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RUMOUR, with its hundred tongues, is always particularly busy about this time, when the brethren are apt to speculate, with more than the usual keen interest they take in the proceedings of the G. Master, as to those on whom his Royal Highness has resolved to confer the honour of the purple on Wednesday next. Of course, these speculations must always be more or less hazardous, but we have occasionally found in them a grain or two of truth, and therefore, with the warning to our readers not to pin their faith to the list absolutely, so far as it goes, we announce it as being currently reported that Bro. HALSBURY—Lord High Chancellor of England—and Lord JOHN TAYLOR will be the new G. Wardens; Bro. R. BERRIDGE, G. P. GOLDNEY—both Past G. Stewards—and Sir R. NICHOLAS HOWARD and E. ASHWORTH, G. Deacons; Bro. BARRETT, the new G. Organist; and Bro. A. C. SPAULL, P.G. Sec. Shropshire, and HERBERT J. ADAMS among the other G. Officers. However, whether there is any foundation for these reports or not will be known on Wednesday, when G. Lodge holds the Grand Festival, and the brethren chosen will be invested with the insignia of their respective offices by the GRAND MASTER in the chair.

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There was a pretty keen contest on Saturday last when the Spring election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place. The number of approved candidates, including the 13 unsuccessful in October last, was 42, while the number to be elected was only 12. Consequently the friends and supporters of the various children brought all their influence to bear in order to ensure success, the proportion of unpolled votes, of which there were rather more than 2700, being somewhat lower than usual. London, which had 13 candidates, carried three, the girl BURT heading the poll with 3888 votes, EDMESTON being 8th with 2497 votes, and FREEMAN 11th with 2219 votes. Cambridgeshire placed its one candidate at No. 2, with 2736 votes, the girl HOPGOOD, with support from the two provinces of Gloucestershire and Hants and Isle of Wight, being third with 2734 votes, and PENNINGTON, who obtained the fourth place with 2616 votes, and O'HARA, who stood ninth with 2393 votes, being two of the four candidates sent up by East Lancashire. FLORENCE E. BARTON, from West Yorkshire and Cumberland and Westmorland, was fifth with 2570 votes; LILY MARTIN, one of three Kentish candidates, stood sixth with 2525 votes, and CLARA HODGSON, the solitary West Yorkshire candidate, next with 2499 votes. M. M. TINK of Dorsetshire was tenth with 2302 votes, and M. CARTER, one of two girls from Cumberland and Westmoreland, twelfth with 2014 votes. The foregoing will be received into the School at the usual time, while the 30 unsuccessful candidates, with the exception of M. A. MARIE, who obtained only 31 votes, and being 11 years of age in June, will have her name removed from the list, will carry their votes forward to the election in October. Of these POOLER (London) scored 1883 votes, R. R. WEBSTER (Victoria) and SIMS (London), 1662 votes and 1640 votes respectively, WILLS (London) 1474 votes, and CODLING (Nottinghamshire) 1439 votes, and H. M. LIVERD (Berks and Bucks) 1188 votes, and SHORT (Warwickshire and Madras) 1074 votes, the support given to the others diminishing gradually, the girl at the bottom of the poll, though her father had belonged to lodges in two neighbouring provinces, obtaining no votes at all. However, as she will be within the prescribed age for a further two and a half years, the absence of votes on this occasion need prove no obstacle to her ultimate success. As regards the total poll there were 6987 votes brought forward by the unsuccessful candidates last October, and 46,211 votes were issued for the present election, of which 43,501 votes were used, making a grand total of 50,488 votes, against a possible total of 53,198 votes, the unused and spoilt votes being 2710 in number.

As might have been expected, the poll on Monday at the election of 15 from an approved list of 65 candidates for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was unusually heavy. There were 24,978 votes brought forward from last October, and the votes issued for this election were 57,150, giving a total of 82,128. Of these there were only 3859 unused or spoiled votes, 53,291 out of the votes newly issued having been returned and passed. As regards the distribution, there were 30 candidates who polled from 1000 upwards, the highest seven of these having each 3000 votes and upwards, the next 12 ranging from 2151 votes to 2937 votes, and the remaining 11 from 1024 votes to 1976 votes. In addition, the next 10 candidates—from No. 31 to No. 40, both inclusive—polled from 979 votes, given to No. 31, to 503 votes, given to No. 40. The highest of the successful candidates was the boy CROMPTON, with 3477 votes, of which 348 were brought forward. His father was a member of lodges in Cheshire and West Lancashire, and had he failed on this occasion, his name would have been removed from the list. The Gloucestershire candidate—GOLDRING—stood second, with 3298 votes, NANKIVELL, one of three candidates from Norfolk, being third, with 3271 votes, BIRD, of East Lancashire, being fourth, with 3222 votes, GALLOTT, with 1450 votes brought forward and a total of 3046 votes, being next; BROWN, one of two Durham boys, sixth, with 3043 votes, of which 1914 were brought forward from last October, and BINDLEY, of Staffordshire, seventh, with 3002 votes. Of the remaining eight candidates, London succeeded in placing three, namely, CHEEK, with a total of 2937 votes, of which 2129 votes were brought forward, at No. 8; DE GROS, 2626 votes, of which 1680 votes were brought forward, at No. 13; and STAFF, 2506 votes, of which 877 votes were brought forward at No. 15. Surrey obtained the ninth place for its candidate, who raised his total of 2039, remaining from last October to 2816 votes, and two of the four boys from West Yorkshire were 10th and 12th respectively, FOOTE, with 11 to his credit, polling 2788 votes, and FOULDS, 2667 votes. DAVEY, of Middlesex, with 1622 votes to the good from October, raised his total to 2768 votes, and secured the 11th place, while KING, one of two boys hailing from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, stood 14th with 2616 votes. A London candidate headed the list of the unsuccessful candidates, notwithstanding he had 1417 votes from October, while Nos. 22-3-4-5, and Nos. 27-8-9 were also from the same quarter. MOSSOP, of Cumberland and Westmorland, with 2145 votes from October, polled only 134 additional votes, and had to content himself with the 18th place, though one cannot help thinking that with better management on the part of his friends, and also in the case of BALL, of London, the result would have been different. Fortunately, however, they will be eligible in October next and at subsequent elections, so that there ought to be no difficulty in securing their ultimate admission into the School. WAKEFIELD, who stood 50th, with 68 votes, and evidently never had the least chance of success, will have his name removed from the list, under Law 53, but the other 49 boys will carry their votes forward to October, when, if the proportion of vacancies to candidates is no greater than it was on Monday, we shall, no doubt, witness another keen contest for admission.

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As we briefly intimated last week, the Masonic Jubilee of a distinguished Craftsman has just been celebrated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, U.S.A. The building selected for the purpose was the Library Premises of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which form a noble monument and testimony to the 50 years' devoted services of the veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. PARVIN, who completed his Jubilee as a Mason on March 14th, 1888. This zealous brother was initiated in Cincinnati, and of the lodge members living, who were Bro. PARVIN'S contemporaries, there are but two, both being his seniors, one having been connected with the lodge 63 years, and the other 53 years. When Bro. PARVIN went to reside in Iowa the population was less in number than there are Freemasons in its Grand Lodge, so rapid has been the growth of that State. We trust that Bro. PARVIN will be spared for many years longer to serve the Craft, for he is not only an ornament of the Fraternity, but one of the most able and zealous the Society has ever had in its ranks.

### THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

It is hardly possible to avoid feeling certain grave misgivings as to the result of the approaching Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In ordinary circumstances, the Board of Stewards is sufficiently strong by about the middle of April to justify the belief that, unless something very untoward should happen in the meantime, the subscriptions at the Festival will about suffice for the year's expenditure. But though fully six months have elapsed since Bro. Binckes was in a position to announce that R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, had kindly undertaken to preside as chairman, and though during the whole of that period he has been going about visiting lodges both in town and country soliciting brethren to give their services as Stewards, we regret to say that the responses which have been made to his eloquent and earnest appeals have been far less numerous than in any of the last 12 or 14 years. While, however, it will not be difficult to account for this partial failure of his efforts, we must take upon ourselves to remind our readers and the Craft generally that the duty lies upon them to provide the sum necessary to maintain the School upon its present footing. Every one expects that from time to time some special requirements will arise in connection with one or other of our Masonic Charitable Institutions which can only be satisfied by an extra display of zeal and generosity on the part of the brethren. In 1883 it was the erection of a Preparatory School for the Boys Institution, and the appeal then made for the wherewith to carry out the proposal was nobly met. This year it is the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School which is engrossing so large a share of our attention, and not only are we all most anxious for the success of the celebration, but we make bold to say that there is not a brother in England who will not be grievously disappointed if that success does not far surpass all other Festival successes, no matter how brilliant they may have been. Then in 1892 we shall have the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a few years later still we shall be as full of the Boys' School Centenary as we are now of that of the sister School. But while we fully recognise the justice of these special claims upon our energy and our purses, and shall always endeavour to satisfy them in a manner worthy of their importance, we must be careful that the needs which recur annually in the case of each of our Charities are not lost sight of. The Festival of the Benevolent Institution for the current year has passed off most satisfactorily, the total of the subscriptions realised being rather more than will suffice to provide the £15,000 required for the annuitants, while the success of the Girls' School Centenary to which we are looking forward so hopefully, has not been in the slightest degree imperilled; and what we would impress upon our readers now is that the special claims of the Girls' School Centenary, which merit every exertion that can be made in their favour, can, and should be met without causing any detriment to the interests of the Wood Green Institution—even the most out-and-out supporters of our senior Charity would regret a triumph, no matter how signal or how desirable it may be, which was gained under such circumstances. Unfortunately, the Boys' School prospects just now, when but little more than two months remain to us, is more discouraging than we have known since the year of the Prince of Wales's installation as G. Master. The Board of Stewards, which is ordinarily some 200 strong towards the latter part of April, numbers at present only about 150 brethren, the representation both of London and the provinces being considerably less than usual. We have every confidence in those who have volunteered their services, that they will spare no exertion in order to raise the sum required to clothe, educate, and maintain the 260 boys on the establishment. No doubt Bro. Lord Ebrington and his Province of Devonshire will put their shoulders to the wheel in order that the Festival, in which they have undertaken to play the leading part, may not compare unfavourably with its predecessors. Much also may be done between now and the middle of June in obtaining additional Stewards, and by those who are already serving in that capacity in obtaining additional subscriptions. But even the most sanguine amongst us must allow that there is a terrible amount of leeway to make up, while the position has been rendered a thousand times more difficult by the series of disgraceful and unjustifiable attacks which have been and still are being directed against the School authorities, so that it is difficult to believe these will pass away without exercising a disastrous influence on the subscription list. We trust, therefore, while there is yet time for it to be of service, that the further assistance which is so urgently required will be forthcoming, so that when the 27th of June arrives, it may be Bro. Binckes's privilege to announce a total which shall at least suffice for the requirements of the current year.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Monday at the Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Capt. S. George Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G. Master Monmouthshire, in the chair. He was supported on the dais by Bros. Dudley Rolls, Joyce Murray, Raynham W. Stewart, Henry Venn, and others.

The minutes were first confirmed, and afterwards, on the motion of Bro. HENRY VENN, seconded by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The following brethren were elected the General Committee: Bros. C. W. Bennett, W. B. Blackmur, John French, Charles T. Dorey, Noah Martin, E. C. Massey, Henry Massey, C. H. McKay, A. H. Scurrah, John Stock, H. Webb, and Henry Wells.

Bro. N. B. HEADON, P.M. 1426, moved—

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 at 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 Courts and Committees of the Institution are ordinarily held."

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, and carried.

Bro. GEORGE J. ROW, Life Governor, moved—

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 property 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.

He submitted that the Institution had large property at Wood Green, which was well known, and anything that would improve that property should be adopted. The state of the roads had been disgraceful for years past, and the rates had gone on gradually increasing until last year they were 4s. 10d. in the pound. The time had come, he thought, for bringing about a different order of things, and the separation of Wood Green as a Local Board District from Tottenham Local Board would be a desirable movement. It was necessary they should obtain £2000 to take part in the promotion of this Bill, and they had already £500. If the £100 he asked for was granted it would be only as a loan, for it would be repaid out of the first (Oh, oh.) This Institution paid £240 a year for Local Board rates.

A BROTHER asked if the Court had the power to vote this money. (Several voices—"No.")

Another BROTHER said he thought it was a waste of time to discuss this question.

Bro. G. J. ROW said he had been advised by the House Committee to put this notice on the paper.

Bro. F. BINCKES (Secretary) wished to correct this statement. On the contrary, the Board said they had no funds at their disposal, and even if they voted any sum, they could not go beyond 10 guineas. If the brethren would look on their agenda papers they would see a strong appeal made to the Craft for assistance, because the Institution was absolutely in distress:

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

He did not see how, in face of that appeal, they could ask the Court to grant the sum asked.

Another BROTHER said he thought it would be monstrously wicked in such a state of things to vote money for the purpose named; really it was only to support one local body in a quarrel with a rival body.

Bro. ROW asked the Chairman to put the motion.

The CHAIRMAN said it had not been seconded yet. He hoped Bro. ROW would withdraw it. When Bro. ROW saw what was at the bottom of the circular notice which had been read he did not see how he could persist in his motion.

Bro. ROW, as one taking an interest in the matter, came to the meeting hoping the motion would be received in a favourable spirit. If the sum was to be reduced to a smaller amount he would be happy to receive it. ("Oh, oh," and "Withdraw.") They strongly recommended it, and he hoped the brethren would see their way to granting it.

The motion, having been seconded by a BROTHER, was put to the meeting and lost.

Bro. JAMES MOTION wished to ask a question as to the management of the School. ("Chair.") He was informed at the last meeting of the General Committee that now would be a good opportunity to ask the question.

The CHAIRMAN said he could not take it. The next business was the nomination of Scrutineers for the election.

The Scrutineers were then appointed.

Bro. MOTION again tried to get an answer to his enquiry, but was told it would not be taken.

