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The Girls' School Centenary Festival. WE are in a position to announce that the Prince of WALES, our M.W.G.M., has graciously consented to preside at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that his Royal Highness has appointed Thursday, the 7th June—the day which follows the next quarterly meeting of United Grand Lodge—for the celebration. This is indeed good news, and will be received everywhere throughout the English Craft with the utmost satisfaction. Most of us were sanguine enough to believe that this welcome announcement would be forthcoming sooner or later, but the demands on the Prince's time are so pressing that it was necessary to keep always in mind that his engagements might not admit of his accepting the chairmanship on this auspicious occasion. Hence the pleasure we experience is all the greater, when we find the justifiable expectation of yesterday has been converted into the certainty of to-day. It now rests with the Craft generally to do what lies in their power towards insuring the success of the Girls' School Centenary, and if the efforts of the executive officers of the Institution are seconded in the spirit and to the extent they deserve to be, we have no doubt the result will be worthy alike of the illustrious Chairman and the cause he will advocate. Already one thousand brethren have tendered their services as Stewards, and as there are still two full months to elapse before the anniversary will be held, there is good reason to hope that the names of from 200 to 300 more brethren will be added to the present list. Then as regards the *locus in quo*—the room or hall in which the anniversary will be celebrated—there are only one or two buildings in London where so vast a body of Stewards, with their accompanying friends and supporters, can be accommodated, and of these the Royal Albert Hall at South Kensington, which is so intimately connected with the two principal events in the Masonic career of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, has, we are glad to say, been chosen. The engagement of this Hall—to say nothing of the cost of converting it for the nonce into a vast banqueting room—will necessitate a large outlay; but even if there had been a wider choice of buildings to select from, its Masonic associations would have given it a decided preference over all rivals. Moreover, the distribution of prizes, which is an important part of the Anniversary proceedings, must, under any circumstances, have been held elsewhere than in the School hall at Battersea Rise, which is seriously overcrowded even in ordinary years, and consequently the Albert Hall will be available for both ceremonies. Then, as regards the necessary arrangements, we have every confidence in the wisdom and discretion of the brethren on whom will devolve the onerous task of making them, and who, we are assured, will spare no effort or hesitate about incurring any just expense in order that they shall be as complete as possible. As to the task to be performed, with every confidence in the help which will be readily given by the Stewards and others, it will indeed be a most formidable one. To begin with, the usual subscription of about £13,000 or £14,000 will be needed for the expenses of the current year, and then the Centenary Memorial Scheme, if it is to be carried out in its entirety, will necessitate the raising of an additional £20,000 at least, so that with something like £35,000 to be obtained, the duties of the Stewards, even though they may number from 1200 to 1300, will be no child's play, but will seriously tax the energies and resources of them all, both individually and collectively, while with such a number of brethren engaged in the work of canvassing, it is hopeless to expect that the Returns will show anything like the average amount per List, and instead of their ranging from £45 to £50 per List, as in ordinary Festivals, we shall probably find them averaging from £25 to £30. Still, what has been attempted in the preliminary stages has prospered, and the success thus far achieved augurs well for the success of the entire proceedings. At all events, the Stewards and all concerned must now look to the Craft to assist them to the utmost of their power in order to make the celebration of our Girls' School Centenary a landmark in the annals of our Charitable Festivals, and we believe they will not have to look in vain.

Freemasonry and Education. WE see no reason why such an important and wide-spreading organisation as Freemasonry should not avail itself of any legitimate advantage which may be gained through its numerical strength, provided always no attempt is made to further the interests of the Craft to the prejudice of the general public, or in a manner contrary to our tenets. For this reason we do not hesitate to call the attention of our readers to the letter of "A Past Prov. Grand Chaplain" on "Freemasonry and Education," and the appended scheme. The idea is, at least, worthy of careful consideration, for in these days of keen competition we cannot afford to lose any opportunity of getting "our boys" the best possible education at the least possible cost. There can be little

doubt that if the scheme has the good fortune to secure the expressed approbation and patronage of some of the public-spirited brethren, whose rank in Masonry and in the social world makes them our natural leaders, and if the proposed Council be composed of men of well-known integrity and zeal, a sufficiently large number of brethren will be only too glad to invest in an undertaking which should profit them in more ways than one. One particularly pleasing feature in the plan is the proposal to draft into the College a few pupils from the Royal Masonic School, who have proved themselves worthy of an extension of their education. For the great majority of the boys there educated (up to the age of 15), the training they receive is, we believe, sufficient for the positions in life open to them, but there must be some among the large number whose talent and good conduct would justify our giving them an extra push on. As in all other matters of interest connected with the Craft we shall be very glad to let our pages be a medium for an interchange of opinion on the merits of this movement, and should a Committee be formed for carrying out the project, we may be sure that the members of it will feel strengthened and encouraged by hints from their brethren.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Shropshire. It is gratifying to know, from the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire at its recent annual meeting at Shrewsbury, that its position is so well established. It is true that our Salopian brethren, having been associated with North Wales for so many years under the late Bro. Sir W. WILLIAMS-WYNN, Bart., as P.G. Master, are by no means inexperienced in the ways of provincial organisation, but it is creditable to them, as constituting the lesser half of the late Province of North Wales and Salop, that they should have done so much in so short a time. In the two years of their separate career they have generously supported all our Charitable Institutions in turn, but especially the Girls' School, for which their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart., undertook the Chairmanship at last year's Festival, when his lodges and their members raised the sum of £1000. Yet the reports rendered at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge show that the balances of the various funds are on the right side, and we know also that one new lodge has been added to the roll since 1885. In short, Bro. Sir O. WAKEMAN, Bart., has every reason to be satisfied with what the lodges and brethren he rules over have done for Freemasonry during the period of his Provincial Grand Mastership, and the lodges and brethren must be equally gratified at having so able and genial a ruler. We congratulate them all, and trust that the bright experiences of the past two years may be continued, and that the good fortune of to day may be still further strengthened.

The recent Boys' School Question. WE expressed a hope in our article of last week on "The House Committee of the Boys' School and the boy MOTION," that we had heard the last of this unhappy controversy. It is evident, however, from the letters we have received on the subject, and especially from one signed "A London P.M.," that there are many who hold the opposite opinion, and would gladly see the discussion continued, it may be even to an unlimited extent, though if they were hard pressed for a reason for this opinion, it is more than probable they would have great difficulty in giving a sufficient answer. The House Committee have exercised the powers entrusted to them with discretion; but should the controversy be prolonged, there are sure to be some weak-kneed brethren who, in the belief that "discretion is the better part of valour," will affirm it would have been better if the House Committee had not shown the courage of their opinions, and, as as one of the speakers at the Special Court expressively, if not very classically, put it, had "let the whole thing slide." But, most wonderful of all! there are brethren who conscientiously believe that a continuance of these attacks on the School authorities will prove beneficial to the Institution. Their arguments, as addressed to the House and General Committees and their supporters, are to this effect:—(a.) If all is as correct as you assert it is, the granting of the Committee of Inquiry we ask for will do you no harm, but glorify you rather, seeing that you will emerge from it with flying colours. (b.) We have never troubled you with a demand of this kind before; what you have done in the discharge of your official duties has passed without inquiry or any steps being taken to obtain an inquiry. Therefore, as we have never dreamt of interfering with you before, our desire for interference in connection with this particular case is the more reasonable. Our readers may think we are exaggerating, but of this complexion are some of the arguments we have heard in favour of this proposed MOTION inquiry, and there are serious-minded people who seem aggrieved that the Committee has not been granted. To us it seems an overwhelming reason in favour of the rejection of the inquiry by the Special Court that the House Committee have so administered the affairs of the School to the present time, that no demand has ever before been made for an inquiry into its conduct; while as to the earlier argument—that the House Committee would gain by the inquiry—it is sheer nonsense. No one gains by having distrust shown and the decisions he arrives at made the subject of investigation. However, the case is so clear, and the whole question has been so well threshed out, that we must decline to be a party to any further discussion or correspondence on the subject, unless, indeed, it should be revived in another form on some future occasion.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this chapter was held in the Town Hall, Blackburn, on Thursday, the 29th ult. The R.W.G. Superintendent, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, presided, supported by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., P.A.G.D.C.; Abraham Clegg, P.G.J.; G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Std. Br.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.E. West Lancs., Past G. Std. Br.; and about 100 other companions, amongst whom were—

Comps. R. Nelson, P.Z. 126, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Davis, Z. 54; W. R. Sowter, P.Z., S.E. 815; J. McEwen, 815; J. Comfort, J. 128; J. Sudren, P.Z. 204, 935, and 1045; Jas. Heelis, H. 62; N. A. Earle, 62; W. J. Cunliffe, P.Z. 317; Jas. McLaren, Z. 62; R. Harrison, P.Z. 126; W. Forrest, 37; Jas. Brown, Z. 37; H. T. Platts, 345; Jas. Heap, P.Z. 345; H. Croasdale, 345; W. Tattersall, 345; W. Beattie, 345; G. H. Holt, 345; J. D. Blackburn, 345; G. H. Openshaw, 345; T. P. Willson, 345; S. B. Priestley, H. 219; J. Chalmers, 815; John Kenyon, H. 348; Thos. Pickles, 300; J. Halden, S.E. 152; Jno. Nuttall, Z. 286; S. Howarth, 345; W. Garsden, W. S. Weeks, 369; E. G. Harwood, Z. 221; J. F. Skelton, Z. 348; R. Johnson, P.S. 348; W. Whally, 345; Thos. Schofield, P.Z. and S.E. 288; S. Gregson, 345; E. Knowles, P.Z. 462; Fred. R. Cooper, Z. 1055; R. Gorton, 266; J. Townsend, 116, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Corney, H. 325; H. Paulden, Z. 204; Jno. Cliffe, H. 204; Chas. Hargreaves, 325; James Wilson, P.Z. 317; J. W. Edwards, Z. 317; Wm. Nicholl, P.Z. 317; Walter Newton, P.Z. 268; Wm. Cooper, P.Z., S.E. 348; Thos. Lonsdale, 345; S. Horrocks, P.Z. 283; S. L. Buckley, P.Z. 345; W. Lamb, 345; J. Collinge, P.Z. 283; L. Eccles, S.E. 730; Roger Pye, 345; J. Pollard, 269; J. W. Walsh, P.Z. 269; W. G. Thackeray, H. 345; N. Gillett, 345; R. R. Lisenden, and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened. The Prov. G. Scribe E. called over the roll of chapters holden in the Province. Representatives from all but one responded.

The R.W. G. SUPERINTENDENT expressed his gratification at seeing so many companions present, having regard to the Easter holidays being so near at hand, and with regard to the unrepresented chapter, the usual fine for non-attendance would not be imposed, provided a reasonable excuse was sent.

The roll of P.G. Officers was next called over, two of whom only were absent, and from whom apologies were received and accepted by the R.W. G. Supt. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Rochdale in March last, were taken as read, and confirmed.

In the absence of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Comp. James Hadfield, through indisposition, a statement of his accounts for the past year was read by Comp. John Chadwick, P.G.S.E., which showed a balance in hand of £53 10s. 11d., as against £46 10s. 9d. last year. One of the Auditors spoke to the correctness of the accounts, and moved the adoption of the report.

The R.W.G. SUPERINTENDENT proposed a vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Treasurer and Auditors for their services, which was seconded, and carried.

The election of a Treasurer next came on the tapis, and on the proposition of Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G.H., seconded by Comp. FRANKLIN THOMAS, P.P.G.J., Comp. Samuel L. Buckley, P.Z. of the Perseverance Chapter, was elected without opposition.

Comp. BUCKLEY returned thanks in appropriate terms.

The investiture of officers was then proceeded with, the following companions having been honoured with appointments:—

Comp. James Hill Sillitoe (re-appointed)...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Abraham Clegg (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G.J.
" John Chadwick (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" James McLaren ...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" James Heelis ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" James Wilson ...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" W. R. Sowter ...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" R. Harrison... ..	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" F. Goldstone ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. Heap ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Walter Newton ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Wm. Cooper ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Tattersall ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" James Newton ...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" T. Higson ...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. Priestley and Halliwell were appointed Auditors.

On the motion of Comp. G. P. BROCKBANK, P.G. Std. Br., seconded by Comp. JAMES HEELIS, P.G. Reg., the sum of £10 was voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Chapter towards the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution, and £20 towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Comp. G. P. BROCKBANK gave the Provincial Grand Chapter a cordial invitation to hold its next meeting in Bolton; and, there being no further business, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in the usual manner. Most of the companions afterwards dined at the Bull Hotel.

ENGLAND V. QUEBEC.

By BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

It appears to me that the difficulty now existing, Masonically, between England and Quebec should be restated, so that the real cause of the present state of things may be apparent, and no side issues allowed to warp the judgment. The "Voice of Masonry" (Chicago, U.S.A.), has ably contended for the rights of *minorities* as well as of majorities, and its editor has rightly appreciated the position taken by our Grand Lodge for so many years. So also has the Editor of *Keystone*.

So far back as we can go with the records (which period really covers the formation of all Grand Lodges, from that of Ireland in 1729) it has been the custom of the Grand Lodge of England eventually—though not always very rapidly or willingly—to recognize all Grand Lodges, legally formed, so long as those lodges which declined to join the new organizations were allowed to continue their allegiance as before. In all such cases the premier Grand Lodge (instituted in 1717) never issuing any new warrants in such Territories or Countries, and simply claiming any of its lodges, which declined to participate or join the new body until such time as they happily decide to unite with the majority.

Now, I submit that this being so, and always having been so, in relation to other old Grand Lodges, and inasmuch as England is the senior Grand Lodge in the world, it is not for any of our respected brethren in the

United States, or elsewhere, to require England to act differently. We, as a Grand Lodge, are most anxious to respect the wishes of a majority of lodges in any country, district, or province, and, if they agree to constitute a Grand Lodge of their own, it will always be found that on proper announcement thereof, we shall be as ready to acknowledge the new body as any Grand Lodge can possibly be; provided always that a fair majority of lodges and brethren take part in the formation thereof, and that the *minority* of lodges have as much liberty to decline, as the others composing the majority, have exercised in *agreeing* to constitute, the new Grand Lodge.

To all intents and purposes, this is a *Landmark*, sanctioned by the usages and customs of the oldest Grand Lodge—from which all others have directly or indirectly sprung—and hence our Canadian and United States brethren should recognize this factor in the matter, and whilst making what Rules and Regulations they please for all the Grand Lodges in their jurisdictions, they might, at least, leave us free to manage our own affairs, for it is essentially and Masonically a subject about which, whilst we may all agree to differ, to interfere in is no part of the duty of any outside the jurisdictions immediately concerned. The Grand Lodge of England requires all its subordinates to obey its Laws and Customs, just as other Grand Lodges do, and hence no lodges can divest themselves of their responsibilities, which have been Warranted by our Grand Lodge, save in the way laid down by the Constitutions and usages of the English Craft, of which they form a part.

When the Grand Lodge of Canada was recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, it was on the understanding that those lodges which declined to join that Body be allowed to continue their allegiance as before. This was agreed to, not because England wanted the Fees (for as all know, who are familiar with the subject, they are simply nominal), but simply as it was the custom of our Grand Lodge, and could not be departed from.

When the Grand Lodge of Quebec was at last recognised by the Grand Lodge of Canada (so far as my evidence extends), our Quebec brethren agreed to permit of any lodges which were under England and Scotland *continuing so thereafter, if they so preferred*.

In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, p 73, re *Appendix*, I find that the terms agreed to by the Joint Committee of Canada and Quebec, provided amongst other points,

"2. That in view of the arrangement made between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, by which the former obtained the Masonic recognition of the latter on condition of the lodges then working under the said Grand Lodges of England and Scotland being permitted to continue their work, the said Grand Lodges agreeing not to grant any further warrants within the Province of Canada, and having regard to the fact that there still exist within the Province of Quebec three lodges working under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and one lodge working under that of Scotland, in conformity with this arrangement, it is agreed that while every effort shall be made to induce these lodges to surrender their warrants and come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, *the said Grand Lodge will recognize the arrangement hereinbefore recited, until the relations of those lodges towards the Grand Lodge of Quebec have been finally decided upon between the said Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.*"

The Lodge of Scottish origin elected to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec—*wisely so in our opinion*—but the three English Lodges still decide not to do so, *for which I am very sorry*, but clearly they are acting within their rights in so doing, and according to the foregoing agreement, duly signed on behalf of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, they have the best of authority to continue under England until the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted by the Grand Lodges affected.

