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The third contingent of Knight Templar Pilgrims from the United States has been among us for the last ten days, and from the accounts we publish this week of the various receptions held in their honour, the reader will have no difficulty in resolving for himself that thus far, at all events, the pilgrimage has been a magnificent success. It is difficult to see how a more generous programme of entertainment could have been compressed into the limited time at the disposal of the pilgrims, and still more difficult to suggest in what respect it could have been more fully and faithfully carried out. Indeed, so far as our memory serves us, there does not appear to have been a single deviation or omission from the original plan as regards York, while as regards London, the only changes that have taken place have been in the nature of additions. In York every one of the thirty and six hours which the visitors spent in that venerable home of Freemasonry had its appointed task of labour or refreshment. Dinner on arrival at 6 p.m. on Tuesday the 19th instant was followed by an exemplification of Craft working in the Eboracum Lodge; and lodge being closed, then came the customary period of social enjoyment. Wednesday till lunch time was spent in lionising, and after lunch the reception in the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, a visit to the Minster, a reception at the Mansion House by the LORD MAYOR and LADY MAYORESS, and, to crown all, a grand banquet by the Sir Knights of the Ebor Preceptory in the Guildhall. On Thursday morning the Pilgrims arrived in London, and since then there has been such a succession of entertainments as probably no other Society than ours could have organised, the Anglo-American Lodge, the Rosicrucians, and the Baldwin Preceptory of Knights Templar—who travelled especially from Bristol to London to entertain their American brother Knights—vying well with each other in their hospitable endeavours to do honour to their visitors and confer credit on English Freemasonry. We are pleased, though not surprised, that everything should have passed off so satisfactorily. These pilgrimages do an immense amount of good by strengthening the feelings of love and respect which the brethren on both sides of the Atlantic entertain for each other, in spite of the occasional bickerings that arise between them; and though our guests have not as yet quitted our shores, we trust the day may not be far distant when it will be in our power to extend a similar welcome to another, and equally genial, body of American brethren.

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We publish elsewhere a short review of the first Annual Report of the "Old Masonians," but the Association, which bears this name and is composed of past pupils of our Boys' School, is so worthy of every encouragement and support, that we cannot refrain from drawing attention to it somewhat prominently. The object of the Society is twofold—to help "old boys," by obtaining employment for those in need of it and in other ways, and to promote goodfellowship amongst them; and considering that the School now sends forth into the world annually between 40 and 50 youths, who all have their way in the world to make, and many of whom, therefore, will only be too glad to have encouragement and it may be help in finding employment from such a source, the advantages of this Association must be obvious to our readers. Again, as in the case of all our large public scholastic institutions, whatever tends to promote a love of the School among those who have been educated in it, must be of advantage to the School itself. We Englishmen are fond of cherishing old memories; we do not seek to efface, but to preserve them, and when we have attained to mature or old age, we have a habit of looking back with unalloyed pleasure on the Institution—be it School or College—in which we passed the greater part of our early life. Such a feeling deserves every encouragement, and we trust that the Association of "Old Masonians," now that it has surmounted successfully the usual difficulties attendant on its establishment, will go on year by year increasing in prosperity.

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We have much pleasure in congratulating our Philadelphia contemporary on the position it occupies in the Masonic press of the United States. At the beginning of the current month it entered on its 21st year, and the 21st volume of its issue. It is a well-conducted paper, always courteous, always kindly in feeling, and generally well stocked with trustworthy information. We sincerely trust the *Keystone* may have a long and still more honourable career before it, and that it may receive from the Craft in Pennsylvania that amount of generous patronage which it so fully deserves.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox.:

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

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 April to the 19th July, 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£478 11 6	By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£240 18 6
" " Unappropriated		" Balance ...	560 4 9
" Account ...	207 2 7	" Unappropriated	
" Subsequent Receipts ...	324 1 0	" Account... ..	208 12 7
	£1009 15 10		£1009 15 10

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. John Scrivener Palmer, as Z.; John Potts, as H.; Edward Prescott, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury, to be called the Cherwell Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Banbury, in the county of Oxford.

2nd. From Comps. William Watson, as Z.; John Purser Griffin, as H.; Thomas Watson, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gundulph Lodge, No. 1050, Rochester, to be called the Gundulph Chapter, and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, in the county of Kent.

3rd. From Comps. Thomas Mathews, as Z.; Edward William Shackell, as H.; Henry White, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, to be called the Sir George Elliot chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, South Wales (Eastern Division.)

4th. From Comps. William Long, as Z.; Thomas Barnes, as H.; Thomas James Scoones, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon, to be called the Adair Chapter, and to meet at Regent House, Clevedon, in the county of Somerset.

5th. From Comps. the Rev. William Mortimer Heath, P.A.G. Soj., as Z.; John Mowlem Burt, as H.; Henry James Mason, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the de Moulham Lodge, No. 1146, Swanage, to be called the de Moulham Chapter, and to meet in the Town Hall, Swanage, in the county of Dorset.

6th. From Comps. James Douglas Christie, as Z.; Francis William White, as H.; Thomas Edwin Cocker, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Star of Southern China Lodge, No. 2013, Canton, China, to be called the Jubilee Chapter, and to meet at Canton, China.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of Concord, No. 124, Durham, 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 further received a memorial, with extract of minutes, on the removal of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

19th July, 1887.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place at Romford on Tuesday, the 26th inst., under the banner of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, and was a most successful and pleasant affair from every point of view. The road leading from the station to the court house, where the lodge was held, and thence onward to the Corn Exchange, where, after labour, refreshment came, was prettily and effectively decorated with flags and streamers of all nations and colours, and if not quite so gorgeous a spectacle as the late Dartford exhibition, when Earl Amherst presided over the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent, yet it showed unmistakably the warmth of the Essex brethren for their noble and distinguished Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and his esteemed and excellent Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., &c.

The brethren having assembled in the Court House, a procession of the Present and Past P.G. Officers was formed, and Lord Brooke was escorted to his chair on a raised dais; Bro. Philbrick taking his seat on the immediate right of the Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers taking up their respective positions. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and the Prov. Grand Master having been saluted, the minutes of the previous Prov. Grand Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The roll of the lodge was then called over, and responded to by the brethren of the lodges present. Several reports were adopted, and then the Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren.

His lordship on rising was most enthusiastically received. He said it

afforded him great pleasure to be with them that day, not only because of the numbers present, but because, whenever or wherever Provincial Grand Lodge met, he was always surrounded by most excellent and hard working Masons. He then alluded in feeling terms to the loss the province and the Craft generally had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Joshua Nunn, after whom one of the latest consecrated lodges in the province had been named, a loss they all deeply regretted. He congratulated himself and them upon the progress the province had made, notwithstanding the great depression existing among the agricultural interests of the county. During the past year two new lodges had been consecrated, the Joshua Nunn and the Royal Victorian Jubilee, nor would he soon forget the great pleasure the consecration of the latter gave him, both for the fact of having another good strong lodge added to the provincial roll, and also for the kind hospitality shown by the brethren towards himself and his officers. He then in eloquent terms cautioned them against admitting into their lodges any but of unblemished lives and characters, for the sacredness of a lodge should only be equalled by the sacredness of their homes, and those who were not fit to be admitted to the latter, were unworthy of a place in the former. (Loud cheers.) He was happy to say that the province was doing its duty in the cause of Charity; for the last four years the contributions to the Boys', Girls', and Old People combined, amounted to an average of £951. (Cheers.) He gave great credit to those brethren who had worked so hard to produce such excellent results, and felt sure that excellent as those results were, they would be surpassed by the efforts, the combined efforts of the brethren in the near future. There was an event that had occurred during the past year that affected them most pleasurable, and that was that at the late grand gathering at the Albert Hall, presided over by their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, one of their own officers, Bro. Ralling, had received at the hands of his Royal Highness the distinguished rank of a P.A.G.D.C. of the Grand Lodge of England. (Loud and continued cheers.) He was very glad of it, and they were, he felt sure, for a more hard-working brother and P.G. Officer than Bro. Ralling did not exist—(cheers)—and he congratulated Bro. Ralling and the province upon the honour paid him, and through him reflected on the province. In conclusion, let him express the gratitude of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Liberty of Havering Lodge, for the cordial and gratifying reception they had that day accorded him, and every member of Provincial Grand Lodge. It was no doubt an honour to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, but it certainly entailed trouble and expense, and for that he thanked them heartily, and felt sure they would have a pleasant and enjoyable day. The esteemed P.G.M. then resumed his seat amidst ringing cheers.

Bro. A. DURRANT, P.M. 276, was then re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ninth time, and returned thanks, and then the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg. of England ...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Thos. Humphreys, W.M. 1437 ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. H. Finch, I.P.M. 2005 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276 (ninth year) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. Shedd, P.M. 276 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.M., Sec. 51 (eleventh year) ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. R. Dawson, I.P.M. 100 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. King, W.M. 1280 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. E. Horn, W.M. 1457 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.M., Sec. 100 (fourteenth year) ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. M. Foxcroft, W.M. 2063 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. R. J. Lightowers, I.P.M. 1817 ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" C. C. Potter, I.P.M. 1643 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" William Groom, Treas. 650 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. W. Noble, Org. 1543 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. H. Scott, P.M. 1799 ...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Fuller, W.M. 1312 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. J. Warren, P.M. 1437 ...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. Finer, W.M. 1799 ...	
" E. J. Acworth, Treas. 2077 ...	
" C. C. Lewis, W.M. 2184 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Burroughs, P.M. 1437 ...	
" Beeson, P.M. 1437 ...	
" G. B. Gilbey, J.D. 1437 ...	
" T. S. Sarel, 276 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

These distinguished brethren having been saluted, Bro. Finch, Prov. J. G.W., was elected to represent Grand Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and ten guineas were voted to each of the Masonic Charities. Five guineas were voted to the Railway Servants' Benevolent Association, as some return for the kindness shown towards the brethren in travelling on the lines, and ten guineas were voted to the Cottage Hospital, now in course of erection at Romford. The usual honorarium was voted to the entertaining lodge, and the representatives of the various lodges on the Charity Committee were accorded votes of thanks for their work during the past year.

It was announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held next year at Colchester.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Corn Exchange, and our old friend, Bro. Peter Reynolds, of the Golden Lion, certainly outdid himself in catering for the wants and wishes of his numerous guests.

Among the other brethren present were—

Brcs. Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G.C. Eng., P.P.G.C., P.P.S.G.W.; F. Binckes, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Sec. R.M.I.B.; G. Cooper, P.M. 214, S.G.D. Eng.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, P.M. 214, P.P.S.G.W.; A. C. Durrant, P.M. 276, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Clowes, P.M. 650, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Bell, P.M. 1280, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D.; R. D. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P.P.S.G.D.; F. A. White, P.M. 1437, P.P.G. Reg.; E. West, P.M. 1437, P.P.S.G.D. Herts; H. R. Heasman, P.M. 1437, P.P.J.G.D.; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1437, P.P.J.G.D.; A. J. Dudgeon, P.M. 2006, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Corble, P.M. 453, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Clever, P.M. and Treas. 2005, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Bailey, P.M. 697, P.P.G.P.; F. Adlard, P.M. 214, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. J. P. Britton, W.M. 433, P.P.G.C.; J. Dean, P.M. 433, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Rix, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Belmont, P.M. 134, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Org.; S. H. Ellis, W.M. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Grimes, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. R. Ives, P.M. 51, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Salmon, P.M. 2077, P.P.G. Reg.; F. D. Grayson, W.M. 1734, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Taylor, jun., P.M. 1817, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Bellsham, P.P.G.P.; T. S. Sarel, Prov. G. Tyler; G. L. Wood, W.M. 160; J. Ramsey, P.M. 162; G. P. Wehlen, P.M. 1969 and 511; J. C. Quennell, P.M. 214; W. Roe, W.M. 1543; H. Mason, P.M. 913; R. J. Naylor, W.M. 700; H. D. Clements, W.M. 1237; G. Harrison, W.M.

51; R. H. Scott, P.M. 1799; W. De Cean, W.M. 1024; G. P. Hazell, W.M. 697; T. Davey, S.W. 1437; H. F. Hardy, I.G. 1437; G. Hughes, Sec. 2084; R. Jennings, J.D. 1437; J. Aillin, S.W. 160; J. W. Burton, S.D. 1817; G. J. Westfield, J.W. 2184; E. J. Chapman, I.G. 615; J. P. Allen, S.W. 2063; J. Boreham, Org. 1437; W. J. Shadrake, S.D. 1437; C. Hunt, S.D. 299; W. Smith, S.W. 2184; J. A. Clarkson, S.W. 1457; J. C. Hopwood, J.W. 1457; C. W. Ker, S.W. 1024; S. Wadham, 2077; C. H. Bowmaker, 243; J. Garlick, 1017; E. C. Wells, 214; J. Spencer, 1437; L. Griffith, 1709; G. Holsdon, 650; C. Subject, 650; J. S. Hammond, 1437; R. W. Mathew, 1437; A. H. Pett, 1209; G. J. Townsend, 1437; H. G. Hobson, 214; H. H. Finch, 2005; J. H. Sharpe, 1437; H. Phillips, 2005; T. W. Bokenham, 1962; C. D. Parish, 1437; H. J. Amphlett, 1511; W. Finn, 1799; Saunders, 1457; J. C. Carr, 1343; G. Little, 1437; R. J. Warr, 1437; C. R. Copey, J. W. Armour, C. Jolly, P.M. 2184; and others.

Dinner having been negotiated satisfactorily,

The Prov. GRAND MASTER gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and, in so doing, said, so far as his recollection went, it was always received in every assembly of Freemasons with the greatest enthusiasm, and especially that year of all others, when her Most Gracious Majesty had completed the jubilee of her reign over the greatest empire in the world. (Cheers.) The late grand gathering at the Albert Hall proved their loyalty, and therefore, as loyal subjects and good Masons, he asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." Again referring to the Albert Hall meeting, the Prov. GRAND MASTER spoke of the admirable manner in which his Royal Highness conducted that meeting, and of the grand results to the Charities, no less than £6000 being distributed among the three Institutions—the Boys', Girls', and Old People—a fact that must have been most gratifying to the Prince, who was a constant and generous supporter of the Charities of the Order. His Royal Highness at every meeting he had attended presided over Grand Lodge with dignity; he was an excellent speaker, and was in every way the fittest ruler they could have.

The toast was drunk with great cheering, the brethren joining in the chorus of "God bless the Prince of Wales" lustily.

In giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," LORD BROOKE said he knew the toast would be received with the greatest enthusiasm, because it was not only in honour of those excellent men and Masons who gave up their time and undertook onerous service for the public good; but because they had, in that hall, several good brethren of the province who were also Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) The work they took in hand was arduous, but it was carried out to perfection, and he and the brethren present would not be doing their duty if those eminent services were forgotten upon such an occasion as the present. In Lord Carnarvon they had a Pro G.M. whose love for Masonry was only equalled by the unstinted support he gave it; they had had him in Essex when he installed his (Lord Brooke's) lamented predecessor, and knew how admirably he presided upon all occasions, and how eminent his services to Masonry were. Lord Lathom was a personal friend of his (Lord Brooke's) and they all knew how he was received in Essex, and how indefatigable he was for the interests of the Craft. They had, as he before observed, several Grand Officers present, and while it would be invidious to mention any particular one, yet he might recal the fact that Bro. Ralling had been especially honoured that year, and he had no hesitation in saying that no better selection could have been made of a good, true, and trusty Mason to bestow honour on. (Loud cheers.) He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.

Bro. COCHRANE, in response, said he felt it a very great honour to respond to the very comprehensive toast so eloquently put by their P.G.M., because it included among a distinguished circle of Masons several of their own province. They had the honour of welcoming among the ranks of the Past Grand Officers two very excellent and energetic Masons in the person of Bros. Ralling and Lucking; the first the recipient of Past Grand honours at the hands of their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) Then they had in the person of Bro. Cooper a Senior Grand Deacon for the year, than whom no one was better known, or had done better work for the Province of Essex. There was also a very distinguished Mason and Past Grand Officer present in the person of Bro. F. Binckes, so that he thought he had said enough to show that it was a high honour their P.G.M. had done him when he coupled the toast with his name. They were Past Grand Officers, and yet not altogether past, for where there were gaps they were ready and willing to stop those gaps. Lords Carnarvon and Lathom were good Masons; they were like buckets in a well—when one was up the other was down—and always full of interest and goodwill for their Order and its noble Institutions. (Cheers.) He cordially thanked them, in the name of the Grand Officers, for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. PHILBRICK said the implement of authority was entrusted to him for a short time, and he meant to use that authority by proposing a toast that he knew would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. It was a toast that was always received in that province with peculiar welcome and peculiar honour, for it was "The Health of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke." (Loud and continued cheering.) Had he the eloquence of Demosthenes, he should still want language to express the esteem, and indeed affection, felt for him, who, as the head of the province, so ably, so courteously, and so genially presided over them, and whose continued and sustained interest in the welfare of the province had brought it to its present proud position among the provinces of the country. Their P.G.M. had in terms they all felt spoken of the admirable way in which their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, presided over the deliberation and destinies of Grand Lodge, and they in that province knew the courtesy, care, and judgment, with which every subject affecting its interest was considered by their Grand Master, and he (Bro. Philbrick) had no hesitation in saying that Lord Brooke thoroughly merited their confidence, and had gained it by the excellence of his rule, and the unbounded interest he took, not only in every lodge, but every brother under his rule. (Loud cheers.) During Lord Brooke's reign over them, notwithstanding times of unexampled distress, the lodges had increased in number, and if their prosperity had been achieved by leaps and bounds, it was built upon such a sure foundation that the superstructure would resist all the vicissitudes of time or change, and become a monument of which future generations of Masons in Essex might well be proud of. (Great cheering.) He concluded a lengthy and forcible address by saying that it was a grand day for Essex, when their Prov. Grand Master was appointed as its head, and long might he live to preside over them, loved and esteemed as he was by every member of it, and whose best wishes were for his continued health and happiness. (Loud cheers.)

Lord BROOKE, who was received with successive rounds of applause, said

it was a very difficult thing for him to return thanks in appropriate terms, or do justice to the manner in which the toast had been received by the brethren. He yielded in deep feeling to no man, but he must yield in eloquence to his deputy, who was enabled to pour forth in eloquent terms whatever the occasion or subject required at a moment's notice. (Cheers and laughter.) He, however, heartily thanked them for their welcome not only upon this but upon every occasion he came among them. He felt the full responsibility of presiding over such a province as that of Essex, because he knew how highly the province was regarded and looked up to by the provinces in its neighbourhood. But he was always supported with so much loyalty and liberality that the work became a pleasure, and the more he had to do the better he liked it. (Cheers.) There was one little thing that had been overlooked, not intentionally in Prov. G. Lodge, and that was to return thanks to the Magistrates for their kindness to them in letting them the use of the Court House that day, and he was sure that they would forgive him if he now gave instruction to their Secretary to tender the thanks of Prov. G. Lodge to those gentlemen for their kindness. (Hear, hear.) Of the two lodges consecrated that year, one had sustained a great misfortune, but the other, being at a place of great naval industry, was certainly most promising in its aspect. He was sorry that he had not been able to be with them so much as he would have liked during the past year, and could only say that he should, during the coming year, do his utmost to be among them oftener. (Loud cheers.) The next Prov. G. Lodge would be held at Colchester, under the auspices of those two excellent lodges, the Angel and United; and if he could induce any prominent Mason, or Masons to visit them, he should be very happy to do so. He might induce the Prince's son to come, and if he could he felt sure they would give him a loyal and hearty welcome—(cheers)—for although but a young Mason, it was with pleasure and pride they saw him following the footsteps of his illustrious father. (Loud cheers.) Before he sat down he would like to propose a toast to those excellent Masons who gave their services to the province as its officers, ungrudgingly and without stint. There was their excellent Bro. Philbrick, who was not only his Deputy, but Grand Registrar of England, and who was so well conversant with every detail in Masonry, that if he (Lord Brooke) at any time failed, Bro. Philbrick was always at hand to put him right, and he took that opportunity of thanking Bro. Philbrick for the advice given by him whenever he was consulted upon affairs touching the best interests of the province. He also thanked all the officers, for he knew that their duties were most onerous and responsible. He then asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily, and they did in bumpers.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in the course of a lengthy and brilliant address spoke of the difficulty of distributing the collars among the 26 lodges in the province so as to satisfy the honourable ambition of all, yet they must know that with time and good service their claims would be recognized, and their ambition satisfied, for their P.G.M. in distributing the honour of Prov. Grand Lodge, only desired to hold the scales of justice with a firm, yet judicious hand. (Cheers.) The Prov. Grand Officers had but one object in view, and that was the grand cause of Masonry; and the advancement of that cause in the Province of Essex. The liberality of the brethren in the cause of Charity has enabled them to place no fewer than eight old people in the list of annuitants. He advocated unity among them in their Charity organization, and that every vote in the province should be given to the province. The motto of Belgium was "L'Union fait la force," "Unity makes strength," and so long as they were a united body, so would they have strength to carry out those measures upon which the very existence of the province depended. (Applause.) He cordially thanked them for the toast, and assured them that, as in the past, so in the future, he should endeavour to maintain and uphold the high prestige of the Province of Essex.

Bro. BINCKES responded for "The Visitors," and assured the brethren that, amongst the various provinces that he had visited, he never experienced a more cordial welcome than that which he had received that day, and he felt sure the visitors would unite with him in thanking the brethren of Essex for their generous reception. He had known Essex for the last 30 or 35 years, and could safely say that it never occupied so prosperous a position as it held at the present time. It was an augury for the future, and he trusted that their Prov. Grand Master, who had that greatest of all blessings, youth, on his side, would live long, and ever be, as he was now, the grand moving power in the prosperity of the province over which he so ably and so genially presided. He trusted soon to have the honour of Lord Brooke's presidency over the Boys' School Festival; and then, he felt sure, the result would not be a whit less than the magnificent sum realized when he presided over the Girls' School Festival. He had worked hard in Masonry for many years, and had but one thought, and that was for the cause of Charity; the education and rearing of their children; and the comfort of their old people in the decline of life. (Cheers.)

The next toast was that of "The W.M.'s of the various lodges in the province," and in giving it the P.G.M. spoke highly of the merits of Bro. Humphreys, W.M., for the second time of the entertaining lodge, the Liberty of Havering.

Bro. HUMPHREYS, who is exceedingly popular among the brethren, met with a hearty reception when he rose to respond. He said he felt it a difficult task to speak for himself; how much more, therefore, to respond to such an important toast as that placed in his hands. As W.M. of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, he welcomed them to Romford, and held it a high honour to have entertained Prov. Grand Lodge during his year of office, and in that of the jubilee. The brethren of the lodge thought that the time had arrived, after fourteen years, to ask Prov. Grand Lodge to visit Romford, and he and they were proud to see such a grand gathering of Masons as were there to welcome his lordship, their Prov. G.M., and assist at the duties of Prov. Grand Lodge. For himself, he could only express his deep thanks for the great honour conferred upon him, and through himself to the lodge he had the honour to preside over. He should do all he could to promote the interest of Masonry in the province, and as they were working in perfect peace and harmony, so he felt sure it would ever continue. On behalf of the W.M.'s of the province he thanked them. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Master then retired amid every demonstration of esteem and affection, and Bro. Cochrane, by Lord Brooke's command, took the chair, his health being drunk most heartily. The whole affair was a great success, thanks to Bros. White, Manning, Heasman, Beeson, and Burroughs, Past Masters of the Liberty of Havering; and the other officers. Bros. Cozens, Hubbard, and Henig were the singers, and sang well the songs, &c. entrusted to their care.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET-SHIRE.

PRESENTATION TO THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire was held at the Town Hall, Bridgwater, on Friday, the 15th inst., under the banner of Lodge Perpetual Friendship, No. 135, and there was a large gathering of brethren from the 25 lodges in the province. Bro. J. M. Davis, the Senior Warden of the receiving lodge, was entrusted with the task of decoration, and he had converted the spacious hall into a very handsome lodge. The dais reserved for the brethren holding past or present provincial rank was at the platform end of the room, and was approached by seven steps, which were handsomely carpeted and decorated with flowers and plants. On the front of the gallery were placed the banners of the various lodges, and national ensigns and other flags decorated other parts of the room. The magnificent plants and flowers, which formed a conspicuous and very agreeable feature of the decorations, were supplied from Tucker's (Wembdon-road) Nursery.

A good deal of disappointment was occasioned when it became known just before the commencement of the proceedings (at 1.30) that a telegram had been received from the R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, stating Parliamentary duties detained his lordship in London.

The present officers of P.G. Lodge who attended included Bros. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; F. T. Elworthy, P.S.G.W.; F. W. S. Wicksteed, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. H. Maunsell Eyre, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. F. W. Aveling, Asst. P.G. Chap.; C. L. Fry Edwards, P.G. Treas.; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Sec.; J. A. Milborne, P.J.G.D.; F. Glover, P.G.D.C.; H. G. Crowe, P. G. Org.; Alfred J. Salter and S. Bigwood, P. G. Tylers.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon. Bro. F. T. Elworthy, P.M. 261 and 1066, occupied the P.S.G.W. chair, and Bro. Wicksteed that of P.J. G.W.