The election of 15 boys out of an approved list of 65 candidates was then proceeded with, and at the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Arthur Oswald Crompton ...	3477	David William Ewart Cable ...	2810
Reginald Woodley Goldring ...	3298	Noel Chandos D'Oyley Foote ...	2788
Ernest William Nankivell ...	3271	Arthur Ernest Davey ...	2667
Robert Samuel Bird ...	3222	William Albert Foulds ...	2620
George Louis Granville Gallott ...	3046	Francis Le Gros ...	2616
Walter Herbert Brown ...	3043	Richard George King ...	2506
Robert Guy Bindley ...	3002		
Henry Cecil Cheek ...	2937		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Charles Ball ...	2428	Alfred William Clarke ...	414
Charles William Green ...	2299	Stanley Edmund Rolls Pratt ...	384
Charles Irwin Mossop ...	2279	William John Jennings ...	354
Arthur Henry Grimsey ...	2151	Percy Howard Wells ...	327
Robert Percy Chinneck ...	1976	John Herault De Caen ...	155
Vernon Peed Gaches ...	1965	Frederick William John Scott ...	119
Stanley Baylis ...	1641	Edward Dunthorne Hodgkinson ...	88
Francis Pater Turner ...	1603	Archibald Wallace Campbell ...	79
Ernest Murley ...	1455	Edmund Arnold Greening Lamborn ...	72
Frederick Bland ...	1371	Sydney Hammersley Wakefield ...	68
Walter Land ...	1177	George Hancock Cox ...	62
Fred Wilson ...	1135	Arthur Thomas Browne ...	54
Joseph Wood ...	1049	Clement Siggers ...	39
Harry Lawrence ...	1036	Frederick George Hart ...	25
Harold Gray ...	1024	James Carruthers ...	20
Samuel Henry Reginald Furse ...	979	John Leonard Brown ...	15
Samuel Carr ...	935	Ernest Edward Whale ...	12
Edward George Jarman ...	822	John Crossman ...	9
Arthur Herbert Windsor ...	739	Martin Roddwell Bostock ...	8
Arthur Hughes Crane ...	729	Rhys Edgar Morgan ...	5
Wallace Peter Charles Bosco ...	726	Herbert John Drewitt ...	4
Ernest James Brown ...	686	William Hubert Pinder ...	4
Arthur Howard Kemp ...	631	Alex. Sydenham Sherriff Clunes ...	3
George Wilkinson ...	594	Kenneth Kendall ...	3
Edgar Holmes Burgess ...	503	Frank Gowland Harvey ...	1

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The April Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and he was supported at the table by Bros. Thomas Fenn, H. W. Hunt, Frank Richardson, Major Finney, E. Letchworth, J. H. Matthews, J. A. Rucker, and others; and there were also present a large number of old supporters of the School.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, The CHAIRMAN said before the brethren proceeded to the business of the day it was his painful duty to move "That this Quarterly Court desires to record its deep sense of the loss the Institution has sustained by the death of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past Grand Standard Bearer, Vice Patron, and for some years a member of the House Committee, and to express to Mrs. Bowyer and her family its very sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement." Some of those present could scarcely realise the sad fact that never again in that hall should they greet the genial presence of Bro. Edgar Bowyer; never again on that or kindred platforms would he plead with that persuasive and irresistible eloquence the cause of the aged, the afflicted, and the distressed. Supporting as he ever did with a large-hearted, munificent generosity the claims of the widow and the fatherless, Bro. Bowyer had gone to his reward, but his works remained for the brethren to follow and imitate, and equal so far as they were able the illustrious example that he set before them in endeavouring to carry out the one great principle of the Masonic Order—Charity. Nothing remained for them but in passing this resolution to convey to his bereaved widow and sorrowing family their heartfelt sympathy at their irreparable loss in the removal to the Grand Lodge above of their lamented Bro. Edgar Bowyer.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., said as an old member of the House Committee of the Institution it was his melancholy duty to second the motion proposed by their Bro. Chairman in such feeling and eloquent terms. He felt on the present occasion that he had nothing to add to the remarks that the Chairman made except this, that for many years it was his privilege to be intimately associated in the management of that Institution with Bro. Edgar Bowyer, and among the many Institutions with which their deceased brother was connected there was none which would feel more keenly and sincerely the loss they had sustained than this Institution.

The CHAIRMAN requested the vote of the meeting should be passed in solemn silence.

The vote was unanimously carried. A motion proposed by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, was also unanimously carried, authorising the Trustees to give their assent to the conversion of the Institution's. Three per Cent. Consols and Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities into £2 15s. per Cent. Consolidated stock. Bro. Richardson said it had been done by other Trustees to the extent of 80 millions, and it was no use for the Trustees of that Institution to stand out. They had better take the best terms they could get.

On the motion of Bro. RUCKER, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Major FINNEY, Bro. H. Brooks Marshall was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said he thanked them for re-electing him Treasurer of the Institution, the duties of which office mainly consisted in presiding over these Courts. The duties were very light, because he was so ably assisted by Bro. Hedges, the Secretary. He always considered it the duty of a Chairman at these elections to support by some of his votes the last application cases, and on this occasion he found there were two—Kate Lilian Boning and Melinda Alexandrine Marie—both of whom he trusted would be successful. At all events, he would do his best to facilitate their election by dividing between them some of his votes. (Cheers.)

The following brethren were elected the 12 annual or life subscribers on the General Committee:—Bros. Edward Ayling, W. Beavis, J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, James F. Corben, Lieut.-Col. Wolsley Cox, T. A. Dickson, William Dodd, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrill, William Vincent, and F. Thomas.

The following Report of the Centenary Committee was read by Bro. HEDGES:—

REPORT OF THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, MEETING ON THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1887.

Since their report, dated 27th September, 1887, your Committee have had under their consideration a revised plan of Scheme B: of the proposed improvement and enlargement of the building submitted to them by Bros. Hunt and Clutton, which provides for some important alterations in the position of the Centenary Hall and of the Domestic Offices.

From the plans submitted herewith, it will be seen that the Centenary Hall has been turned round, so as to be approached directly from the principal entrance of the building, thus occupying an almost central position, in easy communication with the Dining Hall, and School and Class Rooms, to which a much better light is afforded. The size of the Hall is 100 feet by 40 feet instead of 105 feet by 42 feet.

The new Domestic Offices have been brought nearer to the Alexandra Wing, the Kitchen being directly adjacent to the Dining Hall and on the same level; a Fore Court is thus obtained between this building and the public road.

The cost under this revised arrangement will probably be somewhat less. Your Committee, including some representative brethren from the provinces, whom they have added to their number, are unanimous in strongly recommending this revised plan to the General Committee for approval.

THO. FENN, P.B.G.P.,  
Chairman.

7th November, 1887.

EXPLANATION OF PLANS.

The design contemplates removing the Domestic Offices in the N.E. wing, which, having been arranged for a School of about 80 girls, are quite inadequate for a School of 200; and building,

- (a.) A Large Hall, 100 feet by 40 feet, for assemblies of the whole School, Drill and Recreation, to be called the Centenary Hall.
  - (b.) New Kitchen Offices, with Matron's Room, Cooking Class Room, House Dining Room, and Servants' Bed Rooms.
  - (c.) Converting the present Large School Room in the Alexandra Wing into a Dining Hall.
  - (d.) Converting the present Dining Hall and Cookery Class Room into School Rooms.
  - (e.) Building three Large Class Rooms having an average area of 722 sup. feet each.
  - (f.) Six Large Dormitories over on Two Floors, with necessary Governesses' Bed Rooms, Lavatories, and Bath Rooms.
  - (g.) Constructing New Wide Hard Wood Staircases in place of the existing ones, which, at present, include a Small Circular Staircase and one with many winders.
  - (h.) Erecting Day Lavatories, Boot and Cloak Rooms, and Latrines.
- The increased accommodation must be considered relatively to the increased space demanded in the existing building, in order to give 50 feet area to each bed. At present there are 206 children sleeping in the Dormitories, but in order to give each child 50 feet superficial area, the number would have to be reduced to 172. The altered building will accommodate sleeping space for 240 children, with 50 feet superficial to each child, with an average height of 15 feet.

It is proposed to warm the Old Building as well as the New with hot water, and to ventilate the new Rooms by a system of exhaust similar to that used at the Ventnor Hospital.

It is estimated that the cost of these works, without warming, scientific ventilation, and fire mains and hydrants, will be under £20,000:

New Kitchen Building	... ..	under	£7000
Corridor to communicate with Alexandra Wing and Main Building	..		600
New School Room, Dormitories, Stairs, &c.	... ..		5000
Latrines, Lavatories, &c.	... ..		1400
Centenary Hall	... ..		5000
Contingencies (exclusive of Warming, Scientific Ventilation, and Fire Mains, &c.)	... ..		1000
			£20,000

Copies of plans were also in the hands of every brother.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded the adoption of the report; and the motion was carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., moved the declaration of a vacancy in the School, by one girl having been withdrawn during the last half-year in consequence of her mother going abroad.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, in seconding the motion, wished to add a few words of advice to the House Committee. When the brethren first came to these Quarterly Courts there were 68 girls in the School, and they used to be successful at the elections with 300 votes. The number in the School had now increased to 245, but the size of the Institution had not been increased in due proportion. The result was that whenever the brethren saw there was a vacancy they filled it up; but he hoped this would come to an end when the report which they had just adopted had been carried out. He had been to the Institution a great many times, and had seen that the beds were too much crowded together; they got closer and closer, and he felt that it was not in the interests of the girls or of the Institution to press into the rooms a crowd of girls. He put it to the brethren whether it was wise or judicious. He hoped when the new scheme was completed the Committee would not be pressed continually to force more than the proper number of girls into the School, and he felt that the whole meeting would be with him. In a very short time the overcrowding would be remedied, so therefore he had much pleasure in not opposing the motion.

The vacancy was then declared.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee, moved—

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, "

In making the motion, Bro. RICHARDSON said he was sure it would meet with the approval of the meeting. Bro. Hammerton had been a member of the House Committee between 6 and 7 years. Before being a member of the House Committee he supplied the Institution with beer, and so charitable and liberal-hearted a man was he, that each half year, when he received his cheque, he paid it into the funds of the Institution in the name of his children. This act of liberality was carried out to the extent of £2158 5s. When he was elected a member of the House Committee he found it was impossible any longer to supply the Institution with anything in a business way, and consequently he had made the Institution a present of all the beer the Institution had consumed, and since he was so elected the beer he had supplied would have cost £950. Bro. Hammerton had not been very well lately, and had taken a journey to Malta to recruit his health. During the time he had been away this matter had been brought before the House Committee, and they thought it only fair and just that a man who had behaved in so liberal and charitable manner should have some acknowledgment of his liberality in an equivalent in votes. Two years ago the General Court made Mrs. Hammerton a Vice-Patroness on account of the £215 5s. Deducting the amount from £950 it left say £740 in round numbers to Bro. Hammerton's credit. Therefore, the House Committee thought the amount might be appropriated in the manner set out in the notice of motion by making each of his children Honorary Patrons. Bro. Hammerton had just arrived from his journey at Plymouth, and it would be a very satisfactory thing indeed for him when he arrived home that day if he found this intimation of what the Court had done awaiting him.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 715, said, in seconding the motion, that this was by no means the only Charity which Bro. Hammerton supported. Local charities largely benefited by his liberality.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL enquired how many votes this constituted for the whole family, and if it were possible for the family to get them in perpetuity, because, if so, it would save a deal of time at the elections.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said the number of votes would be 530, but he might say it would not be in accordance with Bro. Hammerton's feelings to give a life donation. What he preferred was that his children should have some interest in the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that before he put the resolution he should like the brethren to understand that they were not conceding to Bro. Hammerton any favour, for he had literally paid hard cash for the votes which were now going to be granted to him. His (the Chairman's) experience of charitable institutions outside Masonry was that when any friend of the Institution had done anything serviceable for it, the Institution passed him complimentary votes. But the present case was one simply of Bro. Hammerton having given the money. If Bro. Hammerton had just subscribed the amount in money he would have been entitled to £200 worth more votes than they were now giving. He had contributed more money in hard cash than the value of the votes they were now giving him. The motion was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron, moved—

That Law LXVI. be amended to read as follows: "The General Committee may pay for the maintenance and education of each Girl to the age of Sixteen years, any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds per annum."

The custom had been, he said, to pay £12, but this sum was totally inadequate to the expense to which the friends were put. The education at one time cost a much smaller sum than at present. Some years ago the Boys' School gave £12 for education and the £8 for clothing, and he (Bro. Hogard) was now only asking the Court to do the same for the girls as was done for the boys. The friends of a candidate for the Boys' School had the

option of saying whether he should be educated in or out of the Institution, and so he thought they ought to do in the Girls' School.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, P.M. 172, seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., Vice-Pat, moved—

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. Stwd., who has resigned the office. Bro. Brodie was distinguished as a Mason and also in the medical profession, and if the brethren carried this motion they would be conferring a great honour on the Institution. Bro. Brodie was a physician very well known in that particular branch of the profession which dealt with women and children. He (Bro. Letchworth) had consulted the medical officers of the Institution on the present motion, and it was most highly approved of by them. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Swd. Br., having seconded the motion, it was put and carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, and seconded by Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, a vote of thanks was unanimously adopted to Bro. Dr. Hope, for the services he had rendered to the Institution so long.

The Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the election of 12 girls, out of a list of 42 candidates, was then proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Hester Mary Burt ... ..	3888	Clara Hodgson ... ..	2499
Kate Lilian Boning ... ..	2736	Mabel Margaret Edmeston ... ..	2497
Edith Hannah Hoppood ... ..	2734	Clara Leigh Vyvyan O'Hara ... ..	2393
Geraldine Enid Pennington ... ..	2616	Mary Melita Tink ... ..	2302
Florence Ellen Barton ... ..	2570	Maud Mary Freeman ... ..	2219
Lily Martin ... ..	2525	Margaret Carter ... ..	2014

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Ellen Anne Blanche Pooler ... ..	1883	Laura Amelia Thaw... ..	427
Ruby Rosetta Webster ... ..	1662	Priscilla Minnie Swaebe ... ..	426
Dora Sims ... ..	1640	Lilian May Astington ... ..	401
Frances Norah Wells ... ..	1474	Sarah Bissett ... ..	394
Henrietta Jessie Codling ... ..	1439	Mary Ponsford Gould ... ..	304
Hilda Maude Liverd... ..	1188	Fanny Clark Campbell ... ..	231
Frances Jessie Short... ..	1074	Florence Charlotte Hemmings ... ..	174
Mabel Alice Cookes ... ..	968	Jane Routledge Wilkinson ... ..	126
Georgina Balch ... ..	956	Leonie Rosamond Lee ... ..	113
Adelaide Howett Jane Harling ... ..	944	Ethel Lilian Julia Wells ... ..	77
Mabel Elizabeth Bruce ... ..	892	Anita Mary Thorne ... ..	43
Olga Katinka Tettenborn ... ..	871	Melinda Alexandrine Marie ... ..	31
Annie Elizabeth Alice Sumner ... ..	657	Alice Winifred Bingham ... ..	11
Henrietta Ada Staff ... ..	612	Alice Katie Beatrice Prout ... ..	7
Nora Geach ... ..	470	Florence Helen Crompton ... ..	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of Votes and to the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of this province was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. James A. Wheatley, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.J., presided as M.E.Z., there being also present—

Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., as H.; Ed. Tyson, P.Z. 119, P.G.J.; Geo. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; H. Court, P.Z. 310, P.G.S.N.; R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, P.G. Treas.; J. J. Robinson, P.Z. 119, P.G.P.S.; J. Paterson, H. 119, P.G.D.C.; T. A. Argles, P.Z. 129, C. J. Nanson, 310, and J. Hall, H. 1073, P.G. Stwds.; J. Lowthian, Janitor; W. B. Cowman, Z. 119, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Charles Gowan, J. 119; William Pagen, 119; William Carlyle, 119; Thomas Brakenridge, 119; R. Tyson, 119; H. Moser, 129; E. Armitage, P.Z.; J. G. Gandy, P.Z.; T. G. Richardson, H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.P. Asst. G.S.; J. Gardiner, P.Z. 327, P.P.G. Reg.; E. G. Mitchell, 371; Geo. Murchie, P.Z. 310; G. P. Abrahams, 1073; and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last annual P.G. Chapter read and confirmed, when Comp. DALRYMPLE moved, and Comp. TYSON seconded, "That Comp. R. J. Nelson be elected P.G. Treasurer," which received a unanimous vote. On the motion of Comp. GARDINER, seconded by Comp. BEWES, Comp. J. Messenger, Janitor 371, was elected P.G. Janitor.

The following companions were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comp. George Dalrymple, P.Z. 119 ... ..	Prov. G.H.
" Dr. Charles Gore Ring, P.Z. 1073 ... ..	Prov. G.J.
" George J. McKay, P.Z. 129 ... ..	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. Court, P.Z. 310 ... ..	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129 (elected) ... ..	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. G. Gandy, P.Z. 129 ... ..	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. B. Cowman, Z. 119 ... ..	Prov. G. Soj.
" Robert Brown, 371 ... ..	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. Hall, H. 1073 ... ..	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Thomas A. Argles, 129 ... ..	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" James Wilson ... ..	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. T. Ray, S.E. 119 ... ..	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. P. Abraham, 1073 ... ..	Prov. G. Org.
" J. C. Mason, 310 ... ..	
" Charles Gowan, J. 119 ... ..	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Harris, P.Z. 327 ... ..	
" John Messenger, 371 ... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. R. J. NELSON, P.G. Treas., next read a statement of accounts, which showed well for the province; and, on the motion of the ACTING CHIEF, seconded by the P.G.J., they were passed as read.

The P.G.S.E. said that all the chapters of the province had made the annual returns in due course; and then moved, according to notice given, "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted towards each fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," which was seconded by Comp. DALRYMPLE, and confirmed by a unanimous vote.

Comp. R. J. NELSON, P.G. Treas., moved, in eloquent terms, "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the M.E.Z. and companions of the Union Chapter, No. 310, for the very excellent arrangements made for the reception of Provincial Grand Chapter."

Comp. G. J. MCKAY, P.G.S.E., ably seconded the vote, which was passed with applause.

With other general business Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in form, and the companions dined in the County Hotel.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The M.E. the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gerard Ford, presided, and was supported by the following officers and companions, viz.:

Comps. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, P.Z. 1383, 1466, Prov. G.H.; Freeman, P.G. Std. Br., P.Z. 311, 315, 732, Prov. G.S.E.; W. Dawes, P.Z. 40, Prov. G.S.N.; R. Pidcock, P.Z. 916, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. C. Coles, P.Z. 916, Prov. G. Soj.; P. Robinson, P.Z. 40, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Adames, P.Z. 311, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; A. King, Z. 271, Prov. G. Org.; G. R. Lockyer, P.Z. 315, Prov. G. Stwd.; E. Broadbridge, P.Z. 811, Prov. G. Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Janitor; G. Holman, S.E. 311; J. New, 811; R. B. Highman, 811; C. Barry, 3; J. M. Reed, Z. 732; H. Davey, P.Z. 732; A. Nicols, P.Z. 732; T. Hardy, Z. 811; J. B. Warre, S.N. 1466; S. Tanner, P.Z. 311; S. R. Legg, H. 315; W. D. Stone, J. 311; G. E. Chapman, H. 311; J. H. Cross, J. 811; H. E. Price, H. 1466; L. R. Styer, S.N. 316; A. Holman, Z. 311; S. Stone, Z. 311; W. Botting, 732; A. F. Lamette, 271; T. Berry, J. 316; W. E. Morrison, S.E. 916; S. Solomon, 732; T. R. Kent, 9; J. Farncombe, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z. 311; and J. Sayers, 315.

The Grand Superintendent, Comp. GERARD FORD, addressed those present as follows: Companions—It is now 12 months since, for the first time, it became my duty to address you from this chair, and although there is now little upon which I need dilate, yet you will agree that it is advisable for the usual custom to be adhered to of referring to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the province at this, our annual meeting. Since I last delivered an address to you we are less numerous by some seven companions. This being so, it behoves us more than ever to stand shoulder to shoulder, and, by our unity and our Masonic conduct generally, to attract new acquisitions to Royal Arch Masonry. It does not follow that we are in a retrograding position because we have lost a few members, for, as I have, I think, said before, a comparatively small but compact Fraternity may have greater strength, do more good, and set a better example in Masonry than a larger but, perhaps, a less cohesive body; whilst we can recognise, on the brighter side of the picture, the satisfactory circumstance that there have been some 20 exaltations, and at least one in every chapter of the province. You have heard read the statistics, which show that our finances are in a fair condition, and I trust that at the close of another year we may, by new accessions to our numbers, be able to show a still better balance sheet. I am sure all here will share my regret that amongst our visitors we cannot number several companions of distinction, who, but for the distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to-day, would have responded to my invitations. I am also very sorry that our Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Crosskey, is unable to be present to-day. He spent the winter abroad under medical advice, and, returning almost entirely to attend to Masonic duties, has suffered a relapse, but, although much better, is still confined to his room. I hope he will soon be restored to health. I must thank the several Principals throughout the province for their assistance, and I hope that they and their successors will continue to do their best to secure the abiding prosperity and popularity of this Sublime Degree.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Comp. W. H. Hallett, P.Z. 271 ... ..	Prov. G.H.
" W. Dawes, P.Z. 40 ... ..	Prov. G.J.
" Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732 ... ..	Prov. G.S.E.
" H. Abbey, P.Z. 271 ... ..	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. Crosskey, P.Z. 311 ... ..	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Pidcock, P.Z. 916 ... ..	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Davey, P.Z. 732 ... ..	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" E. Broadbridge, P.Z. 811 ... ..	Prov. G. 1st A. Soj.
" S. Tanner, P.Z. 311 ... ..	Prov. G. 2nd A. Soj.
" O. Lloyd, P.Z. 38 ... ..	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" G. R. Lockyer, P.Z. 315 ... ..	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. E. Price, H. 1466 ... ..	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. King, P.Z. 271 ... ..	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Briscoe, P.Z. 311 ... ..	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. M. Reed, Z. 732 ... ..	
" H. H. Hughes ... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

The chapter having been formally closed, the companions sat down to a banquet, served up in elegant style by Bro. David Mutton. After the usual loyal toasts,

The M.E. Grand Superintendent, Comp. GERARD FORD, in reply to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Comp. CHARLES BARRY, said that, although the meeting was small in numbers in consequence, as he had remarked in the chapter, of the engagement of many Grand Officers at the Girls' School that day, and the unavoidable absence of many members, he trusted the Royal Arch would continue to prosper, and that, as Grand Superintendent, he might on the next occasion be able to find a substantial increase, and also a continuation of the fraternal regard which was a distinguishing feature of the Degree.

Comps. W. H. HALLETT and W. DAWES responded for "The Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter."

Comps. CHARLES BARRY and T. KENT replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Comp. R. PIDCOCK responded for "The Principals of Chapters in the Province."

"Success to the Royal Masonic Institutions" was duly acknowledged by Comp. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. RANDOLPH, who referred to the Centenary of the Girls' School, for which the Grand Superintendent is Steward.

"The Health of the Stewards (Comps. E. Broadbridge and G. R. Lockyer)" was duly honoured.

The Janitor's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. A. King, Prov. G. Org., assisted by Comp. W. N. Roe as accompanist. Miss Ada Moore and Miss Minnie Freeman with Comp. Broadbridge were the vocalists, and their selection of music was much enjoyed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge, summoned for the purpose of "selecting one or more names of brethren for recommendation to Grand Lodge for the post of Provincial Grand Master," was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The term for which the present Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. Walker, M.A., was appointed ends in June next. Though he has occupied the post for three years only, Bro. Walker has been the acting head of the Province for nine years, the health of the former Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the late Rev. C. Raikes Davy, having been such as to leave the work of the province practically in the hands of Bro. Walker, as their Deputy. Bro. Walker having now stated that his failing health would not allow of his accepting re-nomination, some interest was shown in the selection of his successor.

At the meeting on Thursday there were present Bros. J. Walker, M.A., Prov. G.M.; W. Forth, D.P.G.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G. M.O., Prov. S.G.W.; H. Jeffs, G.I.G., Prov. J.G.W.; J. Milligan, Prov. S.G.O.; H. Clark, Prov. J.G.O.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, Prov. G. Chap.; W. L. Bain, Prov. G.J.; G. Norman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. R. Porcher, Prov. S.G.D.; R. T. Hughes, Prov. G.D.C.; Caldwell, P.M. 243; Balcomb, P.M. 10, P.P.G.R.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, S.W. 10; F. G. Roberts, P.P.J.G.D.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Naysmith, P.M. 218; J. Lea, Powell, Butler, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. VASSAR-SMITH said the first feeling with which he rose to make a proposition was one of regret that he was not permitted to re-nominate their retiring Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Walker, and especially that Bro. Walker's inability to accept re-election was associated with any failure of his health. Bro. Walker had done so much for Mark Masonry in the province, and had so commended himself to the brethren over whom he had ruled, that the feeling of regret with which his retirement was announced would be shared by all of them. At the same time, he had pleasure in nominating as Bro. Walker's successor a brother whose name would be accepted with cordial unanimity as that of one who would worthily carry on the traditions of the lodge. He nominated Bro. Baron de Ferrieres for recommendation to Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. H. JEFFS seconded this; and, no other nomination being made, it was approved by acclamation, and generously endorsed by the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. the Baron DE FERRIERES, in thanking the lodge, said the unanimity with which the recommendation had been made greatly added to the pleasure with which he accepted it. He felt that there were two members of the province (Bros. Brook-Smith and Vassar-Smith) who had an equal or greater claim to the honour than himself; and he thanked them for the cordiality with which they had supported his nomination.

After the transaction of routine business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

## GRAND LODGE SEALS OF THE "ANCIENTS,"

By Bro. H. SADLER.

The interesting articles on the seals of the Atholls, or "Ancients," which have recently appeared in the *Freemason*, from Bros. Hughan and Ramsden Riley, cannot fail to be of great service to Masonic students generally, as well as to those who, like themselves, have given special attention to this branch of archæology. By placing on permanent record the results of our own researches we afford mutual instruction to each other, and are enabled to save those who may follow us much valuable time and labour.

This will, I hope, be deemed a sufficient apology for my intrusion upon a discussion between two such eminent authorities as those just mentioned, with one of whom, however, in this instance I feel bound to differ on certain matters of detail, as will be seen hereafter.

The plate of seals in "Masonic Facts and Fictions," so kindly and carefully described by Bro. Hughan in the *Freemason* of the 24th ult., was intended merely to support and illustrate my theory of the origin of the "Ancients," and was not meant as an ordinary collection of seals in general. If, however, in addition to serving its original purpose, it opens a way for more light on this important subject, its value will undoubtedly be greatly enhanced.

I was indeed most fortunate in having the aid and willing co-operation of a brother who has not only made a special study of seals for many years, but who has also acquired a large collection of those valuable and interesting relics, and who has certainly the sharpest eye for a seal or medal of any one I know. I allude to Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., to whose skill and experience we are greatly indebted for the indisputable accuracy, both in size and detail, of every seal on the plate referred to, and who I sincerely hope will not allow this discussion to come to an end without contributing a portion, however small, of his large store of information for the benefit of his fellow students. The exceptional privileges and facilities which I have enjoyed for some considerable time past have enabled me to examine a goodly number of seals, especially such as have relation to Masonry, and while making no claim to any particular knowledge of seals in general, I have naturally become pretty familiar with those commonly known to Masonic collectors, and occasionally I come across a scarcer specimen, as, for instance, a few days ago, in examining a parcel of old certificates for the purpose of this article, I turned up one which seemed quite new to me, although it had evidently been through my hands before, but had probably escaped a close inspection on account of its clean and respectable appearance. It was a certificate issued by the Grand Secretaries in 1814 to Bro. James Baker, and bearing a paper seal nearly the same size as that now in use for Craft certificates, but consisting of the arms and motto of the Duke of Sussex instead of those of the United Grand Lodge. I am curious to know whether any one else has seen a Masonic certificate bearing a similar seal.

A frequent acquaintance with old seals and documents has taught me that the greatest care is generally essential in their examination in order to avoid arriving at erroneous conclusions, and thereby misleading others, and that it is very seldom safe to be quite positive in archæological matters. For example, Bro. Ramsden Riley in last week's *Freemason* asserts that no Atholl Craft certificate can be produced on which is the word "Institutions." Now, if he will favour me with a call, I shall have much pleasure in showing him at least half-a-dozen Atholl M.M. certificates so distinguished, those now before me having been issued in 1779, 1809, 1812, and three in 1813. There are, however, a much greater number in existence whereon

the legend ends with "Institution," as described by Bro. Riley, so that he had good grounds for his belief; and, I quite agree with him in opinion that this particular seal was originally intended for Craft certificates, although I have occasionally seen it on warrants, but have not met with it on Royal Arch certificates.

From an item under the head of Grand Lodge Disbursements in the minutes of the Stewards Lodge, 21st November, 1792, I am inclined to think that this seal was engraved during that year, for I have never seen it on earlier documents, and in the same year a new plate for M.M. certificates was approved and engraved, a plate for R.A. certificates having been executed in the previous year.