I am unable to understand on what grounds our Quebec brethren have been so wrath with us because we decline to withdraw the three warrants in question. Why should we cancel them? So long as the members of those lodges obey our Constitutions we cannot legally do so, *but they can surrender their Charters as their own voluntary acts and deeds*, and then the difficulty would end. For my part, *I much wish they would*—to use the words of the agreement aforesaid—dated February 17, 1874—"with the object of restoring peace and harmony and brotherly love in the Craft," and surely it would be for the true interests of all concerned. The agreement was made whilst my esteemed friend and brother, Dr. Graham, whose name is "a tower of strength" in that province to this day, was Grand Master of Quebec.

The official account of the question as entered in the records of the Grand Lodge of England in relation to the regretted edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be found in the published proceedings for December 3, 1884.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

(Continued from page 196.)

A proposal by Bro. E. H. Patten to increase the number of children from 65 to 70 was withdrawn, and Bro. W. F. Beadon was appointed a Trustee in place of Bro. L. H. Petit, deceased, who had been for many years a regular and generous benefactor of the School, and bequeathed a legacy of 100 guineas towards its support.* There was also an arrangement entered into in the course of the year 1851 between the Lancashire Provinces and the Institution, by which the former, on the payment down of £800 and of the annual sum of £14 per annum for each child—payable in advance—should have the right of presenting in perpetuity eight children, but subject to the same conditions, and to be admitted at the same time as the children

* The following is the entry in the minutes relating to this worthy brother—"Resolved That this Court have heard with deep regret of the death of the R.W. Bro. Louis Hayes Petit, Esq., P.J.G.W., one of the Trustees of this Charity and they cannot separate without bearing testimony to the kind attention and great zeal he has ever shown towards the interests of the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children and expressing their gratitude for the last proof of his liberality and Masonic kindness in leaving to the Charity the sum of one hundred guineas."—Mins. Qtrly. Court, 10th Jan., 1850. In acknowledging this resolution and accepting the offer of a Life Governorship with which it was accompanied, the deceased's nephew and executor, the Rev. J. L. Petit, remitted on his own account a cheque for 50 guineas.

lected by the Subscribers. There is, however, so far as we have been able to trace, no evidence in the Minutes that the arrangement was ever carried out. But the consideration which overshadowed all others at this period had relation to the future local habitation of the Institution. Should it obtain a renewal of its lease of the present site from the Corporation of London, and remain where it was; or should it take up its quarters in some healthier and less crowded locality? The inquiries of Bro. Hardwick, G. Supt. of Wks., as to the terms on which the former plan could be carried out, cannot have been very encouraging. There is no doubt it would have necessitated a large outlay, while the neighbourhood was overcrowded and by no means conspicuous for its healthiness, the drainage in particular being always either out of order or in course of becoming so. At length it was resolved at the Quarterly Court in October, 1850, that the then House Committee and medical officers should be appointed "as a Building Committee to communicate with and receive any reports from Bro. Hardwick and to take steps to find Freehold ground for the purpose of the School, and that they call Special Meetings and report from time to time as soon as they shall hear of a suitable site;" the Chairman and Deputy Chairman being Bros. W. Stephenson and E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., respectively. Several eligible sites were soon found, and one near Wandsworth Common, on which the School now stands, from the healthiness of its situation, its gravelly soil, its facility of access from London, the moderate price demanded by the owner, and other favourable conditions, was at once chosen, and it was resolved that "Bros. Hardwick and Giraud prepare an agreement for the purchase of such piece of ground, on the said Matthew Whiting"—the proprietor—"showing and making out a good title thereto;" and "that a clause be inserted therein that the said Matthew Whiting shall obtain from the Lord of the Manor (Earl Spencer) a right of carriage-way to and from the said piece of land at his own expense." In April, 1851, plans were submitted by Bro. Hardwick for the new Schoolhouse, and the Committee made choice of one in the Mediæval style; and in the July following it was announced that the purchase of the said plot of ground, comprising 2 acres 2 roods 29 perches, had been completed for the sum of £1075, and that the Lord of the Manor had granted the necessary right of carriage-way. It was further reported that from 11 tenders submitted by different builders for the erection of the new School, that of Messrs. Thos. and Will. Piper, of Bishopsgate-street, had been selected, the price tendered—£7272—being not only lower than the rest, but also nearly £230 within the estimate of Bro. Hardwick. On this the honorary solicitor, Bro. Giraud, was instructed to draw up the purchase deeds, and authority was given to the Trustees to sell out £5000 stock and more from time to time as it might be required in order to meet the cost of purchase and erection. It was also arranged to invite the M.W. Grand Master to lay the first stone, and Lord Zetland, with his usual kindness and courtesy, was prepared to accede to the request, but as the Committee were anxious that the ceremony should be deferred till the beginning of the next year, his lordship, considering it would be ridiculous to lay the first stone of a building which was half erected, proposed that he should consecrate it when finished, and the suggestion was gratefully accepted and carried out. Operations were at once commenced, and the building progressed so satisfactorily that in the spring of 1852 the authorities found themselves in a position to appoint a day for the ceremony of consecration and prepare the arrangements attendant upon so important an occasion.

The consecration took place on the 2nd August, 1852, a sum of £400 having been voted by the Committee towards the expenses of the day, so that everything might be done with becoming grace and splendour. From the central tower of the building floated the royal standard, and in the grounds, which had been gaily decorated, were erected several marquees for the accommodation of the visitors, of whom, according to the estimate given in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, there are said to have been at one time between 3000 and 4000, and for whose entertainment several military and other bands had been engaged. The proceedings commenced with Divine service in the church of St. Ann, Wandsworth, the children of both our Schools being present, and a most appropriate sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Gleadall, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, a collection being afterwards made in aid of the building fund. In the afternoon a Special Grand Lodge was held in one of the principal rooms in the School, at which Bro. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., presided in person, among the leading Masonic celebrities of the day present being Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, D.G.M.; Lord Dudley C. Stuart, S.G.W.; Lord Suffield, P.G. Master Norfolk; W. Tucker, P.G.M. Dorsetshire; Alexander Dobie, G. Registrar and Prov. G.M. Surrey; H. C. Vernon, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Col. Burlington, Prov. G.M. Bengal; B. B. Cabbell, M.P., P.J.G.W., and Treasurer of the Institution; W. H. Smith, P.J.G.W.; R. G. Alston, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. E. Moore, G. Chaplain; the Rev. Sir W. J. Hayes, Bart., and the Rev. J. W. Gleadall, M.A., Past G. Chaplains; W. H. White, G. Secretary; J. Hodgkinson, S.G.D.; B. Lawrence, P.S.G.D.; Dr. G. R. Rowe, P.S.G.D.; S. C. Norris, P.J.G.D.; L. Chandler, P.J.G.D.; J. B. King, P.J.G.D.; L. Thompson, P.J.G.D.; P. Hardwick, G. Sup. of Wks.; R. W. Jennings, G. Dir. of Cers.; E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.; J. Moore, Physician, and J. Gaskoin and W. Harvey, Surgeons to the Institution; W. J. Stephenson, Chairman of the Building Committee; Farnfield, J. Symonds, Peter Matthews, Tomleson, and others. Grand Lodge having been opened, a procession of the brethren was formed, and, on emerging from the room, was joined by a supplementary procession, consisting of the pupils of the Boys' Institution and the children,

Matron, and other officials, with the House and Building Committees, of the Girls' School. Having perambulated the grounds, Grand Lodge entered the hall set apart for the ceremony of dedication, the girls, with their Matron and teachers, being conducted to a raised platform, carpeted with crimson cloth, on either side of the chair, while at the further end of the room was a similar platform for the accommodation of the ladies, some 60 in number, who were to present purses of five guineas and upwards.

Addresses were then delivered by Bro. Hardwick, G. Supt. of Wks.; Bro. B. B. Cabbell, Treasurer; and Bro. the Rev. E. Moore, G. Chaplain; and Bro. Francis Crew, Secretary, having read the Report of the Building Committee, the ladies presented their purses of money to the M.W. Grand Master, and Dr. Bryce's anthem, "Here shall soft Charity," having been sung by the professional singers, one of the Girls, by name Rhoda Davis, recited the following verses composed for the occasion by Bro. S. C. Hall:—

Here, from the home your mercies give,
The voice of prayer and praise ascends;
Here, where in hope you bid us live,
We thank our God and bless our friends.

We thank and bless them, while we know
Who bade these generous hearts abound;
And whence those streams of goodness flow
By those Masonic signs around.

Signs that to manhood, age, and youth,
Speak of Masonic claims, and call
To learn the great eternal truth,
That one Grand Master loveth all.

Here shall the weak sweet shelter find;
Here, safe from want, and far from strife,
We gather strength to meet mankind
And arm us for the fight of life.

You found us poor, you gave us wealth,
That time may touch, yet ne'er decay;
Knowledge and prudence, temperance, health,
Such are the gifts you give to-day.

You plant with hope, and faith, and prayer,
That the young trees may grow; and you
May know them by the fruit they bear,
Grateful and healthful, pure and true.

Such the reward, nor more nor less,
To which your future hope extends,
From children whom to-day you bless
With homes, protectors, teachers, friends.

Asking the help of God on high
To guide the young, the poor, the weak—
Shall we not try, nor vainly try,
To give the recompense you seek?

May the Great Architect, whose care
For youth you imitate to-day;
May He, whose ministers you are,
Hear our young voices as we pray;

And from His mercy-seat above,
Bless you with all things pure and good;
With homes of plenty, peace, and love,
And bless your bond of Brotherhood!

When the applause with which the recitation of this ode was received had subsided, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the M.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Chaplain offered the following prayer:—

Almighty and Eternal God, the fountain of all wisdom, who saidst in the beginning, "Let there be light, and there was light," we give Thee hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness, especially in permitting us to meet together for the dedication of this structure to the purpose of sound religious and virtuous education. To Thy mercy it is owing that we are enabled to celebrate the completion of our designs. Fix in our hearts, we beseech Thee, a deep conviction that learning is valuable only as it leads us to a knowledge of Thee and of Thy will; give grace to all who have been promoters of this Institution, that they may persevere in their endeavours to render it permanently beneficial, and finally we pray Thee to be evermore its protector and defender; do Thou bless it and keep it; do Thou make Thy face to shine upon it, and be gracious unto it. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon it, and evermore crown it with Thy blessing. So mote it be!

The ceremony terminated with "God save the Queen," and the Grand Master and Officers retired in Masonic procession to the Grand Lodge, which was then closed in the usual manner and with the accustomed formalities.

After inspecting the interior of the building, with which the Grand Master and his Officers expressed themselves highly gratified, an adjournment was made to the refreshment marquee, where a collation was laid, nearly 900 ladies and brethren sitting down to table under the presidency of Lord Zetland. And the customary toasts having been honoured, there followed a concert of vocal and instrumental music in the dedication hall, while others promenaded the grounds or danced to the inspiring airs of the military band and Bro. Adams's quadrille band, it being close on midnight before the last of the visitors on this auspicious occasion had departed for their homes.

The dedication over, and thanks having been voted to all who had taken a leading part in the ceremony or assisted in making it so brilliant a success, steps were at once taken to furnish and make habitable the building, and the medical officers having at length pronounced it ready for occupation, the children to the number of 61—the four others being absent on account of illness—and the officials were removed on the 9th December following to the new School, which owing to the munificence of the Craft has been since so considerably enlarged, and which under the all-wise protection of the G.A.O.T.U. has prospered so abundantly.

(To be continued.)

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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1888.

Your Vote and Interest are earnestly requested on behalf of

FRANCES NORAH WELLS,

No. on List 37.

Daughter of the late Bro. GEORGE WELLS, who was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in 1862, joined the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, and subsequently the Oak Lodge, No. 190, of which he was Senior Warden at the time of his death, and was also exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter, United Pilgrims, No. 507, to which he subscribed for nine years.

He was a Subscribing Member of the Order over 20 years, and a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, to whose funds he was a frequent contributor.

He was in an extensive way of business as a Screw Pile Engineer and Contractor, but, in consequence of heavy losses on some large contracts, and a long continued illness, had to dispose of his business, leaving his widow without means.

The Case is strongly recommended and Votes will be thankfully received by

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T. A. Dickson, I.P.M. 1614; Covent Garden Market.

G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614; Sec. 2191; 3, St. James'-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

Wm. Clarke, J.W. 190; 39, St. Mary-at-hill, E.C.

G. H. Reynolds, I.D. 1614; I.G. 2191; 3, St. James'-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

James Woodward, I.G. 1614; A.W.S. 2191; 64, St. James'-street, S.W.

George Watson, 172; 5, Harley-road, St. John's Wood, W.

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In consideration of the long services devoted to the cause of Masonry in its various grades by this highly-esteemed brother, and in recognition of his abilities as an energetic and courteous Preceptor, the undermentioned brethren have kindly placed their names on the Committee,

W. Bro. Alfred Williams (Chairman).	W. Bro. H. Lovegrove.
V.W. Bro. D. P. Cama (Vice-Chairman)	" F. Bennett.
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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

MAY ELECTION, 1888.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is most earnestly solicited on behalf of

FRANCES ELIZABETH WARREN,
Aged 57 Years.

Widow of the late Bro. Henry George Warren, Journalist, who was initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, January 13th, 1840, subsequently holding office as W.M. in Grand Steward's and various other lodges. In 1879 he promoted the establishment of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297. During his earlier career he was Proprietor and Editor of "The Freemason's Magazine." Was Governor of all the Masonic Institutions and Steward several times.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

- * Bro. GEORGE EDWARDS, P.M. 1507, P.Z. 72, Mansion House-chambers, 14, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
- " Rev. HORACE GRAHAM, D.D., F.R.S., Wanderers' Lodge, 1604 (E.C.), St. Kilda, Hillsboro'-road, Dulwich, S.E.
- " JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D., P.M. 1260 and 172, &c., 1, Bedford-square, W.C.
- * " WALTER HOLCOMBE, Secretary Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, 30, Orchard-street, W.
- " WILLIAM H. HOOK, P.M. 186, 1619, 1901, P.Z. 186, Fairholme, Elsie-road, East Dulwich.
- * " GEORGE KENNING, Vice Patron, 249, 2191, 2076, P.M. 191 and 1657, P.P.G.D. (Middlesex), Upper Sydenham.
- " P. G. PHILIPS, P.M., &c., 4, Queen's-road, Peckham.
- * " JOHN C. WOODROW, P.M. 15 and 1329, P.M. and Sec. 1397, P.Z. 1327, Scribe E. 1297, Blofield, Lullington-road, Anerley.

It is earnestly hoped that every effort will be made to ensure the election upon the first application of the Widow of one who devoted so much to serve the best interests of the Craft.

Proxies will be gladly received by the Brethren marked thus * and also by the Widow,

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT
of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the hall of the
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London,

On SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1888,

at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to receive and consider Report and Notices of Motion as under, and to elect 11 Girls—or, in the event of the undermentioned resolution being carried, 12—into the School from a list of 42 approved Candidates. The election will commence at 1 o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

REPORT.

"Report of Centenary Committee, approved and referred by the General Committee with the recommendation 'That the revised plans under scheme B, submitted therewith, be adopted.'"

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron—Upon recommendation of the House Committee—"That one further vacancy, caused by Girl leaving before her time, be declared for the April Election, making Twelve in all."

"That in consideration of valuable services rendered to the Institution by Bro. Charles Hammerton, the honorary rank of Patron, with the privileges attaching thereto, be conferred upon himself and daughters as under, viz.—Bro. Charles Hammerton (from Hon. Vice-Patron to Hon. Patron).

Miss R. M. Hammerton,	Hon. Patron.
Miss Marianne Hammerton,	"
Mrs. E. Fremlin,	"
Miss J. Hammerton,	"
Miss Margaret Hammerton,	"
Mrs. K. Mosse,	"

By Bro. CHAS. F. HOGARD, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Pat.—"That Law LXVI. be amended to read as follows: 'The General Committee may pay for the education and maintenance of each Girl to the age of Sixteen years, any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds per annum.'"

