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THE Grand Festival on Wednesday passed off admirably. There was a strong muster of representative brethren, and the Grand Stewards, as we anticipated would be the case, had made excellent arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. Above all, the Presidential chair was occupied by the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M. of England, who in kindness and geniality personified, and who, if at the close of the evening he gave the matter a thought, must have been somewhat puzzled to determine whether he had given or received the greater amount of pleasure. As regards those on whom it has pleased the GRAND MASTER this year to bestow the honour of the much-coveted purple, our surmises, or rather the whisperings of Rumour a fortnight since, have proved correct so far as they went. The brethren we then named, with the addition of Bros. W. ROEBUCK, E. D. DAVIS, of Northumberland, and H. GREENE are the Grand Officers for 1886-7, and certainly it would have been difficult to make a happier selection, or one that would have better represented the different sub-divisions of the English Craft, the GRAND TREASURER, who is the elect of Grand Lodge, hailing from a lodge in India, the Grand Junior Warden from an Australian Lodge in the first instance, and the other officers from the home lodges scattered indiscriminately throughout London and the Provinces. They are also in a still more striking manner representative of Masonry as a constituent body. Every year witnesses the enrolment among our Grand Officers of men who we know, or it may be, are of different political and religious faiths, and who belong to different professions and callings, or move in different grades of society; but not every year's recipients of Grand Office include so many men who have attained eminence in such various callings as are to be found among the newly-invested brethren of Wednesday. May the selection of brethren to receive Grand Lodge honours be hailed with as much satisfaction in future years as it has been this, and may there always be men as worthy of having such distinctions conferred upon them!

IT is with unfeigned regret we announce the death of R.W. Bro. Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., Past Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire. It is not two years since our deceased brother made known his intention of resigning the exalted office to which, almost immediately after his acceptance of the G. Mastership, H.R.H. the Prince of WALES was pleased to appoint him, and in which he was formally installed about the time the PRINCE underwent a like ceremony at the memorable gathering in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 25th April, 1875. Failing health was the cause of Sir HENRY'S resignation, but it was hoped by the Craft throughout England, and especially by his West Yorkshire brethren, that he might be spared yet many years to strengthen a Society he had laboured so unceasingly to serve. However, it has been otherwise ordained, and our brother has gone hence full of years and honours, and enjoying to its utmost extent the love and respect of all his fellow Masons. But, though he himself has passed away, the memory of his valuable services will be preserved so long as Masonry itself shall last. The Sir HENRY EDWARDS Perpetual Presentation, made last year by the brethren of his province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will ensure this, even if in the vicissitudes of fortune which attend all bodies corporate the lodges and chapters he had a hand in promoting, and at the Constitution of which, in several instances, he personally presided, should cease working. It will, indeed, be a source of gratulation to our West Yorkshire friends that this memorial to their late chief was raised during his lifetime. There was not one among his many duties as Prov. G. Master to which he devoted himself so assiduously and with so much heart as the maintenance of our Charitable Institutions, and it must have been an unalloyed pleasure to him in his declining years to know that his name would be associated perpetually with the senior Charity.

THE interesting discovery by Bro. H. SADLER of the "Mother Lodge" of the enthusiastic Mason (one of the most prominent Craftsmen of the last century) THOMAS DUNCKERLEY, of Hampton Court Palace, enables us now to complete the Masonic record of that well-known Mason. Bro. SADLER tells us that Bro. DUNCKERLEY was initiated in an old lodge held at Portsmouth, on January 10, 1754. The lodge was originally held at the "East India Arms," Gosport, apparently warranted in 1724, and subsequently numbered 35, according to Bro. GOULD'S "Four Old Lodges." It is noted later on as held at Portsmouth, and before its erasure in 1831 for some years was known as the "Lodge of Antiquity," though not so named in 1754. As the lodge in which he was initiated is expressly mentioned in DUNCKERLEY'S letter to the Grand Secretary, dated Dec. 19, 1773, there can be no doubt of the fact; so he first saw the "light" under Modern auspices, not the "Ancients," as some had supposed. He joined the "Somerset House" Lodge (known as the "Old Horn"), we understand, about 1763, and was connected with many others, as also chapters and other organisations, especially the Knights Templars, in which he was for years the Grand Master. As the natural son of GEORGE II., a pension was allowed him from 1767 by GEORGE III. (according to KENNING'S Cyclopaedia), THOMAS DUNCKERLEY being then about 43. He went to sea at the age of ten, and rose to the rank of gunner, becoming after one of the chiefs in Freemasonry; but his son did not follow in his father's footsteps, for we are told that though he joined the Craft, he was of dissolute habits, and died in a cellar in St. Giles'. We hold Bro. HUGHAN'S opinion that justice has not been done to DUNCKERLEY for the share he had in the Masonic prosperity of the latter half of the last century. His connection with so many provinces as Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent must have entailed enormous correspondence and labour, as he was no drone, and endeavoured to do his duty in all the many official positions he held. He was practically for some years the "life and soul" of the Grand R.A. Chapter, and, as Bro. HUGHAN tells us in his "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," when there were no letters or applications for new charters from Bro. DUNCKERLEY, the Grand Chapter often transacted no business whatever. But, though he worked so strenuously for the Grand Chapter, an unfortunate misunderstanding arose which led him to resign all his offices, his letter being read to the Grand Chapter after his decease, which occurred on Sept. 19, 1795. As he was unanimously elected Grand Z. on Jan. 27, 1791, and was repeatedly thanked for his valuable services, we refuse to believe that his Masonic record was stained in any way until actual evidence is forthcoming.

WHEN it is known that Bro. EDMUND YATES is a member of our Society, it will surprise no one that among the eminently readable sketches of men of the day, which are published in the columns of the *World*, should occasionally be found one of some distinguished brother. We give elsewhere a portrait of the Grand Secretary, which appeared in a recent number of our contemporary. It is evidently from the pen of a ready and capable writer, and will, no doubt, be appreciated by our readers as an excellent counterfeit presentment of the chief executive officer of Grand Lodge.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. In the absence of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M., presided. His lordship was supported by Lord Kensington, R.W.P.G. Warden, as Deputy G.M.; Hugh D. Sandeman, R.W.P. District G.M. of Bengal, as Past G.M.; the Earl of Milltown, P.G.S.W., as G.S.W.; Col. Sackville West, G.J.W.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. for German Correspondence; J. Watson, G.S.D.; T. H. Goldney, G.J.D.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Chas. Hammerton, G. Swd. Br.; Butler Wilkins, G. Std. Br.; G. P. Brockbank, G. Swd. Br.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., G. Org.; Henry Garrod, G.P.; and A. Lucking, G.A.P.

The following were also present:—

Bros. Gen. Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; S. S. Lazier, P.D.D.G.M. Canada; T. H. Tiltore, P.D.D.G.M. New York City; A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; R. Cunliffe, P.G.W.; V. A. Williamson, P.G.W.; Rev. Canon G. R. Portal, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chap.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; R. Gooding, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; F. Green, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Major J. S. Pierce, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; H. Maudsley, P.G.D.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.G.A.D.C.; R. H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Burt, P.G.A.D.C.; J.

Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Smith, P.G.A.D.C.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G. S.B.; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; C. E. Willing, P.G.O.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; L. F. Littell, P.G.P.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Capt. Colvill, P.G.S.W. Cornwall; E. Baxter, F. W. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., C. Dairy, J. G. Langton, G. Coop, C. Belton, C. H. Webb, E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; E. M. Money, W.M. 28; C. F. Howard, P.M. 205; J. Moon, P.M. 49; T. Minstrell, W.M. 87; G. Dawson, P.M. 1851; J. L. Mather, W.M. 1910; C. F. Matier, P.M. 1910; H. Massy, P.M. 1928; N-vill'e Green, P.M. 1962; Col. Haldane, P.M. 1615; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.W. West Yorks; Dr. W. Spark, P.P.G.O. West Yorks; D. W. Pearce, P.M. 1293; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec. Essex; A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcester; Major-General Boswell, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; and many other Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the March Communication, as far as related to the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, were read by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and confirmed.

Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (Garter) G.D.C., then proclaimed the reinstallation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.

The Earl of LATHOM having informed the brethren that the Prince of Wales had again appointed the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, Sir ALBERT WOODS proclaimed that the Earl of Carnarvon was duly installed as Pro Grand Master.

The Earl of LATHOM then announced that the Prince of Wales had been pleased to reappoint him as Deputy Grand Master, and his lordship was then saluted according to ancient custom.

The following brethren were then announced as the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested and saluted accordingly:—

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| Bro. The Lord Chancellor (Lord Herschell) | ... | G.S.W. |
| Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, C.B., M.P. | ... | G.J.W. |
| Rev. James Nelson Palmer | ... | G. Chap. |
| Rev. William Mortimer Heath | ... | G. Chap. |
| Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama | ... | G. Treas. |
| Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, Q.C. | ... | G. Reg. |
| Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke | ... | G. Sec. |
| Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L. | ... | G. Sec. Ger. Cor. |
| Sir Bruce Maxwell Seton, Bart. | ... | G.S.D. |
| Samuel Pope, Q.C. | ... | G.S.D. |
| Ralph Clutton | ... | G.J.D. |
| John E. Le Feuvre | ... | G.J.D. |
| Horace Jones | ... | G.S. of W. |
| Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) | ... | G.D. of C. |
| Rudolph Glover | ... | D.G.D.C. |
| Henry Trueman Wood | ... | G.A.D.C. |
| William Roebuck | ... | G. Swd. Br. |
| Edward Dean Davis | ... | G. Std. Br. |
| Henry Greene | ... | G. Std. Br. |
| Walter Parratt | ... | G. Org. |
| Albert Lucking | ... | G. Purst. |
| William Henry Perryman | ... | G.A. Purst. |
| Henry Sadler | ... | G. Tyler. |

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE afterwards read the following nominations of Grand Stewards for the year, of which the Grand Master had approved:—

| Name | No. of Lodge. |
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| Bro. Major G. C. D'Albiac | 1 |
| " F. P. Shipp | 2 |
| " H. P. Hughes, jun. | 4 |
| " H. F. Pollock | 5 |
| " R. E. Johnston | 6 |
| " J. Russell | 8 |
| " A. Williams | 14 |
| " M. R. Sewill | 21 |
| " E. C. Mather | 23 |
| " F. W. Macan | 26 |
| " J. R. Dunlop | 29 |
| " R. Plumbe | 46 |
| " Henry Carter | 58 |
| " A. Layton | 60 |
| " H. M. Bates | 91 |
| " C. E. Wilson | 99 |
| " R. Grantham | 197 |
| " E. T. G. Darell | 259 |

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet, which was highly creditable to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, was furnished by the outgoing Grand Stewards. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Charles Beresford, the Earl of Milltown, and several other Grand Officers were unable to be present, but there was a very large attendance, both of Grand Officers, Grand Stewards, and lay brethren. The usual toasts followed the banquet.

The EARL OF LATHOM first gave "The Queen, the Patroness of our Order," which having been duly honoured, his lordship gave

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." The toast, he said, had been frequently given in that room, and in other places. The Prince of Wales was a true Mason, and whenever he possibly could he attended among the brethren, and did his duty among them. Unfortunately, his Royal Highness was unable to be present that day, as he would like much to have been, but he (Lord Lathom) was happy to think there was a probability—he could not say more than that—that in a very short space of time they would see him perform a most interesting Masonic ceremony, viz., that of installing his Royal brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as Grand Master of Sussex. Additional interest would be felt on the occasion considering that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught also bore the title of Duke of Sussex. (Cheers.) It was often extremely difficult for the Grand Master to choose those who ought to rule over the different provinces of this country, but he must say that he thought the Grand Master's choice, hitherto, had fallen without exception in the right place. (Hear, hear.) He had never heard a single word of exception taken to his appointments, and he had little doubt that in the future it would be the same. He could assure the brethren that his Royal Highness not only took a deep interest in Masonry, but also that the work of Masonry took up, as the Grand Secretary would tell them, a great deal of his time. He asked them to drink the Prince of Wales's health, and with that the health of the Princess of Wales, whom they all loved so much, and who, he was perfectly certain he was right in saying, everyone present would be glad to hear was restored to health again.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM said he now proposed the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges." Grand Lodge was extremely fortunate that evening in having representatives from three of the Sister Grand Lodges, viz., from Nova Scotia, from Canada, and from New York. There was no doubt that, much as Masonry had increased in this country, it had been ably backed and followed up by those who lived, not actually in this country, but at the same time were related to it. (Hear, hear.) The way that Masonry had increased throughout, he might say, the whole world in the last few years had been something perfectly extraordinary. He only wished that a census could be taken of Freemasons. Comparing their number with what it was 25 years ago, if that could be done, he had very little doubt—indeed, he should be ready to make a small wager—that the number of Freemasons in the world had very nearly doubled in that time. (Cries of "More.") He was glad to hear it, for then he should have won his wager. (Laughter.) He was not speaking without some authority on the subject, but if that was the case it showed how much they ought to encourage and back up those Sister Grand Lodges and to help them as they helped us in carrying Freemasonry to that perfection which they always hoped it would reach. (Cheers.)