The seal mentioned by Bro. Hughan as No. 3, which is also the number it is under in "Masonic Facts and Fictions," is, in my opinion, by far the best of the Atholl seals; it was undoubtedly made by Kirk in 1775, and probably served all purposes till 1792, after which year it seems to have been chiefly reserved for warrants and R.A. certificates, until the latter part of 1813, when a R.A. seal was engraved, which is the one numbered 4 in the above named work.

I cannot at present see that the ordering or designing of Kirk's seal in 1775 had any relation to R.A. certificates; the written records of the "Ancients" clearly show that they had very few R.A. Masons amongst them at that period. Their first R.A. register was not opened till 1783, and in the regulations then made R.A. certificates are not mentioned; the members of that Order were to be registered gratis on production of a certificate of their having been regularly exalted. Judging from this register I should say that the "Ancients" did not issue Grand Chapter Certificates before 1791, and I have no recollection of having seen one dated anterior to 1800.

I have examined 21 "Ancient" warrants, all having the seals attached and perfectly legible, 13 of them, bearing various dates from 1789 to 1813, have Kirk's seal, and the remaining eight, ranging from 1792 to 1812, have the one described by Bro. Hughan as No. 4, the legend being "Grand Lodge in London of Free and Accepted Masons according to old Institution." Out of 46 Craft certificates, only one of which is dated further back than 1798, I find six with the former seal, all the rest having the latter; and of 14 R.A. certificates issued from 1800 to 1813, thirteen have Kirk's seal, and the other the seal of the Grand Chapter.

Since writing the foregoing, I have been favoured with a careful inspection of the warrant of St. Mary's Lodge (No. 63), previously mentioned by Bros. Hughan and Riley, who will probably not be very much surprised to learn that the seal thereon, as depicted in the history of that lodge, is not quite correct. By some unaccountable oversight (for the seal is perfectly legible to the naked eye), one letter has been added to the legend, which ends with "Institution," not Institutions, and without doubt it is the very seal before referred to as having been made in 1792; that it is not the original seal is evident to the merest tyro, for the warrant is genuine, and not like many of the "Ancients" warrants, a *renewal*; it has the two cuts or slits in the margin for the ribbons, as described in p. 130 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," but the seal is of the ordinary paper and wafer kind, and is much larger than the one first used; indeed, it overlaps the writing in every direction.

There is nothing unusual in this, for I have two warrants of the same period, now before me, neither of them having the original seal attached, the reason, no doubt, being that the first seal, composed of ordinary wax, did not long survive the frequent and rough usage to which it was subjected (for all these old warrants appear to have seen considerable service), and gradually crumbled away, being eventually replaced by the seal then in use.

## KNIGHT TEMPLARY IN MARYLAND.

The annual re-union of the "Veteran Fratres" of the Maryland Commandery, No. 1, of Knights Templars, was held at Baltimore, on March 11th, of which a capital souvenir has been issued. Our American brethren delight to honour those who, Masonically, have "borne the burden and heat of the day," one of the most pleasant forms of so doing being these annual re-unions, "one day being set apart in each year to welcome such of its brethren who, by reason of age and infirmity, are no longer able to attend the regular meetings," or who deserve well of the Craft by reason of their service for 21 years and more as active members of lodges, &c. The commandery in question honours those who have been contributing for 25 years by the presentation of certificates of honorary life membership.

The address of Bro. Keizer, the E. Commander, on the occasion above noted, was to the purpose, and was intended as a most hearty welcome to the "Venerable Fratres" who were present. The oldest living Past Commander of the commandery is Bro. E. T. Schultz, the distinguished Historian of the Grand Lodge. The Prelate, Bro. Wm. Rogers, has acted in that capacity for 21 years, so that, as the Chairman stated, "when many of our younger fratres were toddling around in bib-and-tucker, and prattling the A B C of our common language, our venerable frater, Wm. Rogers, was officiating as the Prelate of Maryland Commandery."

Bro. Schultz responded to the call, as the "Masonic Historian of Maryland," and claimed that this commandery was "the oldest existing organisation of Templars in the world, for he knew of none in England or elsewhere that can trace its origin to as remote a date."

This assertion made us open our eyes. How it may be in America we need not now stay to enquire, but as respects England we are in a position at once, and, without hesitation, to deny the distinction claimed.

Our good Bro. Schultz admits that its oldest preserved records are of the year 1828, that in 1807 its existence was noted, that in 1802 one of its certificates was issued, and that in a letter written in 1814, the writer thereof declared that the "encampment was completely organised in 1790"; so that 1790 is thus the earliest period that the claim can be dated, and is the year of origin accepted by Bro. Schultz, who states that as there "is no other organisation of Templars who can show a continuous existence from as early a date as that, we can justly claim the title of the premier Templar organisation of the world."

If Bro. Schultz will turn to Bro. Hughan's latest work, the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," he will find evidence to prove that the existing Baldwin Preceptory of Knights Templars dates at the latest from 20th December, 1780, so this proves seniority by ten years of the Maryland body. Then there is the "Jerusalem Encampment," Manchester, with records, &c., from 1786, besides others possibly in England, so we think the Maryland Historian must lower his flag to England, at all events, in respect of seniority. However, this is of much less moment than seeking to carry out the true spirit of Freemasonry in which we can all co-operate.

## THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

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

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However, the brethren did not allow the diffidence of the children, to which we referred last week, to stand in the way of their determination to improve the course of instruction. On Bro. Binckes, who for some time previously had taken an active part in the government of the School, and who, during the temporary illness of Bro. Crew, had acted as Secretary, bringing forward a motion at the Quarterly Court in January, 1858, to extend the curriculum by the addition of French and Music, the whole subject was referred to the House Committee, and at a special meeting of that body on the 28th of the same month, at which the Earl of Zetland, G.M. and President, was present, an Educational Committee, consisting of Bros. the Rev. W. H. Lyall, J. Symonds, and F. Binckes, was appointed, with instructions to ascertain all possible particulars relating to other schools of a similar character in which French and Music were taught. The first step of this Committee was to issue a circular letter to the parents of all the children who had left the School during the preceding ten years, with a view to ascertaining the nature of the duties which the girls had undertaken. They also examined the School Library, which they reported as being very meagre, and suggested that it should be improved by the purchase of standard school books, and that a separate library should be formed for the School Mistresses. In the July following they handed in their Report, which was read and adopted, and was to the following effect:—That French should be taught to the whole of the 1st Class, and to those Girls in the 2nd Class who possessed more than the average ability, the services of a French Schoolmistress being engaged to instruct the elder children, and also Miss Souter and her assistant teacher, Miss Kernot, until the latter were themselves qualified to teach. They further recommended as regards Music that two pianos should be bought, and that a teacher should instruct Miss Souter, Miss Kernot, and one or two of the elder children, who in turn, when qualified, should teach the rest; the cost of the necessary music being defrayed by a fee of half a guinea per quarter from each girl instructed; and that Drawing should be taught to the whole school, the time necessary to devote to this branch of study being obtained by restricting the needlework done by the girls to the making and repairing of their own clothes. The scheme, which was probably the best that could have been devised at the time, without seriously or suddenly disturbing the system previously in force, was carried out by the House Committee, who engaged a Mdle. Mesnard as French instructress, and Bro. Matthew Cooke as Music Master, and for a year or two the plan worked satisfactorily.

In the meantime other measures engaged the attention of the authorities. The greater demands, caused by all these changes, on the time of the Secretary, who then, as now, was the chief executive officer of the Institution, rendered it necessary to reconsider the amount of remuneration paid him for his services, and it was resolved that, in addition to his salary of £100 per annum, Bro. Crew should be paid an annual gratuity of equal amount. It was also resolved to concert arrangements with the Boys' School authorities with a view to bringing the claims of the two Charities under the notice of the brethren in the Provinces. A Committee, consisting of Bros. Lyall, Symonds, and Binckes, was accordingly appointed, and the following year they handed in their report, in which they recommended that each Province should establish a Charitable organisation, consisting of one representative from each of the lodges, with the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy as President and Vice-President respectively, and that it should hold at least one meeting in the year. The Secretary was also instructed to visit the Provincial G. Lodges on the occasion of their annual meetings, and urge upon the brethren the necessity of supporting, or enlarging their support to, the Charities. These measures had the desired effect, and what with the appeals thus made and the occasional visits of the children to Brighton and elsewhere, the School became as popular in the Provinces as in London. As a result, the subscriptions flowed in more abundantly, and in October, 1859, on the motion of Bro. J. Udall, a most strenuous supporter of the Institution, it was determined to still further increase the number of pupils to 80. In the December following, it was resolved to present each girl on leaving with a gratuity of 10s., and with a further gratuity of £1 at the end of 12 months if the report of her conduct was favourable. At the Quarterly Court in July, 1860, the age of the girls for remaining in the School was raised to 16, and a few months later, the House Committee made a further step in advance and passed a resolution to the effect "That it is the opinion of this Committee that the School Mistress of the Institution shall in future be capable of efficiently teaching

French and Music." Steps were at once taken to give effect to this determination, and Miss Davis, Head Teacher at the London Orphan Asylum, was invited, and accepted the invitation, to become School Mistress at a salary of £84 a year, notice being given to Miss Souter, Mdle. Mesnard, and Bro. Cooke that their services would not be required after Midsummer, 1861. In the brief interval between this invitation and its acceptance, a serious accident befel Bro. Crew, which incapacitated him from remaining at his post, and his duties having been temporarily entrusted to a Committee consisting of Bros. J. Udall, W. Young, and E. H. Patten, and it having been resolved to assign to Bro. Crew a pension for life of £200, the opportunity was taken to revise the duties and emoluments of the office, the latter being fixed at £150 per annum, while it was arranged that in future the Secretary should attend at the offices from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and the Collector, as before, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the same hour. In June, 1861, Bro. E. H. Patten, P.G.S.B., was elected Secretary, so that the new School Mistress and the new Secretary entered upon their respective duties as nearly as possible about the same time, Miss Jarwood's sphere of labour being henceforth restricted to the superintendence of the household arrangements.

The policy thus inaugurated proved so beneficial that the Committee continued it with an energy and spirit which cannot be commended too highly. Owing to the change of governesses, no examination of the children took place in 1861; but in 1862 the Rev. Mr. Dyer, who had succeeded Mr. Glenny as Diocesan Inspector of Schools, was invited to test the progress made by the School under the new arrangements, and his report was most favourable, the unnatural shyness to which his predecessor had drawn attention having entirely disappeared. At the same time the Committee made up their minds to augment the number of children, and having taken counsel with the late Bro. S. B. Wilson, with a view to providing the additional accommodation that would be required, they determined that his plans, by which 20 more children could be admitted, should be carried out. And as the Festival in May resulted in subscriptions amounting to £2670, the tender of Messrs. Patrick and Son to erect the new premises for £1410 was accepted, and the work was commenced forthwith. Later in the same year, a sum of £500 was received from the West End Railway Extension Company, being the amount awarded by the umpire as compensation for the appropriation by the railway of a few perches of the land belonging to the School, so that the cost of the new buildings did not trench very seriously on the resources of the School, and the process of augmentation was carried out gradually during the two following years, the last increment, made in October, 1864, raising the number of girls to 100.

Early in 1865 the House Committee suggested the propriety of purchasing two or three additional acres of ground fronting the Institution, and Lord Zetland was requested to communicate with the lord of the Manor—Earl Spencer—with a view to ascertaining if the latter were inclined to regard any application of the kind with favour. Lord Spencer, however, though well disposed towards the Institution, and though he promised that no other buildings should be erected on the ground in question, did not consider himself justified, in the then state of public feeling with reference to the preservation of Wandsworth Common and other open spaces, in entertaining the proposal,—a result which must have caused the Committee to regret they had not accepted the offer of Mr. Whiting in June, 1859, to sell them an additional 2½ acres of land for £1100.

In the meantime other changes—all of the same beneficial character—had been adopted. In the spring of 1862 we hear for the first time of the Festival Stewards formally visiting the Institution and the prizes won by the Girls being publicly distributed. In 1863 Bro. Jabez Hogg, having tendered his services as oculist to the Institution, was appointed to the office, and a few months later, on the special recommendation of the Grand Master and President, it was resolved there should be a Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. C. Woodward, who had been Master of the Boys' School, and was at the time its Chaplain, received the appointment, with an honorarium of £20 per annum, his duty being to attend once a week to train the children in religious knowledge. The comforts and pleasures of the children were also studied, and every now and then we read of them visiting some place of popular resort, as in 1862, when the Stewards presented £25 and the Shakespeare Lodge £10 to enable them to see the Great Exhibition, or as in the summer of 1863, when the Brighton lodges invited them to spend a day at that favourite seaside town. Then the School, with its improved organisation, became more widely known and appreciated, the Secretary being from time to time requested to visit the different Prov. G. Lodges and make known its claims to the esteem and support of the brethren there assembled. But all these changes entailed additional labour on the part of the officials, and a revision of their salaries became imperative, the Secretary receiving, in addition to his fixed stipend of £150 a year, a commission of 5 per cent. on all subscriptions and donations—except those of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter—in excess of £2000 paid during the year, while the salaries of the Matron, the Head Governess, and the Assistant Governess were proportionately increased. The rate of commission payable to the Collector was also regulated in accordance with what was paid to the Collectors of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, the idea at the time being, especially as regards the Schools, that, so far as possible, the two should stand before the Masonic public on a nearly equal footing.

(To be continued.)

## THE LATE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

LODGE OF SORROW AT THE PILGRIM LODGE,  
No. 238.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., a most impressive ceremony, under the title of a Mourning Lodge, or Lodge of Sorrow, took place in the Great Hall at Freemasons' Tavern, in honour of the late Emperor William, under the auspices of the Pilgrim Lodge, which may be taken to be a representative lodge of German Freemasons in this country, as none but German speaking members are admitted, and the ritual from first to last is worked entirely in the German language. No pains or expense apparently had been spared in the preparations. All round the walls were funeral draperies of black cloth hung in double rows of festoons, relieved with white cords and fringes, the upper row being ornamented at intervals with medallions bearing the Imperial eagle, and the lower having in each of the 50 festoons the emblems of mortality. The chairs and pedestals of the Master and Wardens were also draped in black, and at the end of the room behind the Master's chair were heavy black curtains surrounding a large escutcheon bearing the Imperial arms, and backed by a trophy of the flags of various nations. In the centre of the lodge stood a bier draped with black velvet, surrounded with palms, lilies, and other flowers of the purest white. At the head of the bier stood a pedestal with a bust of the late Emperor, crowned with a wreath of bays. On the lodge board lay a perfect palm branch, about three feet long, emerging from a bouquet of white flowers. This central group formed a very beautiful spectacle, and was illuminated with three candelabra, one on either side of the head, and the other at the foot of the bier. All the officers of the lodge wore long scarves of black crape passing over the left shoulder and fastened at the right hip, all other members of the lodge wearing the ordinary Masonic mourning, and all present being in evening dress with black neckties.

