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THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Last week we were able to make the welcome announcement, but in general terms only, that the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. and President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, had graciously consented to take the chair at its Centenary Festival, that his Royal Highness had appointed Thursday, the 7th June, for the celebration, and that the Executive Committee of the Board of Stewards, acting in concert with the School authorities, had arranged that the Festival should be held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. We are now in a position to gratify the very natural curiosity of our readers as to the more important details of the arrangements which the Stewards Committee have found it necessary to make in order to ensure, as far as it is in their power to do so, that this important gathering shall be a conspicuous success, or, to repeat the very words we made use of in our latest article on the subject, "a landmark in the annals of our Charitable Festivals." The Executive Committee have been working very hard in order to perfect these arrangements, and though it is quite possible that changes or modifications may be made in some of its minor parts, the scheme as a whole may be considered settled. And that it will prove successful we have no manner of doubt. On the only two occasions on which the Royal Albert Hall has been used for Masonic purposes, that is, at the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in April, 1875, when upwards of 8000 brethren were present, and at the Masonic Jubilee meeting in June of last year, when an address of congratulation was passed to her Majesty the Queen amid the loyal acclamations of 6000 brethren, the arrangements made by the Managing Committees went smoothly throughout, not a single hitch even of the most trivial character occurring from the beginning to the end of the proceedings; and the success achieved at the two assemblies already held augurs well for that of the third assembly which is now in prospect. Indeed, if it were merely a question of accommodating the 2000 or 3000 ladies and brethren who, it is expected, will be present, the Hall is so vast and the entrances so numerous that the meeting might well be left to arrange itself. But on this occasion it will be necessary to convert the Hall into a huge banqueting room, and it has been ascertained already that, with the utmost economy of the space available for tables, it will be a matter of extreme difficulty to dine more than the 1200 or 1300 brethren—there or thereabouts—who have given or intend giving their services as Festival Stewards. There will, of course, be the usual array of distinguished Masons present as invited guests, but this will probably not affect the total number we have just stated, as among so many Stewards there is certain to be a proportion of absentees. But it has always been the custom at these festive gatherings to make provision for ladies—who usually dine in a separate hall, and "assist" after dinner at the speeches and concert—and brethren who are not Stewards, to whom tickets are issued by the Managing Committee. This custom will be observed in the present instance as far as possible, and ladies and non-stewards will be admitted by tickets obtainable only from members of the Board of Stewards, a less substantial kind of refreshment being provided for them in the rooms adjoining the principal hall. In fact, the only difference between this and an ordinary Masonic Festival, except in respect to the numbers present, will be that the brethren who are not Stewards will have the society of the ladies to compensate them for their exclusion from the dinner tables, while the fair dames and damsels who honour the gathering with their presence will have attendant upon them a more than usually numerous contingent of Masonic cavaliers, with whom, during the earlier period of the proceedings, they will find it possible to chat or flirt as the feminine spirit of the moment may inspire them. Thus between the Stewards who will dine and the non-Stewards and ladies who will content themselves with the lighter refreshment of pleasant badinage and material champagne cup, it is on the cards that from 2000 to 3000 people will be present on the occasion; and as the Grand Hall itself will be splendidly decorated with flags and banners and appropriate Masonic devices, while the brethren will wear their full Craft regalia, there is every likelihood that the Centenary Festival of our senior Institution will be celebrated with a magnificence hitherto unequalled, or even unapproached. But the Festival itself, though the more important part of the celebration, is still only a part. The distribution of prizes will take place, in the Hall likewise, on the Monday preceding, when the children, accompanied by their governesses and matrons, will be present. On this occasion, the Stewards will be admitted by virtue of their Stewardship, but ladies, children, and other brethren, will be admitted by tickets, obtainable, as for the banquet, only from members of the Board of Stewards, and we have no doubt the attendance will be as unprecedented at this interesting ceremony as at the Festival a few days later. The scene indeed will be one

ACCORDING to our contemporary—the juvenile but vigorous Australian Grand Lodges. "South Australian Freemason," the long desired unity in New South Wales—Masonic Unity—is well nigh *un fait accompli*.

The esteemed Pro G. Master of England, M.W. Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, it is stated, was entrusted by our M.W. Grand Master to make enquiries as to the status, &c., of the body known as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which was formed under circumstances that called for our strong denunciation. Now, it seems, a Committee has met composed of the English, Scottish, and Irish Constitutions represented and at work in that Colony under their respective District Grand Lodges, and a *basis of union* has been not only submitted but "*unanimously accepted*." There are 79 lodges under our jurisdiction in New South Wales, besides many hailing from Scotland and Ireland, so we shall curiously as well as anxiously await the receipt of particulars. The M.W. Bro. TARRANT, the Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge (of the Minority) is laudably seeking to do his part, and we are told is willing to resign that office, provided Lord CARRINGTON be elected Grand Master, and the union is consummated. So long as the rights of those lodges who decline to join this possible new body—should there be any such—are respected, we feel assured that the English Craft will bid "God speed" to the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, whenever it is formed. We entirely agree with the able article by Bro. HUGHAN, as to the formation of new "Grand Lodges" in relation to Quebec, and in the same spirit that actuates that well known brother, we are prepared to welcome any Grand Lodge into the fold that is formed by a fair majority of the lodges concerned, and the rights of the dissenting lodges are duly secured, until all eventually become one compact whole.

THE current week has witnessed what is now an event of rare occurrence, namely, the consecration of a new London lodge. It stands to reason that the Metropolis, which already has some 350 lodges on its roll, cannot need, except here and there, or for some special purpose, much further in the way of provision for its Masonic requirements. But occasionally the want of a lodge is felt in a particular quarter, or among brethren of a particular calling, and when this want is made known at head-quarters, it almost invariably follows that the prayer of the petitioners is heard, and the Grand Master issues his warrant for the constitution of the new lodge. Hence the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, which was solemnly consecrated and constituted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, on Tuesday, under most favourable auspices and amid surroundings which hold out the promise of a particularly bright future. It has begun well, as will be seen from the report of the proceedings which appears in another part of our columns, and it has our heartiest good wishes for the prosperity which no doubt awaits it in the future.

WE reproduce in another column a notice by our confrère of the *Keystone* of the American edition of Bro. GOULD'S History of Freemasonry. The ingenuity of the writer, in passing over in silence the circumstances of the piracy, is doubtless to be commended, though we fear our Bro. GOULD will derive very cold comfort from the prediction that what he loses in actual coin, from the absence of "an international copyright, he will gain in reputation from the increased dissemination of his work." It may be hoped, however, that better days are dawning for English authors, and that the passing into law of a proposed Act, which is now before Congress, will effectually stamp out "the national sin of literary piracy," to quote the title of a sermon now lying on our table, recently preached by the Pastor of the Brick Church, in New York, and subsequently printed. The following is a brief extract from the publication: "This nation says to the German, the Frenchman, the Englishman, 'You have written a book. We want it, and we propose to take it. You have no rights that we are bound to respect. We shall reprint your work, and mutilate it and sell it, and do as we like with it, and you shall never receive a penny for it!'"

of rare brilliancy, such as could be presented by few, if any, other Societies, and though some may consider it beneath the dignity of a Masonic Board of Stewards to require of their own members a fee or fees for the ladies and brethren they may bring with them to see the ceremony, it must not be forgotten that the hire of the Hall and all the cost of preparing and decorating it will involve a large outlay, which, added to the regular expenses incurred by every Board of Stewards for dinner, refreshments, music, favours, &c., &c., &c., will far exceed the total of the Stewards' fees, even though that total may amount to £2500 or £3000. It is the Stewards who, to use a familiar expression, will "pay the piper," and from our experience of the plans successfully adopted by previous Boards, we are justified in assuming that the Committee in charge of the Centenary arrangements will do only what it is just and expedient they should do, in order to guard themselves from any loss of money, and the Craft from any loss of dignity. Thus far we have described what has been done or is in contemplation for this special Anniversary; what else may be determined upon in the way of change, modification, or addition to the present plans of the Executive Committee will be duly announced from time to time in the columns of this journal.

CONSECRATION OF THE CORDWAINER WARD LODGE, No. 2241.

The roll of Metropolitan lodges was increased on Tuesday, the 10th inst., by the consecration of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, at its future home, the Cannon-street Hotel. The large body of founders—which is composed of brethren well known in the City of London in general, and the Cordwainer Ward in particular—was supported by a numerous assembly of Grand Officers and other distinguished brethren, who attended to witness the lodge start on its doubtless prosperous career. The inaugural proceedings were marked throughout by conspicuous success, which justified the prediction of a bright future for the new lodge.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., as J.W.; Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Bro. J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., as I.G.

The founders are Bros. Frank Tayler, C.C., P.M., W.M. designate; Lieut.-Col. P. Cowan (Alderman), S.W. designate; W. T. Buck, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., J.W. designate; Rev. R. Colvin Lewis, M.A.; Herbert J. Adams, P.M., P.Z., P.G.W. Middx.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; C. S. Buck, P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M., P.G. Treas. Middx.; J. R. Reep, E. J. Jones, W.M. 134; H. Carter, A. G. Ditton, Fredk. West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey; W. A. Prince, W.M. 1691; A. R. Jackson, and A. T. Hawkins, J.P.

The visitors present included:—

Bros. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Registrar; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Major-General W. P. Collingwood, C.M.G.; Thomas Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. J. Bell, P.M. 1178; J. S. Tamburini, 33; Major H. A. Joseph, S.W. 95; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. Wks. Middx.; R. Cogan Mason, 179; R. E. Meaks, 1493; J. E. Parr, 1622; E. A. Hilsby, W.M. 1702; C. S. Damont, W.M. 1686; J. M. Flegg, J.D. 101; Jno. Draper, S.D. 1702; A. J. Norris, 569; W. Eckstein, S.D. 1196; T. P. Riddle, 3; W. Kirkland, Capt. Blanks, W.M. 569; J. T. Wright, 1415; W. R. Strutt, P.M. 1702; T. P. Trotman, 90; M. Brown, Stwd. 1997; Wilkinson Pimbury, S.W. 1997; A. Hall, 1260; A. R. Megg, 214; W. E. Johnson, P.M. 134; J. M. Jeffery, 134; W. Haldin, 1743; A. F. Hodges, 259; R. Howenden, I.G. 21; T. Chester, P.M. 180; C. J. Axford, W.M. 1949; Jno. Gunn, 1365; W. Darkie, 1260; A. Ritchie, 173; J. Hutchens, 1000; H. Conolly, W.M. 173; S. W. Nutt, P.G. Stwd.; J. Cobble, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; J. Salmon, P.M. 2077, P.P.G. Reg. Essex; S. H. Baker, W.M. 1260; T. J. Woodrow, I.P.M. 2077; Hugh Wilson, S.W. 1293; Jas. Perkins, P.M. 1672; J. B. Murray, P.M. 1706; Nelson Read, P.M. 1572; Geo. Edwards, P.M. 1507; Jno. Read, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; F. W. Greenwood, P.M. 749; P. Cleaver, 1997; W. Baxter, 1321; W. W. Morgan, jun., Stanley Smith, 1929; Arthur Thomas, and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The Consecrating Officer having taken the chair and appointed his officers pro tem., the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. The hymn "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was then sung, after which

The GRAND SECRETARY addressed the brethren as follows: The occasion which we have met here to-day in large numbers to celebrate cannot fail to be interesting to all Masons who have the good and prosperity of the Craft at heart. We have met to-day to give effect to the warrant of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., and to consecrate and constitute yet another lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge, and to place one more unit on that already magnificent roll. You are aware that in London there are a large number of lodges—something like 350—and therefore it is difficult to obtain a new warrant, unless special reasons can be brought forward by the petitioners. There are always exceptions, and I am happy to be able to congratulate the founders on having been fortunate enough to obtain the consent of the M.W.G.M., who has issued the necessary warrant. The petition for this new lodge—which is to be worked especially for the convenience of brethren who dwell in the Cordwainer Ward—has been very influentially signed, and the founders are fortunate in having a brother of experience at their head, who has already creditably filled the chair of a London lodge, whilst in the person of the brother who follows him—Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cowan, Alderman—they have a distinguished citizen of London who represents this Ward on the Municipal Council. The lodge will, therefore, start with every prospect of success. I feel myself bound on these occasions to add one word of caution as to the admission of new members, and to urge you to see that none but really good men are admitted. There is no advantage to be gained by quickly springing into a large body, for in such instances it is often a case of quantity versus quality. I hope that the reverse will be the rule in this lodge, and that you will strictly enquire into the status and moral history of every candidate, and carefully exclude unworthy men. In a few years you will have your reward, and will find you have an assembly you are proud to acknowledge, and your lodge will hold a good position in the lodges of England. I will not detain you longer, for the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, will give us one of his eloquent orations touching on Masonic matters.

The petition and warrant were then read by the D.C., the petitioners signifying their approval in Masonic form of the officers named therein.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., then delivered the following eloquent and interesting oration on the nature and principles of the Order:—

Each year as our Craft develops in numbers and importance, the outside world asks, and has a right to ask, What are you doing to promote the general welfare of your fellow creatures? The common answer is to point to our Masonic Charities—great in their professions, and great also in their accomplishment of what they profess; but this answer is not sufficient. Each year it grows less so. It is not enough merely to meet the wants of our own poor. Our Charity, our usefulness, ought not to be limited by narrow and selfish boundaries. We owe something, not merely to our own people, but to the universe. I am glad to think that this principle is being more and more acknowledged, and I hope that each year will see us giving practical and substantial proof that our great Order is capable of bearing its share in every good work, which is done either in our immediate locality or in our country at large. I can imagine no better resolve for a young lodge to make than this. We are determined first of all to give our due support to the Charities of our Order, but we are also determined not to be content with this. We realise that something more is justly expected from us, and whenever any opportunity occurs of which we can legitimately avail ourselves of helping either local or general objects, we will frankly acknowledge our obligation, and to the utmost of our ability fulfil it. Opportunities will not be lacking. In a great and important centre of England such as this hardly any year passes but that something presents itself which, though not immediately connected with our Order, is still deserving of our support. I think it is almost a scandal if any good work is done in our neighbourhood without our claiming our right to share in it, as a body corporate. When any scheme for the welfare of our fellow men is started, the promoters ought to know that the Freemasons' lodge is one of the local Institutions to which they may fairly look for sympathy and support. Hospitals, dispensaries—all efforts to meet temporary and exceptional wants—ought to knock at our lodge door with the confident assurance that their petition will be carefully considered. We shall, of course, in some instances be obliged to say "This is not a case with which we can deal." Indiscriminate doles often do more harm than good. I am no advocate for spasmodic, or ill advised, or sentimental efforts to meet the ills of this life, and I believe that our Order should not hesitate, even at the risk of losing some popularity, to discountenance such undertakings. I believe also that the position which we now occupy does enable us in our corporate capacity to advance or check public benevolence. We, as Masons, claim to be able to discuss such matters unbiassed by political or private motives. Could any opinion be more valuable? The influences by which we are, as private individuals, actuated, are innumerable. Some are good, others more doubtful. I am not desirous of depriving any man of his private opinions. I consider that no man is worth much who has not the courage to maintain his views of right and wrong, but I know that every true Mason will leave all bitterness outside that door, and in lodge will be willing to learn as well as to teach—to see the other side of every question—to attribute to his brother motives as honest and unselfish as he believes his own to be. Thus we are by our internal organisation capable of an upright decision. What I have said applies to the discussion not merely of matters of local interest, but to questions of broader and more extended scope. I hope that not merely private lodges, but our Grand Lodge, will continue to extend and advance this side of our work. I am always glad, in my place in Grand Lodge, to give support to claims outside our Order. Or rather, I feel that no good work is really outside it. We have been most liberal in the past; Grand Lodge has never shrunk from voting the most munificent grants to deserving applications—has never hesitated to bear its share in great national movements. The establishment of two life-boats as an honour to our Grand Master, the relief of much distress at home and abroad, the promotion of many useful undertakings to advance the welfare of mankind, all of which are of recent date, afford conclusive proof that Grand Lodge does acknowledge the claims I am advocating. And as the past has borne its honourable burden, so the future, I am confident, will not shrink from its duties. We know not what claims upon our Charity to-morrow will bring. It is certain that it will bring many urgent ones. One matter let me notice, in conclusion. The various corporate bodies of this great City have already given substantial proofs of their earnest desire to improve the condition of the English artizan by the establishment of technical schools. They have recognised the importance of keeping the English operative up to the level of his foreign competitor. We shall probably before long be called to further efforts in this direction; and I am quite sure that if any great national movement takes place to educate not only the head but the hands of our English operatives, and that if appeal is made to the public to advance this movement, our Order will not be backward in following the example already set it by some of the great City Companies. Is it too bold to venture to hope that the English operative Mason may some day look to us as the natural source from which he may hope to obtain that substantial help and sympathy which will enable him to hold his own in the keen contest which this busy age is forcing him upon? I think not.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the lodge was duly dedicated and constituted in the customary manner.