Bro. Major-General LAURIE, G.M. of Nova Scotia, in reply, said this was not the first occasion on which he had had the honour of receiving an invitation for the Masonic festivals there, nor the first occasion that he had had the gratification of attending and enjoying the hospitality of Grand Lodge, but the greater gratification to him and the other brethren supporting him now was that it was not in their personal character, but as representatives of bodies, great or small, to which they respectively belonged. The noble earl had spoken of the spread of Masonry throughout the world; but although it was a well-worn theme, he believed that Masonry, as they specially understood it, was mainly confined to the Anglo-Saxon race, and more specially the English speaking portion of that race. They would see he was almost unable to touch upon colonial matters without referring to that Colonial Exhibition which was about to take place. In a very few days they would see a large advent of colonists to their shores—visitors whom, he was sure, they would all welcome as they always welcomed visitors; they would show them the same hospitality as they had already shown to those who like himself came among them. They would find that these visitors were very much like Englishmen in appearance, and that their great desire was to be taken for Englishmen, and if they could examine their hearts, their feelings, and not simply studied their outside appearance, they would find they were in their hearts as thorough Englishmen as any one sitting at that board. (Hear, hear.) Need he say more of the colonists? But he must say a word in connection with the Masons of their great offspring, the United States. It was his pleasure eleven years ago to be present at a great assembly held in the city of New York, at the dedication of a Masonic Temple, when there was a procession of 35,000 Masons, who took part in the ceremony. But it was not to that he wished to allude, as that was only one of the incidents. In the course of the banquet which took place the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was mentioned, and it was received by the whole assembly upstanding and with shouts. (Cheers.) He mentioned this to show that though allegiance was changed, the sentiment of brotherhood remained, and proved the truth of the saying, that "blood is thicker than water." It was pleasant to see that brotherhood and the good-hearted feeling of Masonry prevailed as much among the Freemasons of the United States as it did among the Masons of the British Colonies. If they stood together, the brethren of the old country and those of the colonies, it was a federation which could stand against the world. He looked to such a federation to give a very great future to Masonry, but their efforts would be in the future, as in the past, to uphold the dignity of Masonry, to follow the example set them by the great Grand Lodge of England. (Cheers.)

Bro. HUGH D. SANDEMAN, P.D.G.M. of Bengal, in proposing "The Health of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon," said he treated it as a great compliment to be asked to propose that toast. He would like to enter into a panegyric as to the excellence of that worthy nobleman and distinguished brother, but as he had not the ability to do so he would refrain from saying much about him. It was a satisfaction to every brother present to see that a portrait of the Earl of Carnarvon was now in Grand Lodge, because he had exerted himself very much in the cause of Masonry. They could not as Masons enter into any question of politics, but he did not think he was entering into that region when he said that the Earl of Carnarvon was now absent, because he was recruiting his health, which had suffered in the service of the Crown at a time when that service was very greatly needed. (Hear, hear.) As a true Mason, when the Earl of Carnarvon felt that his services were needed, although he was in delicate health, he at once consented to take the office for which he was selected, and, if necessary, to surrender his health or his life for the benefit of his country. He did so and had paid the penalty, and he was now seeking his health abroad. For these as well as for other reasons his name would always be venerated by Masons. They all admired him as a statesman and a brother, and they hoped they would yet see him frequently among them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Lord KENSINGTON proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and Chairman." For himself (Lord Kensington) he wished he had been a more constant attendant at the meetings of Grand Lodge than he had been when he was appointed to office. But he had not had a very idle time for the last six years. He hoped, however, he might now look forward to a little more leisure, and he would attend Grand Lodge more frequently. There were many present who could speak with more authority as regarded the Earl of Lathom and his work in Masonry than he (Lord Kensington), but, as one who had known him intimately from the time they were at school together, he could speak of him in the highest terms. He knew the good work he had done in Masonry, and that no time or trouble was spared by him when his presence was requisite. Only that morning he had come up from his home in North Lancashire on purpose to be present with the brethren that evening, and about 15 months ago he underwent a still more trying journey in order to instal him (Lord Kensington) in Pembrokehire as Master of his province. Lord Lathom had done right good work for Masonry, and he was one of the pillars of the Order. (Cheers.)

The EARL OF LATHOM, in replying, said that was not the first time by a good many that the brethren had welcomed him in the same hearty manner, and he thanked them from the very bottom of his heart. What little he had done for Masonry had been done from a thorough conviction of the usefulness of Masonry. It was now, he was sorry to say, 30 years since he was initiated by Bro. Pickard, and he looked back to that day again and again, and thanked the day when he became a Mason. He became a Mason because he had heard enough of it to think there was a great deal in it, and when he had entered it he found that what he had thought was a reality.

For some years, naturally, he did not take much part in it; but, owing to circumstances in the province to which he had the honour to belong—West Lancashire—he was induced to take a more active part in Masonry. Since that time he had been promoted, through H.R.H. the Grand Master, to a very high position in Masonry, and it filled his heart with deep thankfulness when he thought that year after year he was thanked by the brethren for what little he had done. His duties were not onerous or heavy; but, at the same time, he could say honestly and conscientiously that when he was called upon to perform them, he always endeavoured to do so. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He did not know that there was a more heart-stirring thing in the world than to think that in the great body of Freemasons, not only in this country, but throughout the world, there was a body of men united together by one great bond, and for the same object—Charity and Loyalty. Charity was and ought to be universal among Masons—(hear, hear)—and Loyalty was and ought to be universal, whatever country they might be in. (Renewed applause.) If he had not found that those two great principles of the Order had been thoroughly carried out, and thoroughly pushed, he for one would not have taken the active part in Masonry he had taken. But they were actively pushed, they were thought of, and he believed they were thoroughly in the heart of every Mason. (Hear, hear.) Let them act up to them, and as long as they acted up to those principles he was sure that their great Order of Freemasonry would last, and last as a great and moving spirit in the world. He could have dilated much more on the principles of Masonry, and on the principles of Loyalty and Charity, but as this would take a long time, he would content himself by merely thanking the brethren for their kindness, and assuring them that any trouble of a few hours' travelling was amply repaid by the cordial reception they had given him that night. (Cheers.)

The Earl of LATHOM next gave the toast of "The R.W. the Provincial and District Grand Masters." He was happy to say he knew personally nearly the whole of those brethren, and he had had the honour of installing a good number of them. He only hoped he might not have to install many more, for he thought that those who now held office were the best who could hold that position. (Hear, hear.) The work of the Provincial Grand Masters—he spoke as one of them himself—was a great one, for they kept together the whole body in one united mass. He was happy to think that in past years the Prov. Grand Masters had done their duty thoroughly and well. The District Grand Masters were a different body, but they had the same duties to perform. He was not acquainted with them so well as with the Prov. Grand Masters, but he believed from what he had heard and seen that they did their work thoroughly and well in their different provinces. They had among them that evening the District Grand Master of Victoria, Sir Wm. Clark, and he was happy to welcome him as representing that very great—he was going to say, unit, but a very great portion of that Empire. Bro. Clark was here, though not specially in connection with the Exhibition which was about to be opened, but still as one who had taken a leading part in the Colony of Victoria, and he wished the brethren to give Sir Wm. Clark a welcome, not only as a Mason, but as one from the other side of the sea, who had come among his English brethren. (Cheers.)

Sir Wm. CLARK, in reply, said he was extraordinarily delighted with the welcome he had received among English Masons. He thought there were other brethren present who could have done more justice to the toast than he. In the first place he was not a speaker, and in the second place he had a very bad cold, which interfered with his throat; and as there were other brethren present who could respond to that toast he should be pleased if the Chairman would call upon them. He must, however, say that the people of Victoria were as true Masons as the people of England. They had from time to time a number of English Masons in Victoria who kept them up to the point in Masonry at which they ought to be. (Cheers.)

The Earl of LATHOM, in proposing "The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he was glad to have to propose that toast for one special reason—that he had the honour of performing that day a duty which he believed had never fallen to the lot of any Mason, viz., investing the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain as Grand Warden of England. The Lord Chancellor bade him make his excuses to the brethren for his absence from the banquet. His lordship came a long distance to Grand Lodge, and he had a long distance to go back. The Junior Grand Warden, Lord Charles Beresford, was also unable to stop, for, no doubt, he would have delighted the brethren with some remarks. Having a bad cold, he had strict orders from his doctor not to stop out. The Prince of Wales had made an excellent choice of Grand Officers for this year. He (Lord Lathom) was delighted to welcome a county man of his own, in the person of Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C. The duties of a Grand Officer, as a rule, were not very arduous, but the offices were the rewards of what the brethren had previously done, and they ought to be looked upon in that light. When it was the collar of a Warden, or the collar of a Pursuivant, it was a badge a man ought to honour as much as the Victoria Cross, for it showed that the man had done his duty in Masonry; and if he had not done anything else he had done his duty to the Charities, which was the great point in Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) If a man wished to be a good Mason, and to obtain advancement, let him do his duty to the Charities; he certainly did not do his duty as a Mason if he neglected the Charities. Let it be an amicable race among those who aspired to office, and let their names stand forth well on the Charity list. (Cheers.)

Bro. FRANCIS BEILBY ALSTON, S.G.W. in 1850, in acknowledging the toast, said he could not help thinking that it would have been agreeable to the brethren if this toast had been responded to by one of the Grand Wardens of the year, but owing to their inability to be present at the banquet, the Chairman had been good enough to couple his name with the toast. It was much more than the third of a century that he had been among the Grand Wardens of Grand Lodge, for it was now 36 years since he occupied the chair of Senior Grand Warden. He would not deny that he thought it a great compliment and honour to be asked to return thanks for this toast, and he availed himself of the privilege to say that he agreed with the Deputy Grand Master when he said that the Grand Master had been singularly fortunate in his selection of Grand Officers for the year. In the absence of that distinguished nobleman the Lord Chancellor, he would say that, while no doubt the Grand Master had bestowed a great honour upon that distinguished officer, he had also conferred no little honour upon Grand Lodge itself. The same remark applied to the nomination of the Grand Junior Warden. The name of Lord Charles Beresford awakened in the heart of every Briton feelings of respect, of satisfaction, of gratitude, for so distinguished a servant of the Queen. He would like to go on and continue the names of the officers present; but he was afraid he must not dissociate himself from them. He would only ask the brethren to be assured that the Grand Officers were highly honoured by the toast that had been

proposed, and they thanked them warmly for having drunk it, and derived the greatest pleasure and satisfaction from being present that evening.

Bro. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., G.S.D., who was loudly called for, said if the absence of voice could excuse a want of response to so kindly a call, he should venture to plead that excuse; but he could not. Two things he confessed, speaking for himself, for a moment, personally, had gratified him immensely that night—one, the belief that the promotion to Grand office had not been unacceptable to the brethren of the Craft—(cheers)—the other, as he ventured to whisper to the Deputy Grand Master as they came into the hall, that he should receive the collar of office as a Lancashire man from the hands of a man who, whatever differences of opinion might have existed between them, was recognised by every Lancashire lad as a true representative of Lancashire Masonry. He remembered Lord Lathom when, as Lord Skelmersdale, his beard had not the aspect it now presented, but from the hour when, as a young man, he was recognised as one of their rising Lancashire worthies to the present, he had consecrated the great powers he possessed to the interests of the general body of the community, and the great brotherhood of Freemasonry in particular. He therefore confessed that every circumstance which could give him pleasure in the reception of the collar he wore had concentrated upon the brethren's kindness, and Lord Lathom's also. On behalf of the new Grand Officers—for the admirable brother who returned thanks just now represented the past rather than the present—let him say that the present Grand Officers, for whom he spoke as well as for himself, were determined to consecrate whatever energies and power they possessed to the welfare of Masonry and the progress of the Craft. It was a proud night, it was a proud Festival, which had placed him in the chair of the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England (the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain); it was a proud night for him (Bro. Pope) as a member of the circuit which made him a personal friend of Lord Herschell as a member of the same profession, and also as a member of the same lodge in which they were both initiated together, that Lord Herschell should occupy the position of Grand Warden of Grand Lodge on the same evening when the Earl of Lathom had invested him (Bro. Pope) as one of the other Grand Officers of England. (Cheers.)