The brethren, summoned by Bro. F. Seifert, the D. of C., entered the Temple in pairs, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., presiding at the organ. During the latter part of the funeral march the Grand Officers were conducted into the Temple by P.M.'s C. Sevin, Dr. C. Harrer, C. Kupferschmidt, and Bro. Vogeler, Secretary of the Lodge.

The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Wagner, W.M., Bro. C. Schmidt being S.W., and Bro. J. Hamm, J.W. The ceremony commenced with prayer delivered by the W.M., which was followed by a hymn—

"How they so softly rest, all, all the holy dead,  
Unto whose dwelling place now doth my soul draw near!  
How they so softly rest, all in their silent graves,  
Deep to corruption slowly down-sinking.  
And they no longer weep here where complaint is still!  
And they no longer feel here where all gladness flies!  
And by the cypresses softly o'ershadowed,  
Until the angel calls them they slumber."

The WOR. MASTER then addressed the lodge, saying that the death of the Emperor had cast the deepest sorrow, not only over Germany, but over the whole world. A hero, a wise ruler, was no more. But Freemasons mourned the more deeply, because they lost in him not only their Emperor, but also the strong supporter of the Craft. They had now assembled to offer a tribute to his memory, and to raise to his honour an indestructible memorial in their hearts.

The WOR. MASTER then called upon Bro. Baelz, I.P.M., who delivered the following oration—

Death! Hidden in this word lie depths of grief; as a double-edged sword it enters our hearts and casts shadows over all. But one short word brings the balm of consolation—it is "Love." We will continue our love until we are called away to you, great Emperor, noble man, faithful Bro. William. When he, the beloved, for ever closed his eyes, the world seemed convulsed; all life seemed to cease. In palace and in hovel, village and town, on mountain and in dale, wherever man dwells, entered deep and holy grief; all differences of nations, opinions, and religions ceased; each felt that the greatest and noblest figure of our century had left us, and had taken a part of our own life away with him. Among the grand men whose names will live in history, whose deeds will be told for hundreds, nay, thousands, of years in words of eloquence, there is none for whom the whole world, from east to west, from south to north, has mourned so sincerely as for our German Emperor. "The days of our years are three score years and ten, and, if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow." The great man at whose bier we stand to-day has lived four score years and ten—full of sorrow and trouble, but full also of wisdom, strength, and beauty. After times of humiliation as ever fell upon a nation and its rulers, when the Prussian people and with it young Prince William had victoriously returned from breaking the yoke of their conqueror, the youth, only 17 years old, said on being confirmed: "I will never forget that a prince is a man who has to obey the same laws which bind others. My energies belong to the whole world and to my country; I will therefore ever be active in the paths prescribed to me; I will use my time wisely, and do as much good as may be in my power. I will cultivate and keep sincere and cordial benevolence towards all men, be they ever so humble, for they are my brethren." A prince has never spoken more beautiful and nobler words. But Kaiser Wilhelm has not only spoken them, but he has kept them before him throughout the whole of his long life. His clear mind, his knowledge of mankind, his firm steadfastness of purpose always showed him the right way and the right men. If these brilliant qualities earned him the highest admiration, the nobility and purity of his soul brought him the unmeasured love and veneration of all men. Strong in misfortune, modest in the hours of fortune, of victory, and the supremest power, he was honoured by friends and enemies, as is now proved by the sympathy at home and abroad, for Germany mourned not only for its dead Emperor, but the whole world mourned for the pure and noble man—the prince and protector of peace. When the sad message of his death reached on the 9th of March the shores of the great empire, which has become to us our second and beloved home, many a silent grasp of the hand of English friends told more of their sympathy and of their deep sense of the loss sustained than words had been able to express. Then, again, it was apparent that the same Saxon blood courses in the veins of both nations. The grasp of the hand of the individuals was a promise of both peoples to stand firmly together,

whatever betide, for their own strength, for the benefit also of the whole world. But, brethren, our mourning is not meant only for the grand hero whom death has taken away, it chiefly is for the brave Mason, the faithful brother, who has realised the principles of our Craft in every one of his actions. As grand as he was as hero, mighty and beloved as ruler, so he was faithful and true as a brother. He guarded and augmented the honour of his people and of his Royal house; but he guarded and augmented the honour of others also, for he was a true Mason in his thoughts and in his actions! Few of you, brethren, may know how faithful, good, and noble a member of the Craft our Emperor has been. After having been initiated on May 22nd, 1840—that is nearly 48 years ago—he supported Freemasonry in stormy and in happy days. When, in the excited times of 1848, and later under the re-action of 1850, Masonry was bitterly attacked by Papists and Protestants, when by these the lowest means were not despised to prejudice the Craft, our Emperor openly was the champion of our ideals, and we owe it chiefly to him that Masonry did not only live in Germany, but developed and flourished. In reply to the toast after his initiation, Bro. William spoke as follows: "Already on the first day of my initiation I have here discovered an amount of dignity, depth, and earnestness of thought, which has proved to me that I have entered an association which is worthy of the highest recognition. I have joined very willingly, because the Craft is a society of men, of all professions and ages, who pursue a noble object. I count the day of my initiation one of the happiest of my life, and thank you for the confidence which you have placed in me, and for your love." In the following speech he expresses his views about the proper object of Masonry: "When the Mason in his sanctuary, joined in fraternal chain, labours to illumine his reason, and warm his heart to virtue, he must also, entering into the world, prove by his actions, whenever he has an opportunity, that the sacred teachings of the Craft have found the way to his heart and have there ripened into fruit. He knows that all men are brethren; that he must endeavour to the best of his power to further the weal of all. Mental and bodily help the brother shall give wherever it is required, but by the manner in which he dispenses it, and by his example, shall awaken and spread a sense of order, of duty, and of love. May the world feel the life-giving warmth of the fraternity without knowing whence it comes. If we were not ready to carry our convictions into the outer world, what good would be our resolutions, our promises of brotherly love, our feelings as expressed by our grasp of hand? When man enters into life he leaves behind him a lost paradise, has before him one to be gained, but between both is the freedom of his will to take the path that leads to heaven. These words characterise the task which each Mason has here to perform. Religion and fear of the Lord, that is the basis upon which Masonry rests; the latter must nurture these and carry them into the outer world. Ever follow these principles; I will show you the lead." When the lodge at Solingen was subject to particular hatred of many parties, he successfully and immediately counteracted this by going to Solingen, went into the lodge where the brethren were assembled, and promised them, in beautiful speech, his protection, exhorting them to continue to walk in the road leading to wisdom, strength, and beauty. When, a few years later, the attacks upon the Fraternity were renewed, he initiated his only son, our present Emperor Frederick, and thus gave the clearest and most brilliant proof of the love for our ideals, and of his endeavour not only to protect our Craft but to further it in every way. After the initiation of his son he said to him in the lodge, "Become and remain a strong protector of Masonry, then your future will not only be secure, but you will carry with you the noble conviction that you help in the spread of all that is true and good." My brethren! the love of our never to be forgotten brother who is gone to rest is a model to be imitated by every one, especially by every true Mason. We cannot place upon his grave a more beautiful memorial than the sacred promise, in this holy hour, to be just, true, and faithful, as he was. Rest softly, faithful brother! Thy dust will perish as that of all men, but thy memory will live for ever in the hearts of thy brethren, in love, love, love!

At the conclusion of this apostrophe to the dead the speaker placed the palm branch on the coffin in token of peace and farewell.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said: The name of our Emperor will live in German hearts as long as German mothers teach German children the German language; he will also live in the Mason's breast as a brilliant example of a true Master of our Royal art. Before all it was his endeavour to fulfil his duty. Duty was the moving force of his whole life. From the first moment in which he entered active life, when the command of his father sent him into the jaws of his enemy's cannons to do his duty; through the dark days of 1848, when he cast his life into the balance to fulfil the duty he owed to his Royal brother, and had to suffer banishment from his fatherland as a reward; and through the whole of his later life he was obedient to his duty, be it in relation to the highest or the lowest of his fellow-creatures. We owe our thanks to him as a true and faithful Mason, and will ever cherish his memory in our grateful hearts.

In reply to a question with which the Master concluded, the J.W. ascertained from brethren present that they all concurred in the description which they had heard from the I.P.M., and that the departed was worthy of the honour of a lasting memory in the Craft.

Another hymn having been sung—

"Trauergesänge strömen von den Lippen,"

The following oration was then delivered by Bro. Otto Hehner, Orator of the lodge: We have on this solemn occasion given expression to our grief at the loss of our great brother. Ever graven in gilt letters in the tablets of history his name will live; it will, like a brilliant star, show to the German people the path it must pursue. But not only in history, not only in the grateful hearts of his people and of his mourning brethren will he live, he lives in his son. In the sight of this bier, the remembrance of which will ever be with us during our lives, we cast our view into the future, turn our looks upon him who now is Germany's first son, German Freemasonry's foremost brother. To him we transfer the veneration, the love, the paternal regard which we have willingly given to the departed Frederick the Third, as *man*, one of the best of the German nation; as *warrior*, the much tried, noble, and victorious leader, who has helped to gain German unity, long hoped for, almost despaired of; as protector of *peace*, the support of true Masonry, brother of each member of

the Craft, cultivator of science and art; as *ruler*, the worthy successor of his father, and of two of the greatest figures in German history—Frederick Barbarossa, and Frederick the Second (the Great). Under ordinary circumstances, the advent of such a man upon the throne of the great German Empire would have been hailed with pride and with joy. But deep shadows rest upon the people. The man who has been face to face with death in many a battle, who has weathered many a storm, he fights now his bitterest fight with an enemy who wields weapons more terrible than those forged by the hand of man. Anxiously, in fear almost, the faithful people look upon him; from millions of sorrowing hearts the fervent prayer rises to Heaven—Thou, Great Architect of the Universe, Governor of worlds, King of Kings, "Salvum fac Regem," give health to our Emperor. And, as if Heaven listened to our prayer, the fringe of the cloud, which but a few days ago hung thick and black, begins to be silvered by the rays of the star of hope. Not Germany only—nay, the whole world is watching anxiously these rays, and every true man joins in the cry "God save our Emperor." Whatever betide, faithfully his people stand around his throne, closely joined with him in the fraternal chain—one thought, one feeling, animates all. We who, far away from our Fatherland, have found a second home in this hospitable country, join the chain no less closely. We feel that we are the representatives of German intellect, German science, German commerce, German faith in England; we take upon ourselves the welcome duty to forge links to bind the nations together not less strong than those that join the Royal houses. For we are convinced that the future of the civilised world depends upon this union. Come weal, come woe, it is the duty of our lives, the duty towards our Emperor, as man and Mason, to add to the strength of the German and English union. Our heartiest and warmest wishes are with him. May his heroic figure recover, to the joy of two nations; may he long reign in peace with his neighbours, in happiness with his people; may he guide and strengthen our Fatherland in the manner of his great father; may he remain the protector of Masonry, and may our children say of him, as we do of the departed—"He lives for all time who is praised by the noblest of his age."

The orator's speech was followed by an organ solo, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," performed by Bro. Ganz. A telegram expressing the sympathy of assembled brethren, and heartiest wishes for a long and happy reign, was then read by the W.M., and, with the approval of the meeting, sent to Emperor Frederick, and the lodge was closed with prayer by the W.M., and the brethren dismissed.

A telegram notifying that a vote of sympathy had been passed by the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, in Peterboro', was received during the ceremony.

There were about 250 brethren present on the occasion, including the following visitors: Bros. Dr. Ernest E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Alfred Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; H. W. Penfold, Prov. S.G.W. Kent; W. J. Dunkley, P.G. Purst. Middx.; Major D'Arcy, P.P.G.S.; Chas. Briscoe, P.P.A.G.P. Sussex; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; E. Terry, Bro. Emil Hollandt, W.M., and brethren of No. 1969; Bro. W. White, W.M., and brethren of No. 1671; Bro. McDonnell, W.M., and brethren of No. 2150; Bro. R. Michaelis, W.M., and brethren of No. 507; and many others.

## MASONIC BALL AT IPSWICH.

The ball held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, under the joint auspices of three of the local lodges, was an unqualified success. It is many years since a Masonic ball was held in Ipswich, and to St. Luke's Lodge is due the credit for having initiated the movement, which, it is hoped, will lead to a revival of those pleasant reunions.

All the arrangements appeared to give satisfaction. The entire suite of rooms at the Masonic Hall was utilised for the occasion. The banquet room was converted into an elegantly-furnished ball room, in the lodge room the supper was served, and the various committee-rooms were used as card and cloak rooms.

The decoration of the ball room was entrusted to Bro. E. J. Sherman, who executed the work in a most tasteful manner. The banners of the Prov. Grand Lodge occupied the post of honour under the dais, and were flanked on the right by the time-honoured but somewhat dingy banner of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and on the left by the bright blue banner of the St. Luke's Lodge. At the opposite end was the handsome banner of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and in other parts of the room were the banners belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter. National flags and small banners bearing Masonic emblems adorned the side walls, and at both ends of the room were large mirrors, tastefully draped with lace curtains. Effectively arranged groups of hot-house plants in various parts of the hall completed the decorations, and when the company had assembled the ball room presented a very handsome appearance. Over a hundred tickets were issued, and, by permission of the Prov. Grand Master, the brethren appeared in full Craft clothing. Prov. Grand Officers were present in all the glory of purple and gold, the humbler brethren of the Craft being clothed in the modest blue and silver.

Bro. John White, P.M. and S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, who undertook and discharged with consummate ability the onerous duties of honorary secretary, officiated as M.C. The Stewards were the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn), Bros. Edgar Scrivener, W.M.; S. J. Morley, S.W.; Geo. Abbott, J.W., P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Napier, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., of St. Luke's Lodge; F. A. Bales, W.M.; John Hunt, I.P.M.; A. A. Bennett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; and Fred. C. Atkinson, J.W., of Perfect Friendship Lodge; A. R. Trew, W.M.; G. T. Pick, J.W.; and E. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., of Prince of Wales Lodge.