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.—"That Bro. George Bernard Brodie, M.D., P.G.D., P. Prov. G.W. Surrey, of 3, Chesterfield-street, May Fair, W., be appointed Honorary Physician to the Institution, in the room of Bro. Wm. Hope, M.D., P.G. Std., who has resigned the office."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.,
April 7th, 1888.

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Brethren desiring to attend this ceremony should apply by letter, giving name and number of their Lodge, not later than TUESDAY, April 10th, to the "SECRETARY" of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., who will send them Cards of Admission, as without such no Brother is allowed to enter.

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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"South African Freemason," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Die Bauhutte," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "New Zealand Freemason," "Masonic Chronicle" (Columbus, Ohio), "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "La Acacia" (Buenos Ayres), "Orient" (Budapest), "Keystone," "Boletin Oficial" (Madrid), and "Pythagoras" (Athens).



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

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

FREEMASONS AND EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Freemasons of England have done, and are doing a noble work in educating the children of needy brethren, but hitherto they have never attempted to use their immense power of combination to secure educational advantages for the comparatively well-to-do members of the Craft.

Doubtless the great majority of the brethren have reason to be satisfied with the means of education within reach in their own neighbourhood; but there must be still a large number who would like to send their sons to a first rate Public School, and yet do not feel able or inclined to pay the heavy fees demanded by those of high repute.

Moreover, there exist scholarships and exhibitions to reward and assist the sons of officers in the army and navy, and of clergy and others; Why should there not be some specially for the encouragement and help of Freemasons?

If Freemasons had a public school of their own (which need not, however, exclude the sons of others), it is quite probable that wealthy brethren would from time to time found scholarships for the benefit of the Craft and in connection with that school, following the example of the brother alluded to in the enclosed rough draft, which perhaps you may think well to append to this letter.* The name of the school in question is not mentioned, because its present connection might be damaged by premature rumours.

All who are interested in the proposal and would like to know more about it are invited to communicate with me, and may I ask you to allow letters on the subject to be addressed to me at your office.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PAST PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the last election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' several thousands of voting papers were not returned. As so many brethren do not send up their votes, will you allow me to make an appeal on behalf of a candidate from my native town.

Kate Lilian Boning, aged ten years, daughter of the late Bro. Henry Boning, University Marshal of Cambridge, who died suddenly on the 3rd of August, 1884, leaving a widow and six children.

The case is supported by the Province, and is also recommended by Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire; Augustus Harris, I.P.M. 2127; Sir John Gorst, W.M. 2127; Sir John R. Somers Vine, W.M. 2190; and Edward Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S., Treas. 2190.

As the candidate is ten years old this is her last chance and I therefore beg you, as a brother journalist as well as a Mason, to grant me space to say that votes will be gladly received by, yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. CATLING, I.G. 2127, S.W. 2190,
Editor *Lloyd's News*.

12, Salisbury-square, Fleet-street, E.C.

THE LATE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

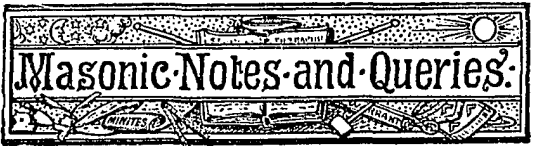
It is intended to hold a lodge of sorrow in memory of the late Emperor of Germany, on Thursday, the 12th instant, by the German Pilgrim Lodge, to which brethren who may wish to attend are herewith invited.

Full particulars are to be found in the advertisement columns.—Yours fraternally,

C. KUPFERSCHMIDT, P.M. 238.

April 3rd.

* The communication referred to will be found on page 214.



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In our "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, of which the distinguished Masonic historian, Bro. Gould, is now Master, we are all devoted, as members, to the study, more or less, of the records of the Craft. We are each, however, mainly responsible, so to speak, for certain departments in which we may fairly be considered specialists, and to each of us would particular portions of study be referred, as occasion and qualification required. To Bro. J. Ramsden Riley certainly we should look for light and information on the subject of *Masonic seals*, for no one else of the members that I know of has devoted so much time and attention to that especial branch. The fine illustrations in Bro. Riley's noble volume on "Yorkshire Lodges" testify to his interest and knowledge of lodge and Grand Lodge seals. I am all the more surprised therefore that a seal of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, with "Institutions" as the concluding word of the legend, has so far escaped his notice. I quite concur with him in his estimate of the weakness of evidence dependant on transcripts of warrants and other documents, bearing impressions of seals, the exact verbiage so frequently being either overlooked or sometimes "improved." Of the actual impressions, however, there can be no mistake about, and some of these are now before me, as well as certified reproductions. I gather from these that no less than five different seals have been used by the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, 1757-1813.

1. Simple design, with legend "Virtue and Silence," and "Grand Lodge, London."

2. One bearing the legend "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the Old Institutions." This occurs on Warrant of the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, as given in its History recently published.

3. The seal by Kirk, of 1775, with the legend "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institutions," of which I have an impression in a bronze medal, which also has been reproduced by Bro. Gould in his History, vol. 2; on a Royal Arch Certificate I have of 30th December, 1799, and is given in one of the Plates, before alluded to, in Bro. Sadler's work.

4. The other I have is on a seal attached to an "Atholl" Certificate of 27th July, 1801, the legend being "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institution."

5. The seal noted by Bro. Riley, and given by him in his "Yorkshire Lodges," with the legend "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institution." This impression agrees exactly with my number three, only the last word is not in the plural, as the *third* is. The legend occupies precisely the same position, and the words begin and end exactly as the Kirk Seal does, save the word "Institution." This kind is not in any of my impressions, and is new to me, save through Bro. Riley.

It will be noted that in my No. 4, with the same ending as No. 5, the legend else is not the same. I feel assured Bro. Riley will not consider I have been "poaching on his preserves," as Grand Lodge Seals have for long been a study of mine.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF UNITY.—(No. 183).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. G. R. Langley, W.M.; E. A. Francis, S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; G. P. Britten, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; R. Corsham, S.D.; J. W. Oliver, J.D.; A. E. Johnson, I.G.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M., Stwd.; S. Richardson, I.P.M.; A. J. Hirsch, P.M.; H. C. Archer, P.M.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, P. W. Zimer, A. O. Side, and J. D. E. Tarr. Also the following visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. M. Bywater, G. Swd. Br.; F. Binckes, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Hopekirk, A.G.P.; C. H. Phillips, 1986; Thos. Taylor, 1677; J. Hepburn Hastie, P.M. 1669; J. W. Watts, P.M. 507; J. J. Hodgson, 1607; G. W. Castle, 1050; J. Harling, P.M. 30; J. Stone, 72; and A. R. Cranch, 1216.

Bros. J. D. E. Tarr, W.M. 1293, and A. O. Side, 1658, were admitted joining members of the lodge. Bro. Zimer was passed to Degree of a Fellow-Craft. Bros. Wortley, Zimer and Tarr were added to the Permanent Committee. Bro. Francis, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring Master, Bro. Langley. The officers for the year are as follows: Bros. Langley, I.P.M.; H. Hooper, S.W.; R. Corsham, J.W.; G. P. Britten, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; J. W. Oliver, S.D.; S. C. Hester, J.D.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, I.G.; S. Richardson, D.C.; G. W. Pinnock and J. D. E. Tarr, Stwds.; and F. W. Zimer, Org. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. Langley was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services in the chair, and as a token of his brothers' esteem and affection, and having suitably returned thanks, presented the lodge with a handsomely bound copy of the Constitutions as a memento of his year of office.

Various letters of apology for non-attendance were read, and the lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured the W.M. called upon Bros. Gould, Bywater, and Hopekirk to respond for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Gould said: W.M., brother Wardens and brethren—On behalf of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England, I beg to thank you very heartily and sincerely for the complimentary manner in which the last toast has been introduced, and for the fraternal cordiality with which it has been received. Across the Atlantic, in the United States

of America, it is an established procedure in several of the Masonic jurisdictions into which that great country is divided, to appoint, along with the other Committees, which there discharge similar duties to those so well and conscientiously performed in England by the Board of General Purposes, a special Committee to report "on the doings of Grand Officers," and the result of their inquiry is both read in Grand Lodge, and circulated among the subordinate lodges. On this side of the water, as you are well aware, there is no such inquisitorial process, so in common with the three brethren on my right, I can only indulge in vain speculation as to how we should be individually reported upon were such a tribunal in existence; though we hope that if our conduct as Grand Officers were duly weighed in the balance, it would not cause you to alter the favourable opinion which has been so kindly expressed in regard to the general body of officers in the Grand Lodge of England, of whom to-night we are the representatives. The Grand Officers may be divided into three classes. First of all there is the ruling class, the Grand Master, his Pro and Deputy Grand Masters; next there are the permanent Grand Officers, or as they might be justly termed, the working class; i.e. the Grand Registrar, the Presidents of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Directory of Ceremonies, upon whom the administrative labours chiefly devolve; and lastly, there are the Grand Officers of the year, who are appointed annually, and give place to their successors at the end of a twelve month, just as we find happens in all private lodges. Of our rulers and of our permanent Grand Officers it would be altogether impossible to speak too highly, and with regard to the annual appointments, I think it may safely be affirmed that in the exercise of the patronage appertaining to his high office the M.W.G.M. spares no pains to discriminate, as far as lies in his power, between the claims of the many worthy and distinguished brothers, who have done good suit and service in the Craft, which are annually laid before him. It has, I am aware, been maintained in some quarters that if all the offices were elective, the distribution of grand honours would better fulfil the just expectations of the English Craft; but a moment's consideration will, I think, show that the idea is utterly untenable. In those Masonic jurisdictions where either all, or the greater number of Grand offices are filled by annual election, there is generally some resort to canvassing and wire-pulling, political and sectarian bias moreover are not infrequently imported into the contest, while, to crown the whole, among a certain portion of the electorate the merits of candidates are apt to take rank in exact proportion to the amount of money they are prepared to spend on the election. But I am of opinion that the present system under which the honours of the Craft are conferred in this country may be defended on higher grounds still. The Grand Lodge of England is the mother of Grand Lodges, and from 1723—the date of her earliest minutes—we find that the appointment of Grand Officers (with the exception of Grand Treasurer, who, however, was only allowed to rank as a Grand Officer from 1753) has been left to the Grand Master. The system, therefore, has lasted for 165 years, and, while leaving the Masons of other jurisdictions to adopt what plans they prefer, I think we should do well to adhere to our old English usage of regarding the Grand Master as the fountain of Masonic honour. It is possible, of course, that all brethren may not think alike on this point, and that some will attach a greater value than others to what is called the popular vote. I shall, therefore, merely presume in this instance to speak for myself, though I do so without any hesitation whatever, when I record my belief, not only that the honour of Grand office is not lessened, but, on the contrary, that it is much enhanced in value from the fact of its being conferred, according to the old constitutional practice of the earliest of Grand Lodges, by our Royal Grand Master. Before I sit down there remains an agreeable task, which I shall do my best to discharge. It is to express the great pleasure it has afforded the Grand Officers who are present this evening to witness such excellent work in the lodge room, and to thank you for your lavish hospitality at this board. We have seen to-night the retiring Master induct his successor in a manner worthy of all commendation, while the incoming Master, by the admirable way in which he has presided at this table, enables us to predict with confidence that his year of office will be a successful one. W.M. and brethren, the Lodge of Unity may, I think, take a just pride in the fact that so many of its members are favourably known, outside your own portals, as earnest workers in the Craft. Among your Past Masters you are to be congratulated in possessing in Bro. Stephen Richardson a careful and accurate exponent of the ritual, also well known for his work in support of our Charities; in Bro. Britten a foremost worker on the most ancient Board, or Committee, of the English Craft; and in Bro. Speth one of the leading students of our antiquities, whose great talents and untiring energy have won for him the esteem and respect of all who are interested either nearly or remotely in the furtherance of Masonic research.

Bros. Hopekirk and Bywater also briefly responded.

Bro. Langley, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to his long service to the Craft. In the South of London the name of Bro. Francis was a household word as a genial and effective instructor of aspirants to Masonic office. Many of the brethren present owed their knowledge of our beautiful ritual to his teaching, and the Lodge of Unity had benefited by his services even before his advent within their circle. But Fortune was a wayward and coy damsel, and in spite of his great desert, Bro. Francis had had to wait patiently for many years for any tangible reward beyond the approval of his own conscience and the affection of his alumni. It said much for the intelligence of the Lodge of Unity, it redounded greatly to their credit that they had been prompt to recognise the merits of our brother, and within a few months of his affiliation had marked their appreciation by unanimously placing him in the W.M.'s chair. For himself no Masonic act of his own had given him greater satisfaction than installing his old and dear friend, Bro. Francis.

The W.M. responded with much feeling, and proposed "The Installing Master," and afterwards "The Joining Members."

Bro. Tarr said that owing to his constant attendance as a visitor he had been so often mistaken for a member, and asked to perform an impossibility, that is, invite his friends to the lodge, that the position had become unendurable. His application for membership was thus in a manner

forced upon him, and he was sure he should never regret it. Bro. Harling, on his right, was still in the false position he (Bro. Tarr) had definitely relinquished, and he seriously advised him to follow his example.

Bro. Side also responded. Bros. Watts, Hodgson, Phillips, and Harling, responded for the large number of "Visitors." The latter admitted the fact of his frequent attendance as a visitor, but he should not adopt Bro. Tarr's advice. The brethren were perhaps aware that his (Bro. Harling's) distinguishing characteristic was an utter absence of selfishness. It would be a source of profound gratification to him to join the lodge, but by thus selfishly indulging himself he would deprive several of his dearest friends of the greatest pleasure of their lives, viz., that of inviting him to attend their meetings. The idea merely of showing so gross a want of consideration for their feelings was abhorrent to his unselfish soul, it would be ungenerous, unmanly, un-Masonic on his part.

Bro. Binckes responded for "The Charities" in his usual felicitous manner, and created some amusement by averring that he had never been guilty of eloquence, and that such must not be expected from him. It is needless to say that he immediately proceeded to belie the assertion. The toast of "Past Masters" was duly honoured, as also that of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Britten, Treasurer, was proud to say that in their quiet unassuming way the lodge was always solvent, and the Treasurer, unlike some of his confrères, really had some money to look after, and never stood in the unenviable position of a creditor of the lodge. His position, therefore, was not a sinecure, neither on the other hand was it very onerous.

The Secretary, Bro. Speth, also replied. He said: W.M. and brethren, I have to thank you for the cordiality of your expressions which I feel deeply. Nothing about Masonry is more remarkable than its many sidedness. All its members who are worthy of the name of brother are devoted to it, but for very divergent reasons. It appeals to them each differently. Many are attracted by the pleasures of sociality, the firm friendships formed, the broadly tolerant basis which permits so many men of strongly marked and opposite opinions in religion, politics and national sentiment, to rally round one board and hail each one the other by the sacred name of brother. For these members the pleasures of social intercourse are the chief attraction. And I am a very long way indeed from implying that their view is a low one, I even question whether it is not the highest and best, as it certainly is the oldest and original view. It is just this admixture of creeds and classes which has given rise to the other attractions (especially Charity) of which I am about to speak. Let it not be forgotten that our Charities, noble and excellent in every way, are not the original purpose of Masonry, are not, even now, its "raison d'être," they are the accident and result of our Institution, and henceforth indissolubly bound up with it, but the Craft existed first and gave birth to the Charities, not the Charities to the Craft. Therefore let no man deprecate the brother for whom the chief attraction lies in the pleasures of social intercourse. A second class is devoted to the beautiful exemplification of our ritual, and finds its prime motive power in a desire to see our ancient and quaint ceremonies properly carried out. These brethren are simply invaluable to us, and failing their efforts we should soon lay ourselves open to the charge of wasting our time on ridiculous puerilities. That the class is well represented in our lodge need not be pointed out. A third section of brothers throw themselves heart and soul into the cause of our noble Charities. For them, the support of the aged and infirm, wearied by the battle of life, the equipment and preparation of the young and tender for the same inevitable contest, constitute the charm of our Order. Every hour stolen from their daily avocations is devoted to succouring the poor and needy, the young and the old; great is their reward now, how much greater hereafter. And the curious fact is that these three classes comprehend and appreciate each other, and each, while specially devoted to its own line of Masonic labour, participates in a minor Degree in the pursuits and predilections of the other two. And finally, we have a fourth class, which sympathises with the other three, but to whom the great attraction is the study of the History, Antiquities, and Symbolism of the Order. Here, I confess, lies my field of labour. But my heart is divided. One portion pursues the science of Masonry, the other is devoted to the Lodge of Unity, its interests, prosperity, and success. It is my mother lodge, it was my father's mother lodge before me, I am a Lewis of the lodge, in it I am at home, here I have made friends in the past, some alas, dead; here I continue to acquire new friends every day, and whatever claims any other lodge may have upon me, to Unity, 183, will always be due my best services. W.M., so long as it shall please you and your successors to require my services as Secretary, so long shall they be ungrudgingly rendered.