The Rev. W. MORTIMER HEATH, G.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities." He knew that a desire for the welfare of these Charities existed in the heart of every brother present, and the great practical outcome of their principles they were able to show to the world. The Chairman had spoken about Charity, and in a great measure had taken it in its wider sense. He (Bro. Heath) was privileged to propose it in its narrow, but not less important sense, in the shape of the great Institutions which were at once the honour of the Craft and the admiration of the outer world. Those who had watched the progress made of late years by the Institutions—those vast sums of money which had been collected that large body of Stewards who had taken those sums of money, would think they had seen Masonry in its practical view before the outer world, and he had no doubt this had tended to place Masons in a high position among those who were not of them, but who stood outside. It was not his province to speak, nor could he speak, as to those Charities in the presence of those who were the working members of them, the Secretaries, and who could speak much better of them than he; but whether it was among the metropolitan brethren or among that body of which he was one, the provincial brethren, he could only say that there was only one general desire to support them and to keep them up to the utmost state of efficiency. He belonged to a small province, but he was happy to say that even the little Province of Dorset had not been without its efforts in the way of Charity. He was proud to say that, and he would say that what they had done, and what other provinces and what the metropolis had done in the past, would be done in the future. He had no fear but that they would go on increasing, and that the Institutions would stand out before all the world as a great working body in Masonry. (Cheers.)

Bro. F. BINCKES, in reply, said that on an exceptional occasion such as that Grand Festival, which was peculiarly an exceptional and festive occasion, it would not be becoming in him or any one whose name was associated with that toast which had been so kindly proposed and so sympathetically received, to make anything in the shape of a practical appeal for support for any one or all of the Masonic Institutions. They who were associated in the great work of practical Charity, either as the official representatives or those who bore distinguished positions as members of the Committees, or in other capacities, were only too delighted to know that on an important occasion like that space was found on the toast list not only to mention, but to give the best wishes of all the good Masons assembled together for the success of their various Charitable Institutions. (Hear, hear.) He could not for one single moment attempt to forget or ignore the admirable words rendered by the popular nobleman who presided that evening, than whom no one had more enlisted for himself the sympathies of the Craft at large, and who would always continue to merit those sympathies by the genial kindness of his presidency wherever they met him, and for the continued support he rendered in every shape and way when in the distinguished position of Deputy Grand Master of England, or as Provincial Grand Master of the largest province under the rule of Grand Lodge of England. The noble lord told the brethren words which he (Bro. Binckes) had repeated over and over again, that loyalty and Charity were the two watchwords of the Masonic Order. Might those two watchwords never be forgotten, never attempted to be ignored by every individual brother who arrogated to himself the position of being a good, honest, conscientious, loyal Freemason! From that dais at no distant date he ventured to say that while avoiding anything in the shape of political allusion there could be no doubt on his mind, he could not understand there could be any doubt existing in the mind of any rightly and well constituted Freemason that he must be loyal to the sovereign of his native country, and if he was loyal to the sovereign of his native country, he would also be loyal in his support of the Masonic Institutions. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) He did not ask them to believe that he was indulging in exaggerated language; he meant what he said on that occasion, that if they ignored their loyalty their Charities would suffer. They were bound together as representatives of a large united marvellous organization to support loyalty to the throne under which they lived, and to the government in which they gloried. They had shown that to the world, that with that loyalty they were the most charitable body in the world. Might their loyalty know no diminution, and their Charity increase in the estimation of every one. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM proposed "The Grand Stewards." He was quite sure all those who had enjoyed the evening would join with him in thanking the Grand Stewards for the care and attention they had paid to their guests.

Bro. AUGUSTUS T. DAY, P.M. 58, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, in response, said it gave him great pleasure to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been given and received. The Grand Stewards' year of office had been a very pleasant one. They had endeavoured during that year to perform their duty. They had done their work, and, he hoped, to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge. Now, the object for which they came into existence was nearly ended, and it was very gratifying to them to feel that the way they had carried out their duties had met with the approbation of his lordship and the brethren assembled.

The brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given, in which, under the direction of Bro. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Maud Cameron, Madame Pauline Featherby-Capel, Madame Lytton, Miss Minnie Kirton, Bro. John Probert, Bro. Arthur Weston, Bro. Reginald Groome, Bro. Arthur Cranch, Bro. T. Tremere, and Bro. Franklin Clive took part. Bro. G. T. Miles was harpist, and Bro. James Kift accompanist.

The following is a list of the Grand Stewards who provided the evening's entertainment:—Bros. Augustus T. Day, 58, President; George Hughes, 259, Treasurer; Geo. Rattcliff Steel, 1, Hon. Sec.; J. A. Batley, 2; C. B. Cousens, 4; W. J. Ford, 5; B. de B. Lopez, 6; F. T. Rushton, 8; Edgar Figgess, 14; R. C. Grant, 21; T. W. Chard Leuty, 23; J. W. Robinson, 26; E. Terry, 29; G. Pitt Lewis, Q.C., M.P., 46; A. S. Josling, 60; T. A. Logan, 91; H. Sutherland, M.D., 99; and C. Barry, 197.

NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We have much pleasure in appending particulars of the Masonic careers of the newly-invested Grand Officers. In the case of some of them we are able to furnish pen-and-ink portraits, and we trust we shall be in a position to complete the latter series in our issue of next week.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

BRO. LORD HERSCHELL, Lord Chancellor of England, has played a serviceable part in Masonry, though his connection with the Order has been comparatively brief. His lordship was among the earliest initiates in the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, a lodge whose membership is strictly limited to barristers of the old Northern Circuit, or of one or other of its present sub-divisions. Having filled the minor offices, and risen to that of Warden, he was in 1882 elected to the W. Mastership. He is also a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and whenever an opportunity presents itself will no doubt extend to our other Institutions that sympathy and support he has already evinced towards the School at Wood Green. His lordship's appointment as Grand Senior Warden will be received with satisfaction, not only by his brother members of No. 1610, and from the distinction he has achieved in lodge, but also from the fact that this is the first occasion on which Grand Lodge honours have been conferred on the highest legal functionary in the United Kingdom. The Grand Lodge of Ireland can boast of numbering an Archbishop among its Grand Officers, but his Grace of Dublin had held office for many years previously as Bishop of Meath. There is, however, no earlier instance that we are acquainted with of a Lord Chancellor being appointed to Grand Office during the term of his Chancellorship.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

BRO. CAPTAIN LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, R.N., M.P., was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge of Australia, No. 817, Sydney, N.S.W., in November, 1870; but he was not passed and raised till his return to England, when he joined the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, East Stonehouse, May, 1873, and in 1875 rose to the Master's chair, his zeal for the Craft being further recognised by his appointment as Prov. G.S. Warden of Devonshire. Early in 1881, when the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth, was constituted, his lordship, who had taken an active part in its establishment, was installed as its first W.M.; but since then the exigencies of naval service abroad have prevented him being as active in the performance of his Masonic duties as he would probably have desired. His lordship whenever he has had a chance has taken a deep interest in our proceedings. He has long been an annual subscriber to the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and there is no more popular brother or more genial exponent of our principles in any lodge in London, the country, or the colonies, so that his selection to fill the chair of Grand Junior Warden has been universally welcomed.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

BRO. THE REV. JAMES NELSON PALMER, M.A., was initiated into Freemasonry when at St. John's College, Oxford, in 1859, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and in 1865 was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire by the then Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. Atkins Bowyer. Having subsequently joined the Ryde Lodge, No. 698, Ryde, Isle of Wight, he was elected and installed its W.M. in 1869, and the following year was appointed Prov. G.S.W. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. In 1880 he filled the Master's chair in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, having been elected a joining member in 1869, and in this, as in the Ryde Lodge, has held, or holds, the office of Chaplain. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the East Medina Chapter, No. 175, Ryde, and successively occupied the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., his services being further recognised in 1883 by his appointment to the Third Principal's chair in the Prov. Grand Chapter of Hants and the Isle of Wight. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in April, 1883, in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, was a petitioner for, and is present W.M. of, the William Hickman Lodge, No. 320, Sandown, and was a petitioner for the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, consecrated in November last by M.W. Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M. of England. He has been installed a Knight of the Order of the Temple, and was E.P. of the Royal Naval Preceptory, No. 2, Portsmouth, in 1885; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a member and officer of the Vectis Chapter Rose Croix, No. 99, Ryde. He has, lastly, qualified as a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Vice-President of the Boys' School, having also served three times as Steward for the former Institution and five times for the latter. A record such as this is one of which any brother might be proud, and we imagine there will be few, if any, to question the justice of Bro. Palmer's appointment to one of the Grand Chaplaincies for the year.

BRO. THE REV. W. MORTIMER HEATH, M.A., is one of the most distinguished members of the Fraternity in Dorsetshire, in which he may be

said to have passed almost the whole of his Masonic career, and to which it is beyond question that the bulk of his services, especially in the Mark



Degree, has been rendered. He was initiated in 1863 in the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne, was elected to the chair of W.M. in 1867, and is at the present time Chaplain of the lodge. He is also a joining member of the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, and honorary member of several lodges in Dorset, Wilts, and Hants. In the years 1864 and 1865 he held the office of Prov. G. Chap. of Dorsetshire, and five years later had conferred upon him the still higher honour of Prov. G.S.W. He was exalted in Chapter No. 622 in 1864, and in 1871 was installed M.E.Z., a position he has likewise filled in two other chapters, namely, the

Portland, No. 1037, Portland, and the Elias de Derham, No. 586, Salisbury. In his Provincial Grand Chapter he has been successively invested as Prov. G. Registrar (1867), Prov. G.S.N. (1870), Prov. G.J. (1875), and Prov. G.H. (1882), and at the present time is Prov. G. Treasurer. It is, however, with the Mark Degree that his name and fame are chiefly associated. He was advanced in the Economy Lodge, No. 52, Winchester, on the 9th June, 1870, and in the November following joined the St. Cuthberga, No. 99, Wimborne, in which he soon made his way to the front, being installed in the chair of A. in 1872; he is now its Treasurer. He is also a joining member of the Unity, No. 132, Poole, and the Portland, No. 133, Portland, having been elected into the former in 1880, and into the latter in 1882. In the meantime, however, Bro. Heath's merits had been recognised at headquarters, and in 1872 he was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge. Seven years later, Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G.M.M. of Dorsetshire, selected him for the important position of Deputy, and on that brother's retirement from the P.G. Mastership of the Degree in 1882, Lord Henniker, the then Grand Master of the Mark, appointed him to the vacant office for the usual term of three years, his reappointment for a further period of like duration having been made last year. In Templar Masonry Bro. Heath is Chaplain of the All Souls' Preceptory, No. 31, Weymouth, and Sub-Marshal in the Prov. Priory of Dorsetshire; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a Past M.W.S. of the St. Leonard Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 39, Blandford. As regards our Institutions, he has been a consistent and regular supporter of them all, his name figuring among the annual subscribers to both Schools and the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; while he has constituted his daughter a Life Subscriber of the Boys'. Moreover, in 1872—the year of his Mark Grand Chaplaincy—he served as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and is a Life Subscriber of the Dorsetshire Masonic Charitable Association. Such is our rev. brother's record, and the Craft generally, but, above all, his Dorset brethren, to whom he is known so intimately, and by whom he is respected so greatly, will realise that in this instance also honour has been given to whom honour is due.

GRAND TREASURER.

BRO. D. P. CAMA, it will be remembered, was elected to this office at the March Communication of Grand Lodge by an overwhelming majority of Votes. We have, however, already given full particulars of his services in connection with his candidature for this office, and the Consecration of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105. We need not, therefore, repeat ourselves on this occasion.

GRAND SENIOR DEACONS.