The string band of the 3rd Brigade E.D.R.A. was engaged for the occasion, and, under the direction of Mr. F. Harris, performed an excellent programme in a manner which gave great satisfaction.

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and at eleven the large company sat down to an admirably served supper, provided by Mr. Chivers. Dancing was afterwards resumed, and was kept up until close on five o'clock in the morning.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, April 14, 1888, Bro. Horace B. Marshall, J.P., Treasurer, in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by Ballot of 12 Girls into the Institution from a list of 42 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED:	Votes.
1	26	Burt, H. M. ...	3888
2	13	Boning, K. L. ...	2736
3	30	Hopgood, E. H. ...	2734
4	17	Pennington, G. E. ...	2616
5	41	Barton, F. E. ...	2570
6	11	Martin, L. ...	2525
7	26	Hodgson, C. ...	2499
8	32	Edmeston, M. ...	2497
9	40	O'Hara, C. L. O. ...	2393
10	12	Tink, M. N. ...	2302
11	3	Freeman, M. N. ...	2219
12	18	Carter, M. ...	2014

The number of votes recorded for the Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

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**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

APRIL ELECTION, 1888.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, W. Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., V.-Patron, in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of 15 Boys from an approved list of 65 Candidates, when the following were declared to be SUCCESSFUL:

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	Votes.
1	33	Crompton, A. O. ... 3477
2	41	Goldring, R. W. ... 3298
3	34	Nankivell, E. W. ... 3271
4	46	Bird, R. S. ... 3222
5	14	Gallott, G. L. G. ... 3046
6	27	Brown, W. H. ... 3043
7	47	Bindley, R. G. ... 3002
8	19	Cheek, H. C. ... 2937
9	7	Cable, D. W. E. ... 2816
10	35	Foote, N. C. D'Oyley ... 2788
11	25	Davey, A. E. ... 2768
12	50	Foulds, W. A. ... 2667
13	10	Le Gros, F. ... 2636
14	42	King, R. G. ... 2616
15	15	Staff, H. J. ... 2506

List of Candidates (Successful and Unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Offices.

Votes of Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

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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.

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

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MARY ANNE PULLEN, Aged 81 years,

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The very many brethren to whom the late Bro. Hyde Pullen was so well known are earnestly solicited to support this case.

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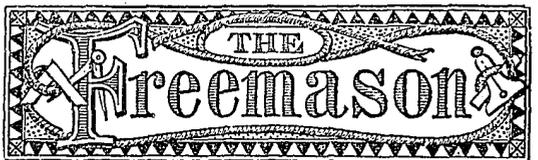
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SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1888.

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.]

GOULD'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, The Liberal Freemason of Boston, U.S.A., in its number for June last, noticing the American edition of my work, described the title page as containing a statement that I had been "assisted" in its production by Bros. E. T. Carson, Josiah H. Drummond, and T. S. Parvin.

My attention having been called to the foregoing, I remarked in the Freemason—August 20th, 1887—that the edition was a piratical one, and that the "assistance" derived from Bros. Carson, Drummond, and Parvin "was altogether unknown to me, as none of these distinguished brethren took me into their confidence, or hinted in any way at the surprise they had in store for me."

My letter to you was reprinted in the Masonic Token of Portland, Maine—October 15th, 1887—together with a reply from Mr. Josiah H. Drummond, who thus expresses himself in its sixth paragraph:—

"In regard to the advertisements, that Gould was 'assisted' by us, the fact is that all, except the title page of some copies, specified precisely what the assistance was; on the title page in some of the copies issued a short time ago the obnoxious expression was used, but as soon as attention was called to it it was promptly changed."

In the last number of the *Freemason*, an extract is given from the *Keystone* (March 24th, 1888) of Philadelphia, in which the editor of that paper announces that he has just received a copy of the American reprint of my History of Freemasonry, and points out that the title page is "entirely misleading," since it represents that Bros. Carson, Drummond, and Parvin were co-authors with myself.

It seems, therefore, that what by Mr. Drummond is mildly termed an "obnoxious expression," but which I prefer to characterise as an impudent falsehood, has been continued (or amplified) in the latest copies of the piratical edition, a circumstance to which I merely invite attention, without adding any observations of my own.—Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

April 16th.

## THE ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It appears to me there is yet another very weighty reason, in addition to the very excellent one furnished by "P.M. No. 10" in his letter last week, against the suggestion recently made by one of your correspondents that a further distribution of Masonic honours should take place in order to mark the occasion of the Grand Master's Silver Wedding. Honours, the more freely and lavishly they are granted, the less worthy of acceptance—the less worthy of recognition as honours—do they become. As "P.M. No. 10" points out, the Jubilee Masonic honours were conferred in order to commemorate an event in the life of "one of the greatest of European Sovereigns," "whose reign has conferred incalculable blessings upon her subjects." But if a similar brevet is to be granted in connection with every interesting event in the domestic history of the Royal Family, the honours so conferred will cease to have any special value.—Fraternally yours,

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## REVIEWS

## FREEMASONS' MANUAL FOR KENT, 1888.

Bro. T. S. Warne (of Rochester), the Editor of the Kent Annual, known familiarly as the "Immortal," is now apparently fully satisfied with this Directory for the large Province of Kent, both as respects the method of arrangement and the variety, as well as the character of the information given. Its well filled pages—nearly 170 in number—contain a vast mass of most instructive and interesting reading, and as it is well nigh impossible to improve on the method adopted by the painstaking editor, there are not many new features in the present issue, though the particulars are always varying from year to year, the personnel of the province—officially at least—being ever on the change. There are now 57 lodges in Kent, 20 R.A. Chapters, 18 Mark Lodges, 2 Rose Croix Chapters, 4 K.T. Preceptories, and 4 Red Cross Conclaves. The new lodges are noted since the edition of 1887, viz., No. 2200, Tunbridge Wells, and No. 2205, Gravesend; and one new Chapter, No. 133, Faversham. Fresh faces also appear in the rolls of the Rose Croix Chapters, K.T. Preceptories, and the Mark Lodges. The Provincial Officers controlling all these Masonic organisations are duly given, besides the rolls of Grand Officers; and those of the subordinate lodges, chapters, &c., with all the Past Masters, &c., of the latter, with their Provincial and Grand Rank (if any); so that the book is a real necessity for all those who desire to become acquainted, in a practical manner, with the actual condition and progress of the Craft in Kent. The Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges flourish side by side, and number 20 and 18 respectively, there being 481 members of the former, and 476 of the latter. No doubt the popularity of the Grand Superintendent (Lord Amherst) and the Provincial Grand Master (the Rev. Thomas Robinson) accounts, in some measure, for these figures, but additional to this fact, which is patent, a great deal of zeal and enthusiasm must be manifested by the "rank and file," and much solid work has been done by the brethren generally, or the chapters and Mark lodges would not continue to be so sustained, and even increasing year by year. Then again, the province is blessed with energetic and able Deputies in the several Masonic organisations, and most competent Provincial Grand Secretaries, whose services are always so cheerfully rendered that their zeal is contagious and throughout the province Freemasonry flourishes like "the green bay tree." The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts are in all in a healthy state, and the votes for the Central Masonic Charities are rapidly increasing as the province increases, there being now the large number of 7662 held by the brethren and lodges, &c., in the county. There is, naturally, every need for continued generosity as including the Mark Benevolent Fund, no less than £1851 5s. was received by candidates from or in Kent during 1887 from our Charities. Clearly Kent does not wish "the reciprocity to be all on one side," and it is a real pleasure to read in Bro. Warne's excellent Calendar the particulars of so well managed a province.

## FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1888-9.

The Editor of this most useful annual can now say "We are seven," for the issue now before us represents the seventh that Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, of Wrington, has ably, and most interestingly, compiled. It is carefully printed, and is a credit to the publishers of the Bath "*Chronicle*." In the Preface, the Editor alludes to the noteworthy presentation to the W. Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. (the indefatigable Deputy Prov. G.M.), of a silver epergne on the occasion of his marriage—an honour well deserved, for there are not many Deputies who do so much hard Masonic work as the recipient of that handsome testimonial. Also reference is made to the consecration of the "Adair" R.A. Chapter, No. 1750, at Clevedon, and the forthcoming Centenary celebration of the Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, at Taunton. An excellent historical sketch of the eventful past of this old lodge, written by one of its Past Masters (Bro. T. G. Williams), in a most interesting manner, was reproduced in the columns of the "*Freemason*" for February 1st and 25th. The lodge

was warranted by Thomas Dunckerley on the 7th March, 1788, and, until 1797 was at Ilminster, removing to the London Inn, Taunton, in that year, and apparently transplanted to most congenial soil, for there it has remained and flourished ever since. We see by the directory that the Master for the Centenary year is the beloved Bro. Col. Adair, who was Prov. G. Master of Somerset for some years, and served in the year 1860 as Master of this same lodge, being one of its oldest subscribing members at the present time. A better choice was not possible, so all bids fair for a grand celebration. According to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717-2886," its number originally was 524, and after three alterations, became 261 in 1863, at which it remains. The editor remarks of the sum of £953 10s. being raised for the central Masonic Charities during 1887, that this is "a very handsome result from a body consisting of 1100 members." So we say, and consider it a record of which any province might well be proud of. The total in 12 years amounts to the grand sum of £5444 2s. 6d., and means an increase of 243, as compared with the return of 1886. The Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, 1854-1886, which first appeared in the last year's issue, is now brought down to 1887, and forms a most useful list for reference. The labour of its compilation, however, was not slight, so it is well for brethren on consulting it, to remember with gratitude, the well directed efforts of the Editor. There are 25 lodges in the Province, the eldest being the famous lodge No. 41, Bath, dating from the year 1733, which has its original Warrant and Records preserved intact. There are 10 R.A. Chapters, the senior being the one attached to the foregoing lodge, and, as it has worked from 1782, it has obtained a Centenary Jewel Warrant, being, in fact, the first of the kind granted. Bro. Edwards is evidently an enthusiastic Editor, and so loves his work. Well it is so, for else, we fear, the support the Calendar receives would not prove encouraging, or lead to a continuation of such labours. No other such useful publications for local Masonic purposes, or more interesting records can be obtained.

## FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1888.

This issue comes very close on the footsteps of the one for 1887, owing to the latter having been delayed. The editor is Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, of Cheltenham, the ever active and courteous Secretary to the Charity Committee. As the printer is Bro. John Bellows, of Gloucester, the typography cannot be excelled, and, beyond question, the editor has done his part exceedingly well, as usual. As with several others of the kind, very few new features are being introduced, because the plans adopted do not appear to admit of improvement. We like the custom adopted by Bro. Vassar-Smith of the annual "Record of Masonic Occurrences in Province of Gloucestershire," including an obituary. On August 5th Bro. Francis Nash, P.M. 1067, P.P.G. Reg., "passed away," and on November 18th Lord Northwich, of No. 951, died, the other brother of note in the list being the late James Robertson, P.M. 246, P.P.G. D.C. The roll of Past Provincial Grand Officers from 1856 is brought down to 1887, and is a most valuable compilation confined, however, to existing brethren. The senior lodge was formed in 1753 at London, but migrated to Berks in 1807, and settled in Gloucestershire (Cheltenham) in 1817. No. 246 comes next in order, at Cheltenham, founded in 1813, whose history is being written by one of its active Past Masters (Bro. George Norman), and its present Master is the editor of the calendar, who, however busy else he may be, is always ready to advance the interests of his province, or the lodges to which he belongs. The third in rank is No. 270, Berkeley, started in London in 1789, about which some curious particulars are given by the editor, and other information was afforded by Bro. Hughan in a late Christmas Number of the *Freemason*. There are but 14 lodges in Gloucestershire, with 568 contributing members, yet on 1st January, 1888, Bro. Vassar-Smith was able to report 3256 votes for the Central Masonic Charities. The sum of £227 17s. was contributed during 1887, the Stewards being Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. S. J. G. Fraser, W. C. Heane, R. Proude Smithe, R. V. Vassar-Smith, and M. F. Carter. Much of the success has resulted from the vigorous Masonic Charity Association, established about a dozen years ago, the rules of which are given in the "Calendar and Directory." The votes in ten years have increased from 936 to 3256!—a tangible proof of the beneficent work achieved by its potent agency. For the first time a list appears of the Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Royal Arch, and, though not a new feature, the rolls of lodges, &c., in adjoining provinces adds much to the usefulness of the volume.

## OUR JURY SYSTEM A SCANDAL. By J. F. H. WOODWARD, London: Carr and Co., 26, Paternoster Square, E.C., 1888.

It is impossible for a Masonic journal to express an opinion on the question whether our Jury System is or is not a scandal, at least without offending the susceptibilities of some of our readers. We are content, therefore, to say of this pamphlet by Bro. J. F. H. Woodward—who will be easily recognised as the worthy Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex—that the case as stated by him is clearly and concisely put, and that his opinions, if they do not succeed in convincing those of an opposite way of thinking, will be found worthy of respectful consideration.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTH.

BUNTON.—On the 17th inst., at Eaton-place, the wife of S. Buxton, Esq., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

GRAHAM—DAWSON.—On the 16th inst., at the Presbyterian Church, Emperor's-gate, South Kensington, W. Graham, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the Armagh County Asylum, to Stella, daughter of Major R. E. Dawson, J.P., Southsea and Nohaville, county Westmeath.