The Prov. Grand Officers having been received in due form,

The V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. ELSE, explained that the vexatious condition of Parliamentary business in the House of Lords prevented the Earl of Carnarvon from being present, and he sincerely regretted his absence. He had received a telegram from the noble Earl, in which he said: "Parliamentary business makes it absolutely impossible for me to attend. I am more distressed than I can say. My warmest greetings to Grand Lodge, heartiest congratulations to yourself, and my sincere regret at my enforced absence."

Bro. J. C. HUNT, Prov. G. Sec., called the roll of lodges, and it was found that the whole of the lodges in the province—25 in number—were represented.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY next read the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Taunton on the 24th August last, and they were duly confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, next read the accounts for the past year. These showed that the balance in hand at the commencement of the year amounted to £147 15s. 11d. The items of expenditure included a donation of £7 18s. 2d. to the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, a grant of £20 to Bro. Woodward, P.G. Tyler, 50 guineas for the Masonic Institutions, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £180 10s. 10d.

On the motion of Bro. B. C. BOARD, P.M. 291, seconded by Bro. W. REECE, W.M. 1139 (both of whom had audited the accounts and found them correct), the accounts were duly passed.

All offices were then declared vacant, and the following were elected and invested;—

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| Bro. C. F. Marshall, P.M. 53 ...   | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W.      |
| " E. Fry Wade, P.M., Sec. 291 ...  | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W.      |
| " Rev. F. W. Aveling, J.W. 261 ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " Rev. John A. Lloyd, W.M. 379 ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Chap.  |
| " C. L. Fry Edwards ...            | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " W. Peach, P.M. 41 ...            | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135 ...         | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " J. A. Timmins, P.M. 53 ...       | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D.      |
| " E. E. Baker, P.M. 1222 ...       | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D.      |
| " H. A. Budd, P.M. 285 ...         | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " W. Bidgood, P.M. 261 ...         | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C.      |
| " L. G. Derrick, 1953 ...          | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C.    |
| " B. Caffin, P.M. 135 ...          | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B.  |
| " W. Dyke, P.M. 437 ...            | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " J. Knight, P.M. 906 ...          | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " J. Pampllett, P.M. 814 ...       | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " A. Barber, P.M. 1199 ...         | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| " J. L. Norman, P.M. 772 ...       | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| " J. P. Green, P.M. 976 ...        | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " J. Lawrence, P.M. 1197 ...       | ... | ... |                   |
| " A. G. Gay, P.M. 1833 ...         | ... | ... |                   |
| " W. E. Bennett, P.M. 2038 ...     | ... | ... |                   |
| " R. Leach, W.M. 437 ...           | ... | ... |                   |
| " John Davis, J.W. 135 ...         | ... | ... |                   |
| " A. J. Salter, Tyler 53 ...       | ... | ... |                   |
| " S. Bigwood, Tyler 41 ...         | ... | ... |                   |
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Bro. ASHLEY proposed the re-appointment of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as Treasurer. He said the P.G. Lodge could not do better than elect Bro. Edwards to a position he had so worthily filled. Not only were their accounts kept in a most satisfactory manner, but Bro. Edwards took the greatest interest in everything connected with the Craft, and his re-election would be satisfactory not only to the P.G. Lodge, but to every brother in the province.

Bro. JELLEY seconded.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Bro. EDWARDS thanked the lodge for this renewed proof of their confidence in him.

The P.G. SECRETARY next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which congratulated the P.G. Lodge on the fact that the very handsome sum of £953 10s. had been contributed as a Jubilee offering from the Province of Somerset to the three Masonic Charities.

Bro. ASHLEY moved, and Bro. MEYLER seconded, the adoption of the report.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. ELSE) proposed that the best thanks of the P.G. Lodge be given to those Stewards who had taken up the sums that had reached so large a total as had been named, namely, Bros. W. Adams,

who took up £132 for the Benevolent Lodge; W. H. Good, £164; E. Fry Wade and A. Duckett, P.M.'s of 291, who took up £366 for the Boys' Masonic Institution, including £130 from their own (the Rural Philanthropic Lodge); J. L. Stothert, £236 from Lodge 53; and G. E. Alford, Weston-super-Mare, £53 11s.

The motion was agreed to with acclamation.

Bro. W. ADAMS, P.M. 261, briefly responded.

The V.W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then said it became his duty, in the absence of the Earl of Carnarvon, to move the resolution which stood in his name. It was as follows: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge hereby desires to record its satisfaction at the happy completion of this the 50th anniversary of the accession of her Majesty, and to return thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for the blessings which He has vouchsafed to this kingdom and empire during that long and prosperous period." He was not going to detain them by making anything in the shape of a speech, because they might take it that Jubilee matters had been thoroughly threshed out, and it would not become him to say in an imperfect manner what had been so perfectly said so many times. They would all, he thought, agree with the terms of the resolution, and the most fitting way in which they, as Masons, could show their appreciation of her Majesty's prosperous reign they had adopted by the contribution they made as a Jubilee offering to their Charities of over £900 from the Province of Somersetshire. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was then carried by acclamation, and the brethren joined in singing the National Anthem.

Bro. STOTHERT, P.P.S.G.W., then rose to propose a resolution in connection with the recent marriage of the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He said that he exceedingly regretted the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, as he would have made a speech on that occasion which he was sure would have been acceptable to every brother present, especially when they considered what the subject of that speech would have been. (Hear, hear.) The Deputy Prov. Grand Master was surrounded that day by many warm-hearted brethren, all of whom wished him the greatest prosperity, and there was not a single Mason present who wished that to a larger or warmer extent than himself. A personal friendship of something like 40 years had endeared their association, and when he had more abundant opportunities in recent years of seeing and valuing his worth he had learnt to know what an excellent man their Deputy was. When he was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master he was an untried man, so to speak, but since then he ventured to say there had been no Deputy Prov. Grand Master in England who more faithfully fulfilled the duties of Masonry in a higher or better way than he did, or who was more appreciated by the brethren throughout his province. He had given his whole soul and life to Masonry for many years, and had done so acceptably to every brother with whom he had come in contact. He had attended to all communications with the utmost courtesy, and his decisions had never been impugned in any matter that had been brought before him. They looked up to him and revered him very much as their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and it was for that reason they took advantage of his marriage to recognize that fact. He would not detain the lodge any longer, but he would ask the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to accept on behalf of himself and Mrs. Else the present before the lodge. He also handed to him a handsome album, bearing the autographs of the subscribers inscribed on vellum, and trusted that he would receive the gift in the same hearty spirit in which the Masons of this province wished to present it to him. He begged to move "That this Provincial Grand Lodge congratulates in the most hearty manner the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Else, on his marriage, and trusts he will accept the accompanying silver epergne and album, containing the autographs of more than 600 brethren, in recognition of his valuable and long-continued services in the cause of Freemasonry in the Province of Somersetshire, and that he and Mrs. Else may long enjoy every happiness the Great Architect of the Universe can bestow."

Bro. EDWARDS, P.G. Treas., added that that there were 635 signatures of brethren in the province to the addresses in the album. He trusted that the silver centre-piece which was now presented to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would long be an ornament to his table, and that when the Great Architect of the Universe should be pleased to carry him away from among them it would descend to one of his successors as a memento of the esteem, regard and affection in which he was held in the Province of Somerset. (Hear, hear.)

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the presentation, said there were moments in the lives of most of them when the tongue refused to obey the dictates of the heart. Such he felt to be his position on the present occasion, and, therefore, if his words were few, believe him they were none the less sincere. He desired, in the first place, to offer to Bro. Stothert his warmest thanks for the very kind and graceful manner in which he had been pleased to speak of the lady who had done him the honour to give her hand, and of himself. He was glad to find that during the twelve years he had been honoured with the collar of Deputy Provincial Grand Master he had been able to perform the duties of the office in a manner that had given the Earl of Carnarvon satisfaction, and had commended itself to the favourable consideration of the brethren in the province. In the second place, he begged all the lodges in the province to accept his hearty thanks for their renewed proof that, notwithstanding they had to put up with many shortcomings and idiosyncracies for many years, they were not quite tired yet of their Deputy. (Hear, hear.) He accepted with the greatest possible gratitude their beautiful, elegant present, but at the same time he could not lay the flattering unction to his soul that he was in the least degree worthy of their great kindness. ("Yes, yes.")

That superb epergne was doubtless of great value, but its intrinsic worth was nothing compared with the assurance it conveyed to his mind that he still retained the esteem—the love, if he might be allowed to say so—(hear, hear)—of his brethren in the Province of Somersetshire. As regarded the beautiful album, allow him to say he could not imagine any more fitting manner to record the names of the generous donors. He congratulated especially the brother in whose fertile brain the idea originated. He especially wished to offer his hearty thanks to the Committee who had got up the testimonial, including, he believed, Bros. Stothert, Elworthy, C. F. Edwards, Hunt and others, for the great trouble they had taken. (Hear, hear.)

The presentation took the form of an epergne, or centre-piece for the table in solid silver, weighing about 165 ounces, the general form of the design being that of an oblong plateau, chased around the sides with the ear of corn and the acacia plant, and ornamented with Masonic emblems, in the centre of which is placed an elegant pedestal, chased to match the plateau, supported on either side by an exquisitely-modelled Masonic figure symbolising beauty and strength combined, and surmounted by a shaped

glass dish to hold fruit or flowers. On one side of the pedestal, in a shield, is engraved Mr. Else's arms, motto, &c., above which, in a smaller shield, is engraved the emblem of the office (G.D.) he has held in Grand Lodge; while on the other side of the pedestal, in a shield, is engraved the following inscription:—"Presented to the Worshipful Brother Richard Charles Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, P.G.D. England, by the Freemasons of Somerset on his marriage, July, 1887," and above it is a smaller shield, the emblem of the D.P.G.M. of Somerset. The glass dish is also engraved with twelve emblems of the different Degrees in Masonry held by Bro. Else. The epergne is mounted on a polished ebonised plinth, shaped to match it, bearing two solid silver shields, on which are engraved the numbers of the 25 lodges in Somerset, and the towns in which they are held, who subscribed to the testimonial. The epergne, which was supplied by Messrs. Hancock, Cox, and Co., of Yeovil, was manufactured from a design prepared by them especially for the purpose, and selected by the Committee from amongst many others sent them for competition. In the first page of the album is the following autograph letter from the Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon:—

My dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been requested to write a few lines to accompany this volume, which will embody the good wishes and congratulations of your Masonic brethren in the Province of Somerset on your marriage. It is a great pleasure to me to do so, for among your many friends I hope you will believe there is no one who joins more cordially and sincerely in those good wishes than the writer of this letter. For many years we have been engaged in common Masonic duties, and I can honestly say that by your judgment, tact, and constant help you have made my task as Provincial Grand Master an easy and pleasant one.

Believe me to be, yours faithfully and fraternally,

20th April, 1887.

CARNARVON.

At the head of the signatures in the album from each lodge was the following:—"The Right Worshipful Bro. Richard Charles Else, P.G.D. England, and D.P.G.M. Somerset.—We, the undersigned, being members of — Lodge, desire to offer you our sincere congratulations on the occasion of your marriage. We trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will see fit to enrich you with every blessing, and that you may long be spared to enjoy the esteem and affection with which you are regarded by every Freemason in the Province of Somerset."

Bro. J. L. STOTHERT, P.P.S.G.W., proposed "That this Provincial Grand Lodge recommends each private lodge throughout the province annually to charge all the collars with a fee of honour, and that the amount thus raised be given to the three Royal Masonic Institutions as may from time to time be determined by the brethren of each lodge."

Several BRETHREN stated that the suggestion had been carried out in their lodges.

Bro. RADWAY seconded, and the motion was carried.

Alms were then collected, and the amount—£6 7s.—was handed over to the Bridgwater Infirmary, on the motion of Bro. J. C. HUNT, seconded by Bro. COX.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Royal Clarence Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Else, the V.W.D.P.G.M., the vice-presidents being Bros. C. F. Marshall, P.S.G.W., and E. Fry Wade, P.J.G.W. Covers were laid for about 150 guests.

The following was the toast list: "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," proposed by the V.W.D.P.G.M.; "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, and responded to by Bro. Else, P.G.D. of England; "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," "The V.W.D.P.G.M.," proposed by Bro. Meyler; "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Dr. J. Parsons and W. J. Metcalfe; "The Lodge of Perpetual Friendship, 135," responded to by Bros. Caffin and J. B. Sopar, P.M.'s; "The other Lodges of the Province," acknowledged by all the W.M.'s in attendance; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Elworthy, and responded to by P.M.'s W. Adams, 261, A. Duckett and E. Fry Wade, 291, and W. Alford, 1222; and the Tyler's toast.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Thursday, the 21st inst., under the banner of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, the premier lodge of the province. The meeting occurring on the day between the holding of the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, on Wednesday, and the annual Moveable Grand Lodge at Weymouth, on Friday, the attendance of some intending visitors was prevented, but exceptional interest attached to the occasion from the presence of a number of Mark Masons from Hereford, a petition of the St. Ethelbert Lodge, of that city, to be affiliated to the Gloucestershire Province, having recently been acceded to by Grand Lodge.

The Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge having been formed for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, the latter was opened in due form by Bro. J. Walker, M.A., the Prov. G.M., who was supported by his Deputy, Bro. W. Forth; by Bros. J. Brooksmith, P.M. 10; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M. 10, Past Officers of Grand Lodge; and by Bro. H. Jeffs, P.M. 10, G.I.G. The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present were—

Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.M. 10, P.S.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340, P.J.G.W.; W. C. Ferris, P.M. 218, P.G.M.O.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, 10, P.S.G.O.; J. S. Carleton, W.M. 340, W.M. elect 10, P.J.G.O.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, 10, P.G. Chap.; W. L. Bain, P.M. 10, P.G. Treas.; T. Milligan, W.M. 218, P.G. Reg.; G. Nerman, W.M. 10, P.G. Sec.; H. J. Ferris, 218, P.J.G.D.; Dr. Gregory, 10, P.G.I. of W.; W. R. Porcher, 10, P.G.D.C.; T. E. Gandy, 50, P.G. Org.; and R. T. Hughes, P.M. 218, P.G.I.G.

Amongst others present were—

Bros. W. C. Heane, P.M. 340, P.P.J.G.W.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Balcomb, P.M. 10, P.P.G.R.; E. T. Bryant, P.M. 10, Prov. S.G.O.; G. J. Caldwell, W.M. 243; O. Shellard, P.M. 243; J. Davies, P.M. 243; J. Blinkhorn, 243; J. Barnes, I.P.M. 243; J. Marchant, P.M. 243; E. Stephens, S.W. 243; J. S. Morton, M.O. 243; B. Cullwick, S.O. 243; S. Moss, J.D. 10; E. G. Chance, I.G. 243; T. A. Huband, 10; W. Powell, 10; C. A. Stephens, 243; Severitt, 218; and others.

The proceedings of Provincial Grand Lodge were chiefly of a routine nature, but they included a hearty exchange of congratulations between the brethren from Hereford and those of the Gloucestershire Province on their union. The reports from the various lodges of the province were satisfactory, the one exception being the record from the Lyegrove Lodge, No. 218, of the recent death of one of its most esteemed Past Masters, Bro. Lowick, who had filled the post of S.W. of the Province and G. Steward of England. This incident was the subject of a special resolution of sympathy and condolence proposed from the chair.

The following were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master as his officers for the year ensuing, viz. :—

Bro. Forth	...	...	Dep. P.G.M.
Baron de Ferrieres, P.M. 10,	P.G.O.	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Shellard, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
J. S. Carleton, W.M. 340	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
Milligan, W.M. 218	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
H. Clark, S.W. 340	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
Bain, P.M. 10	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Harding, 218	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
G. Norman, W.M. 10	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. R. Porcher, M.O. 10	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
Blinkhorn, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
R. T. Hughes, P.M. 218	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
Gandy, 10	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
M. F. Carter, 340	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
Marchant, P.M. 243	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.

It was intimated by the PROV. GRAND MASTER that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would probably be held under the banner of the newly affiliated lodge, at Hereford.

### ENTERTAINMENT TO AMERICAN BRETHREN BY THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 21st inst., the object being to extend a Masonic welcome to a number of distinguished American Masons who are passing through London. Lodge having been opened, and the American visitors having been ushered in by Bro. Tilton, acting D.C., and saluted, Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, W.M., addressed the brethren, and said that the position of their lodge had been vindicated, and the original idea realised, for it was started to afford a home in this country for American brethren. The members greeted their distinguished visitors as blood relations, and not as strangers, for they were all derived from the same source. It had been well said by a P.G.M. of Pennsylvania that Masons are like the waves of the sea, each one differing in form, but all uniting in forming one body. It was a happy coincidence that their visitors came from Philadelphia, for Philadelphia in its etymological sense meant brother, and brotherly love, and he greeted them as such. He hoped they would make themselves at home, for the lodge had been established by himself and other American and English Masons as a Masonic home under the the English jurisdiction for American brethren.

Bro. C. E. MEYER said it was his pleasing duty to heartily thank the brethren for the warm welcome they had received from this lodge, which was established but a few months ago for the purpose of bringing closer together if possible the Masons of the two countries. When he received the cablegram he hesitated before accepting the invite, knowing his time would be very limited. However, having read in the columns of the *Freemason* of the work of this lodge, and knowing the principles on which it was founded, he determined to accept the invite in order to exemplify the truth of those principles. They had visited this country as marking the Jubilee of our Sovereign in order to show their appreciation of her as a Queen, and as the mother of the M.W.G.M. They were present on that occasion, not as cousins, but as brothers, bringing the "Hearty good wishes" of 600,000 Masons to the Anglo-American Lodge, which was almost the youngest lodge.

Letters were received from Bros. G. A. Sala, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago; Trueman, Wood, and Augustus Harris, expressing their regret at their inability to attend and their sympathy with the object of the meeting.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which a lengthy toast list and programme of music were successfully carried out.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given and enthusiastically received, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers," remarking that there were several members of that body present, some of whom were members of their lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Woodall, P.G. Treas., and Parkinson, P.G.D.

Bro. J. W. WOODALL, P.G. Treas., briefly responded, observing that when he entered the room he had no idea his name would be coupled with the toast. He had again to thank them for placing him in his present position, and trusted that what he had done had been to the satisfaction of the Craft. The other Grand Officers merited the offices they held, and would also meet with the approbation of the brethren. He knew that Bro. Parkinson, with whom he played as a boy, would also reply, so he should simply thank them.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., in reply, said the P.G. Treasurer had been pleased, in his own felicitous way, to allude to the fact of their spending their boyhood together in a remote country town. Meeting that night as brothers, the locality of that town certainly to him derived an additional and more tender interest from the fact that it was in that good old county to which he belonged that their American brethren had made their pilgrimage. The county of York could not fail to be the centre of attraction to those who had crossed the Atlantic. He could not help remembering with the utmost satisfaction the sentiments that were exchanged on the night of the consecration. He remembered the great intellectual treat they all enjoyed from the eloquent and fervent oration delivered by Bro. Consul General Waller, an oration which, wide as his experience was, had hardly ever been surpassed in the beauty of its illustration or the wealth of its language. To the American brethren he desired, not merely in the name of those present but in the name of the Grand Officers who were absent, to assure them of the great gratification it gave that body to welcome them, and to interchange those fraternal feelings which were not limited by land or sea. For his own part he would ask their American visitors to remember them kindly, as they would remember them. If it should please them in the distant future to say that when they entered the room the brethren they saw were strangers, but before they left it they felt them to be intimate friends, it would bear out his knowledge of American generosity, and this occasion would be to them one of those memorable landmarks which not only commemorate but inspire.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, W.M., said that out of respect and affection for their American brethren he was about to offer them the toast of "The President of the United States." He was not aware if the present President was a Mason, but he knew that Washington was a member of the

Order. Their own Masonic Institution was a vast Republic, for their M. W. G. M. was the President, the Grand Officers the members of the Senate, and the W.M.'s and P.M.'s members of Congress. Looking at it in that light, they were as happy in their Masonic government as the Americans were in their President and Republic. It would ill become them to entertain their American brethren and not do honour to this toast. They should never forget that the stars and stripes and the English flag were of the same colours, and no colours blended better.

Bro. Consul General T. M. WALLER, S.D., in the course of a humorous speech, remarked that when he looked upon the list of toasts and saw he was to respond for the President of 60 millions of people, he determined to try a regular 4th of July speech, and he did what he thought was necessary to bring himself up to that beautiful position of oratory; but the W.M., with deliberate intention, had made the speech for him. On that occasion the toast was of great significance, for it would be told all though America, and told with some emotion, that never until that night had any W.M. of a Masonic lodge in the United Kingdom proposed the health of the President of the United States. It was also a happy coincidence that one whom they all loved and respected, and who had for so many years represented a large number of Grand Lodges of America, should be the one to propose the toast. The most pleasing thing of all was that Bro. Brackstone Baker would, in the annals of the American lodges, ever be canonised for the first Mason at a Masonic banquet who proposed the health of the Magistrate of 60 millions of English-speaking people in America. But among all the things that future generations would record, he trusted they would not forget that it was his felicity at this gathering feebly, but sincerely, to respond for the toast. He observed that this toast was more frequently given on this than on the other side of the Atlantic, where it was only on important State occasions that it would be proposed. But in England there was not a meeting where, as soon as the speeches began, the health of her Majesty the Queen was not proposed. Why was it? If they thought it was because the Americans were less loyal, he said—"No, no." It was simply because they had no way of doing it. He did not know how many years ago they drank to the health of "the King and Queen," but they would have been content to have done it for ever but for several fellows down in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, who, as some people said, "without fear of God before them," made a Declaration of American Independence. There was not an Englishman, wherever he might be, in whatever part of the country, who did not instinctively feel a reverence and affection for the Queen—and she deserved it. As a wife, a mother, as a grandmother, and as a woman she deserved it. There was another reason why. In England the Queen belongs to no party; she belongs to the people. Even at a political gathering both sides honour the name. It was not so in his country. There the Chief Magistrate belonged to the people; but he also belonged to a party. He must belong to one party or the other, and he pitied the President who did not belong to either. His first duty was to the people; the second to his party. It a man was proposed for President, one half of the people did all they could to prove he was not fit for the office, and Wild West was tame compared to the way in which they tomahawked each other. When he was elected they tomahawked any man who said anything against him, and they stood by him while they thought he did right. The President of the United States, because of that feeling, had more power than any Sovereign in any country on the face of the globe. In conclusion, he would say that in international diplomacy, and in the interchange of splendid courtesies, the President had always upheld the dignity of the people of the United States.

Bro. T. H. TILTON, P.D.G.M. New York City, gave "The American Visiting Brethren," and said the toast would be received in a hearty manner, not only by the members of the lodge, but by every Freemason present. They were assembled to extend the hand of fellowship and to welcome to their Masonic home the brethren from Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. One of the principal features in the formation of their lodge was to endeavour to bind together in the bonds of brotherhood the brethren of the two great nations. Their lodge was specially privileged to have the honour of first welcoming in London those distinguished brethren, and although Craft lodges knew but little of the advanced Degrees, still they knew that those Masons were well-known in those Degrees, most of them being Royal Arch, Mark, Knight Templars, some of them even having been received into the 32° and 33°. They all occupied positions of distinction in connection with Masonic affairs, and one of their number had occupied the responsible post of M.W.G.M. of K.T. of the United States, and had also been honoured by a seat in Congress. Without further remark he would ask the brethren to drink most heartily and sincerely to the health of the American brethren, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

Bro. J. H. HOPKINS, P.M. 221, Pennsylvania, said he had not thought he should be present, for he was like Falstaff, "quietly taking mine ease at mine inn," when he received notice that he was expected there, and, being always delighted to obey a Masonic summons, he was happy to be among them. It seemed to him that nothing so strongly and beautifully illustrated the great charm of Freemasonry as such assemblages as theirs that evening. They had been told that Englishmen were cold, reserved, and unapproachable, but he would say, and he spoke for the American brethren, that they had never struck hands with more genial Masons, and never found access to warmer hearts. There was no doubt that this meeting would be productive of beneficial results. He felt that the intermingling would cement the bond of friendship which already existed between the two nationalities. The hospitality and cordiality they had received had filled the hearts of every one present, and language could not express the gratitude he felt.

Bro. C. E. MEYER then proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said a very pleasing duty had been assigned to him in giving the toast of the W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge. A good lodge required a good Master, and a W.M. who was negligent of his duties, who did not understand the use of the gavel, or who ruled with overbearing hand, was not the one to make a good lodge. The W.M. of this lodge could not fail to successfully conduct the labours, for, from what they had seen of him in the past, from his 33 years of Masonic work, and from the honours conferred upon him, he did not think that in the whole of London a better man could be found. Another pleasing duty had been assigned to him. In order to mark this as the first red letter day of their history, the American brethren had asked him to present Bro. Brackstone Baker, W.M., with the jewel of a W.M. of an American lodge, and he now had the honour, on their behalf, to invest him with that jewel. He hoped it would be a token of union between that lodge and the American brethren. In asking them to drink this toast he would call upon the American brethren to give them an American "rocket."

