be celebrated in private, were not charitable, and that therefore legacy duty must be paid upon such bequests.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Common humanity suggests and public interests demand that the knowledge of the surest, safest, and quickest method of renewing soundness to the sick should be forced upon all unfortunate sufferers. For bad legs, bad breasts, and scorbutic or scrofulous sores, Holloway's medicines are specific. The grateful and earnest testimony of thousands who have experienced their unrivalled power over these complaints, and who have been raised from prostrate helplessness, and a condition loathsome to themselves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon their extraordinary virtues. The affected part should be bathed with luke-warm water, and when the pores are opened the Ointment should be rubbed in twice a day all round the complaining parts.—ADVT.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Brighton maintains its pre-eminence as being the most healthy of the 20 English towns of which the Registrar-General now takes cognisance in his returns. Last week the rate in Brighton was 14, whilst at Manchester and Bradford it was as high as 34 per thousand.

The total receipts of revenue from April 1st, 1875, to February 5, 1876, were £62,379,697, against £61,133,635 in the corresponding period of the last financial year. The expenditure was £65,028,442, against £63,681,489 last year. The balance in the Bank of England on Saturday last was £1,672,839.

Preparations are being made at Malta on an extensive scale for the reception of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who will pay a visit to that place on his way home in the Serapis. A grand ball will be given in the Governor's palace to His Royal Highness, and another will be given by the officers of the fleet and the garrison. There will also be a ball on a very large scale given by the officers of the 42nd Royal Highlanders (the Black Watch). As their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Connaught will be present, the island will present a scene never before witnessed in that part of the world.

VALENTINES.—The Postmaster-General desires it to be known that the public would greatly assist the operations of the Post Office if they would be good enough to post their newspapers, letters, and valentines intended for despatch from London on Saturday earlier in the day than usual, to ensure their being forwarded by the night mails.

The Scottish National Rifle Club have accepted the challenge of the National Rifle Association of America to shoot for the championship of the world in the autumn of the present year.

A sum of £84 2s. has been collected by Bro. Boord, 31°, M.P. for the Borough of Greenwich, in aid of the fund for the wives and families of the two arsenal workmen, named Young and Walstow, recently killed in the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, by the explosion of a 9-inch Palliser shell.

The meetings of the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, are held at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, every Saturday evening.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold honoured the performance at Drury-lane Theatre with his presence on Monday evening.

A somewhat serious accident occurred on Monday last to Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, Master of the Queen's Stag-hounds, and Prov. Grand Master for Cambridgeshire. The meet, which generally takes place on Tuesday, had been altered to Monday, as Lord Hardwicke was to have been in attendance on Her Majesty at the opening of Parliament. The hounds were at Maidenhead, and the deer on being uncarted made in the direction of Winkfield. Soon after the hounds had been put on Lord Hardwicke, in jumping a fence, wrenched the muscles of his left thigh. At first he did not think that much was amiss, but the pain increased, and he had great difficulty in keeping on his horse. He managed, however, to get back to Slough Station, and returned to London by the 2.55 train.

We have been given to understand that H.M.S. Sultan, 9000 tons, one of the largest and most modern of our ironclads, is to immediately prepare for commission under the command of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, her present officers and crew being previously paid off at Portsmouth. Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Prov. S.G.W. Devon, now with the Prince of Wales in India, who served with the Duke as lieutenant in the Galatea when she went to Australia, will be the commander. The Sultan ordinarily belongs to the Channel Squadron, but will cruise further afield under her Royal captain.

We are in a position to state, by a letter from a trustworthy source, that the story of Lord Ripon's gift of £10,000 to the Pope is without foundation. At least, neither His Holiness nor Lord Ripon would appear to have any knowledge of the affair.

The first meeting of the Board of Grand Stewards, in connection with the approaching Annual Grand Festival, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday 3rd inst., when the following brethren were unanimously elected as officers, viz.:—Bros. G. N. Johnson, Lodge No. 1, President; G. R. Shervill, Lodge No. 23, Treasurer; C. J. Morgan, Lodge No. 8, Hon. Sec. At its close the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 17th inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan, Deptford, on Monday, the 21st inst., when Bro. Govan Macdonald, S.W. 1158, will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Wednesday next, by Bros. Terry, G.D.C. Herts, and John Constable, P.M. 185.

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SPECIAL JOINT COURT OF THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

On Saturday last a Special Joint Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held in the Board room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton, P.G.D., Vice Patron of both institutions, was voted to the chair. The other brethren who were present were Bros. J. Symonds, H. Browne, John Wordsworth, Hyde Pullen, F. H. Ebsworth, S. Rawson, H. Massey ("Freemason"), Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, Jesse Turner, W. Roebuck, Robert B. Webster, H. W. Hemsworth, W. Mann, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Moutrie, A. A. Richards, F. Binckes (Secretary Boys' School), and R. Wentworth Little (Secretary Girls' School).

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the following notice of motion, by Bro. C. F. Matier:—"That any brother not serving the office of Steward, who may collect for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

the sum of fifty guineas, shall, when that sum is completed, be made a life subscriber, and have one vote for life, and should he collect a further sum of fifty guineas, shall, on the completion thereof, receive an additional vote, and so on for every fifty guineas he may collect."

Bro. Matier not being present to make the motion, it was moved formally by Bro. H. Browne, P.G.D., and seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, Past District G.M. of China.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., urged several objections to the proposition, though he did not wish to move an amendment. He was afraid that brethren in the provinces collecting subscriptions though not Stewards, would be thrown into competition with those brethren who were acting as Stewards. He thought that before entering upon his duties as collector of fifty guineas, a brother should put himself into communication with the committee of either school. If he had been going to move an amendment he would have suggested that the following words be added as a clause to Law 75 of the two institutions:—"The committee, may grant to any brother not serving the office of Steward who may collect and pay over the sum of fifty guineas the privilege of a life subscriber, with one vote at all elections for boys or girls, and an additional vote for any further sum of fifty guineas so collected and paid over." In the larger provinces perhaps, like Bro. Matier's province, it might not cause any inconvenience having two brethren collecting; but in the smaller provinces he thought that considerable inconvenience would arise. If the matter were placed first in the hands of the committees they would take care that justice was done to all parties.

Bro. H. Browne thought that if two brethren ran counter to each other in a province it was a matter personal to themselves, and they must set it right. It would be very much better to leave brethren wishing to collect subscriptions perfectly free and unfettered, and not to hamper them by placing them first in the hands of the committees. He could not see his way in putting Bro. Symond's proposition in.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., was afraid that Bro. Symond's suggestions if agreed to would fetter intending collectors, who ought to be perfectly free.

Bro. H. W. Hemsworth suggested, and at first introduced as an amendment, that instead of giving a brother collecting 50 guineas a vote at each election during his life, ten votes should be given him for the next election following his collection, and let the matter end there.

Bro. Jesse Turner seconded the amendment.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart thought this would be a most fatal mistake. All that was proposed to be done by the original motion was to give one vote at each election, and the brother who took the trouble to collect 50 guineas well deserved one vote at each election for that trouble. The institution would be lowering themselves very much if they offered ten votes at one election only for 50 guineas collected.

Bro. John Symonds said he preferred the original motion to Bro. Hemsworth's amendment, although he himself had suggested an amendment. A vote for life was better than ten votes for one election.

Bro. H. Browne was opposed to hampering brethren collecting by reference to committees.

Bro. Hemsworth having stated that if Bro. Symonds would move his suggestion as an amendment he would second it, Bro. Symonds did so, and after it had been seconded by Bro. Hemsworth it was put by the Chairman and lost. The original motion was then put and carried, and a vote of thanks to Colonel Creaton for presiding closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

* The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. H. Diaper, W. Roebuck, Benj. Head, S. Rosenthal, H. Browne, John Symonds, Hyde Pullen, John W. Dennison, John Wordsworth, S. Rawson, W. Mann, Jesse Turner, Robert B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. A. Dubois, W. Clifton Crick, J. W. Dosell, F. Adlard, J. G. Chancellor, A. A. Richards, F. H. Ebsworth, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the formal business of reading and confirming minutes had been transacted, it was found there were no petitions from the friends of intending candidates, and no applications for outfits.

The matter of the purchase of the lease of Kent House, opposite the institution at Wood Green, for a sanitary convalescent home for the pupils, was then mentioned in sanction, and the Chairman stated that the object of proposing to buy the lease of the house and grounds, and the freehold, was that when the freehold came into the market the institution might purchase it at its proper

value, which would be about twenty years' purchase. In consequence of the age of the freeholder, the property would probably soon come into the market, and the institution had a written offer that if they took the lease they should have the first offer of the freehold. If they had not the lease they would not have the refusal of the freehold; and when it was known that they wanted it the market price would go up considerably. The brethren must bear in mind that the property adjoined the Boys' School, and there was no property but their own close by. The house was well adapted for the purpose for which it was proposed it should be taken, as he and Bro. Browne, who had inspected it, could testify. It was just the sort of house that was required; it would be exceedingly useful, and would be at all times worth the money proposed to be given.