BRO. SIR BRUCE M. SETON, BART., was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, in 1870, and having filled the several offices up to and inclusive of that of Senior Warden was elected and re-elected W.M. in 1884 and 1885 respectively. He served as Grand Steward in 1874-5, and acted in that capacity on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1875. He is also on the Board of General Purposes for the current year, and a member of the United Lodge, No. 1629, having been elected in 1885. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Friendship Chapter, No. 6, in June, 1871, and a member of the Studholme Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 65, as well as a G.E.K., K.H., 30th Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Last, but not least, he has qualified as a Life Governor of both our Schools, and has served once for each of them as Festival Steward.



Bro. SAMUEL POPE, who was called to the bar on 7th June, 1858, and raised to the dignity of a Queen's Counsel in 1869, was a member of the old Northern Circuit, and on its division into Northern and North Eastern, several zealous brethren founded the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, its membership being confined to barristers who had been members of the old circuit or were attached to either of the new divisions. In this lodge of which the present Lord High Chancellor, Mr. Justice Cave, and other distinguished lawyers are members,

Bro. Pope was one of the earliest initiates in 1876, and devoting himself earnestly to the welfare of the lodge and the duties of the Craft, he was elected W. Master in 1880. On his retirement he was elected, and has since been annually appointed to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Pope has also interested himself in the other branches of Masonry. He was exalted in the Friends in Council Chapter of the Royal Arch in 1877, advanced to the Mark Degree in the Snowdonia Lodge, No. 259, Portmadoc, installed a member of the Order of the Temple, and a Knight of Malta, and perfected Rose Croix in the Canterbury Chapter, No. 72; but the claims of a busy professional life left him little leisure for more than the pursuit of Craft Masonry, and this, both in London and the provinces, he has followed with zeal and success. He was one of the founders of the Mawddach Lodge, Barmouth, Merionethshire, of which county Bro. Pope is a magistrate, deputy lieutenant, and deputy Chairman of the quarter sessions. He became Master of the lodge in 1885 on the consecration of a new Masonic Temple, which Bro. Pope had erected at Barmouth for the use of the Craft. On the death of Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M., and the sub-division of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, Bro. Pope was appointed by R.W. Bro. Lord Harlech, the new Provincial Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden of the Province of North Wales. He is also a member of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, and the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, while as regards our Institutions, he is a Vice-President and has served as Steward for both the Girls' and the Boys' Schools.

GRAND JUNIOR DEACONS.

BRO. RALPH CLUTTON may fairly claim that his Masonic career, though varied in its character, has been distinguished throughout by a singular uniformity of success and, above all, that it has been as generally beneficial to the Society as it has been creditable to himself. He was initiated on the 16th February, 1872, in the



Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, and served as W.M. in 1882. In the interim, however, he was a founder of the St. Peter's Lodge, Westminster, No. 1537, which was consecrated in 1875, and of which he was chosen W.M. in 1878. In 1880 he joined the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Taplow, and was its W.M. in 1883, so that in the six years from 1878 to 1883 (both inclusive) Bro. Clutton occupied the Master's chair for the usual term in no less than three lodges. He was exalted on 11th June, 1874, in Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, and having twice presided as M.E.Z.—in the years 1881 and 1883—has for some years served as Scribe E. He is likewise one of the founders of the St. Peter, Westminster, Chapter, No. 1537, and was chosen to occupy the chair of First Principal in the year 1881-2. Moreover, he is Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, having been appointed to that office in 1883, and to be a member of the said Board the year previous. He was also one of the Special Building Committee charged with the important duty of restoring the Hall after the fire of 1883. These are his achievements in Constitutional Masonry, but in the Mark and other Degrees he has been almost as successful. He was advanced to the Mark in May, 1876, in the Hiram Lodge, No. 13, and holds the office of W.M. at the present time, while immediately he became a founder of the Menatschim Lodge, No. 224, in 1878, and its W.M. in 1881. In 1882 he was invested with the collar of Prov. G.S.W. of Middlesex and Surrey. He was installed a Knight Templar in 1876, in the New Temple Preceptory, No. 117, is a Past E.P. of Faith and Fidelity, No. 26, and a founder, and in 1879 E.P. of the Blondel Preceptory. He is also a Knight of Malta, and in May of last year, on the resignation of Sir Knight C. Golden of the Treasurership of Great Priory, Sir Knight Clutton was unanimously chosen to succeed him. He has been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1879, and since 1875 of the A. and A. Rite, having been perfected in the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 1, in April of that year, and annually invested as its Recorder since 1879; he is now its M.W.S. elect. He was in 1879 a founder, and in 1883 M.W.S. of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 79, and has taken the 30°. To this long array of claims on our respect must be added what, in the estimation of many, will be looked upon as the greatest of all, namely, that he has been a generous and constant supporter of all our Charitable Institutions. He has served three times as Steward for the Girls' School, and once for each of the other Charities. He is, too, a Vice-Patron and one of the House Committee of the Girls' School, a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

BRO. J. E. LE FEUVRE is one of a number of distinguished brethren who for years past have adorned our Society in the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight. On him has worthily descended the mantle of the late Bro. W. Hickman, who in his turn succeeded the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing, and through him Bro. C. E. Deacon, who was appointed Prov. G.S.W. of Hants exactly half a century since, and was subsequently—in the year 1843—installed Deputy to the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., deceased in 1869. Fifty years are a tolerably long period in the career of a Masonic province, and it speaks well for Hants and the Isle of Wight that during all that time it should have had such capable men amongst its rulers. But to return to Bro. Le Feuvre, who has certainly not spared himself in the duties that have devolved upon him. He obtained his first insight into our mysteries in the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton, in 1865, and in due course his zeal for the Craft had its reward in his election to the chair of K.S., a like honour having been conferred on him by the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, Shirley. In 1869 he made his *début* as Prov. Grand Secretary, and from that time forward, with the exception of two intervals, in the latter of which he occupied the chair of Prov. G.S.W., he carried on the duties of that important office with every credit to himself and most bene-

ficially to the province till Bro. Hickman's death in 1884, and then Bro. Beach, P.G.M., casting about for a new Deputy, conferred that appointment on Bro. Le Feuvre. In Arch Masonry he has been quite as successful. He was exalted in the chapter attached to his mother lodge (No. 130), and having joined the Chapter of Concord, No. 394, Southampton, was ultimately installed in the chair of First Principal. In 1870 he was invested Prov. G. Sd. B. in the Provincial Grand Chapter; in 1876 he succeeded Comp. W. Hickman as Prov. G. Scribe E., and in 1885 became at the latter's death Prov. G.H. He is a Past Master of the Wyndham Mark Lodge, No. 37, Basingstoke, and the St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 63, Southampton, was Prov. Grand Mark Secretary 1873 to 1879, both years inclusive, and Prov. G.S.W. in 1880; and G.M. Overseer in the Mark Grand Lodge of England, &c., in 1881. In Templar Masonry he is a P.E.P. of the Royal Gloucester and Egbert Preceptories, Nos. 32 and 145 respectively, and Registrar of the former likewise, and Constable of the William Stuart Preceptory, No. 76, Aldershot, as well as Past Prov. Constable and Present Prov. Chancellor in the Prov. Priory of Hants. He is also a Knight of Malta, Grand Banner Bearer in the Royal Order of Scotland, a Royal and Select Master and member of the Allied Degrees, and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite a Past M.W.S. of the Canute Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 41, Southampton, and has been elected and will receive next month the 32°, S.P.R.S. Lastly, Bro. Le Feuvre has been an active promoter of our three Charitable Institutions, having served four Stewardships and qualified as Vice-President of the Girls' School, two Stewardships with qualification of Life Governor for the Boys' School, and one Stewardship with similar qualification for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A record like this, so consistent throughout, and so uniformly distinguished in its several branches, needs no herald to proclaim its merits.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

BRO. RUDOLF G. GLOVER, in the five and twenty years he has been connected with Freemasonry, has deserved well of every branch of the Society. His career dates from October, 1860, when he was initiated in the Universal Lodge, No. 181; five years later he was elected W.M. In 1872 he joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards, of which he was chosen President, in 1880. He is also a P.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, and since 1872 has acted continuously till the present time as its Secretary, his services in this lodge being further recognised by his appointment as Prov. G.D. of Middlesex. He has also been exalted to the Royal Arch, is a P.Z. of Universal Chapter, No. 181, and Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and P.Z. and Treasurer of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, besides being a P.P.G.S.N. of Middlesex. In the Mark he is a P.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, a Past Grand Steward, and P.P.G.S.W. of Middlesex and Surrey. In Templar Masonry he is a P.E.P. of the Bard of Avon Preceptory, as well as a Knight of Malta, and is a member both of the Royal Order of Scotland and of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a Past M.W.S. of the Bard of Avon Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 44, and has taken the Thirty-first Degree. Lastly, Bro. Glover is a Life Governor of both our Schools, and has served two Stewardships for the Girls' and one for the Boys' Institution.

GRAND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

BRO. H. TRUEMAN WOOD was initiated in the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, on the 19th of February, 1872. The following year he was appointed to the office of Secretary, and, having served as Senior Warden in 1874, was in 1875 elected and installed Worshipful Master for the usual



term. He then reverted to his old position of Secretary, and only quitted it in 1879 to occupy a post he has ever since retained, that of Treasurer. In 1880 he joined the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, and having had a further year's experience of Secretarial duties, and having likewise represented the lodge on the Board of Stewards for 1883, was elected to the chair of K.S. in 1885. He is also a member of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, served on the Board of General Purposes for the year 1875-6, and wears the jewel permitted to those brethren who acted as special Stewards on the occasion of the Grand Master's installation in the Royal Albert Hall, in April, 1875. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, No. 1159, and in 1879 was installed first M.E.Z. of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, of which he was one of the founders, and in which, having served as Treasurer,

he now holds the office of Scribe E. He was perfected Rose Croix in 1875 in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 44, but this, as far as we know, is the only step he has taken outside the limits of Constitutional Masonry, as defined by the Articles of Union of 1813. This statement, perhaps, needs some qualification. He has taken other steps, but they are in connection with the Masonic Schools, for both of which he has served as Steward and qualified as Life Governor. Bro. Wood was educated at Harrow and Cambridge, being awarded the Le Bas prize for an English essay, during his stay at the latter, and since 1879 has held the important office of Secretary to the Society of Arts.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

BRO. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, during the twenty years he has been a member of our Fraternity, has won considerable distinction in almost every branch of the Order. Not only is he a Past Master of several lodges, and a P.Z. of more than one chapter, but he has had Provincial honours conferred upon him, is a Past Grand Steward of England, and has taken a high position in the Mark, the Allied Degrees, Templar, and Red Cross Masonry, and the A. and A. Rite. He was initiated in the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon, on the 1st November, 1866, and in

the brief space of two years was elected its W.M. He owes his red apron to his connection with the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, which he represented on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1881-2, is Treasurer of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, honorary member of the Raymond Thrupp Lodge, No. 2024, Hampton Court, and in 1883 was founder and first W.M. of the Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996. Thus his Craft services have been partly metropolitan and partly provincial, the latter having been recognised by his appointment at different times to the office of Prov. G.S.B. Surrey and Prov. G.S. Warden of Middlesex. His R.A. record is almost equally conspicuous; he was exalted in the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, in March, 1868, and is a P.Z. of Fidelity Chapter, No. 3; founder, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Hampton Court, and Past Prov. G.H. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex. He is a Past Master in the Mark, a Past G.M. Overseer of Mark Grand Lodge, and a member of the Grand Masters' Lodge. He is also a P.E.C. of the Mount Calvary Encampment, K.T., was installed Knight of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine at the inauguration of the St. Andrew's Conclave, No. 15, on the 23rd December, 1869; is a P.M.P.S. and G. Orator in the G. Imperial Council, and Warden of the Patriarchal Council, K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist; while in the A. and A. Rite he is a Past M.W.S. of the Mount Calvary Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 3, and has taken the 31°. But these by no means represent the whole of his labours, as he is a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland, a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees, a Royal and Select Master, a Royal Ark Mariner, and a Rosicrucian. As regards our Institutions, he has worked incessantly to promote their welfare, not only by his personal contributions—he is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution—but by giving his assistance as Festival Steward on five different occasions for the Boys' and once in each case for the other Charities, and by his services on the House Committee of the Boys' School from the year 1871—inclusive—till his election as one of the Trustees of the General Fund. It is impossible he can have done all these things without trespassing largely on the time left at his disposal by his professional avocations, and we must all congratulate him on having at length received the crowning reward of a career so honourable to himself and so beneficial to the Craft at large.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

BRO. E. D. DAVIS is an older Mason than even Bro. H. Greene. He has been associated with the Craft in Northumberland since 1848, when he joined the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541—then No. 793—from the then No. 312, Barnstaple, and we find him in the said Barnstaple Lodge having joined on the 1st June, 1837, from the Sincerity and Unanimity Lodge, No. 261, Taunton, in which he was initiated in the month of April, 1835. Those, however, who know Bro. Davis are aware that he has been among the ablest and most enlightened exponents of our ritual for upwards of 30 years, and even now is as capable of fulfilling the most arduous duties as many a brother who is only half his age. It is on record that he was appointed Prov. G.S.D. of Northumberland in 1856, and Prov. G.S.W. in 1857; that about the same time he was Prov. G.H. in the Grand Chapter of the same province, and, indeed, that as Installing Officer in Craft, Arch, and Templar Masonry, his services were in requisition everywhere, and at all times, just when the present race of middle-aged men were leaving school and thinking about taking up with some profession or calling. For a man to have followed actively the pursuits of Masonry for something like half a century, and to have followed them with exceptional ability, so as to justify his being held up as a model for younger brethren to follow, is indeed, a rare experience, and we are rejoiced to find that his protracted services have been now rewarded with the purple of Grand Lodge. May he be spared to the Craft yet many years, and bestow on it the benefit of his great experience! Be it added that Bro. Davis has lent a helping hand to our Institutions whenever the fates were propitious, and is a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School.