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.Z., W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kindness with which his health had been proposed, and for the unanimity with which it was always received. The only merits he claimed were a great Masonic energy and a desire that Americans should receive a Masonic welcome as soon as they came to this country. This lodge had been a friend of his for many years past. He spoke to the late Grand Secretary, who said that the idea was impossible, for they would never get Americans to consent to their jurisdiction. He was very glad when Bro. George Reynolds and some other brethren spoke to him about it, and they were enabled to make a start. They were the Anglo-American Light Company. They paid no dividends, but they gave large returns. For the little he had done they had repaid him more than a hundred fold, and he should always retain a pleasing recollection of their kindness when he retired, and should always entertain a lively feeling, not only for this lodge, but for this 21st of July, when they received so many American brethren. That was the day they should celebrate, for it should be their 4th of July. Their handsome present would be a memento, far more for the recollections it brought to them of the kindness and brotherly feeling shown than for its intrinsic value. He was old enough to recollect that in 1878, when Bro. Meyer was present, Bro. George Kenning gave a dinner, and a very jovial dinner it was, to a number of American guests. In conclusion, he again thanked them for the kindness shown him and the American brethren for their kindly gift.

"The Initiates and Joining Members" was next given by Bro. A. CLARK, S.W., and responded to by Bro. Dr. WEDGWOOD in appropriate terms.

"The Visitors" was next given by Bro. Major GEO. LAMBERT, I.P.M., who congratulated the lodge on having so many visiting brethren. It was a happy idea that brethren coming from the other side of the Atlantic should find a home where they might meet and enjoy that hospitality for which Old England was so famed. On behalf of the lodge, he returned the American brethren hearty thanks for their presence.

Bro. HADLEY, P.A.G.D.C., having replied,

Bro. E. PERRY, 158, Pennsylvania, also returned thanks, and said he could not find words adequately to express the gratification of the American brethren at the welcome they had received. They were brethren in the midst of brethren, and when they entered the lodge they were delighted to observe the emblem of their country—their national flag—side by side with the colours of England, standing together in peace, and associated as those two nations always would be. They were the only two English-speaking nations on the face of the globe, and the globe contained room for only two nations of that language. When he received the invitation, he asked himself, "What does it mean?" But when he came there and heard the sentiments which led to the formation of that lodge, he was delighted to be present and to participate in that friendship they had so cordially extended. The present was an occasion long to be remembered amongst them, and would live in their memory as long as they were upon the earth.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, P.G.M. California, responded for "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and Dominions of Canada." It might be interesting to them to know how Masonry found its way into the State of California. He had the honour to inaugurate the first lodge in California, and not only there, but he had held a lodge on the top of the Rocky Mountains, surrounded by soldiers, when the gallant colonel condescended to act as Tyler. He had visited lodges all over the world, but he had never seen the hospitality extended so liberally to strangers as he had seen it in that lodge, and he believed that Masons only lived in London for the purpose of receiving their friends. Personally, he thanked them, and hoped the day was not far distant when he should meet the brethren again.

Bro. T. H. TILTON also replied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the Officers," and that of "The Treasurer and Secretary" in very pleasing terms.

Bro. A. CLARK, S.W., in responding for the officers, said he could assure the W.M. that the officers would endeavour to do their work well, and give him every support during his year of office.

Bro. J. B. CUMMING, Treas., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and said he hoped that as Treasurer he should always have plenty of cash in hand, and that the lodge would go on and prosper, and be in a good financial state at the end of the year. That night he had been much delighted with the visit of the American brethren especially so, being an American himself.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS, Secretary, in replying, said that he hoped to have been spared the ordeal of speaking, as he could assure the brethren he was very tired, for this day had been a very anxious and eventful one. He was glad to know and to hear from the brethren all had passed off satisfactorily, and that the American visiting brethren had had a happy reception amongst them. He was also pleased that so early an opportunity had been given the lodge for extending a hearty welcome to such distinguished visiting brethren so soon after its formation. He hoped to be spared many years to hold the position of Secretary, to give satisfaction to the W.M. and brethren connected therewith, and to see the lodge prosper and do good work.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close, and the brethren on parting said they had spent a most enjoyable time.

The banquet, with American dishes appropriate to the occasion, was served under the personal superintendance of Bro. G. P. Bertini, late of Delmonico's, New York, in the Victoria Hall, which was decorated with the English and American Flags. The tables were very tastefully laid out. A button-hole was provided for each brother, by Bro. T. A. Dickson, composed of a red and white rose with corn flowers.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, Org. of the lodge, who was ably assisted by Bros. Franklin Clive, A. Thompson, H. Prenton, and T. J. Robins.

Amongst the large number of brethren present were the following:

Members—Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., W.M.; Adolphus Clark, S.W.; Frederick Kedge, J.W.; T. M. Waller, S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Wilkie Jones, D.C.; Major George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br., I.P.M.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; and J. J. Wedgwood. The visitors included Bros. James H. Hopkins, P.M. 221, Pennsylvania; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; S. C. Hadley, P.A. G.D.C.; C. E. Meyer, P.M. 295, Pennsylvania; W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D.; C. F. Beatty, P.M. 2, N.Y. City; D. Sutter, P.M. 130; J. L. Young, P.M. 130, Pennsylvania; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; Dr. I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; A. A. Landis, 2, Pennsylvania; Jas. McCauley, D.C. 211, Pennsylvania; Jno. Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; E. Perry, 158, Pennsylvania; J. Fling, 296, Pennsylvania; J. G. Mecutchan, 134, Pennsylvania; L. Schmitt, 384, Pennsylvania; J. Wiener, 121, Pennsylvania;

E. R. Spencer, 368, Pennsylvania; A. B. Frengell, Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston; G. J. Littlewood, 9, Pennsylvania; M. R. Meyer, 69, N.Y.C.; C. Matthews, jun., 481, Pennsylvania; D. K. Spry, 352, Pennsylvania; J. Shaw, 190, Pennsylvania; R. Hey, 132, Pennsylvania; C. P. Cooper, 47 (I.C.); J. Sartain, P.M. 134, Pennsylvania; Jno. Bevan, 484, Pennsylvania; E. M. Jenkins, 289, Pennsylvania; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Stwd. Br.; Marshall P. Wilder, St. Cecil, N.Y.; Vanessan, W.M. 171; J. Ashmall, Astor, 603, N.Y.; Sir J. Robinson, J. S. Harrison, 230, Pennsylvania; W. W. Lee, 1897; and many others.

## THE AMERICAN MASONIC RECEPTION IN YORK.

York has just held its third Anglo-American Masonic reunion. In 1878 a large party of Masonic Pilgrims, mainly members of Mar y Commandery, Philadelphia, were received in York by Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101. On that occasion a banquet was given by the Preceptory in the Station Hotel, when the Lord Mayor of York of the period (Bro. Wm. Varey) attended in State. In 1883 another large party of Masons, principally of Apollo Commandery, Chicago, were received by Ancient Ebor Preceptory and the knights of Yorkshire, and a banquet was held in the Guildhall of York, the Lord Mayor (Bro. T. Varey) following the example of his brother and attending in State. Last week the third of these notable gatherings was held, and was the most important of the series, inasmuch as there was a larger attendance of English members of the Templar Order than on either of the previous occasions. As on the two preceding occasions, the gathering was organised by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who had drawn up a programme of proceedings embracing the 36 hours during which the visitors from the United States remained in York. The party arrived from Newcastle at six o'clock, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and, after dinner at the Station Hotel, the American brethren were conducted to the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, where the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was opened, the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren:—

Bros. W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; G. Lamb, J.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, Stwd.; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Asst. Stwds.; W. Storey, I.G.; J. Hall, Tyler; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; W. H. A. Coates, Wm. Routledge, J. Thorpe, W. Sharp, F. H. Vaughan, E. Thackray, W. S. Child, A. Archer, J. R. Jackson, E. Wilkinson, F. W. Halliwell, R. Ware, J. W. Blenkin, L. Beaumont, F. Masterman, J. Shaw, and J. E. Wilkinson.

Amongst the English visitors were—

Bros. W. Fraser, P.M. 1760; Arthur Sample, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Cowper, P.M.; H. C. Pickersgill, P.M. 837; H. Longford, W.M. 1416; W. N. Cheeseman, W.M. 566; F. W. Lean, 935; Hugh Cornell, 387; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire; E. W. Purnell, Sec. 236; T. Harding, 1991; T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, W.M. 2128; and others.

Amongst the American visitors were—

Bros. Wm. S. Perry, Bishop of Iowa, G. Chap. of Iowa; Chas. E. Meyer, P.M. 295; C. F. Beatty, P.M. 2, New York; Hon. J. H. Hopkins, P.M. 221, Pennsylvania; J. Sartain, P.M. 134; J. L. Young, P.M. 130; C. W. Packer, P.M. 72; C. Matthews, jun., P.M. 481; D. Sutter, P.M. 130, Pennsylvania; J. McCauley, P.M. 211; J. Shaw Charity, 190; J. Fling Mitchell, 296; Louis Schmitt, P.M. 384; J. G. Mecutchan, Franklin, 134; J. Cooper, P.M. 47 (I.C.); John Beavan, 484, Pittsburg; and others.

The visitors were received with a few words of warm welcome, which were responded to by Bro. CHAS. E. MEYER, the leader of the party. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Shaw was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., giving the traditional history and working tools. On the lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Chas. E. Meyer presented to the lodge and placed on the neck of the W.M. an American Past Master's jewel, and received the cordial thanks of the lodge.

After the close of the lodge the brethren met in the refreshment room, where songs and toasts made the evening pass all too quickly. Amongst the songs was an original ditty composed for the occasion by Bro. G. G. Pook, whose health was drunk with congratulations on the success of his efforts in the mine of Masonic poetry. The brethren parted company at a late hour, having enjoyed a thoroughly Masonic evening.

On Wednesday morning there was no lying late in bed, for the programme drawn up embraced a heavy day's work. At 10 a.m. Bros. Whytehead, Cumberland, Brown, Dyson, and others took charge of the American brethren and their ladies at the Station Hotel, and conducted them to some of the many places of interest in the ancient city of York. Ascending the mediæval walls at Micklegate Bar, they traversed them as far as Lendal Bridge, crossing which they entered the Philosophical Society's Gardens, passing through the ruins of St. Leonard's Hospital, St. Mary's Abbey, the Museum of Roman Antiquities, and so on, and then passing on to the Cathedral. Here they were shown the many curiosities contained in the Vestries; the Crypt where the Royal Arch meeting was held in 1778, the Chapter House, and other points of beauty. At noon they were conveyed in carriages by way of Monk Bar, Jewbury, the Red Tower, and Walmgate Bar, to the Merchants' Hall, where a champagne luncheon was given by the W. Master, Past Masters, and Officers of the Eboracum Lodge, the following brethren forming the Luncheon Committee: Bros. Wm. Brown, W.M.; W. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treasurer; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; G. Lamb, J.D.; W. Storey, I.G.; J. H. Shonksmith, Steward; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; and Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., P.M.

Several English visitors were also guests, including, Bros. T. W. Tew, Prov. G. Master West Yorks; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Standard Bearer; W. H. Cowper, P.M. Ferrum; J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lancashire; W. F. Smithson, W. J. Monckman, J. Beck, W. Watson, J. Dyson, Rev. W. C. Lukis, and others.

After the luncheon the toasts of "The Queen" and "The President of the United States" were given, and both received with great enthusiasm, after which the ladies and non-Templars were taken to the Hotel in carriages.

An adjournment was then made to the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, on the flagstaff over which the English and American colours were flying in fraternal conjunction. Here a large number of English visiting Templars had already assembled, and had been provided with luncheon by the preceptory, and here at 2 p.m. the Eminent Preceptor, Frater W. H. Cowper, opened the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, with the following officers: Frater Wm. Brown, Constable; J. T. Seller, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P. Registrar; A. H. H. McGachen, Sub-Marshal; W. B. Dyson, Herald; M. F. W. Williamson, Standard Bearer; Wm. Watson, Sword Bearer; W. P. Cochrane, Capt. of Guards. The following members of the preceptory were also present: Frater Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.: Rev. W. Valentire, P.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.; C. Palliser, P.; J. Marshall, P.; M. Millington, P.; and Sir Joseph Terry (Lord Mayor). Frater J. S. Cumberland, P. (Honorary member), acted as D.C., during the entry of the visitors, who were received with honours. Amongst these were Frater T. W. Tew, Prior of West Yorkshire; C. J. Banister, Prior of Northumberland and Durham; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Prior of Devonshire; J. W. Woodall, Sub-Prior of North and East Yorkshire; and many present and past officers of Great Priory. West Yorkshire Priory was very well represented, there being present from the Plains of Rama Preceptory (Keighley), No. 3, Frater T. W. Turner and W. Darling; from Hope Preceptory (Huddersfield), No. 4, Frater J. Hope, E. P., Alfred Gill, Reg., and S. Denton; from Faith Preceptory (Bradford), No. 13, Frater J. W. Monckman, Std. Br. Eng., Henry Smith, P., and J. Davis, P.; from Prince Edward Preceptory (Eastwood), No. 18, Frater Geo. Normanton, P.; from Salamanca Preceptory (Halifax), No. 21, Frater R. D. Kendall, Isaac Booth, P. P. Chancellor, J. W. Balne, H. S. Houldsworth, W. Stott, Wm. Hodgson, Walter Emmott, John Marshall, P., F. Fleming, E.P., F. Whiteley, and J. Sagar; from Fearnley Preceptory (Dewsbury), No. 39, Frater J. Wordsworth, P. P. Constable, F. W. Reuss, T. Pickles, and G. Heaton; from De Furnival Preceptory (Sheffield), No. 36, Frater J. Shaw, Prov. Constable; from Fidelity Preceptory (Leeds), No. 114, Frater H. C. Pickersgill, Rev. W. C. Lukis, P., J. Dyson, R. W. Moore, P., J. Quarterman, J. Deacon, W. F. Smithson, Prov. Constable, and W. H. Backinson. The Province of Northumberland and Durham was represented by Frater T. G. Armstrong, E.P. Royal Kent; H. Hotham, Past Sub. Prior; Jas. Monks, Sub. Prior; Adam Winlaw, P. Royal Kent; R. L. Armstrong, Royal Kent; T. M. Barron, P. St. Cuthbert; S. Wilson, E. P. St. Cuthbert; C. D. Hill Drury, St. Cuthbert. From Antient York Preceptory (Hull) were Frater Walter Reynolds, P., T. Thompson, P., W. Gillett, W. Coysh, and T. Weatherill; from Jacques de Molay (Liverpool), Frater E. Pierpoint; from St. Arnaud (Worcester), Frater W. B. Williamson; from Albert, Frater S. Scott Young; from Geoffrey de Bouillin (Scarbro'), Frater R. Y. Powley, from Jerusalem, Frater J. Chadwick; from St. Joseph's, Frater F. W. Lean, P.; besides several other English Frateres who, having failed to sign the attendance book, left no record of their names. The American Frateres present were: Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder of Pennsylvania; Hon. J. H. Hopkins, P.G.M. of the United States; D. Sutter, P. Mary, 36; John L. Young, P. Mary, 36; Edwd. Perry, Corinthian Chasseur, 53; J. Shaw; P. Hutchinson, 32; C. F. Beatty; P. Clinton, New York; W. S. Perry, Kadosh (Bishop of Iowa); John Sartain, Kadosh; C. Matthews, jun., P. Mary, 36; J. Beavan, Pittsburg, 1; C. W. Packer, P. Mary, 36; A. A. Landis, Mary, 36; Joseph Fling, Philadelphia, 2; Richard Hey; Daniel K. Spry, Dieu le Veut, 45; J. McCauley, Mary, 36; and E. B. Spencer, Corinthian Chasseur, 53. The American visitors attended in their uniforms, and, entering last, were duly saluted and responded. The throne having been taken by Frater T. B. Whythead, P., Comp. J. Blenkinsop of Newcastle was introduced, and was received and installed a Knight of the Order, Frater J. S. Cumberland, P., acting as Sub-Marshal. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the arch of steel was formed, and the American visitors retired, followed by the Priors of Provinces, Grand Officers, and English visitors, and the preceptory was closed.

An adjournment was then made to the Cathedral, where the ladies had been conveyed in carriages from the hotel, and the knights having been seated on the south side of the choir, which had been reserved for them, evensong was said, after which a special Te Deum was sung by the choir, by permission of Bro. the Dean of York. An offertory was taken, amounting to £8, in aid of the restoration of the St. Cuthbert window, and at the conclusion of the service Bro. D. Naylor gave an organ recital, embracing "Marche Religieuse," G. A. Guilmant, and "Allegro Vivace," from the symphony in G, by C. M. Widor; and carriages once more took the American visitors to their hotel, where they had a couple of hours breathing time.

At 7 p.m. the Lord Mayor of York, Sir Joseph Terry, and the Lady Mayoress held a reception in the Grand State Room of the Mansion House, and at 7.30 a procession was formed, headed by the Lord Mayor with Mrs. C. E. Meyer, and Frater C. E. Meyer with the Lady Mayoress, preceded by the Sword and Mace, to the Guildhall, where a banquet was given by Ancient Ebor Preceptory. During the entry into the Guildhall "Yankee Doodle" was played, and during the banquet and at intervals, in the evening, glees and songs were sung by Bro. J. E. Wilkinson's York Quartette, Bro. A. Sample, P.P.G.O., accompanying at the piano. Many of the English visitors named above, with their ladies, were present, and the American guests numbered between 40 and 50, altogether making up a party of about 110.

The toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the LORD MAYOR who presided.

### COLONEL MACLIVER'S ENTERTAINMENT OF THE MARY COMMANDERY K.T. PILGRIMS.

A remarkable gathering of Knights Templars from England and America took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 25th inst., in response to the invitation issued by Col. MacLiver, the E.P. of the famous Baldwin Preceptory, Bristol. The E. Preceptor was supported by Sir Knights W. A. F. Powell, Prov. Prior of Bristol and Gloucester; Pierrepont Harris, the respected Prov. G. Sec., and nine other members, all hailing from the Bristol preceptory, who had expressly journeyed to London to meet the American fratres.

Besides there, there were from London and other parts various sir knights who had been invited by the E.P., including Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Prior of Surrey; Captain Philips, Prov. Prior of East Anglia; Sir Knights F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Hugh D. Sandeman, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, George Kenning, R. H. Thrupp, G. Cooper, W. J. Hughan, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, Robert Berridge, C. H. Driver, R. Gooding, M.D., Rev. A. H. Cummings, and others.

The fratres from America hailed mostly from the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, in whose honour really, the handsome entertainment was given, chief amongst whom were Sir Knights C. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder Pennsylvania; and Past Commanders J. Sartain, J. L. Young (Treasurer), and D. Sutter. There were also present Sir Knights Packer, J.W. 36; Spencer, P.C. 53; Beatty, P.C. 15 (New York); Perry, P.C. 53; Harrison, Mecutchen, Matthews, jun., Spry, Beaven, Schmitt, MacCauley, the Hon. Wilson, Tilton (New York), Landis, Fling, Shaw, Littlewood, Wiener, and Jenkins. The Hon. James H. Hopkins, P.G.M. of U.S.A. (K.T.), and P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, was a specially honoured guest at the right of the Chairman. Of honorary members of the Mary Commandery present were Sir Knights MacLiver, Kenning, Hughan, and Tilton.

A much larger number would have been present, but the regretted illness of some, and the absence from town of several eminent Knights Templars, led to numerous letters of regret being forwarded to the generous and hearty host.

The toast list was of an unusual character, and, like the luncheon, was much appreciated by all, especially the American guests.

The first toast was "The Queen, the President of the United States, and the United Orders of the Temple and Malta," given by the genial CHAIRMAN, and responded to with great heartiness. Then followed "The Prince of Wales, our Grand Master," which was most warmly received, as also the third—"The Great Prior and Officers of the Great Priory of England and Wales"—on whose behalf Captain N. G. PHILIPS replied, and expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of Lord Lathom and Col. Clerke, the Great Prior and the Great Sub-Prior respectively.

Sir Knights General BROWNRIGG, and the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, and others took part in the remaining toasts.

"The Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States" was responded to in most eloquent terms by the orator of the American Pilgrims, Sir Knight the Hon. JAS. H. HOPKINS, Past G.M. "The V.E. Prov. Priors and Officers of Provincial Priorities" induced the veteran Sir Knight POWELL to speak on the eventful past of the Baldwin Preceptory, quoting from the American author, Bro. Cross, in proof of his interesting sketch of Knight Templary, particularly in Bristol.

Sir Knight HUGHAN proposed "The E.C., Officers, and Members of Mary Commandery, Philadelphia, U.S.A.," and coupled with that toast (by Sir Knight Col. MacLiver's desire, as also his own) the name of Sir Knight C. E. Meyer, alluding in terms of the warmest praise to the devotion, zeal, and ability displayed by that distinguished American frater in relation to the interests of his commandery and to the Craft generally. Mary was now virtually *number one* in the United States, and its fame was world wide, as it deserved to be.

Sir Knight MEYER followed with a most interesting account of the Masonic rites as practised in the United States, and more especially in Pennsylvania, and most gratefully and felicitously expressed, on behalf of the Pilgrims, their appreciation of the efforts of their English brethren and fratres to entertain them, wh'er they journeyed, whether at Edinburgh, York, or elsewhere. He remembered most thankfully the noble banquet tendered them in 1878 by Bro. George Kenning, and now the splendid reception given them by the Eminent Prior of the Baldwin Preceptory (who, with his friends had left their Bristol homes and travelled so many miles to do them honour) would be held in remembrance as one of the most valued compliments out of the many conferred upon them as a Commandery. Sir Knight Meyer then asked the E. Preceptor to accept a jewel worn by Commanders in the United States, as a visible token of their appreciation, and on placing the handsome decoration on that brother's breast, the manifestations of enthusiastic applause by the fratres will not soon be forgotten by those privileged to take part in the proceedings.

Sir Knight Col. MACLIVER replied in very kind terms, expressing his surprise, and at the same time his hearty appreciation of the gift. His allusions to the noble position attained by the Mary Commandery were applauded, and the intimation that ere long he might again visit their shores to receive another fraternal reception was gladly heard by the American brethren. Throughout the speeches, and not forgetting the "elegant repast," everything went off "as smooth as a glove," and Sir Knight MacLiver must feel satisfied that his numerous guests were most thoroughly pleased.

### THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

FROM ITS ORIGIN, 1788, TO ITS CENTENARY, 1888.

But satisfactory as it is to know that Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini was a man of eminence in his profession and the founder and member of many Masonic lodges, it is as the kindly and humane brother, as "the Institutor" of our Girls' School, and, as a consequence, as virtually the originator of all those splendid Charities which confer such undying fame on the Order of Freemasons in this country, that we love to regard him. His professional skill brought him the patronage of Royalty, and his membership of many lodges gave him more influence than usually falls to the lot of an individual brother. It is possible that without this Royal patronage and Masonic influence he might not have attempted the achievement with which his name must ever be associated; but, after all, the chief merit belonging to Bro. Ruspini is that having secured his opportunities, he turned them to such admirable account. Another might have been content with the patronage that brought him wealth, and the influence which

gave him weight in our councils. Bro. Ruspini appears to have considered that his greater influence necessitated his undertaking still more important duties than any he had previously essayed, and the need of some provision for the daughters of indigent Masons being recognised on all sides, that he might adventure upon some scheme for establishing a permanent home for the female offspring of his poorer brethren. It was a worthy conception, and well calculated to enlist the sympathy of the Craft. Many leading lodges and Masons at once promised their support. The Duchess of Cumberland graciously accepted the office of Patroness. The Duke of Cumberland, our illustrious Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and the Dukes of York and Gloucester gave the plan their patronage, and, having regard to the character of the proposed Institution, it was resolved "to solicit the favour of those Ladies who should condescend to become Governesses, to inspect into the economy of the house, the education of the children, and into all matters relative to their various employments; and that they would vouchsafe to communicate to the Committee such observations as might seem necessary to forward the purposes of this Institution; thus adding to the liberality of their contributions the kind office of training young female minds, destitute of parental care and attention, to Industry and Virtue, to social, moral, and religious Duties." Contributions were generously subscribed, and the scheme having been solemnly inaugurated on the 25th March, 1788, steps were taken at an early date with a view to preparing the necessary organisation and obtaining suitable premises. On the 14th May following a select Committee of the subscribers and promoters met at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. James Galloway, a strong friend of the proposed School, those present being Bros. William Addington, the Rev. W. Peters, James Heseltine, James Bottomley, Thomas Dunckerley, B. Ruspini, T. Ogle, and James Allen, Secretary pro temp. On this occasion, after a number of letters and papers had been read and ordered to be referred to the General Meeting of the Governors, it was resolved unanimously, "That Thursday, the 22nd instant, be the day appointed for a General Meeting of the Subscribers, and that Circular Letters be sent to them, and also publicly advertised, to meet at Freemasons' Tavern precisely at 12 o'clock on that day." It was also agreed that Bros. Galloway, Peters, and Ruspini should wait on the noblemen and others whose names appeared "in the original printed List as Presidents, to obtain their answer relative to a continuance of their Support as such;" after which the Committee adjourned *sine die*.