Bro. Robt. B. Webster proposed, and Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie seconded, the adoption of the recommendation of the House Committee that Kent House should be purchased.

Bro. Jesse Turner, notwithstanding the statement that by taking the lease the institution would at the proper time be able to get the freehold at a proper market price, could not help thinking that the price would go up. It was hardly reasonable to look forward to a time when the price would be cheaper than now. He quite concurred in the opinion of the Chairman that the building was most eligible and suitable for the proposed purpose; but he thought it would be a wise thing to purchase the freehold at once.

Bro. Binckes, in answer to enquiries, said the price of the freehold was £2100. Mr. Hall, the medical officer, had reported most favourably on the property.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the brethren separated.

A Special Court of this Institution's Governor's and Subscribers was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., V.P., presiding. The brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Diaper, W. Roebuck, Benjamin Head, John Boyd, Herbert Dickets, F. Adlard, S. Rosenthal, H. Browne, Hyde Pullen, S. Rawson, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Mann, H. A. Dubois, W. Clifton Crick, Robert B. Webster, A. A. Richards, John W. Dennison, J. G. Chancellor, J. W. Dosell, John Wordsworth, F. H. Ebsworth, Jesse Turner, H. Massey ("Freemason"), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The meeting was called in compliance with a requisition addressed to the Secretary by a Trustee of the Institution, to consider a recommendation of the House Committee under a reference made to them by the General Committee:—

"That with a view to provide the requisite sanitary and convalescent accommodation, the lease of the house and premises known as Kent House, situated opposite the Institution (an unexpired term of 88 years at £100 per annum), be purchased at a cost not exceeding £500."

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., moved the resolution.

Bro. H. Browne, P.G.D., seconded it, observing that obtaining Kent House as a sanitarium would be beneficial to the Institution.

The motion was carried, with the rider that the solicitors be instructed to act on behalf of the Institution.

Bro. Symonds observed that the place would now be taken as from Christmas last, the rent to commence from that term.

It was not deemed necessary to enter into any discussion with reference to the purchase of the lease, as the subject had been fully gone into at the General Committee which sat a short time previously to the Special Court.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE.

There was a numerous gathering of Royal Arch Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, on Monday, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.,—who was compelled to attend a special board meeting of the South Western Railway Company, of which he is a director—Comp. W. Hickman presided as Z., supported by Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre, E.; Lillywhite, Prin. Soj.; Frost, Treasurer; A. Cudlipp, Asst. Soj.; Cecil, D.C. The Principals present included Comps. Captain Hooper, Furber, H. Coles, Hare, and J. R. Weston, of Southampton; H. M. Emanuel, H. Cawte, T. Batchelor, E. Wells, G. Wilkins, E. G. Holbrook, Ubsdell, G. F. Lancaster, E. S. Main, S. R. Ellis, W. H. Ford, Craven, Tuohy, and Maltby; Loveland, Hillman (Havant). Among the other companions present were Warren and Stroud (Southampton); J. Wallingford, H. J. Guy, A. Riddell, Turney, Dr. Knott, J. S. Dyer, G. E. Lancaster, G. Norris, R. Newland, R. Barber, Gunnell, Yearworth, Willmott, Johns, Payne, Salter (Royal Sussex Chapter); James Collins and Cole (Chapter of Friendship); W. Tuck, G. Johnson, R. J. Rastwick, Gamblen, Osborne, W. Dance (Portsmouth Chapter), and others.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts for the past year were submitted, shewing—Receipts (including balance from 1874), £47 12s. 9d.; expenditure, £4 4s. 6d.; balance in hand, £43 8s. 3d. On the motion of Comp. E. G. Holbrook, seconded by Comp. W. H. Ford, the accounts were received, and Comp. Frost was subsequently unanimously re-elected Treasurer, for which he thanked the brethren. On the motion of Comp. Booth, seconded by Comp. T. Batchelor, a vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Frost for his past services as Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Acting Superintendent (Comp. Hickman) then announced that he had been requested by the Provincial Grand Superintendent to take the office of Second Principal,

which request, he need hardly say, he had much pleasure in complying with.

The other officers were appointed as follows:—Comps. H. M. Emanuel, 342, J.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 130, S. E.; H. Coles, 359, S. N.; G. Wilkins, 342, P. S.; S. R. Ellis, 342, Past Asst. S.; R. J. Rastwick, 487, S. Asst. Soj.; M. E. Frost, 487, Treas.; R. Newland, 342, Reg.; G. F. Lancaster, 342, Swd. B.; German, 487, Std. Bearer; Forbes, P. Z., Dir. of Cers.; Osborne, 487, Org.; Biggs and Exell, Janitors.

The chapter having been closed with the usual ceremonies, about fifty of the companions adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a most recherché banquet was served by Bro. Sherman, of the Hard, Portsea, Comp. Hickman presided, and proposed the following toasts:—"The Queen, and Royal Arch Masonry;" "Three Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England;" and "The Grand Superintendent of the Province (Comp. Beach, M.P.)."

In giving the latter toast, Comp. Hickman said that the services of Comp. Beach were always at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and of every lodge and chapter in the province. The fact of having so worthy a Mason to preside over its deliberations was a distinguished honour for the province, and he was sure they all regretted that another important engagement prevented Comp. Beach being present that day.

Comp. Forbes proposed "Comp. Hickman, Second Grand Principal of the Province."

Comp. G. F. Lancaster proposed "Comp. Emanuel, Third Grand Principal, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter." Comp. Wilkins acknowledged the compliment.

Comp. M. E. Frost gave "The Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter," and Comp. E. M. Wells responded.

"The Chapter of Friendship, 257" was acknowledged by Comp. Lillywhite; "The Chapter of Harmony, 309," by Comp. E. G. Holbrook; "The Royal Sussex Chapter, 342," by Comp. Main; and the Portsmouth Chapter, 487," by Comp. Cudlipp.

RECEPTION OF SIR W. W. WYNN, BART., M.P., PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE, IN MALTA.

The regular meeting of the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349, E.C., was held in the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on Monday, the 3rd January, 1876. Present: Bros. the Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, W.M.; Major H. Lyon Campbell, 30°, I.P.M.; Holmes, S.W.; Buckle, J.W.; Rosenbusch, P.M., Treas.; Cromey, Sec.; Watt, S.D.; Paulson, J.D.; Read, I.G.; Beck, Tyler; and the following brethren:—Bros. W. Kingston, D.G.M.; the Rev. M. C. Odell, D.D.G.M.; Col. A. Macdonald, P.M. 255, E.C.; J. Buchanan, P.M. 515, E.C.; J. Doherty, P.M., W. Rotherham, P.M., T. Bond, D.M., W. F. Taylor, P.M., Union Lodge, 407, E.C.; J. Bowers, W.M. Leinster Lodge, 387, J.C.

The lodge was opened in due and ancient form.

The W.M., officers, and brethren then received the R.W. D.G.M. of Malta with great honours.

The R.W.D.G.M. having assumed the chair, called upon the brethren to receive the R.W.P.G.M. for North Wales and Shropshire—with grand honours—having entered, and on the Rev. Bro. Kingston's offering him the gavel, he courteously declined the same, and signified his wish that the business for which the lodge met might be proceeded with. Whereon the R.W.D.G.M. of Malta called upon W. Bro. Hon. Jolliffe, the W.M., to resume his chair, when Bro. Capt. H. Hamilton Beamish, R.N., I.M.S., "Pallas," was duly passed to the Second Degree, after which ceremony the lodge was reduced and closed.

At the banquet which followed, and after the usual loyal toasts, the D.G.M. for Malta, in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M. for Wales and Shropshire," expressed the pleasure he experienced by the attendance that evening of such a distinguished member of the Craft, and after wishing him a pleasant sojourn in Malta, concluded by calling on the brethren to drink the health of the R.W.P.G.M. for N. Wales and Shropshire with grand honours.

Bro. Sir W. Wynn, in returning thanks for the handsome manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received, assured the D.G.M. and brethren, that it afforded him infinite pleasure in attending and witnessing the admirable manner in which the ceremony had been performed by the W.M. that evening, and concluded by again thanking the brethren for the hearty welcome he received.

Bro. Sir W. Wynn then rose, and in a most flattering manner proposed "The Health of the R.W. the D.G.M. for Malta," congratulating him on the high position which his district held in the Craft, and bearing testimony to the fact that it was amongst the foremost in disseminating the true principles of the Order, besides being noted for the excellence of the working in the several degrees, and he concluded by wishing him personally, as well as the whole of the Masonic bodies in Malta, every success and prosperity.