BRO. H. GREENE, though his name may not have appeared so often of late years, has done excellent service, and can boast of being the father of one of the most distinguished of our London lodges. He was initiated in the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, on 19th March, 1838, and though his connection with it has not been uninterrupted—owing to his having resided in the Colonies for the purposes of business—he rejoined in 1850, was appointed S.W. in 1855, and elected and installed W.M. in 1856. At the celebration last November of the Centenary Festival of his mother lodge, Bro. Greene again had the satisfaction of presiding as W. Master, and he then showed almost as much activity as in earlier years, and that he was still as capable as ever of doing the work of his office thoroughly and *secundum artem*. His presidency on that occasion, when there were gathered round the banquet table of his lodge many of the most distinguished brethren of our time, must be looked upon as the chief event in Bro. Greene's career, and we must all congratulate him on its having been so speedily followed by his appointment to office in Grand Lodge. Bro. Greene is a Life-Governor of, and has served Stewardships for, all our three Institutions.

GRAND ORGANIST.

BRO. WALTER PARRATT was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, on the 25th May, 1875. In 1876 he was appointed its Organist, in 1879 its Junior Warden, and in 1880 was elected W. Master, his services in the last named position being continued during the following year. In the Province his merits have been recognised—firstly, as regards his musical ability by his appointment in 1876 as Prov. Grand Organist, and secondly as regards his work in lodge by his investiture as Prov. G.S.W. of Oxfordshire in 1880. He is now resident in the Province of Berks and Bucks, in which we shall no doubt hear of his still further distinguishing himself. Be it added that he has served as Steward for the Girls' School, and has qualified as a Life Governor of that Institution.



GRAND PURSUIVANT.

BRO. A. LUCKING, who was appointed Assistant Grand Pursuivant last year, and whose Masonic career we fully described at the time, has, in accordance with annual custom, been promoted to the full rank of Grand Pursuivant.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

BRO. WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN has been continuously and actively engaged in Masonic pursuits ever since his initiation into the mysteries of the First Degree in the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, on the 8th November, 1871.



As J.W. of that lodge he was present at the Grand Master's installation in 1875. The following year he was advanced to S.W., and in 1877 was unanimously elected to the chair of W.M. In November, 1872, he joined the St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351, and having passed through the various offices was installed W.M. in 1881. He is also a member of the Royal Arch, having been exalted in the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, in June, 1876, and in due course was successively installed into the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z. From 1878 inclusive, he has been annually elected as one of the 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence, and for some years past has been one of the General Committee of G. Chapter. Be it added that Bro. Perryman is a Life Governor of the Boys' School and

Benevolent Institution, and has served one Festival Stewardship for each of those Charities.

CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

COLONEL SHADWELL CLERKE AT FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET.

(From *The World*).

"Great Queen-street—so called after Henrietta Maria of France, before evil days overtook the Stuarts—has long since fallen from its high estate. Its original grandeur is faded and forgotten; fashion has left it remorselessly in the lurch, and very little survives to remind us of Lord Herbert of Cherbury and Lord Chancellor Finch; of the Conways and Paulets; of Waller the poet and Lewis the comedian; of Miss Pope and Catherine Clive the actresses; of the famous squabble between Sir Godfrey Kneller the painter and Radcliffe the physician over their garden-wall; of Sir Joshua Reynolds and 'beautiful Perdita,' or of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, who came back to it as agent for Massachusetts after an absence of forty years, to see the press he once worked at and drink 'success to printing' in a gallon of porter amongst the journeymen. The Corinthian pilasters, the dormer windows, and the bracketed and panelled wooden cornice still to be seen at No. 56 (the house inhabited in turn by Hudson, Worlidge, Hoole, and Chippendale, and in which Richard Brinsley Sheridan passed an afternoon in meditation after David Garrick's funeral) were designed by the great Inigo himself, and they help you to conjure up for a moment a vision of the time when their Graces of Newcastle and Ancaster drove through 'Hell Gate' along Great Queen-street to their mansions in Lincoln's-inn-fields; when Nell Gwynne and Dr. Donne lived hard by in Drury-lane; when Lord Buckhurst, Sir George Sedley, and Etherege the poet sauntered across it coming from the Duke's Theatre in Portugal-street; and a century later, when it was crowded by the coaches and sedan chairs of the sitters who flocked to the studio of fortunate John Opie. A struggling theatre, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, a Methodist chapel with a cream-coloured portico, coach-builders, printers, and a legion of small shopkeepers have taken undisputed possession of the site hallowed by so many old-world traditions. But in its midst there rises a building which forms an appropriate link between the present and the past of the historical thoroughfare in which it stands. Sheridan was still living at No. 56 when Lord Petre and the Dukes of Beaufort and Chandos determined to transfer the Masonic Diet from the abodes of the City Companies or 'some well-chosen and commodious tavern' to a fixed home of its own. No time was lost in carrying out the resolution arrived at: two large dwelling-houses with gardens attached were promptly purchased, and in 1776 Mr. Richard Cox's hall was solemnly dedicated to 'Masonry, Virtue, Universal Charity, and Benevolence.' Since then the name of Great Queen-street has been closely associated with the annals of the powerful Masonic Fraternity.

"Nearly a quarter of a century ago Mr. Frederic Cockerell made many important additions to the original unpretending structure. The imposing composite Greek façade was his handiwork, and its various details commend themselves to our respectful attention. Ionic columns on a rustic basement support an elaborate cornice; the scalloped masks in the frieze bear a striking resemblance to the familiar portraits of Queen Elizabeth; while, from their niches near the attic story, four female figures in stone, endowed respectively with a lion, a child, a sword, and an owl, and presumably typifying Strength, Charity, Justice, and Wisdom, seem to look down regretfully on the comparative homeliness of the surrounding emporia. The signs of the zodiac are portrayed on a circular-headed architrave surmounted by the Masons' arms, in the centre of the building, and immediately above the entrance, which is in every way worthy of the mysterious precincts to which it leads. Slabs of polished Peterhead granite, and heavy mouldings in stone, sustain the weight of a massive lintel, on which the words 'Audi Vide Tace' are carved with awe-aspiring distinctiveness, whilst two robust cherubs beneath support, by their united endeavours, the sacred 'point within a centre' in marble and bronze. The red brickwork of the adjoining

tavern, the Georgian front of Bacon's Hotel, the prosaic lamps which flank the door, the modern railings, and the bright-tiled flower-boxes in the windows alone seem to protest against Mr. Cockerell's rigid classicity. As you enter, a porter rises from the depths of a comfortable hooded chair by the fire, and ushers you into the vestibule adjoining the private room of the Grand Secretary. In the plain drab presses which line the wall is entombed the most cosmopolitan of correspondences; on the walls hang a variety of interesting mementoes. Here is a symbolical picture, the interpretation of which would possibly puzzle the painter himself; there a Masonic map of the United Kingdom. Below the portrait of 'Montgomerie garder of Grand Lodge' hangs an old engraving of the sword of state which once belonged to Gustavus Adolphus, the valiant King of Sweden, worn by him at the battle of Lutzen, and presented to the Masons by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of the Order in the days when the Papal ban was as yet unthought of. You are examining with pardonable curiosity the details of that rare and strange print, the 'Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons,' when the door is opened, and you find yourself in a large, well lighted apartment, in the centre of which sits, hard at work, the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary of English Freemasons.

"The approaching Grand Festival, which comes round with each succeeding St. George's Day, adds a little to his labours; the baskets on the table are filled with parchment certificates awaiting signature, and he has threescore letters at least to open before he can give you the few minutes you have dared to ask for. There is something unmistakably martial about the bearing of Bro. Shadwell Clerke; he is every inch a soldier, and his long fair moustache savours, perhaps, more of Pall Mall and the 'Rag' than of those of Masonic gatherings at which he is so welcome a visitor. The sword-case and helmet you espy in a distant corner remind you that the Grand Secretary is also a Gentleman-at-Arms. The walls above the chocolate dado are distempred in French gray; the outlook across the wire blinds is hardly inspiring, for Col. Shadwell Clerke has nothing more cheerful to gaze on than an undertaker's, a tailor's, and the portentous armorial device which graces the office of *The Freemason*. Against the clock on the green marble mantelpiece rests a card containing certain Draconic instructions for your conduct while visiting a man of business, and an additional hint is delicately conveyed to you by a somewhat sensational American picture inscribed 'This man was talked to death.' The silence you must now of necessity preserve is favourable to your examination of the inner chamber of Freemasonry. Portraits of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex (both Grand Masters in their day) are to be seen on either side of an engraving of the Queen over the fireplace. Past Grand Secretaries of the Order also find a place in the collection, and beneath a print of the late Lord Zetland you notice the handsome face of Lord Lathom. The Grand Master's portrait is there, of course, and a proof before letters of the picture of his installation in the Albert Hall, 12 years ago, hangs near the Chippendale bookcase, filled to overflowing with the voluminous literature of Masonry, which faces the door. The attendant tables are covered with scrap-books, addresses, appeals to Grand Lodge, and miscellaneous documents tied up with red tape, and duly docketed; a serviceable screen hides a rare picture only shown to the initiated; and a collection of medals, jewels, and relics find a place in one of the drawers. The certificates are all signed at last, and Col. Shadwell Clerke finds leisure to talk to you of his multifarious duties; of the pertinacity of his foreign visitors, of the dinners he is called on to attend, of the differences he is expected to adjust, and of the weightier matters of the Craft.

"If you are especially favoured, you may perhaps be allowed to explore the inner recesses of Freemasons' Hall under his guidance. Passing up a domed staircase rich in *roUGE ROYAL* marble and blue-and-gold emblems, and crossing Mr. Maudslay's pavement of tesseræ from Jerusalem, you come to the Senate House of the Masonic brotherhood. The highly decorated coffered roof is broken here and there by sun-burners; the walls are spaced out by fluted pilasters in gold and magenta; more symbols in circular discs divide the projecting tryglyphs, and more signs of the zodiac fill the centre of the ceiling. The statue of the Duke of Sussex in its apsidal niche appears to look down approvingly on the blue velvet throne now occupied by his grand-nephew. The organ is cunningly concealed by a screen; but the chief interest centres in the life-sized portraits which fill the panels. George IV. (once Grand Master), painted in the heyday of youth, almost faces that of the Prince of Wales; the Duke of Kent, in field-marshal's uniform and tight-fitting nankeen breeches, smiles blandly at Lord Hastings, who appears to be delivering an oration; while the Duke of Sussex, in Stuart tartan and feathered cap, has for his *vis-à-vis* John Duke of Athole, in the robes of the Thistle. You have no time to linger: you pass on to the Grand Master's own room, with its embossed paper and mahogany and blue morocco furniture, and descend to the Board-room below, where £10,000 is annually dispensed in charity, and the Strong-room, where you can see the plate given to the Grand Lodge by the Duchess of Inverness, and such valued relics as the Articles of Union.