In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. alluded to the unusual fact that no less than three Worshipful Masters held office in the lodge. There was himself of course, and Bro. Hooper, his S.W., the W.M. of Honor Oak Lodge, and Bro. Tarr, Asst. Stwd., who was W.M. of the Burdett Lodge. He felt every confidence in his officers, from the first to the last.

Several having answered, Bro. Pinnock, P.M., Stwd., was loudly called upon, the brethren therein showing some harmless malice, as Bro. Pinnock's reluctance to make speeches is well known.

Bro. Pinnock, amidst much laughter, said that his chief and primary duty was to look after their liquor and personal comforts, but it was, he conceived, no part of his duty to make speeches. That evening the W.M. had been pleased to appoint an Assistant Steward, whose duty was manifestly to return thanks for his senior, and he should therefore call upon Bro. Tarr to at once perform his duty and justify his appointment.

Bro. Tarr accordingly did so.

The harmony of a very successful meeting was much augmented by the vocal and instrumental efforts of Bros. Pinnock, Archer, Cranch, Speth, and Lindsay-Renton. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 26th ult. The members present included Bros. Alfred Bannister, W.M.; Henry E. Vickers, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Linsey, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; E. Pettit, S.D.; J. L. Bush, J.D.; C. B. Young, I.G.; C. Fruen, Org.; H. Baldwin, P.M.,

P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; R. Barham, P.M.; G. Lilley, P.M.; C. Stuart Barker, P.M.; G. H. G. Morgan, J. Bolding, J. H. Crofts, and others. Amongst the large number of visitors present were Bros. J. H. Nicholls, J.D. 1280; W. T. Chapman, P.M. 1922; G. S. Graham, P.P.G. Org. Middx. and Surrey; F. C. Barham, S.D. 141; H. Wood, P.M., Sec. 1269; Jno. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457, Prov. G.S. of W. Monmouthshire; J. Hearsam, S.D. 167; R. Saxby, J.W. 720; J. Ponder, 144; F. J. Street, 144; W. S. Felton, 1380; F. M. Bilby, S.W. 1327; R. H. Ward, I.G. 1292; A. Trelawny, J.W. 90; H. Wolff, 1872; H. J. Tallentire, 1320; J. Martin, 704; T. W. Miller, J.W. 704; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Two handsome banners were presented to the lodge by Bros. A. Bannister, W.M., and H. E. Vickers, W.M. elect, bearing their names, crests, and suitable inscriptions. Ballot was successfully taken in favour of Mr. H. Mascall, who, being in attendance, was initiated into Freemasonry, after which Bro. Bolding was passed to the Second Degree. Both ceremonies were impressively rendered by the W. Master, who concluded a successful year of office by installing Bro. Henry E. Vickers into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Chas. Linsey, S.W.; E. Pettit, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Bush, S.D.; C. B. Young, J.D.; R. Barham, P.M., D.C.; C. Fruen, A.D.C.; A. J. Crofts, I.G.; G. H. G. Morgan, Org.; J. Bolding, Stwd.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Weekes, his investiture as Treasurer was postponed. The addresses were effectively delivered by the installing Master, Bro. A. Bannister. The W. Master then said his first duty was a pleasing one, for it was to present the I.P.M., Bro. Bannister, with the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the lodge. The members had thus testified their appreciation of Bro. Bannister's services, and united in the wish that he would be spared for many years to wear this mark of their esteem and regard. Bro. Bannister, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for this token of appreciation from the brethren. Propositions having been received and other business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts received the customary honours.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Bannister, I.P.M., who expressed the hope that the brethren would receive the one toast he had to submit to them during the evening with the utmost enthusiasm. The W.M. had already given them an idea of his efficient working, and there was no doubt that if the members gave him plenty of work to do he would perform it to their entire satisfaction and to the credit of the lodge. As the brethren were thoroughly conversant with the good qualities of the brother whom they had installed that evening, he (the I.P.M.) would simply ask them to cordially drink his health.

Bro. Henry E. Vickers, W.M., in reply said he was glad to hear the I.P.M. assure the brethren that his remarks in proposing the toast would be few, for it necessarily left him little to say in response. He assured them it was with feelings of pride that he occupied the chair that evening. He was initiated into the Order four years ago, and from the time he received the collar of Organist he had been naturally anxious to progress through the various offices. Through their kindness he had reached the summit of his ambition sooner than he had anticipated. Being but a young Mason, it could not be expected that he would perform the duties of W.M. in the highly creditable manner that had characterised the Past Masters, but he had done his best to perfect himself in the ritual, and he trusted that the work he performed during the forthcoming year would be carried out to their satisfaction, and would not affect the prestige of the lodge. He regarded the Stuart Lodge as his Masonic home, for he always felt that in attending the meetings he was renewing associations with those whose aim was to promote brotherly love and good feeling, and maintain the credit of their lodge. He thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the kind reception accorded it.

"The Initiate" was next given, and responded to in appropriate terms by Bro. Mascall, after which the W.M. proposed "The Visitors" offering them a fraternal and hearty welcome, and coupling the names of Bros. Powell, Tallentire, and Woods to reply.

Bro. F. A. Powell, Prov. G.S. of W. Monmouthshire, having returned thanks for the kindness which had characterised the proposition and reception of the toast, said he had been much impressed by the effective manner in which the ceremonies had been worked. The visiting brethren had also been highly delighted with the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. He noticed that the W.M. wore the tricolour, and hoped to see him soon in the royal purple. He thanked the A.D.C. for his kind invite, which had enabled him to spend an enjoyable evening, and wished the W.M. a successful year of office and prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. Tallentire, 1320, also replied, and said it was a source of intense gratification to him to be enabled to witness the installation of Bro. Vickers, W.M. That brother, although a young Mason, had worked hard in the Craft, and the members of the lodge would find him an able and efficient W.M.

Bro. Wood, P.M., Sec. 1769, also responded.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. said he was sure that all present had been pleased with the able manner in which Bro. Bannister had rendered the various ceremonies that evening. He was proud that he had to follow such an excellent I.P.M., and was sure he could rely upon Bro. Bannister's assistance during the forthcoming year. It was with great pleasure that he had affixed to Bro. Bannister's breast the P.M.'s jewel unanimously voted by the members, for no brother had worked harder or taken a greater interest in the welfare of the lodge. They all sincerely hoped he would live long to wear the jewel, and to continue to assist them in the able manner which had hitherto characterised his Masonic career.

Bro. Bannister, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel presented to him as a mark of their esteem and satisfaction. He also desired to thank them for the uniform kindness extended to him since his entry into the lodge, and more particularly during his term of office in the

chair. He was grateful to the visitors for the eulogiums passed upon his working, and trusted the lodge would prosper under the guidance of Bro. Vickers, W.M.

Bro. Stuart Barker, P.M., in response to "The Past Masters," said it was 11 years since his installation into the chair of that lodge, and he had seen the accession of the chair of that lodge, and he had seen the accession of every W.M. since. Some of their members were missing from various causes. It was not numbers, however, that constituted the welfare of a lodge, but the individual interest taken by the P.M.'s and brethren. He congratulated the W.M. upon having around him the largest array of visitors ever assembled in that lodge. He had carefully watched the career of their present W.M., and was certain that he was properly qualified to undertake the duties of ruling the lodge to the satisfaction of all.

Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec., returned thanks for the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary." He regretted that the Treasurer was unable to be present, but was sure he was with them in spirit. With regard to himself, he was very much obliged for the many kindnesses he had received at the hands of the members, and he hoped to be spared to perform the duties of Secretary for many years to come. He had anticipated being relieved of those duties, but as the various W.M.'s had attained the chair he had felt he could not vacate the position. He regarded himself as a fixture in the lodge, and hoped to continue so. He again thanked them and wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

"The Officers" having been duly given and duly responded to, the W.M. intimated his intention of representing the lodge at the forthcoming Girls' School Festival, and appealed to the brethren to substantially support his Stewardship.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. An excellent programme of music considerably enhanced the enjoyment of all present.

HIGHBURY LODGE (No. 2192).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec., as W.M.; Alderman Jos. Savory, S.W.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., S.D.; John Barnett, jun., J.D.; W. Shurmur, D.C.; W. Maple, I.G.; G. W. Bowyer, Stwd.; J. S. Crick, H. Sprake, and Cornelius Cope, with Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C., as a visitor.

The meeting, to which so many had been looking forward with pleasurable anticipations, was shorn of its lustre and a great gloom cast on the proceedings by the recent death of the W.M., Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br. The acting W.M., as soon as he had opened the lodge, said he thought he should be acting in accordance with the feelings of every member if, before they proceeded with any business, he moved that a vote should be inserted on their minutes recording the great loss the lodge had sustained by the death of the W.M. Bro. Edgar Bowyer had been looking forward to that day with great anticipations of pleasure and delight to perform the ceremony of installing Bro. Alderman Jos. Savory, because he had taken a special interest in that brother's Masonic career; and it was only about 48 hours before he was taken from them that he was arranging with him the proceedings of that day, and giving him the names of the guests he had invited and who he expected would attend, including the Lord Mayor of London, but the G.A.O.T.U. had otherwise ordered, and they had now to mourn his loss. He would not say more, but simply move the following resolutions, viz., "That the members of this lodge, while humbly submitting to the inscrutable will of the Most High, desire to record on the minutes of their proceedings their deep and abiding regret at the very severe loss they have sustained in the death, on the 16th instant, of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., one of the founders of the lodge and its first W.M. His generous disposition, kindly courtesy, and untiring interest in all that appertained to the Order endeared him to the members of the lodge, as well as to every one who knew him, and they gratefully acknowledge the material assistance he gave at the formation of the lodge. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Bowyer, with the assurance that she and her family have the warmest sympathy of every member of the lodge in their sad bereavement." This having been seconded by Bro. Shurmur, was carried in solemn silence. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, and, together with the report of the Audit Committee, unanimously approved. A ballot was taken for Mr. Cornelius Cope, which being unanimously favourable, he was initiated. Bro. E. S. Crick was then raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. J. Terry then assumed the chair, and proceeded, in his usual faultless manner, to install Bro. Alderman Joseph Savory as W.M., who was then pleased to appoint and invest the following as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. T. Hastings Miller, S.W.; J. Terry, I.W.; W. H. Baker, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, Sec.; J. Barnett, jun., S.D.; W. Shurmur, J.D.; W. Maple, D.C.; G. W. Bowyer, I.G.; A. P. Bowyer and H. Sprake, Stewards; and Morley, Tyler. Bro. Hogard, Sec., announced that he had, in the name of the lodge, forwarded a wreath of flowers to decorate the bier of the late W.M.; and, on the motion of Bro. Terry, seconded by Bro. J. Barnett, jun., his action was unanimously approved, with thanks for his attention. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

HITCHIN.—Cecil Lodge (No. 449).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Sun Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. B. Cooper, W.M.; F. Shillitoe, P.M., P.J.G.W., as S.W.; C. Hales, J.W.; W. J. Fitch, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. Shilcock, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., S.D.; Gilbertson, J.D.; Gilbertson, jun., I.G.; R. Shillitoe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Sworder, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. J. Fordham, E. Lloyd, J. W. Fordham, MacMullen, Harold Cooper, Brookes, and Greillet. Visitors: Bros. John Read, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, and H. Shirley, P.M. 1491.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bros. Harold Cooper and J. W. Fordham were subsequently passed to the F.C. Degree. Bro. MacMullen was afterwards raised to the M.M. Degree, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in an able and efficient manner.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in first

rate style by the new proprietor. Full justice was done to it, and, after the cloth was cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, to which was added songs and recitations by the brethren, an agreeable evening being spent.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The installation of Bro. S. D. McKellen, P.M. 1496, took place, and the St. John's Festival celebrated, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, when there were present Bros. Wm. Lyon, W.M.; W. T. Allitt, S.W.; J. Boylan, J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; C. Swinn, S.D.; W. F. Farrington, J.D.; J. G. Driver, I.G.; W. Bostock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; S. Ashcroft and J. T. Kenworthy, Stewards; S. D. McKellen, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanc.; T. Cavanah, P.M.; G. Macfarlane, P.M.; A. T. Forrest, P.M.; E. G. Simpson, P.J.G.D. Cheshire; Wm. Battersby, J. J. Wills, A. Jacobson, H. Mason, T. Hartley, C. H. Stephenson, G. F. Howard, J. E. Greenwood, W. Padget, J. T. Platt, F. Green, C. Reid, W. Corbett, P.M. 249; and E. D. Cantillon, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. S. Myerscough, P.P.G. Org.; Wm. Jaffray, P.M. 152, P.P.G.D.; E. L. Adam, W.M. 1213; G. V. Blaikie, P.M. 152; T. Hassall, P.M. 1213; T. W. Bone, P.M. 1185, W.M. 1730; G. Jackson, P.M. 1077; J. B. Windall, P.M. 1077; W. Hoyland, P.M. 1083 and 2185; S. E. Jupp, W.M. 1140; W. H. Beaston, P.M. 1459; G. Hunt, P.M. and Treas. 1009, Sec. 1170; Walter Biggs, W.M. 1496; J. W. Allison, P.M. 993, 645, and 204; T. Stopford, W.M. 1079; T. Uttley, W.M. 307; J. Stovold, I.P.M. 993; R. Dottie, P.M. 993; F. Appleby, 152; W. W. McIntyre, 1140; J. McCulloch, 4 (S.C.); A. W. Whittaker, 1077; F. Roberts, 78; W. Wood, 1345; T. Owles, 646; Kenneth J. Stewart, 1140; J. E. Ashton, 2156, Sec. 1147; J. G. Elderton, 317; W. H. Ream, 204; P. Watson, 2156; T. Elliott, P.M. 1147; G. Bowen, J.W. 2144; L. J. Griffiths, S.W. 935 and 1993; T. M. Johnson, 992; P. J. Crowther, F. Shore, S. Jackson, Steward 2156; H. B. Brown, 581; T. Broadbent, 645; J. Bowers, J.D. 1730; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, Prov. G. Steward.

The lodge was announced to be open at three o'clock, but it was nearly four o'clock before proceedings commenced. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. S. D. McKellen, P.M. 1496, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanc., was formally presented to Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., who occupied the chair, and Bro. McKellen was installed as W. Master in the presence of 29 Installed Masters. The following brethren were subsequently appointed officers, and invested by Bro. A. B. Whittaker, P.M., Treasurer: Bros. J. Boylan, S.W.; C. Swinn, J.W.; A. B. Whittaker, P.M. (invested by Bro. W. Bostock, P.P.G.S.B.), Treas.; W. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Farrington, S.D.; J. G. Driver, J.D.; W. Bostock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. T. Kenworthy, I.G.; G. Sutherland, J. H. Stovold, W. Battersby, T. Hartley, J. J. Wills, and A. Jacobson, Stewards; and J. Cantillon, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. T. Cavanah, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. G. Macfarlane, P.M.; and the brethren by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, which, when finished, the usual toast list was proceeded with. The W. Master proposed the preliminary toasts, which were all duly honoured.

Bro. Wm. Lyon, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he did so with very great pride and satisfaction. The W.M. was known to a great many Masons outside the Avon Lodge, as well as to all in it, and by each and every one he was highly esteemed. He had had the pleasure of addressing Bro. McKellen at the commencement of the installation ceremony, and of pointing out those distinguished virtues and characteristics that qualified a brother for the office of Master. All those qualities he was persuaded Bro. McKellen possessed in an eminent degree, and he therefore felt proud to hand over the government of the Avon Lodge to such a brother, because there was no doubt the work would be carried on with great advantage to the lodge. The brethren had seen on several previous occasions how well Bro. McKellen could perform the various ceremonies, and therefore they could but feel as he (Bro. Lyon) did that the welfare and success of the lodge was thoroughly assured in such competent hands.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the W.M.'s health heartily drunk, after which Bro. Seymour Jackson sang, in finished style, "The Message."