It is to be regretted that no account has been preserved of the steps preliminary to the above meeting, and that "the original printed List" referred to is not forthcoming; not so much on account of the help they would give us in our attempt to elucidate the early history of the School—for this there is ample material in the minutes, which begin on the aforesaid 14th May, 1788, and follow on thence both regularly and consecutively—but because it is impossible to be too well informed about the early stages of a foundation which has been productive of such amazing benefits. However, we may reasonably infer as regards the printed List, that the inquiries made by Bro. Ruspini and the two brethren associated with him as to the noblemen and gentlemen mentioned therein being prepared to continue their services as Presidents were satisfactory. On the appointed 22nd May "the First General Meeting of the Subscribers" was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, as arranged. Bro. James Galloway again presided, and the minutes of the Special Committee having been read and approved, and "the printed Plan, Rules, Regulations, &c.," having been read and "referred to a Committee to be revised and reported," steps were at once taken for the appointment of a General Committee and the Officers. After some debate it was agreed as regards the former "that the Grand Officers for the time being and Provincial Grand Masters, not exceeding twenty in the whole, and twenty Governors should compose the Annual Committee, but if the number of Grand Officers amounted to more, the Governors to be then increased in proportion." Bro. B. Ruspini having been elected Treasurer for the current year, and Bro. James Allen, Secretary, Bro. Heseltine, the Grand Treasurer, "rose and informed the meeting that the Hall Committee most willingly granted the use of the Hall for the intended Concert for the benefit of the Royal Cumberland Free Mason School, and warmly expressed his Ideas of the just Praise which was due to Mr. Ruspini for his great Merit in projecting this Institution, and for the indefatigable Pains he had taken to bring it to its present rapid crisis, and concluded by moving that the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. B. Ruspini, the humane and benevolent Projector and Worthy Treasurer elect, which was carried Nem. Con. with loud applause." A similar vote of thanks having been paid to Bro. Galloway "for his polite and impartial conduct" in the chair, the following were "nominated members of the Annual Committee for the present year," namely:—

"The Rt. Honble. Lord Macdonald, James Galloway, Esq., Jas. Hull, Esq., G. W. Carrington, Esq., Wm. Beard, Esq., Thos. Bidwell, Esq., Henry Spicer, Esq., Jas. Wybourn, Esq., Wm. Robinson, Esq., F. H. Barthelemon, Esq., Mr. Chas. Savignac, B. Ruspini, Esq., Wm. Addington, Esq., Wm. Birch, Esq., Mattw. Bloxam, Esq., Henry Holland, Esq., Thos. Hammersley, Esq., Jas. Lucadou, Esq., Francis Broderip, Esq.

"And the following Gentlemen, who had voluntarily offered their Advice, Attendance, and Medicines, Gratis, viz. :—

"Dr. A. H. Kennedy, Dr. De Valangin, Physicians; Jno. Phillips, Esq., and T. Ogle, Esq., Surgeons; and Mr. Boys, do.; Jas. Farmer, Esq., Apothecary."

Having completed this portion of the arrangements, the General Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

The Annual, or General, Committee held their first meeting at the Thatched House Tavern, St. James's, on the 13th June, when the Rules and Regulations, &c., as intended for publication, were read, and certain members of the Committee were invited to examine and correct the proof sheets. Mr. James Allen, Secretary, was appointed Collector of Subscriptions and Contributions, and, on the motion of the Treasurer, it was agreed to appoint Trustees as "Guardians of the Property" of the Institution, and "to receive the Security from the Treasurer and Collector;" the following being nominated and unanimously elected as such, namely, Lord Macdonald, James Heseltine, James Galloway, William Addington, and William Birch. On the 5th July the first Quarterly Court was held at the St. Alban's Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. B. Ruspini. On this occasion three girls were recommended as candidates for admission, and the brethren charged with the correction of the proof sheets having completed their task, it was resolved that the Rules and Regulations be at once printed. The question of taking a house for the purposes of the School was then considered, but after some discussion it was agreed to hold a Special General Meeting on the following Thursday, the 10th July instant, for the purpose of settling a business of such importance. And when the day came round and the brethren were assembled, Bro. Heseltine, who was in the chair, suggested a second postponement in order that the Governors might know fully the nature and extent of the liabilities they were undertaking. However, it was at length resolved at a further Special Meeting on the 16th July, that a house at Little Chelsea, belonging to a Mr. Lochée, should be taken, at a yearly rental of £84, on the understanding that Mr. Lochée should fit up and repair it under the inspection of a Surveyor to be appointed by the Committee. The selection appears to have been a costly one. A Committee was appointed to view the premises and see what repairs and alterations were necessary, and some progress had been made, when, at a Committee Meeting held at the Thatched House Tavern, on the 14th October following, the Secretary announced "that he yesterday received a letter from Mr. Galloway at Windsor Great Lodge informing him that the Patroness was extremely dissatisfied with the taking of Mr. Lochée's House, and recommended that Mr. Lochée be treated with for breach of contract and the agreement cancelled; that he had communicated the contents of the letter to the Treasurer (Bro. Ruspini), and had wrote to Mr. Galloway by express, that rather than incur Her Royal Highness's displeasure, the Treasurer would take the House upon himself, and immediately remove the Inscription Board, &c." He further stated "that he had that instant received Mr. Galloway's Answer, wherein The Duchess commanded him to say that she could not retract Her Objection to the House, but altho' Her Royal Highness so strongly objects, she will not take upon her to decide, but leaves it to the determination of the Committee." What may have been the nature of her Royal Highness's objections does not appear. At a meeting held on the 21st October, "pursuant to adjournment from the 14th Instant," Mr. Galloway explained fully their foundation, and Mr. Broderip added that, in consequence thereof, "Mr. Ruspini had resolved to Cancel the Agreement with Mr. Lochée if it could be done on any reasonable terms;" and that in consequence he and Mr. Spicer, as representing Mr. Ruspini, had had an interview with Mr. Lochée, who had at length consented to the agreement being cancelled, on condition that he (Mr. Lochée) "should retain the thirty pounds already paid him for fixtures, &c. And that thirty-five pounds more should be paid him for his damages and disappointment," he at the same time promising to "continue his annual subscription of five guineas to the Charity." The expenses thus uselessly incurred, which amounted to considerably more than the sums stated above, were in the end defrayed by the Governors, the Committee having very properly indemnified Bro. Ruspini from all loss in the matter, and the objection of the Royal Patroness proving, as we have seen, insuperable, no other course remained to the Committee than to recommence their search for a suitable house. Ultimately, on information furnished by Dr. De Valangin, one in Somers Place East\* was engaged, under a yearly tenancy at a rental of £35 per annum, and the necessary fittings and arrangements for the reception of 15 children were at once undertaken and completed to the satisfaction of the Committee.

(To be continued).

\* Described in the Minutes as being "in the New Road, at the back of the Duke of Bedford's;" and in the account of the Institution in the article in the *Freemasons' Magazine* already noticed, as "in the New Road, leading from Tottenham-court-road to Islington," the same locality being evidently intended in both descriptions.

APPRENTICE PILLAR is the so-called and well-known pillar in the Chapel of Rosslyn Castle, N.B., with which an old Scottish Masonic legend has long been linked. The pillar has been described as a fluted shaft, with a floral garland wreathed around it. The legend is as follows: The Master Mason had to go away, some say to Rome, for some purpose connected with the plans of building. During his absence, which was prolonged, a clever apprentice, a widow's son, either from the plans or by his own genius, carved and completed the pillar out of the solid stone. When the master returned and found the pillar erected, he was so jealous of the success of his apprentice that he killed him with one blow on the forehead by a heavy setting maul. To prove this legend to be a fact, visitors to the spot are still shown three carved heads in the eastern part of the chapel, the master's, the apprentice's with a mark on his forehead, and the mother's. Some, however, believe that these three heads are mystical, and are meant to point to a well-known legend of our order, familiar to all our Master Masons. If so, this is an undesigned evidence to the antiquity of Freemasonry and its traditions.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

NOTES ON THE MINUTE BOOK OF AN EARLY ATHOL LODGE.

In the old Minute Book of No. 20 (Ancients) constituted 9th July, 1753, the following "Prayer" and "Rules and Orders" are given, which I venture to re-produce on account of their peculiarities and also of their early date.

The "Prayer" was written on the first leaf of the Minute Book, and the "Rules and Orders" on the right-hand side of the next eleven folios—viz., 2 to 12 inclusive, the left-hand side being blank. These Rules and Orders were regularly agreed to on 2nd October, 1753, the members from time to time signifying their approval by affixing their signatures in the Minute Book.

A PRAYER TO BE REPEATED AT THE MAKING OF A NEW BROTHER.

O God the author of every good and perfect gift and the Grand Architect of the Universe, we thy servants truly sensible of our own unworthiness, approach thy Divine Majesty, humbly Beseeching Thee to bless and protect us, and all those who with the Secrets of Masonry endeavour to unfold and practise the Mysteries of Godliness and Christianity, Grant us Thy Presence in this and all our Undertakings, confirm our choice of this Thy servant, and that he may in all things live as becomes A MASON, give him the spirit of Wisdom to avoid the evil and to chuse the good, the spirit of meekness and forbearance and of Brotherly love and charity, Strengthen him against all Temptations that he may ever be able to subdue his Passions, and adorn us all with the spirit of Zeal for Thy glory, and fervency in Thy worship, that we may not use our Freedom in Christ as a Cloke of Maliciousness, but in all our thoughts words & actions so square our lives within the compass of Thy commandments as becomes the Servants of Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

RULES AND ORDERS.

I.

That a Lodge of Free & Accepted Antient Masons be held at the Hampshire Hog, in Goswell Strt., London (or elsewhere), on the 1st & 3d Monday of each Month, And that such Lodge consist of One Master, Two Wardens, Two Deacons, and a Tyler, with as many Members as the Master and Majority shall think proper:—that all the Brethren do appear in decent apparel with proper Cloathing and obey the Mastr, and observe a good decorum while the Lodge is engaged in what is Serious and Solemn, otherwise the Transgressor shall not sit in the Lodge with the consent of the Mastr. and Majority.

II.

That the Lodge meet at the Hours hereafter mention'd, viz., from the 25th of March to the 10th of Sepr. at 7 o'clock in the Evening, and sit until Ten, and from the 10th of Sepr. aforesd., to the 25th of March following, from 6 until 9 o'clock, and if any memr. be absent one hour after the time of Meeting shall be fin'd 1 penny, and if absent the whole Night or time of business shall be fin'd 2 pence, except such absentee be sick, in confinement, or three miles from the place of meeting, and that all such fines be put in the Box.

III.

That the Mastr. be chose by Ballot, viz., the Wardens shall stand Candidates the Lodge Night before each St. John's day, and the Cands. withdraw from the Lodge while every free Member gives his vote in favour of him he deems most worthy. Each free Memr. having one Vote & the Mastr. two. When done the Cands. shall be call'd in, and the Mastr. declare him duly elected who hath the Majority; then the Mastr. elect shall nominate his Wardens with the aforesd. proceedings, and Deacons according to Seniority, and a Secretary and all Master Masons.

IV.

That the Master & Wards. do attend the Grand Lodge on every first Wednesday of every month at the usual hours, and at all other times on proper notice when Business require, and therein to transact all matters relating to this Lodge as full and truly as if we, the whole body, were there present.

V.

And if any Member refuse to serve any of the aforesd. Offices shall be fin'd as follows, viz., the Master 5 shillings, each Warden and Secretary two shillings, each Deacon one shilling, and to be fined the same if they don't serve their full time. Except for the Reasons mention'd in the 2d Rule. That the Master and Brethren meet on every St. John day to dine together between the Hours of 12 and two o'clock, and that each Memr. pay 2 shillings the Lodge night before each St. John's day towards defraying the charges of the Festival, that the Wardens be appointed as Stewards to Transact all matters relating to the Feast, that the new Officers be instal'd immediately after Dinner, and all Visitors who dine in this Lodge on said days shall pay 2. 6 for Dinner.

VI.

That on each Lodge Night every Memr. pay one shilling and put 2 pence in the Box; that the Junr. Warden keep an exact account of the Reckoning, and acquaint the Body when all are in, and upon his negligence or omission he shall be answerable for the Difficiency.

VII.

No Visitor to be admitted after the Hour of 9 o'clock (nor at any time) (without the Master's leave), and if admitted shall pay equal with the Mems. Nor shall any Bror. be admitted a Second time that doth not belong to a Regular Antient Lodge until he has enter'd himself a Member of an Antient Lodge as aforesd., and his name Register'd in the Grand Lodg Book.

VIII.

Any person desirous of being made a Mason shall be reported a Lodge Night before his making by a Member of the Lodge, and if not well known shall be farther reported to the Grand Secretary, with his name, Occupation, and place of abode, with the intended time of his making that the Secretary may make a strict enquiry into his Character (and if approv'd off) shall pay £1. 5—one pound five shillings—one moiety to be spent as a Wellcome to the New Bror. and the other part to be put in ye Chest of this Lodge, and at his making shall Cloath the Lodge if requir'd, and when Enter'd shall be Registered in the Grand Lodge Book.

IX.

When any Mason is desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge he shall be reported a Lodge night before as above and Balloted for and when admitted shall pay [2s. 6d. into the Box and\*] one shilling to the Grand Secretary for Registering him to the Number of this Lodge.

\* Rule IX. The words in Brackets were in the original Rules but subsequently struck out.

X.

If any Br. in the Lodge curse, swear, lay or offer to lay wagers or use any Reproachful Language in derogation of Gods Name and corruption of good manners, or Inrupt any Officer while speaking, shall be fin'd at the Discretion of the Master & Majority.

XI.

If any Member of this Lodge come disguis'd in Licquor he shall be admonish'd by the Mastr. for the first offence, for a 2d. offence he shall be fin'd one shillg., for the 3d. he shall be excluded without Certificcate or Benefit from the Lodge and reported to the Grand.

XII.

All Fines, dues, &c., that shall or may become due to the Lodge shall be paid the 3d. Lodge night after they become due, Otherwise the Transgressor shall have no Vote in the Lodge and if not clear'd on St. John's day shall be excluded.

XIII.

That on a Lodge Night in the Master's absence a Past Mastr. may take his place and in his absence by the Senr. Warden and in his absence by the Junr. Warden, and in the absence of all the Officers the Members according to Seniority and Merritt shall fill the absent officers places, &c., And all absent officers on Regular Lodge nights or otherwise duly summon'd shall be fin'd a discretional fine over and above the common fine of Private Members.†

† Rule XIII. This rule was amended as follows:

"1754 April the 7th Amendment on the opposite agreed that each absent officer (viz., "Master and Wardens) on proper Lodge nights or "otherwise duly Summon'd) be fin'd as follows that "is to say, The Master shall be fin'd 1s. 6d., each "Warden one shilling. "This method to be held in full force Virtue during "the continuance of this Lodge."

XIV.

That the Mastr. have full power and authority to call a Lodge of Emmergency when all the Mems. are to attend on proper summons.

XV.

That the Box, Money, and Furniture of this Lodge be in the care of some Responsible Bror. as the Master and Brethren shall think sufficient, And the Money be disposed off for the advancement of the Lodge & Benefit of the Brethren.

XVI.

The Secretary shall keep a Regular Registry of all the members according to the Form laid down for the same and proper minutes of the Transactions (that are proper to be wrote) and the same to be laid before the Grand once a Quarter if Requir'd.

XVII.

That no disputes arise between any Brethren in the Lodge, but if any dispute shou'd happen out of the Lodge concerning Masonry or otherwise (which they can't decide between themselves) to prevent vexatious law suits, such disputes or controversies shall be laid before the Lodge and there decided if possible, but in case such Brethren shall not agree the Master shall order his Secretary to take Minutes of such disputes, &c., and lay the same before the Grand at their next Meeting, when such Brethren are to attend and agree as the Grand shall order, but in case such Bros. will not then agree to the decision of the Grand, such Bros. shall have no Certificate, for ever excluded and deem'd unworthy of the Society.

XVIII.

That the Master and Brethren of this Lodge have full power to make amend or explain these or such other By-laws, Rules, and Orders as the shall think most proper & convenient for the good of this Lodge and the Craft in general. But first to lay such amendments or additions before the Grand (for the benefit of the Regular Antient Lodges) and leave Copies of the same if requir'd.

XIX.

That every new Mason shall pay the Tyler One Shilling, and every Mason who enter's as a Member 6 Pence, and the Tyler take particular care not to admit any Visitor a second who doth not belong to a Regular Antient Lodge.

XX.

That these Rules & Orders be read by the Secretary or some other Bror. by the Masters Order. To every New Member and otherwise as Occasion shall Require in the Lodge.

XXI.

That whatever is acted or spoke in this Lodge shall not be discours'd nor Mentioned out of this Lodge to any Person whatsoever except the present Members of this Lodge aforesd. under the Penalty of One shillg. for the First offence and Double for the 2nd and trible for the 3rd, &c.

XXII.

If a Complaint be brought against a Br. by another and be found Guilty he shall stand to the Determination of the Lodge. But if a Complaint be brought against a Bror. wherein the Accuser can't support his complaint to Conviction such Person shall Forfeit such penalty as the person so accused shou'd have forfeited had he been Really convicted on such Complaint.

XXIII.

If any Member of this Lodge withdraw and Form a Lodge without Leave and Irregularly Make Masons, they shall not be admitted (no not as Visitors) in any Lodge (tho. the Brethren so made may be allow'd) until they make full satisfaction, Render a good Reason and due Submission for their offence.

XXIV.

That no Mason be admitted to Visit this Lodge but such as are Master Masons, least we hinder or distroy the Harmony of Working Master Masons.

XXV.

And if any Member of this Lodge be guilty of any Misdemeanor not specified in the aforesd. Rules and Orders he or they shall be Dealt with at the Discretion of the Lodge.

Torquay, 20th July, 1887.

JNO. LANE.

The Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205 (Temple Yacht Club), was consecrated at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday last, by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Kent, Earl Amherst. Bro. A. Tisley was installed as the W.M.; Bro. Chauffourier, S.W.; and G. E. Stemberge, as J.W. A report will appear in our next.

VICTORIAN JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

The members of the Domatic Lodge are to be congratulated on another of those successful gatherings which now seems to be an inseparable accompaniment to the ordinary lodge work of the year. Thanks to their excellent Treasurer, Bro. G. Everett, the members, with their families and friends, have enjoyed one of those exceptionally happy days which are a present pleasure and a still more pleasant memory. Kempton Park, which was again the place selected, is one of the most delightful spots for a gathering of this kind, and leaves nothing to be desired. Its delightful scenery, its well kept lawns, and its luxurious arrangements for the comfort of visitors were fully described in our account of last year's outing, and moreover, are well known to thousands who journey thither from time to time to join in the more exciting pastime of racing and coursing. But those who had the privilege of spending a comparatively quiet day on Tuesday, the 19th inst., had no reason to regret the absence of those more exhilarating scenes. The first arrivals were early on the ground, and the Committee had taken care that there should be no lack of entertainment from the start to the finish.

A military band was there with their cheerful strains and their bright uniforms to give colour to the picture. Christy Minstrels, Punch and Judy shows, and performing dogs, kept the younger portion of the assembly merry, and seemed not altogether without interest to the elders. Bro. Stiles exerted himself to the utmost during the day in taking photographic groups of the large assemblies on the Grand Stand, and smaller gatherings in the flower gardens. At four o'clock, all with one consent, and with little or no persuasion, repaired to the Pavilion, where a dinner was laid by Messrs. Bertram.

The open doors on all sides of the building admitted the grateful breeze, and the lively strains of the band, which was stationed on the lawn. The W.M., Bro. Simner, occupied the chair, and, after full justice had been done to the spread, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER in terms of affection to the person of our Sovereign and loyalty to the Throne, met with a hearty response.

No less loyally and heartily was the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed by Bro. PRICE, who referred to the real interest the M.W.G.M. took in Freemasonry, and the personal attention he gave to even the smallest details connected with his office.

Next came the toast of "The Visitors," which, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said, was the most important on the list. They gave one and all a hearty welcome, and were especially glad to see their meeting graced by the presence of so many ladies.

The task of responding was placed in the hands of Bro. ALLISON, who replied in a very humorous speech. The quotation he said from Shakespeare on the toast list was from the "Taming of the Shrew"—"Well you have come upon us in a very happy time," and they were experiencing a happy time, although unaccompanied with the excitement of racing. The Domatic Lodge had exercised a wise discretion in accepting the generous invitation of the Directors of Kempton Park, where they could enjoy all the beauties of the country with all the conveniences of a London Hotel—and the privilege of coming away from that hotbed of commerce and crime—London—even for a day was a privilege to be thankful for. He hoped to be present in as pleasant a company on many future occasions.

Bro. BINCKES, in proposing the health of the W.M., said, that although they met under the auspices of the lodge, the proceedings were not conducted according to the regular routine. He had no hesitation in accepting the duty of submitting to them that toast. The reputation which attached to the W.M. and the lodge over which he presided, was obtained by merit and good work, and the name, fame, and reputation of the Domatic Lodge had been added to by their support of the Charities which, under Bro. Simner's rule, occupied a leading position amongst London lodges.

Bro. SIMNER briefly returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure he, in common with the members of the lodge felt that the efforts made for the comfort of the visitors had been successful.

The toast of "The Ladies" was next proposed, and Bro. George Price undertook the duty of responding, which, judging from the applause which greeted his efforts from the ladies present was satisfactorily performed.

The Directors of Kempton Park were next thanked, and the toast, as a matter of course, was connected with the name of our genial Bro. George Everett, who had again used his influence with his brother directors to secure the use of the park for that day's entertainment.

Dancing commenced about 7 o'clock in the Pavilion, and was kept up until the special train left.

Visitors: Bro. A. Simner, W.M., and Mrs. Simner, Bro. H. J. Chapman, S.W., and Mrs. Chapman, Bro. R. Harvey, J.W., and Mrs. Harvey, Bro. G. Everett, P.M., and Treas., and Mrs. Everett, The Misses Della, Alberta, and Birdie Everett, Miss Annie Clark, Mr. Peall, Mr. W. J. and Mr. E. N. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hyde, Miss Pollie Hyde, Miss Elizabeth Hyde, Mr. W. J. and Mrs. Innes, Mr. Innes, jun., and Miss Maud Innes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. Rapley, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Winser, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Miss Winter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blake, Bro. John Barnett, Bro. and Mrs. A. Nagle, Bro. and Mrs. Trodd, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, Bro. and Mrs. Jowett, Miss Fleming, Mrs. Mould, Mr. and Mrs. Renton, Bro. and Mrs. Wardley and Miss Wardley, Bro. T. Morris, Sec., and Mrs. Morris, Bro. N. Salmon, S.D., and Mrs. Salmon, Bro. J. E. Spurrell, J.D., Bro. T. B. Goodfellow, D.C., Bro. R. Hewetson, W.S., Bro. E. A. G. Smith, A.W.S., and Mrs. Smith, Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., Bro. F. Kent, P.M., Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M., Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M., Bro. J. McLean, P.M., and Mrs. McLean, Bro. J. Sadler Wood, P.M., Geo. Gardner, P.M. 2012, and Miss Gardner, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Costello, Bro. and Mrs. W. Lake, Bro. and Mrs. H. Hollingsworth, Bro. and Mrs. Duff, Bro. and Miss Binckes, Bro. and Mrs. Ball, Bro. Stiles, Bro. Knott, Bro. R. Harvey, Bro. F. Smith, Bro. Magee, Bro. and Mrs. Peacock, Bro. Berrecloth, Mrs. and Miss Berrecloth, Mr. and Mrs. Pears, Bro. Locksley, and Mrs. and Miss Locksley.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., and Bro. Richard Eve G. Treas., sent letters regretting inability to be present.

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**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Die Bauhutte," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times" (London), "New York Dispatch," "Masonic Chronicle" (Melbourne), "Court Circular," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," "Liberal Freemason," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Life Boat Journal," "The Musician," "Masonic World," "Anuarios de la Gran Logia Unida de Colon e Isla de Cuba, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887," "Gr. Oriente Nacional de Espana," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Masonic Journal" (Texas), "Keystone," "York Herald," "Boletin Oficial," "Freemasons' Repository," "Cassell's National Library," "Wiltshire Times," and "Freimaurer-Zeitung."



SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1887.

**Original Correspondence.**

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving 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.]

**SENIORITY OF INITIATES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Will you and some of your numerous readers kindly give me their opinions as to the Masonic law or practice with regard to the seniority of brethren who are initiated on the same night as joining members are elected? Does it matter whether the ballot for the joining members or the initiation takes place first as regards the seniority?—Thanking you in anticipation, I am, dear Sir and Bro., yours fraternally,  
J. H.

**THE COLLAR QUESTION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I do not follow Bro. W. Nicholl in his letter to you on p. 351 of the Freemason of the 18th ult., that Grand Lodge . . . voted . . . the right of a P.M. to wear his collar wherever Craft clothing may be worn.  
I have looked back to the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and there (p. 162) find that it was resolved (a) that P.M.'s shall be entitled to wear a distinctive collar; (b) that the Board of General Purposes be . . . to determine . . . Article 307 accordingly, and (p. 163) that P.M.'s . . . shall be entitled to wear such collar . . . Ergo, P.M.'s are, until such collar be determined by the B.G.P., and reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, in statu quo ante. Bro. Nicholl moved the resolutions above partially quoted.—Faithfully and fraternally,  
25th July.  
A P.S.P.G.W. and P.P.G.R.