The musical portions of the ceremony were ably rendered, under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Bros. W. Sexton, A. Thomas, and Stanley Smith.

The installation of the W.M. was the next business on the agenda, and Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., P.M., having been presented by the D.C. as the W.M. designate, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was impressively installed into the chair by the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Herbert J. Adams, P.G.W. Middx., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rawles elected Tyler, the officers appointed and invested being as follows: Bros. Fredk. West, Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey, I.P.M.; Col. P. Cowan (Alderman), S.W.; W. T. Buck, P.M., J.W.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chap.; H. J. Adams, P.M., Treas.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks. Middx., Sec.; C. S. Buck, P.M., S.D.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M., J.D.; E. J. Jones, W.M., I.G.; J. R. Reep, D.C.; A. T. Hawkins, C.C., A.D.C.; W. A. Prince, and H. Carter, Stwds.; and Rawles, Tyler.

The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec.

Bro. F. WEST said a pleasant duty devolved upon him in proposing that the distinguished members of the Craft who had assisted in the consecration ceremony should be elected honorary members of the lodge. He was convinced he need not say anything in favour of the proposition, for it would be unanimously carried by the members.

Bro. ADAMS, Treas., having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously.

The GRAND SECRETARY, on behalf of the Consecrating Officers, returned thanks for the compliment which they accepted with much gratitude.

Letters of regret at non-attendance were read from Bros. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx., and J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec. Middx., and several propositions for joining members were received.

On the motion of Bro. LOVEGROVE, seconded by Bro. WEST, the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary were appointed a Committee to frame the by-laws. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served, at the conclusion of which the usual toast list was duly honoured. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the first toast on all similar occasions was "The Queen and the Craft." If, as had been said, her Majesty needed a rest, and had sought that rest abroad, there was no body of subjects who would welcome her return to health more heartily than the loyal Masons.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W. MASTER said that the interest his Royal Highness took in Freemasonry was well-known. He understood that it was in no mere casual way that the M.W.G.M. dealt with Masonic matters, for he entered into minute details and thoroughly understood the affairs of the Craft. Without the consent of his Royal Highness it would have been impossible for the brethren to have started their new lodge that evening. Some time ago the M.W.G.M. expressed his opinion that the watchwords of the Order were

Loyalty and Charity, and in recent times the brethren had had no better illustrations than he had given. Last year his Royal Highness presided at the Albert Hall, where the loyalty of the Craft was emphatically shown, and now he had expressed his intention of presiding at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in the cause of Charity. Those two important facts showed the interest he took in the Order, and the brethren present would therefore enthusiastically drink his health.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the next toast he had to propose was "The Grand Officers," which he was sure would receive a hearty welcome. They were much indebted to the Grand Officers for the interest taken by them in Freemasonry, for the way in which they conduct the affairs of the Craft, and for the example they set to the brethren generally. They were more especially indebted to them in connection with the business of Grand Lodge. The brethren had an opportunity of meeting them there, and of listening to the eloquent manner in which the affairs were conducted. He would allude to one point which had particularly struck him, and that was the very able manner in which Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar, dealt with the appeal cases. Whatever the Grand Registrar said on those cases generally carried the Grand Lodge with him. They were favoured that night by the presence of a large number of Grand Officers, from each of whom they would like to hear a few words, but as that would occupy too much time, he would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Sir John Monckton and F. A. Philbrick.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.W., said that it was one of the doubtful privileges of seniority, which had always some little reference to age, to be called upon to respond to that time-honoured toast. He did not say he was not proud of the honour, for it must necessarily be a great compliment to be selected to reply, but he had this consolation—that if he should be wanting, it would be amply compensated for by the distinguished brother who would follow him. He had been proud to take part in the interesting ceremony that night. It was essentially a civic affair, and one that cemented them with a double-barrelled fraternity, for there was an appropriateness in the locale and its surroundings. When a young brother was brought into Masonry he was placed in the north-east part of the lodge, figuratively to represent the foundation stone. Their lodge had been consecrated in a north-east wind, which was never ceasing figuratively to represent that sentence in their constitution. When Bro. Alderman Cowan told him some weeks ago what was in contemplation, he told that brother he thought it was one of those excellent institutions that knit men together in the City and make them brothers. He did not think, however, it would come to such a magnificent head. He thought that what the brethren undertook they would do well, but he was seldom present at a consecration when such an excellent body of founders took their places round the tracing board, and that fact thoroughly guaranteed the stability of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge. Those who were present would recollect it with pride and gratification, and would look forward with pleasure to a happy and prosperous future for the lodge. So far as he was personally concerned, he thanked them for the kind manner in which his name had been included with the toast.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Reg., said that after what had fallen from Sir John Monckton he was quite sure they could have dispensed with any remarks from him. He would not say that he was loth or reluctant to offer, on the part of the Grand Officers, to the W.M. and to the lodge their hearty congratulations on the proceedings of that day. He felt sure that the establishment of that lodge would prove a mark in the history of Masonry in the City of London. But he would say that, while they who had the privilege and the honour—and let him add the responsibilities—of Grand Office were glad to see the increase and the addition to the roll of a strong and vigorous recruit like the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, yet they viewed, and must view, the increase of Masonry in England with some degree of doubt and diffidence. It was only by feeling that the position which Masonry had achieved, and which had been so eloquently alluded to by the W.M., entitled every man who is a Mason to say that while Masonry is free and holds out the right hand of fellowship to every good and worthy recruit, it was an honour to a man to become a Mason, and that they cared not to have those join that would not reflect honour on the choice. If he might venture—although he did not think a word of advice was needed—if he might venture, he would impress upon them the necessity of seeing that the tongue of good report was truly heard in favour of every candidate proposed, in accordance with the valuable suggestion of the Grand Secretary. It was not by rapid strides they had secured their position, but because they had gone on in the full assurance that it was not strength alone which would attain their object. He, therefore, felt that on the part of those for whom he had the distinguished honour of returning thanks, they had the greatest cause for congratulation that a lodge established under such good auspices had been founded in the City of London. When they found, as they had found, that in a neighbouring empire, which was now recovering from the loss of its head, he who was called to the position of first Emperor of Germany was the great protector of Freemasons in that empire; and when they found that on the resignation of the late M.W.G.M., the heir to the throne in this country stepped in and took the position, it showed that the Order was in itself a vital power and attraction which the heart of man felt. There was no doubt that the principles of Freemasonry would in that the youngest lodge which had been consecrated, be truly and thoroughly carried out, and would have a power, and a great power for good if rightly understood and properly administered. That that might be the case in the Cordwainer Ward Lodge the Grand Officers, for whom he had the honour to speak, heartily wished and most earnestly prayed.

"The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose the health of those distinguished brethren who had attended to give effect to the warrant of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. He could not but help thinking that the members of the new lodge would not have been present in that capacity had it not been for the kindness and influence exercised by their good friend the Grand Secretary. To that eminent brother and his colleagues their best thanks were due, and their thanks could not be given too heartily. He believed there was no ceremony in Masonry that equalled the consecration ceremony, for he considered it the finest; and he could not speak too highly of the manner in which it had been rendered that evening by the Consecrating Officer and his assistants. He wished especially to express to Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson their pleasure that he had returned in time to participate in the ceremony, and they were much indebted to him for his presence. He would conclude by simply asking the brethren to heartily receive the toast, coupling with it the name of the Grand Secretary.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in response, said he could assure them that he

felt very proud to be permitted to return thanks for so excellent a band of brethren. The W.M. had been good enough to refer to his small services in far too flattering words, but it had been a very sincere and great pleasure to have been able to render those services. They were all aware that he was their executive officer, and, therefore, it was his duty to do what he could for the Order. Feeling certain of the great future the new lodge had before it, he experienced sincere pleasure in performing his duty on that occasion, and he desired to offer his hearty thanks to those brethren who had assisted him so efficiently. In the two brethren who had acted as Wardens they had distinguished Masons and citizens, who were certain to do well whatever they attempted. As for the eloquent and reverend brother who had acted as Chaplain, they had known him for years, and had intently listened to many interesting and instructive addresses delivered by him. In reference to Bro. Richardson, with whom he had been associated on 100 Masonic fields, he could not say what he should do without him. He had been ably supported, and felt that a great portion of the thanks was due to those who had rendered that support. He tendered thanks for the kind and fraternal reception he had received, and hoped that his services, which had been willingly rendered, would not be the last he should perform for their lodge. It was his privilege as the Consecrating Officer to ask the brethren to join him in the most important toast of the evening—"The Health of the Worshipful Master." He had on more than one similar occasion referred to the great ambition of a brother to become the W.M. of his lodge; but it must be a double gratification when that brother was selected from among the founders to be the first among his equals, and to be the W.M. of a new lodge. Any brother should be proud of the position in which the W.M. that evening was placed. Bro. Frank Tayler, W.M., was not an old Mason, but from what he knew of him he could testify that he carried an enormous amount of vitality into his work. The W.M. installed that evening had been but eight years a Mason, but the present occasion was the third time on which he had been placed in the chair. The founders were to be congratulated on having so deserving and meritorious a Mason to preside over them, for it was a sign the work would be well carried out. They had an energetic Mason to follow the W.M. in Bro. Col. Cowan, and with such brethren it would be the fault of the members if the lodge was not successful. He asked the brethren to greet the Worshipful Master in his new position, and wish him a prosperous and successful year of office.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said it was quite impossible adequately to return thanks for the kind terms in which his health had been proposed by the Grand Secretary and received by the brethren. He had been placed in his present position by the kindness of friends, and it was not the first time he had experienced kindness at their hands. He thanked the founders for their kindness in selecting him as the first W.M., but at the same time he felt he was occupying a position he ought not to have held if it could have been otherwise arranged. Bro. Alderman Cowan should have occupied the chair, and it was only one of the exorable laws of Masonry that prevented him, but they would heartily welcome him when he attained that position. Whatever he could do to further the interests of the lodge would be cheerfully done by him, and he would do his utmost to support those great principles that were inculcated into their minds at an early period of their Masonic career—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He wished to propose the next toast on the list, which was that of "The Visitors," of whom they were favoured with a large number. Hospitality and social intercourse were part of the traditions of the Order, and they were therefore delighted to see so many visiting brethren present to wish the new lodge "God speed." He welcomed them most heartily and felt sure they had enjoyed the ceremony they had witnessed. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Rev. H. Turner and General Collingwood, C.M.G.

Bro. Rev. H. TURNER, Prov. G. Chap. Surrey, in reply, said the remark was often made that the future was mercifully concealed from them, and he had an exemplification of that on that occasion. Had he known he was to be called upon to return thanks, he might not have enjoyed his dinner as heartily as he had done. He could assure them that in these bad times, when a good many people could not pay their rents and a large number of people would not pay their tithes, the poor country parsons found it difficult to get good dinners. He begged to return hearty thanks for the hospitality extended to the visitors, and assured the brethren that he should go back to the provinces with a much better impression of the beauty and solemnity of the ritual of the Craft after witnessing the ceremony that evening. He had never seen anything like it before, and it had made a great impression upon him. By the kindness of General Brownrigg he was allowed to take a provincial collar before he attained the chair, and therefore he was but a young Mason, but he would yield to none in his loyalty to the Craft, and in his endeavour to instil into the country lodges something of the great principles they had heard enunciated on that occasion. From the proceedings of that day, the new lodge was likely to hold a high position in the Order. When they visited the City or attended a Masonic meeting they expected hospitality, and when they had the two combined, they expected hospitality in a superlative degree, and that had been fulfilled that evening. He returned sincere thanks on behalf of the visitors for the kindness extended to them.

Bro. General COLLINGWOOD, C.M.G., said he could only heartily join in all the reverend brother who had preceded him had uttered. The visitors must have experienced great pleasure in being present at the beautiful ceremony they had witnessed. As the W.M. had said he considered it the prettiest ceremony in a lodge, he fully agreed with him. He thanked the W.M. and brethren of the lodge for their kindness in asking the visitors to join them, and for the hospitality they had received.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the W.M., who was happy to say their lodge started with two excellent officers as Treasurer and Secretary. Many present had known Bro. Adams for years in the Ward, and they could have no better man to take care of their funds, for it would have been impossible to have chosen a better Treasurer. With regard to the Secretary, he knew of no brother more experienced in the Degrees than Bro. Lovegrove, and considering the interest he took in provincial and other Masonic matters, and the many calls upon his time, they were indebted to him for accepting the office.

Bro. H. J. ADAMS, P.G.W. Middx., Treas., said he rose with pleasure to return thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been given and received. He hoped to carry out the duties of Treasurer to the satisfaction of the members, and in that case he should be proud to continue in the office.

Bro. H. LOVEGROVE, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., in response, said he felt like one who had paid a visit to the dentist, and experienced the relief when the visit was over. He had had a great deal of anxiety, but it gave him great relief to find everything had gone off so well. As a citizen of London,

where he had carried on business for 20 years, it afforded him great pleasure to become connected with that lodge. When the idea of a lodge was suggested to him, he agreed to it, but said he did not want any work in connection with it. He had, however, undertaken the Secretary's duties, and it would afford him pleasure to place at their service any Masonic experience he had gained. He considered the lodge would be the means of bringing together those who carry on business in the Ward, and who hitherto were only brought together at the meetings of the Wardmote. It had been his lot to see some unwise choices made in the selections of candidates, but it would never be the case in that lodge, which he hoped would become a very distinguished one.

In giving "The Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that the success of a lodge depended upon the officers. The brother who had been invested as S.W. should have occupied the chair, but his accession to that post had been deferred for one year. They were aware of the many engagements of Bro. Alderman Cowan, S.W., but he had given a great deal of time and attention to the formation of that lodge. He was sure the officers would support the character of the lodge, and render him every assistance during his year in the chair.

Bro. Col. COWAN, S.W., returned thanks for the compliment paid the officers, and assured the brethren that he felt great diffidence in replying on their behalf. Reference had been made to the office he held in the lodge, but he considered the position was far too high for his humble merits as a Mason. To be connected with the lodge in any way was an honour, and he would have been contented to have taken a far lower position, for he looked upon it not as an Alderman of Cordwainer Ward, but from a Masonic point of view. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour paid the officers by drinking their health.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent music, ably rendered under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Mrs. John Read, Miss Carrie Blackwell, and Bros. W. Sexton, A. Thomas, and Stanley Smith.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Thursday, the 5th inst., Comp. H. C. Okeover, Prov. G.H., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Marquess of Hartington, Grand Superintendent, when there were also present—

Comps. Thos. Cox, P.P.G.J., Prov. G. Treas., as Prov. G.H.; W. Wynne Jendwine, Prov. G.J.; Wm. Naylor, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.J., Prov. G.S.E.; John Hall, Prov. G.P.S.; James Whitehead, Prov. A.G. Scj.; Wm. Cartwright, Prov. A.G. Soj.; Jno. Clark, Prov. G. Reg.; Percy Wallis, Prov. G.D.C.; E. Horne, Prov. G. Org.; T. Day, Prov. G. Janitor; W. H. Marsden, P.P.G.J.; Sir John Smith, P.P.G.J.; G. T. Wright, P.P.G.S.; C. G. Busby, P.P.G.S.N.; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.S.; J. C. Merry, P.P.G.D.C.; J. O. Manton, P.P.G.D.C.; T. E. Yeomans, P.Z. 731; J. Collier, P.Z. 625; F. J. Robinson, P.P.G.S.; G. Smedley, P.Z. 1235; P. Bramwell, P.Z. 1235; W. H. Fisher, H. 1324; Wright Booth, H. 625; J. E. Harrison, H. 1235; J. H. Orme, J. 1235; T. E. Jones, Z. 1235; A. Woodiwiss, J. 731; C. Webster, E. 731; H. B. Boag, E. 1324; R. L. H. Mole, 253; T. Oldham, 731; E. J. H. Hoskyns, J. 1324; T. N. Turner, Z. 731 and 1324; and others.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, the reports from the several chapters read, and the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts duly audited and passed.