## DEATH.

WRIGHT.—On the 11th inst., after a long and painful illness, Mary Wright, the beloved sister of Bro. R. Palmer Thomas, I.P.M. Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, and J. Mozart Chapter.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—Th's old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. G. C. Hudson, W.M.; Hakim, S.W.; Steng, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Wetzlar, S.D.; Largdale, J.D.; Bye, I.G.; Cursons, Stwd.; C. Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Chumley, Sheppard, Welsh, Miller, and others. Bro. Hawkins, 319, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. White was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., and Bro. J. Moss passed as a F.C. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. George Trott, and it proved to be unanimous, but from unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—The installation meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. H. W. Blake, W.M.; J. G. Doncaster, S.W.; W. J. Coplestone, J.W.; G. F. Butt, Treas.; H. Purdue, Sec.; E. Lucas, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; A. Williams, D.C.; H. F. Williams, I.G.; W. W. Williams, Stwd.; A. Walkley, Tyler; H. Shaw, P.M.; J. Slack, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; C. J. Chambers, Segar, Hall, Hardwick, Scharien, Banks, Gerbert, Spencer, Morgan, Worth, Pinn, Edward Lucas, Hedges, Icton, Richards, Iredale, Phillips, Wilkins, W. E. Purdue, Curtis, Hewett, Bowles, A. White, Holland, Paine, Spooner, Abrahams, May, R. Shaw, Cartwright, Cliburn, Crumplin, Pritchard, and J. R. Ward. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M. 865; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; S. Newakonske, P.M. 534; J. Wills, 1257; C. Pearce, 173; S. Owen, 173; H. Cochrane, P.M. 1056; R. Cummings, P.M. 2168; H. C. Osmar, 72; J. Hill, 172; A. Brooks, 749; and R. H. Williams, P.P.J.G.D. Middx.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Jas. Sims, P.M., installed Bro. J. G. Doncaster as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony he performed to the great admiration of all present. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; H. W. Blake, I.P.M.; G. F. Butt, Treas.; H. Purdue, Sec.; F. J. Oliver, Org.; F. Craggs, S.D.; H. F. Williams, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; W. W. Williams, D.C.; E. Newland and H. Scharien, Stwds.; and Walkley, Tyler.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of this excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bro. W. Temple, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Watkins, I.P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; F. Bryan, P.M.; H. Taplay, P.M.; W. Harris, P.M.; C. Mears, S.W.; J. Pitt, Sec.; J. Still, S.D.; W. Crow, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; F. C. Ward, Stwd.; C. R. Sayers, G. Barrett, G. W. Parkhurst, W. Ware, T. H. Maple, B. Wicking, B. Spencer, W. Robinson, J. T. Oates, M. Stoekvis, Cramphorn, and T. Yates, all of the lodge; G. Gardner, P.M. 2012; J. Mction, 453; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Maple was passed. A notice of motion by Bro. Parkhurst, "That the lodge have six meetings in the year instead of nine," was adjourned under a new form till the next meeting, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet, as usual, was admirably served under the direct superintendence of Bro. J. Marcham, and after its discussion the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Watkins then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said he was quite certain they all knew the reason of his assuming the gavel; it was to propose the health of their esteemed W.M. They were proud of him as their Master, and although he had not had much to do that night, yet they were sure, from the admirable manner in which he did it, that if work was found him, it would be done in a manner worthy of the lodge and its prestige.

The toast having been heartily received,

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he could assure both Bro. Watkins and the brethren generally, that he thanked them most sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received, and hoped that it was not too flattering in its tendencies. If they would only give him more work to do he should be delighted to do it, and to their approbation. With those few remarks he again heartily thanked them.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and said that if there were not so many present on that, as upon some other occasions, there were still five good and true Past Masters present. There was one thing he noticed in connection with the Past Masters of the lodge, and that was that they not only attended the lodge but the lodge of instruction at Stratford. Now, as a rule, the Past Masters were generally conspicuous by their absence at lodges of instruction, but go when they might to their lodge of instruction, there they would find their Past Masters, ready to impart their knowledge and experience, and assist an aspiring brother in gaining either. He asked them to drink the toast with heartiness.

Bro. Watkins, in response, said he was quite certain that the Past Masters were always willing to do all in their power, and anything, to increase the prosperity of the lodge, and indeed Freemasonry in general; and the brethren might be assured that the whole of the Past Masters had not done half so much in the past as they meant to do in the future. He cordially thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and trusted that they might all long be spared to meet in that room as united as they were that moment.

Bros. Jolly, Gardner, and Motion having responded for "The Visitors," "The Health of Bro. Maple" was honoured, he being the "initiate" for the occasion. "The Officers" followed, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some good singing and reciting by Brs. Sherwin, Cramphorn, Webber, Jolly, and others.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the 12th inst., under depressing circumstances, this being the first meeting held since the death of the Treasurer, Bro. Edgar Bowyer. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Petch, W.M.; H. Hunt, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; Sec.; Scarlett, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Tyrrell, I.G.; C. M. Coxon, D.C.; R. Loomes, Stwd.; Bayne, Org.; J. C. Thompson, I.P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.M., A.G.D.C.; W. Shurmur, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; Cook, P.M.; J. G. Cobb, Stevenson, Gravatt, P.M.; T. W. Smith, Faber, Hiller, A. Cox, Ritchie, W. T. Baker, Simmonds, Fearnhead, Bridgwater, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Hiller and Gravatt were passed to the Degree of F.C. The by-laws were next read. A resolution was proposed by Bro. Blinkhorn, Sec., and seconded by Bro. Coxon, D.C., with a view to augment the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, which was favourably entertained by the W.M. and brethren, and carried unanimously. An application for assistance was made, and met by a vote of a sum of money. Bro. J. L. Mather, A.G.D.C., proposed that a letter be written, on behalf of the lodge, to the widow and family of the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., Treas., P.G. Std. Br., expressing the deepest sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement. He spoke in feeling terms of the loss sustained by the lodge in the death of one of its founders, of his services to the lodge and Freemasonry in general, and of the interest shown by him at all times in everything tending to the well-being of the lodge with which he had been so long and honourably identified. This having been briefly seconded by Bro. H. Hunt, was carried unanimously. The W.M. informed the brethren that he had ordered a wreath of choice flowers to be sent, in the name of the lodge, on the occasion of the late Bro. Bowyer's funeral, which was attended by himself (the W.M.) and many other members. A letter of condolence was also ordered to be written to the widow of the late Bro. T. Davey, P.M., another of the founders of the lodge, notice of whose death had just been received. Bro. Davey was not known to many of the younger members of the lodge, having been an honorary member for some years.

Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed and the brethren separated, the usual dinner not taking place under the circumstances.

**FARRINGTON-WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Lister, W.M.; Herbert, S.W.; E. Lardner, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; P. Lardner, acting Sec.; J. Young, P.M., acting S.D.; N. Prower, M.A., acting I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G. S.B. Middx.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Aldous was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Walls. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place, as follows: Bros. Herbert, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; and Parkinson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Lister. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed, and an excellent musical programme was carried out.

**ARGONAUTS' LODGE (No. 2243).**—The first regular meeting of this lodge since the consecration last month was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, when there were present Bros. Eugene Monteuuis, P.M., P.G.S., W.M.; J. C. Radford, S.W.; J. F. Savory, J.W.; H. J. Reynolds, acting I.P.M.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treas.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; G. D. Lister, S.D.; T. W. Willis, J.D.; E. T. Smith, I.G.; J. P. Houghton, D.C.; W. E. Smith, Stwd.; Frank Sturgeon, Valentine Robinson, F. E. Williams, C. W. Hughes, C. W. Mapleton, H. H. Woodroffe, and Alfred Williams, P.M., P.G.S. Visitors: Bros. H. Bué, 2060, P.G. Std. Br.; C. W. Stephens, 14; A. J. Bailey, Alfred Thompson, Rev. W. W. Martin, James Hastie, and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Frank Richardson, C. W. Mapleton, H. H. Woodroffe, C. E. Smith, P. S. Smith, and F. Sturgeon as joining members, and they were unanimously elected. The ballot was next taken for Mr. F. E. Williams, of the London Rowing Club, and Mr. Charles W. Hughes, of the Thames Rowing Club, and they were unanimously elected. Bro. Frank Richardson was then unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge and invested. Messrs. Williams and Hughes were then initiated by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The report of the Committee appointed to frame by-laws for the lodge was then brought up by the Secretary, and received and adopted; and the by-laws, subject to the approval of the M.W. G.M., adopted. Bro. Lister offered to present a banner to the lodge inscribed with the names of the founders, and the W.M. thanked Bro. Lister for his generous offer on behalf of the brethren.

Nothing further arising the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a cold repast, where a pleasant evening was spent with many agreeable rowing reminiscences. The usual toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Thompson and Hastie replying for "The Visitors."

**LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).**—The annual celebration of the Festival of St. John, in connection with this lodge, took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The ceremony of installing Bro. M. Alexander was undertaken by Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M., and the following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. F. E. Boustead, I.P.M.; William Pye, S.W.; George Alexander, J.W.; John Alexander, P.M., Sec.; H. B.

Jones, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Lett, S.D.; W. Sutherland, J.D.; G. W. Latchford, I.G.; Wm. Hudson, Org.; A. Neighbour, R. P. Mitchell, and W. S. Dobson, Stwds.

The banquet, served by Bro. Casey, House Steward, was of the most satisfactory kind, and the artistic arrangement of the tables elicited general admiration. During the proceedings a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Boustead in recognition of his valuable services as Master and member of the lodge. The after-dinner programme was given by Bros. Neighbour, Hudson, Busfield, and others.

**WITHINGTON.—Ashton Lodge (No. 1140).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Midland Hotel, when there were present Bros. Stephen E. Jupp, W.M.; W. E. Harwood, I.P.M.; Dr. Samuel, Chap.; A. Lawley, J.W.; W. W. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; W. McIntyre, Sec.; George Kinder, S.D.; S. Moffatt, I.G.; E. Everett, P.M., P.G.S.D.; J. Wood, P.M.; J. Samson, J. D. Rostron, H. E. Everett, P.M.; J. H. Aldred, P.M.; C. E. Hall, J. R. Jeffery, B. Brierley, Harry Munday, George Bunyan, Kenneth M. Stewart, H. Vollmer, P.M.; and S. Myerscough, P.P.G. Org. West Lancashire. Visitors: W. H. Bibby, 993; J. G. Bromley, P.M. 1375; William Rumsey, I.P.M. 1357; J. Holroyd, P.M. 1134; W. G. Jones, W.M. 999; E. Pike, P.M. 2109; J. Wray, 815; Edward Smith, 317; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P.G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. C. H. Midgley, Joseph A. Gee, and Abraham Cohen, and declared successful in each case. The W.M., Bro. Jupp, initiated Mr. Cohen, after which the brethren adjourned for tea. On re-assembling, Bro. W. W. Wilson, P.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and passed Bro. Hall to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. having resumed his position, raised Bro. Munday to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Two other brethren were ready and willing to take their Third Degree, but, owing to the lateness of the hour, the W.M. decided to postpone the ceremonies and hold a lodge of emergency in a fortnight. Prior to the lodge closing, two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and, after some other business had been discussed and settled, the lodge was closed.

A short time was spent at the social board, where "The Health of the Initiate" and "The Newly-passed and Raised Brethren" were proposed and responded to. The W.M., who is possessed of a good tenor voice, sang "Tell her I love her so." Bro. W. Rumsey, I.P.M. 1357, who is well-known in connection with the Athenæum Dramatic Society, gave a humorous recitation with great skill. Bro. R. R. Lisenden, by desire, recited "Kissing cup's race" and sang "Killaloe."

**LEEDS.—Goderich Lodge (No. 1211).**—A large and distinguished assemblage of brethren took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on the 2nd inst., to celebrate the 21st installation of W.M. of the lodge. The brother who takes the chair for the ensuing year is that widely-known and highly zealous and respected member of the Order, Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, 2128, P.P.G.D., and Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, though young in years, yet sufficiently old in Masonry to justly claim the title of veteran of the Craft. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Bradford, W.M., supported by Bros. G. F. Crowe, P.M., P.P.G.D., S.W.; W. Smith, J.W.; Rev. A. B. Coombe, Chap.; J. W. Fourness, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Treas.; W. Ward, Sec.; Thompson Craister, S.D.; Alfred Benton, Organist; A. W. Youngs, I.P.M.; Jaques, P.M.; Scriven, P.M.; Townsend, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Gwilliam, Stwd.; A. Salter, W. Salter, Chadwick, Dean, J. Millington, Stwd. 1221; Tyers, P.M. 1042; Thorp, 1042; Bedford, 2035; Bottomley, 312; Fitton, P.M. 1783; Shaw, 1019; Harris, P.M. 1221; Rickard, W.M. 304; Cox, 1042; W. T. Carter, W.M. 1042; Crosby, P.M. 1042; Bream, W.M. 306; Salter, 1235; Max Blume, 1001; J. J. Marsh, 1221; England, P.M. 901; Trevor, W.M. 2069; Pounder, 306; H. Oxley, P.M. 495; Williamson, P.M. 289; Dyson, P.M. 306; Scarth, P.M. 289; Brownfoot, P.M. 304; Fox, 940; and W. Watson, P.M. 61 and 2069.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, two candidates were balloted for and accepted, the initiations being conducted respectively by Bros. A. W. Youngs, P.M., and Jaques, P.M. The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.P.G.D. Eng., having accepted an invitation to be present, was announced and entered, supported by Bros. H. Smith, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Rev. Dr. Smyth, G. Chaplain Eng.; Smithson, P.P.G.D., W.M. elect; Townsend, P.P.G. Org.; Gibson, 1042, Prov. G. Stwd.; Tyers, 1042, P.P.G.S.B.; Broughton, 302, P.P.G.W.; Wordsworth, 1019, P.P.G.W.; Rev. R. Bullock, P.P.G. Chap.; Bedford, 304, P.P.G.D.; Monckman, 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; Dobson, 289, Prov. G.D.C.; Althorp, 1018, P.P.G.P.; Slack, 910, P.P.G.D.C.; Allison, 1042, P.P.G.D.; Craig, 304, P.P.G.D.; Lee, 265, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Harrop, 290, P.P.G.D.; Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.B.; Glover, 289, P.P.G.D.; Beck, 289, P.P.G.D.C.; C. L. Mason, 304, P.P.G.T.; Bingham, 296, P.P.S.G.W.; and others. Salutes were given respectively to the R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and to Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, G. Chaplain, the honours being led by Bro. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Bradford, W.M., then proceeded to install his successor as W.M., the W.M. elect being presented to him by the Dep. P.G.M. Subsequently a Board of Installed Masters, numbering nearly 50, witnessed the ceremony. Before closing the Board, Bro. Smithson, W.M., stated that the generosity of the lodge enabled him to follow the excellent precedents of former years of office, and to invest his I.P.M. with a P.M.'s collar and silver jewel attached thereto, for which Bro. Bradford briefly but warmly returned thanks. Bro. Smithson, W.M., was duly proclaimed, the P.G.M. presenting him with the warrant, Book of Constitutions, Prov. Grand by-laws, and lodge by-laws. The following brethren were then invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Smith, S.W.; Rev. Canon Bullock, P.P. G. Chap., J.W.; Rev. A. B. Coombe, Chap.; J. W. Fourness, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Treas.; W. Ward, Sec.; T. Craister, S.D.; A. K. Scattergood, J.D.; A. W. Youngs, P.M., D.C.; W. B. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; W. J. Gwilliam, I.G.; J. Tasker and A. S. Green, Stwds.; and Barrand, Tyler. Bro. Jaques, P.M., gave the final address to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, which closed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Crowe,