The R.W.D.G.M., in returning thanks to Bro. Sir W. Wynn for proposing his health in such eulogistic terms, and the brethren for responding to the toast in such a cordial manner, said it was highly gratifying to hear his district spoken of in such high terms, especially by such a distinguished member of the Craft, and further, that during his twenty years' association with the Masonic bodies in the island he was proud to say that although his district could not claim to be a very influential one, yet he considered it second to none either in working or disseminating the genuine tenets of the system.

After "The Healths of the P.M.'s of the Lodge," with which was coupled the name of Bro. Major Lyon Campbell, 30°, and "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Col. Macdonald and Major Mounsey, were drank and duly responded to, the brethren separated.

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Owing to pressure of reports, reviews stand over till next week.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Masonic Herald," "Canadian Masonic News," "All the World Over," Vol. II., E. Hodder.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

SMITHS.—On the 31st ult., at Madras, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Smithers, of a daughter.

DIXON.—Jan. 30, at Ramleh, Alexandria, Egypt, the wife of F. Dixon, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BAKER.—Prior.—On the 29th ult., at St. Alban's, Holborn, Frederick William Jamison, son of the late P. Baker, of Mexico, to Kate Lethbridge, only child of H. L. Prior, of Cambridge.

DE LA RUE.—SPEED.—On the 1st inst., at St. Andrew's, Wells-street, Thomas Andros, son of Warren de la Rue, Esq., of Portland-place, to Emily Maria, daughter of W. Speed, Esq.

DENTON.—WILLING.—On the 27th ult., at St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, Charles Jones, son of C. J. Denton, Esq., of Spring Lodge, Richmond, to Jessie, second surviving daughter of James Willing, Esq.

ROPE.—HOLLAND.—On the 1st inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, John James Rope, son of J. W. Rope, of Hyde Park-place, to Emily Joanna, daughter of W. Holland.

DEATHS.

WETHERILL.—On the 1st inst., at Peckham-grove, Camberwell, George Brudenell Wetherill, Esq.

ADAMS.—On the 7th inst., at the Western Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Bro. G. Adams, after a brief illness.

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OUR GRAND MASTER IN INDIA.

Since his most successful visit to Scindiah H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has continued his progress. On the 6th he visited the Palace of Ambair, the ancient capital of Jeypore. On the 7th he left for Agra en route for Bareilly and Nynce Tal, meaning to proceed on a shooting expedition to Kumaon and Nepal Terai.

RE-OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

As Freemasons, though we have nothing to do with the mere passing shadows of political complication, we are alike citizens and patriots, and have a right to express our opinions temperately on all matters affecting our common coun-

try, especially from a social point of view, and in respect of the first duty of all loyal subjects; for our Queen, our "Mater Patriæ" is not only the sovereign of our native land, and, as such, claims our loyal attachment and obedience, on the great and unchanging principles of Freemasonry at all times and all circumstances, but she is to us the daughter of a brother of our Order,—the only representative in herself of an old Grand Master. We therefore, as a brotherhood, always peaceful and submissive to the laws, feel the warmest interest in all that appertains to her and her children, and her Royal House. Her opening of Parliament on Tuesday last was a subject of sincere rejoicing to all classes in this vast metropolis, and, despite occasional sleet and a cold east wind, her greeting was as warm as if it had been veritable sunny Queen's weather. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the wife of our august Grand Master, was associated by a happy idea in this Royal and triumphant progress through the crowded streets, and the warm welcome of her faithful people will, we feel sure, have deeply gratified and cheered the Queen. Surrounded by her Royal "kith and kin," and amid the most brilliant assemblage in the world, she has opened the new session of Parliament, and in the words of that most simple, yet effective speech, we shall hope and pray that the deliberations of our great "Wittenagemot" may result, under God's blessing, in the happiness and contentment of her people.

MASONIC MEMENTOES.

That life is chequered we are taught in our lodge symbolism, that it has many mutations and reminders who of us can venture to deny? Hardly a week leaves us but old friends drop off, and familiar faces are missing in our lodges, and we look in vain for the "pleasant presence," the "stout heart," or the unwavering friend. The "*Freemason*" in its weekly annals of our Order tells us how brethren and companions pass away from time and Masonry, from their duties and their responsibilities. Their place on earth knows them no more; even the lodge of which they were such faithful members, the high office they so ably filled, all have no more interest for them. Their race is over, their work is done! Such thoughts as these, never inappropriate, seem to us specially seasonable just now amid our lodge assemblies and our charitable gatherings. The glare of the banquet, the fascination of things material, the sounds of music, the gaiety of the festive scene, all have a tendency to make us often only say, "*carpe diem*," often lead us to forget, which we never should do, even amid the pleasant flow of life's charms and courtesies, the "*seria mista joci*." When Longfellow sang of old "*It is not always May*," he set forth poetically a truth which lies deep in the personality of human life. Indeed, it is, so to say, an undying verity of humanity. Clouds and darkness sometimes dim the scene, the blue sky disappears, and the smiling hours of prosperity and happiness are exchanged for the gloomy moments of adversity and regret. Especially is this true as regards the almost weekly loss we have to note of old friends and good brethren. Death neither spares Freemasonry nor any other institution of earth, and often have we to deplore the departure of some well-known and valuable brother, the missing from our active assemblies of the high prestige, of the honourable name of social worth, of Masonic excellence. We have to lament as an Order generally, and our Lancashire brethren specially, the demise of our very zealous and esteemed Bro. Romaine Callender. He was well known in Masonry, and has long stood high in the opinion of those who best knew him, and saw the most of him. He had taken a warm interest in our brotherhood and our charities, and filled distinguished posts in our Order, and we are bound to notice the loss of one who had so far earned in the opinion of his fellow-citizens as to represent Manchester in Parliament, and who had gained the regard and affection of all his brother Masons. His funeral, we are told, was a very striking and a very impressive one, and we feel sure we are echoing the universal feeling of our Order when we say that his premature loss to public life and

to Freemasonry is greatly to be lamented on our account, though we would hope, religiously or reverently, not on his own. But such, sooner or later, is the end of life for us all. We pass from our countinghouses and our clubs, our homes and our hospitality, our lodges and our labours, one by one, as the Grand Master of us all calls us hence. When our work is over, when our earthly lodge is closed, let us trust that there yet remains for us, and for all faithful Craftsmen, a better Grand Lodge above, where the "Great Architect who lives and reigns for ever," will admit us to its glories, and His own Divine presence.

THE POSITION AND PREROGATIVES OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

In a very memorable pamphlet, to which reference was made in our last leader anent the Boys' School and the Province of West Yorkshire's so called "Investigation Committee," the writer takes up this peculiar position in respect of his province, that it is a "corporate body." We beg to say, in reply, that no Provincial Grand Lodge is, or can be, in any true sense of the words a "corporate body," except only as it is an aggregation, *pro hac vice*, of all provincial subscribing and duly qualified Freemasons. Constitutionally it is only an emanation, so to say, from the P.G.M. for the time being, just as the P.G.M. is only an emanation from the G.M., and the Provincial Grand Lodge only exists "*bene placito*" the P.G.M.; it lives with his life and will, it dies with his death and resignation. If the P.G.M. resigns or dies there is no provincial authority that can summon together the Provincial Grand Lodge; and as the powers of the D.P.G.M. have absolutely ceased under such circumstances, it can only be convened and ruled, if convened and ruled at all, in the interregnum, either by the Grand Registrar, or by a temporary and special appointment of a P.G.M. by the Grand Master. As we said before, the powers of the D.P.G.M. actually fall with the death or resignation of his Principal. There being no P.G.M. there can be no D.G.M. and there can be no meeting of the P.G. Lodge, which is thus rendered dormant and becomes defunct for the time, unless called into life again by a fresh appointment of a P.G.M., whether temporary or permanent, or by the Grand Registrar, who has received authority from the Grand Master to take charge of the province in the interim. That certain districts are called provinces, and known as such, is true, but that they only can meet and act *pleno jure* as Provincial Grand Lodges, under a P.G.M. or the Grand Registrar is incontestable. And though under the rule of the Grand Registrar the work of the province can go on, and the officers be annually elected, yet a province is not complete, neither is a Provincial Grand Lodge in full life, until it has a Provincial Grand Master. Thus the P.G.M. is practically the centre and the source of all provincial Masonic authority, work, and life. The theory, therefore, of the writer of the pamphlet, that a Provincial Grand Lodge is a "corporate body," is entirely an erroneous one, and destitute of any Masonic reality or constitutional foundation. Another proposition of the same writer is, that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire could make a representation to the Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes, in reference to a dispute between it and the Committee of the Boys' School. Such a theory is almost really too absurd to deal with, though, as it has been gravely put forth, it requires we think noting and refutation here. The section of the Book of Constitutions referred to in support of such a supposed possibility of procedure is evidently sec. 18, page 25, though incorrectly given in the Pamphlet, but the construction placed on this section is perfectly puerile. It refers as text and context then to a dispute between bona fide brethren, and can in no possible way be strained so as to refer to a Provincial Grand Lodge on the one hand, or a body like the Boys' School on the other, which is not, we may observe "*en passant*," purely Masonic, Ladies and Lewises being among its subscribing members. As we have previously pointed out neither a Provincial Grand Lodge,