Comp. Cox was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

Sums of five guineas were voted towards the purchase of a new organ, and 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Comp. Naylor, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G.S.E.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were then appointed, and invested as follows:—

Comp. G. T. Wright...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Naylor, P.G. Std. B. England (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Jas. O. Manton	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Jas. Whitehead	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" T. F. Hale	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Jas. Rhodes	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. Dust	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomas Cox, P.P.G.J. (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Cupit	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" T. E. Yeomans	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Percy Wallis (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Horne (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Jno. H. Clarke	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Thomas Day	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. OKEOVER then addressed the companions, congratulating them upon the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, and intimated that this year would see an addition to the number of chapters; and, there being no further business, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in the usual manner.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

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CHAPTER VI.

FROM THE REMOVAL TO WANDSWORTH TO THE ACCESSION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS PRESIDENT, 1875.

It cannot be questioned that good fortune attended the School on its removal from St. George's Fields to the more wholesome neighbourhood of Wandsworth Common. The change appears to have inspired the authorities with fresh determination to carry out, only on a more extended scale, the work so auspiciously begun by Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini. Hitherto they had presided over what even at its best was no more than a very excellent Charity School. But after a residence of a very few years at Wandsworth, the Charity School was gradually transformed into a high-class educational Institution, and the girls on leaving, instead of being apprenticed to domestic service or small trades, were found capable of undertaking offices of a higher and more responsible character. As we have hinted before, however,

prejudices die hard, and it will be seen in the course of the present chapter, that it was not without a struggle, and till the evidence of its necessity proved overwhelming, that the beneficial change was effected. When the School had fairly settled down in its new quarters, the first duty of the Executive was to express its approval of the manner in which the Building Committee and the officials had fulfilled their duties, and testimonials, beautifully engrossed on vellum and handsomely framed, were presented to the Building Committee, to Bro. W. Stephenson, its Chairman, and to Bro. E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., its Deputy Chairman; while to Bro. Francis Crew a suitable honorarium was also awarded, the testimonial to the Building Committee being appropriately hung in the Board-room of the edifice, over whose foundation and erection it had presided so successfully. Then as to the internal arrangements, a Committee was appointed to examine the Rules and report to what, if any, extent it was necessary they should be revised. The Dietary Table was overhauled, and so altered to suit the more modern tastes of the day as some time later to elicit from Bro. Howell, whose tender of service as honorary surgeon had been accepted, the opinion that it was as nearly perfect as it could be. Care was also taken that the children should have as much out-door recreation as possible, the Countess of Zetland, after personally inspecting the School, herself offering many valuable suggestions of a practical nature in relation to both the diet and the exercise. In June, 1853, the House Committee resolved on adopting the policy so forcibly urged upon them by Mr. Gaskoin, and arranged that the children should have a summer vacation of three weeks—which in time was prolonged to four or five weeks—the parents or guardians receiving timely warning when to send for and when to return their young charges, while the girls who continued in residence were taken to picnics or to such places of public interest as Hampton Court and the Crystal Palace. A renewed proposal to augment the number of pupils from 65 to 70, though endorsed by the General Committee, proved unsuccessful for the time, the general body of Governors being no doubt anxious that, after the sale of £9000 of their invested capital to meet the cost of the new building, the Institution should have some breathing space allowed it in which to recover its lost income. In October, 1854, the death of Mrs. Crook, who had held the office of Matron for more than half a century, was announced at a special meeting of the House Committee, and orders were at once given for the whole of the inmates of the Institution to be placed in mourning, while arrangements were made for the funeral of the deceased lady,* the whole of the charges being borne by the Governors. The vacancy thus caused was filled by the appointment of Miss Jarwood, and Miss Buck, who had been Deputy Matron or Schoolmistress for 40 years, having attained the age of 70 years, and retiring on her full pension, a Miss Souter was appointed Schoolmistress, and under the joint control of these ladies the School entered upon a fresh epoch in its career.

From the year 1855, the progress of the Institution appears to have been very rapid. No one will regret the failure of a motion by Bro. John Symonds for placing the educational department of the School "under the inspection of the Committee of Council on Education," but his proposal, made in the beginning of 1856, for the removal of the badges heretofore worn by the children, and to "modernise the dress generally," deserved and experienced a better fate, the Quarterly Court in April of that year determining that the badges on the arms of the Girls' dresses should be superseded by medals bearing a device suggested by a Bro. Robinson, and suspended by a ribbon worn round the neck. About the same time it was found necessary to take offices in which to carry on the business of the Institution, and a suite of rooms was engaged at 16a, Great Queen-street, for the purpose, the collector, Bro. Nicholls, being placed in charge, a part of the accommodation thus obtained being subsequently sub-let to the Governors of the Boys' School on payment of one half the rent of £40 per annum. This arrangement, however, had been in existence only a few months when Bro. Nicholls died and was succeeded as collector by Bro. Muggeridge, his widow, Mrs. Nicholls, being appointed caretaker of the offices and allowed a small weekly stipend for her trouble.

Early in 1857 a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to United Grand Lodge for the donation of £1000 which a short time previously it had voted towards the funds of the School; and the Festival in May proving more than usually productive, it was resolved at the July Court that the number of children should be increased from 65—at which figure, with the exception of an occasional temporary augmentation of two or three, it had remained since 1816—to 70, steps being taken concurrently to improve the system of education, while an independent examiner in the person of the Rev. Mr. Glenny was engaged to test the character and extent of the children's knowledge. The result of these steps was in a measure satisfactory, but Mr. Glenny in his report remarked on the extreme diffidence exhibited by the girls in the presence of strangers, and described it as being both "unnecessary and unnatural." Miss Jarwood was entrusted with the duty of discovering, if possible, the cause of this shyness, but what, if anything, followed from her investigations is not recorded.

(To be continued.)

* The reader can judge of the estimation in which Mrs. Crook was held from the following advertisement which was ordered to be inserted in the papers: "Died on Sunday, the 15th October, at the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, Mrs. Frances Crook, aged 78 years, 51 of which she was Matron of that Institution, during which time she was never absent one day from her duties. She died respected by the whole body of the Governors, beloved by the Household, and in the warm affection of the Children, 500 of whom had received the benefit of her zealous care."

APRIL 14, 1888.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MARK MASTERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual festival in connection with the above important lodge of improvement took place at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 6th inst., and was attended by a large number of brethren well known as workers and ardent supporters of this popular Degree. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. F. Matier, as W.M.; the other chairs were filled by Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, as I.P.M.; Lord John Taylour, as S.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as Lord John Taylour, as S.W.; G. Cooper, S.O.; Chas. H. J.W.; R. Berridge, M.O.; G. Cooper, S.O.; Chas. H. J.W.; J.O.; and R. R. Bryant, I.G. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, Grand Reg.; Chas. Fred Hogard, John Ramsey, Alfred Williams, Treas.; Hogard, John Ramsey, Henry Pigeon, jun., W. Winett, C. J. Thomas, E. M. Money, James P. Lewin, J. J. Pakes, Jabez Church, John W. Taytom, P.M., Jno. J. Pakes, Jabez Church, John W. Taytom, P.M., P.S.G.W.; Joseph R. Green, W.M. 112; Alfred V. Ramsey, J. Brittain, J. R. Hales, C. M. Brander and others. Visitors: Bros. A. F. Lamette, 75, 164; W. L. Harnett, 163; T. Cubitt, P.S.G.O.; H. Matthews, 251; S. P. Catterson, W.M. 234; J. Tomkins, 225; T. Poore, P.G.I.G.; T. Clark, P.P.S.G.D. Middx. and Surrey; J. Baker, W. H. Bale, R. Turle, M. Mildred, W.M., F. H. Doggett, J. S. Tamburini, W. Lake, G. Stwd.; J. Hutchons, P.G. Chap. Middx. W. Surrey; F. C. Christmas, 367; J. H. Baxter, 367; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 4, P.G.S. of W.; E. H. Thielay, P.G. Stwd.; T. C. Walls, Grand Masters Lodge, P.G. Swd. Br.; Rev. H. Cummings, P.G. Chap.; and C. H. Köhler, W.M. 181.

The business of the evening was the lecture on the Tracing board and the lecture on the Degree. The former was very ably rendered by Bro. Poore, P.G.I.G., and the latter by Bro. J. R. Green, W.M. Isaac Newton University Lodge. Both brethren were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was served in the Crown-room, and the chair was occupied by Lord Saltoun, who was supported by the Marquis of Hertford, Lord John Taylour, and many of the Grand Officers.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" having been drunk,

Lord SALTOUN proposed "The M.W. the G. Master, the Prince of Wales." He regretted the absence of the Pro G.M., Lord Egerton of Tatton, but was pleased to say they had the Deputy G.M., Lord Hertford, and several Grand Officers present. In this connection he wished to remind the brethren that the Marquis of Hertford was going to take the chair at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Institution. Last year was notable as showing the largest amount ever subscribed, and he hoped they would find this year that that excellent Charity had greatly benefited by the presidency of Lord Hertford.

The Marquis of HERTFORD, in reply, said that Lord Saltoun had been pleased to allude to the forthcoming Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at which he should have the honour to preside. He trusted he should see them all there, and that they would endeavour to persuade all their Mark friends to be there also. Last year the amount subscribed was £2260, and considering the number of Mark Masons in England, they had no reason to be dissatisfied with it; but they ought to make it at least £3000 this year. He had had the honour of presiding at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival two years ago, when the amount was the second largest that had ever been announced. He hoped at the ensuing Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund he should have the satisfaction of announcing the largest amount ever subscribed for that Institution.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then rose to propose the toast of "The Chairman," and remarked that it there ever was an occasion when the hackneyed phrase of the "toast of the evening" was deserved, it was at this moment by Lord Saltoun, who had so elongated his cable tow as to come from the South of France purposely to attend that meeting. Lord Saltoun, although he had served her Majesty in London for many years, had until recently withstood the temptations of Masonry. Now he had become wiser, had found something else to live for, and become a Mason. Lord Saltoun had accepted in Scotland the dignified office of Grand Warden before he had become an English Mason; but when asked to join the English Mark Masons he consented most readily, and they would agree with him that when they did receive a brother from over the border they received him with a great deal of pleasure. He asked all present to join with him in drinking the health of the Chairman, Lord Saltoun.

Lord SALTOUN, in reply, said he found it difficult to find words to thank Col. Clerke. He had said so many kind things; but one thing he mentioned was the fact—that Scotch Masons were always most kindly received when they came into an English lodge. He had done his best to carry out his duties. He saw no reason why English and Scotch Masons should not shake hands and work together for a common object. He hoped to have a hand in bringing about a closer union than at present existed. Before sitting down he would propose the next toast, which would be one of particular interest to them that night as members of the Grand Masters' Mark Lodge of Instruction. They had heard two most interesting lectures from Bros. Poore and Green. Bro. Poore, he believed, though not a young man, was a comparatively young Mason. He had taken up Masonic work somewhat late in life, but he had achieved a remarkable fluency in the working of rituals, and they had all listened to him that evening with a great deal of pleasure, and had received much instruction. For himself, he should take away with him a feeling that he had learnt how a ceremony should be perfectly conducted, and hoped that the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction would have a prosperous future. He asked them to drink "Success to the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Bro. Alfred Williams, Treasurer.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS, in replying, said that while thanking Lord Saltoun for the honour he had done him, he did not see why he should be singled out as the spokesman for others simply because he was the Treasurer. In that capacity he had little trouble, as the funds were very small and gave him little trouble to take care of—they endeavoured to convey a large amount of instruction at a small charge as possible. Bro. Poore had taught Mark

Masonry to that and other lodges of instruction, and he hoped that his example would be followed by many others. Their Preceptor, who he was sorry to say was absent, knew his work, and if brethren could only remember when they are rising from one position to another in their lodge, that this lodge of instruction is available, and would send in their names, they could be perfected for the offices to which they were succeeding.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said that early in the evening he was a visitor himself, before they had done him the honour of electing him an honorary member. He trusted the visitors present had been satisfied with the work of the lodge. He coupled that toast with the name of Capt. Williamson, ex-Mayor of Worcester.

Bro. WILLIAMSON replied. The next toast was that of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and Lord SALTOUN remarked that the income was now about £210, and that about £1000 more was spent in the various objects of the Fund. All the officers did their work voluntarily, with all goodwill and kindness, which was most praiseworthy and deserving their best thanks. He trusted the Fund would be thoroughly backed up that year, when the Marquis of Hertford would take the chair. Thirty-six children had been on the foundation, and 26 were now on, and they would readily understand that considerable funds were needed to keep the Charity going. In addition to the amount expended for education, £5 to each pupil was now added for clothing, and when they considered that all their funds were expended, with a small deduction for printing and postage, they would agree with him it was a most satisfactory state of things. He intended to come up from Scotland himself to be present at the festival. He desired to couple that toast with the name of their able and courtesy Secretary, Bro. Matier.

Bro. MATIER, in reply, said that in the presence of the Chairman he naturally felt to a certain extent diffident, and the brethren could not expect a full revelation of those secrets which would be revealed to them at the Festival. He would content himself with saying that up to the present moment he had received the names of 116 Stewards, including Bros. the Earl Amherst, the Earl of Euston, A. F. Godson, M.P., and last, but not least, the Chairman (Lord Saltoun). The Charity was doing a great and useful work at very little expense; and only the day before the General Board had placed two more brethren on the Annuity Fund, making a total of £80 per annum from that fund. The Board had from time to time from the schools at which the pupils were educated ample information as to the careful manner in which the moneys were dispensed, and each year it was the custom to give a silver medal to the most deserving pupil. He trusted that every brother would cheerfully support an Institution which, at one and the same time, had for its objects—Relief to the Distressed, Education for the Children, and an Annuity to the Aged and Decayed Mark Master or his Widow.

The toast of "The Working Brethren" was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. POORE, who suitably responded.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 3rd inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple. Bro. F. B. Westlake, P.M. 70, P.P.S.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Sec.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; Rev. I. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; C. G. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.D.; F. Hooper, P.M. 112, 2025, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Moysey, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.; G. R. Barrett, P.M. 2025, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Ireby, P.M. 2025, P.P.G.R.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, 2025, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. K. Lethbridge, 159, 1847, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Gritin, P.M. 70, 2025, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 123, P.P.G.I.; R. Hambly, P.M. 1855, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Stanbury, P.M. 1099; K. Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Warren, P.M. 1358, P.P.G.O.; W. Allstord, P.M. 202; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; R. Bird, P.M. 1550; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; H. Rogers, P.M. 1099; N. Kadmore, P.M. 159; J. Hoyten, P.M. 223; J. Neno, P.M. 223; J. Gifford, P.M. 105, 2025; H. Barter, P.M. 1247; W. H. Williams, W.M. 1847; T. R. E. Oliver, P.M. 1247; F. R. Thomas, S.W. 189; G. Bell, 223; and A. C. Titnerley, 1550.

On the proposition of Bro. A. R. LETHBRIDGE, the sum of £5 5s. was granted to the daughter of a deceased brother, late of Lodge 159, towards her advancement in life.

The voting paper was then handed in for election of the two children on the fund. There were four candidates, and the voting resulted in the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge 70, receiving 464 votes; the son of a deceased brother of Lodge 1205, 429 votes; the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge 39 and 221, including 97 brought forward; and the daughter of a deceased brother of Lodge 1247, 50. The first two were declared elected.

As a result of a discussion initiated by Bro. J. Griffin, it was decided in future to state on the ballot papers if the fathers of the candidates subscribed to the fund, and if so, for how many years.

THE "OLD MASONIANS" ANNUAL DINNER.