"Before your return to Colonel Shadwell Clerke's work-room, you are profoundly impressed with the magnitude of the Institution in whose affairs he plays so important a part. The Grand Secretary was born just fifty years ago. He elected to follow his father's profession, and served as a subaltern with distinction in the Crimea, carrying the colours of his regiment at the battle of the Alma. Shortly after the campaign terminated he became a Freemason in Malta, and for nearly thirty years has devoted a considerable portion of his time to the interests of the Craft in the various countries in which he has been stationed. He passed seven years in the West Indies as Military Secretary to the Commander of the Forces. In 1875 he was appointed an officer of the Body Guard. Since 1880 he has discharged with energy, tact, and considerable administrative ability the arduous duties of Grand Secretary. In this capacity his name is now familiar to almost every English Mason in the world, and his genial presence has almost become essential to the success of the more important Masonic gatherings of the metropolis. The discreet porter announces one of the Grand Officers, who is to be invested at the coming festival, and a deputation of the Grand Stewards has also arrived; so you take leave of the indefatigable Grand Secretary, and complete alone your pious pilgrimage to the shrine of Freemasonry by visiting the celebrated tavern under the same roof, which, though necessarily playing a wholly subordinate part in the austere discipline of the Fraternity, is perhaps better known to the world at large than the adjoining hall, and where Messrs. Spiers and Pond contrive to cater alike for the frugal repasts of the Masonic brethren, the exigencies of regimental dinners, and the more ambitious feasts of such powerful associations as the Caledonian and Highland Societies, and the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business on the agenda paper to be transacted on Wednesday, the 5th day of May next:—

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January to the 20th April, 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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| To Balance, Grand Chapter | £ 44 5 2 | By Disbursement during the | |
| " " Unappropriated | | Quarter | £ 248 16 2 |
| " " Account | 185 2 4 | " Balance | 220 10 0 |
| " Subsequent Receipts | 438 2 6 | " " Unappropriated | |
| | | Account | 198 3 10 |
| | £ 667 10 0 | | £ 667 10 0 |

Which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. George Arthur Montgomery Tapscott, as Z.; Andries Selzer, as H.; Thomas Melville Du Toit, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Octahedron Lodge, No. 1417, Barkley, South Africa, to be called the Octahedron Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Barkley, South Africa.

2nd. From Comps. Stephen R. White, as Z.; Richd. Thos. Middleton, as H.; Henry Hagell Lowrie, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1590, Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope, to be called the Southern Cross Chapter, and to meet at Uitenhage, Cape of Good Hope (East Division).

3rd. From Comps. James Reginald Spence, as Z.; Raphael Borg, as H.; George Charles Peere Williams Freeman, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, to be called the Bulwer Chapter, and to meet at Cairo, Egypt.

4th. From Comps. James Griffin, as Z.; James Gifford, as H.; Wm. Odam, as J.; and 22 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, Stonehouse, to be called the St. George Chapter, and to meet at the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, in the county of Devon.

5th. From Comps. Henry John Atkins, as Z.; William Bowring Rogers, as H.; David Sydenham, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth, to be called the Hengist Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Bournemouth, in the county of Hampshire.

6th. From Comps. James Smith, as Z.; Alexander Smith, as H.; John Bray, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Broad Arrow Lodge, No. 1890, St. George's, Bermuda, to be called the Royal Edward Chapter, and to meet at St. George's, Bermuda, West Indies.

7th. From Comps. William Mason Stiles, as Z.; William Alfred Scurrah, as H.; James Willing, junior, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, Harrow Station, to be called the Henry Levander Chapter, and to meet at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, in the county of Middlesex.

8th. From Comps. George Lambert, as Z.; Robert Payne, as H.; Herbert C. Lambert, as J.; and 12 others for a chapter to be attached to the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, London, to be called the Queen's Westminster Chapter, and to meet at 8A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, London, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that a chapter through neglect of the law as contained in Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch regulations (Edit. 1879), has recently exalted a brother at a less period than 12 calendar months from the date of his becoming a Master Mason.

The Committee have admonished the chapter to be more observant of the law in the future, and have ordered the candidate in question to be re-obligated.

The Committee have further to report the receipt of the two following communications:—

1st. An edict of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—dated 16th January, 1886—severing fraternal intercourse between its chapters and their members, and those of this Grand Chapter, in consequence of the continued existence within the territory exclusively claimed by the former of the two English Chapters, Nos. 374 and 440, which have been working in Montreal long previously to the formation of their chapter.

2nd. An edict to the same purport from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana—dated 1st March, 1886—to continue in force so long as the two chapters in Montreal shall remain under the Grand Chapter of England.

These communications have been briefly acknowledged by the Grand Scribe E., and as the Grand Chapter of England does not exchange Representatives with Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch Degree on the continent of America, these Bodies differing from that of England in their forms and qualifications, the Committee do not recommend that further notice be taken of these communications.

(Signed)

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. ROBERT GREY, P.A.G. Soj., President.

21st April, 1886.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

Appeal of Companion Joseph Dawson, P.Z. No. 832, Rangoon, and Past District Grand H., against a ruling of the Grand Superintendent, in the District Grand Chapter of Burma, at Rangoon, on the 10th December, 1885, declaring an amendment carried.

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To Correspondents.

PROVINCIAL DIRECTORIES, &c.
We wish to complete our reviews of these useful Masonic Directories of Provincial Grand Lodges and Lodges for the year 1886. Reviews of the following will be found in the *Freemason* at the dates mentioned. We shall be glad to receive any others that are published, and hope then to prevail on Bro. Hughan to furnish a notice of the whole, as he has done occasionally in past years.

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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

PAST MASTERS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with care and attention the letter in your issue of 17th ult., signed "Lex Scripta." I will not here criticise his opinions on the various subjects he treats of, as I cannot agree with him as to their similarity. I will try to confine myself to the point as to Past Masters and that which relates to them.

He says "the gist of my letter" in your issue of 10th ult., signed "P.M.," is that "Past Masters are not Officers," and he proceeds to try to prove that they are officers.

Let us see how far he succeeds. He says, "A careful perusal of the Constitutions as a whole must lead us to conclude that P.M.'s (complying of course with Art. 9) are recognised by the Constitutions as officers of private lodges." With all due respect to "Lex Scripta," I say the Constitutions as a whole has a multitude of other matters to deal with, and therefore, as a whole, the book is too wide a field for our purpose; it will suffice us to confine our researches to those portions of the laws that in any way bear on the subject of P.M.'s, their rank, privileges, duties, regalia, &c. I will, however, take the numbers he specially refers to and begin with No. 9. This law, I submit, confines itself to conferring Grand Lodge rank on a brother who has filled the office of Master; it is, as it were, elevating him to the permanent peerage of Grand Lodge membership, is and the reward for having attained to the position of a Past Master in conformity with other laws laid down. True, an acting Warden is also a member of Grand Lodge, but this is by virtue of his office, and the right ceases when he ceases to be a Warden unless he is installed as Master of a lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England.

And, also, so is an Installed Master a member of Grand Lodge so long as he is filling that office; but this also is by virtue of his office. I hope "Lex Scripta" will not be startled if I enquire here what becomes of the Grand Lodge rank of an Installed Master who fails from any cause to fulfil the duties of his office for the time specified?

Instances are on record where an Installed Master, through illness or removal to an inconvenient distance, finds it is impossible for him to discharge his duties. During this period 141 provides for his absence; but what becomes of him afterwards—that is, when his successor is installed? If he still subscribes, is he a Past Master in full accord with Art. 9?

The words in line 4 of Art. 9—"Who has filled that office for one year"—seem to be meaningless, unless they are intended to cut off the Grand Lodge rank from an Installed Master who subscribes, but who has not filled his office for the due term, quite as much as the words in line 5 of same law cuts off the right from a P.M. who has filled the office of Master, but who has ceased to subscribe. If I am correct in my deductions herefrom, then a W.M. is only on probation for Grand Lodge rank as a member thereof, and that, having filled his office for the allotted time, he passes from the position of officer to the rank of P.M. and member of Grand Lodge by right of service, and is no longer a lodge officer; he has served his office and earned his promotion; he is an independent member of Grand Lodge, and not a representative of either his lodge or his Master, unless he is specially delegated, and accepts such delegation; but otherwise he can both speak and vote against his W.M. if he does not agree with him.

"Lex Scripta" also refers me to Arts. 50, 141, and 227, and, with very much deference to him and those who hold with him, I must entirely dissent from the inference he endeavours to adduce from those, and there are some others very similar, which he can have into the bargain. 50 simply says: "If the W.M. cannot attend the General Committee, any subscribing Past Master of the lodge may supply his place." 141 provides that in the Master's

absence from his lodge any subscribing Past Master of the lodge may act as Master, pro tempore. 227 provides likewise for attendance, at the Board of Benevolence, of a P.M. instead of a Master. In short, so far as I can discover, there is only one place that a P.M. cannot represent his W.M., namely, at the Board of General Purposes, and the reason is obvious—there are only fourteen elective members, not more than seven of whom can be Past Masters, unless they are also at the time Masters of other lodges.

"Lex Scripta" also refers to Art. 129, but I hope he will forgive me if I most emphatically say his paragraph on this article is a misrepresentation of that law, and that it is utterly impossible for any unprejudiced critic to deduce from it that "a Past Master, when there is one, is necessarily an officer." Now, why does "Lex Scripta" print the word "necessary" in italics? Art. 129 says "The regular officers of a lodge consist of the Master, &c. . . . The Master may also appoint, &c. . . . no brother can hold more than one regular office, &c. . . ." Observe what a difference it makes in the sense when the proper word is used—a Past Master is not mentioned as either regular or permissory, yet there is no prohibition against his serving again in any "regular" office, whereas, if he is a "regular" officer already he could not serve another regular office at the same time—in short, he is not an officer in the lodge, either de facto, necessary, regular, permissory, or in any other light than as an unofficial superintendent to see ceremonies done decently, and in order to give such timely aid as he may see his W.W. stands in need of—and this by virtue of being a Past Master.

But I observe I have yet to notice what he alludes to as "more especially marginal summary of 295," viz., "Jewels of the officers of private lodges—shades of our legendary founders." Who ever heard of the index to a law being the law itself? What next will we be expected to hold and believe in and obey? Will "Lex Scripta" turn with me to all the Constitutions that have ever been issued prior to the issue of 1884, and find any such marginal index, and will he state that, because this is now added, it is therefore part of the law?

I venture to assert that the question as to whether the marginal index is or is not law never was raised in Grand Lodge, nor in any way dealt with except by the Board of General Purposes and the officials acting under their direction, and I have yet to learn that they have the power of making laws.

The jewel of a P.M., as it is now described, was so described in the first Book of Constitutions, issued shortly after the Union; but mark how simply the collars were described. After describing all the jewels of Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, the law reads: "All the above jewels to be gold or gilt, and the collars to be garter blue, four inches broad," and then proceeds to describe the jewels of the Officers and Past Masters of lodges, and says: "The above to be in silver; the collars to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon."

But mark what a change has now taken place. It takes no fewer than 10 distinct rules, occupying more than two pages of the Book of Constitutions, to describe the collars and chains of Grand and Provincial and District Grand Officers, Present and Past, and only two for "Officers of private lodges," and one of these a restrictive one, prohibiting these officers, for the first time in the annals of Masonry, wearing their official collars as required by Art. 288, which, so far as I can find, has never been altered.

Having proved beyond the possibility of refutation that a Past Master is not an officer, I again assert that although as a Past Master he is a Past Officer, yet there is no collar described for him in the Constitutions.

It seems very puerile for "Lex Scripta" to make the bald and unproven assertions that "Grand Lodge recognises a P.M. as an officer of his lodge, and therefore calls upon him to wear the ordinary officer's collar," while the Constitutions distinctly state he is not an officer, and omits to provide him with a collar at all; and also that in Grand Lodge he does represent his lodge as a P.M. of it, whereas Constitutions No. 9 gives him distinctive personal rights.

Just for sake of arguing the question a little further, will "Lex Scripta" call his memory back to the contention there was in Grand Lodge at the last revision over the point as to whether a joining P.M. is a P.M. "of" or "in" the lodge he joins—see distinction made in Art. 141, as compared with old Clause 6, page 78? Would "Lex Scripta" also call a joining Paast Master an officer of the lodge although he never served a office therein? If so I will give him up as hopeless, but if not, then pray what becomes of his supposed collar as an officer? When the officers of a lodge rise to respond to the toast of their health, would he have Past Masters to stand also? The very idea is ridiculous.