The W.M., on rising to respond, was loudly cheered, and in reply said he felt deeply moved at the kind and enthusiastic manner the brethren had received the toast, and the eloquent manner in which his predecessor had proposed it. No man could stand in the position he did, amongst 70 or 80 brethren more or less distinguished, and feel unmoved when hearing the toast of his health proposed and received in such a manner as his had been, and he would not indeed give much for the man who could remain untouched and totally callous at such a time. It was almost impossible for him to respond to the toast in such a manner as it should be responded to. The I.P.M. had a right to feel very particular as to who came into his place in the lodge. It was no ordinary position for a brother to occupy, who was elected Master of the Avon Lodge, and he presumed he was not wrong in saying that the lodge was, at least, second to none in the Province of East Lancashire, and if they took its work during the past year as a criterion of the strength of its position, he should say it would rank first in the Province. The I.P.M. had gone through the work of his period in such a manner that he (Bro. McKellen) felt the responsibility and the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him in asking him to follow his footsteps. He felt it the more because two months ago he had not the remotest conception that such an honour was to be conferred upon him. He had not come from the S.W.'s chair into that of W.M. through any succession to which he might be entitled to look forward, but it had simply arisen, as he believed, from the kindly feeling that the brethren entertained towards him, and which they had been anxious to display now that an opportunity had occurred. To a certain extent the satisfaction he felt at being placed in such an honourable position was tinged to a very great degree with regret, for the reason that a very distinguished, worthy, and highly-valued brother, who was fairly entitled to it, had been compelled through the ruling of Prov. Grand Lodge to forego the natural ambition of presiding

over two lodges in one year. At the time Bro. Allitt was elected W.M. there was not a doubt in the mind of any member but that he would have been duly installed, and if such had been the case he (Bro. McKellen) would have been one of his most sincere helpers; but as it happened Bro. Allitt had been installed W.M. of another lodge, and, as previously stated, was not permitted to preside over another at the same period. All the same, however, the Avon Lodge would mend matters as soon as possible. As far as he (Bro. McKellen) was concerned, the position he had undertaken was one of the duties of which he was somewhat afraid of undertaking. At the same time the knowledge that he was surrounded by able and efficient officers, who would render him every assistance, gave him additional confidence, and he assured the brethren he would do his utmost to merit the trust reposed in him. Before sitting down the W.M. proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Lyon," who had won the esteem and kind regard of every brother in the lodge, and if it could have been done with any degree of comfort he (Bro. McKellen) would have felt pleased if Bro. Lyon could have continued his tenure of office until the end of the present year, and it gave him great pleasure to present the I.P.M. with a gold jewel as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren, trusting he might be long spared to wear it amongst them.

The toast was heartily drunk, and Bro. Lyon returned thanks in appropriate language.

The Worshipful Master afterwards proposed "The Visitors," and in so doing remarked that it was very gratifying to have the honour of being installed before a board of no less than 29 Installed Masters.

Bros. Major Allison, P.M. 993, George Hunt, P.M. and Sec. 1009, and Seymour Jackson, Stwd. 2156, replied.

Other toasts were proposed, and a very short, though enjoyable evening was spent. The P.M.'s jewel was specially manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

CROOK.—Crook Lodge (No. 2019).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Graham into the Worshipful Master's chair. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Arrowsmith, the retiring W.M., who conducted the ordinary business of the lodge. Bro. Thomas Hardy, I.P.M., then performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Graham appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Arrowsmith, I.P.M.; E. Milburn, S.W.; R. W. Wraith, J.W.; Rev. S. Newsome, Chap.; R. Proud, Treas.; J. Joel, Sec.; R. Dawson, S.D.; G. Emmons, J.D.; A. Y. Talbot, Almoner; R. J. Robertson, I.G.; T. Wanless, D.C.; J. Hughes, Org.; T. Linton and T. Hall, Stwds.; and J. Dawson, Tyler.

Owing to the very severe weather, the number of visiting brethren was not so large as on previous occasions, but there were present Bros. W. Crawford, W.M. 1121, P.P. G.O.; J. Probert, P.M. 424; C. G. Randall, 481; T. Banks, J.D. 1121; John Reed, P.M. 1121; and John Barnett, 1121.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Surtees Hotel. A splendid jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Friday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. G. Deaton, W.M.; Vickery, S.W.; Thompson, J.W.; Blundell, S.D.; F. Deaton, I.G.; Baker, Preceptor; G. Deaton, Sec.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Deaton having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. F. Deaton, that the matter of disposing of the votes attached to the lodge be referred to the next meeting—April 6th. It was also proposed by Bro. Baker, P.M., and seconded, that Bro. Vickery be W.M. at the next meeting—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Blackwall Railway Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Forss, W.M.; Tichiaz, S.W.; Westfield, J.W.; Burdon, J.D.; Antonovich, I.G.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Ives, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Antonovich candidate. Bro. Antonovich afterwards answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, gave the explanation of the first tracing board in an able and efficient manner. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Forss, W.M. 917, P.Z. 1623, was unanimously elected a joining member, and returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Tichiaz was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, no further Masonic business offering, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the lodge on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 7 p.m., and brethren are cordially invited.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 29th ult. Present: Bros. W. Richards, W.M.; A. E. Gladwell, S.W.; J. Rayner, J.W.; H. Peet, S.D.; F. M. Noakes, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Brindley, H. C. Chevalier, C. W. Phillips, T. C. Seary, J. Laurence, F. Kedge, E. Nice, C. Lambert, W. Honeyball, J. Woodward, E. C. Muvey, G. F. Swan, A. Clark, W. Hancock, C. Corby, and W. Chilcott.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, Bro. W. Richards rehearsing the ceremony of installation in a most satisfactory manner, installing Bro. W. Brindley. Lodge resumed to the Second and then the First Degrees, when Bro. W. Richards gave the charges to the W.M., officers, and brethren, rendering them most clearly and distinct. Bro. W. Richards resumed the chair. Bro. W. Honeyball having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. W. Chilcott, 1624, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. A. E. Gladwell, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., read an extract from the *Freemason*,

page 196, in which Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, M.V.G.M. of Maryland, U.S.A., in speaking at Grand Lodge at Baltimore, where he was welcomed after his visit to England, said, "On the 25th of October I was handsomely entertained by the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction." Bro. Reynolds said he felt sure the brethren of the lodge of instruction would feel that these words were a great compliment to them. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the privilege of occupying the chair that evening, and also for their kind attention. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Hubbard, W.M.; Dresden, S.W.; Woods, J.V.; Cochrane, S.D.; W. C. Williams, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Sims, and Rayner.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Dresden was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was resolved that the meeting be adjourned until April 10th. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. P. Burton, P.M., W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; L. Cox, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; H. Moss, S.D.; F. Klien, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; F. Craggs, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Martineau, Arnott, Love, Cavers, and Head.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Martineau having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 31st ult. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, P.M., W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; R. H. Wimpey, S.D.; M. Speigel, P.M.; J. D. Ariedge, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. Brown, Clark, W. G. Coat, and F. Wilkins.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Sims offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Clark, offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. D. S. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the vote for the Boys' School was given in favour of Bro. G. Gardner, Treasurer. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

It is proposed to obtain the services of brethren eminent in the Craft and have a rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration in this lodge at a date in May, the last time this ceremony was performed in this lodge proving a great success.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. C. D. Mears, W.M.; Wm. Greig, W.M. 299, P.G.P., S.W.; E. T. Lancaster, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., Preceptor; Chas. Hind, Sec.; C. C. Potter, S.D.; F. Snowden, I.G.; Carter, Tyler, and P. Jones, P.M. 1837.

Lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hind candidate. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when it was proposed by Bro. C. C. Potter, and seconded by Bro. Greig, that as a token of respect and esteem the annual supper of the lodge of instruction be held at Bro. Light's house—carried. It was proposed by Bro. Potter, and seconded by Bro. Snowden, that the same take place on Tuesday, the 24th inst.—carried. It was also proposed that Bros. Greig, Potter, Mears, and Hind be appointed to make the necessary arrangements. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—This old and successful chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Amongst those present we noticed Comps. J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z. and Treas., acting M.E.Z.; A. Hubbard, H., M.E.Z. elect; W. B. Fendick, J., H. elect; T. Cubitt, J. elect; C. Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Austin, P.S.; Harrison, P.Z.; G. Everett, P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; Bailey, Harry Price, and others. Among the numerous visitors were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., 3; Read, P.Z. 720; Goffin, M.E.Z. 1572; H. Clemow, M.E.Z. 1589; Edmonds, S.R. 721; Wingham, P.S. 25; T. Walden, 142; Duff, 145; Nichol, 828; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. T. Briggs, installed Comps. Hubbard, as M.E.Z.; Fendick, as H.; and Cubitt, as J., in a satisfactory manner. The ballot having been taken on behalf of Bros. J. M. Pullen, 1446, and W. Vogt, 55, those brethren were most ably and impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. The officers invested for the ensuing year were Comps. C. Cottebrune, S.E.; Austin, S.N.; Thomas, P.S.; Bailey, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Price, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. T. Briggs, Treas.; and Verry, Janitor. During the ceremonies Comp. Read presided most ably at the harmonium.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed.

Comp. Cottebrune proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." in flattering terms. He congratulated Comp. Hubbard upon the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of exaltation that night.

Comp. Hubbard, in his reply, made some humorous remarks. He said that the M.E.Z. was a necessary, if not ornamental piece of furniture, well seasoned by passing through the various offices leading up to that position. He went on to say that very little was remembered of any M.E.Z. except, perhaps, the pathetic sentiment which tradition has handed down, and which he repeated—"Companions, you may smoke." In conclusion, he expressed a hope that his year of office, as foreshadowed by Comp. Cottebrune, would be a successful one.

"The Installing Officer followed." The M.E.Z., in giving this toast, spoke of Comp. Briggs as one who had done good suit and service in the chapter, and was worthy of the highest encomiums.

Comp. Briggs, in reply, said that he was only too pleased to be of assistance to the companions, and that they might

at all times rely upon his doing the best that he could for them.

The toast of "The Past Principals" followed. In reply to this toast Comp. G. Everett remarked that the M.E.Z., in his good-humoured satire, had been pleased to designate the Past Principals as specimens of the antique, who had become somewhat fossilised in the discharge of their functions. He could only say that personally he felt as lively as a "three year old," and though it was not to be supposed that some of his colleagues were quite so active as in days gone by, yet they were of use, by being strong supporters of everything deserving of support in connection with their old chapter.

"The Exaltees" followed, and Comps. Pullen and Vogt made able replies.

In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the M.E.Z. spoke of them as being ornaments lent for the occasion to add lustre and brightness to the proceedings that day. He said that he was gratified that so many had attended his installation, and that he was extremely obliged to Comp. Read for his musical efforts. Of the other visitors he would say that they had the true ring of sterling merit about each one of them.

Comps. Read, Walls, Clemow, and others having replied, "The Health of the Second and Third Principals" followed. Comps. Fendick and Cubitt having responded, "The Treasurer and Scribe E." came next in order. In proposing this toast, the M.E.Z. comically alluded to those officers as being intended to form a pair, and were so designed that one formed a cash box and the other an ink pot. However, after seriously thanking them both for all that they had hitherto done, he said that within them were concealed the motive power which kept the whole machinery of the chapter in motion.

Comps. Briggs and Cottebrune having briefly replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Austin, Bailey, and H. Price, terminated the proceedings. Comp. Read most ably superintended the musical programme.

DURHAM.—Concord Chapter (No. 124).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, March 27th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, for the installation of the three Principals, and other officers, for the ensuing year. The following were the three Principals installed: Comps. J. Sewell, Z.; W. Logan, H.; and J. Lawson, J. The ceremony was performed by Comps. J. Hiller, R. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E.; and W. Logan, H. The Auditor's report was afterwards submitted by Comp. Logan, and adopted, the same being considered highly satisfactory. An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to Comp. W. Logan. The presentation was made by Comp. R. Hudson, on behalf of the chapter, Comp. Hudson stating that the jewel was given to Comp. Logan in recognition of the great interest and zeal he at all times had evinced in Freemasonry, and especially in obtaining for the chapter the Centenary medal. Comp. Brignal also spoke in commendatory terms of the active interest which Comp. Logan took in everything appertaining to Freemasonry, and expressed his belief that Comp. Logan was worthy in every sense of the presentation made to him.

Comp. Logan having replied in suitable terms, the brethren afterwards supped together at the invitation of Comp. Sewell.

MANCHESTER.—Blair Chapter (No. 815).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Hulme Town Hall, on the 27th ult. Through the unavoidable absence of Comp. George Board, Z., Comp. H. L. Rocca, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., took his place as First Principal; Comp. J. M. Sinclair, H.; Comp. J. R. Blair, J., and the following officers: Comps. W. R. Souter, P.Z., S.E.; Bryce Blair, S.N.; W. H. Hopkins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., acting P. Soj.; and S. C. Lowe, A. Soj. There were also present Comps. J. Arensberg, P.Z.; H. W. Riley, James McEwen, John H. Wrigley, and C. Oldham, P.Z. 317. Visitors: Comps. John Walker, P.Z. 37, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. B. Owtram, Z. 993; and Geo. S. Smith, 645.

The chapter being duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. John Chalmers, 815, and F. G. Berry, 44, and in both cases was declared favourable, and they were exalted. The historical lecture was given by Comp. J. R. Blair, J.; the symbolical by Comp. J. M. Sinclair, H.; and the mystical by Comp. Hopkins, P.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and after the valedictory address the companions partook of a capital supper, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to.

Mark Masonry.

BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE (No. 332).—The installation meeting of the above select lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich, when Bro. F. Couldery, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremony, placed in the chair of A., and saluted. He appointed or installed personally, or by proxy, the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Dr. W. C. Burney, S.W.; C. Fowler, J.W.; W. T. Hunt, M.O.; W. H. Burney, S.O.; J. Thomas, J.O.; A. H. Satch, Treas.; G. T. Carter, Sec. and S.D.; S. Gore, R. of M.; J. Tuck, J.D.; G. W. Carpenter, I.G.; T. Ovenden, P.M. 226, and P.J.G.D. Kent, and T. Newton, Stwds.; and E. Spinks, Tyler. The Installing Officer, Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M., and P.P.G.M.O. Kent, then gave the various charges, and concluded a grand and perfect ceremony, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks. Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Kipps, P.M., and P.P.G.R. of M. Kent; H. Roberts, P.M. and P.P.G.S. of W. Kent; C. Jolly, J.O. 226, and P.P. G.O. Kent; and others.

The banquet was superbly placed upon the table by the worthy host, Bro. G. Burney, and after the clearing of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The P.G.M., the P.D.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and in so doing, said he would have liked to have seen the P.G. or P.D.G.M. present, but, as the letters read by the Secretary showed it was impossible for them to be there, they drank the toast not only to those absent, and as they had both Present and Past

Officers with them, he asked them to drink the toast with a hearty good fire.