It is gratifying to find that the Society established by old pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and known as the "Old Masonians," is, for a body so recently founded, in a very prosperous condition. Though started as recently as May, 1886, it already numbers 72 members, and though its financial arrangements are on a modest scale, it has a balance to the good of between £12 and £13, or if we reckon donations promised, but not yet paid, only a fraction short of £18. However, the School itself, to which this Society owes its origin, was on an equally modest scale when it was first started, and the founders of the "Old Masonians" may live to see their infant Society waxing stronger, and capable of fulfilling the beneficent objects for which it has been established. This is the more likely to happen if they continue the policy which has been adopted heretofore, of managing their affairs with a due

regard for economy, and regulating their aspirations by the means at their disposal. But let them tide over a few more years as they have over the two that have passed already, and they will find their members increasing rapidly in numbers, and the support they receive from the Craft more substantial, and therefore more encouraging. Their ability to assist ex-pupils who may need employment will be greater, and in time, no doubt, we shall find the "Old Masonians" as flourishing a body as the Societies founded by ex-pupils of the other public schools. Meantime, the second annual dinner, which will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 21st inst., affords an opportunity to those brethren who take an interest in everything relating to or associated with our Institutions to show their appreciation of the efforts already made by the "Old Masonians" to establish a club or society of old pupils of our Boys' School by supporting Bro. Frederick Binckes, the respected and energetic Secretary of that Institution, who has kindly promised to take the chair on the occasion, and who, we may be sure, will bring his bonhomie and eloquence to bear in order to ensure the success of the meeting.

GOULD'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

[FROM THE "KEYSTONE."]

We have heretofore, in the columns of the *Keystone*, fully and critically reviewed the six volumes of Bro. Gould's scholarly and copious work, as they severally appeared in the English, and authorised American editions of the work. In these reviews we indicated its great merits and its minor defects. It is a work of colossal erudition and industry, and will always remain a "magnum opus" in Freemasonry. We have just been the recipient of a copy of the American reprint of the work from the publishing house of Messrs. John S. Yorston and Co., Cincinnati, or, as the title-page states it, New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago. Our readers are familiar with the contention between the author, Bro. Robert Freke Gould, and the publisher of the American reprint from their several letters which appeared in our columns, and we have heretofore expressed our view of the same, which we see no reason to change. A copy of this American reprint is now before us for review, and we shall endeavour to fairly indicate its character. The three American volumes already issued bring the work down to about the middle of the fifth volume of the English edition, leaving a volume and a half of the original work yet to appear in the present edition. To it there will be added new supplementary chapters by Bros. Enoch T. Carson, Josiah H. Drummond, and Theo. S. Parvin, on the history of American Freemasonry, lodge, chapter, council, commandery, and Scottish Rite. These ought to be valuable, but they are not before us now. First as to the typographical appearance of this American reprint. The paper, press work, illustrations, and binding are all a credit to the bookmakers' art, the only exception being the admission of some indifferent wood cuts of individuals and cathedrals, which had better been omitted from the work. The copy before us is bound in full morocco, published at six dollars per volume, the edition in muslin being sold for four dollars per volume. We must be permitted to say, however, that the title-page of this reprint is entirely misleading, since it represents that the history was written by Bro. Gould and six other brethren, when in fact, no one but Bro. Gould is responsible for the entire original work, and no one but himself wrote a line that is in the three volumes before us. Immediately following the name of Bro. Gould, as author, are the names of Bros. Hughan and Murray Lyon. Of course this is unauthorised by them. They were in no sense the joint-authors with Bro. Gould of the original work, but only aided him as many other brethren did, with facts and suggestions upon a few chapters in the work. And as to Bros. Carson, Drummond, and Parvin, whose names follow as co-authors, they had no part whatever in the original work, and merely will furnish the supplementary chapters upon American Masonry, which are to conclude this American reprint. This title-page is an unfortunate one, and we feel it our duty to characterise it as we have. There is no claim of copyright in the work itself on the first or second volumes of this reprint, although, singularly enough, there is a claim of copyright on the third volume, which, however, contains only an exact reprint of the English book. We suppose that this was an inadvertence. It must have been intended to copyright the title page covering the entire work—the original matter being the portraits of distinguished American Freemasons scattered through the volumes, and the supplementary chapters to appear in the fourth and last volume on American Masonry. A selection is given of a few of the etched portraits of the leading English brethren appearing in the English edition, and these are supplemented by many etched portraits of prominent American brethren. Among these are the following: Bros. Enoch T. Carson, Josiah H. Drummond, Gen. Albert Pike, Gen. Charles Koome, Gen. Robt. E. Withers, John L. Roper, Sereno D. Nickerson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Martin Collins, Theo. T. Gurney, Samuel C. Lawrence, Hugh McCurdy, and S. Stacker Williams. These are interesting, and undoubtedly add to the value of this reprint, which also, from its being sold at a less price than the authorised English and American edition, will naturally attract most purchasers. While Bro. Gould profits nothing by this reprint, owing to the absence of an international copyright, he will gain in reputation from the increased dissemination of his work, the Messrs. Yorston and Co., being skilled publishers of subscription books, and having sold already a large edition of the present reprint. American Masons have both editions before them, and will chose as they please. Which ever they have, they will own a Masonic work of remarkable learning and lasting value.

The current issue of the *Graphic* contains a double-page engraving of seven drawings by Mr. C. J. Staniland, R.I., admirably depicting various instances of heroism by Deep Sea Fishermen. The artist has selected his subjects from Mr. E. J. Mather's popular book, "Nor'ard of the Dogger."

Great progress is being made with the Irish Exhibition, which will be opened at Olympia, Kensington, on the 4th June next. The space occupied will be about 12 acres. The Great Hall will be devoted to the sale of Irish industrial and art products, while in the grounds will be an Irish industrial village, the ruins of Blarney Castle, and a Round Tower, besides an Irish farmyard and home-stead, &c.

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

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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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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,

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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, Fair-holme, Elsie-road, East Dulwich.
- * " GEORGE KENNING, Vice Patron, 249, 2191, 2076, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. (Middlesex), Upper Sydenham.
- " P. G. PHELPS, 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, Biotfield, 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,

Mrs. FRANCES E. WARREN,
10, Comerford Road, Brockley, S.E.

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MARY ANNE PULLEN,
Aged 81 years,

Widow of the late W. Bro. WILLIAM HYDE PULLEN, Past Grand Sword Bearer, and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Wight. The deceased was initiated in the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 125, at Hythe, Kent, on the 11th October, 1843, and was an active Mason until his last illness. He was a Life Governor of all the Charities, and served the office of Steward upon many occasions. His death occurred on the 6th February, 1837. His income died with him, and his Widow is left in very poor circumstances.

The case is strongly recommended by

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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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By W. Bro. N. B. HEADON, Life Governor, P.M. No. 1426—In Law 31, to leave out so much of the clause as follows the words "or by a resolution of the General Committee," line 5, and to insert the following in lieu thereof:—

"Six days' notice of such Court being given by advertisement in three, at least, of the daily papers, notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary. The business to be transacted at such Special Court shall be specified in such requisition or resolution, and confirmation of minutes of proceedings of any such Special Court shall not be required except in such cases as provided for in Law 34.

"The decision of a Special General Court shall not be reconsidered at any subsequent Special Court or any Quarterly General Court until after the expiration of twelve months from the date of the Special General Court at which such decision was adopted.

"The time at which a Special General Court shall be convened shall be between the hours of twelve at noon and four in the afternoon, and the place at which such Court shall be held shall be the place at which the Court and Committees of the Institution are ordinarily held."

By Bro. George James Row, Life Govr.:—"That a sum not exceeding £100 be contributed by the Institution towards the guarantee fund now being raised by a Committee at Wood-green for the purpose of promoting the Bill at present before the Houses of Parliament for the separation of Wood-green as a Local Board District from the existing Tottenham Local Board, which, if carried out, will be the means of adding to the value of the prospects belonging to this Institution by the improvement of the roads, &c., in its vicinity, and also tend to a reduction of the rates in the district."

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London, 7th April, 1888.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications were either received too late for publication or stand over for want of space:—

CRAFT LODGES—Faith, No. 41; Ranelagh, No. 834; Goderich, No. 1211; John Hervey, No. 1260; Farringdon-Without, No. 1745; and Argonauts', No. 2243.

ROYAL ARCH—Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire. Consecration of the Egypt Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 311.

Freemasons and the Children of Margate. Masonic Ball at Ipswich.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Liberal Freemason," "La Chaine d'Union de Paris," "Key-stone," "Voice of Masonry" (Chicago), "South Australian Freemason," "South African Freemason," and "Masonic Advocate."



SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 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.]

THE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, I observe in a recent number of the Freemason a suggestion that the M.W.G.M. should make a further distribution of Masonic honours to mark the occasion of his Silver Wedding.

I can see no sufficient grounds for this. His Royal Highness's Silver Wedding is a pleasing domestic event, and so are hundreds of others which annually occur; but in no way marks an epoch like the Jubilee of her Gracious Majesty, who has shown herself to be one of the greatest of European sovereigns, and whose reign has conferred incalculable blessings upon her subjects.

In support of my views, I may point to the fact that, whilst numerous public honours were distributed to mark the Jubilee, the Queen has not thought it necessary to bestow any upon the occasion of the Silver Wedding.—Yours fraternally,

P.M. No. 10.

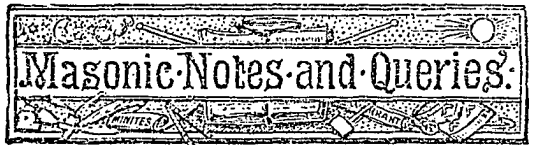


THE MASONIC CHARITIES. By Bro. ALFRED E. DAVIS, Sec. No. 529, Worcester, Printed at the *Journal and Daily Times* Offices, 1888.

Bro. Davis has done good service by issuing this brief account of "The Masonic Charities." With the exception of that portion which relates to Worcestershire generally, and Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, in particular, which is of interest only to the brethren in the said province and lodge, it is exactly the kind of handy book of reference which every brother should have by him. A short historical sketch, followed by useful extracts from the Laws of each of our three Masonic Institutions, has been carefully compiled by Bro. Davis from the more detailed history which originally appeared in the columns of the *Freemason*, so that every brother who possesses a copy of this pamphlet, will be able to learn all that, for general purposes, is really worth knowing about our Charities, their rise and progress, and the purposes for which they were severally founded. It strikes us, indeed, that Bro. Davis would be doing a great service to the Craft, and be no sufferer in his own pocket, if, after a short interval of time, he issued a second edition, but without the Worcestershire particulars, so that it might serve as a guide-book to the Masonic Charities, for brethren generally, both in London and throughout the provinces. We imagine there must be hundreds and even thousands of Masons who would gladly purchase, for the modest sum of one shilling, so much trustworthy information about our Institutions as Bro. Davis has managed to compress within the narrow limits of 50 pages. But be this as it may, Bro. Davis deserves great credit both for the matter and the manner of his compilation, and we trust it will obtain the amount of patronage it so fully deserves.

SELL'S DICTIONARY OF THE WORLD'S PRESS, 1888 EDITION.

This portly volume, issued by Mr. Sell, the well-known advertising agent, almost rivals in bulk the London Post Office Directory, and although all are acquainted with the vast strides that the press has made in this generation, yet it seems little short of marvellous that the fourth estate should be able to provide a compiler with sufficient material to fill such a ponderous volume. Its contents are of a very varied character, and in addition to complete lists of all newspapers and serial publications issued in Great Britain, with a list of principal foreign and colonial newspapers in 41 countries, it contains important articles on subjects connected with journalism, such as the following: Practical Hints on the Law relating to Libels in Newspapers; The Rise of Provincial Journalism; Notable Press Prosecutions; Anonymous Journalism v. Personal Journalism; The International Shorthand Congress; Trade Journalism; and 64 portraits of Editors; also views of offices of the *Times*, *Telegraph*, *Daily News*, *Chronicle*, *Standard*, and *Christian World*; History of the London Daily and Evening Papers; Births and Deaths of Newspapers in France; Ancient Advertising and Curious Advertisements, &c.



769] **ATHOLL GRAND LODGE SEALS.**

Replying to Bro. Hughan, (768) I consider there are no "preserves" within the domain of Masonic research; and as my esteemed friend has been good enough to open this question by his far too short article in the *Freemason* of the 24th ult., on Grand Lodge Seals, I am very much more inclined to thank him for such "poaching," than to claim the least right to this or any other branch of Masonic study. If I have made Certificates and Seals a special study, it has been because in many instances of historical research I have found them of almost priceless value, and therefore felt compelled to cultivate their further investigation. My friend is not correct in supposing I have never seen "Institutions" on Atholl Seals; I referred in my Note (767) to Grand Lodge Certificates. If the Warrant of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, be carefully examined, I believe it will be found that the word in the legend is "Institution," and I go further, (because there are sometimes three seals on Atholl Warrants, and besides, my reference was to Certificates) and say that no Atholl Craft Certificate can be produced on which is the word in the plural. I have met with Bro. Hughan's N. 3 on Arch Certificates, for which without doubt it was ordered from Kirk and used. No. 4 has the genuine Craft Seal, and is admitted to bear out my statement. I have seen at least 50 of these, and although the plate was re-engraved with the repetition of "Artis Architectonicæ" avoided by the substitution of "Anno Domini," (circa 1800) not a single Certificate varied as to the Seal and its legend. "Institution" on an Atholl Seal (London) means Craft; "Institutions" means Craft including the Royal Arch—the legend of the former being "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institutions," and that of the latter "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old Institutions," the conjunction "and" in full in both cases. "Kirk F" means Kirk, fecit; and it is easy to see how Kirk's Seal came to be used only on Arch Certificates.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

770] **CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE.**

I am glad to find that Bro. A. Mackenzie, P.M. No. 2, has decided to extend the period for application for copies of the History of the above old Lodge (from 1677) to April 20th. This will allow more time for our brother students residing abroad, and I trust will also lead to numerous subscribers being entered on the list from England and Ireland. A special feature of the work will be a photographic reproduction of the "Inauguration" picture of Burns as Poet Laureate. Bro. Mackenzie tells me there will also be a fac simile of the Charter of Confirmation, A.D. 1736, granted by the Grand Lodge

of Scotland (which body the members of this grand old lodge were mainly instrumental in forming), and photos of the lodge hall, looking north-east and from south-west, obtained by artificial light. Since the time of Burns there have been 12 Poets-Laureate, including John Hogg, William Hay, William Pringle, and Anthony O'Neal Hays (historian of the Knights Templars, &c). The latest by-laws issued give a list of Masters from 1735 to 1879, being in continuation of those published in 1835. The Premier Grand Master of Scotland was initiated in this lodge on May 18th, 1736, prior to his installation on November 30th, in the same year. One of their P.M.'s, Bro. George Drummond, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, was also Grand Master in 1752, and amongst the roll of Past Masters are a brilliant galaxy of celebrated men, about whom we shall doubtless be told much respecting their Masonic career in the History now preparing.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1658).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, to install the Worshipful Master, Bro. Harcourt West. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. W. J. Richardson, W.M.; W. S. Harvey, S.W.; H. West, J.W., W.M. elect; G. J. Earney, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Boyes, P.M. and Sec.; A. Store, P.M. and Asst. Sec.; E. Shrimpton, S.D.; A. B. Norman, J.D.; R. Walden, I.G.; A. J. Shore, D.C.; E. A. Francis, A.D.C.; F. J. Tull and J. Letchford, Stwds.; S. Zucker, Org.; Jno. Cox, P.M.; J. D. Smith, P.M.; James Hill, P.M.; G. Pennial, C. J. Pigeon, W. Croxton, H. B. Buckridge, G. S. Whitlock, R. Carter, J. Austin, S. F. Mackway, M. S. Lartham, B. Cohen, R. Rowlands, F. J. Mullens, S. Bygrave, F. Whitlock, A. O. Side, E. D. Side, M. Gibson, H. Line, J. W. Newell, T. Williams, and W. Barringer. Visitors: Bros. H. H. Tupper, J. King, J. Howard, T. Sanders, A. Walden, F. P. Hill, W. H. Atkin, G. L. Moore, G. Finch, W. Clifford, J. N. Bate, H. Hooper, G. Stokes, S. W. Evans, J. D. Tan, C. Robson, J. L. Apsey, G. Bund, H. F. Frost, C. A. Hardwick, J. G. Summersell, G. White, W. F. Warner, A. Darch, and others.