I must apologise for thus trespassing on your valuable space, but I hope the unfortunate and invidious plight a Past Master finds himself in will in some measure excuse the length of this exposition.—Yours very fraternally,
P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Young and verdant I may be—"Let the galled jade wince."

I do not propose to follow Bro. Budden's arguments. It would be a lengthy task to expose, according to the rules of logic, all the defects of his faulty (so-called) syllogisms. Sufficient to say that he commences by misstating my argument, and that there is scarcely a step in his reasoning up to what he calls my "dictum" that is not palpably arguable. I would remind Bro. Budden that simple assertion is not argument, and I fail to see that he has adduced a single argument to affect my position.

If Bro. Budden reads "P.M.'s" letter and mine with the slightest care, he will see that to meet "P.M.'s" difficulty I quote certain rules from the Constitutions. I may very possibly be wrong in my deductions from those rules; but I hardly see how even a wrong deduction from the Book of Constitutions can with any fairness be termed an "unconstitutional assertion."

Will Bro. Budden kindly answer "P.M.'s" letter? or refer us to the number of the *Freemason* in which "P.M.'s" point was discussed in the "exhaustive correspondence"? or will he favour us with his explanation of Art. 295? I am perfectly open to conviction, and am always glad to receive sound instruction.—Yours fraternally,
LEX SCRIPTA.

ACTORS AND THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

An element of interest, and not the least, in the "List of members of the first lodge that paid for a Warrant of Constitution under the Grand Lodge," published in the *Freemason* of April 17th, is the number of actors' names which it contains.

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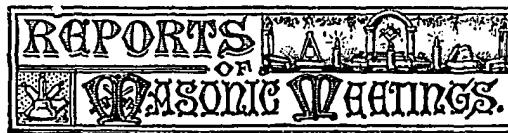
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April 24th.



FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR OXFORDSHIRE.

Our lamented Bro. R. J. Spiers, who so long edited the Oxfordshire Calendar, would scarcely recognize his bulky successor were he to appear on the scene once more. The issue for the present year extends to over 100 pages of closely-printed matter, the editor, printer, and publisher being Bro. W. R. Bowden of High-street, Oxford. All the past, as well as the present Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge from the earliest accounts thereof, are duly recorded, even to the Provincial Grand Stewards; and so also the Past Masters, Past Z.'s, &c., are given of all the lodges and chapters, and present and past Officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter and Mark Lodge for Oxon; besides most interesting particulars of lodges, chapters, &c., in which the brethren are interested, though not held in the province. The Charity Reports by Bro. Reginald Bird, P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M., and Bro. F. W. Ansell (P. Prov. S.G.W.), are carefully printed, and serve to illustrate the Masonic activity and benevolence of Oxfordshire, the total contributed during the last ten years amounting to £3104 10s., which we consider a grand record, as the period began with seven and ended with ten lodges, the latter now returning 478 members, or about 48 to each lodge. We are glad to notice a list of brethren holding votes for the Royal Masonic Charities in the province, but as these are all arranged under those held for the "Girls," "Boys," and "Benevolent," and no totals are given, we shall not stay to make the additions, but we recommend to Bro. Bowden (who has done so much for his province) the desirability in future issues of printing the totals, wherever possible, of the members and votes for the information of all concerned. A capital index adds much to the usefulness of the Directory, and we sincerely congratulate the province on the appearance and contents of their efficient and official publication.



Craft Masonry.

ST. MARY'S LODGE (No. 63).—Presentation of Testimonial to Bro. Hollingworth.—On Thursday, the 15th ult., the brethren of this lodge assembled at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Dr. Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, occupied the chair, when a most interesting event took place, in the shape of a presentation of a silver salver and beautifully-illuminated testimonial on vellum to Bro. Wilmer Hollingworth, P.M., P.Z., and Secretary of the lodge. The Chairman, as an old member of the lodge, and who has been for many years associated with Bro. Hollingworth, in a very feeling speech, enumerated the many good qualities of the Secretary. He called upon Bro. Wood (Brighton), also an officer of Grand Lodge, and who is the father of St. Mary's.

Bro. Wood, in a most affecting speech, presented the massive silver salver, which had been subscribed for by all the members, together with the memorial, handsomely framed.

Speeches full of feeling were also made by Bros. Geo. Kelly, Dr. Grindley Pearse, Page, Cole, Adams, and Dr. Adams.

Bro. Hollingworth, the recipient, who, with the greatest physical exertion, was able to be present, then rose amid the cheers of the members, and, despite his illness, made a most feeling and appropriate reply to the encomiums of the various speakers.

The salver weighs 51 ozs., and is of most elaborate design and chasing; it is a splendid specimen of English silver-smith's work.

We deeply regret having to say that since the above was written, Bro. Hollingworth has succumbed to his illness. His loss will be felt by a large number of sincere friends, and his memory will be cherished by every member of his lodge.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—At the last regular meeting of this old established lodge at the Bridge House Hotel, Bro. Thomas Minstrell was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the ceremony, members and friends to the number of 100, inclusive of Grand Officers, sat down to a splendid banquet. The newly-elected Master most efficiently performed the duties of chairman. It may be remarked that Bro. Minstrell, who is a member of the

Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, has served the office of Master of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, of which only journalists are eligible as members, the preference being given to those connected with the Houses of Parliament; that within the last few days he has been installed Second Principal of the Gallery Chapter, which also is confined entirely to journalists who are Royal Arch Masons, or desire to become so, and that he now fills the position of Third Principal in the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, a chapter distinguished by the zeal and utility of those who have hitherto filled the chairs. A new Royal Arch chapter is in course of formation for the Vitruvian Lodge, and Bro. Minstrell has been requested to take the necessary steps to obtain the warrant and become First Principal. Both the new Master of the Vitruvian Lodge and his highly respected wife are generous supporters of the Masonic and Licensed Victuallers' Charities, and hold several Life Governorships or Life Subscriberships in these Institutions.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 858).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at Beaufort House, West Kensington, when there was a large muster of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Lieut. F. Larnar, who was supported by Bros. C. A. Wilkes, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. C. Allingame, J.W.; Major C. H. Reid-Tod, P.M.; Treasurer: W. H. Rawkins, Secretary; S. E. H. Walmsley, S.D.; W. H. Hobbiss, J.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.M.; D. of C.; G. A. R. Ewen, Stwd.; P. Kirke, P.M.; W. F. Woods, P.M.; Francis Egan, P.M.; C. H. Cumberland, P.M.; B. Pollard, P.M.; P. H. Jones, P.M.; and about twenty other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; J. G. Fisher, P.G.S. Middx.; E. Clark, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Clulow, 1851; R. Wilson, 2054; H. F. Back, 55; F. Prior, 765; J. H. Townsend Green, 1974; J. Holliday, 1777; F. A. Ford, 2021; R. Josey, 1828; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the preliminary business transacted, Bro. W. Graham was raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being most ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. C. A. Wilkes was subsequently presented as W.M. elect, and the impressive rite was carried out in a masterly manner by Bro. Major C. H. Reid-Tod, the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge. The newly installed Master, having been saluted with the usual Masonic honours, invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren: Bros. Lieut. F. Larnar, I.P.M.; T. C. Allingame, S.W.; S. E. H. Walmsley, J.W.; Major C. H. Reid-Tod, P.M.; Treasurer; W. H. Rawkins, Secretary; W. H. Hobbiss, S.D.; A. Handyside, J.D.; E. A. R. Ewen, I.G.; and Woodstock, Tyler.

A pleasing incident then took place in the shape of a presentation jewel to Bro. Lieut. Larnar, I.P.M., in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the Master's chair during his year of office. In making the presentation, the Worshipful Master spoke in eulogistic terms of the ability and zeal displayed by his predecessor during the year that had just expired, and of his active practical solicitude for the welfare of the South Middlesex Lodge.

Bro. Larnar expressed his deep sensibility of the compliment which had been paid to him, and promised a continuance of his efforts to sustain the prestige and usefulness of the lodge. It was not his intention to pass into the idle stage now that he had left the chair, but he should strive earnestly in the future, as he had done in the past, to forward the interests of the South Middlesex Lodge, and to assist to the utmost of his power in carrying out the work to which they had set their hands.

The ballot was then taken for Dr. Gilbert Richardson and Mr. John W. Ransome. The result was satisfactory in each case, and Mr. Ransome was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Dr. G. Richardson was prevented by urgent professional business from being present, so that his initiation was unavoidably postponed until the next meeting. The working of the ceremonies throughout the evening was excellent, and elicited the unqualified approbation of the brethren.

At the conclusion of the business, a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. Maltby, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous party were all that could be desired. After dinner the usual loyal and Craft toasts were honoured.

Bro. Percy Leith suitably responded for "The Grand Lodge Officers."

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M.," described Bro. Wilkes as a thoroughly good man and Mason, and from what they had seen of him that day he was sure to prove himself an excellent Master of that lodge. It needed but few words to commend that toast to the acceptance of the brethren, as they all knew the qualities Bro. Wilkes possessed; but he hoped the officers and brethren would extend to their new Master the same cordial co-operation and assistance that they had accorded to himself when in office. If they did so, they would have no reason to regret the selection they had made that day.

The W.M. rose with diffidence and pleasure to respond to the toast—with diffidence, fearing he should not be able to carry out the duties which they had been kind enough to impose upon him to their entire satisfaction; and with pleasure, because he might say he had reached the summit of his ambition in Masonry. When he had the honour of being initiated in that lodge, only a few years ago, he was vain enough to hope that in time he might attain to the proud position which he now occupied. He had realised that hope sooner than in those ambitious days he anticipated; and he thanked the brethren for the extremely kind way in which he had been received on that occasion. He should strive to do his best to justify the selection they had made, and hoped that at the end of his year of office they might be able to drink his health with the same cordiality as they had done that evening. He assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain and to increase, in his humble way, the welfare of the South Middlesex Lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," paying a well deserved tribute of praise to Bro. Larnar for the able manner in which he had conducted the office of W.M. during the year just ended. They were all extremely indebted to him for the way in which the affairs of the lodge had been administered. It was impossible for any Master to have done his duty in a more efficient manner than



The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on Saturday, June 5th, at the Town Hall, Twickenham.

Bro. Sir Offley and Lady Wakeman will continue to occupy 56, Eaton-place, until the end of the present month.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., addressed a large meeting of his constituents in the Co-operative Hall, Rawtenstall, on Easter Monday.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir Henry Halford, P.D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, who has been ill for some time past, is recovering his health.

It is probable that Prince Albert Victor will take a collar in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre was returned on the 21st ult. as member for the Central Division of the Borough of Bradford in place of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, deceased.

The Duke of Connaught has very kindly consented to take the chair at a festival dinner, to be held on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., in aid of the funds of the Work Girls' Protection Society, New Kent-road.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson will be among those who are expected to take part in the proceedings of the great Temperance Congress which will be held at the Skating Rink, Croydon, on Tuesday next, the 4th inst.

The Royal Maundy was distributed in Whitehall Chapel on the 22nd ult., the Lord High Almoner officiating in chief, and the recipients being 67 old men and 67 old women, corresponding with the age of her Gracious Majesty.

Bro. Francis B. Davidson, D.D.G.M. (S.C.) of New South Wales, has been acting as D.G.M. during the absence, on a well-earned holiday, of the D.G. Master, Bro. William Gillett Sedgwick, who started on his trip on the 25th February last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586, by Bro. Walter Martin, W.M. 879, at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Monday evening, 3rd inst. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

According to a telegram from Ottawa, Bro. Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, on visiting the House of Representatives for the first time since his recent severe illness was received with loud cheers from all parts of the House, all the members rising to greet him.

Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., LL.D., Arch Registrar of Convent General (K.T.), presided at the annual meeting, on the 21st ult., of the Royal Society of Literature. The usual address recapitulating the events of the past year was delivered, and nine new Fellows were elected.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 1st inst.:—Tuesday—Royal York Chapter; Lodge of Prudent Brethren; and Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Festival; Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers; and Jordan Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress received the Bluecoat boys at the Mansion House on Tuesday, where, in accordance with ancient custom, the latter were regaled with buns and wine or lemonade, each being presented on filing past his lordship with a new coin or coins of the realm, the Grecians receiving a guinea, probationers half a guinea, monitors half a crown, and the rest a shilling.