Bro. Ovenden responded, and said he did not know whether Bro. Kipps was at Folkestone at their last Prov. Grand meeting, but if so, he would remember that their esteemed P.D.G.M., Bro. Cummings, who presided, told them that their P.G.M., Bro. Robinson, was in such a state of health, through an attack of apoplexy, that in all likelihood he would never preside over Prov. Grand Lodge again. He (Bro. Cummings), had seen Bro. Robinson, who wanted to resign, but he strongly advised Bro. Robinson not to do so, but to keep up, and he (Bro. Cummings) would do all that he could to conduct the business of the Degree in the province in a satisfactory manner. Now, from what he knew of Bro. Cummings, he had not the slightest doubt that that brother would be as good as his word, and further, that some day he would succeed to the position of their P.G.M., a position that he was eminently qualified to fill. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered them his thanks for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Kipps, P.M., then rose and said that once more the gavel was in his hands, and while proud of the opportunity it afforded him of proposing a most agreeable toast, yet, he was sorry that their I.P.M., Bro. Partridge, was not present to perform that duty. The toast was that of his dear old friend and brother, their esteemed "W.M., Bro. Couldery." Their W.M., ever since he was initiated, had gone on in a most remarkable manner, and was now at the top of the tree, and he felt sure he would never disgrace it. Bro. Couldery had done good work both in the Craft and Royal Arch, and he felt sure that as Master of that lodge he would add lustre to it and the Degree generally. So far as the lodge was concerned, they were not anxious for a large lodge, they were prospering and out of debt, but he would certainly like to see a few more members; new blood did good, and while, as he said before, they did not want a large lodge, yet they would welcome any good and worthy Craftsman who was well and worthily recommended. The working under the new Master would, he knew, be equal to that of any Master who had preceded him, and he trusted they would all support him in his efforts for the continued prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm,

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said that the duty he had then to perform was one that he could not perform satisfactorily; to himself, at any rate. He would sooner sing two songs than return thanks once, but now that Bro. Kipps had proposed his health, and they had received it so cordially, he felt bound to tender them his heartfelt thanks for it. He did not believe there was a brother round that board who envied him in his position, and could assure them that he would do his duty in such a manner as to meet with their commendation, so that when the Past Master's jewel was placed on his breast they would say that he had deserved it.

Bro. Jolly having responded for "The Visitors," the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." He paid a high tribute to the zeal and energy of the Past Masters. Bro. Ralph Gooding, their first Master, was away on the continent, and their I.P.M., Bro. Partridge, was filling his place, and therefore could not be present, but they had Bros. Kipps and Roberts with them, and with their names he coupled the toast.

Bro. Roberts, in response, said the Past Masters were only too happy to render any assistance in their power to the W.M. or brethren, but they now had so good a Mason at their head that he could do without their assistance, or would require very little indeed. While in the W.M.'s hands he felt sure the credit of the lodge would not suffer.

Bro. Thomas responded for "The Officers," and said that ever since the consecration of the lodge, when he was initiated, he had had but one idea, and that was to get to the chair, and now that he was on the way nothing should be wanted on his part to secure the progress of the lodge.

Bro. Ovenden also responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

Bro. Kipps presided at the piano, and some good singing and recitations enlivened the proceedings.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This highly prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. C. H. Köhler, W.M.; Bailey, S.W.; Porter, J.W.; Simmons, M.O.; Woodruff, S.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Davis, S.D.; Meacock, D.C.; J. T. Briggs, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; and others. Bro. Cox, of No. 8, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. T. C. Walls, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the sum of two guineas be voted to the Poore Testimonial Fund." The names of three brethren for joining and advancement having been handed in, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed. "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Walls, and "The Provincial Grand Officers" by Bro. Fisher.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in the most kindly terms by the I.P.M. He said that Bro. Köhler's geniality and good qualities had made for him many friends. He (the I.P.M.) augured a most prosperous year of office for the W.M.

The Worshipful Master having replied in a modest speech, gave "The Visitor."

Bro. Cox, in his reply, spoke in flattering terms of the lodge and its members, and he hoped next time to have the pleasure of being elected a joining member.

"The Past Masters" and "Treasurer and Secretary" followed. The W.M. in his remarks passed a high compliment to those officers, who had done so much and were doing so much for the lodge.

Bros. Higgins, P.M., and Briggs, P.M., having spoken at some length, Bro. Fisher, in his reply, particularly asked the brethren to assist him to the best of their ability in taking up a good list to the Mark Benevolent Festival.

Bro. Walls having thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken of his services as Secretary, also pleaded the cause of the Mark Benevolent Institution, which he said was worthy of the strongest support and sympathy from the brethren.

"The Officers" terminated the proceedings. In response to the pleadings of Bros. Fisher and Walls, the brethren subsequently subscribed most freely to the Stewards' list of the first named.

Knights Templar.

PLYMOUTH.—Royal Veterans' Encampment (No. 10).—The annual convocation was held on the 23rd ult., at Huyshe Temple. There was a large attendance of fratres. Two companions were balloted for and admitted to the Order. Sir Knight Edward Binding, the E.C. elect, was installed. The Installing Officers were Sir Knights F. Westlake, P.P.G.T.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31^o, Prov. Prior; and E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.V.C. The following P.E.C.'s were among the fratres present: Sir Knights S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G.T.; J. T. Bond, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Keats, Prov. W.R.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.E.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.C.L.; J. Austin, P.P.G.E.; and W. F. Westcott.

The following officers were invested: Sir Knights J. B. Westlake, P.I.E.Z.; J. R. Lord, 1st Capt.; H. Rogers, 2nd Capt.; E. Aitken-Davies, Prel.; J. Austin, Treas.; J. T. Bond, Reg.; J. B. Gover, Expert; W. Browning, C.L.; S. Jew, Std. B.; J. H. Keats, S.B.; and W. H. Phillips, Guard.

In the evening the fratres dined together at the Freemasons' Club, Princes-square. Sir Knight E. Binding, E.C., presided, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The annual meeting of the above Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 22nd ult. Comp. William Mann, Depute G. Prin., presided, when office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follow:—

Comp. Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood	1st G. Prin.
" The Earl of Mar and Kellie	Past 1st G. Prin.
" W. Mann, S.S.C.	Dep. G. Prin.
" The Earl of Kintore	2nd G. Prin.
" F. E. Villiers of Closeburn	3rd G. Prin.
" Wm. Edwards	G. Scribe E.
" Dr. George Dickson	G. Scribe N.
" W. Officer, S.S.C.	G. Treas.
" James Webster	G. Recorder.
" James Dalrymple Duncan	G. Chancellor.
" George Christie of Southwell	1st G. Soj.
" Lord Saltoun of Abernethy	2nd G. Soj.
" Col. John Campbell	3rd G. Soj.
" James Crichton	G. Swd. Br.
" Wm. Hay	G. Supt. of Wks.
" Col. P. Stirling of Kippendavie	1st G. Std. Br.
" H. J. Coventry, W.S.	2nd G. Std. Br.
" John Taylor	G. Janitor.

Thereafter the members of the Grand Chapter celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, Comp. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past 1st Grand Principal, presiding, and Comp. Mann acting as Croupier. The chair was supported on the right by Comp. Sir James Buchanan, and on the left by Comp. W. Villiers of Closeburn, and amongst the others present were Comps. J. Dalrymple Duncan, W. Edwards, Macallister of Carbeth-Guthrie, Col. Campbell, Surgeon-Major Black, Major Allan, W. Officer, and D. Murray Lyon.

Ireland.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 222, BRAY.

The annual dinner of the above lodge took place last week, in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Jas. Hampton, B.A. A large number of prominent members of the Craft were present, including the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, the Grand Chaplain, the Senior Grand Deacon, the Grand Superintendent of Works, and the Grand Sword Bearer, besides Bros. Sir Robert Herron, Sir Henry Cochrane, and several Provincial Grand Officers, the company altogether numbering close on one hundred.

A choice musical programme was arranged by Bro. John Weldon, D. of C., who, with Bros. Broadberry, J. F. Jones, Charles Kelly, and E. Oldham, contributed largely to the great success of the evening. Bro. Gater, Mus. Doc., Org. of the lodge, acted as accompanist, and Bros. B. Mullen and R. Gifford also gave their valuable assistance as vocalists.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," were duly honoured.

The next toast, "M.W. the Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers of Ireland," was responded to by the DEPUTY G. MASTER, who subsequently, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and congratulated him on the great prosperity of the Prince of Wales Lodge, which was so unmistakably indicated not only by the number of members (over 50) on its roll, but by the brilliant gathering of that evening.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers of Wicklow and Wexford, and the other Provincial Grand Officers" (which preceded the toast of the W.M.), was responded to by Bros. R. H. WALKER, Prov. G. Treas. of Wicklow and Wexford; F. H. WAYLAND, Prov. G. Sec. of Wicklow and Wexford (who is also Sec. of Lodge 222); R. J. WRIGHT, P.P.J.G.W. of Armagh; and COOPER, Prov. S.G.D. of Armagh.

After the toast of "The Past Masters of No. 222," Bro. Adam, the I.P.M., was presented with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel.

The toast of "The Visitors," of whom over fifty were present, was responded to by Bros. SIR CHAS. CAMERON, R. SEXTON, J.P.; H. HUNT, B.L.; J. G. BURNE, M.D.; and others.

The catering was of the most excellent kind, and reflected great credit on the manager of the Gresham Hotel.

Bro. Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., will be one of the principal speakers at a great political meeting which will be held in the Drill Hall, Battle, Sussex, on Friday next, the 13th instant.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE LOGIC CLUB.

This Masonic Club of Instruction held its sixth annual dinner on Friday, the 30th ult., under the presidency of its genial and much respected Preceptor, Bro. John Maclean, P.M. 1319, and Savage Club Lodge, who was supported by a numerous gathering of members of the club and their friends. On his right sat Bro. G. E. Fairchild, Deputy Preceptor, P.M. Urban Lodge, and S.W. 1319; whilst Bro. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, sat on the Chairman's left. Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. Zetland, and S.W. Derby Allcroft Lodge, took one of the Vice-Chairs, and Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677, gracefully occupied the other. The Stewards on the occasion were Bros. R. Cummings; W. Kent, I.G. 1321; D. A. Mostyn, J.D. 2045; C. Quicke, J.D. 1531; F. J. Potter, S.D. 1321; and R. A. Kirkcaldy, P.M. 1321. This body of the Masonic fraternity is not a lodge of instruction, as it is not held under the sanction or warrant of any particular lodge, but is purely a club, and is conducted on such lines, for it by no means follows that any one can be admitted to its privileges. A candidate has to be properly proposed and seconded after having visited the club at least once, and then his proposer and seconder must have good knowledge of the candidate and be able to speak well of their friend, both as a man and a Mason. It is considered a great honour to be elected a member of the Logic Club, and the large attendances on Sundays—the day on which it meets—is a proof of its popularity. Bros. Maclean, Fairchild, and Fitzgerald are the life and soul of the club, and much respected by every one. Of the Preceptor we might say he is loving and beloved. To our mind, one of the great charms of this club of instruction is that it meets for Masonic work. No alcoholic beverage is allowed, though the fragrant weed is permitted. There are at the present time scores of P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and other officers of lodges who owe nearly all their knowledge of the ritual to their tuition at the hands of Bro. Maclean, who spares no pains, even to the smallest details, and is so kind in correcting any officer of the day that it is almost a treat to make an error.

The dinner was held at the Criterion, and after the good things provided by Bro. G.P. Bertini had had full justice done to them, a few speeches were made, interspersed with songs and recitations by—for the most part—the dramatic members.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were proposed without comment by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. E. J. Lonnen, 2127, sang a very funny song called "Waiting."

Bro. Fernandez, J.W. 2127, gave a recitation, "The Level Crossing," and Bro. W. J. Thomas sang "Destiny."

Bro. FITZGERALD, Hon. Sec., responding for the toast of "The Logic Club," said the W.M. had not taken up much time, and he would be brief. Although his name was coupled with that of the club, he was not of the club, but was the young gent. who got down early on Sundays and took down the shutters, and got everything ready and took notes. The club now numbered 146 members, of whom 26 were elected last year. They had held 43 meetings of two hours' duration each, with an aggregate attendance of 829, giving an average of 19 each morning. They had had 70 visitors, representing 65 lodges. The club had rehearsed the First Degree 20 times, the Second Degree nine, and the Third Degree 13 times, and the installation ceremony had been performed five times. Four members, Bros. Harris, Morrow, Beveridge, and Taylor, had occupied the chair of W.M. for the first time, to whom, as it was their custom, they had given a hearty vote of thanks. The first Friday in the month was termed officers' day, on which occasions the Preceptor had occupied the chair five times, the Deputy once, the Treasurer six times, and the Secretary once. Bro. Maclean had attended 27, Bro. Fairchild 27, Bro. H. Finney (Treasurer) nine, and Bro. Fitzgerald 42 times. In the Charities they had contributed—in 1884-5, 195 guineas by 31 members; in 1886-7, 385 guineas by 35 members; in 1888-9, 445 guineas by 49 members; had been pledged, giving an average of £170 a year.

Bro. MACLEAN then said usually the toast of the evening was "The Logic Club," but not that night. "The Health of Bro. Fairchild" was the toast of the evening, which would be received with all cordiality. For some time past his (Bro. Maclean's) attendance had not been so frequent owing to illness, but he had pulled through, and he was glad that his first appearance other than professional was at the Logic Club's annual dinner. During his enforced absence his place as Preceptor had been worthily occupied by Bro. Fairchild, and a desire existed to mark their deep sense of obligation to the Deputy Preceptor, in whom they had a lieutenant so eminently qualified to be captain. He was an able commercial man of strict integrity; one who did what was just and right to all; an excellent worker of the Masonic ceremonies, and who had gained universal admiration for his elocution, much of which he learned from Bro. Henry Marston (the actor). Bro. Fairchild was S.W. of No. 1319, D.C. Phoenix Lodge, P.M. and P.Z. of the Urban Lodge and Chapter, Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions, and Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution. As a Steward he had taken up over £600 to the Charities, and only a few weeks ago his list contained £106. They were proud of him, for he was at all times ready to afford assistance and instruction. His actions were directed by prudence, chastened by temperance, supported by fortitude, and all his actions were guided by justice. Bro. Maclean then presented Bro. Fairchild with a claret jug as a testimony of their appreciation of his services, and concluded by saying that he might live long to act in the future as he had done in the past was the earnest wish of them all.—The exquisitely chased jug bore an inscription: "To Bro. G. E. Fairchild, P.M., P.Z., with hearty good wishes of the Logic Club. 1888."

Bro. FAIRCHILD, who was received with much éclat, said they knew he was one of few words, who always said what he meant and meant what he said. He wondered why such a magnificent testimonial had been presented to him. He would not use the hackneyed expression that it came upon him by surprise, for he had a knowledge of it, and could not understand why he was to have a present. Bro. Maclean was their guiding light, but whenever he (Bro. Fairchild) was called upon he was there to act as Preceptor.

He would be brief in his reply, for the Secretary had, by referring to details, cut the ground from under his feet. The club was started under the late Bro. George Buckland. They were exceptionally strict in their workings. He had heard some one say that their working was so good that he could live there. He thanked the brethren sincerely, cordially, and fraternally, for the magnificent present.

Bro. Kift then amused the company with his "Experiences in London," in a song.

Replying for "The Masonic Charities," Bro. BINCKES said it was easy to respond, for their acts spoke words more worthy than he could use. It was proverbial how much the club had done for the Charities. He was delighted to see Bro. Fairchild's testimonial. He had witnessed the reward of merit.

There were loud cries for Bro. Lonnen to sing "Killaloe," which he did, the members joining in the chorus.

Bro. FERNANDEZ, J.W. 2127, in replying for "The Visitors," said he was delighted to be the recipient of their hospitality, and he hoped again to be their guest.

Bro. FENDICK and Mr. FISHWORK also replied. The latter observed he had taken down many thousands of speeches in the Houses of Parliament, public meetings, at the Old Bailey, inquests, and Trafalgar Square, but had never made one until then. Though not a Mason he knew he was amongst friends that night.

Mr. HAYWARD proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and mentioned how rejoiced they all were to see dear old Maclean back again after being laid on a bed of sickness for many weeks. In Masonry and amongst his brethren of the stage, of which he was an ornament, he had gained the respect and affection of every one. He never saw Bro. Maclean's face without feeling better for being in his society.

Bro. MACLEAN, in his brief reply, said he thanked T.G.A.O.F.U. for restoring him to health, and he never felt better than he did just then.

Bros. MOSTYN, QUICKE, and KENT responded for "The Stewards."

Bro. Potter, with that modesty which characterises him, though called for, did not add to the speeches.

Bro. Fairchild highly interested the members with a short dramatic sketch, entitled "My pipe;" Bro. Fernandez gave "Over the hills to the poor house;" Bro. Lonnen sang "Bally-hooley;" Bro. Harris sang two comic songs; Bro. Maclean recited Hood's "Bridge of sighs;" Mrs. Hyman, wife of one of the members, played on the violin, accompanied by Mr. Walter Abbott, and Mr. Edwin Saunders also on the violin, gave a reverie, "Vieux temps." It was well into Saturday morning before the company broke up.