**Craft Masonry.**

**ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE (No. 2191).—**The regular meeting of this promising lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 19th inst., when there was present the W.M., Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Bros. Adolphus Clark, S.W.; Fred Kedge, J.W.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; C. A. Ralph, acting as, S.D.; J. J. Woolley, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; H. Wilkie Jones, D.C.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; John Skinner, Stwd.; Theo. H. Tilton, A. Harris, C. Corby, F. W. Frigout, Walter Hancock, G. P. Bertini, and F. Jackson. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Potter, 1321; S. H. Frigout, 171; J. B. Grieve, P.M. 1351; W. F. Clark and Edward Mills, 1614.  
The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot proving unanimous in favour of Mr. Henry S. Gillig, that gentleman, with Mr. Bernard J. Somers, already balloted for and accepted, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Alderman Polydore De Keyser, 21 and 1216; Felix H. Gottlieb, 2108; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, J.W. 1361 and 2108; and Walter Hancock, 1056.  
All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—**The members of this grand old centenary lodge celebrated their annual festival on Wednesday, the 13th inst., by a recherche banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, at which a large and distinguished body of Masons were present. The proceedings of the day commenced at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when the W.M., Bro. A. Cleall, opened the lodge, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, installed his successor, Bro. John G. Milbourne, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. The following officers were appointed and invested by the W.M.—Bros. Lieut. W. Talby, S.W.; H. Grice, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Davis, P.M., D.C. (by proxy); J. F. Bell, S.D.; L. C. Chasteauf, J.D.; J. Matthey, I.G.; W. J. Bidgood, Org.; A. Deans, A.D.C.; T. Appleby, G. C. Chambers, and W. A. Anson, Stwds. At this moment Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Swd. Br., and Secretary Boys' School, was announced. He was received by the Past Masters and conducted to the right of the W.M., and saluted with grand honour in recognition of the rank lately conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Grand Master, and in response our distinguished brother returned a hearty greeting.  
The usual addresses concluded the ceremony, and it was unanimously resolved that a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Cleall and inscribed on the minute book of the lodge, for the able and efficient manner in which he had that day performed the duties of Installing Officer. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, for services rendered the lodge during his Mastership, for both of which he suitably returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn, where the banquet was thoroughly enjoyed. Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. P. Applebee, P.M.; E. Mills, P.M.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; T. Hosgood, P.M.; R. A. Smith, P.M.; J. P. Moore, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon. Member); H. De Gray, T. Weaver, H. Cooper, A. Stamford, F. Budd, W. Prance, T. Beisley, C. Rogers, L. Hancock, W. Hill, W. Jones, W. Lush, C. Howard, T. Sandford, J. Harn, E. Mewkell, A. Peaker, F. Wagg, G. Quick, H. Richmond, E. Green, T. A. Dorrell, R. Stead, G. Dennison, J. Reeves, J. Dixon, W. F. Doddrell, W. Cheshire, E. Westlake, P. Jacobs, G. Bishop, C. Martin, H. Warren, G. Brown, T. Keeble, A. Walker, A. Russell, B. Tidy, D. Thoroughgood, T. Foss, and E. Oates, all of the lodge; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.M. 913; Dr. H. Bernays, P.M. 706; Dr. W. Coleman, 706; S. Clarke, P.M., Treas. 706; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; H. Miller, P.M. 1593; F. W. Pulsford, P.M. 808; F. Randall, 913; E. C. Talbot, 65; J. G. Hall, 169; B. Hancock, 700; G. H. Porter, 700; J. Clark, 1428; W. H. Walter, 1326; and H. Cloets, 2030.  
"The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" having been given and responded to with enthusiasm, that of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., and coupled with the name of Bro. F. Binckes.  
Bro. Binckes, who was received with an ovation on rising to respond, said he need hardly say that he rose with a very great amount of pride and pleasure to respond to the very comprehensive toast so eloquently given by the W.M. No doubt many of them might have heard him respond to that toast when he was merely a Past Grand Steward. Thanks to H.R.H. their Grand Master, he was now in a position to respond as a full-fledged Past Grand Officer. That was the first opportunity he had had to respond for the toast in his new capacity, and he would take the opportunity of thanking them for their kind reception at the lodge at Woolwich. It had afforded him great pleasure to witness the marked ability with which Bro. Milbourne, their W.M., had invested his officers, and felt sure that in him they had a Master of whom they would be proud. Of their esteemed Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, Earls Carnarvon and Lathom, he felt that he could fairly say of them "nihil tetiget quod non omavit," knowing that everything they did was done with the greatest ability, and with but one object in view, namely, the prosperity of their institutions and the honour and welfare of the Craft generally. On behalf of himself, he asked them to bear with him when he said that for 35 years he had fought for their privileges; and they might rely upon it that as long as he was spared with health and strength he should ever do all in his power for the best interests of Freemasonry. After 30 years' hard work in the cause of Charity, he might fairly be allowed to congratulate himself upon the success that had attended that work, although he knew that without the support—

might say the prodigal support—of the Craft, he would have laboured in vain. Verging toward the decline of life, he had not the power to undergo again what he had undergone; but he looked back with pleasure at the past, and forward with satisfaction to the future, believing that a good work established on a sure foundation had been done, and that it would last as long as Masonry held its high position in the hearts and minds of Englishmen all over the globe. He thanked them for the toast, and trusted that nothing would ever interfere with the respect and esteem they now had for him, for without that all the honours of office would be to him but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

The I.P.M. then rose to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said no one could have watched the career of Bro. Milbourne through all the offices he had held in the lodge without feeling sure that when he assumed the chair they would have a Master capable in every way of doing honour to the position. Give their W.M. plenty of work and then they would, with him, rejoice at having one so worthy to preside over them. He asked them to show their appreciation of their W.M. by drinking the toast in bumpers, and they did.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said that when he heard Bro. Cleall flatter him as he had just done, he endeavoured to ascertain whether he, Bro. Cleall, blushed or not while doing so, but, seeing no evidences of that nature about him, he supposed that brother meant all he said; whether or not, he now thanked him for his kind expressions, and them for their hearty reception of the toast, and in response could only say that he should endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to their satisfaction, and maintain, and if possible enhance, the high reputation of the Union Waterloo Lodge. He asked them to stand by him and give him their hearty co-operation, and help him to make their grand old lodge one of the first, if not the first in the south-eastern district of London. He should so endeavour to carry out the work that at the end of his year of office their verdict would be delivered in two words—"well done." He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid rounds of cheers.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and, in response, Bro. Cleall said his year of office had been a most eventful one, it being the centenary year of the lodge, and the Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign. He had during that year initiated a goodly number of candidates, and if they referred to the balance sheet they would find that the Charities had not been neglected, more having been contributed that year than in any year of the lodge's existence. It was the rule, almost invariably, in the Woolwich district for the W.M. to install his successor, so that in acting as Installing Officer he had only followed the rule. It was a difficult duty to perform, especially as it seldom occurred that one had a chance of repeating it, so that if there had been anything remiss in his work, he trusted they would overlook his shortcomings, knowing that he had done the work to the best of his ability. He thanked them for the toast, and could assure them that in the future, as in the past, he should do all in his power for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Col. E. Hughes, in responding for "The Visitors," assured the brethren of the pleasure it afforded him to be present. From what he had heard of their present W.M., who was following Bro. Cleall, an old friend whom he had known for many years, he felt sure that there was another year of usefulness and prosperity before the lodge.

Bro. Miller spoke highly of the W.M. as a man who, although he would not allow Masonry to interfere with his daily duties, yet did everything he took in hand so well that he had not the least doubt his year of office would be both honourable to himself and satisfactory to the brethren.

Bro. Sidney Clarke said it was his good fortune to attend the installations of the Union Waterloo for many years past, and must congratulate the W.M. upon being the head of a lodge so ancient and so worthy. As the representative of the Florence Nightingale, he thanked them for their cordial reception.

Bro. J. H. Roberts said it was twenty years ago when he first visited the Union Waterloo Lodge, and he had watched with interest its vicissitudes of fortune. It was now a great lodge, and he felt sure that under the rule of their W.M. it would go on and prosper.

Bro. F. W. Pulsford said it was not the first time, but the fourth, that he had had the honour of attending, and always felt a great deal of pleasure in so doing. The W.M. was an old friend of his, and he congratulated him and the lodge on the work of that day.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's toast.

Some excellent singing and instrumental music enlivened the proceedings, the contributors being Bros. B. Hancock (piano), W. J. Bidgood, A. Deans Shortman, F. G. Moore, W. A. Anson, A. McQueen, and Barnes.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—**The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 25th inst., when there was a fair attendance of brethren. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. E. Shewbrooks, supported and assisted by the following members: Bros. W. M. Pybus, I.P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; W. Dalrymple, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; W. F. Raeburn, Sec.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; Thos. Thompson, S.D.; Wm. Richardson, J.D.; H. F. Dryden, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; M. R. Wright, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Tillar, Geo. Davidson, W. H. Denton, J. T. Corking, W. J. Campbell, G. H. Cawthorn, R. C. Tate, R. Swanston, G. C. Potts, W. W. Ferguson, W. Stafford, W. J. Jobson, Wm. Richardson, J. W. Lambton, W.M. 541; B. Smaile, P.M. 541; W. F. Carmon, P.M. 481; G. N. Patterson, Sec. 424; W. Lee, 80; C. Smith, 481; A. Hall, 1676; and others.

After the preliminary business, Mr. J. R. Bunn, elected at last meeting, was initiated by the W.M., and the working tools and ancient charge were explained by the J.W. Bros. Geo. Davidson (Mayor of Gateshead), W. H. Tillar, and R. C. Tate, were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., and the proceedings terminated, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment board.

**JERSEY.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).** The 75th anniversary meeting of the above lodge, which is the senior of the province, was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on Wednesday, the 13th instant.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., and W.M. of the lodge. After the opening business had been gone through, Bro. F. P. Cabot, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, also an address, written on vellum, as a token of the appreciation of the members for the great zeal shown by him for the benefit of the lodge and Freemasonry in general. Bros. R. W. Rooke, and T. W. Woodard were then raised as Master Masons. Capt. Bowhill, and Mr. F. Rothwell, were balloted for, accepted, and initiated. The Installing Master on this occasion was Bro. J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., also special representative of the Masonic Benevolent Funds, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. Naylor, P.P.G.R. Jersey, P.M. 959, must have felt highly honoured and gratified at the way he was installed in the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. afterwards appointed the following officers: Bros. J. T. Baker, S.W.; A. H. Powell, J.W.; C. Donaldson, Treas.; Major J. T. Du Jardin (Jersey's veteran Freemason, who shortly completed his Masonic Jubilee), Sec.; F. Bennet, C. Baker, A. F. Day, and Geo. Rogers, P.M., to the remaining officers. Four influential candidates were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet afterwards was held, which was admirably catered for by Bro. R. Pooley, Pavilion Hotel, Grève de Lecq. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Naylor, being honoured by the following, viz.: Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., I.P.M.; J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; Leslie de Visnes, Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of Peru; Major Raven, P.P.J.G.W., Victoria; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx.; T. W. W. Bullock, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; M. Gallichan Jurat, P.P.S.G.W. Jersey; W. H. V. Vernon, H.M. Attorney-General, Jersey; and 70 other brethren.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," warmly eulogised the manner in which he had already fulfilled his duties, which was suitably responded to. Various songs, interspersed the toasts, Bro. W. Fentum, P.P.G.O., acting as musical director, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**DERBY.**—Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, and presented several features of more than usual interest. Notwithstanding the oppressive heat of the weather, there was a large gathering of members and visitors, including, among the former—Bros. W. Silver Hall, P.Asst. G. Sec., W.M.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; R. L. H. Mole, Prov. G. Stwd., J.W.; H. Arnold Bemrose, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; F. Campion, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; F. Iliffe, P.P.J.G.W.; Jas. O. Manton, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Naylor, Past G. Swd. Br., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; Sir John Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; A. G. Taylor, P.P.G.D. of C.; Percy Wallis, P.S.G.W.; E. R. Ward, P.P.G.R.; Dr. T. C. Wigg, P.P.G.D. Essex; and others; and among the latter—Bros. J. Bland, P.M. 731, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Carr, P.M. 1085; J. Copestick, P.M. 731; Rev. W. F. Drewry, P.P.G. Chap. Staffordshire; A. Frazer, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.D.; T. R. Gee, P.M. 731, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; E. Horne, P.M. 731, P.P.G.O.; W. J. Piper, P.M. 802; J. H. Richardson, W.M. 1085, P.P.S.G. Sec.; S. Steele, P.M. 802, P.P.G.P.; Rev. I. W. Tapper, 170, P.P.G. Chap. Jersey; J. Taylor, P.M. 731; J. C. Webb, P.M. 353; C. Webster, P.M. 731, P.S.G.D.; W. Whittaker, P.M. 731, P.P.G.R.; A. Woodiwiw, P.M. 731; J. Worsnop, P.M. 1085, P.P.G.P.; G. T. Wright, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.W.; T. E. Yeomans, P.M. 506; and many others.

After the usual business of the lodge had been concluded and numerous apologies received from brethren unavoidably absent, formal resolutions of congratulation were offered to Bro. Naylor on his having attained the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, and to Bro. Sir John Smith upon his knighthood, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

A petition for the establishment of a new lodge at Long Eaton, to be known as the Fairfield Lodge, of which Bro. W. Silver Hall, the present W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge, was designated as the first W.M.; Bro. J. P. Fearfield, 92, as the first S.W.; and Bro. W. H. Farmer, W.M. 1434, as the first J.W., was then presented by Bro. N. Ashurst, 1435, supported by Bros. J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; E. Horne, P.M. 731; J. W. Tapper, 107; and J. W. Chambers, 1179. It was unanimously resolved that the petition be recommended for the favourable consideration of the M.W.G.M.

The lodge was then closed, and as the lower room of the Masonic Hall is at present undergoing repairs, an adjournment was made to the Royal Hotel, where nearly 70 brethren sat down to banquet. The usual loyal and other toasts having been drunk,

Bro. W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W., coupled with the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the name of Bro. W. Naylor, who, at the recent Festival at the Albert Hall, received the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer of England. Bro. Naylor has been connected with Derbyshire Masonry for upwards of 17 years, having been appointed Prov. S.G.W. in 1872, and has held the office of Prov. G. Sec. since 1875, during which period the Craft has made enormous strides in the province.

Bro. Naylor responded in suitable terms, remarking that his elevation was an exemplification of the late Lord Beaconsfield's remark "That it is the unexpected which always happens."

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Dr. Cartel Wigg, who took occasion to congratulate Bro. Sir John Smith upon the knighthood recently conferred upon him. Bro. Smith, who has been twice Mayor of Derby, is connected with nearly every Masonic lodge or chapter in the town, and has held the office of Senior Grand Warden. He is Chairman of the Masonic Hall Trustees, and, with the late Bro. Sir A. Woodiwiw, took a prominent part in clearing off the debt upon the building, while his activity in the cause of the Masonic Charities is widely known.

Bro. Wallis, as P.S.G.W., having briefly responded for "The Present Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. Sir John Smith feelingly alluded to his Masonic work as a labour of love, and added that he felt deeply sensible of the way in which his Sovereign had recognised his endeavours to serve his fellow men. Amid sympathetic cheers, he

expressed a hope that he might be spared a good while longer to serve the interests of the good old town of Derby.

After "The Health of the Worshipful Master" and "Success to the proposed New Lodge" had been given, the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some excellent part singing by Bros. Chartres, Dodd, Forman, and Melrose, a skilful performance on the zither by Bro. Woodward, and the assistance of other musical brethren, were brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

**VENTNOR.**—Yarborough Lodge (No. 551).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Alfred Scott, P.M., P.P.G.S., in the chair; Fredk. P. Anslie, Sec., acting as S.W.; G. Brockington, J.W.; J. Webber, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Williams, S.D.; E. A. Swane, J.D.; John J. Ineson, I.G.; F. H. Sheppard, W. Longmuir, W. J. Wetherick, W. D. Bidgood, and W. F. Turner, 792.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, also the minutes of the last regular lodge, which were unanimously confirmed. Bro. W. D. Bidgood was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. W. J. Wetherick and W. Longmuir raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, both ceremonies being beautifully and effectively rendered by the acting W.M., who was thoroughly and ably supported by the various officers. On the usual questions being asked, the Secretary proposed that sanction should be given for a lodge of instruction to be held on Monday evenings; after some discussion the consideration of this was deferred till the next meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Scott for the able manner in which he had performed the different ceremonies, after which the lodge was closed.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The annual crop of installations in the Woolwich district was finally harvested on Wednesday, the 20th inst., when Bro. R. J. Naylor, S.W., and W.M. elect of the above lodge, was installed with the usual ceremony in the chair of K.S., and saluted according to ancient custom. He then invested his officers as follows: J. Sanderson, I.P.M.; J. M. Miller, S.W.; W. Webber, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; S. E. Southgate, S.D.; J. Mc Collough, J.D.; G. F. Taylor, I.G.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., D.C.; W. Lawson, Asst. D.C.; T. Ovenden, P.M., and H. Tufnell, Stewards; and W. J. Bidgood, Org. Bro. Warren, who acted as Installing Officer, then gave the addresses and concluded a most impressive and admirably wrought ceremony, for which he was voted thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Sanderson, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, for services rendered during the past twelve months, and after he and Bro. Warren had returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, where Bro. Hubbard had ready for their delectation one of those superbly appointed feasts for which he is so famous.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M., in eloquent terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in response Bro. Naylor thanked the brethren most sincerely for their kindness, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the lodge one of the first in the district.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said no one who had attained the eminence of the chair, or who aspired to it, could be without a knowledge of the invaluable aid given by the Past Masters. He had received the greatest assistance from them, and if he had not, he certainly never could have reached the chair.

Bro. Norman, P.M., Sec., briefly responded. Bro. Butt, as Treasurer, took the occasion to review the position of the lodge financially, he said that in reference to the cash book so far back as 1870, he found the past year the most prosperous the lodge had ever had, having at the present time a balance in hand of £89, and he had further the greatest satisfaction in stating that the Benevolent Fund, of which he was the founder, and which had only been in existence fifteen months, had now a fund of £16 at the disposal of the brethren. When he had the honour to preside over the lodge in the year 1876-1877, ten years ago, they had a good year, the next best to the present one in the history of the lodge, but he was the more pleased at the result of this year's work because no less than £40 had been given in the cause of Charity. He thanked them for the cordial reception the toast always met at the hands of the brethren, and hoped to have many years of prosperity with them and the lodge.

Bro. Roberts considered it a red letter day in the history of the lodge, and congratulated both the lodge and its Master on its splendid position.

Bro. Warren having been honoured as "The Installing Officer," a tribute he justly merited, and having duly responded,

Bro. T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913, in responding for "The Visitors" said, he regretted being unable to be with them at the lodge and witnessing the installation ceremony, the excellence of which he had heard eulogised on all sides. For many years past he had experienced their hospitality, and he remembered that when their W.M. was initiated, he was one of the first to congratulate him on joining the Craft, especially the Nelson Lodge, for he could safely say that wherever he went, he saw no better working, or the principles of Masonry better carried out than he did in the Nelson Lodge. In business no Mason was expected to go beyond the length of his cable tow, but he had so many good friends in, and such a lively remembrance of the hospitality of the Nelson Lodge, that he felt compelled to be with them that day. The Nelson and his mother lodge, the Pattison, were sister lodges, and he trusted they might for many years go on hand in hand and prosper.

Past Master Warren, 1436, added his testimony to the excellence of the installation ceremony, and cordially invited the brethren to visit the Liberty of Havering at Romford.

Bro. Milbourne, W.M. 13, represented the Union Waterloo Lodge, and compared the Nelson with that, by saying that as his lodge represented the greatest general of the day, so the Nelson represented the greatest Admiral of his, while the other London lodge at Woolwich, the Florence Nightingale, hovered over them like a blessing. He trusted the unity between them might long continue, and cordially thanked the brethren for their hospitality.

There was some good singing and instrumental music, and among the other brethren present were E. P. Hobson, P.M.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; C. Norman, P.M.; G. T. Vivenden, P.M. 558; G. Neil, P.M. 1327; H. Mason, P.M. 913; E. Palmer, P.M. 913; G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615; G. H. Campbell, 913; W. White, 496; H. Ansell, 1305; H. Grice, S.W. 13; R. H. Self, 1804; W. H. Keeble, 13; W. Turvey, 1472; W. G. White, 212; T. C. Lawson, 1789; C. Jordan, 1789; H. De Gray, 13; H. King, 615; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

**HOUNSLOW.**—Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; R. H. Williams, I.P.M.; S. W. Keene, S.W.; W. Watson, J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Causton, P.M., Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; T. Lewarne, J.D.; C. Woods, D.C.; E. Clare, Org.; P. Greliche, Steward; and several other brethren. Bros. Purdue, P.M., and A. Williams, both of the Ranelagh Lodge, were present as visitors.

This was the first meeting since the installation in June, and as the summons indicated there were candidates for the Three Degrees, more than usual interest was evinced to witness the working of the W.M. (who is also S.W. of 1585), since he has been known for a long time as a very diligent worker in lodges of instruction. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Puddifoot was raised to the Second Degree by the W.M. in a most careful and impressive manner. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. C. Black, a candidate for initiation, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated, the charge being beautifully rendered by the W.M., and the musical portions of both ceremonies were ably executed by Bro. Clark, the newly-appointed Organist.

All other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, provided by Host Bull. After the cloth was removed, the loyal toasts were given and received with the usual enthusiasm.

Bro. R. H. Williams, I.P.M., then rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," complimenting him upon his excellent working, and congratulating the lodge on having so ardent a student of Masonry as his (the I.P.M.'s) successor.

Several other toasts, interspersed with songs, then followed, and, after a very pleasant evening, the brethren dispersed.

**WESTON.**—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held, when Bro. G. H. Bartlett, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of old and distinguished Masons upon the occasion, amongst whom and at the subsequent banquet there were Bros. R. C. Else, Dep. Prov. G.M., P.G.D. of England; J. A. Lloyd, W.M. 379, P.G. Chaplain Oxon.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., Sec. 379, P.P.G.D.C.; C. W. Radway, P.M. No. 41, P.P.S.G.W.; R. B. Cater, P.M. No. 41, P.P.S.G.W.; Jas. Robinson, W.M. 335; Wallace Gill, W.M. 53; J. Kendrick Pyne, 53, P.P.G. Org.; E. J. B. Mercer, P.M. 41, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Philip Braham, P.M. 41, P.P.G. Org.; Thos. Gough, P.M. 973; T. Brooke, P.M. 68, Prov. G.S. Bristol; Isaac Sumsion, P.M. 53; and J. I. Auckland, 41.

The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England. The W.M., Bro. Geo. Hy. Bartlett, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Robt. Bull, S.W.; A. Wadoux, J.W.; W. H. Young, I.P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Becket, P.M., Sec.; Lawson Howes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D. of C.; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M., Organist; George Strange, S.D.; Walter Gayner, J.D.; W. H. Fisher, I.G.; I. R. Gill and E. W. Loveless, Stewards; C. Prickett and S. Bigwood, Tylers.

After the lodge had been closed, the members, with their visitors, went for an enjoyable drive until 5.30, when they returned to the lodge premises, where a capital banquet was served by Mr. Carey. The W.M. presided, and after the usual toast list had been gone through the remainder of the evening was devoted to music, several of the brethren, and notably Bro. Jas. Robinson, W.M. 335, adding greatly to the pleasure of the meeting by a number of songs rendered in a most artistic manner.

**MILLOM.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 1390).—The installation of Bro. R. A. Mitchell, Past S.W., as W.M. of the above lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Salt-house-road, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., in the presence of the following brethren: Bros. T. Bowness, W.M.; J. E. Maddern, S.W.; J. J. Cain, J.W.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; H. F. Fox, S.D.; Rev. W. Barton, Chap.; H. D. Sharrow, Org.; T. Walker and J. Jackson, Stwds.; J. Bowness, I.G.; Edward E. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. Mills, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Hill, P.M.; William Bradley, P.M.; P. K. Dobson, William Newton, T. J. C. Fox, Abraham Jackson, R. Shepherd, Arthur Jackson, J. R. Butler, J. E. Howarth, J. B. Moore, J. Young, W. Bradley, J. Harker, S. Braithwaite, P.M. 1267, P.P.J.G.D.; W. L. Towerson, P.M. 1267, P.P.G. Purst.; R. Lyson, P.M. 1267; H. Hartley, J.W. 1267; John Robinson, 1458; R. I. Taylor, P.M. 1021, P.Z. 1225; M. Wilson, W.M. 1398; W. Mandall, S.W. 1398; I. Brackenridge, W.M. 872; J. S. Garner, S.D. 343; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 1225, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Townson, 872, P.P.G.O.; and J. Kitchen, 1267.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of last regular lodge been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. A. Mitchell, was presented by Bro. Bowness to the Installing Master, Bro. George Hill, P.M., by whom the ceremony of installation was very ably and effectively performed. Bro. J. Mills gave the charges to the officers, and Bro. T. Bowness presented the working tools of the Three Degrees. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. T. Bowness, I.P.M.; J. J. Cain, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; Rev. W. Barton, P.M., Chap.; George Hill, P.M., Treas.; H. F. Fox, Sec.; H. D. Sharrow, Org.; T. Walker, S.D.; J. Bowness, J.D.; J. Jackson, I.G.; T. J. C. Fox, James Young, and J. E. Howarth, Stwds.; J. E. Maddern, D.C.; and T. G. Lenthwaite, Tyler.