Bro. Croxton was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Harcourt West was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Richardson, in a most impressive fashion. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers with the skill and address for which he has gained a reputation.

Later on a banquet was provided in the Pillar Hall, by Mrs. Venables, widow of the late Bro. Venables. About 80 brethren sat down to this repast, which was served in excellent style.

The Masonic toasts were capitably given by the W.M., who presided.

A first-class programme of music was carried out by the following members: Bros. Boyes, Mackway, Pigeon, Rowlands, A. B. Norman, and J. D. Smith. Bro. Zucker presided at the piano. The W.M. contributed a recitation. The whole affair was an undoubted success, and, under the leadership of its popular W.M., this comparatively young but prosperous lodge has certainly a good time before it.

KINGSLAND LODGE (No. 1693).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under a very sad and exceptional circumstance, which was no less than the death of Bro. G. F. Snook, the W.M., who died on the 22nd ult., rather suddenly. The lodge was draped in mourning and the brethren wore full mourning out of respect to him. Bro. R. P. Forge, the I.P.M. of the lodge, presided, being ably assisted by Bros. T. Casely, S.W.; W. H. Mayer, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Turner, S.D.; T. W. S. Holden, J.D.; H. J. Hazel, acting as I.G.; C. K. Killick, sen., P.M.; W. Whittell, D.C.; J. Potter, A.D.C.; L. Simon, Stwd., and a numerous attendance of the members of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. A. Job, 1471; Burtle, 228; E. J. Davey, 193; and W. Wright, 1897.

The agenda was a very heavy one, comprising the raising of Bros. W. Bishop, J. G. Wade, W. Dee, C. F. Wood; passing of Bro. T. Birt, and the balloting for the admission of Messrs. H. Moore, H. Strudwick, A. White, and F. W. Stroud, which proved unanimous, all those gentlemen excepting Mr. Stroud being in attendance, were regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. H. J. Fletcher, of 861, was elected a joining member. The next business was the election of a W.M., which proved unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. T. Casely. Bro. Jas. Cooper, P.M., was also elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Bowler, Tyler. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow and family of the late W.M., expressing the sincere sorrow of the whole of the members of the lodge at their great loss. Also one was ordered to be sent to the widow and family of the late Bro. E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., who was an Honorary Member of the lodge. The rest of the lodge business consisted of the ordinary routine character. The business of the meeting was conducted by the presiding W.M. in his usual able manner, and a vote of thanks was accorded him, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

Under the mournful circumstances in which the lodge met, and out of respect to the late W.M., there was no banquet.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, S.W. Present: Bros. C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; A. E. Albert, S.W.; R. Evens, J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middx., Sec.; A. Jones, S.D.; John Read, W.M. 2105, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; John Bott, I.G.; J. Hicks, Stwd.; Robt. Potter, Tyler; Richard Poore, P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; R. Bott, F. E. Foulger, C. R. Cutler, and D. Hamilton. Visitors: Bros. E. A. Francis, W.M.

183; C. P. McKay, W.M. 2048; J. T. Plummer, S.W. 1558; W. Burridge, I.G. 1922; A. J. Bott, 1391; S. R. J. Smith, D.C. 857; and T. Fox, 2183.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was no work on this occasion, as the gentleman who was to be initiated was unavoidably absent, and the brother named for passing had not returned to this country from the States. After the usual enquiries by the W.M. the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, ably presided over by the W.M., who, after the cloth was drawn, gave the customary toasts, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., &c., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randall, J.D.; C. E. Batley, P.M., acting I.G.; P. Robinson, P.M.; J. Hirst, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire, P.M.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.; E. C. Lancaster, A. A. A'vard, W. Cooper, F. Duke, L. J. Dukes, C. J. Lindridge, G. W. Bryant, W. A. Beck, W. Lancaster, R. J. Reed, L. O. Glenister, J. McCormick, G. J. Ticehurst, G. H. Gaye, and W. A. Paine. Visitors: Bros. J. Chapman, P.P.G.D. Devon, 1402; and W. G. Holloway, 1842.

A letter, from the P.G.S. was read, containing a copy of the address of congratulation on his Silver Wedding-day which was sent to the M.W.G. Master. A letter apologising for inability to attend lodge meeting was read from Bro. C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., and also drawing the attention of the brethren to the advantages of becoming members of the Provincial Charities Association. Bros. Lancaster and Bryant were raised, and Bros. Lindridge, Jukes, and McCormick were passed. Bro. Capt. Hennah gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the sums of £10 10s. and £5 5s. be voted to the Girls' and Boys' Institutions. In accordance with notice, Bro. Pearce proposed, and Bro. Hennah seconded, that the W.M., Wardens, and Past Masters be, and are hereafter, constituted a Board of General Purposes, which was carried. Bro. Edwards spoke in feeling terms of the lamented death of Bro. Stace, and moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the relations. The W.M. mentioned that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had consented to preside at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Girls' Institution.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. W. B. Akerman, W.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., acting S.W.; E. G. Chesworth, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Septimus Staton, Sec.; V. M. Vultchoff, S.D.; F. Spencer, Stwd., acting J.D.; John Read, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. H. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Smethurst, P.M.; James Dawson, P.M.; James Wilson, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, P.M.; J. Garside, P.M.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; Edward Smith, John C. Burd, J. Woolstencroft, E. Bushell, C. J. Rix, W. Rottmayer, J. Pearson, W. Garside, and F. C. Phillips. Visitors: Bros. E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730, P.G.P. West Lancashire; F. A. Huet, P.M. 1170; T. W. Bone, W.M. 1730; John Stovold, P.M. 993; C. Lee, Sec. 993; and J. L. Taylor, 852. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. F. C. Phillips was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., the J.W., Bro. E. G. Chesworth, presenting the working tools. Bro. R. R. Lisenden, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., gave an explanation of the first tracing board, after which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

At the social board Bros. Frank A. Huet, P.M. 1170, and E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730, P.G.P. West Lancashire, replied on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of Bro. F. C. Phillips, the Newly-passed Brother," was proposed by the W.M., and heartily drunk, after which Bro. Phillips replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was also proposed by the W.M., and each brother replied.

A pleasant evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened with some capital songs from Bros. Stephen Jupp, W.M. 1140; H. Walmsley, C. Lee, 993; E. L. Littler, P.M. 1730; and W. Garside.

SALFORD.—Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. J. Waring, W.M.; John Holroyd, I.P.M.; Sam Ayland, S.W.; T. McClelland, J.W.; A. H. Duffin, S.D.; H. Hambleton, J.D.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; Geo. Sam Smith, Org.; B. Eccersley, H. Waterhouse, J. Green, James Ward, A. B. Wood, John Ogden, A. R. Boothroyd, E. Webb, R. W. Martin, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Bro. A. E. Tysoe, W.M. 1534, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ward was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. During the business Bro. Geo. S. Smith, P.M., Org., was appointed unanimously by the brethren as the lodge representative to the East Lancashire Provincial Charity Committee. After other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of supper afterwards, and in consequence of several talented brethren being present a most enjoyable evening was spent, during which time the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

HAMPTON COURT.—Raymond Thrupp Lodge (No. 2024).—A large number of distinguished brethren assembled at the Mitre Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst., when the installation meeting of this lodge was held. The members present included Bros. F. B. Scott, W.M.; Jabez Church, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Cock, J.W.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M., Treas.; Charles Graham, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. Baker, Prov. G. Chap., J.D.; F. H. Doggett, I.G.; H. Sadler Wood, P.M.; J. Mildred, P.M.; Dr. P. Horrocks, J. B. Campbell, and E. H. Heinke. Visitors: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Col Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Major A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Berridge, P.G. Std.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, Prov. S.G.W. Kent; Henry Smythe, 1365; W. H. Mills, 1766; J. W. T. Chapman, P.M.

1922; W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas. 87; R. Tuttle, 261; F. Croaker, W.M. 1901; W. Wingham, W.M. 25; E. Chamberlain, W.M. 87; T. Butt, P.M. 700; A. F. Church, 33; J. S. Tamburini, 33; A. W. Cooper, 619; Arthur Weston, 1929; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Audit Report received and adopted. The installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. Jabez Church having been duly presented as W.M., a board of Installed Masters formed, he was elected, and a board of Installed Masters formed, he was installed into the chair by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Cock, S.W.; Rev. J. Baker, Prov. G. Chap., J.W.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M., Treas.; Chas. Graham, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Doggett, S.D.; Dr. P. Horrocks, J.D.; E. H. Heinke, I.G.; and Young, Tyler. The customary addresses were then effectively delivered. The installing Master, Bro. Thrupp. The W.M. presented Bro. Scott, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, expressing the wish that he would be spared many years to the lodge by wearing it. Bro. Scott, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the gift. Numerous letters and telegrams were received from distinguished brethren expressing their regret at their inability to attend, including the Duke of Abercorn, Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., and others. The W.M. having consented to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and there being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a *recherché* repast, served by the worthy host with his usual ability. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." were first given, after which the W.M. briefly proposed "The Grand Officers."

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., said the W.M. had set them so excellent an example that he would at once rise to return thanks for the very illustrious names that had been connected with the toast. He thought that when he looked on his brother Grand Officers standing on his right and left, the brethren would agree that the body whom they had thus honoured were deserving of the confidence which they and the Craft always showed them. He was quite sure that the distinguished nobleman who occupied the position of Pro G.M., that Lord Lathom, and the Grand Officers generally, who gave their time, were appreciated by all the brethren. He need not go further than to point out the position the Craft occupied at the present day in the eyes of the popular world, for those who, like the G. Secretary, were at the head of affairs, had not been unkind of their duty, and had not steered the ship on a bad course. He was quite sure the position the Craft occupied with the public, the increase it had made, and the way in which the ceremonies were worked and the traditions of the Order observed, reflected great credit, not merely on a large body of zealous and distinguished brethren, but upon those who have had—and he spoke without reference to personal matters—reflected great credit upon these who have had the concerns of the Craft at heart, and who had so ably managed those concerns. He hoped he might say truly on the part of the Grand Officers that the confidence shown them by the Craft was not only welcome to them as a mark of appreciation, but was also the best guarantee that the affairs would be well managed to the satisfaction of all, and that the great principles of Masonry would be upheld, and an Institute preserved, which he ventured to say reflected credit on this great country. They could point not only to the zealous persons of the Order, but to the Charities and Institutions, which were an example to any body of men, and which were worthy of that great Institution to which they were proud to belong.

"The Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers," was next proposed by the W. Master, who said that Sir F. Burdett was always desirous of attending their installation meetings, but unfortunately through the death of a relative he was unable to be present that evening. He hoped, however, that their Prov. G.M. would be with them during his year of office. He had only to mention the name of Bro. Raymond Thrupp, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and was sure it would be received with the utmost enthusiasm. Their lodge was named after that distinguished brother, whom they were pleased to see present in health and strength, and personally he felt proud to be supported by him. The brethren present could not but feel how beautifully the installation ceremony was worked by Bro. Thrupp, and he hoped the other officers when they attained the chair would also have the honour of being installed by their Deputy Prov. G.M. He would say no more, but ask them to drink the toast with enthusiasm and heartiness.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M., said it was a very difficult task to return thanks for such a toast, firstly coming after such an eloquent brother as Bro. Philbrick, and secondly after the minds of the brethren had been tickled by the recitation they had heard so ably rendered. It would be a faint heart, however, that could not respond to the toast of such an excellent brother as Sir Francis Burdett, who had made a name not only in the Province of Middlesex, but wherever Freemasonry was known, as a good hard-working Mason, and one who never failed to be cordial and kindly to all. That was the spirit which the Prov. Grand Master had endeavoured to make pervade the province. Bro. Philbrick had alluded to the great ship of Freemasonry in his usual able and touching way. Standing as he did on the brink of the Thames he would compare the lodges in the province to a string of barges well laden with good brethren, and led by a tug they were proud to follow. As long as they in the barges fed and stoked that good old tug with good blood that would do honour to the Province they would all be proud to be presided over by Sir F. Burdett. He was but an humble representative of the Prov. Grand Master, but he endeavoured to emulate him in working and doing his duty, and especially in being genial and hospitable to every brother he met in the province. He considered that was carrying out the spirit of Masonry, and he hoped to always do so and deserve the esteem of the brethren. If he succeeded he was very proud and grateful. At every lodge he visited he received a hearty welcome, and endeavoured to deserve it and reciprocated the kindly feeling. Of his own lodge he ought perhaps to say nothing, but their lodge, though small, was composed of good men, for they had tried to keep it select. He hoped that under the newly-installed W.M. the lodge would prosper and become one

of the best. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received him and also for their kindly remembrance of the Prov. G.M.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Thrupp, who remarked that the I.P.M., being a very diligent man, had asked him to propose that toast, which was the toast of the evening. Bro. Church, the newly-installed W.M., was one of the earliest joining members, and had worked to the various offices until he had been unanimously elected to the chair. He thought that before the year was out the members would agree that they had done a wise thing. Bro. Philbrick, the Deputy Prov. G.M., had reminded him that Bro. Church was an Essex man, and they might therefore consider him a good Mason. He wished to impress upon the members that the W.M. required assistance, not only from the officers but from every individual brother. They should bring forward really good men as initiates and joining members, and by their help make the year a prosperous and happy one.

Bro. Jabez Church, W.M., in reply, said he hardly knew what to say to thank the D.P.G.M. for so kindly proposing the toast, and the brethren for receiving it so heartily. He assured them in all honesty that he would endeavour during his year and afterwards to do his utmost to further the interests of their dear old lodge. He felt they would all take to heart the remarks of the D.P.G.M. with reference to the support it was necessary he should receive, for, however good the intentions of a W.M. might be, he could not succeed without the help of the officers and brethren. He was strengthened by knowing he had good officers, and was sure that any shortcomings on his part would be wiped out by the manner in which those officers would perform their duty. He thanked them heartily for their kindness and for the cordiality of his reception.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said that no lodge in the province more heartily welcomed visitors than the Raymond Thrupp Lodge. They were favoured that evening by the presence of a number of distinguished visitors who had attended to honour them. Amongst the visiting brethren were many highly appreciated Grand Officers, whom he personally thanked for attending his installation. He hoped to see them present again on a future occasion, for they would always be heartily welcomed. He should couple with the toast the names of three distinguished brethren—the Grand Secretary, whose presence they regarded as a great compliment, taking into consideration his numerous engagements, and Bros. C. F. Matier and Rev. Hayman Cummings.

The Grand Secretary said he felt it a great honour to have his name coupled first to return thanks on the part of his very numerous constituency for that toast. When he considered the importance of the toast and his utter inability to do justice to it, his mind reverted back to the beautiful words of the poet they had so recently heard, and he had to confess "that something had gone wrong with his works." Under those painful circumstances, he would do his best, and in feeble terms thank them in his own name and in the name of the visitors for the very kind and hospitable reception they had received. It was a great pleasure to have visited the lodge that evening, for being an old friend of that distinguished brother and excellent Mason whose name it bore, he felt a large amount of affinity to their lodge. He thought the members would be behaving badly if the lodge did not take a high position in the province. He was delighted to visit their lodge for the first time to witness its success, and to congratulate the brethren on the Masonic feeling that permeated all the members. He was but the mouthpiece of the other visitors when he said they were greatly delighted at the work they had seen in the lodge, but owing to the marvellous punctuality which was so characteristic of the Dep. P.G.M., they did not witness all the installation ceremony. The loss was their own, for it had been reported that that ceremony was excellently rendered, which showed that the working was not behind the hospitality. He would not detain them longer, for he had on his left some eloquent brethren, but on his own behalf thank the members for the reception he had received.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B., also responded, and said that every brother who read the morning papers would frequently find in the law reports that the case was opened by Bro. Philbrick, who gave an eloquent address, and who was, perhaps, followed by a counsel called Jones. He was the Jones on this occasion, for he had to follow Bro. Philbrick, and also their distinguished Grand Secretary. They had been accused of being a Secret Society. They were doubtless a Society possessing secrets, but their objects were known by the good works they performed. The duty and secret of hospitality was most carefully kept, and had been exemplified by the lodge that night. As one of the recipients of that splendid hospitality he tendered sincere thanks, and called upon Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings to say everything he might have forgotten.

Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, Prov. G.S.W. Kent, in reply, said he felt in the position of a very junior counsel. Hailing from the neighbouring Province of Kent, he was delighted to return thanks for the opportunity afforded him of being present. It had been a great gratification to him, and had amply repaid him for the labour entailed. He esteemed it an honour and pleasure that the W.M. had given him his friendship.

"The Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been given and suitably responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering.

During the evening an excellent programme of music considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Apollo Lodge (No. 2042).—This highly successful lodge, which is renowned as being the musical lodge par excellence of the province, bids fair, under the direction of its new W.M., Bro. J. A. Muir, to rival the success, Masonic and musical, of its late worthy W.M., Bro. J. Queen. On Wednesday night, the 4th inst., after the usual Masonic business, a most interesting and high class operatic programme was rendered by the brethren, reinforced for the occasion by the Cambrian Quartette. Selections from "The Mountain Sylph," "Maritana," "Bohemian Girl," "Lorely," "Lurline," "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Lucia," "Guy Mannering," "Victorine," "Blodwen," and two very quaint and highly enjoyable excerpts from the ballet music of Gluck's "Orphée" and Handel's "Adamo," resuscitated by the Organist of the lodge, Bro. A. Benedict. The visitors and others privileged to attend the meetings of this lodge have cause to congratulate themselves upon being present at such an enjoyable lodge.

HULL.—Wilberforce Lodge (No. 2134).—The installation of Bro. William Gillett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as the W.M. of the above lodge took place in the rooms of the lodge, Charlotte-street, on the 6th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Mackail, the retiring W.M., and there was a large attendance of brethren from other lodges. Afterwards the newly-elected W.M. installed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Mackail, I.P.M.; T. B. Redfearn, S.W.; W. Woodall, J.W.; J. Turner, Chap.; T. T. Davis, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Lecture Master; W. E. Wilkin, Treas.; J. L. Turner, Treasurer Benevolent Fund; J. Strickland, Sec.; G. W. Greenwood, S.D.; J. Meanwell, J.D.; W. Hickling, D.C.; V. King, Org.; G. T. Stoddart, I.G.; J. W. Webb, J. Hill, W. Cox, and J. Watson, Stwds.; and J. Bindall, Tyler.

DOVER.—Jubilee Military Lodge (No. 2195).—The first annual installation in connection with the above lodge took place on Friday, the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Major W. F. Moore was installed into the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large assembly of brethren—amongst them representatives from Ashford, Folkestone, Canterbury, Deal, Sandwich, Portsmouth, &c.—at the installation ceremony, which was impressively performed by Bro. C. C. Walter, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M., Treas. The newly-elected W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Symthe, being the I.P.M., who was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his able services during the past year; T. Cuming, S.W.; J. Joy, J.W.; C. C. Walter, P.M. 1208, Prov. G. Stwd., Treas.; E. Bacon, P.M. 153, P.D.G.W. Gibraltar, Sec.; W. Jarvis, P.M. 491, P.P.G.D. Jersey, D. of C.; G. Rodway, S.D.; W. Wynne, J.D.; J. J. Hunt, I.G.; W. A. Barron, P.M. 743, and W. J. Beardsley, Stwds.; and G. Wilson, Tyler.

In the evening a banquet took place, which was equally well attended, every available seat having been taken. The W.M. presided, and was supported amongst others by Bro. G. F. A. Smythe, I.P.M. The catering as usual giving great satisfaction to the brethren.

INSTRUCTION.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Friday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Vickery, W.M.; G. Deaton, S.W.; Blundell, J.W.; Deaton, Sec.; Baker, Preceptor; Gladwell, Tapping, and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. It was proposed by Bro. Blundell, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Baker, that Bro. J. Tapping become a member—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. Baker, and seconded, that the seven Boys' and four Girls' votes belonging to the lodge be given to Bro. Blundell on behalf of the boy Charles Balls—carried unanimously. It was also proposed and seconded that Bro. Vickery be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Penrose, W.M.; Leng, S.W.; Vateky, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Pitt, S.D.; Whibley, J.D.; Dandridge, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; J. J. Pitt, P.M.; Jackson, Faulkner, Dale, Dealer, Trinder, Finlayson, Sayers, W. Martin, Taylor, and Amos.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the usual questions leading from the First to the Second Degree were put from the chair, and answered by the members. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the usual questions leading to the Third Degree were then gone through. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bros. J. J. Finlayson, 147, and R. J. Amos, 871, were elected members. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting was held at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. G. S. Russell, 1399, W.M.; S. T. Hills, 1310, S.W.; H. Halliday, 2168, J.W.; J. B. Smith, 813, S.D.; J. Bartlett, 1637, J.D.; W. T. Grey, 1487, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2246, Preceptor; C. A. Itter, 2246, Sec.; H. Lichenfeld, 205; W. Eaton, 788; T. Goldfinch, 1604; C. Parsons, 1637; S. Lichenfeld, 1017; T. Caseley, 1693; H. F. Bangs, 2246; H. J. Hazell, 1693; and W. Harris, 1445. Bro. M. J. R. Dundas, 1391, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Lichenfeld acting as candidate. Bro. H. Lichenfeld then answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Parsons. Bro. Goldfinch answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Goldfinch acting as candidate. The lodge closed down to the First Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. H. and S. Lichenfeld were unanimously elected joining members. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 755).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Chapman, W.M.; C. J. Biorn, S.W.; R. Dillon, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. T. Redfearn, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; G. Weston, I.G.; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; S. J. Humfress, P.M. 733; D. Stroud, P.M. 2045; M. J. Green, H. Wells, C. Coleman, J. W. Manktelow, W. Death, and W. J. Stratton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and afterwards closed down. The S.W., Bro. C. J. Biorn, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed, and directed to be entered on the minutes, to the W.M. for the efficient manner in which he presided for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Coleman proposed that a vote of sympathy from the members of this lodge be forwarded by the Secretary to Bro. L. H. Newich, who has been seriously ill for the past five weeks; this was seconded by Bro. Stroud, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511 and 1767, Treas., W.M.; J. Davies, J.W. 169, S.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. C. Williams, P.M. 865, W.M. elect 1585, S.D.; H. Moss, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; J. Corrie, Stwd.; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, P.M.

372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon; J. H. Wood, P.M. 1642; W. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1441; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Stagg, W. Death, S. Barrow, R. E. Cursons, and W. G. Coleman. Visitors: Bros. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, P.M. 147 and 248; Morris Moses, 205; N. Spyer, 43; L. Cox, 1791; G. E. Higginson, 1791; and H. Cotton, 1791.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. Dr. Mackenzie, W. G. Reynolds, W. C. Williams, J. Davies, Preceptor 1791; and H. Sadler. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bros. R. E. Cursons, J. H. Wood, and W. C. Williams. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. In consequence of the lodge of instruction supper taking place on the 16th inst., the lodge will not meet until the 23rd inst. Bros. Moses and Spyer were elected members. Several communications were read, and also one from Bro. Mote, thanking the brethren for their letter of sympathy on the occasion of his accident. Bro. Dehane said he had a proposition to make, which he had no doubt would be received with the unanimity which always characterised the proceedings of that lodge of instruction. They were favoured with a visit that evening by a brother who was not only a good worker, but a good Mason, as many of them could bear witness to. He was always ready to assist in the work of either a lodge or chapter of instruction whenever his numerous engagements would admit of his attendance. He alluded to Bro. P.M. Sadler, Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, who was also the author of a most interesting work on Masonry, which had recently appeared under the title of "Masonic Facts and Fictions." He would ask the brethren to mark their appreciation of Bro. Sadler's services to the Craft by electing him an honorary member. This proposition having been seconded by the S.W., the W.M. said the Secretary had to some extent taken the wind out of his sails, as he intended to have said a few words himself before putting the proposition to the lodge. Bro. Dehane had so well expressed what he himself felt, that he would not detain the brethren with any further remarks. The proposition was then put, and carried unanimously. Bro. Sadler thanked the brethren for the distinction they had conferred upon him, which was quite unexpected on his part, and he felt that it was also undeserved. He should therefore consider himself their debtor, and if at any time they should feel disposed to give him an opportunity of working off the debt by the exhibition of any Masonic knowledge he might possess, he would be very happy to do so. A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren who had so ably worked the Sections that evening, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 5th inst. Present: Bros. A. E. Gladwell, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; J. Woodward, J.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Laurence, T. C. Seary, W. Honeyball, C. Tihon, H. Amelot, A. Cogliati, H. C. Chevalier, W. Hancock, E. D. F. Kymmer, G. F. Swan, A. Clark, and W. Brindley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. Honeyball having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. Honeyball answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. Bro. C. Tihon, offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third Degree, and then resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. C. Tihon was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge, 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. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. A. E. Gladwell, W.M., for his excellent working of the ritual. Bro. Gladwell was a P.M. and a good working Mason, and it had been a great pleasure to all to hear him that evening. Seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A ballot then took place in connection with the Second Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Charitable Association, under the presidency of Bro. A. Clark, assisted by Bros. Reynolds, Treas., and F. M. Noakes, Sec. Bros. G. H. Reynolds and W. Honeyball being elected tellers, the ballot was declared to be in favour of Bro. G. Reynolds. This makes the fifth ballot since the starting of the Association in January last.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. Yates, W.M.; Petch, S.W.; Duncan, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Sheffield, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Stevenson, I.G.; Hiller, and Boyden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hiller candidate. Bro. Hiller answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. Bro. Boyden was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Boyden candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Petch was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, being proposed by Bro. Sheffield, and seconded by Bro. Duncan. The officers were appointed in rotation. On the proposition of Bro. Sheffield, seconded by Bro. Duncan, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities' Association was then held, and subscriptions received.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Old White Hart Hotel, Boro', when there were present Bros. S. Renaut, W.M.; W. Steele, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; Fred H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; A. E. Austin, S.D.; J. Hattersley, J.D.; Holliday, I.G.; W. W. Block, F. G. Cooper, H. J. Chapman, E. Fullick, W. Roots, and Bate.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Austin candidate. Bro. Block having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Block candidate. Bro. Renaut vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Chapman. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Wingham. The lodge was 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, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed his officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. B. Colwill, W.M.; C. R. Cross, S.W.; Wolter, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M.; Cochrane, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; T. Wood, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; Stonnill, Moss, Benton, Bull, Gilbert, Arnott, Dresden, Martineau, Head, Cotton, and Augspurg. Bro. F. W. Dines, 1445, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was to be rehearsed. Bro. Moss having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. T. Head candidate. Bro. Cross was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Dines was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Worth, S.D.; J. H. Wood, P.M., J.D.; Arlidge, I.G.; A. Williams, Sec.; and F. Wilkins.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were then worked by the brethren under the direction of the W.M. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. A. Williams offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. F. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, after "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Hayler, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hobbs, S.D.; Hume, J.D.; Moloney, I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Coleman, Piper, Mann, Stutfield, Sutton, Newby, Abbott, Edwards, and Dottrill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Newby being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Mann, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Mann being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Stutfield, 144, and Deacon, 1644, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Robinson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

DARTFORD.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 299).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Bull Hotel. Present: Bros. Wm. Greig, W.M. 299, P.G.P., W.M.; F. Snowden, S.W.; T. Jenkins, J.W.; W. J. Light, P.M., Preceptor; Chas. Hind, Sec.; E. T. Lancaster, J.D.; F. Barton, I.G.; C. Powling, Stwd.; and Carter, Tyler.

Lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being about to be rehearsed, Bro. Powling offered himself as the candidate; he was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. in a most able manner. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Snowden, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. There being no other business, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch. INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. G. Read, P.Z. 19 and 834, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, 733, H.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N. 1507, J.; G. T. Mickelburg, P.Z. 733, Treas.; H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S. 975, S.N.; W. C. Williams, P.S. 733, P.S.; G. March, 733, 1st A.S.; G. N. Watts, Z. 1196, 2nd A.S.; Rev. W. Whittley, P.G.A.S., P.Z. 156; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; W. Cleghorn, Z. 185; J. H. Cuff, P.Z. 862; J. Sims, J. 834; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor; W. E. Jamieson, 176; and H. Brockelhurst, 862, 1319. Visitors: Comps. F. Brown, Z. 174, P.Z. 538; F. M. Noakes, 1624; G. F. Swan, 11; J. Corrie, 205; G. Dickinson, 1507; J. K. R. Cama, 115; H. Winden, P.Z. 180; H. Mathews, 1479; T. R. Beaufort, 1624; and C. A. Woods, 145.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Corrie being the candidate. The ceremony throughout was most effectively rendered, and at its termination elicited marks of approval. Comp. Sadler then delivered the lecture on "The Banners and Ensigns of a Royal Arch Chapter." This lecture, which is known to so few, and consequently very seldom heard, was listened to with all the attention its masterly delivery deserved, the only regret being that there was not more of it. The lecture was illustrated by a coloured diagram representing the banners of the various tribes and their relative positions in the Israelitish camp. Should Comp. Sadler repeat his learned and interesting lecture, we should advise all R.A. Masons not to lose the opportunity of hearing it. A vote of thanks to Comp. Sadler for his very instructive lecture was proposed by Comp. Dehane, S.E., and seconded by Comp. W. H. Dean, P.Z. Comp. Sadler, in reply, thanked the companions for the hearty vote of thanks they had just passed, and said he was honoured by the presence of three eminent Preceptors of sister chapters of improvement, who had come at considerable inconvenience. He should be pleased to come at any future time to deliver that or some other lecture. A ballot was then taken for the following companions as joining members, which proving unanimous, they were duly elected:—Comps. F. Brown, Z. 174, P.Z. 538; F. M. Noakes, 1624; G. F. Swan, 11; J. Corrie, 205; G. Dickinson, 1507; J. K. R. Cama, 115; H. Winden, P.Z. 180; and T. R. Beaufort, 1624. Comp. F. Brown briefly responded for the new members. Letters of apology were read from Comps. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; F. C. Levander, and Capt. Nicols.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE TRUE FRIENDSHIP CONCLAVE, No. 4.

This Order, which has only been recently introduced into this country, appears to be making rapid strides, owing mainly, no doubt, to its intrinsic merits, but in no small degree to the energy and ability of the brethren forming the Grand Conclave, which is composed of many influential Masons, well known in other Degrees of Masonry.

On Saturday evening last, the True Friendship Conclave was inaugurated, and amongst those present were Bros. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R.; Col. Clerke, P.G.S.R.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R.; J. L. Thomas, D.R.O.; W. J. Spratling, G. Rec.; F. Richardson, Berridge, C. H. Driver, and many others.

The conclave was opened by the G. Recorder, and the following brethren, who had been approved by the founders, having signed the necessary declaration, were admitted to the conclave and regularly inducted as Secret Monitors: Bros. Earl of Euston, Rev. H. Cummings, W. E. Stewart, A. Williams, Captain W. B. Williamson, Major A. B. Cook, B. R. Bryant, G. Graveley, and H. Ward. The chair was assumed by Col. Clerke, who, at the request of the G.R., and with the assistance of the G.O.'s who were present, solemnly consecrated and dedicated the conclave, after which it was formally constituted by the M.W.G. Ruler.

The S.R. Designate was presented for installation, and after the brethren below the chair had retired, was enthroned in the chair of Jonathan, the secrets belonging to which were communicated by the G. Ruler. Bro. C. F. Matier was elected Treasurer, and the S.R. invested his

officers as follows: Bros. R. Berridge, C.; C. H. Driver, G.; C. F. Matier, Treas. and Sec.; Rev. H. Cummings, 1st V.D.; Earl of Euston, 2nd V.D.; A. Williams, 3rd V.D.; Major Cook, 4th V.D.; Capt. Williamson, D.C.; W. E. Stewart, Guard; and E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

On the motion of the S.R., seconded by the C., a vote of thanks was passed to the brethren who had performed the ceremonies, and who were asked to accept hon. membership, Bros. Dr. Zacharie, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, J. L. Thomas, and W. J. Spratling.

The S.G.R. then conferred the rank of G. Guide on Bro. Richardson, and invested him with the collar and jewel of that office.

On the motion of the SECRETARY, it was directed that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to the Alfred Meadows Conclave for the use of their furniture and clothing.

The SECRETARY read several apologies for enforced absence, and the conclave was closed in due form.