The first new officer designate was Bro. W. B. Woodman, who was to have been S.W., but with great spirit took the first Mastership, when Bro. Thiellay, the present W.M. of the Prudent Brethren, found his election to the chair in his brother lodge would preclude his occupying the chair at New Cross. Bro. Thiellay took the position of S.W. designate, thus giving an example, showing that rulers in the Craft can become the ruled. The J.W. designate was

Bro. W. A. Simmons, a young and promising Mason. Frederick Walters, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, was the Treasurer designate, and H. Keeble the Secretary. The S.D. was Bro. Louis Beck, whose sleepless London Scottish band aroused the sleepers of the volunteer camp on Wimbledon Common many a July morning with the wild scream of northern "music," and soled the nerves of the shooters in the afternoon siesta with the sweet strains, under the "bell tent," of those instruments congenial to southern ears. Bro. H. J. Green was J.D.; Bro. W. Kipps, Org.; and Bro. Wm. Hardman, I.G. The usual formalities were gone through, and the brethren of the new lodge signified their acceptance of these officers. The ceremony of consecration was performed in Bro. Terry's most eloquent and impressive manner, and Bro. Kipps presided at the organ with excellent effect. The experienced Masons who were sharing in the ceremony lent their aid—Bro. Sabine, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, as Director of the Ceremonies; Bro. Colles, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire, as Chaplain; and Bros. Hubbuck and C. Hogg, P.G.S., assisting in the work. It is unnecessary to describe the ceremony, for those who have seen Bro. Terry work this ceremony do not want to be told about it; those who have not, should see it, and those who are not qualified to see it cannot be told the details through these columns. It will suffice to say that all the parts were perfectly rendered.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. P. Colles delivered the oration, and from this excellent discourse we give a few excerpts. He said,—To all whom I see around, assembled in your several Orders, and attired according to your different degrees and offices, I now rise at the command of our Installing Master, to deliver the customary oration at the solemn dedication of a new Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. This dedication and consecration ought not to be looked upon by any of you as a mere lifeless Form, but as a living Reality. The scene in which we have been engaged is like those in which the leaders of old Israel engaged the people. We read in the volume of the Sacred Law how Joshua "made a covenant with the people . . . and set them a statute, and an ordinance in Shechem." That covenant was, as you all know, to serve the Lord. Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," and the people answered and said, "God forbid that we should forsake the Lord." In confirmation of this covenant Joshua not only "wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God," but "took a great stone and set it up there under an oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord." He said, moreover, "This stone shall be a witness unto us." Here, then, we have the principle of Masonic union symbolised by a Masonic sign. The first stone of a Masonic lodge is laid on a Masonic principle, and in witness of a belief in God, of a willing service to that God. The principles of Freemasonry are universal and eternal. As the Great Architect of the Universe "spreadeth out the heavens like a curtain," and "layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters," who "hath founded the earth upon the seas and prepared it upon the floods," so he hath built the soul of each man of the whole human race on principles which are everywhere accepted as far as those heavens and seas and lands do stretch. If the principles of Freemasonry were only accepted in England or France, or even in Europe generally, they could not be called universal; if they had only been discovered by sages or philosophers of certain countries at a late time of the world's history they could not be called eternal. But I say that there is no country and no time where or when these principles are not and have not been acknowledged. Ahab, King of Israel, though an evil king, yet on one most notable occasion, was moved by a truly Masonic principle to show mercy to his enemy. When Benhadad, King of Syria was in the power of Ahab, he sent messengers to Ahab, saying, "Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee let me live." Ahab said "Is he yet alive? He is my brother." The men caught at the words "my brother"—they proved the meaning of them on the heart of him who uttered them, and they said "Thy Brother, Benhadad." The words were enough, and the captive monarch was sent away in safety after he had made suitable terms with Ahab. This story shows the power of the principles of Freemasonry. Brotherly love, relief, and truth, are eternal, universal principles. But it may be said—if this is so, what is the use of a system like ours? I reply to this by another question. If the earth is blessed by its Great Architect where is the use of the farmer or the gardener? The answer is easy; as in the latter case the qualities of the earth need to be shaped, and moulded, and applied, so the principles of good in the human heart need to be directed and shaped in proper form. The object of the Masonic art is to do this. As the material Mason carves the stone, and enriches the hewn stone, so the speculative Mason adorns the human race, not by making new principles, but by exhibiting that which is hidden in the breasts of all men, and needs only the tools of the Master to be brought to light. The stone exists in the mountain, but it must be quarried out for use and ornament. To remove suspicion and jealousy is another duty of the Mason. The great Lord Bacon, the father of modern philosophy, hath well said "A crowd is not company; and faces are but a gallery of pictures; and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love. The Latin adage meeteth it—Magna civitas magna solitudo—because in a great town friends are scattered, so that there is not that fellowship which, for the most part, is in less populous neighbourhoods. But we may go further and affirm most truly that it is a mere and miserable solitude to want true friends, without which the world is but a wilderness; and even in this sense also of so rude, whosoever in the frame of his nature and affection is unfit for friendship he taketh it of the beast and not from humanity." You will all admit the truth of these words. So we as Masons have to strip ourselves of all unreasonable suspicion of other men, and be ever ready

to give the right hand of fellowship to all other human beings, especially to those who, like ourselves, are, as Masons, trying to discover the principles of that architecture according to which the great human temple is built. But we must erect this temple with solid material. When we lay the foundation of the lodge we must not, like a dishonest contractor, do it with rubbish, but with good stone. True knowledge will be necessary to adorn your position as living stones of this great temple, of which we are both the workmen and materials. The reverend brother enforced his views at greater length, and sat down amid marks of warm approbation.

Bro. Terry then proceeded with the ceremony, and the lodge being opened in the higher degrees, Bro. Woodman was installed and proclaimed, the whole work being performed by the Installing Master. The brethren designated as the officers were then appointed in the order given above, and the addresses having been given, the lodge proceeded to its first business. Thanks and honorary membership were voted unanimously to Bros. Terry, Colles, Sabine, and Kipps, for their services that day, and thanks to Bros. Hubbuck and Hogg.

The lodge being closed the brethren dined together, in greatly diminished numbers, for the hour was late, and trains are few from this interesting suburb. Among those who stayed were the brothers whose names have been mentioned, and Bro. Keeble, sen., a Mason of more than half-a-century, Bro. H. Francis, P.G.S.D. of Surrey; J. T. Moss, P.G.S. Middlesex; W. Smeed, P.G.J.W. Middlesex; John While, W.M. 228 ("Freemason"); Levy, P.M. 188, and H. Ilyman, J. Wright, P.M. 1158; and others. The eloquence of the evening had to be shortened very considerably, and the proceedings were enlivened with music by Bro. Kipps, and singing by Bro. Louis Beck, who possesses the grace of a Scotchman, the vivacity of a Frenchman, and the humour of an Irishman. "The Master's Health" was warmly toasted, as were the healths of the officers and visitors, and the evening closed just too late for the last train to London.

CONSECRATION OF THE DEE LODGE, PARKGATE.