Great regret was expressed at the absence of Bros. Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Marius, and Macklin, all members of the Club, the first and last being diligent attendants.

Amongst others present were: Bros. Mackie, McLearne, Rawlinson, W. G. Thomas, Homan, James, Reed, Medwin, Cotter, Andrew, Tubb, Smith, Ingram, Stevens, Tinney, Manuel, Haycock, Glendorin, W. Tinney, Cowley, Saunders, Wright, Calcott, Ayres, G. S. Ayres, Grove, Summers, J. Hyman, Garcia, Cohen, Greenway, and the following distinguished visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., J. Fernandez, Fendick, V. C. G. Cooper, Yardley, Hartley, Price, Lonnen, Browning, Nagle, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Gawith, J. Kift, A. Thomas, and others.

MASONIC FAREWELL TO THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS.

A largely-attended meeting of the Lodge Roman Eagle, No. 160, was held in the lodge room, No. 98, South Bridge, on the 27th ult., for the purpose of entertaining and bidding "God-speed" to the brethren of the Seaforth Highlanders previous to their departure from Edinburgh. Bro. B. Miller, R.W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Cownie, P.M.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; Allen Mackenzie, P.M. 2; W. Barry, P.M. 223; R. J. Jameson, 391; R. S. Brown, P.M. 145; F. H. Cooper, W.D.M. 160; R. Cummings, W.S.M. 160; A. J. S. Irvine, Treas.; and James Brown, Sec.

Bro. Sergeant-Major Cummings was presented by the brethren with a Masonic jewel, and the brethren of the Seaforth Highlanders (23 in number) were presented with splendidly framed photos of themselves.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of the Seaforth Brethren," which was heartily received, and acknowledged by Bro. Sergeant-Major CUMMINGS.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. ANDERSON, Prov. G. Chap., at the consecration of the Sewell Lodge, at Whitehaven, on 24th February last:—

Time, in its ever-rolling streams, brings about its events, and records its matters of history. Time has written, as with a pen of iron, indelible upon the rocks for ever, in all their variety of light and shade, of beauty and deformity, the annals of the world. From the Noachian period, and before it, when man first breathed the breath of life, and stood erect beneath new heavens and on a new earth, an original and representative creation of the Great Creator, downward and onward it has written, and will continue to write, until the trumpet sound heralds in the divine announcement that "time shall be no longer." Time has made Masonry in all its Degrees, in its Operative and Speculative, its arithmetic and scientific, its intellectual and philosophical, its symbolical and allegorical, its moral and religious character, historical. It has brought it down to us from the earliest ages in the infallibility of its traditions, the irreversibility of its laws, and in its progressive, widening, and accumulating steps of knowledge and advancement. What can compare with the fertile genius of that secret and mysterious system which embraces the universe, includes all classes, rejoices in the brotherhood of exalted rank and station, and which has produced those 33 Degrees which are all members of the one body, part and parcel of the same whole, united and yet separated, wearing their own individual badge and colour which distinguish the one from the other, like regiments in the same army, serving under the same crown. However numerous the branches and diversified the ritual, the body of Masonry remains the same, like the sun in the solar system, which maintains its place and power as the source and centre of

illumination, independent of those reflected rays of light which, in the azure firmament, sparkling shine. Whether that fertility, in its hitherto expansive and productive tendency, has reached the limit of its degrees, or whether it is still to be, like the river, gliding onward in its course, broadening and deepening as it flows towards the ocean of undeveloped mystery, is a problem which we leave for solution to the coming generations. Meanwhile we rest content with that whereunto we have already attained, for even now, in the Eighteenth Degree we are perfected. Time has given birth to a new Masonic epoch in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. It finds us on this 24th of February, 1888, thus assembled for the purpose of inaugurating a novelty, at least here, if not elsewhere. We are seeing strange things to-day. It is the privilege of this ancient lodge of 119 to glory in the honour and dignity of having performed within its centenary walls the consecration of the Sewell Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; and it is the more especial privilege of the Fletcher Lodge of Mark Master Masons, 213, to glory in its intimate identification with the performance of that ceremony. The lodge has been well and worthily named after a brother, who stands high in the Masonic Order, who occupies an honourable position in the centre of the Masonic circle, who commends himself to the esteem of his Masonic brethren, and whose ability to discharge his Masonic duties is commensurate with his Masonic fervency and zeal. From the alliance now being consummated, the foundation now being laid, and the three veteran founders and First Commander and chief officers of the Sewell Lodge, Noah, Japheth, and Shem, it is not too much to hope that there will be raised in due time a superstructure of worthy men, a noble brotherhood of Royal Ark Mariners, who will illustrate and adorn the principles and precepts of the Degree, and of which we have already obtained in the elevations of to-day, so handsome, and promising, and earnest. The names and transactions of this occasion will go down to posterity. They will survive when our heads lie low in the dust, as those represented on these walls around us now do, and who rest from their labours and their works they follow them. They will find a safe deposit in the archives of Masonry, and will survive as a memorial of its inward progress in the two united provinces of the North. And what can tend more to promote that prosperity in general, and the prosperity of the individual lodge in particular, than conscientious and diligent attention to the discharge of Masonic duties. The prosperity of each individual lodge means the general prosperity of the whole, and hence the increase and spread of Masonry. What can tend more to further the interests and foster the growth of a lodge, to throw the warmth of sunshine over its gatherings and proceedings, to impress the minds of the newly-initiated with a sense of its importance and beauty, to show them that it is no cold region of indifference, pervaded by the chilling air of lukewarmness, arising from the effects of absence, into which they have entered, than for every officer and member to make a point of being in his place as the stated day and hour of meeting comes round, to see that no chair is avoidably vacant, and no seat is needlessly unoccupied? Every true, earnest, intelligent Mason will undoubtedly pronounce this decision, and do his utmost to carry it into execution. Let absence be the exception, and not the rule. Then, coupled with that regularity, what adds a charm to the ceremony, renders it powerful in its attraction, and eminently satisfactory in its results, like every officer making it his pleasing study and proud ambition to be master of his allotted part, doing it without hitch or hesitation, *this fitting into that, and that following this* in correct order and precision, everything going on like clockwork, every man up to his work, and thus "a workman needing not to be ashamed." What a grand effect such a performance has, not only upon the candidate, but also upon the assembled brethren; and it is that state of desirable and indispensable proficiency which makes a lodge perfect. All this applies pre-eminently to the Mark, and, it may be, to other beautiful Degrees in which the dialogue in dramatic character prevails. Some, indeed, may fail to see how Masonry can be such a bond of union and pledge of brotherhood, or how there can be any good in it at all; why we should don this regalia, and hold these convocations; or why so much time, and substance, and energy should be spent over it and upon it. Well, they know not simply because they do not know. That is their misfortune and their fault. As a prophet of old says—"Seeing, they do not see and do not perceive, and hearing, they do not hear and do not understand." That is a blind condition certainly in which to be, and that is the condition of the outside world with regard to Masonry, and not an impossible condition either, however strange it may appear, to be verified even by those who have been admitted within the sacred precincts of the Masonic temple. Nevertheless, there must be something good in that system which teaches men to cultivate their intellects and their hearts, to choose the noble paths of virtue and science, to illustrate the graces of benevolence and Charity; which leads them upward to the Great Overseer and Commander of the Universe, and into the ark of His salvation. These are precepts and principles, doctrines and tenets, which are embodied in the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason, and which find their further confirmation and elucidation in the appended Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. According to the Grand Lodge of England, Masonry consists of the three Craft Degrees and the Royal Arch alone. The Mark forms a separate and independent Degree under its own Constitution, although it appears once to have been nearly incorporated with the Craft by a vote of the Grand Lodge of England. The Arch dates from the building of the second temple, while the Mark is identified with the first. Between the Third Degree and the Arch there is a gap, an interval which the Mark appropriately fills up, owing to its intimate relation to both. There can hardly be a doubt that the straight and legitimate passage to the Arch is through the apron and jewel of the Mark. The Degree is one of essential interest and value, is growing in extent and estimation, and unto which all Master Masons are eligible. With regard to the origin and history of the Ark Mariner Degree, I confess to be imperfectly instructed. Information of a published kind, or of any kind, seems to be scarce upon the subject. Perhaps there is a hidden treasure lying somewhere, which a hint may bring to light; the columns of the *Freemason* or otherwise may afford a suitable channel for that purpose. But there is a peculiar felicity in its alliance with the Mark, inasmuch as they are both Operative. Mark Masons are workmen engaged in the building of King Solomon's

Temple, and who found the stone which the builders rejected, without which the Arch could not be complete. The patriarch Noah was also a builder, for he built an ark, by commandment of the Lord, for the preservation of himself and his household, and the selection of living creatures from the waters of the flood. The Degree thus draws its origin *from*, or has special reference *to*, the Biblical account of Noah and the Deluge. It is speculative as well as operative, symbolical and religious in its character, as has been fully and beautifully illustrated to-day. In fact, Masonry cannot help partaking largely of the religious, inasmuch as it is inevitably founded on the volume of the Sacred Law. Without the bible Masonry is nowhere, even as the bible is nowhere without God. The merits of the Ark Degree speak for themselves, leading us, as they do, backward to the past, guiding us in the present, and pointing us forward to the future. With the beauty of Shem, the strength of Japheth, the wisdom of Noah, and the careful observance of the nine steps in their signification and bearing, we may hope to mount the ladder until we reach the Ark, the haven of rest. The working tools of the Ark, in their moral and religious interpretation duly remembered, the Faith, Hope, and Love which they encourage us to cherish and in which to persevere; the dove, the bow in the cloud, and the position of Noah at his altar in their symbolical, sacrificial, and reverential character and attitude, together with the unforgotten practice of the five cardinal virtues—Watchfulness, Discretion, Brotherly Love, Truth, and Charity—will make a man and a Mason what he ought to be in this world of vicissitude and probation, fit him for living and for dying, and ultimately shut him within the Ark of safety, when the whole earth shall be dissolved by liquid fire, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. If Masonry in any of its Degrees infuses into the human mind such exalted principles, invests it with such a sterling preparation for the future, and inspires it with such grand visions of immortality, then it is a gem of the first magnitude, a star of brightness and a sun of gladness, encircling with its halo the path of life, and illumining with its cheering rays the dimness of eternity. May it grow like the lily, flourish like the vine, and spread like the cedars in Lebanon.

FREEMASONRY AND EDUCATION.

[COMMUNICATED.]

It is proposed to convert an existing college near London into a Limited Company, with a view to affording some special advantages to Freemasons, and to effect this object to raise the capital required (£20,000) by issuing 2000 shares of £10 each. This sum will suffice for the purchase of the freehold premises, goodwill, and furniture, leaving a sufficient surplus for working capital.

The college has been established upwards of 40 years, during which period it has enjoyed a successful career as a school for the sons of gentlemen preparing for the Universities, Army, Professions, &c.

The buildings, which are specially constructed for the purpose, contain at present accommodation for 100 pupils, and could easily be adapted for a much larger number. The premises consist of the college buildings, comprising the Head Master's house (with excellent rooms), dining hall, school-rooms, lecture-hall, class-rooms, infirmary, dormitories (large and small), studies, large tepid swimming bath, laundry (worked by steam), laboratory, carpenter's-room, all necessary offices, and about 15 acres of ground, with ample accommodation for cows, horses, pigs, and poultry.

The property will be valued by a competent valuer appointed by a Committee or Council. The situation of the college is eminently advantageous, being on a main line, conveniently near London, with frequent train service, 10 minutes' walk from a station, on high ground and gravel soil.

The school is now in full working order, under graduates who have taken honours at Oxford and Cambridge, and it is not proposed to break up the present connection; but in the future to give special advantages to the sons of Freemasons.

For this reason the shares will be offered in the first instance to Freemasons, who, as shareholders, in addition to the profits of the establishment, will have the advantage of educating their sons at a public school at a moderate cost.

Further, it is in contemplation to offer scholarships to sons of Freemasons, tenable at the college, and, if funds permit, to give help to some who desire to go to the Universities.

Already a brother has offered, should this scheme be carried out, to give two exhibitions to two, who shall have distinguished themselves at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, tenable at the college for two years, in the hope that Freemasons at the Universities (or elsewhere) may be induced to offer them further help should they wish to proceed thither.

It is, however, not intended to lower the status of the college in any way, but that the shares and advantages accruing shall be only offered to brethren of good social position.

There is every reason to expect that the undertaking will be very successful, as no school or college of the kind exists.

Eminent Freemasons will be invited to become members of a council to direct the affairs of the college, through whom the shareholders will have the unusual advantage of a voice in every detail of its management.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

PANTON.—On the 3rd inst., at Eliot Bank, Forest-hill, the wife of E. H. Panton, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ROSE—BISHOP.—On the 29th ult., at St. Mary's, Islington, C. E. Rose, son of T. Rose, Esq., of Camberwell, to Amy Priscilla Bishop, daughter of the late E. F. Bishop, Esq.

DEATH.

ANDREWS.—On the 1st inst., George Andrews, of Nelson-street, New Town, Deptford, P.M. Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, and Preceptor of Star and Wellington Lodges of Instruction, after a long and painful illness; aged 55 years. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), at Brockley Cemetery. Masonic lodges and friends please note.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School met at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. on Thursday evening. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., presided, and the formal and gratifying announcement was made that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and President of the Institution, had graciously consented to take the chair at the Festival, and had chosen Thursday, the 7th June next—the day immediately following the regular communication of United Grand Lodge—for the celebration.

The Hall Committee laid their report before the Committee, and it was agreed that the Festival should be held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington.

We believe we are right in adding that the distribution of prizes will take place in the Royal Albert Hall on the Monday preceding the Festival, viz., the 4th June next.

MASONIC BALL IN CARRICKFERGUS.

On Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., a soiree and ball, under the auspices of Lodge No. 43, Carrickfergus, took place in the Town Hall. Although the evening was very inclement, the brethren and their friends assembled in large numbers. The hall was tastefully decorated, and mottoes peculiar to the Craft adorned the walls.

After an excellent tea, served by Messrs. Wm. Vint and Sons, a vote of thanks was, on the motion of Bro. JOHN JELLIE, J.P., seconded by Bro. JAMES BOYD, passed to the ladies who presided at the tea-tables.

The compliment was suitably acknowledged on their behalf by Bro. T. J. FRY.

The brethren—all of whom wore Masonic costume—having engaged in a march, Bro. JELLIE delivered a short address, after which Bro. JAMES M'DERMOTT declared the ball open. Bro. Fry officiated as M.C.



DRURY LANE.—Bro. Augustus Harris has done well in reviving "A Run of Luck" at Drury Lane. It was in the height of its popularity when its enforced withdrawal took place at the close of 1886 to make room for the Pantomime, and it ought to have another good run. We gave an extended notice of its plot and action at the time, and the press generally received it with much commendation. Some changes have been made in the cast, notably in the character of the Trainer's daughter, which is now filled by Miss Fortescue, who makes a charming Copsley. Bro. Henry Nicholls has come back to his part as full of life and fun as ever, with many a new quip and witty sally—and the play runs as smoothly as could be desired—of the mounting of the piece and spectacular effects we need say little, for Bro. Harris is a past master of his art, and "A Run of Luck" is in no respect behind former productions at Drury Lane in this particular. The last act is full of life and movement, and the interest increases almost to the fall of the curtain. It ought to run for several months now that it has a fair start and is in no danger of being checked in its career by a Christmas Pantomime. * * *

NOVELTY.—"Nita's First," a comedy by T. G. Warren, and produced at this theatre by Miss Nelly Harris on March 10, 1884, was the principal item in the programme with which the author and Mr. George Giddens determined to inaugurate their joint managerial career on Saturday last, and if hearty laughter is a criterion of success, then "Nita's First" should prove one. Mr. George Giddens was full of life and spirits as the unfortunate victim to circumstances, Fred. Fizzleton, and Mr. W. J. Hill was exactly fitted for the part of Irascible Fizzleton. Mr. J. C. Buckstone hit off more than fairly the manners of the well-grown youth Jimmy. Miss Adela Measor scored as Nita, and Miss Gertrude Kingston looked remarkably well and played with an affectation of dignity as Mrs. Fred Fizzleton. Jerome K. Jerome's adaptation of François Coppée's beautiful play, "Le Luthier de Crémone" (first played at the Comédie Française, May 23rd, 1876, with Coquelin in the rôle of Filippo), which in its English version is called "Fennel," proved infinitely above the average of first pieces. Mr. Giddens played with great tenderness as Filippo, Miss Adela Measor was gentle and loving as Giannina, and Mr. W. Erskine made the most of his opportunities as Sandro. Mr. Stewart Dawson was drollly humorous as Ferrari. "Fennel" was cordially received, and the author called, the plaudits of the audience speaking well for the success of the new venture.