The brethren dined at the Freemasons' Tavern under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson, Supreme Ruler.

ALFRED MEADOWS CONCLAVE (No. 1).

On Tuesday evening this conclave met for the purpose of installing their new S.R., Bro. Jas. Lewis Thomas, Deputy Ruler of the Order. The notice paper was, as usual, very full, there being five joining members and eight initiates. The joining members included Bro. Capt. N. J. Philips, 33°, whose powerful influence in Masonry will be of the utmost service to the Order. The other joining members were Bros. Chas. M. Ohren, Henry Carman, R. W. Brown, and Henry Wright, of 1827. It was reported that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett and Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treas., had been inducted during the recess, while the induction of Sir Morell Mackenzie, M.D., and Sir H. J. Puleston, M.P., whose names were on the notice paper, had to be postponed for reasons well known to the Craft. The other inductees, Bro. J. Lardner, Bro. Deputy Inspector Ninnis, M.D., Bro. Frederick Wood, and Bro. Henry Penfold, were present, but Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, whose name was down, upon the nomination of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, was unable to be present. There were present, besides the above brethren, Bros. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R.; Sir Robt. Harley, G. Std. Br.; Col. Jas. Perry Godfrey, G.B.B.; W. G. Lemon, G.T.; Horatio Shirley, S.R. 5; and several other brethren.

The ceremony of induction was performed by Bro. W. J. Spratling, Grand Recorder, in his usual style. Reference was made to the important consecration of the True Friendship Conclave, No. 4, referred to in another column, which took place on Saturday last, when our well known and much respected Bro. Frank Richardson was installed into the chair of S.R., and received the distinguished Grand office of Guide within the Grand Council, vacated by Bro. Gen. Randolph.

The first business of the evening was the adoption of the following resolution, referring to the lamented death of our late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who held the office of G.B.B. in the Order. The S.R., Bro. Dr. Zacharie, moved in fitting terms, and it was seconded by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Councilor, "That this conclave desires to place on record the expression of its sincere regret at the decease of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, member of the Grand Council and of this conclave, and to offer its sympathy and condolence with the bereaved members of his family."

The Secretary was ordered to forward a copy of this motion together with a suitable letter to the relatives of the deceased brother. Letters of regret at enforced absence were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell Clerke, P.G.S.R.; Philbrick, G.C.; Sir J. H. Puleston, M.P.; Webster Glynes, Major Lambert, G.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R.; and other distinguished brethren of the Order. Certificates of membership of the Order were distributed. These have been executed by Bro. George Kenning, and were much admired.

The main business of the evening, after the installation of Bro. Thomas, was the presentation of a valuable piece of plate to the retiring S.R., Bro. Dr. Zacharie, which followed the passing of the following resolution, proposed by the S.R., and seconded (in the absence of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke) by Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips—"That the best thanks of this conclave and of the whole Order are due, and they are hereby tendered, to Bro. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R., I.P.S.R. of this conclave, for the courtesy, hospitality, zeal, and assiduity displayed by him during the past year in the interests of the Order in England, and that he be requested to accept the accompanying gift, marking the goodwill of his brethren, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by every brother S.M." The presentation of the plate, which was very handsome, having been made,

Bro. Dr. Zacharie said he felt his heart too full to thank the brethren adequately, not so much for the very beautiful present they had been good enough to present to him, as for the kind expressions of goodwill with which he had been favoured. He felt that his poor merits fell far short of all the kind things that had been said about him; but assured the brethren that from the very bottom of his heart he could promise that his best efforts should be in future, as they had been in the past, entirely at the service of the Order. Had any one ventured to prophecy, only a year ago, that the grain of seed sown in the Bon Accord Mark Lodge in February, 1887, would within a year have grown into a fine tree, like the present, he would have been ridiculed. The Alfred Meadows Conclave now numbered nearly 50 members, many of them the very cream of the Masonic world in England. The University of London Conclave, over which Bro. Philbrick presided, and which was restricted to University men, was flourishing exceedingly. The True Friendship Conclave, consecrated only last Saturday, and restricted to Grand Officers in any Degree, already numbered among its members Bros. Lord Euston, Williams, Major Cook, and Ward, as well as such names as those of Bros. Frank Richardson, G.G., R. Berridge, C. H. Driver, and C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R. He had left till the last mention of the Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, the much respected S.R. of which was present that evening, and whose indefatigable exertions, joined to those of Bro. Major P. Dunbar, had resulted in a conclave, with himself as S.R., Bros. George Kenning and E. C. Mulvey as C. and G., and some thirty other brethren all well-known in Masonry. Further applications for conclaves were coming in from time to time. Bro. Dorman of Northampton, Bro. Dr. Mackintosh, Bro. Pakes, and others, had all bespoke warrants, and generally the vigour displayed within their ranks was such as must

gratify the heart of one who was honoured by being Grand Supreme Ruler. He trusted that the Almighty might be pleased to spare him for many years to meet his brother Secret Monitors, and that when he should pass into the serene and yellow leaf, and should go to that land from whose bourne no traveller returns, he might leave behind him as good a name as that of the great patron of the Order, and that his name, and his work in filling what appeared to have been a blank in the English Masonic system, might be remembered for many generations.

The conclave decided to hold their Summer Meeting on June 23rd, and that it shall include a trip up the river Thames, and a banquet at Hampton Court. It was also decided that on this occasion members should be permitted to introduce lady friends.

After the usual banquet, furnished forth in the finished style usual at the Holborn Restaurant, the loyal toasts were followed by that of "The Health of the S.R., Bro. Thomas."

In supporting it Bro. Sir Robert Harley took occasion to say that he and Bro. Lewis Thomas had been close friends for over 40 years, that during that period they had never had a cross word, and that in the bonds which held them together as Secret Monitors, he felt an additional assurance that their life-long friendship would be still further strengthened and cemented.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the S.R. expressed his regret, which he thought would be shared by every member of the conclave, that Bro. Spratling had felt the pressure of his duties so much that he was compelled to retire from the office of Secretary, though as Grand Recorder of the Order he trusted he would still retain his intimate relations with the members. He felt sure, however, that the Secretary's heart would lead him to do all he could for the Alfred Meadows Conclave, and that in Dr. Chas. Gross, M.D., the new Secretary, they had a brother whose energy and ability would rival those of the brother just retiring from the post.

Bro. Dr. Gross' address is—the Infirmary, East Dulwich Grove, S.E.

The following is a list of the officers of the conclave for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, D.R.O., F.S.A., S.R.; Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R., I.P.S.R.; Col. J. P. Godfrey, G.B.B., C.; Chas. Belton, G.V., G.; W. G. Lemon, G.T., T.; Dr. Chas. Gross, Sec.; Lennox Browne, G. Gdr., Stwd.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, J. M. Collins, Webster Glynes, and J. M. Bastone, V. Deacons; Dr. Mackintosh, D.C.; Fredk. West, Gdr.; and G. W. Rowe, G. Sentinel, Sentinel.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among the brethren present were Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; E. West, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Hugh Cotter, S. Brooks, C. J. Perceval, C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, A. H. Tattershall, W. M. Bywater, G.S.B.; A. Fish, Alex. Forsyth, J. Newton, John Palmer, C. G. Hill, J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Cox, Charles Lacey, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; W. Belchamber, J. J. Berry, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, P.G. Std. B., and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased should be written.

The SECRETARY reported the deaths of eight annuitants (four male and four widows), and the Warden's report for the past month having been read, that of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The receipt of the nomination of two widows by West Yorkshire was announced, and as these were on the list of approved candidates, the number from which the election will be made in May is reduced from 64 to 62.

The application by a widow of an annuitant for the half of her late husband's annuity was granted.

A Committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, and J. Berry, was appointed to prepare the Annual Report of the Institution; and it having been resolved to invite the Stewards to pay their annual visit to the Asylum at Croydon, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G. D.C., occupied the chair, and there were present Bro. James Motion, A. Durrant, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Stephen Richardson, R. J. Tucker, Geo. P. Gillard, Geo. J. Row, Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D.; George Corble, J. S. Cumberland, W. M. Stiles, Thomas A. Motion, Andrew R. Motion, H. Dickey, C. H. Webb, H. S. Homewood, F. R. Spaul, Richard Eve, G. Treasurer; N. B. Headon, F. Adlard, W. Paas, Harvey Venn, W. H. Saunders, W. A. Scurreh, David D. Mercer, W. H. Perryman, G.P.; Joyce Murray, H. Webb, Dudley Rolls, J. L. Dale, S. H. Parkhouse, W. A. Glass, J. Glass, John W. Freeman, George Motion, George Mickley, F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee and Special Court on the 24th ult. read for information, two petitions were considered, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election. Five applications for grants towards outfit were made, and of these one was not entertained, while in the case of one of the remaining four, a sum of £40 was granted conditionally.

Notices of motion for the Quarterly Court having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE AND THE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

At the last regular meeting of this lodge, of which the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., is an honorary member, the following reply to the W.M., Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, P.G.W., was read by the Secretary, Bro. P. Soman, P.P.G. Steward Norfolk, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

"Marlborough House, 16th March, 1888.

"Sir, "I am desired by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of the address from the Savage Club Lodge of Freemasons, thanking his Royal Highness for the gavel used by the Queen in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute, and congratulating him and the Princess of Wales on the attainment of their Silver Wedding.

"The fraternal sentiments expressed by the brethren of the lodge are sincerely appreciated by their Royal Highnesses, and the Prince of Wales is glad to hear that the presentation made by him is so highly valued by the lodge.

"I have the honour to be, Sir, "Your obedient servant, "FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

"Sir Somers Vine."

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE ANDREWS, P.M., No. 871. We much regret to record the death of Bro. George Andrews, P.M. 871, and Preceptor of the Star and Wellington Lodges of Instruction. Initiated some 20 years since, Bro. Andrews has ever taken an active part in furthering the interests of the Craft, and nothing gave him greater delight than when imparting instruction to the many Masons who so gladly worked under his Preceptorship, and who must now sincerely mourn his death. Bro. Andrews was a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows, and was also much interested in the Charitable Associations connected with the Star Lodge of Instruction, to the day of his death, being the esteemed and honoured Treasurer of the third in connection with that lodge. Although totally incapacitated by illness for some considerable time past, it was hoped that being relieved from all care, his life would be prolonged, but a change for the worse taking place, he gradually became weaker, and peacefully passed away on Sunday, the 1st inst., in the 55th year of his age, and to the very sincere regret of his numerous friends and admirers. The funeral took place at Brockley Cemetery on Saturday last, when some 60 of the brethren followed the remains to the grave, others assembling at the cemetery gates. The beautiful burial service of the Church of England having been impressively rendered, the body of our departed brother was consigned to its last resting place, amid the sorrowful manifestations of regret of all present. It may be mentioned the funeral arrangements were conducted in the most complete and perfect manner, and to the entire satisfaction of all by Bro. J. G. Thomas, an old friend of the deceased, and a P.M. of the same lodge.

BRO. ALDERMAN WARDHAUGH, J.P.

We are sorry to record the death of Bro. Alderman Wardhaugh, J.P., which took place at his residence, Aubin House, Longton, Staffordshire, on the 27th ult., in his 75th year, after a long and severe illness, borne, as every Master Mason is taught to do, with fortitude. A friend who was much with him writes: "During his long illness I have spent many pleasant hours with him, trying in my humble way to relieve his sufferings and smooth his way to the unknown land. It is a grand consolation to know that he feared not death. His grand old face will always be with me as he lay in his coffin sleeping that last sleep—so serene, so natural!" On our brother's death becoming known, there was a general gloom cast over the borough of which he had for two consecutive years been Mayor and for many years a Town Councillor, a member of the Stoke Board of Guardians, of the Longton School Board, and of the Dresden Local Board. At the time of his death he was an Alderman and permanent Justice of the Peace for the borough. His whole life was devoted to the drama, having begun as a call boy at Drury Lane Theatre, and for many years was known as a provincial tragedian of great merit. He was the author of some 50 dramas himself, some of them being specially adapted for his own and his wife's acting, which took well with the public. But best of all he practised in his daily life those noble principles which are the distinguishing characteristics of every true Mason. Bro. Matthew Wardhaugh was initiated into Freemasonry March 17th, 1859, in the Lodge of Relief, Bury, then No. 50, on the proposition of his oldest living friend—Bro. Markham Tweddell—then Master of the Bury Industrial and Ragged Schools. Bro. Wardhaugh at that time had several wooden theatres, to which he moved his company for a few months each year, Bury, Barnsley, Leigh, Longton, and Congleton being places where he was annually welcome. In 1867 he built a permanent brick theatre at Longton and settled there, having only sold the theatre shortly before his death. The flags on all the public buildings in Longton were hoisted half-mast high on his death becoming known, and his funeral in Longton Cemetery, on the 31st ult., was attended by representatives of the Craft, the Corporation (including the present Mayor), the dramatic profession, and the Buffalo Society, in which he held high rank. He leaves a widow, but no children, save those of the intellect—being the author of several short poems, etc. He had in early life accompanied Wilson the author of "Tales of the Borders," in a tour which gave rise to that publication, and had he, as Bro. Tweddell and others of his literary friends strongly desired, been able to leave behind him particulars of his eventful life, it would have been a most interesting volume.

The last Cinderella dance of the Ingoldsby Club will take place at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on Thursday, the 19th inst. These dances have proved a great success owing to the excellent band under the direction of Mr. J. W. Irwin, Mr. Ernest Neeld, the Secretary, and Bro. Fred. H. Williams, the M.C. These dances will be started in November next.



Bro. Terry has accepted a new first piece by Mr. William Best, entitled "Physic, Law, and Divinity," which will shortly be played in front of "Sweet Lavender," now playing nightly to crowded houses, the "House full" boards being put out at every performance.

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Mr. Frank Gillmore, a son of Miss Emily Thorne (Mrs. Gillmore) has been taking the part of Bro. H. B. Conway in "Joseph's Sweetheart," during the latter's absence owing to ill-health. Mr. Gillmore has acquitted himself so admirably in the part of Joseph that we hope before long he will have a good part given him in London. He has been complimented on all sides for his rendering of a part which he took without warning, further than being the understudy.