The astonishing progress of Freemasonry is a well-established fact in every province in England, and Cheshire, which enjoys the Masonic rule of Bro. the R.H. Lord de Tabley, the R.W.P.G.M., has done its best to maintain its proper place in the onward march, and this with the most abundant success. The consecration of the Dee Lodge, No. 1576, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., added another stone to the already substantial Masonic structure raised by the province of Cheshire, and as it is placed in the centre of a large district, where there are many good men and true Masons, it has every prospect of maintaining the credit and standing of the ancient and honourable Order. The consecration ceremony, which took place at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, about midway between Chester and Birkenhead, where it is intended the usual meetings will be held, is always an interesting one to the Fraternity, but it was specially so on this occasion by reason of the presence of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., who is honoured by every brother in the extensive province of Cheshire. The presence of his lordship as consecrating officer naturally attracted a distinguished attendance of Prov. G.L. Officers, amongst whom were Bros. J. S. Darvell, P.G.C.; G. W. Latham, P.G. Reg., acting P.D.G.M.; J. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; C. Dutton, P.P.G. S.W.; T. Platt, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Friend, P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. Eardley, P.G.D.C.; J. Traviss, P.G.O.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P.; S. Spratley, P.P.G.S.D.; H. A. Bennett, P.G.J.W.; M. H. Bradley, P.G.S.; G. Hes-keth, P.G.S.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; R. T. Bowden, P.G.S. of W.; J. E. Williams, P.G.S.D.; and P. Hadsworth, P.G.A.D.C. There was also a numerous attendance of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers, and members of lodges in Cheshire and West Lancashire, amongst whom were Bros. W. Vaughan, W.M. 724; W. Vines, P.M. 220; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; T. Shaw, W.M. 823; J. S. Cuthbert, J.D. 823; J. G. Adam, W.M. 477; P. Armstrong, I.G. 724; F. L. Bolton, W.M. 1289; M. McNeerney, W.M. 605; J. Thompson, 477; W. Simms, 477; A. Mitchell, 477; W. M. Asher, 477; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; W. Groot, 605; J. Dutton, J.W. 477; T. Leighton, P.M., Sec. 605; J. Penin, 477; J. H. Hollaway, 477; W. J. Lewis, 193; E. Burns, 1219; J. Barrow, 1289; F. Smith, P.M. 201; G. Cook, 477; W. Lowndsbrough, 823; F. Cumelle, 667; L. Ellis, P.M. 1289; E. Kerr, 191; M. Stafford, 361; R. Ellison, 721; W. Williams, 1276; the Rev. W. H. Harpur, 944; and others. The lodge room at the "Union" is exceedingly compact and chaste decorated, and the furnishing of the lodge, part of which was done by Bro. George Kenning, was in excellent keeping with the room.

The brethren assembled in the lodge room shortly after one o'clock, when the chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer 724, the W.M. designate, Bro. L. Ellis occupying the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. J. Adam that of the J.W. The lodge was then duly opened in the Three Degrees, and the P.G.L. was then received with solemn music, the P.G.M. (Lord de Tabley) being greeted with the usual honours. The invocation and consecration prayers were offered by the Rev. J. Sydney Darvell, and the petition and warrant having been read by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. H. E. Griffiths, the P.G.M. proceeded to consecrate the lodge according to ancient custom. The corn, wine, oil, and salt were respectively carried by Bros. W. Shortis, P.M. 724; T. Shaw, W.M. 823; W. Vines, P.M. 220; and W. Cottrell, P.M. 823. Bro. Travis presided at the harmonium, and the musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Dumville, P.M. 152, and others. Bro. Latham, P.G. Registrar, acting as D.P.G.M., also assisted in the ceremony.

After this portion of the proceedings, Bro. W. Goodacre proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Chesworth, P.M., Treas.

724, as the first W.M. of the Dee Lodge, a ceremony which he performed in a most impressive manner. The following were the officers invested:—Bros. the Rev. W. H. Harpur, S.W.; T. Field, J.W. (by proxy); F. Needham, Treas. and S.D.; N. J. Lewis, Sec.; W. Carr, J.D.; A. Lawrence, I.G.; and M. Williamson, Tyler pro. tem.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, addressing the brethren, said it gave him great gratification to be present that day to assist at the consecration of the Dee Lodge. He trusted it would have a prosperous career, that the members would enjoy a continuance of the success which had marked the beginning of their existence, and that the lodge would be an honour to the great phalanx of Masonic lodges all over the world. From what he had seen that day he had no doubt that the lodge would have a long and prosperous existence, and, as he had done on former occasions, he counselled the brethren to be exceedingly careful as to the men they admitted to their ranks. He had every faith that this would be done, and he trusted the Supreme Architect might counsel and direct them in all their lawful undertakings.

A large number of propositions for joining and initiation were subsequently made, and hearty good wishes were expressed for the W.M. by every lodge represented. The lodge was then closed in solemn form.

An excellent banquet was subsequently served in the Assembly Rooms, Parkgate, the catering of Bro. Acton, of the Union Hotel, giving complete satisfaction. The room was chaste decorated with flags and banners, and amongst the inscriptions on the walls were—"Welcome to Lord de Tabley," "Success to the Dee Lodge," "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." The W.M., Bro. Chesworth, presided, and amongst those present were Bro. Lord de Tabley and nearly all the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who assisted at the ceremony of the afternoon. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

The W.M., Bro. Chesworth, in proposing "Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. for Cheshire," said he gave that toast with the greatest pleasure, because he was sure every one must have felt that day that his lordship had conferred a great honour by personally consecrating the lodge. (Applause.) They knew he took the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and sometimes at great inconvenience attended on occasions like that to perform his Masonic duties. The toast was honoured with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, who was received with renewed enthusiasm, said that after the words he had made use of in the lodge he would not trouble them with any long address. He was happy to be in a position to renew his thanks for the kind reception he had met with, and to thank the W.M. and officers of the Dee Lodge for the munificent and hospitable way in which they had received him and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He again wished the lodge the greatest prosperity. It was an honour for him to preside over a province like Cheshire, where there were so many loyal and worthy Masons, and he therefore tried at all times to do his duty to the best of his skill and ability. (Loud cheers.)

Amongst the remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. V. Goodacre; and "The Clergy," which was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Harpur, S.W., formerly Chap. to the Grand Lodge of India. He spoke of the magnificent reception given to the M.W.G.M. in that vast country, and expressed his opinion that Masonry was doing quite as much for the people there as that achieved by the missionaries. When he as a clergyman, and they as Masonic brethren, could sit down at the same table with Hindoos, Parsees, and Mussulmen in a social way, thereby breaking down the divisions in a manner which the missionaries had never done, he thought he was right in the assertion which he had made. (Hear, hear.)

"Bro. Cornwall Leigh, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. Darvell, P.G.C., and Bro. F. Friend, P. Prov. G.J.D. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Bolton, Vaughan, Vines, Shortis, Cottrell, and others, "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Platt, and responded to in an excellent speech by Bro. Chesworth. "The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Needham, Treas. and S.D.; "The Masonic Charities," responded to by the J. P. Platt, Vines, Vaughan, and Needham; and the Tyler's toast completed the list.

Ireland.

OMAGH.—Lodge Concord (No. 332) met at the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, 3rd inst, Bro. A. C. Buchanan, W.M., in the chair, and presented a valuable jewel to the late Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge, Bro. W. J. Palmer, P.M., P.G.S.D. Kent, on his removal to Armagh. Bro. T. C. Dickie, P.M., proposed, and Bro. F. J. West, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S. of Works Tyrone and Fermanagh, seconded a resolution recording on the minutes the valuable services rendered to the lodge by the late Secretary, and the regret of the brethren at his departure from the county. The brethren afterwards entertained Bro. Palmer at dinner at the White Hart Hotel, which was served in host Bro. W. Mullin's best style. The W.M. presided, and Bro. W. F. Black, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Treas. Tyrone and Fermanagh, occupied the vice-chair. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of Bro. Palmer" was proposed by the W.M. in very flattering terms, and acknowledged in a most appropriate manner. That of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. French, of Cappagh Lodge, No. 350, who conveyed to Concord Lodge the best wishes of Bro. Commander C. Scott, R.N., P.M., P.Z. 33, also Bro. Scott's regret at being unable to attend. "The Tyler's" toast was generously responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, having spent a most agreeable evening.



ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and Prov. G.M. for West Lancashire, presided. From an early period of the evening there were indications of the festival being a great success, the gallery filling with ladies soon after it was opened. The Stewards were very numerous, and lined all the passages from Freemasons' Hall to the banqueting-room. When the visitors were admitted the dining hall was soon filled, and when his lordship took the chair, which he did, accompanied by the Stewards, shortly after six o'clock the hall was full. Excepting when the Prince of Wales took the chair for this institution there has never been so large an assemblage at this first festival of the year, and the brethren who were present predicted an unrivalled result for Bro. Terry. They did not, however, anticipate such a result as was ultimately found to be the case, and when the announcement was made, as will be seen below, the brethren were fairly astonished. To give a complete list of the brethren present would be impossible, but as nearly as we could ascertain, the following were among the brethren present:—Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, J.G.C.; Benjamin Head, P. G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, J.G.D.; Henry Grissell, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Thomas Jowitt, P.G.M. Hertfordshire; J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset; Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay; E. J. Morris, D.P.G.M. South Wales Eastern Division; Dr. Strong, Hon. Surgeon to the Institution; John Hervey, Lieut.-Col.-Creton, S. L. Tomkins, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Gen. Sir Edward Green, K.C.B.; Raynham W. Stewart, R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Moore, M.D., P.G. S.B.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; John Coutts, P.G.P.; W. H. Lucia, P.G. Secretary Suffolk; Rev. R. Evans, Lieut.-Col. T Birchall, Prescott, H. L. Alpass, Major Wilson, Deeley, Charles Fryer, Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W. Leicester; H. C. Toombs, P.G. Secretary Wilts; F. Binckes, R. W. Little, James Terry.