The Craft Abroad.

MASONIC VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

The jurisdiction of this Association embraces California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, British Columbia, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and the Hawaiian Islands. One of its main objects is to obtain by bequest, donation, or otherwise, lands or money for the purpose of establishing a Masons' Home for aged brethren, and for the widows and orphan children of deceased brethren. The qualifications for membership are—to have been a Master Mason in good standing for 21 years, in the case of one who has held no office, or to have been a M.M. for at least 14 years with office, so that, a year being allowed for each year of official labour, the record or service and office together shall amount to 21 years in all. Thus a brother who has been a M.M. for 14 years and in office for half the time would count as having 21 years, and be eligible for admission into the Association accordingly. Good fellowship among the senior members of the Craft in the various states and territories enumerated above, respect for long service, and encouragement to the rising generation of Masons are also conspicuous objects of this, as of the other organisations of a similar character in other parts of the United States.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 11th inst. The Boys' School Committee meet to-morrow (Saturday).

According to present arrangements, the Queen on her way home to England will visit the Emperor and Empress of Germany at Potsdam.

The Princess of Wales has appointed Monday, the 14th May next, as the day on which her Royal Highness will open the intended Anglo-Danish Exhibition in London.

It is announced that Bro. Henry Irving's short summer season at the Lyceum Theatre will commence on Saturday, the 14th inst., with "Faust," which will be played for 24 nights and every Friday till the season closes.

The annual meeting, at which Bro. the Lord Mayor has promised to preside, of the National Association for the Employment of Reserved and Discharged Soldiers will be held at the Mansion House on the 25th May next.

Sir James Paget has kindly undertaken to preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Literary Fund on the 2nd of May next, and will be well supported by leading members of the medical profession both in town and country, as well as by several fellows of the Royal Society.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, who have been over here on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales, left Sandringham on Tuesday morning for London, and in the evening departed for Copenhagen by the 8.30 p.m. train from Victoria Station for Queenborough and Flushing.

Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., will return to town to-day (Friday) from Wilcombe Abbey, Stratford-on-Avon, where he has been spending the Easter holidays. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and Bro. Lord and Lady Edward Cavendish have been staying at Holker House, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. the Earl of Lisburne, who, as Viscount Vaughan, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1855, when at Christ Church, Oxford. His lordship was born in 1836, and is succeeded in his title and estates by his son, Viscount Vaughan, who was born in 1862.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and his sisters, dined with the Duke of Cambridge at Gloucester House on the 29th ult. On the following day their Royal Highnesses were present at the performance of Handel's "Messiah" in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, and on Saturday they arrived, with Prince Albert Victor, who had joined them from York two days previously, at Sandringham for the Easter recess.

The brethren of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, will work the Fifteen Sections on the following dates:—At the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, the Green Man, Leytonstone, on the 13th inst., at 7 p.m.; at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, on the 19th inst., at 7.30 p.m.; and at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, the George, Glengall-road, Millwall, on the 27th inst., at 7 p.m.; on which occasions brethren are earnestly invited to attend.

The ancient bounty known as the Royal Maundy was distributed in the Chapel Royal, Whitehall, on Thursday, the 29th ult., to 69 old men and 69 old women, the number of each corresponding with the age of her Majesty the Queen, by whose Lord High Almoner the distribution was distributed. Among the congregation present were the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, and Prince George, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales. Bro. C. S. Jekyll, Past G. Organist, Organist and Composer to her Majesty's Chapels Royal, presided at the organ.

The Emperor Frederick, accompanied by the Empress and his daughters, and attended by a small retinue, among whom was Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, drove from the Castle of Charlottenburg into Berlin for the first time since his return from San Remo on Friday, the 30th ult., and paid a visit to his mother, the Empress Augusta. Indeed, this is the first time the Berliners have seen his Majesty since he left their city for England in order to be present at the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on the 21st June last, and consequently the reception he met with was of the most enthusiastic description. Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie returned to Charlottenburg alone, and, being recognised by the people, was loudly cheered as his carriage drove by.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—At a meeting of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., an interesting presentation was made, through the Worshipful Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.J.G.W., Prov. G. Charity Secretary Gloucestershire, to his infant daughter. The gift consisted of a solid silver bowl and spoon, enclosed in a case of dark blue velvet, lined with light blue silk. Upon the outside of the case was a Past Master's emblem in silver. The bowl bore the inscription, "The gift of the members of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, to Dorothy Millicent Vassar-Smith, as a mark of fraternal affection for her father, their Worshipful Master, 21st March, 1888." On the reverse of the bowl and on the spoon the child's monogram was engraved. The presentation was made in very happy terms by Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres on behalf of the lodge, and was acknowledged with much feeling by Bro. Vassar-Smith. He said that the presentation had come upon him as a perfect surprise, but at a moment when he was rejoicing in the prospect of Mrs. Vassar-Smith's recovery from the very severe illness by which her life had been threatened. He was sure that his wife would appreciate as he did the kindly intentions which had dictated the gift, and the graceful manner in which it had been conveyed.

Bro. A. Mella, of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, has taken the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond. We wish him success in this undertaking.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, her Majesty's newly appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Shah of Persia, lately left Tiflis for Teheran, via Baka.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., made a political speech at a meeting held in the school room attached to Wilton House, the seat of the Earl of Pembroke, Wilton, on Easter Monday.

The piece of plate for which the members of the West Norfolk Hunt have subscribed as a gift to the Prince and Princess of Wales in honour of their Silver Wedding will be presented at the Hunt Steeplechases at East Winch to-morrow (Saturday).

The health of the Emperor Frederick of Germany has been well maintained during the past week, though, owing to the return of the cold weather it has been necessary that his Majesty should take precautions in the matter of exercise.

It is interesting to know that the chief Masonic lodge in Italy has communicated with the leading lodges in all the countries of Europe, praying all Masons holding high State positions to do their utmost to bring about a general disarmament in the interests of peace.

Great preparations are being made in connection with the Italian Exhibition, which will be opened at West Brompton on the 1st of next month. Large consignments of exhibits are continually arriving from Italy, and everything is being done to make the show as attractive as possible.

An ancient couple named Hugh and Jane Jones, of Clynnog, North Wales, celebrated their diamond wedding on Tuesday, the woman being in her 100th and the man in his 95th year. The worthy couple, who live with their son, himself 72 years of age, were heartily congratulated by their friends.

La Chaine d'Union in briefly noticing Bro. Sadler's work, entitled "Masonic Facts and Fictions," pertinently remarks that if it be true, as Pope has said, that "the proper study of mankind is man," it may with equal justice be said that "the proper study of the Mason is the history of Freemasonry."

Her Majesty, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, witnessed a very ancient Florentine ceremony, known as the Scoppio del Carro, from the Orphanage opposite the Cathedral, on Friday, the 30th ult., and on her return to the Villa Palmieri was most cordially greeted by the people. To-morrow (Saturday) the King and Queen of Italy will leave Rome for Florence, in order to visit her Majesty, being accompanied on their visit by Signor Crispi.

According to the report for the past year of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, 59 new boats, or nearly twice as many as in 1886, were dispatched to the coast, the boats at 14 other stations were improved so as to be brought to the level of the most recent improvements, and three new stations, raising the total number to 291, were established. There were 368 lives and 10 vessels saved by lifeboats, and 204 persons rescued by shore boats and other means. A large number of rewards, including silver medals, binocular glasses, and £3345, were granted. The income for the year, including £20,458 in special gifts, amounted to £56,970, and the expenditure to £74,162.

The brethren, more particularly in the West of London, will be glad to learn that Bro. James Sims, P.M. 834, has been unanimously elected and kindly accepted the Preceptorship of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, held at Bro. Coplestone's, the Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, on Tuesday evenings, at 8 p.m. Moreover, on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., Bro. Sims will be the Installing Officer at the meeting of the mother lodge, Ranelagh, No. 834, when Bro. Doncaster will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge has recently received a letter from Lady Buxton containing £25 in notes, which were found among her late husband's papers in an envelope with the following instructions outside it:—"In case of my death I wish the enclosed sum to be given to the Apollo Lodge of Freemasons at Oxford for Charitable purposes. (Signed), R. Jacob Buxton." Sir R. Jacob Buxton, Bart., was initiated in the Apollo Lodge in 1848. The envelope had evidently been put away for a considerable time.

According to the Philadelphia *Keystone*, the Hon. Simon Cameron, ex-United States Senator from Pennsylvania, and ex-Secretary for War, who is hale and strong in spite of his having completed his 90th year a few weeks ago, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the chapter of the same name and number in the same city on the 21st July, 1826, and was installed a Knight Templar in the Holy and Undivided Trinity Encampment at Harrisburg, on the 25th October of the same year.

In accordance with annual custom, the boys of Christ's Hospital visited the Mansion House on Tuesday, and were presented by Bro. the Lord Mayor, with whom were the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Renals, and Bros. Sheriffs Davis and Higgs, with sundry acceptable coins of the realm, the 15 Grecians receiving each one guinea, the six junior Grecians, half-a-guinea each, 42 monitors, each half-a-crown, and the rank and file, numbering 668, a shilling each. After being regaled with buns and wine, the boys returned and attended Divine services in Christ's Church, Newgate-street, Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs being present in state, and the usual special sermon being preached by the Bishop of Southwell (the Rev. Bro. Dr. Ridding).

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health, when through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanitary actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the falling nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore, too, the ailing cheerfulness—that great charm of existence.—ADVT.

Miss Letty Lind, we believe, has entered into a five years' engagement with Mr. George Edwardes.

Miss Minnie Terry has been engaged by Mr. Edgar Bruce to play Mignon in "Boote's Baby" at the Royalty Theatre.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort have left Belgrave-square for Headfort House, Kelso, Ireland.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper, who have been travelling for some time past in Egypt are expected in London either at the end of the present week or early in the course of next week.

The King of Italy has forwarded a subscription of 40,000 francs (£1600) to the German Embassy in Rome in aid of the sufferers from the recent inundations in Germany.

Bros. Agg-Gardner, M.P., and Stanley Leighton, M.P., were among the guests at the dinner at Cheltenham on Tuesday evening of the Elementary Teachers' Conference.

The Third Exhibition of Colliers held under the auspices of the Collier Club was opened in St. Stephen's Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday, and will remain open till to-day (Friday) inclusive.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Bro. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., the Judge Advocate-General, who is about resigning his office, on the re-arrangement of its duties and emoluments.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will entertain the Consular Body at dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 25th instant, and the Burgomasters and Echevins of the cities and towns in Belgium on Wednesday, the 16th May next.

We trust there is no truth in the report that Bro. Vice-Admiral Sir W. Hewett, Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Squadron, has broken a blood-vessel. The Western Division, under Rear-Admiral Rowley, is expected at Plymouth to-day (Friday).

It is understood that Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie will arrive in London on Tuesday next, when it is proposed by the medical schools of St. Thomas's, St. George's, and Charing Cross Hospitals to give our distinguished brother a hearty reception.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., as President of the Salisbury Club, West Bristol, occupied the chair at the inaugural banquet of the Club on Tuesday, and returned thanks in a long speech for the toast of "Her Majesty's Ministers."

The lease of Drury Lane Theatre falls into the hands of the Duke of Bedford eight years hence. The national theatre will then probably be rebuilt, as the present site is obviously capable of being used to better advantage.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan will probably arrive in town next week. All reports to the breaking up of the Savoy Company are without foundation. Mr. George Grossmith and Miss Jessie Bond will certainly take part in the new opera to be produced at the Savoy in the autumn.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—At a meeting of the Grand Committee of this body held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 29th ult.—the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., in the chair—Bro. D. Hume, Dysart, was elected as a member of Grand Committee, in room of the late Bro. Alexander Hay. At the same meeting Andrew Landells, Barrhead, was by a majority appointed hallkeeper to Grand Lodge.

The transactions of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society in England are more than usually interesting, containing, as they do, a lecture by Frater Dr. William W. Westcott, Hon. 9^o, Secretary General, on "The Zelator Ritual of the Societas Rosicruciana of the United States of America," and a report by the same frater on an article published in the "Medium," of 30th September, 1887, and entitled "Rosicrucianism: a Trance Discourse by J. B. Tetlow."

On Wednesday evening, as Bro. the Earl of Galloway was walking from Manton to Leicester to catch the late Scotch express, he had the misfortune to fall over a railway embankment 40 feet deep. On being picked up and driven into Leicester, it was found his lordship had fractured one of his arms and sustained a severe shock of the system. It was therefore considered advisable that he should proceed to London in charge of Dr. Johnston's assistant, who subsequently set the arm. We trust his lordship will recover as speedily as may be from his injuries.

On the 23rd ult. there was a most interesting ceremony in the Temple of the Royal York Masonic Lodge at Berlin. Upwards of two thousand Masons had assembled to hold a commemorative service for their departed brother, the Kaiser Wilhelm. The most distinguished members of the Craft, from all parts of Germany, came to Berlin for the occasion. In the centre of the Temple stood a coffin, on which lay the Three Roses, and the ceremony was carried out according to due Masonic rites. Professor Wagner, delivered a most excellent and impressive address.

At Sandringham on Monday the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied by the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark and Prince Albert Victor and his three sisters, received deputations from the corporations of Norwich and Lynn, the former of which presented an address and replicas of two flags of the year 1598 and a massive salt-cellar in honour of their Silver Wedding, while the latter presented a model of the Greyfriars Tower. The tenantry subsequently gave a silver hunting horn and timepiece. The various deputations afterwards lunched with their Royal Highnesses.

A Grand Concert and assembly of Lodge Govandale, No. 437, took place on the 30th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Barnbyke-street, Govan, Bro. J. M. Malloch, R.W.M. of the lodge, occupied the chair, and was accompanied to the platform by representatives of the various district lodges. The hall was tastefully decorated, and there was a large attendance. In the course of the evening Bro. Sir William Pearce, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, visited the hall, and was received with great enthusiasm. Addresses were received by Bros. Sir William Pearce, Provost Ferguson, and ex-Provost Campbell, and others.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, April 14, 1888.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1949, Brixton, Acre Lane, Brixton.

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.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W.
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tavern, Highgate.
Mark 44, Florence Nightingale, William-st., Woolwich.
" 239, Royal Naval, SA, Red Lion-square.

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Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Hammersmith, The Baths, Blacks-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.
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, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
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 8.
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.
Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E., at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H. Wilmington, Dartford.
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
Secret Monitor 1, Alfred Meadows.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-st., Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon, at 7.45.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Emulation, Bull Hot., Dartford, 8.30.
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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
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.
Mount Zion Chapter, Five Bells, Moorfields, E.C., at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, William-street, Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 147, Justice, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.
" 1265, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hotel, Oakley-street, Chelsea.
" 1718, Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 1903, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.
" 2041, West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent.
" 2183, Royal Hampton Court, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

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Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 7.30.
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.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
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.
Plucknet, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Polish National, No. 534, Apple Tree and Mitre Hotel, Curstior-street, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, 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.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon street Hotel.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
" 263, Bank of England, Ab'ion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern.
" 863, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
" 1791, Creaton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
" 2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith.
Chap. 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
" 452, Frederick of Unity, M.H., Croydon.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.
" 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Rosicrucian Metropolitan College, Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, at 5.

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Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, 6.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatshaf 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.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
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.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.
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., Masons'-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.
North London Chapter, Northampton House, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1530, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 2157, St. Mark's College, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square, W.
" 101, Adoniram Chapter, 8A, Red Lion-square, at 4.
K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

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Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, at 7.30.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
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.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M. Ms.), F.M.H., 6.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
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, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., at 8.
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., 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 7.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-rd., S.W., 7.30.
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.
Royal Savoy, Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14.

Quarterly General Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
" 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2096, George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

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