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If there be differences of opinion, and we can conceive that there will be, regarding the dramatic qualities of Mr. W. S. Wills and Mr. Sydney Grundy's new play at the Haymarket, there cannot be other than one opinion regarding the magnificent way in which Bro. Beerbohm Tree has produced it. This distinguished young lessee has placed upon an English stage a faithful representation of Court life, manners, and dresses of the time of the profligate Louis XV., King of France, when the luxury of the 18th century had reached its highest point of development. The strange and gifted creature whose ascendancy over Louis XV. ceased only with her death, left the stamp of her individuality upon all the arts that ministered to the social life of her epoch. Painting, music, sculpture, and the drama all owed something to her patronage, and Bro. Tree has resolved upon bringing out a play furnished by Messrs. Wills and Grundy dealing with the tremendous influence an adventuress gained over the debased King of France, whom he created Marchioness of Pompadour. The first act opens in the palace of Versailles, with its marble pillars and windows overlooking the beautiful grounds, which, and all other scenes, are triumphs in the art of scenery of Messrs. Telbin and Walter Johnstone. But these would not by themselves—lovely as they are—so materially assist the authors' play were it not for the costumes in which an attempt has been made to present the actual fashions of the time, for which purpose the paintings of contemporary artists have been sought. Of the furniture and whole stage mounting it is no exaggeration to say that we have not ever witnessed a dramatic play more exquisitely put upon the stage. Nothing is omitted. We have the painted ceiling, the frescoes, the porphyry pillars, the richly carved furniture, ladies in hooped petticoats covered with satin gowns, which look as if they were inflated, gay cavaliers with periwigs and rapiers, and waistcoats beautifully worked. The whole "mise-en-scene" is most elaborate, every detail having received careful attention. It is a matter of opinion whether the characters are faithfully depicted by the authors, whether Voltaire was such a cynic, and whether Diderot and Grimm were such idiots as Messrs. Wills and Grundy would have them. We think "The Pompadour" should not be so much called a historical as a romantic drama. It differs from most plays, because love-making is not the plot of the piece, but the drama is founded on the ambition of an unscrupulous and wicked woman, who deserts her home, husband, and child, and ingratiates herself with the King, resolved to take the place of his Queen and sit on the throne herself, and just when the height of her ambition is attained she falls, and once more gives a practical proof to King Solomon's words—"Vanity of vanity—all is vanity." There is, however, a love interest in the play—that of the Pompadour's son—who has been brought up by the Lord Chamberlain as his secretary—and one of the young ladies-in-waiting to the Queen. This young man, unaware of his parentage, in a moment of haste denounces the Pompadour's vices, and she at once, also unaware that he is her only child, orders his execution. A very fine scene in the drama is that of his fiancée pleading with the Pompadour that his life may be spared. The adventuress pretends to be moved by the girl's tears, but hardens her heart like Pharaoh of old. He is led to be executed; but the Chamberlain, knowing whose son he is, arranges that he shall not be shot. A play scene takes place before the Court, arranged by Voltaire, who has found Narcisse, the lawful husband of the Pompadour. This man has become half demented, and has been searching all over the country for years for his wife. He tells the story of his domestic life and of finding his son, when the Pompadour now sees that this play is all true—that it is her own son whose execution she has ordered. She sends to save his life, but no sooner are the words out of her mouth than the shots of the soldiers are heard, and the Pompadour, supposing him to be killed, falls down dead, and so ends a mis-spent life. The young man is united then to the young lady of the Court. Bro. Beerbohm Tree, as Narcisse, is scarcely so happy as in most of his former characters. It is not one which is altogether satisfactory, as the hero is impossible to altogether feel for the ragged, uncouth tramp who has become the associate of courtiers. The acting leaves nothing to be desired. Mrs. Tree, as the Pompadour, is tragic to a degree. We thought she might have made more of the death scene, but throughout the various acts Mrs. Tree faithfully portrays the character of a cold-blooded, ambitious woman. Miss Janet Achurch still speaks in an artificial tone of voice, but the lover of Mr. Fred Terry is an excellent piece of acting. His dignified bearing and impassioned wooing quite won the hearts of his audience. Now he has got a hold on the London stage he ought not to be allowed to leave us. It is, we think, the first time we have had the pleasure of seeing this—the youngest—member of the Terry family act. Opinion seems unanimous that he filled his part with great taste. Bro. Brookfield, as Voltaire, perhaps acts the best of all. He has some splendid lines given him by the authors, which he delivers in a way that always hit. We shall be surprised if this play does not draw for the whole London season, and possibly after that.



The Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, as announced in our last, held "a Mourning Lodge" last evening (Thursday), at the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, in memory of the illustrious brother, the late Emperor William, Grand Protector of German Freemasons. The room was heavily draped in festoons of black velvet, with white cords and fringe. In the centre of the room was a catafalque, with a bust of the late Emperor at the head, surrounded by flowers and lighted tapers. The ceremony was of a most impressive character, and we shall give a full descriptive report in our next issue.

Bro. Albert J. Altman, C.C., presided at the dinner given by the Playing Card Makers' Company on Tuesday last, at the Guildhall Tavern.

Bro. Sheriff Higgs and Mrs. Higgs have issued invitations for a ball at the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, May 3rd, to celebrate the majority of their second son, Stanley.

The Chairman of the City Lands Committee, Bro. Frank Green, has issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion on Friday, the 20th inst., to meet Bros. the Lord Mayor, Major and Sheriff Davies, and Sheriff Higgs.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Friday, the 6th instant.

A largely-attended meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Friday, the 6th instant, among those present being Bros. Joseph Dodds, M.P., Sir J. Puleston, M.P., and Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P.

The 75th Anniversary Festival of the London Orphan Asylum was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening, when subscriptions to the amount of £2400 were announced. Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., was one of the principal guests.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley visited Colchester on the 5th instant for the purpose of inspecting the Mounted Infantry who have been in training under Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, commanding the district, and expressed himself well satisfied with their drill.

The Corporation of London have contributed £52 10s., the Mercers' Company, £52 10s., the Corporation of Edinburgh, £25, the Corporation of Aberdeen, £10 10s., the Grocers' Company, £26 5s., and the Cloth Workers' Company, £10, towards the Mansion House Fund for the new Waterloo Memorial.

Bro. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry arrived at Southampton, on board the North German Lloyd steamer Saale, from New York, on Friday, the 6th inst., Miss Terry continuing her journey to Bremen, for Heidelberg, for a short visit, returning thence in time for the opening performance at the Lyceum Theatre to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

The Grand Orient of Greece, on the occasion of the Silver Wedding of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, sent and received the following telegrams: "Prince of Wales, Grand Master, London, Freemasons of Greece best congratulations for Silver Wedding.—Grand Master of Greece, N. Damaskinos." "Grand Master of Freemasons, Damaskinos, Athens, I thank brethren of Greece for their congratulations.—Prince of Wales."

NATIONAL REGISTRATION OF PLUMBERS.—The Registration Committee of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers met at the Guildhall on the 4th inst., the Master of the Company (Mr. F. Machin) presiding. The first nominations for registration of plumbers in Edinburgh and the east of Scotland were received from the council recently formed in Edinburgh, under the presidency of Sir Douglas MacLagan, M.D., to extend the registration system in that district of Scotland.

It is announced that Mr. Walter Ingram, the youngest son of the late Bro. Herbert Ingram, M.P. for Boston, and founder of the *Illustrated London News*, had been killed by an elephant when out hunting in the neighbourhood of Berbara, on the East Coast of Africa. The deceased, who was in the 33rd year of his age, and had only been married about 12 months, was an officer in the Middlesex Yeomanry, and had been through the campaign in the Soudan under Bro. Lord Wolseley, having taken an active part in the battles of Abu Klea and Metemneh, and having received a medal for his services in those actions.

NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE.—Extract from *Kentish Town Magazine*, for April, 1888.—"The above-named Institute, under the special patronage of the Clergy, Medical Men, Gentlemen and Ladies of the N. and N.W. districts, affords in its daily and extensive practice, wondrous exemplification of the great progress that has been made in the science of dentistry during quite modern days, and also proves indisputably the great boon which the above-named Institute confers daily upon numerous sufferers. Defective teeth and gums are well known to be the foundation of the most painful complaints that afflict mankind, and that the several ailments of the mouth need the skilled attention of eminent scientists, if they are to be cured, or even alleviated, and in order that such skilled attention might be within the reach of all grades, the NORTH-WEST LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE was established. Situated at 80, Fortress-road, Junction-road, Kentish Town, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., Royal College of Surgeons of England, assisted by a staff of skilled and qualified gentlemen, this Institute supplied artificial teeth; latest scientific improvements; extracts teeth, and performs all other necessary operations painlessly, and bestows benefits that cannot be over-estimated upon this portion of our largely-populated suburbs that would not seek the aid of Hospitals and Charities in the Metropolis. We may add that Mr. A. W. FURBER, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., has had 20 years' experience in hospitals and private practice, is of a very kindly disposition, and eminently fitted for the position that he holds, where he has earned the golden opinions of all who have consulted him. Mr. FURBER is also a well-known benefactor, having devoted ten years of his early practice to serve the poor, during which period his well-tutored and able hand relieved [free of cost] no less a number than 20,000 suffering patients."—Fees at this Institute are moderate, and Free to "the Unemployed."

Bro. J. Judd, C.C., J.P., has been elected President of the Croydon Liberal Association, in succession to Mr. J. Cooper, J.P.

To-morrow (Saturday) H.R.H. the Princess Christian will open the new lecture hall of the Working Lads' Institute, Whitechapel.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., entertained the delegates to the Sugar Bounties Conference at dinner at his residence, 42, Grosvenor-place, on Sunday evening last.

Bro. Lord Alfred Paget and Miss Violet Paget arrived at their residence in Queen Anne-street, on Saturday evening last from Hyères, where, however, Lady Alfred still remains.

The 31st Anniversary Festival of the Warehousemen, Clerks, and Drapers' Schools, which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, has been postponed to Monday, the 11th June next.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Christian, left Victoria Station for Epsom Downs by the 1.10 p.m. train on Tuesday to attend the opening of the Epsom Spring Meeting.

It is announced that Bro. the Duke of Portland has resigned the lieutenant-colonelcy of the Honourable Artillery Company of London, and that in all probability the vacancy will be conferred on Major-General Higginson, lately in command of the Home District.

The partnership between Bro. Geo. Rawlinson and Mr. E. H. Vanderkeek, of 29, Friday-street, having been dissolved by mutual consent, Bro. Rawlinson will conduct business in connection with his son, as Rawlinson and Co., British and Foreign agents, at the same address.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., presided at the second meeting of the Sugar Bounties Conference, held at the Foreign Office, on Tuesday, since the long adjournment over Easter. There was a full attendance of the delegates, who reported the opinions of their respective governments.

Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., presided at the great political meeting held in the Pavilion, Carnarvon, on Tuesday, at which the Prime Minister delivered his long-promised address. Among the chief personages on the platform were Bros. Lord Harlech, Stanley Leighton, M.P., Sir J. Puleston, M.P., and others.

The Emperor Frederick of Germany has conferred upon Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie the Cross Collar and Star of the Hohenzollern Order in recognition of his services and the skill he has shown during the period of his attendance on his Majesty. The Emperor had previously obtained from the Queen her Majesty's permission for Bro. Sir M. Mackenzie to accept and wear the Order.

Arrangements have been made by which the Queen and the Princess Beatrice will leave Florence on Monday week next, the 23rd inst., and, travelling *via* the Brenner Pass, will reach the German capital, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when her Majesty and the Princess will remain for a short time the guests of the Emperor and Empress of Germany at Charlottenburg.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser presided at the 43rd anniversary festival, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the funds of the German Hospital. The subscriptions announced amounted to £438, and included £200 from the German Emperor, £50 from the Emperor of Austria, and £50 from the Chairman. Bro. W. Ganz, P.G. Org., had charge of the musical arrangements.

Bros. the Earl of Londesborough, Lord A. Hill, M.P., Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, M.P., Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Dixon Hartland, M.P., Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Sir A. O. Ewing, Bart., Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., the Hon. E. Hubbard, M.P., Gen. Sir E. B. Hamley, M.P., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Sir E. Bates, Bart., were among the principal guests at the banquet given at St. James's Hall on Wednesday evening to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

On Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., the members of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, held their annual supper at the Mitre, Chancery-lane, W.C. The host, Bro. Drew, prepared a sumptuous repast, which called forth high praise from the brethren and visitors. The chair was taken by Bro. Walker, P.M. 72, Preceptor, who was supported by Bro. Darch, P.M. and Sec. 72, Assistant Preceptor, and by Bro. Lewcock, J.W. 72, Hon. Sec. After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to in a thoroughly cordial manner, interspersed by songs ably sung by Bros. Webster, Parker, Drew, Goldstein, Richardson, and other brethren, Bro. Goldstein giving the musical accompaniment. A most enjoyable evening was spent, largely due to the admirable manner in which the arrangements were carried out by Bro. Drew.

RELIC OF CAPT. COOK.—We learn from the *Whitby Gazette* that Bro. G. Markham Tweddell, the Stokesley author, has recently discovered that he had possessed for many years a relic of Capt. Cook, which he was not aware of until then. It is an old mathematical book, purchased at some auction in the town. Bro. Tweddell happened to take up this old book, and the first thing which met his eye to his surprise on opening the volume, was the well-known autograph of Capt. Cook, written on a fly-leaf, with the date of 1771, when the great circumnavigator had just returned from his first voyage round the world. The title of the book is "A Treatise of such mathematical instruments as are usually put into a portable case, containing the various uses in arithmetic, geometry, trigonometry, architecture, surveying, gunnery, &c., with a short account of the authors who have treated on the proportional compasses and sector. To which is now added an appendix containing a description and use of the gunners callipers. The second edition, with many additions, by J. Robertson, F.R.S." It is strongly bound in calf, unlettered, and contains eight folding plates. The book was no doubt much studied by Cook, who, like most other really great men, was for the most part self-educated. Had not this relic of Cook accidentally fallen into the hands of the local antiquary, it most probably would have perished.

Bro. Richardson Gardner, M.P., and Mrs. Richardson Gardner have returned to their residence in Grosvenor-square for the season.

Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, G. Chaplain of Ireland, presided at the opening meeting on Tuesday of the Synod of the Irish Church.

The Emperor Frederick of Germany has contributed the sum of 50,000 marks (about £2500) towards the relief of the sufferers by the inundations.

Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper arrived at their house in St. James's-square on Tuesday evening, having returned from their tour in Egypt by way of Naples.

Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. Eng., and D.P.G.M. Wilts, has just entered upon his Masonic Jubilee year, having been initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge on 11th April, 1838.

The anniversary festival dinner of King's College Hospital will take place in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, the 38th inst., when the chair will be occupied by Lord Justice Bowen.

A handsome tea service was presented to Bro. T. S. Parvin, G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, on the 14th March last, as a memorial of his having completed half-a-century's membership and service as a Mason.

On the 4th inst. Lady Campbell was presented at the Conservative Club, Glasgow, with a portrait in oils of her husband, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M. of Scotland, who acknowledged the gift on behalf of her ladyship.

The Festival in aid of the Building Fund of the British Home for Incurables, will take place in the Conservatory of the Royal Horticultural Gardens, South Kensington, on the 14th May, when the Duke of Cambridge has graciously consented to preside.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales gave several sittings last week at Sandringham to Mr. J. E. Boehm, R.A., for a full length statuette, which the officers of the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars are desirous of presenting to the Prince and Princess of Wales as a Silver Wedding gift, and in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his Royal Highness's appointment to the colonelcy of the regiment.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at seven o'clock precisely, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, Criterion, Piccadilly, by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. The annual supper will take place at the conclusion of the ceremonies, Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1503, Preceptor, in the chair; and Bro. G. Reynolds, S.W. 1614, Secretary, Vice-Chairman.

The King and Queen of Italy, accompanied by Signor Crispi, visited her Majesty at the Villa Palmieri on the 5th inst., and in the afternoon of the same day the visit was returned, her Majesty visiting the King and Queen at the Pitti Palace. The following day there was a State luncheon at the Palace, at which the Queen of Serbia, the Emperor and Empress of Brazil, and the Duke of Leuchtenburg were present to meet her Majesty.

At the urgent request of Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, H.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, Bro. the Lord Mayor has opened a subscription at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers by the recent inundations in Germany. The Prince of Wales has sent a cheque for £100 to his lordship, and other large sums have also been contributed. The German Empress Victoria has visited the districts affected with a view to seeing how best the necessary relief can be afforded.

The members of the West Norfolk Hunt presented their Silver Wedding gift, consisting of a model in silver of a fox in full gallop, on a black mahogany stand, to the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied by their sons and daughters, at the East Winch Steeple-chases on Saturday last, the presentation being made by Mr. Hamond, who was for many years the Master of the Hunt. The gift was most graciously acknowledged by the Prince on behalf of the Princess and himself.

The Prov. G. Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Bombay met at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay, on the 15th December last, under the presidency of Bro. James W. Smith, Prov. G. Mark Master, who delivered a very kindly address to the brethren present, on laying down his office, the address being very warmly applauded. Bro. Justice Parsons, Prov. G. Mark Master designate, was then introduced and installed, and after compliments all round, and the investiture of Bro. Harold R. King, the meeting was closed, and the brethren separated.

LOGIC CLUB.—Owing to a clerical error we stated last week that the first Friday of each month is termed officers' day. It should have been the first Sunday in the month. On that day the Preceptor, Deputy-Preceptor, Secretary, or Treasurer work the ceremonies. On the first Sunday in May the installation ceremony will be rehearsed. Next Sunday Bro. Taylor is in the chair, and rehearses the Second Degree; the following Sunday Bro. Harry Nicholls, it is expected, will work the First Degree. It was Mrs. Hynans who accompanied, and Mr. Abbott who played the violin at the recent dinner.

Very many of the Colonies have combined together for the purpose of presenting, as a Silver Wedding gift to the Prince and Princess of Wales, a sum of money to be appropriated as a memorial of that event, the subscriptions having been limited to a very small amount. The subject having been officially announced by Lady Knutsford, wife of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, their Royal Highnesses have acknowledged the gift and desired her ladyship to express to the representatives of the contributing colonies their very sincere thanks for the presentation.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.—ADV.