Most of the Stewards, whose names were given by us last week, were also present. Altogether about 400 brethren were present, and over 200 ladies.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said—The first toast that I have to give you this evening is "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the patroness of our Order. This is a toast that is never more loyally drunk than at an assembly of the brethren. I am sure all here present must rejoice

that Her Majesty has thought fit once more to appear among us, and I am sure you will re-echo the wish that she may continue to do so year by year. All of us who had the privilege of seeing her yesterday in health, and also surrounded as she was by her daughters and daughter-in-law, certainly had this wish.

The toast was followed by "God Save the Queen."

The Chairman said—The next toast I have the honour to propose is "The Health of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," not only as G.M., but also as Patron and President of the Institution whose festival we are keeping this day, also "The Health of the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family." I am sure that we must all look forward to the day on which our M.W.G.M. will return to this country. After the glorious success of his visit to India anything that we can do will seem but poor in comparison with the splendour that he has seen there; but as far as a hearty welcome goes, what he will receive from the brethren especially will be far greater than any he has hitherto had. We must all admire the way in which he has gone through the heavy, the hard, the arduous task that he has set himself. Thank God, he has had good health throughout, and thank God, our future King has such a constitution as has enabled him to withstand that terrible climate. Brethren, I need not speak to you of the Prince of Wales as a Mason, for we all know how thoroughly, how deeply, he has the interests of the Craft at heart. Long may he continue to rule over us; long may that lovely Princess live to rule with him. We saw her yesterday in the ceremony, having travelled a long distance simply with the idea of appearing in company with Her Majesty the Queen, to show that though the Prince of Wales was away from us her heart was with us still, and that though he might be away she was there to represent him. (The speech, which was frequently interrupted by loud applause, was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales.")

The Chairman: The next toast I have the honour to propose to you is "The Health of the M.W. Pro G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon." (Cheers.) I need say but few words to commend him to your notice. He is well known among you. We all know how he came forward last year in a time of grief to perform that duty which he so ably fulfilled in the Albert Hall. Brethren, without saying more I give you "The Health of the Pro G.M." (Applause.)

The Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.: As the senior Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge present to-night, the duty devolves upon me to propose a toast for your consideration which I

feel persuaded will meet with the utmost enthusiasm by one and all of the brethren whom I see before me. I have only to name that it is "The Health of the Right Hon. the noble Lord who this night presides over the Festival of the Institution, the D.G.M. of this country," to insure a hearty response from yourselves. (Great cheering.) Firmly do I believe, and I am sure that you yourselves are as strong in that belief as I am myself, that had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sought throughout the whole length and breadth of this country, throughout every province of the country, he could not have put his hand upon a brother more suited for that office than the nobleman who so thoroughly and Masonically fulfils its duties. His lordship possesses, as all who know him must be aware, the great essentials for the office he holds, for he has wisdom to comprehend, he has judgment to define, and he has ability to execute our Masonic laws. We know also that in every respect he is true and trusty, most thoroughly easy of address, steady and firm in principle, able and willing to undertake the management of whatever Masonic work he is called upon to undertake; and we know full well that in no respect is he behind those who have preceded him in that chair in inculcating and acting upon that inculcation of the highest principles of our Order, brotherly love, relief, and truth. It is not long that I have had the distinguished privilege of being acquainted with that worthy and esteemed brother; but the more I know of him the more reason have I to respect and love him, the more reason have I to believe he is indeed suited thoroughly to the office he fills with so much dignity, and yet with so much kindness and condescension, and the more am I persuaded that never in the annals of the Craft have we had one to whom we could look next to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Earl of Carnarvon, our Pro G.M., better able to fulfil his duties, or more desirous to win the love and esteem of us all. We thank him from "our heart of hearts" for coming here to-night to do suit and service in the cause of "melting charity." We thank him heartily for taking into consideration the wants of the aged and the infirm; and we thank him also for having in previous years remembered the young, rising into life. As he strove to promote their welfare and their interest, so now does he strive to give solace and peace to those who are in the decline of years; and he will succeed, I am sure, to-night, and when he retires from this hall he will have the satisfaction of hearing that a more successful festival for this Institution has never been held within this great city. My lord, with every feeling of fraternal regard and esteem for yourself, I now propose your health. May your possession of that

chair be long, happy, and prosperous, and may we live to see Masonry flourish more and more under your banner, so that in time to come you may be handed down as one of the greatest worthies of the Craft, a man who has followed others who have brought Masonry by their acts and conduct to its present dignified and proud position. (Great cheering.)

The Chairman: Brethren and Dr. Cox, I thank you most heartily for the extremely kind way in which you have proposed and received this toast. I only hope that I deserve, and that I may in the future deserve, all the encomiums that Bro. Cox has passed upon me. I can assure you, brethren, that it will be my endeavour to do so; and that it is a very great pleasure to me to be here this night I can also assure you. I have once before, as Bro. Cox has reminded you, presided in this hall. I then had the satisfaction of hearing that the largest sum was then collected that had ever been collected for the charity. I only hope that the same may be the case to-night. I shall then have no reason to repent having come here, and I only hope that if it is so, the sum may go on increasing from year to year, and that in some future year a long way hence I may be again called upon to double it. (Hear hear.) Before sitting down, I will propose the next toast; it is "The Health of the Present and Past Officers." I give it you with all heartiness, and I couple with it the name of Bro. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.: My lords, ladies and brethren, it is at all times a most pleasing duty to be asked to return thanks for the toast of the Present and Past Grand Officers of England, but on the present occasion I must say it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be called upon to respond to this toast, inasmuch as I see so large an assembly of brethren present whom I am exceedingly glad to thank. For, brethren, I believe that this Institution which we have met to advance the cause of to-day is one deserving of our most hearty and warm support. At the same time it is most pleasing to return thanks for the Grand Officers to-day, for it is the first time since Lord Skelmersdale was appointed Deputy G.M. that he has presided at our festivals. A better appointment could not have been made by the Prince of Wales. I myself, as having watched the career of Lord Skelmersdale—for he was first initiated now more years ago than he and I care to remember—and say it really is a most pleasing thing to see him in the position he now occupies; and I know he will most ably and nobly fulfil the duties of his high office; and I can assure you on the part of all the officers, and the Craft, that he will find wherever he leads we will follow him, for he has a most devoted band of followers among the Freemasons of England. (Hear; hear.)

The Chairman: Brethren, I now have to propose to you the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." (Cheers.) I think I can say without any one contradicting me that during my Masonic career I have steadily upheld the Masonic charities (Hear hear), and that in advocating them I plead with the voice of one who acts up to what he preaches. I can only say that I am deeply gratified to-day to see so large an assembly of Stewards and brethren meeting here to help the excellent Institution whose festival we are celebrating this day. I thank all most heartily. This long list of Stewards is most gratifying to me, as it must be to the Secretary and Governors of the Institution. But, without being invidious, may I especially thank the brethren from West Lancashire. I thank them from my heart. They have done credit to the province; and I can do no more than thank them again and again. But, brethren, when I look back to the annals of this Institution and see that in the year 1847 the subscriptions at festivals amounted to some hundreds, and when I think—a little bird has whispered in my ear, that we may count by thousands where we counted by hundreds then—I think, brethren, it shows that our great brotherhood is increasing in the works it professes to uphold, that the work of charity is gaining ground in this country. Long may it continue to do so, long may we find at each of these annual festivals that the subscriptions increase and increase, and

that instead of, as I believe to have been the case heretofore, when about—what shall I say—one in five or one in six of the brethren throughout the country upheld them, let us see them all do it, one and all; then we shall have grand institutions, well supported, without any begging lists. And that is what I should like to see. I should like to see our three great Institutions supported voluntarily (I do not say they are not so now), but without begging lists, let them come forward at once; announce a year beforehand what they promise to bring up; and then we shall not hear anything about "the Secretaries coming begging here and begging there; they are always bothering us." (I have heard it, brethren.) Let us have the subscriptions well announced beforehand; let it be an annual thing, a well understood thing, that the sum subscribed one year shall not be diminished the next year; then I think we shall fairly say we uphold the Masonic charities. (Hear, hear.) I give you "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons."

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Bro. S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D., replied. He was sorry to say that the Grand Treasurer had been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold; but it was a very great trouble to him that he was not able to be present at this festival. He had long been the Treasurer of the Institution, five-and-twenty years, and all the while he had watched with pride and satisfaction the great progress the Benevolent Institution had made. He (Bro. S. L. Tomkins) remembered himself, twenty years ago, a list of Stewards and subscriptions, and the former amounted to twenty or twenty-five, and the latter, which were considered very good indeed, to £1500 or £1600. But last year the subscriptions came up to over £7000, and the stewards were about 200. The object of the officers of the Institution was to do all they could for the relief of the suffering old members of the Craft, and the brethren would be pleased to know that at a meeting of the committee held on Tuesday last it was resolved to take on ten additional widows—making 110 widows receiving annuities, 130 men also receiving annuities, and also sixteen widows receiving half the annuities of their late husbands. This, he thought, was very gratifying, and that the brethren would all agree that it was their bounden duty and warmest pleasure to do their utmost to make the Institution live and prosper.