After the expression of "Hearty good wishes," the W. Master closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the

Ship Inn, where the annual banquet was held. The spread awaiting them was of the choicest description, embracing all the delicacies of the season. After full justice had been done to the viands, a toast list, comprising the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, was gone through.

Songs were sung at intervals by Bros. J. Atkinson, G. Hill, J. Mills, W. Bradley, R. T. Taylor, J. S. Garner, M. Wilson, and B. A. Mitchell.

During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. T. Bowness, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his services in connection with the lodge during the past year. A splendid Steward's jewel was also presented to Bro. R. G. W. Bradley by the brethren of the lodge, as a mark of esteem, and as a farewell token previous to his leaving for Australia.

During the proceedings hearty congratulations and wishes for a prosperous year of office were received by telegram from Bro. W. Atkinson, P.M. 1390, P.G.O., who is at present in London. A very enjoyable evening was then brought to a close.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The end of Bro. W. Maule's year of office as W.M. in the above lodge was marked by one of the finest specimens of installation work that we have had the pleasure of witnessing for many years; his career, however, has been one of so much good Masonic work, and such careful and conscientious rendering of the ritual, that had he not installed his successor in the grand manner he did, there would have been just as much regret expressed as there was unstinted admiration offered.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. Maule, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, two brethren were passed and one raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. R. Gooding, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Maule to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and in due course, and in ancient form, he was installed and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: W. Maule, I.P.M.; Quartermaster T. F. Cooper, S.W. (by proxy); A. Murdock, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; W. Seager, S.D.; F. J. Couper, J.D.; W. Musquin, I.G.; H. L. Mullins, D.C.; T. Spackman, A.D.C.; W. J. Wheeler and W. Sayce-Edwards, Stwds. Bro. Maule then delivered the usual addresses and finished a perfect ceremony. He was then awarded a cordial vote of thanks, to be inscribed on the minutes, and was presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, and returned thanks. Bro. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent, was re-elected for the eleventh time to represent the lodge at the Provincial Charity Committee, and four brethren were elected as Auditors for the coming year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a nicely served cold collation, consisting of the delicacies of the season, which was quite a refresher this Abyssinian weather.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been drunk, that of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst," was received and drunk with all the honours it deserved.

In response to that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. G. Kennedy, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent, said had his lordship or Bro. Eastes been present they must have been gratified at the enthusiastic reception the toast had met with at the hands of the brethren. There could be no manner of doubt that it was a great honour to be chosen to office, even the humblest, under such a Grand Master and in such a province, but he attributed it more as an honour to the lodge than to himself. If at the end of his present office he was honoured with an established position among the Prov. Grand Officers, he felt that he should ever maintain, by every means in his power, the reputation and credit of the United Military Lodge, which was nearly, if not quite, the strongest in the province. He spoke highly of the Grand Officers, especially those of the lodge, and felt proud to follow in their footsteps.

The Immediate Past Master then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said Bro. Gooding would be strongly supported by every member of the lodge. He was a most experienced Mason and a credit to the lodge, and in their name he wished him health and long life.

Bro. Gooding said it was in most cases only once in one's life that one had to respond as W.M. of a lodge; for himself, he felt rather young in his position, but hoped as time went on he should be able to say more about himself than at present. He had been a member of the lodge for the last eight years, and had during that time endeavoured to render himself useful in every way, and trusted they would never regret having chosen him as their W.M. It was a singular coincidence that the two senior officers of the lodge, should, by the exigencies of the service, be removed so far from it. He was now stationed at Aldershot, and Bro. Cooper, S.W., at Preston; but he knew that he had Bro. Maule at his side, and should he be unable to be present, that excellent brother had promised him to carry on the work in his absence. Their I.P.M. had been kind enough to speak about his knowledge of Masonry; well, he had been Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, and left it without fear, knowing that it was safe in the hands of Bro. Maule, whose working was second to none in the district. He strongly advised the young members of the lodge to attend the lodge of instruction, and concluded by hoping that at the end of his year of office they would never regret having installed him Master of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and, in response, Bro. Maule sincerely thanked them for the very gratifying manner in which it had been received, and also for the very great support he had at all times received at their hands. He had been a member of the lodge for nine years, and had never seen a W.M. better supported than he had been. He trusted he had, however, only done his duty; and if he had pleased them that was his reward.

Bro. Weston, in responding for "The Past Masters," congratulated the W.M. at arriving at his present proud position. The Past Masters welcomed him to the chair and Bro. Maule among their ranks. He also felt proud of the honour conferred upon Bro. Kennedy by their beloved P.G.M., and trusted he might yet arrive to higher honours. As they were aware, they were called upon to make Earl Amherst's proposition to raise a thousand guineas for the Girls' School a success, and he felt sure that no lodge in the province would take that more to heart, or do more, so far as they were able, than the United Military Lodge. As

military men, they knew that they could not put their hands so deep into their pockets as some, yet he felt sure the brethren of that lodge would freely support those grand principles they all loved and admired by a hearty support of their P.G.M.'s project.

Bro. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., said that some of them might remember that when the lodge was consecrated the Grand Chaplain said, "they were a fierce and determined body of men," and they were the same now in their determination to sustain the prestige of the lodge, and to support their P.G.M. in making the collection a success.

Bros. Kennedy, Deeves, Coupland, and Jolly also responded.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Officers," "The Host, Bro. H. Vallon," and Tyler's toast.

Bro. Hancock presided at the piano, and contributions were rendered by Bros. Hancock, Bidgood, Walker, F. G. Nichols, W.M. 706; J. Sanderson, W.M. 700; and last, but not least, by Bro. Quartermaster Rankin, of the Rifle Brigade, stationed at Woolwich, who is a fine reciter, and whose provincial, Irish, and Scotch songs and dialogues are most entertaining.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Kent; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G.D. Natal; W. Moulds, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M.; Capt. J. McCaffery, J. Whiteheart, M. Maughey, A. Heath, W. E. Warren, O. Harvey, A. Wheeler, P. Mulroy, G. Scott, J. Clark, T. Rose, G. Hayward, F. Wright, I. Spackman, J. Wheeler, H. Rideout, W. Snow, J. Raynes, A. Hill, W. Popplestone, T. Walker, J. Collins, J. Griffiths, W. Wyle, and F. Marfleet, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. J. G. Milbourne, W.M. 13; J. Sanderson, W.M. 700; D. Monson, P.M.; A. Jarvis, J. Marfleet, 700; J. Taylor, W.M. 1331; W. Keeble, 13; F. G. Nichols, W.M. 706; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; C. Davidson, 1472; G. Mitchell, P.M. 615; and G. W. Kennedy, J.D. 839.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).**—This lodge met at the Sun Hotel on the 20th inst. The W.M. (Bro. J. Drewett) was supported by all his officers save one—viz., Bros. G. Moorman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; Humphreys, S.D.; Montague, J.D.; Willis, acting I.G.; and W. Lane, Tyler.

Bro. Morley was passed to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., and Bros. Pryke and Green were raised to the Degree of F.C.

There was no other business before the lodge save of a formal nature, and, after two hours' work, the brethren left the Masonic Hall for the hotel, where a tempting repast was put before them by Mrs. Frayling. It had been hoped that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master would have been present, so, in his absence, the toast list was considerably curtailed, and music took the place of speeches. Several highly esteemed members of the lodge, whose official duties have kept them away from the last two meetings, were present on this occasion. They received a hearty welcome, and the W.M. added a little extra to the usual beverages in their honour.

**WILMINGTON.—West Kent Volunteer Lodge (No. 204).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. Gordon Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect; Charles E. Fenner, M. W. Chubb, P.M. 709; Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.M. 1273; F. Carter, A. A. Frigout, and Sergt.-Major Light. The visitors were Bros. J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673 and 2096, P.J.G.W. Surrey; Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M. 2096, P.S.G.D. Surrey; J. Nidd Smith, P.M. 14, P.G.S.; Maitland H. Dicker, P.M. 1470; Valentine Robinson, S.W. 14, G. Steward; W. J. Ebbetts, J.D. 14; E. F. Pass, Dashwood, and Peckins.

Bro. J. D. Langton having taken the chair, Bro. Gordon Smith, the W.M. elect, was duly presented by Bro. M. W. Chubb, and having been obligated, he was duly installed into the chair of the lodge according to ancient custom. The Worshipful Master having been saluted, he appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. C. E. Fenner, P.P.G. Org. Japan, S.W.; F. W. Frigout, J.W. (Bro. Light taking the collar in the absence of Bro. Frigout); Robert Jamblin, P.P.G. Chap. Kent, Chap.; M. W. Chubb, P.M. 709, Sec.; Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.M. 273, S.D.; Fred Carter, J.D.; A. A. Frigout, I.G.; and Royle, Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bro. J. D. Langton, the Installing Master, in a most impressive manner. The W.M. proposed a most sincere vote of thanks to the Installing Master for his kindness in undertaking the onerous duties of that office, and for the exceedingly able manner in which he had performed them, which was carried unanimously, and Bro. Langton responded in appropriate terms. By a combination of unfortunate circumstances no Past Master of the lodge was able to be present, the I.P.M., Bro. Major Graham, being dangerously ill, and the other two Past Masters, Bros. Col. Bristow and Col. Gordon, being absent through private business. The W.M. was then elected as Charity Representative to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee, and other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a cold collation, and the usual toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Valentine Robinson, G. Stwd., responding for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. J. D. Langton proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which having been enthusiastically drunk and responded to, the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. D. Langton," expressing the pleasure he and the brethren felt at his being present on that occasion, and particularly the extreme pleasure and gratification it gave him (the W.M.) to be put in the chair by such a distinguished brother.

The toast having been most cordially received, Bro. Langton duly responded in his usual kindly manner.

For the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. J. Nidd Smith, Hugh M. Hobbs, and Maitland H. Dicker replied.

The toast of "The Officers," for which the S.W. and J.W. responded, and the Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the small but happy and fraternal gathering was brought to an end in perfect harmony.

**HARROW.—Henry Levander Lodge (No. 2048).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday, at the Station Hotel. Bro. Axford, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren, members of the lodge, and visitors, amongst them being

Bros. C. J. Axford, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. Middx., W.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., I.P.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx., P.M., and Treas.; P. Cheek, S.W.; R. M. Surridge, J.W.; Burgess, S.D.; H. Webb, J.D.; Barfoot, I.G.; A. H. Scurrah, A.D.C.; Wace, Stwd.; F. C. Joseph, A. W. Gerrard, Parker, Dickson, Ryder, Nixon, Hunt, Stubbing, Lewis, Sadgrove, Barker, Gurney, North, C. Stevens, Jenkins, Woodrow; Bird, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, 1744, &c. Hon. members: Visitors: Bros. H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; R. Ross, 1744; H. Sillis, 957; Maas, and several other brethren. There was no other work before the lodge than the installation ceremony, and Bro. Axford, after the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, proceeded to install Bro. C. P. McKay, P.M. 720, as Master for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. C. J. Axford, I.P.M.; P. Cheek, S.W.; R. M. Surridge, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, Treas.; Wm. A. Scurrah, Sec.; Wm. H. Burgess, S.D.; H. Webb, J. D.; S. Barfoot, I.G.; Reece, D.C.; A. H. Scurrah, A.D.C.; Jenks, Org.; Wace and Joseph, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, was presented to the outgoing Master, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been given and honoured,

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, &c.," said they were all greatly indebted in the Province of Middlesex to Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, who had always been an excellent Prov. Grand Master. He knew Sir Francis well, and he hoped that those who did not know him would appreciate the feelings of those who did.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, as one of the Past Prov. Grand Officers of Middlesex, wishing to say a few words on behalf of the province, explained to the brethren that he had endeavoured to do as much as he could for the province, which he was happy to see was in so flourishing a condition and now had such a large number of lodges on its roll. What he had done for the province he had tried to do for the lodges. The Prov. Grand Master was a genial English gentleman and a kind good Mason. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thrupp, was a clever worker both in the Craft and the Arch, and a capital brother. Bro. Woodward, the Prov. G. Sec., was well up in his duties and most business like. Altogether the Province of Middlesex was most fortunate in having most desirable brethren for its officers, who always endeavoured to link themselves when rendering assistance in the cause of Masonry.

Other Provincial Grand Officers also responded to the toast, and eulogised the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the late Henry Levander, after whom that lodge was named.

Bro. Axford, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was very pleased to have become the W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge. When he joined the lodge he felt that in time to come he should be proud to have endeavoured to form the lodge along with Bros. Lovegrove and Scurrah and other brethren. He was pleased also to have such distinguished brethren on his left who were higher than he in Masonry. He trusted that he should emulate them, and try to follow in their footsteps and produce good work in the Henry Levander Lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master," and complimented Bro. Axford on the way in which he had executed his work.

Bro. Axford very briefly replied, and thanked the brethren for the handsome P.M.'s jewel with which they had presented him.

Bro. Lovegrove, P.M. and Treasurer, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said he had not yet been able to open a banking account for the lodge because he had not had sufficient funds. But the lodge had managed to rub along from year to year, and he hoped they would be soon able to comply with the requisition of the Grand Secretary and have a banking account.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. and Sec., also replied, and said that he and Bro. Lovegrove and other officers had done their best to promote the interests of the Henry Levander, Lodge. He hoped that every one was thoroughly satisfied with what had taken place that day; and if the brethren expressed their approval, that was all the reward that was expected. He trusted that in the coming year they would go on in the same way as they had in the past. They did not want to have a grand banquet but merely such substantial refreshment that all brethren could enjoy, and it would not be his or the Treasurer's fault if they were not made comfortable. He felt sure the lodge would become one of the best in the province.

"The Visitors" formed the subject of the next toast, which having been responded to, was followed by the toast of "The Officers."

The S.W. and others having replied, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

A very interesting programme was performed by the following artistes: Misses Marianne Fenna and Florence Croft, Bros. Egbert Roberts, and Selwyn Davies, the whole arrangements being under the direction of Bro. George Jennings.

**WILMINGTON.—Walsingham Lodge (No. 2148).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. H. Sadler, P.M. 147, W.M.; E. L. Walford, S.W.; D. Carpmael, J.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.G. Chap.; T. K. Beaufort, Sec.; W. Rowley, S.D.; D. G. Reddall, J.D.; G. D. Stevenson, I.G.; G. Jackson, Stwd.; W. Royle, Tyler; D. G. Imlay, J. Moon, F. M. Noakes, H. G. Spilling, C. L. Hoelen, and Kell. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Nance, San Marcos, Texas, 342, U.S.A.; E. J. Walford, W.M. 905; James Castello, J.D. 227; F. H. Williams, S.W. 13; L. F. Walford, 908; G. S. Peachey, Stwd. 1194; W. D. Bayley, P.M. 185; and F. T. Keade, J.W. 1584.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of

the Audit Committee received and adopted. A ballot was then taken for Mr. A. L. Gosling, which proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. in that faultless manner for which he is so justly celebrated. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Beaufort, Sec., and W.M. 217, who passed Bro. Kell to the Second Degree. Bro. H. Sadler, W.M., having resumed the chair, Bro. Ernest L. Walford, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Sadler. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Rowley, S.W.; D. G. Reddall, J.W.; C. L. Hoelen, Treas.; T. R. Beaufort, Sec.; G. D. Stevenson, S.D.; G. Jackson, J.D.; H. Sadler, P.M., D.C.; D. G. Imlay, I.G.; J. Moon, Stwd.; and W. Royle, Tyler.

The W.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Sadler, I.P.M., for the masterly manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and also for the very able manner in which he had delivered the addresses and fulfilled the duties of their first W.M. He said that although he had heard it rendered a number of times, he had never appreciated the full beauty of it till now, and he should always remember it as long as he lived. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Rowley, S.W., and carried by acclamation. Bro. H. Sadler thanked the brethren for the very kind words spoken of him, it was a great pleasure to him to see their barque, which having been once carefully launched, was safely progressing on her voyage across the sea of prosperity. Bro. D. Carpmael having previously tendered his resignation, owing to the number of his engagements preventing him taking an active part in the affairs of the lodge, Bro. H. Sadler proposed that he be elected an honorary member, as he would always receive a cordial welcome whenever circumstances enabled him to be amongst them. The motion was seconded by the W.M. and carried by acclamation.

Bro. D. Carpmael thanked the brethren for their kindness and said it would give him much pleasure to be with them as often as possible.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been received from the visitors, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where ample justice was done to the good things provided. The rule of the lodge of few and short speeches was somewhat relaxed on this occasion.

After having proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. presented Bro. H. Sadler with a Past Master's jewel, which he trusted he would long be spared to wear, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge.

The more serious business of the evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, Bros. Imlay and Nance varying the programme with recitations. At the request of Bro. Nance, San Marcos, U.S.A., the whole of the brethren sang the National Anthem.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, S.W.; J. R. Allman, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; W. T. Potts, Stwd.; F. E. Vowler, P.M. 1603; F. R. Hayes, P.M. 1767; Jos. Bailey, W. Death, J. Davies, acting Preceptor; and A. Webster, 1515 (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being candidate. Bro. Chalfont was elected W.M. for the next meeting (8th August), and appointed the officers in rotation. Bro. Webster was elected a member. Communication from Bro. J. Stephens was read thanking the brethren for their expression of regret at the accident he had met with. Further communication from Bro. Capt. A. Nicols was read. A vote of thanks was passed, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Davies for acting as Preceptor. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed until 8th August.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 26th inst., when there were present Bros. S. Renault, W.M.; J. Osmond, S.W.; W. Steele, J.W.; W. Roots, S.D.; Hattersey, J.D.; Fullick, I.G.; W. Wingham, Preceptor; F. Croaker, Treas.; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; Chapman, and Bellchamber.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roots candidate. Bro. Chapman, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chapman candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ballot taken for £5 5s., in the hands of the Treasurer, which proved in favour of Bro. Arrowsmith. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor announced that the W.M. for the ensuing week was already elected. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. A. Bullen, W.M.; E. Nice, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; G. Lambert, S.D.; F. W. Crookes, I.G.; W. Brindley, acting as Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Cogliati, F. Dusterwald, Frank Guliford, W. Lincoln, and S. Moss.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Cogliati answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Lambert having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge was closed in the Third, and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Brindley proposed that Bro. E. Nice, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Austin, W.M.; Higginson, S.W.; J. H. Woods, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. Coombs, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Wiles, I.G.; Cavers, Stwd.; John Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Spiegel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; Dresden, Stroud, E. Cox, Benton, L. Cox, Woodard, Brietbart, Sanson, Lichtenfeld, and Stonnill.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections were worked. Bro. E. Cox was elected a joining member.

## Royal Arch.

**MARYPORT.**—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—A regular convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on the 20th inst. Present: Comps. J. Gardiner, M.E.Z.; A. Walter, H.; R. Brown, J.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., Treas.; E. B. Penrice, S.E.; J. Dickinson, S.N.; J. Abbott, Acting Prin. Soj.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Kendall, as 1st Asst. Soj.; J. O. Scott, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Messenger, Janitor; J. Gibson, Stwd.; Jos. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; F. R. Sewell, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; T. Mandie, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Banks, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; and others. Visitors: Comps. J. Tomlinson, 228 (New York), and G. Worthington, 113.

The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. J. Clifton Thompson, of 119, as a joining member, and accepted. Bros. George Scott, Stwd. 371, and Samuel Bettony, Hon. Sec. 371, were balloted for, and being approved of unanimously, were exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M., a ceremony which is always so ably performed by Comp. Walter, H., P.Z., P.P. Asst. G. Soj., with the valuable assistance of Comp. Banks, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.

Comp. Gardiner, Z., on behalf of Mrs. Nicholson (Mother Nicholson) then presented to the chapter a handsome set of officers' collar jewels (10), manufactured by Comp. Geo. Kenning, London. On the motion of Comp. Collin, P.Z., P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. Sewell, P.Z., P.P.G.H., the gift was accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Nicholson for her handsome present.

"Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the chapter was closed, when all separated, thoroughly well pleased with a most enjoyable evening.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above powerful chapter was held at the High School for Boys, Brookhill, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when Comp. E. B. Hobson was, with the usual ceremony, and in ancient form, placed in the chair of Z.; Comp. R. J. Cook in the chair of H.; and Comp. J. H. Roberts in the chair of J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent, S.E.; E. Palmer, S.N.; S. Clarke, P.S.; C. H. Lawson, 1st Asst. S.; E. Morris, 2nd Asst. S.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, Treas.; W. J. Lardner, Janitor. Comp. Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., P.Z. 185, P.P.G.J. Kent, was the installing officer, and did his work grandly, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter; and it was further carried by acclamation "that he become an hon. member of the chapter," for which he returned thanks. We must not forget to mention that he was admirably assisted by Comp. T. S. Warne, P.Z., 20, P.G.S.E. Kent. A guinea was then presented as a prize for the girls of the High School, and the chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet was partaken of at the Café Royal, Airstreet, W., and among the other companions present were C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S. Kent; E. Sweny, P.Z.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; R. Edmunds, P.Z.; W. Musto, P.Z.; W. C. Taylor, G. Frost, W. G. Lloyd, G. F. Taylor, Dr. H. Bernays, R. S. Courtman, H. Ough, J. Farrier, W. Musto, jun., J. Wilson, R. Hewitson, G. Nichols, J. Hooton, C. J. Clapham, W. Harris, J. Topp, G. H. Campbell, W. Busbridge, E. B. Saunders, J. F. Randall, and C. Jolly, J. 1472, all of the chapter. Among the visitors were Comps. T. Ovenden, M.E.Z. 13; R. J. Warren, M.E.Z. 1472; J. S. Mutch, P.Z. 13; J. Wilkins, P.Z. 13; Capt. G. Spinks, H. 13; H. De Gray, 13; and F. Kift, 171.

The first toast was that of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," followed by that of "The M.E. the Grand First Principal of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." Then came the toast of "The M.E. the Pro Grand First Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." These toasts having been drunk with enthusiasm, the M.E.Z. said they were now coming nearer home, for the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of "The Grand Superintendent of Kent, the Right. Hon. Earl Amherst." Their Scribe E. had received a very kind letter from his lordship, regretting his inability to attend the chapter that day, for which he, the M.E.Z., was exceedingly sorry; but there was one thing they could do to show their esteem for their Grand Superintendent, and that was to drink his health in bumpers, and wish that he might long be spared to preside over their dear old Province of Kent.

In giving the toast of "The Prev. Grand H., Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the M.E.Z. said they were honoured upon the present occasion by Comps. Cummings and Warne, and among their own members by Comp. Mason, who was a present officer. They were Grand Masons, and he asked them to drink the toast with all the honours it deserved.

Comp. Cummings, after thanking the companions for their hearty reception of the toast, said they all knew that at the present time their esteemed Comp. Eastes absented himself from Freemasonry on account of the heavy bereavement he had suffered in the loss of his beloved wife, and he felt sure he was expressing the prayer of every companion, not only there, but in the province, when he hoped that the M.H. would give him (Comp. Eastes) health and strength so that he might be enabled still to be with them and carry out the duties that he had for so many years so honourably and so efficiently carried out. It gave him double pleasure to respond to the toast, because he was now an honorary member of the Pattison Chapter, and felt sure that the Grand Officers in it did not wear their colours undeservingly or in vain. It was a source of great gratification to him to know that there was a goodly array of collars in the Pattison Chapter, and he trusted that there would soon be more. It was a great difficulty to distribute the collars among some 18 chapters so as to give entire satisfaction, but he felt sure that none were more worthy than the companions of the Pattison Chapter, and their claims would certainly not be overlooked by their G.S.

and Comp. Eastes, but that they would in due course receive every consideration that they, as members of so important a chapter, deserved.

Comp. Warne apologised because he could not in the first place follow in the rugged eloquence of their M.E.Z., or the more gentle and persuasive rhetoric of the previous speaker; in fact, he felt very much like the poor wretch whom he saw tried for a criminal offence at Maidstone. The prisoner was, after each witness, asked by the judge if he had anything to say, but he answered not a word. At the end of the case the judge again asked him, telling him at the same time that if he had anything to say now was the time. In answer the man said, "No, my lord, I have nothing to say, and if I had I would not, as, in my opinion, too much has been said about the case already;" and, to the surprise of everybody, the jury acquitted him. The judge then said, "You have had a very narrow escape; don't you come here again." When the man said, "No, my lord, I won't, and I would not have come here now if I could have helped it." Now, while he quite believed enough had been said, yet he could not say that he would not have come if he could have helped it, for he always attended the installation of the Pattison Chapter with extreme pleasure. It was undoubtedly the premier chapter in the province of Kent, and had, he felt sure, a good time before it, and he could only once again thank them for their kind reception and splendid hospitality.

Comp. Mason said he must say that he considered it a high honour to have a collar under their noble G.S. He spoke highly of the admirable manner in which Comp. Cummings had carried out the duties of Installing Officer. If the meeting had been only a week later he should not have had an opportunity to respond, as before that time expired his year of office would have expired to; but, whether as an officer present or past, he trusted he should ever carry out those grand principles inculcated in Masonry—"Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth"—so long as he had life, and to assist in the welfare of the Pattison Chapter so long as he had health and strength.