Bro. A. C. Cheney has forwarded on behalf of the Garfield National Bank of New York to Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, M.W.G.M. of New York, a bill for 1000 dollars towards the latter's proposed scheme for liquidating the debt on the Masonic Hall in New York. The sum was composed of four different contributions of 250 dollars (£50) each from Bros. A. C. Cheney, President of the Bank, G. H. Robinson, Vice-President, and L. H. Bidge-low, a director, and Mr. Hiram Hitchcock, proprietor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, who, as our description indicates, is not a member of the Order.

It will no doubt be interesting to our readers to know that the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, of which the two senior Past Masters, Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama and Bro. H. Trueman Wood, are among the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, was founded in 1867 by Bros. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Lord William Montagu Hay, Lord Erskine, Colonel Burlton, C.B., P.D.G.M. of Bengal, Dada'hai Naorojee, and other brethren, for the purpose of providing a Masonic centre in London, for native Indians and others connected with our East Indian possessions. The first W.M. was Sir James Fergusson, afterwards Governor of Bombay, followed by Lord William Hay (now Marquis of Tweeddale. Since its foundation the lodge has included among its members many Hindoos, Musselmans, and Parsees, some of whom have joined, and many of whom have been initiated in the lodge.

An application from Mr. W. O. Kennett, on behalf of the Masonic body over which he presides, for the use of four rooms at the Town Hall, was received by the Managing Committee of the Town Council on Tuesday, and its consideration deferred. We entirely sympathise with those who point out that the Corporation ought not to compete with the licensed victuallers in letting their premises. The Town Hall was built by the ratepayers for specific purposes, and to those purposes it ought to be applied. But at the same time it is very poor logic, and worse finance, to refuse £20 a year, and let the rooms be idle, because the Masons should not move their lodges. It is just as easy for the Freemasons of Dover to build a Masonic Hall as it is for those of Folkestone, where the lodge meetings have been held for years in the Town Hall.—*Dover Standard.*

Bro. Lord Londesborough has reduced the rents of his cottage-allotments at Market Weighton to the extent of 50 per cent.

Bro. the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, P.G.S.W., on his way out to India, disembarked at Aden and took up his quarters at the British Residency.

Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P. for the Buckrose Division of East Yorkshire, has announced to his constituents that he has decided not to seek re-election at the next General Election.

Bro. Lord Stalbridge, better known as Lord Richard Grosvenor, P.G.S.W. England, was to be presented, on Thursday evening, with an address by his tenants at Stalbridge, Dorsetshire.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore will occupy the chair at the next house dinner of the Constitutional Club on Wednesday, the 12th inst., and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., will be among the guests.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., have been paying a short visit to the Italian Lakes, but will return to England in time for the re-assembling of Parliament after the Easter holidays.

Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, commanding the Eastern District, superintended the volunteer operations which took place on Easter Monday in the neighbourhood of Colchester. About 3600 men were engaged.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and General Communication of Mark Masters of the Province of Cornwall was held under the banner of Lebanon Lodge, No. 325, at the Masonic Hall, Fowey yesterday (Thursday). A report will appear in our next.

On the occasion of the promised visit of the Duke of Cambridge to Cheltenham, on the 20th inst., for the purpose of inspecting the Royal Gloucester Hussars, his Royal Highness, it is understood, will be the guest of Bro. Lord Fitz-Harding at Berkeley Castle.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, on Monday, the 3rd inst., by Bro. Walter Martin, P.M., W.M. 879. Lodge will open at 7 p.m., and on Monday, the 10th inst., the annual supper will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.

Bro. T. H. Thomas was buried with Masonic honours in Tenby Cemetery on Monday, the 19th ult., the members of the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, being present, and the Masonic part of the service being conducted by Bro. Dr. J. Griffith Lock, one of the Past Masters of the lodge.

A concert will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, under the patronage of the members of the Royal Family, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have expressed their intention of being present.

The Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, Ventnor, I. of W., give a ball at the Assembly Rooms on Thursday, the 6th inst., in aid of the Masonic Charities, the P.G.M. being the Patron, and amongst the Stewards are Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, P.M., P.G. Warden of England; and Lord John Taylour, W.M. 698, P.D.G.S.W.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley, Adjutant General of the Forces, inspected three battalions of the Foot Guards in Hyde Park, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., namely, the 3rd Batt. Grenadiers, the 1st Batt. Coldstreams, and the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, the whole being under the command of Major-General Gipps, C.B., of the Home District.

Bro. Col. Moray was recently appointed Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire West, in room of the Duke of Atholl resigned. It is expected that the installation will take place shortly. Colonel Moray is R.W.M. of the Crieff Lodge, and his appointment to the Grand Mastership of the Provincial Grand Lodge has given great satisfaction in Masonic circles.

On the occasion of the Queen opening the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, South Kensington, on Tuesday next, the 4th inst., her Majesty will be received officially at the grand entrance by the Prince of Wales, as president of the executive. The formal ceremony will take place in the Royal Albert Hall, when an ode specially composed by Lord Tennyson, the Poet Laureate, will be sung to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper have been spending the Easter holidays at Panshanger, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom with the Ladies Wilbraham at Lathom House, Ormskirk, Lord Lathom's recess having been broken by his visit to London to attend Grand Lodge and preside at the Grand Festival on Wednesday. Bro. Col. Sir F. Stanley, G.C.B., M.P., and Lady Constance Stanley spent Easter at Witherslack Hall, Lancashire.

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR'S VISIT TO EDINBURGH.—Prince Albert Victor, in reply to a communication from Sir Archibald Campbell, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, has expressed regret that, as his time in Edinburgh in May in connection with the opening of the International Industrial Exhibition will be so brief, he is unable to accept the invitation to be present at the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of receiving the honorary membership.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

MORTGAGES.—Messrs. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—[ADVT.]

In our report of the Consecration of the Prince Leopold Ark Mariners' Lodge at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., it was stated erroneously towards the close of the account that the brethren banqueted at the Holborn Restaurant. We regret very much the statement should have appeared in our columns. Every one who has attended a lodge or chapter meeting at Anderton's knows well how excellently the manager of that famous hostelry provides for the creature comforts of the brethren, and that any body of Masons once gathered together under that hospitable roof would about as soon think of adjourning to St. Paul's Cathedral as of going anywhere else than to the banquet room set apart for them by Bro. Clemow. In fact, the statement is so obviously incorrect that it could not possibly mislead any one, unless, indeed, he were an entire stranger to the habits of our Metropolitan lodges, and especially of those who frequent Anderton's.

Bro. R. Richardson-Gardner, M.P., has been re-elected President of the Windsor Phoenix Athletic Club.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.J.W., has given his name as one of the Stewards at the approaching anniversary festival in aid of the funds of the British Orphan Asylum, Mackenzie Park, Slough.

It is understood that the Queen's birthday will be celebrated publicly on Saturday, the 20th inst., the day on which it properly falls being Monday, the 24th inst., when her Majesty will complete her 67th year.

The 51st annual general meeting of the Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institution, of which the Prince of Wales is Patron, and Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., President, was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 22nd ult.

Bro. Henry Irving during his stay at the Norfolk Hotel, Brighton, was entertained at dinner by Bro. Edmund and Mrs. Yates, at their residence, Eastern Terrace, Bro. J. C. Parkinson and others being of the party.

The installation meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Monday next. Sir Knight Neal York will be installed in succession to Sir Knt. H. Lovegrove as E.P. A banquet at the Criterion will follow.

The installation meeting of the Quadratic Chapter, No. 1691, was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 19th ult. Comp. J. Ferguson was installed M.E.Z. by Comp. J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G.S.E., and Comp. Fooks was installed H. by Comp. Thrupp, Prov. G.H., assisted by Comps. Escott, P.Z., and H. Lovegrove, P.Z.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs were the chief guests at the annual presentation of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation on the 21st ult., the chair being occupied by Bro. J. W. Goodinge, and Bros. Alderman Cowan, A. J. Altman, and A. Tisley were among the others present. Bro. Tisley replied for "The Visitors."

Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the Lord Mayor, F. T. Isitt, and others, are among the patrons of a bazaar, which will be held in the grounds of the Woodlands, Haverstock-hill, and in the Vestry Hall, on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd inst. respectively, in aid of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mansfield-road, N.W.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser is one of the Stewards of the Festival dinner which will be held under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at the Hotel Métropole, on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., in aid of the Work Girls' Protection Society.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Bro. Sheriff Clarke, will on Friday, the 14th inst., unveil the window which has been presented to the Church of St. James, Curtain-road, as a memorial of Shakespeare, the church standing close to the site of the old Curtain Theatre.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., J. Judd, T. Loveridge, M. H. Pannell, E. Dresser Rogers, Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, and G. Shaw are among the gentlemen who have severally received, by the medium of the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, illuminated votes of thanks presented by the Executive of the International Health Exhibition, London, 1884, in recognition of the services they rendered, either as members of the Corporation or Masters of Livery Companies.

Amongst the principal trades of our great city may be reckoned the manufacture of travelling bags, which, indeed, in late years has been remarkably developed. The ingenuity of contrivance to make dressing bags complete enough to meet the most fastidious requirements, and yet to pack their contents away into a remarkably small space, whilst retaining the desideratum of capacity with lightness, has been achieved with remarkable success by Messrs. Asprey, of 166, Bond-street, whose establishment we lately visited, and were amazed to see a selection of an extraordinary character, both as regards quantity and quality—some so cheap and good as to be astonishing, others so costly as to cause us to ask if it were possible to find buyers for them. Messrs. Asprey's show rooms are truly worth a visit, and their effect, when dark days require their electric light to be used, well repays the trouble of a visit.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.—An unusual incident has recently occurred in connection with Freemasonry in Lewes—the Master of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, having had born unto him a son and heir during his period of office. There is also the extraordinary circumstance that there are residing in Lewes four generations of the same family, all bearing the name of John Every. The brethren of the lodge resolved to mark the occasion by presenting the W.M. with a token of their fraternal regard. An embossed silver tankard was chosen as a suitable emblem, and an appropriate inscription was engraved thereon. The Mayor of Lewes (Alderman Farncombe), a Past Master of the South Saxon Lodge, and one of the Provincial Grand Officers of Sussex, was selected by the subscribers to make the presentation. This was done at a meeting of the lodge held on Wednesday evening, and the compliment was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Every. The value of the gift was increased by the fact that its cost was contributed in small sums given by all the members who attend the lodge regularly, thus rendering it a gratifying memento of a most interesting occasion.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the week ending Saturday, May 8, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 1.

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot. " 1494, Felix, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. " 1567, Elliott, Railway Hot., Feltham. " 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon. Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30. Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.

MONDAY, MAY 3.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. " 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav. " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall. " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park Brockley. " 1996, Priory of Acton, Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton. " 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court. " 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden. K.T. 154, Shadwell Clerke, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8. Ceonon, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8. Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8. Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8. John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30. Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8. Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10. Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7. St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8. St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, MAY 4.

- Colonial Board, at 4. Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot. " 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich. " 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall. " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E. " 1261, Golden Rule, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W. " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington. " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., N. Woolwich. " 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamswow. " 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey. " 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, Herts.

- Mark 1, St. Marks, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8. Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8. Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8. Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30. Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8. Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8. Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.

- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

- GRAND CHAPTER, AT 6. Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington. " 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore. " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney. " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. " 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall. Chap. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Mark Grand Masters, M.H., Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9. Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8. Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8. Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30. Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8. Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30. Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8. Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8. Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30. United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham. United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8. Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C. " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall. " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. " 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead. " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd. " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury. " 1361, United Service, 8, Air-st., Regent-st. " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W. " 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Hot., Aldgate. " 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W. " 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W. " 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate. Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall. " 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st. " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7. City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6. Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8. Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7. Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton. Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st. Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8. High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8. West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30. North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MAY 7.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich. " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern. " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand, at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8. Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30. Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8. Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8. Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Loyalty, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8. Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New Bridge, at 8. St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8. St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30. St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood. Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8. Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30. Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8. Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W. Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9. Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8. Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich. Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, MAY 8.

- Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall. " 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. " 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Gt. House, Cheshunt Park. " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall. " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. " 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton. " 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell. " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Alder-lane, Brixton. " 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-square. Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood-green. " 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton-court. " 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hotel, Anerley. " 1423, Era, The Albany, Twickenham. Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

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