Bro. Terry then read the following list of subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Leicestershire—Clement Stretton	109	16	0
Norfolk—H. C. Barwell	26	16	6
Norths. & Hunts.—Robt. H. Griffin	121	0	0
Northumberland—Lieut.-Col. Addison Potter	112	10	0
Oxford—Fredk. P. Morrell			
„ Cooper Smith			
„ Rev. J. A. Lloyd	87	15	0
S. Wales (E. Div.)—Edw. J. Morris	250	0	0
Wiltshire—Hy. C. Toombs	201	6	6
G. Lodge Punjab—Geo. Davies	10	0	0
Gd. Stewards' Lodge—Edwin March	60	0	0

LODGE.			
1 F. J. Hartridge	10	0	0
2 Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	31	1	0
4 A. C. Veley	19	0	0
5 J. Cory Havers	36	7	0
7 L. A. Crowley	28	0	0
8 E. M. Morgan	17	0	0
9 W. R. Marsh	61	0	0
10 Rev. J. N. Palmer	49	12	0
11 Chas. Watson	31	10	0
12 Robt. Coombs	33	10	0
14 A. J. Bristow	10	0	0
18 J. C. Chaplin	17	0	0
21 John Knight Stead	50	0	0
22 Geo. Phythian	32	5	0
23 Frederick Kent	25	5	0
25 (Chap.) Joseph Last	12	10	0
27 John Green	79	10	0
28 W. Lane	50	13	0
29 John E. Middleton	10	0	0
30 Joseph Harling	31	5	0
33 Wm. Thos. Sugg	33	12	0
54 C. M. Jones	15	0	0
55 John Bingemann	79	15	0

LODGE.			
	£	s.	d.
57 John Thompson	25	0	0
Henry Preston	21	0	0
65 Edgar Bowyer	110	8	6
66 Rob. Gallard	80	19	0
73 Charles Rayden	36	1	0
77 Chas. Andrews	172	0	0
87 Chas. Hull	61	0	0
90 J. Dan McDougall	28	12	0
101 John Flack	36	15	0
102 Col. Jas. Duff	8	15	0
107 G. S. Woodward	25	10	0
108 Raynham W. Stewart	30	0	0
120 Thomas Jowitt	65	5	0
142 J. Lewis Thomas	160	0	0
144 Geo. Allen	57	18	0
145 Geo. Parkess	10	0	0
147 J. J. Hutchings	33	5	0
151 John M. Levick	37	0	0
156 Henry Dubosc, sen.	10	0	0
174 W. T. Wells	100	0	0
174 (Chap.) E. C. Mather	31	5	0
176 John Bocket Sorrell	36	14	0
176 (Chap.) P. A. Nairne	20	7	0
177 Geo. Everett	36	0	0
177 (Chap.) W. M. Foxcroft	43	9	6
179 W. Hughes	35	0	0
180 W. Smithett	42	9	6
W. C. Parsons	112	0	0
181 F. E. Wilkinson	15	13	0
189 J. Edward Curteis	112	10	0
192 Francis Fellowes	61	5	0
198 H. C. Lambert	25	0	0
228 John While	76	0	0
256 Chas. Birch	47	4	6
259 Alfred Cooper	115	0	0
263 W. R. Morton	19	0	0
309 H. G. Cawte	33	5	0
315 Jas. Eborall	106	0	0
319 S. S. Pearce	42	2	6
321 Capt. J. W. Arrowsmith	47	7	0
342 S. R. Ellis	58	5	0
I. L. Coulton	70	0	0
382 Benj. H. Swallow	50	0	0
E. C. Woodward	12	0	0
403 Hy. Campkin	41	3	0
416 John Lees	21	5	0
435 E. H. Stammwitz	39	0	0
446 Capt. A. T. Perkins	66	6	0
452 H. E. Frances	27	10	0
511 Geo. Read	96	12	0
549 E. Tyrrell Leith	5	0	0
657 Wm. Hy. Stevens	54	0	0
733 Thos. W. Allen	34	12	0
766 John Pringle	26	0	0
778 E. B. Webb	51	5	0
807 Geo. Baxter	26	0	0
813 John Ross Gallant	100	0	0
861 W. W. Lowles	35	0	0
865 Wm. Johnson	22	0	0
869 A. C. Wylie	20	0	0
901 Edw. Salisbury	25	0	0
903 G. F. Lancaster	35	0	0
907 Saml. H. P. Moore	36	10	0
996 H. Smart	3	3	0
1000 A. Lucking	42	10	0
1008 W. H. Lucia	57	0	0
1036 Josh. Reade	12	12	0
1056 Joseph Morton	74	11	0
1096 Thos. Ayling	32	0	0
1158 Goban Macdonald	48	15	0
1193 Geo. F. Loftus			
J. B. Graven Browne	36	10	0
1196 Jonathan Pearson	30	0	0
1201 Wm. Hy. Barber	25	0	0
1206 Dick Baker	10	0	0
1208 H. M. Baker	138	0	0
1224 Rev. C. J. Martyn	20	0	0
1232 Charles Hy. Scales	6	10	0
1257 J. J. Lowenthal	62	4	6
1259 Edwd. Jex	71	10	0
1278 Geo. Ward Verry	154	10	0
1307 Chas. Rushworth			
Own Donation	50	0	0
1327 W. Gilbert	10	5	0
1348 John Palmer, V.P.	133	12	0
1366 Chas. G. Hill	114	0	0
1383 J. M. P. Montagu, (Pro-			
vince of Dorset)	222	0	0
1385 Jas. and Wm. Cutbush	31	5	0
1395 Harry W. Charrington	16	10	0
1421 Chas. Lacy	56	5	0
1423 E. H. Thiellay	25	5	0

LODGE.	£	s.	d.
1445 W. H. Myers ...	72	0	0
1464 Chas. Dinham ...	58	10	0
1471 J. L. Mather ...	40	15	0
1475 J. T. Dalby ...	60	0	0
1489 T. Hastings Miller ...	28	10	0
1491 H. C. Levander ...	60	5	0
1494 F. Sumner Knyvett ...	12	12	0
1500 T. Isley ...	6	12	0
1507 Jas. Willing, jun. ...	80	5	0
1512 Thos. W. Ockenden ...	25	0	0
1524 W. H. Lee ...	49	1	6
1531 John Coutts ...	45	9	0
1538 Wm Rough ...	16	5	0
1567 John Mason ...	25	0	0
Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., President of the Board of Stwds.	10	10	0
Thomas Fenn, Hon. Treasurer ...	87	0	0
Andrew Hay ...	5	0	0
Thos. Cubitt ...	72	0	0
PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.			
61 Lt. Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., (P.G.M.) ...	50	0	0
139 W. H. Brittain ...	10	0	0
G. W. Hawkesley ...	10	0	0
G. E. Webster ...	10	0	0
149 Geo. Haigh ...	10	0	0
208 Rev. J. Critchley ...	10	0	0
290 Wm. Harrop ...	10	0	0
296 M. M. De Bartolome, M.D. ...	10	0	0
Ensor Drury ...	10	0	0
George A. Cubley ...	10	0	0
Joseph Colver ...	10	0	0
H. Colver ...	10	0	0
The Province of West Yorkshire, per Bro. H. Smith ...	100	0	0
Do., own donation ...	10	0	0
302 Thos. G. Andrews ...	10	0	0
Benj. Broughton ...	10	10	0
Rev. E. Sewell, M.A. ...	10	0	0
306 C. J. Malcolm ...	10	10	0
337 John Barnes ...	6	11	0
John Hirst, jun. ...	70	0	0
380 Capt. J. Wordsworth ...	10	0	0
458 Dr. M. A. Morris ...	15	0	0
910 Thos. W. Tew, J.P. ...	10	0	0
John Simpson ...	10	0	0
1019 George Newton ...	10	0	0
And various other sums.			
Total	£550	0	0

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.			
Chairman ...	50	0	0
Provincial Grand Lodge per Bro. R. Wylie ...	100	0	0
Do., own donation ...	20	10	0
113 Lieut.-Col. T. Birchall, W. Harrison, J.P., and Charles Fryer ...	130	0	0
203 Bradshaw W. Rowson ...	20	7	0
216 W. Laidlaw ...	85	5	0
220 Charles Humphries ...	27	5	0
241 Robert Wilson ...	67	2	0
249 Dr. J. Kellett Smith ...	90	0	0
580 John Prescott ...	26	5	0
613 Thos. P. Griffiths ...	10	0	0
673 } H. Nelson ...	60	0	0
1505 } W. P. Witter ...	10	0	0
680 H. S. Allpass ...	27	1	8
724 John William Ballard ...	27	0	0
823 J. R. Goepel ...	30	0	0
897 Lieut.-Col. Gamble ...	46	0	0
995 R. Pearson ...	33	0	0
1013 James Thompson ...	12	0	0
1021 R. T. Taylor ...	40	0	0
1086 Josh. Charles Lunt ...	24	1	0
1225 James C. Hunter ...	25	0	0
1264 P. B. Gee ...	16	0	0
1313 J. F. Roberts ...	10	0	0
1345 Joseph C. Gillman ...	5	0	0
John Brooks ...	5	0	0
Thomas Buxton ...	30	0	0
1355 William Leader ...	39	15	0
1375 G. D. Pochin ...	74	2	0
1393 Henry Jackson ...	20	0	0
1473 J. P. McArthur ...	35	1	0
1496 E. B. Harding ...	35	0	0
1561 J. D. Moore, M.D. ...	33	9	0

Total for West Lancashire ... £1508 10 0
Total £9174 0 0

There are other lists to come in. Immense cheering followed the announcement of this amount by the Chairman.