In response to the toast of his health, the M.E.Z., Comp. Hobson, said he was at present but a new bloom only just blossoming into life as Z., but could assure them that the impressive ceremony, so ably carried out by Comp. Cummings, would never be effaced from his memory. He had been through the various offices below the chair, and trusted that, as he had done his duty in those offices, he should do the same in the important position he now occupied, and that he should see many other of the companions arrive at the same distinction. He never would have taken office unless he had determined to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. It was the happiest day of his life that he joined the chapter, and he should endeavour to maintain its prestige and efficiency, and leave the chair in, if possible, a more prosperous condition than he found it.

Comp. Cummings having responded to the toast of "The Installing Officer," he and Comp. Warne left for Kent amid a real "Kentish fire."

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed.

Comp. Cook, in response, acknowledged their kindness in placing him in the important and dignified position he then occupied, for unless they had chosen him, he certainly would not have been there. They had heard that night, and not for the first time, that the Pattison Chapter was the first in the province, and he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to maintain its present high position, and make it worthy of its honourable reputation.

Comp. Roberts said the ceremony he had that day passed through would leave a lasting impression on him; it would, if possible, make him a better companion than ever. He had passed through all the minor offices, and felt sure that those who followed him—Comps. Palmer and Clark—would, as he had done, assist the M.E.Z. by every means in their power.

Comp. Col. Hughes, M.P., had an especial toast, and answered in a prettily conceived speech, for which he was well applauded.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Past Principals," "The Masonic Press," "The Officers," and Janitor's toast.

Comp. Kift presided at the piano, and some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, Z.; H. Dehane, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J.; M. Spiegel, S.E.; R. J. Laundry, P.S.; J. Davies, 1st A.S.; A. R. Kudall, and A.S.; E. Child, P.Z.; J. Sims, C. R. Wickens, and J. Smith.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Davies being candidate. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

The usual quarterly meeting of the fratres assembled at a special convocation in which the quarterly communication was merged, took place at the Masonic Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 22nd instant. There were present V.W. Fratres, R. Roy, M. of the T.; Hon. VIII.°; T. C. Walls, Dep. M. of the T.; E. Thielay, I.P.M. of the Hon. VIII.°; M.W. Frater W. R. Woodman, IX.°, S. M. Treas.; R.W. Fratres W. Wynn Westcott, VIII.°, Sec. and Hon. IX.°; G. Lambert, VIII.°, P.M. of the T.; T. Massa, Hon. VIII.°; S. L. Macgregor Mathers, VIII.°; W. Fratres, J. J. Thomas, E. Street, Rev. T. W. Lemon, H. L. Shirley, W. Lake, J. N. Frye, and many other fratres, and George Harrison, Assist. Acolyte.

The M. of the T. having opened the Temple and formed the Mystic Circle, the chair was taken by the Supreme Magus, Dr. Wm. R. Woodman, M.D.; and a special convocation of the Rosicrucian Society of England was constituted. The following eminent visiting fratres were admitted and saluted: M. W. Fratres, C. E. Meyer, IX.°, S.M. of the United States; D. Sutter, VIII.°; C. W. Packer, VIII.°; J. Sartain, VIII.°; W. J. Hughsan, IX.°, Past S.S.M. of England; C. F. Matier, P.S.M. of Scotland; J. D. Murray, a P.M. of Lancashire; T. H. Tilton, P.D.

G.M. of New York; and H. Lovegrove, representing the York College.

The minutes of the meeting on April 14th were read and confirmed. The Secretary notified the receipt of 135 apologies for absence, and special letters of regret from R.W. Frater, T. B. Whythead, Chief Adept of Yorkshire; R. A. Harwood, Chief Adept of Lancashire; F. Trewin, Chief Adept Somersetshire; Brockbank, Past Chief Adept Lancashire; Brown, Past Chief Adept Scotland; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, H. G. Buss, J. Ellison Macartney, Magnus Ohren, Dr. T. H. Bulwer, Chief Adept Australia; F. Gottlieb, B. Cox, Capt. Humber, Representative of Scotland; J. L. Thomas, J.S.M.; C. Peek, S.S.M.; and others. V.W. Frater R. Roy, M. of the T., then rehearsed the ceremony of advancement to the Zelatorship, Frater N. Frye acting as Candidate, V.W. Frater S. L. M. Mathers acting as C. of N's., and Frater Shirley, J. J. Thomas, Street, and Lake acting as the Four Ancients; and W. Frater Rev. F. W. Lemon acted as Chaplain and Organist.

The S.M. of the United States expressed his great commendation of the skilful and eloquent performance of the ritual by the V.W. Frater R. Roy, in which sentiment everyone present cordially joined.

R. W. Frater George Lambert and Eugene Thiellay were conducted to the chair, and received jewels of honour as Past Masters of the Temple, and each expressed his gratitude at the presentation.

The Supreme Magus then conferred the Honorary Ninth Degree upon M.W. Frater C. E. Meyer, S.M. of U.S.A.; Albert G. Goodall, S.S.M. of U.S.A.; Alfred F. Chapman, J.S.M. of U.S.A.; Thomas J. Shryock, Treas.-Gen.; Charles T. MacClenahan, Sec.-Gen.; and the Honorary Eighth Degree upon V.W. Frater John Sartain, John Young, Daniel Sutter, and Chas. W. Packer.

M.W. Frater C. E. Meyer, in returning thanks, gave an eloquent account of the Order in America, and each of the visitors in turn made a short speech, adding other interesting information. Frater Sartain narrated the Rabbinical legend of Solomon and the Iron Worker who claimed the seat of honour among all artificers.

R.W. Frater W. Wynn Westcott, M.B., Hon. IX°, exhibited his new work on the Isiac Tablet of Bembo, also a large-sized photograph of his drawing of the same. The mystic circle was then dissolved, and the convocation closed at 7.15 p.m. in ancient and solemn form, and further business was adjourned until the second Thursday in October.

At 7 o'clock the fratres sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. A long list of toasts was honoured, and there was much discussion of topics of Rosicrucian interest.

**Queensland.**

**CONSECRATION OF THE BLACKALL LODGE.**

The opening of the above new lodge took place, with full Masonic honours, on Tuesday, the 17th May, under dispensation from the District Grand Lodge. The Installing Officer, Bro. F. C. Shaw, P.M. 1680, Dist. G. Std. Br., was assisted by Bros. H. G. Eccles, I.P.M. 1680; G. Shakespeare, P.M. 1680; and T. H. Girling, I.P.M. 2167, P.M. 706 and 1160, P.D.G.S. Bengal. Bro. C. W. Sergeant was installed as the first W.M., and invested his officers—accompanying each investiture with suitable remarks—as follows: Bros. M. S. Tolano, S.W.; V. Desgrand, J.W.; E. Myers, Treas.; J. McGregor, Sec.; Rev. J. D. Mably, S.D.; F. Clark, J.D.; G. Clark, I.G.; J. C. Drysdale, Stwd.; and W. Russell, Tyler.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then requested that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to the Installing Master and those brethren who had travelled through the rain and mud over 90 miles of country to open that lodge, which was carried unanimously.

Four candidates were then proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being honoured.

"The Health of the Newly-Installed Master" was well received, also that of "The Visitors," who had journeyed so far. "Prosperity to the Blackall Lodge" closed a very pleasant evening.

**MASONIC JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT LANCASTER.**

The brethren resident in Lancaster and the vicinity celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the accession of her Majesty on Wednesday afternoon, the 29th ult., by the installation meeting of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge; the dedication of the Masonic Hall, Church-street; and by a combined banquet of the three lodges at the King's Arms Hotel in the evening. There was a very good attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. S.B. of England, Prov. G. Sec.; Capt. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. E. Oglethorpe, P.P.G.R.; H. Longman, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Hatch, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Longmire, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Simpson, P.P.G.P.; H. Bewes, P.M., S.P.G.S.B. (Wigton)—Duke of Lancaster Lodge; Bros. W. King, W.M.; P.M.'s, Bros. J. Acton, J. Barrow, J. Beesley, H. Hartley, J. Ellershaw, R. Wolfenden, J. D. Bell; and Bros. D. Shaw, J. R. Nuttall, John Simpson, R. Mortimer, G. A. Morge, F. Ward, A. L. Price, J. L. Barrow, James Simpson, Jos. Wright, J. Davis, T. Hinde, E. Smalley, R. T. Walker, J. Kenny, G. Jackson, J. E. Miller, P. Dutton, W. Bell, T. Armitstead, G. Blezard, R. Threlfall, W. Linnaker, and R. C. Wilkinson. Rowley Lodge: W. Drinkall, W.M.; P.M.'s, N. W. Helme, A. Kershaw; and Bros. A. Stanley, W. Capstick, and Rev. J. Brack. Lodge of Fortitude: R. Nicholson, W.M.; P.M.'s, F. Dean, James Hatch, W. King, G. Kelland, J. Jowett, B. Gregson, E. Cardwell, J. Fenton, T. Bayley, R. Stanton, J. Atkinson; Bros. J. Heald, J. B. Shaw, A. T. Relf, H. Gooch, L. D. Price, W. Hayes, W. Atkinson, G. C. Hatton, J. Barrow, A. K. Allinson, J. H. Parker, T. G. Thompson, J. Phyzackerley, T. Thistlethwaite, and B. Hamer. The Morecambe Lodge was represented by Bros. J. F. Wilan, W.M., and Bro. Stephenson; and Bro. Thos. Addis, of St. Helens, was also present.

The first event in the afternoon's programme was the installation of the W.M. of No. 1353. Bro. W. King, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair and opened the lodge, after which the chair was taken by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M. No. 155, and Prov. G. Sec., who had kindly consented to perform the ceremony. The W.M. elect, Bro. David Shaw, was duly presented by Bros. Ellershaw and Wolfenden, and the first part of the ceremonial having been gone through, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Shaw installed, the service being most impressively rendered by Bro. Goodacre. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. King, I.P.M.; John Simpson, S.W.; R. Mortimer, J.W.; John Barrow, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Bell, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Morge, S.D.; W. Linnaker, J.D.; A. L. Price, I.G.; Jas. Ellershaw, P.M., D. of C.; R. Threlfall; and J. L. Barrow, Stwds.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. He then presented Bro. King, on behalf of the lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, as a slight token of their appreciation of the manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office.

Bro. KING briefly acknowledged the compliment, and in concluding proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. Goodacre the Installing Officer, and that the same be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The motion was carried with acclamation, and duly acknowledged.

The jewel presented to Bro. King, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. King, P.M., by the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1353, as a mark of esteem. June 29, 1887."

The dedication of the Masonic Hall, in Church-street, took place at four o'clock, Bro. Captain C. H. Garnett, who was the dedicating officer, being assisted in his duty by the Provincial Grand Officers above named, and the Worshipful Masters of three lodges assembling there, namely, Bro. R. Nicholson, of the Fortitude; Bro. W. Drinkall, Rowley; and Bro. D. Shaw, of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. Bro. Longman ably officiated as D. of C., and the musical portion of the service was capably rendered by a quintet consisting of Bros. T. Armitstead, Jos. Barrow, H. Gooch, L. D. Price, and J. H. Parker, Bro. F. Dean presiding at the organ.

The duties of the day were brought to a conclusion with a banquet at the King's Arms Hotel, and with a few exceptions was attended by all whose names appear above, the gathering being one of the most successful ever held in Lancaster. Bro. Captain Garnett occupied the chair, having on his right and left the provincial officers who had been assisting him in the dedicatory service. The after-dinner proceedings were considerably enhanced by the rendering of a capital selection of glees by the quintet party above named, and whose efforts were heartily applauded.

The banquet being concluded, and dessert passed round, the usual toast list was honoured, "The Health of the Queen" being received most enthusiastically, as likewise was that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." Bro. Goodacre was also congratulated on his appointment to past rank in Grand Lodge, and the Chairman, Bro. Captain Garnett, received a bumper, which he duly acknowledged.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. R. I. FINNEMORE, R.M.**

The Durban Resident Magistrate's staff, including the District Surgeon (Dr. W. H. Addison), and the Superintendent of the Addington Hospital (Mr. Way), waited upon Bro. Finnemore at his residence in Smith-street, Durban, recently, for the purpose of presenting to him an address and gift bronze clock in token of their regard and on the occasion of his impending marriage.

Dr. ADDISON, in making the presentation, said Bro. Finnemore entered the public service when Messrs Harding and Field were the only magistrates in the colony, and was now, he supposed, the oldest Government servant on the bench. None of the magistrates of the colony fulfilled their duties better than Bro. Finnemore, whether as regards learning and ability or demeanour and general bearing. Dr. Addison heartily congratulated his worship on his approaching marriage, and added that the lady who was to become his wife was also to be congratulated on the just and upright character of the gentleman of her choice.

Bro. FINNEMORE briefly returned thanks for the address and gift, the value of which, he said, was greatly enhanced by their being presented by his dear old friend, Dr. Addison, whom he had known so many years. He valued them for the feelings which prompted the gift; for it was difficult to carry out a responsible position unless one was supported and helped cheerfully and willingly by those about him. It was a great pleasure to him to feel that he had the regard and good wishes of his staff.

The party then adjourned to the dining-room, where Bro. Finnemore's health was drunk and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The Freemasons and the officials of the Durban Central Jail will also make presentations.

**MASONIC PICNIC AT SHEARWATER.**

The lodges in Wiltshire had a combined picnic on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Shearwater, by the kind permission of the Marquis of Bath. The event was organised by a committee, representative of the various lodges, to whom Bro. G. J. Farrington, P.M., acted as Hon. Sec., and the arrangements, necessarily of great detail, were carried out most admirably. Parties from all parts of the county travelled by rail to Warminster, the railway company having offered them special facilities, but a few from the neighbouring towns did the journey by road, Norris's well appointed drag going from Trowbridge.

At Warminster station, a number of brakes were in attendance, and the party were soon on their way to Shearwater. With the exception of a slight shower just after their arrival at the park, the visitors were favoured with lovely weather.

On reaching the rendezvous, a recherché luncheon, provided in a tent, was partaken of by about 100 brethren and their friends, the catering of Bro. W. H. Atkins giving the utmost satisfaction.

In the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, the chair was taken by Bro. R. Dear, W.M.

The toast of "The Queen," and that of "The Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," were given from the chair, and met with a most enthusiastic reception.

Other toasts included "The Chairman," "The Organisers of the Picnic," "The Ladies," and "The Caterer."

Afterwards the party drove through the park to Heaven's gate, thence to Horningsham, and next to Longleat. The noble owner admitted the visitors to the mansion, and the gardens were also inspected.

The party next proceeded to the boat house, where they partook of a substantial tea.

The boats having been brought into requisition, numbers were soon rowing on the lake, while others enjoyed themselves in the park, and some indulged in a dance, selections of music being rendered by a capital band, under the direction of Bro. H. Millington. Shortly after eight o'clock, the bugle sound came all too soon for the departure.

The visitors from the direction of Salisbury and Swindon drove back to Warminster station, while those from Trowbridge and Bradford returned *via* Frome by the last train.

Among the brethren present, most of whom were accompanied by one or two ladies, were Bros. R. and J. H. Dear, W. Flower, T. S. Fletcher, J. W. Calkin, E. Hale, G. Fullford, E. Bartlett, G. G. Nunn, W. G. Knight, H. Blake, J. W. Newton, F. Griffin, Gerrish, A. H. Lapham, I. James, F. Kelland, J. H. Foley, T. S. Hill, H. Applegate, H. Millington, H. R. Chapman, A. G. P. Foley, H. Mundy, C. Roberts, H. Mead, W. H. Burt, Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, J. Sparks, W. E. Taylor, H. S. Wilkins, G. J. Farrington, G. Taylor, C. J. Jones, C. W. Bryant, A. Wallington, W. J. Wilkins, J. Taylor, T. Turner, W. G. Shemilt, J. Smith, J. Hall, E. J. Langston, Trotman, and Flower.

The picnic, it need scarcely be added, was thoroughly enjoyed, and numerous hopes were expressed that there will be a similar gathering annually. Before separating the visitors one and all expressed their appreciation of the indefatigable exertions of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Farrington, to whom must be attributed, to a very large extent, the unqualified success which attended the picnic.

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE "OLD MASONIANS."**

The first annual report of the Association, known as the "Old Masonians," consisting of members educated at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is on the whole a satisfactory one. Formed as recently as May, 1886, it already numbers 74 members, and the support accorded to it by many leading Freemasons, and particularly by Bro. Fredk. Binckes, the veteran Secretary of the Institution, augurs well for its future usefulness and prosperity. The balance-sheet, though it deals only with modest figures, shows that the Society is well managed. The receipts from all sources, and including the Subscriptions and Entrance Fees of Members, Donations at the Annual Dinner, and Subscriptions to Prize Fund, reached £36 2s., while the expenditure, including £9 9s. Rent of Room for Social Evenings, and £2 7s. "Loss on Annual Dinner," amounted to £18 6s. 3d. The Donations promised, but as yet unpaid, are £5 5s., and balance in hand and at bank is £12 10s. 9d. The annual dinner took place on the 26th May last, under the presidency of Bro. Binckes. Not so many members were present as had been expected, and the receipts for tickets fell short of the outlay by £2 7s. However, this small deficit was more than counterbalanced by the subscriptions to the funds of the Association, which were contributed by the brethren who took part in the festivity, and which, as the account discloses, amounted to £19 19s. In short, the opening year has passed off well. Certain expenses were incurred at starting, which will not need to be incurred again, or to a lesser extent only. As the Association becomes better known and its objects more generally understood and appreciated, there will no doubt be a large increase in the number of members, especially as the entrance fee is very small, and the annual subscription only 5s. for a town, and 2s. 6d. for a country member, and 1s. for a junior, that is, a youth under 18 years of age. We may reasonably hope, therefore, that the "Old Masonians" will gradually settle themselves down into a society of "Old Boys," who will not only take a pride in the School at which they were educated, but will likewise be prepared, as occasion may demand, to lend a helping hand to any "Old Masonians" that may be in need of it. We shall always take great pleasure in encouraging and supporting this Association.

**SUMMER BANQUET OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.**

The members of this lodge held their annual summer outing on Thursday, the 14th instant. The place selected for the visit was Windsor, and the wisdom of the choice was testified by the complete success of the venture. The bright weather, the picturesque scenery, the geniality which prevailed one and all, and last but not least, the presence of the fair sex, all combined to realise the idea of the excursion—a happy and enjoyable day. The company journeyed from Paddington at 11 o'clock, reaching Windsor about an hour later. After a substantial lunch at the Star and Garter, thoughts were naturally turned to the best mode of spending the time in the pleasantest and most beneficial manner. The majority decided in favour of a drive to Virginia Water as the best means of viewing the surrounding country. The route taken was down the long drive from the Castle, past the stone of the statue to be erected by the Women's Jubilee offering, which had been prepared to be laid later in the day by her Majesty. On reaching the skirts of the beautiful grounds of Virginia Water, the company alighted and walked round the lake, past the old ruins and waterfall, to the Wheatshaf, where the carriages were in waiting. On the return journey, a different road was taken, and a visit paid to the Home Farm, which proved interesting and instructive. Windsor was reached about five, enabling a few of the party to walk to Eton, where a close inspection was made of the antique triumphal arch erected by the Etonians, the pedestrians returned in time for dinner. A number of the company who preferred a trip on the river, having procured a steam launch, spent a very pleasant day on the water and were enabled to make a short stay at Maidenhead. The excursionists re-assembled at the Star and Garter, Windsor, shortly after six o'clock,

well pleased at the enjoyment they had derived from their visit to the picturesque neighbourhood. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided by the worthy host, the toast list was commenced, the important feature of the evening being the unveiling, by the Rev. Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chap., of an oil painting of Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., generously presented to the lodge by Bro. N. D. Fracis, W.M. 255. "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given by Bro. H. Wood, W.M., the S.W. proposed "The Grand Officers." After eulogising the services rendered by the Grand Officers, he said that on the present occasion it afforded him very great pleasure to be permitted to couple with the toast the name of one who was so well known and respected as Rev. Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain. He might tell them that many years ago that brother was one of the curates of the royal parish of Kensington, where their lodge met, and during that time he was loved and respected by all. He had watched his career with great satisfaction, having naturally taken an interest in those who had been connected with them. He asked all present to cordially drink the toast, coupling with it the name of Rev. Bro. Simpson.

Rev. Bro. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap. heartily thanked the S.W. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. As a humble member of Grand Lodge he returned his best thanks for the kindness which had on that, as on every occasion, characterized their Masonic gatherings. He felt privileged at having to respond for this toast on the present occasion, and he congratulated himself especially on having it proposed by one who hailed from a place with which he was associated in his early days, and who had played an important part as churchwarden in Kensington. He was sure that the toast the S.W. had proposed was one which the ladies would to some extent appreciate, for ladies of this country were always anxious to pay respect to anything in the shape of authority. He had been accustomed to hear the ladies say "and obey." He was quite sure, therefore, that irrespective of the remarkable offering which the Queen had received from the loyal ladies they would ever be found paying loyal devotion to their Queen. He was pleased to be present at this gathering and he congratulated the lodge on the presence of the fair sex, for he had ever found that the only drawback to Masonry was the absence of ladies. He wished they could have been present at the Albert Hall, when they would have heard over 6000 voices uniting in the chorus of "God save the Queen," and producing a volume of sound that would excel all the choirs in England. The presence of ladies had a most happy and refining effect and he was delighted that that lodge had given the brethren the honour of their presence. He had been asked to perform what he called a pleasing duty. It was a happiness to all of them some time ago to hail with great satisfaction the news that the election of a Mason, distinguished in the Craft, to the position of Grand Treasurer of England, would be held year by year, instead of having it as heretofore, a life office. He happened to take a humble part in that change and he was sure they would feel that in the case of the only office in the gift of the Craft it should be an office, not for life, but year by year. They came last year upon a distinguished Mason who is not a native of this country, but who had been associated with that great Empire to which they had the honour to claim alliance. He meant the great Empire of India, and it was a happy thought that at the time when they were anxious to unite together the whole of the Empire, that they should take up the cue and should elect to the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Cama. He cordially rejoiced at the result of that election, and he was quite sure that the dignity with which Bro. Cama held that office was a proof that the choice was not in vain, nay, more, that he held that office was a proof that he was the almoner of his own benefits in helping the Masonic Charities. They might naturally expect that such a Mason should have his memory perpetuated. At the same time he would say that as there were men like Sir Christopher Wren, who in St. Paul's Cathedral could point to monuments around them, so Bro. Cama could point to the blessings he had conferred upon their three Masonic Institutions. Bro. Cama was well worthy of having his memory perpetuated, although he trusted it would be many years before the original passed away. It was meet and right that on the canvas they should still have Bro. Cama with them, and when he (Bro. Simpson) threw off the frail covering of the picture they would see a portrait that would be treasured and revered in their lodge. The picture of their excellent friend had been taken by Miss Kead, of New Bond-street, who had painted some of the heroes of the time. She had been privileged to take the portrait of their friend, and she had taken it, as he thought they would all presently agree, admirably. As the ladies present were aware there were said to be secrets in Masonry, but on that occasion he was going to unveil a secret which he might confide to them. "There's nought but what's good to be understood by a Free and an Accepted Mason," and he was sure that what he was about to unveil would be pronounced very good. There was a verse in the song from which he had quoted, which was meant to prove the esteem with which the ladies are regarded by Masons. It was "No mortals can more the ladies adore than a Free and an Accepted Mason." He quoted the words to show the ladies the inflated way in which they were looked upon, and while he was only too delighted to reveal a secret to them without infringing any laws, he was confident that when he drew the veil they would feel that they had in that portrait that which was "good, to be understood" by every Mason and every sister present. He would add one other little fact—If there were secrets in Freemasonry, they were the most insignificant part of the Order. Their principles were loyalty, Charity, and a reverence for all that was good and holy, more particularly in their homes. That was the essence of their Order. There was no principle that was not high and glorious, and their great secrets, if they existed, were but the least part of their constitution. The portrait about to be unveiled had been presented to the lodge by Bro. Fracis, W.M. 255, who was present with them. It was a noble present of a noble man, for it was the portrait of one whose position in the commercial world and in India stands high, in addition to the position he had attained in Freemasonry. He trusted that the present would be duly appreciated by the lodge, and that it would remain a landmark to guide young Masons in the way of peace and truth. He was happy to think there was with them that night another Bro. Cama, who was a nephew of

their worthy friend, and he trusted he would follow in the footsteps of his uncle and be a blessing to the Order he had joined. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had listened to his few remarks, and as the evening was advancing considerably, he trusted they would permit him to sit down and present to their gaze, as a gift from Bro. Fracis, the portrait of Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer.

The picture, which is an excellent portrait of Bro. Cama, was then unveiled amidst loud applause.

Bro. PARRHOUSE, P.M., said that as he happened to be the senior P.M. present, he had the privilege of proposing "The Health of the W.M." Having known Bro. Wood, W.M., for 25 years, he could say that a more kind and genial man never existed.

Bro. J. H. WOOD, W.M., in reply, after thanking the company for the heartiness with which the toast had been received, said that his experience of Masonry was confined to their lodge, which he joined 10 years ago. Since that time he had been progressing step by step until he had arrived at his present position. With reference to the picture, he felt deeply grateful to Bro. Fracis for his kindness, and he assured them that he considered it an act whereby that brother had increased the estimation with which he was previously regarded. On behalf of the members, he tendered their sincere thanks to Bro. Fracis for his generous gift.

Bro. N. D. Fracis, W.M. 255, in responding for "The Visitors," said it was with diffidence that he rose to reply, for he had to speak in a language not his own. He would state the circumstances under which he was led to present the portrait. Some few months ago, their esteemed Bro. the Rev. Simpson was kind enough to write a letter to Bro. Cama asking him to sit for the painting. Bro. Cama, who is a very intimate friend of his own, was at first reluctant, being of opinion that such a portrait should be executed after the death of a man; but at last he consented. Mrs. Cama had seen the picture, and she considered it as a fine likeness. As Parsees, they were taught two things, charity and gratitude. He thought Bro. Cama had done something for the Masonic Charities, and it was this lodge that had helped his rise in the Craft. It was their lodge that, finding a worthy brother possessing sterling qualities, esteemed him as such, and made him an honorary member. Personally, he felt that he owed a debt of gratitude to this lodge which he could never repay. There was one other fact he would mention—recently, whilst going through some old papers of the Cama firm, he noticed that that excellent firm had contributed no less than £12,500 to Charity. In conclusion he again returned thanks for their kindness.

Other toasts, including "The Ladies," having been given, the party returned to town by the special saloon carriages provided, reaching London soon after eleven, well satisfied with their pleasant and enjoyable trip.

The company included: Bro. J. H. Wood, W.M., Mrs. and the Misses Wood; Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas., and Miss Parkhouse; Bro. Saml. Smout, P.M. and Mrs. Smout; Bro. Geo. Davis, P.M., and Mrs. Davis; Bro. E. M. Lander, P.M.; Bro. James Bartle, P.M., and friends, and Miss Bartle; Bro. R. H. Pearson, S.W., and friends; Bro. J. R. Roberts, J.D., and friends; Bro. E. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers and friends; Bro. J. Woodmason, P.M., and friends; Bro. J. H. Pearson, P.M., and Miss Pearson; Bro. G. A. Williams, Mrs. Williams, and son; Bro. W. Wadham and Miss Wadham; Bro. J. Turner and Mrs. Turner; Bro. J. S. Adkins, P.M., and friends; Bro. Mason and Mrs. and Miss Mason; Bros. Day, Brewster, French, Huish, F. C. Broad and friends, Hy. Holmes, Irvine, Thos. Fisher, Hatton, Hart, Whittelease, Morey, and many others.

Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; N. D. Fracis, W.M. 255; J. K. R. Cama; D. Stroud, W.M. 2045, and Miss Stroud; W. W. Lee, 1897, and others.

#### MASONIC CEREMONY AT BRIXTON.

On Thursday, the 21st inst., the foundation stone of the Parochial Rooms, attached to the Church of St. Jude, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, was laid by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

The Rev. R. B. Ransford, the vicar of St. Jude's, having secured a suitable site, designs were invited in limited competition, and that submitted by Mr. E. W. Wimperis, of 6, Lambert-road, Brixton-hill, was selected. The plan includes a large hall for lectures, concerts, &c., a meeting room, kitchen, &c. The elevation is of a pleasing type of continental Gothic, the total cost will be £1700, and the contractors are Messrs. E. C. Howell and Sons, of Lambeth.

The architect is a cousin and pupil of Bro. J. T. Wimperis, P.M., Past Grand Steward.

Bro. J. Lynn, Bristow, M.P., attended as a P.M. and received a hearty welcome.

The members of the Brixton Lodge, including Bros. W. Day, W.M.; H. Lovegrove, P.M. and Sec.; H. Baldwin, P.M.; Hicks, J. Bott, R. Bott, Loney, Newlands, and many others. Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507; Cooke, 1928; W. H. Lee, and many other Masons residing in the neighbourhood.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master was received on his arrival by Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Dr. Stewart, P.G.D.; F. S. Knyvett, G.D.; Pendlebury, Asst. Grand Secretary; and Rev. Welland, Grand Chaplain, who assisted the R.W. Deputy Grand Master in the ceremony, as did Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, who is a sidesman of the adjoining parish, and representative at the Diocesan Conference, acted as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth presided at the summer session of the Institute of Naval Architects, which was opened at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Tuesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Masters, Wardens, and assistants of the Merchant Taylors' Company, of which his lordship is a member, at dinner in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House on Wednesday.

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#### The Craft Abroad.

The Ascotvale Masonic Hall, near Melbourne, the foundation stone of which was laid so recently as October last, was opened as a place of public entertainment on the 13th of May by a ball, held under the auspices of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2112 (E.C.). Elaborate preparations had been made for the occasion, in the shape of decorations, which were mainly the work of Bro. J. C. M. Cowan, the architect of the building, assisted by several members of the lodge and ladies, the latter of whom provided some pretty floral devices as an adjunct to a display of ferns and pot plants. The larger of the side rooms at the entrance to the hall was turned into a reception and drawing room, kindly furnished for the evening by the wife of one of the lodge officers. Bro. Dr. Campbell, the S.W. of the lodge, and Mrs. Campbell undertook the duties of host and hostess, in consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. W. F. Lamony. The company numbered nearly 100 couples. Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., R.W. Dist. and Prov. G.M. of Victoria, and Lady Clarke had accepted an invitation, but during the afternoon a telegram was received from Sir William, stating that the death of the son of one of his principal District Officers in a terrible railway disaster deprived Lady Clarke and himself of the pleasure of being present. Several other invited guests were present. Dancing opened shortly after 9 with the "Rupertswood Quadrille," composed by the W.M. of the Gordon Lodge, and introduced with much success at a recent Masonic ball in Melbourne. The quadrille is dedicated to Sir William Clarke, and named after his country seat. The opening set was composed as follows: Bro. S. T. Staughton, M.P., and Mrs. Jennings, Bro. W. T. C. Kelly and Mrs. Campbell, Dr. Campbell and Mrs. Staughton, the Mayor of Essendon and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. M'Lean and Miss Lamony, Bro. J. F. Crane and Mrs. Hayles (née Miss Lamony), Bro. A. Reeve and Mrs. Syers, Bro. J. A. Rigby and Mrs. Reeve. The card contained 23 dances, admirable music for which was provided by Wilson's band. Bro. J. A. Rigby officiated as M.C. The catering in the supper rooms was entrusted to Bro. Skinner. Bro. Lamony, we may add, is occupying the chair of the Gordon Lodge for the second year. He also laid the foundation stone of the Ascotvale Masonic Hall, and is Chairman of the directors of the company which erected the building.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, held at Croydon on the 27th inst., Bro. Charles Belton, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, was invested as Senior Grand Warden.

The corner-stone of the new Public School Buildings, Huntington, West Virginia, U.S.A., was laid with the customary Masonic rites on the 4th July, by Bro. Hiram R. Howard, M.W.G.M. West Virginia, the oration being delivered by Bro. Thos. E. Hodges, Professor in Marshall College.

Thursday, November the 3rd, has been fixed for the consecration of Truro Cathedral, the foundation-stone of which was laid with Masonic ceremonial, by the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. It is expected that his Royal Highness will be present on the occasion, and that the ceremony will be conducted by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Among the Jubilee celebrations co-incident with that of her Majesty this year we are pleased to note that of Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C., who completes his 50 years' experience as Gas Engineer. Bro. Ohren commenced his career in 1837 as a pupil of Geddie Pearse, the Engineer-in-Chief of the British Gas Company, London, and has been for many years, as most of our readers know, the Manager of the Crystal Palace Gas Company.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 16th July contains an interesting sketch of the Carter Lodge, No. 50, Pennsylvania (extinct since 1838), which was warranted in December, 1790 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to meet at the "Sign of the White Horse," in East Whiteland Township, Chester co. Pa., and the founders of which had been members of the old Military Lodge at Valley Forge. The lodge found itself obliged to succumb to the strong anti-Masonic crusade which caused so much excitement throughout the United States during 1826 and following years, the order to suspend labour being made in September, 1835, and the warrant finally vacated in January, 1838.

On Monday, the 28th inst., the eldest daughter of Bro. T. W. Heath, W.S. 1642, was married to Bro. W. Windsor, A.O. 1585. The bridesmaids being Miss Lizzie Heath and Miss Fannie Heath, sisters of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. H. Brooks, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Westbourne Park, an old friend of the family, after which, Bro. Heath in his most liberal and bountiful spirit entertained about 40 to breakfast, when the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to. Among the guests were many relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom, also Bro. J. Inder, of the Chiswick Lodge, and Bro. W. C. Williams, W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge. The happy pair left town on their honeymoon trip, about 6.30. The festivities continued until a very late hour. The breakfast was supplied by Bro. Anderson (865), of Earl's Court-road.

The foundation-stone of the new offices about to be erected at Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Queen-street, E.C., for the accommodation of the British Equitable Assurance Company, was laid with appropriate formalities, and in the presence of a numerous gathering of the Directors and their friends, on the afternoon of Friday, the 22nd inst., the ceremony being followed by a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern. Everything passed off most successfully, and we trust it will not be long before the Company is able to establish itself in its new premises.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Travellers to and from distant climes would do well to bear in mind, that these changes and the altered diet and surroundings of their lives entail manifold risks to health. Occasions are sure to arise in which they will need a remedy such as these renowned Pills and Ointment, and no traveller by land or sea should ever fail to have a supply at hand. Then he may truly be said to have a physician at his call for the various emergencies of travel. Chills and fevers should be promptly treated, and the printed directions should be carefully studied at the commencement of any illness, for Holloway's remedies can be safely used in all climates.—[ADVT.]



Mr. William Duck, the owner of the copyright of "Our Boys," will put up the late Bro. Byron's famous piece at the Criterion on August 13th probably. For nearly three years did this run at the Vaudeville, where it was produced and played by Bros. Thos. Thorne and David James. The latter resumes his old character of the retired butlerman, and will be supported by Miss Rose Saker, Miss Viney, and other members of the Criterion company. This play may be said never to be stale; it is written for all times, and no one can resist laughing heartily over its fun. We think in the off-season it is better to re-produce a well-known piece than bring out a new one, and we wish Mr. Duck success.

Miss Melnotte has re-opened her house with a somewhat old play, Mr. F. C. Burnand's "The Colonel," which had one of the longest runs on record at the old Prince of Wales's before its demolition. We think "The Colonel" ranks next to "Our Boys" for the number of its performances. At the time this piece was written, the æsthetic craze was the order of the day, and probably Mr. Burnand did a great deal to kill the worship of the lily, the dodo, the sunflower, and the terra cotta colour and style of dress, assisted by Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Patience." But though æstheticism is dead, we are not prepared to say that the revival of "The Colonel" is unwarranted. One can laugh at it still when one recollects the object which brought it into existence. Mr. Edgar Bruce resumes his old, but not original, part, and in nothing does he shine so well as in this. Mr. Herbert is in his original character, whilst Miss Helen Leyton and Miss Susie Vaughan, and Miss Melnotte and Bro. Frank Wyatt support other characters. We think there are many who will be glad of the opportunity of witnessing this, the only play which her Majesty the Queen has seen since the death of the Prince Consort, when it was played at Sandringham by special command.

Last Friday the Court Theatre closed its doors for ever. We never mingled with a more enthusiastic audience than the one which assembled that evening to witness the first acts of "The Schoolmistress," "Dandy Dick," and "The Magistrate," all the three amusing pieces which Bro. Pinero has written for Bros. Clayton and Cecil to such advantage to all concerned. It might have been the trial night of a new play, or the farewell at the Lyceum. Loud calls were continuously made for the lessees, Mrs. John Wood, Miss Norreys, and the rest of the company. In the middle, Bro. Clayton made a speech and announced that he hopes to open a new Court Theatre early next year near to the old one, with the Court company, which was welcome news to all. Though Bro. Cecil gives up the partnership to take a long holiday, we have the satisfaction of learning that he will probably re-join as an actor. Bro. Clayton also informed us that Bro. Pinero has undertaken to write the opening piece in the meanwhile. After a short holiday, "Dandy Dick" will be played at Toole's Theatre until December. At the close Bro. Cecil was called for and had to say a few words, then Mrs. John Wood was specially called, and every one left wishing well to Bro. Clayton in his new career. We expect a good many minds travelled back to the old days of Bro. Wilson Barrett, and poor Marie Litton, whose career was cut short far too soon, who successively were ideas of the dear old Court Theatre.

We take a somewhat different view of Mr. Hawthrey's new play "The Doctor," which was produced at the Globe Theatre on Saturday last, from many of our contemporaries. Many of the Press and of those present on the first night seem to be prejudiced against Mr. F. C. Burnand's adaptation of "La Doctoresse," and attribute their non-approval on account of the misfortunes which have attended its production. "The Doctor" was announced to be brought out on the 2nd instant, then postponed to another date, and then again put off. These incidents, combined with the hot weather, are calculated to militate against any play, and we think, considering the disagreements which arose with several of the people originally cast for the play, it would have been better to have withdrawn it altogether until autumn. However, Mr. Hawthrey evidently is not of this opinion. His speech, on Saturday after the fall of the curtain, which, in the first place, was quite unnecessary, was not in the best of taste, for, instead of apologising for the different postponements, the lessee seems to have tried to dictate to the public that a manager is at liberty to produce a play how and when he chooses. This the people naturally resented. No one would dispute a manager's rights, but it is exceedingly inconvenient to announce a date and then change it several times. We hold that a manager should not announce the first night of a new play until he has got all his company complete, and the play properly rehearsed ready for the public to witness it. Notwithstanding all the unpleasantness which has arisen between Mr. Hawthrey and two or three of those engaged in the play, we believe that "The Doctor" will prove to be a success, and we shall be surprised if it does not rank next to the "Private Secretary." Of all Mr. Hawthrey's productions, certain are we that it will have a longer run than "The Pickpocket," "The Snowball," or any of the more recent pieces which have lately occupied the boards of the Globe Theatre. Great credit is due to Mr. Burnand for his skillful adaptation of what, in French, is a very risky play, quite unfit for English audiences. As it is, we have a purely healthy and decidedly amusing and interesting comedy, to which not anyone can take exception, for there is not a line of an improper nature in it. Mr. Burnand, of course, cannot forbear bringing in his puns, which sometimes border on the burlesque, but we think "The Doctor" the next best play this popular author has given us since "The Colonel." The plot is simple, and not without a lesson. Mrs. Blossom is a Doctor of Medicine, and instead of attending to her domestic duties as a wife she utterly neglects her home, and treats her husband as beneath contempt. Mr. Blossom is effeminate, and may be said to be the woman, whilst Mrs. Blossom is the man. Naturally, Mr. Blossom seeks for society outside, and makes the acquaintance of a family of acrobats, who do

their best, father, sons, and daughters, to force him into an alliance with one of the daughters, not knowing he is married. These people live in a flat; on the floor above them is a lady whom the Doctor is attending. Mr. Blossom is at a dinner party at the professional's house. The eldest daughter, a woman of great muscular power, being so angry that he has not proposed to her youngest sister, lays violent hands on Mr. Blossom. The aid of a doctor being called in; of course, the medical person being Mrs. Blossom, M.D., who discovers where her husband spends his time. He is about to leave his own home, expecting his wife will apply for a divorce; but she will not satisfy the scandal-mongers, and sensibly decides to give up medicine, and attend to her husband and his home. Mr. Penley is the henpecked husband, and we believe he will get another "Curate" out of his part. His facial expressions and droll delivery are very comical, and exactly suitable to this clever actor. Bro. W. J. Hill, as the doctor's footman, is not nearly so happy in his character; but we are sure such a capable actor as Bro. Hill is he will before long get a lot out of his part, although Mr. Penley, no doubt, has the cream of the play. Miss Fanny Enson, a lady whom Londoners are not familiar with, but who is well known in the provinces, is the lady doctor, and plays it in a most dignified manner. We welcome her to London, where she is a decided acquisition to the ranks of the stage. On the first night she, like the rest, was very nervous, and well she might be, when two ladies had already rehearsed her part, and been taken out of the cast. Miss Cissy Grahame has a small character as the maid servant at the flat, and plays her part excellently with the same care she always does, and wins golden opinions from every one. No matter what Miss Grahame plays, she always wins the sympathy of her audience, and has rapidly come to the front. Mr. Kemble, as a foreign count, is not so happy in his rendering, for frequently his broken English cannot be understood. A Miss Dearing is the young lady of the acrobatic family who tries to inveigle Mr. Blossom into marriage. She not only is extremely pretty, but acts very nicely and dresses with excellent taste, and we think we may predict a future for her. We do not recollect ever having seen Miss Dearing before; but we shall hope to do so again many times. On the second night we found the company rid of their nervousness, and "The Doctor" going along swimmingly when the noisy claque were absent. First nights have of late become too often bear gardens, where authors, managers, and players are bull-baited. The conduct of a minority is becoming unbearable, and some means will have to be adopted to prevent the unseemly and unnatural interruptions. We think if our readers will go to the Globe—which is a rather cool house—they will agree with one on the whole favourable notice of "The Doctor."

"Shadows of a Great City," the new melodrama at the Princess's, which Miss Grace Hawthorne, the American actress, has chosen to open her term of the house, is a play most interesting to those who do not care for first-class literary work or mind the plot, but who like plenty of sensation and excitement. They have these to any extent in the American drama which is drawing goodly numbers despite the hot weather, to at least the cheaper portions of the theatre. There is nothing new in the plot, which consists in an orphan girl being the heiress of a fortune. A blackguard cousin tries to get her made away with that he may inherit the money. He offers a large sum to another villain to drown her, but, of course, when the child is thrown in the water there is a hero to jump in and rescue her, who takes her home, brings her up, and falls in love with her; but just when they are about to be married he is arrested by the bad cousin's orders on some charge of robbery and sent to prison. The young woman is then made acquainted with her fortune which this man has been enjoying, and who offers her marriage that he may keep her money in his hands: she, of course, spurns his overtures. In a moment she is thrust into an open strong room, the great iron door is shut on her, but his co-villain has stolen the key in order that he may commit burglary, to get at the silver plate therein. In the dead of the night the thief enters at the window, and when he opens the safe to clear off the plate the girl falls out on the floor, at which the burglar is so frightened that he escapes. The hero escapes from prison just in time to save the young lady, and the wicked cousin is handed over to the police. The idea of the safe is a novel one, and perhaps is the strongest part in the piece. Miss Mary Rorke is the heroine, and well she plays her part, which suits her. Bro. Harry Nicholls is the ne'er-do-well who saves the young lady from being suffocated in the strong room when he enters the house for the purpose of robbery, and plays with all his accustomed energy and wins the plaudits of his audience, as he does at Drury Lane. Mr. J. H. Barnes is the hero, and, of course, is manly as he always is, but it seems a pity that he should have such a part after his late appearance as Macbeth. Miss Lewis, an American, is good as an Irish woman, but overdoes her part, there is a little too much Miss Lewis. Whilst we see many theatres are closed, we do not see why "Shadows of a Great City" should not enjoy a run. Miss Hawthorne promises to produce "Theodora" in the autumn, but she has not confided in us who is to play the title role. Mrs. Bernard Beere, who is supposed to be the English Sarah Bernhardt, is busy on her own account, and we cannot call to mind an English actress who is so suitable, but Miss Hawthorne will show us one later on.

A fire was discovered at Easton Hall, Dunmow, the seat of Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. of Essex, on Monday night, and damage to a considerable extent was done before the flames were extinguished.

The Philadelphia Keystone announces that Bro. M. H. Henderson, a District D.G.M. of Pennsylvania, is the fortunate possessor of a lodge summons issued on 8th October, 1761, by the "Officers Lodge of the 57th Regiment"—No. 41, "Ancients"—and addressed to Ensign Cruickshank, whom it calls upon to attend a meeting of the lodge at its room in Charlebourg, Canada, the following evening. The same journal announces that Bro. Charles L. Chapin, of Greenwich Lodge, No. 497, has recently presented Bro. James A. Campbell, W.M. Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 528, Philadelphia, with a Masonic relic of George Washington, including a letter written by that illustrious brother, dated 10th August, 1782, and therefore more than a year before the letter written by Washington which has hitherto been regarded as the oldest Masonic epistolary relic of the great man.



At the quarterly meeting of the Border Rose Croix Chapter, No. 102, held at the Masonic Hall, Whitehaven, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. Dr. Chas. Gore Ring, 18°, was elected M.W.S., and Bro. R. J. Nelson, 18°, Treasurer.

The meeting of the National Rifle Association at Wimbledon terminated on Saturday last, when the prizes were distributed by H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

Vermont has 900 Masonic Knights Templar, Sir Knight D. M. Bacon being the present Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Recorder.

Her Majesty has approved the appointment of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master of England, and Prov. G. Master of Somersetshire, as Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, in place of the Marquis of Winchester, deceased.

The Naval Review at Spithead, the last of the great Jubilee celebrations, took place on Saturday last, under the most favourable conditions, and before the day was over the Queen expressed her gratification with the splendid appearance of the fleet and the efficiency of the crews.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a baronet upon Bro. Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, M.P., P.G.M. of Argyleshire and the Isles, and Bro. William Pearce, of Cardell, M.P., P.G.M. of Glasgow, and the distinction of a companionship of the Bath, Civil Division, upon Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. J. Wetherell, W.M. of St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, who died on the 27th May last, was held in high esteem by his Masonic brethren. At the time of his death he held the different offices of W.M. of the Craft Lodge, Scribe E. of St. Helen's Chapter, No. 531, S.D. of Eclectic Lodge of Mark Masons, West Hartlepool, and was P.P.G. Stwd. of Durham. He was well known, and very highly respected as a worthy Mason, and is widely and deeply regretted.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention to Bro. Sir Charles Warren, Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, of becoming patrons of the Ladies' Fund for the relief of disabled and sick members of the Police Force, and, in order to do this more effectually, their Royal Highnesses will extend their patronage to a concert to be held during the coming winter in behalf of the said Fund.

Miss Emily M. Foxcroft, only daughter of Bro. Wm. M. Foxcroft, W.M. 2063, and P.M. 177, was successful in gaining a scholarship for vocalization at the competition of the L.A.M. at Westminster Town Hall on Tuesday, the 5th inst., and was bracketed with Miss Lelia Dfour for the first two silver medals for her rendition of "O Mio Fernando" at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the annual examination of the L.A.M.

The Victoria Lodge, No. 1056—Bro. J. P. Allen, W.M.—had a most enjoyable outing with the ladies on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Bentley Priory. After a delightful day spent in the lovely grounds, and a comfortable dinner, the company were very successfully photographed by Bro. Vernon Heath, of Piccadilly, and Bro. Parkes, and returned by special saloon carriages, all exceedingly pleased with their outing.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their sons and daughters, were present at the marriage at St. James's, Piccadilly, on Monday, of the Hon. C. R. Spencer, half brother of Earl Spencer, with the Hon. M. Baring, second daughter of Lord and Lady Revelstoke. Their Royal Highnesses subsequently attended the wedding breakfast at Lord Revelstoke's house in Charles-street, Berkeley-square. Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, and Bros. the Earl of Devon and Earl of Mount-Edgcombe being among the other guests.

The Royal Yacht Squadron, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is Commodore, have resolved on celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by giving three prizes of the aggregate value of £800, for a race to be sailed from Coves round the Nab Light, Cherbourg Breakwater, and Eddystone Lighthouse, back to Coves, on the 8th August, all yachts, whether home or foreign, of no less than 30 tons register, to be eligible to compete. The yachts will be classified, and the prizes will be awarded under certain conditions.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Home for Free and Accepted Masons, Philadelphia, was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of Bro. L. Wagner. The report showed that the fund of 25,000 dollars (£5000) had been raised; the mortgage of 12,000 dollars (£2400) paid off before maturity; and the 10,000 dollars (£2000) of the permanent fund which had been sold to pay for the property bought last year, would be restored. There are now 16 inmates of the Home and 3 applicants. The balance in hand on the 1st June last was over 11,340 dollars, the assets 45,865 dollars, and the liabilities 1527 dollars. The expenses for the new year are estimated at 5000 dollars. A resolution was agreed to, having for its object to incorporate this Home for Free and Accepted Masons with the Masonic Home for Pennsylvania which was chartered in May, 1871. The principal officers for the year are Bros. Louis Wagner, President, George W. Kendrick, jun., Vice-President, Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer, and Thomas Jacobs, Secretary.

Messrs. Philp and Co. have introduced a preparation which they name the "One and All," a plate and glass polish, which appears to fully bear out the character given. It is free from grit, mercury, or any other injurious substance, even when the strongest acids have been applied. The stains are easily removed by means of the powder without a sign of scratching. For cleaning mirrors, show cases, plate, jewels, &c., it is invaluable.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the week ending Saturday, August 6, 1887.

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, JULY 30. (No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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. Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8. 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. [S.E., 7.30. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill,

MONDAY, AUGUST 1. (No Meetings.)

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, at 8. Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30. Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30. 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. Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8. 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, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45. St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7. Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., 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. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2.

Colonial Board at 4. Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich. LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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 8. 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. 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 6.30. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 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. 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. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3.

Grand Chapter, at 6. Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore. Chap. 893, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8. 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. 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. Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro'. 7.30. 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. Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, at 8. Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar. 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. Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8. 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, at 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, E.), at 7. Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Leytham. Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8. Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30. Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st., City, E.C., 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. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington. The Great City, M.H., Mason's-avenue, E.C., 6.30. Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8. West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30. Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30. North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8. Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5.

Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-rd., N. Chap. 214, Hope and Unity, Royal Forest Hot., Chingford. LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION. Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane. 73.0. 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. Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith W., at 8. Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew 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, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6. Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8. 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. Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 1929, Mozart, Greyhound Hot., Croydon.

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