The Chairman then proposed "The Other Masonic Institutions." I think, said his lordship, I cannot do better than wish them equal, if not better, success than that which has been achieved to-day by this Institution. I thank you all again, brethren, for the hearty way in which you have come forward to support the Institution whose festival we are holding. Bro. Little, who will respond to this toast, will tell you that he hopes you will support quite as well, if not better. I heartily re-echo that, but as I have already expressed my views on the subject of the Masonic charities, I will not do more than propose the toast.

Bro. Little replied, and said: I take it the first duty I shall have to discharge this evening is one which must lead to an echo in your hearts. It is to congratulate our R.W. Presiding Officer upon the magnificent success which has been achieved this day. Most heartily, most cordially, and most ungrudgingly do I own that that meed of success has been well deserved by the Institution over which the noble lord presides this evening. Most heartily has it merited the support it has obtained. It is said of one who was condemned for his sins to roll a stone up a hill that his work should be incessant, and his work unprofitable. That is not the case with us in the Masonic charities. We know that we are training our children in the Schools of Masonry, we are doing the utmost credit to the Craft to which we belong. This evening you have done your utmost for the aged, an utmost which has not been exceeded, but which I hope will be exceeded in future. I plead with you now for the young of both sexes for those that have been under your charge in institutions which have existed for seventy, eighty, or ninety years. The Girls' School Festival will take place on the 10th May, and the Boys' on the 28th June, and I ask you to support both as liberally as you have supported this institution to-night. Allow me to congratulate Bro. Terry on the result of this evening's meeting. (Cheers.)

There were loud calls for Bro. Binckes, who, after a little delay, rose to speak, when he was received with hearty applause. He said: There is the understanding amongst us that you should not have an infliction made upon you of two speeches for this toast. I thought our Bro. Little had said all he could on behalf of the two festivals. I do not want to intrude myself upon you over and over again. I am quite prepared to admit that you appreciate the poor services made by us from time to time, and that you do honestly support us in all that we do to maintain our various institutions in a state of efficiency and prosperity. I have worn you out year after year, but I am delighted to find that I still am welcome amongst you. Do not let me wear out that welcome this evening, because I have not a word to address you more than this, how greatly I appreciate all the services you have rendered during a long past; how nobly our appeals made to you now, and how thoroughly I know you and your survivors will respond to any appeals in the future. Our institutions are growing day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year, and we must have your kind support, we must have your kind sympathy, and we must have your substantial (here Bro. Binckes created great laughter by tapping his right hand trousers pocket). You have made to-night a glorious success; but what is that? What do I interpret that? It is an augury of still greater success in the future. I never could spell the word "finality." Of all the spelling bees I never attended one, but if ever I did I should break down over the word "finality." Go on then and do more and more, and take your highest gratification from this, that whatever you do in connection with Freemasonry your highest, holiest duty is to go on more largely and more liberally on behalf of these admirably managed institutions.

Bro. F. P. Morrell, J.G.D., proposed "The Ladies," and Dr. Cox replied for "The Stewards," after which the brethren joined the ladies in the Temple, where a concert was held, in which Madame Liebhart, Mrs. Seymour Smith,

Miss Marian Severn, Bro. A. Lester, Bro. G. T. Carter, Bro. G. W. Farmer, Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Chaplin Henry, Bro. Lazarus, and Mr. Michael Watson took part. The whole was under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith. Bro. Hawkes was toastmaster.

The following brethren from Liverpool and West Lancashire came up especially to support their Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master of England:—Bros. W. P. Witter, 667; J. K. Smith, P. G. Reg.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Robert Wilson, P.P.G.S.D.; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Wm. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Nelson, P.M. 673, 1505; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; J. Thompson, 1013; J. C. Lunt, 1086, P. B. Gee, W.M. 1264; Henry Jackson, W.M. 1393; J. Prescott, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Boures, P.M. 148; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.J.D.; Reuben Pearson, P.P.G. Reg.; G. D. Pochin, P.M. 1375; E. B. Harding, P.M. 1499; T. Buxton, P.M. 1345; Roberts, Lieut.-Col. Gamble, 897; Major Birchall, P.P.G.J.W.; W. C. Deeley, Prov. G.J.W.; Fryer, Prov. G.S.W.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, February 18, 1876.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F. M. H.
" 1398, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot. Richmond.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hot., Hampton-court.
" 1426, The Great City, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 179, London-st., Fitzroy-square.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road.
Sinai Chapter, London Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th.

Lodge 5, St. George's Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
" 56, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
" 123, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrews, London Tav., Bishopsgate.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
West Kent, St. Saviour's College, Forest-hill.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Sydney, White Hart Ho., Church-rd., Upper Norwood.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, London Tav.
" 194, St. Paul's, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, 1, Camomile-st., Bishopsgate.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.
Percy, Grapes Tav., Little Windmill-st., W.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge and Lodge of Ben., at 6.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 175, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, F.M.H.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.

Rose Croix Chap., Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Cas. Tr. Southwark-bdg.-rd.

Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-street, St. James's.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

House Com., Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, F.M.H.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, Half Moon Tav., Herne Hill.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot. Hampton.
Chap. 7, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.
" 7, Carnarvon, Regent Masonic Hall, W.
Preceptory E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Marquis of Ripon, Albion Tav., Albion-rd., Dalston.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-street.
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 1111, University, F.M.H.
Chap. 92, Moira, London Tav., Bishopsgate-st.
Rose Croix Chap., "Invicta," 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal-hill, Greenwich.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Lyceum Tav., 354, Strand.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Metropolitan, Pentonville-road.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M. H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Duric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, Commercial Tav., King's-road, Chelsea.
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, Finsbury Park Tav., Holloway.
Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 19, 1876.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 1021, Hartington, H.M., C. H. B., B-in-Furness.
" 1350, Fernor, Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford H., Bedford-rd., Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow-in-Furness.
" 1276, Warren, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Commercial Hot., Widnes.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot.
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Lodge 537, Zetland, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M. H., Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Soho, Kirkdale.
" 1403, Lancashire, Commercial Ho., Ormskirk.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, North Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Queen's Arms, Church-st., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M. Ro., Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1249, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 19, 1876.
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 233, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 204, St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.
" 205, Garthland St. Kinnock, Eagle, Lockwinnoch.
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
" 307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
" 384, Athole, Washington Hot., Kirkintilloch.
" 403, St. George, Oddfellows' H., Helensburgh.
" 541, Marie Stuart, M. H., Crosshill.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge 32, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 87, Thistle, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 437, Govandale, Portland Buildings, Govan.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Lodge 117, St. Mary's Masonic Hall, Partick, G.P.
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow, at 3.
Chap. 150, Shettleston St. John, M. H., Shettleston.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Lodge 22, St. John's, George Hot., Kilmarnock.
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 465, St. Andrew, M.H., Garnad-rd., Glasgow.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Lodge 12, Greenock Kilwinning, Town Hall, Greenock.
" 31, St. Mary's Coltness, Scott's Hall, Wishaw.
" 306, St. Thomas, 90, Wellgate-street, Larkhall.
" 321, St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
" 408, Clyde, 170, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
" 471, St. John's, Stane Inn, Shotts.
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 524, St. Andrew's, Masonic Hall, Kilbride.
" 544, St. Andrew's, M. H., Coatbridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 19, 1876.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen's, St. James's Hall, Writers' Court.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., E., Register-st.
" 405, Rifle, F.M.H., George-st.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot., Nicholson-st.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, George-st.
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-st.

Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-st., Leith.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., George-st.

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