P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, as also were the S.W. and J.W., on the Local Charity Committee. The W.M., speaking in very cordial terms of his newly-invested S.W., said what pleasure it accorded him to appoint him to that office, after the self-abnegation displayed in standing back from promotion in former years to allow others to pass forward. He also warmly congratulated Bro. Rev. Canon Bullock, J.W., on the opportunity for the first time presented to him of qualifying for the chair of K.S. Bro. Bullock had been initiated in Apollo Lodge, 357, Oxford, so far back as 1859, and he trusted that their reverend brother would in due time attain the high office he was so well qualified to fill. The W.M. cordially thanked the distinguished visitors and brethren generally for the honour they had conferred upon him by their presence in such large numbers, more especially so when he considered how many were sacrificing the recreations usually enjoyed on Easter Monday. He then stated that he had a duty to perform, and a pleasure in doing it which would be shared to the fullest extent by every brother present. That was to ask, on behalf of the lodge, Bro. Bradford's acceptance of a gold P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Bradford, since his entry into that lodge many years back, had been a loyal and earnest supporter of the Goderich Lodge and the principles of the Craft, and as outgoing Master that evening he might safely look back on his past year and feel that his efforts to perform his duty satisfactorily, and add to the prosperity of his lodge, had been crowned with success. He (the W.M.) looked forward with every confidence to the coming year, and expressed the gratification it afforded him in having so worthy a brother as his I.P.M. He then asked the P.G.M. to do him the honour of pinning the jewel on Bro. Bradford's breast. The P.G.M. complied, and in very felicitous terms congratulated Bro. Bradford on receiving so beautiful a gift. Bro. Bradford thanked the P.G.M. for the honour conferred upon him; and the W.M. for his kind and fraternal remarks; and his brethren of the lodge generally for the jewel. He would always feel that moment to be one of the proudest of his Masonic career. As he had tried to faithfully discharge his duty in the past, he trusted he might not be found wanting in the future. The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, more especially on the prominent features of the career of Lodge 1211. He said it was the tenth lodge of which they had any record in Leeds, and fifth in point of age of those now surviving. It was consecrated on the 2nd of March, 1868, at the rooms in Albion-street (over the old offices of the Yorkshire Post) then in tenancy of Alfred Lodge, No. 306. The ceremony of consecration was performed in the presence of an influential gathering of brethren, by their lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, then W.D. P.G.M.; their Bro. Peace, of Huddersfield, acting as Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. Manoaah Rhodes, of Bedford, as Prov. J.G.W. Both those bright and shining lights in the Craft have, alas! been removed by the hand of death. Their late Bro. Cocker was the first Master. He regretted that ill-health prevented their worthy and veteran Bro. Samuel Newsam, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., who acted as Installing Master, and their talented Bro. Dr. Spark, P.M. 289, P.P.G. Org., who so ably conducted the musical services, from being with them on that, the 21st installation day of W.M. Eight candidates for initiation were proposed on that day, and it might be interesting to know that since the formation of the lodge to the close of the current year 1887, there have been 122 members; of these 17 have died, 62 are on the roll, the remainder having resigned or otherwise ceased membership. There are 13 P.M.'s returned as present subscribing members. On the 1st July, 1868, was carried the proposition removing their lodge to that beautiful hall in Great George-street, where they have since continued to hold their meetings. On the 12th of October, 1868, was passed a vote of ten guineas to the Masonic Schools, being the first of a long series of munificent contributions by the lodge, and its members individually, to objects of Charity, both of a Masonic and a general character. In addition to a total of £800 subscribed to the Masonic Benevolent and Scholastic Institutions, generous donations had been made to their local Masonic Charities and to distressed brethren and the families of deceased brethren. A liberal response had also been accorded to calls for support to worthy objects outside the limits of the Order. The voting power was over 370 votes, not including those which would accrue from the magnificent list of 15 Stewards down for the coming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls on June 7th, 1888. Recurring to the earlier period of the history of their lodge they learnt that the project which finally resulted in their valuable Leeds Local Benevolent Fund, which had, "inter alia," for its object the education, locally and privately, of the children of reduced or deceased brethren, was brought forward in the Goderich Lodge on November 7th, 1870. The scheme became general to all the lodges in Leeds during the year 1877. On two occasions the Provincial Grand Lodge had met in Leeds under their banner, namely, January, 18th, 1882, and January 10th, 1887. They were visited by their lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, in his capacity of D.P.G.M., on the occasion of their late Bro. Harrison's installation as W.M. He had also had the pleasure of being hospitably received by them on September 6th, 1875, March 3rd, 1879, March 1st, 1880, March 7th, 1881, August 21st, 1882, March 1st, and May 3rd, 1886. On each of these occasions he was favoured with their thanks for the addresses he then delivered in their presence. The meeting of August 21st, 1882, was a lodge of emergency, and memorable as being called by the W.M. for the purpose of receiving their late Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, C.B.; their present D.P.G.M., Bro. Hy. Smith; Bros. T. Hill, P.P.G.W.; Sir Alexander Woods, and Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W. Eng., Prov. G.M. Surrey, &c. He might remind them that Bro. Gen. Brownrigg served his country with great distinction in the East during 1854-5, and took an active part in several engagements. On the occasion of his visit, there their members rendered a fine exemplification of West Yorkshire working for his benefit, and he should not forget to mention that their then W.M., Bro. J. W. Fourness (now Prov. G. Treas.), afterwards hospitably entertained them at an elegantly served banquet. The lodge held on March 1st, 1886, witnessed an interesting event in the initiation of Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P. for the Central Division of Leeds, when he had the pleasure of delivering to them the charge in the N.E. Of the original founders but two survive, viz., their worthy Bro. Crowe, P.M., P.P.G.D., who had rendered continuous and valuable support to the lodge since its commencement. He passed the chair in

1869, had contributed handsomely to the Charities, and on the 1st of January, 1883, was presented, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his services, with the jewel of a Prov. G. Deacon. The other survivor, their newly-installed W.M., Bro. Wm. F. Smithson, was initiated in Lodge Harrogate and Claro, 1001, May, 1867, and passed and raised in succeeding months. He filled with zeal and ability a number of offices in the lodge, and was installed W.M. in April, 1872. For many years he was Provincial Charity Member, and the amounts placed to the credit of that lodge and its members in the books of the Masonic Institutions are a standing record of his conscientious and successful fulfilment of the duties of that onerous office. The year 1880 calls for special note, he having sent up contributions from Lodge 1001 between £400 and £500. In January, 1873, whilst in the chair of Lodge 1001, he received Prov. G. Lodge, and afterwards entertained them at a banquet, followed by a ball. Whilst bestowing all the attention on that lodge the most critical could desire, he was yet awhile working hard in the interests of Lodge Goodrich, 1211, of which, as previously stated, he was a founder in 1868. On March 7th, 1870, he was elected for the time Treasurer of No. 1211. On the 3rd of February, 1870, he received a cordial vote of thanks for preparing their codes of by-laws. By his irresistible energy in the cause of their Masonic Charities he infused a large amount of zeal, not only in his own lodges, but through the province generally, and that he had continued unwearingly to the present day. At his instance a special meeting of West Yorkshire Provincial Charity members was called under the banner of their lodge, which resulted, on Sir Henry Edwards, then Prov. G.M., taking the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the contribution of the largest sum we have recorded as going up from that province on any occasion connected with the Masonic Charities. On the 6th of April, 1881, he was appointed Prov. G.S.D., in recognition of his many and valuable services to the Craft. At the first meeting held during 1881, of the Provincial Charity Committee, he was elected Vice-Chairman of that body, and having fulfilled with distinction the important duties of that honourable and responsible position for five years, he was elected Chairman in 1886, and had continued in that office by annual re-election. Whilst drawing the attention of the brethren to the duty and necessity of supporting their Charitable Institutions, he had himself contributed munificently, having three times taken Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, three times for the Boys' School, and also qualified as Vice-President for the Girls' School. In 1886 he became founder and first Senior Warden of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, in London, and was installed W.M. in 1887. On his retirement from that office a few weeks ago he was presented by the lodge with a superb gold P.M.'s jewel, and a massive silver cup, as a mark of the high esteem the brethren entertained for him personally, and the distinguished manner in which he had discharged his duties as Master. The Goderich Lodge could claim many brethren of nobility of heart amongst its members, while the rank and file were of a solid and respectable character, enthusiastically attached to their lodge and the principles of the Craft. By their splendid donations to the Charities, their industry and application in perfecting the ceremonial of their Order, their loyalty to their Masonic rulers and true appreciation of brotherly feeling towards each other, the members of that lodge might be said to have laid a sound and enduring basis on which to raise a future superstructure of prosperity. Might the lodge continue a temple of harmony, and its members the bearers of that Divine message which proclaims "peace on earth and goodwill towards men" until time shall be no more.

Apologies from about 60 brethren having been announced, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of nearly 80, adjourning to the banquet hall, were entertained at a sumptuous dinner, served in a highly creditable manner by Bro. Barrand, Hall-keeper and Tyler.

"The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" having been duly honoured, "The M.W.G.M., the R.W. Pro G.M., the R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, and responded to by Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, G. Chap.

Bro. A. W. Youngs, P.M., proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bros. Tew, Prov. G.M., &c., and Bingham, P.S.G.W., responded.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Crowe, P.M., P.P.G.D., and responded to by Bro. Harrop, P.M., P.P.G.D., Vice-Chairman of West Yorkshire Charity Committee.

"The Worshipful Master and Prosperity to the Goderich Lodge" was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Tew, Prov. G.M., and most enthusiastically received by the brethren.

A most feeling and heartfelt response was given by Bro. W. F. Smithson, W.M.

Bro. the Rev. A. B. Coombe, Chap., proposed the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters of Goderich Lodge."

Bros. Bradford, I.P.M.; Jaques, P.M.; and Crowe, P.M., responded.

"The Newly-Initiated Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Jaques, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Boston and Featherstone.

Bro. Fourness, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren."

Bros. Broughton, 302, P.P.G.W., and Trevor, W.M. 2069, responded.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Scriven, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Smith, S.W.

The Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. Barrand, brought a long but enjoyable festival to a close.

Mention should not be omitted that the brethren were treated to brilliant performances on the violoncello by Bro. Giessing, and on the pianoforte by Bro. Max Blume, both well-known and highly talented musicians.

**TORQUAY.**—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 10th instant, when there were present, with others, Bros. T. Prust, W.M.; T. W. Morgan, P.M., S.W.; T. H. Wills, J.W.; J. McKellar, S.D.; S. Wills, D. of C.; J. Taylor, Stwd., as I.G.; F. Hex, I.P.M., Sec.; J. Dodge, P.P.G. Treas., Treasurer; J. Lane, P.P.G. Reg.;

A. T. Blamey, P.G. Stwd.; Hersey, Bubb, W. H. Snell, and Guy. Visitors: Bros. J. Barker, P.P.G.S. of W. West Yorks; and J. Salter, P.M. 328.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bros. Holman, Hill, and Pickard were then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in his usual able manner, the working tools being explained in their fullest detail by Bro. A. T. Blamey, Bro. J. Taylor giving the lecture on the tracing board. The usual questions were asked, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th instant. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. Jenkins, W.M.; Capt. Bunn, S.W.; H. Jenkins, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Toulmin, S.D.; Lieut.-Col. Cuming, J.D.; Lieut. Perry, I.G.; Davison, D. of C.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D., P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.G.S.D., P.M.; and A. Gurney, P.M. Bro. Major-General Cuming, R.A., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of the W.M., as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of that Institution, to be held on the 27th day of June.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed. Bro. J. T. Briggs responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers;" Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M., "The Past Masters;" Bro. Major-General Cuming, on behalf of "The Visitors;" Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bro. Bunn and H. Jenkins, for "The Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road. Bro. R. Gooding, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Kenneday, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. Maule, P.M.; W. Moulds, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); A. Murdock, J.W.; A. Ware, Sec.; W. Seager, S.D.; W. Musquin, I.G.; G. Wheeler and W. Sale, Stewards; J. Warren, P.M. 700; W. Webber, J.W. 700; C. Wood, J.W. 1472; J. T. Jarvis, S.W. 912; W. G. Lloyd, S.D. 913; J. Freer, S.W. 1936; W. Sandle, 1936; H. De Gray, 13; Capt. Trapaud, 1789; and R. Laird, 1789.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, Bro. McLaughlin was passed, and the W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board in this Degree splendidly. The lodge was then closed, and after supper the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and personal toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren spent the remainder of the evening in harmony.

## INSTRUCTION.

**JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Leng, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Whitley, J.W.; Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Prior, J.D.; Mansfield, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Couldrey, P.M.; Turpin, Dealer, J. J. Faulkner, Borrett, Downer, and Wright.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The usual questions leading to the Second Degree were then ably answered by Bro. Turpin. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was called off, and, on resuming, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Borrett personating the candidate. The W.M. rendered the ceremony, including the traditional history, in a very able manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Dandridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, W. Present: Bros. C. J. Bion, W.M.; R. Dillon, S.W.; J. Millier, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Sec. (pro tem.); C. Hunt, S.D.; J. W. Manktelow, J.D.; and N. Turner, I.G.

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. Bro. Manktelow, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Manktelow candidate. The lodge was called off and on, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Manktelow candidate. Bro. Dillon was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A letter was received from Bro. Wells stating that his absence was caused by a sudden and serious domestic affliction. A vote of sympathy was passed by the members, and entered on the minutes, a copy of which the Secretary was instructed to forward to Bro. Wells, expressing the regret of the members at his sudden bereavement. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; Yates, S.W.; Duncan, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Scarlett, S.D.; Sheffield, J.D.; Hiller, I.G.; Kilsby, Loomes, and Boyden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coxon answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Coxon candidate. Bro. Hiller answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Loomes candidate. The lodge was again opened in the Second Degree, and afterwards in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kilsby candidate. Bro. Coxon proposed, and Bro. Sheffield seconded, that Bro. Yates be elected W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The officers were appointed in rotation. Nothing further offering, 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 12th inst. Present: Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; J. D. Graham, S.W.; H. G. Marsden, J.W.; J. Woodward, S.D.; J. Russell, J.D.; R. E. Cursors, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Lyons, 654, New York, U.S.A.; H. C.

Chevalier, V. Smith, T. C. Seary, W. B. Fendick, G. F. Swan, R. J. Harpell, A. E. Gladwell, A. Clark, W. Proudfoot, G. S. Russell, W. Wingham, H. J. Pellatt, and A. Wingham.

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. V. Smith offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the 2nd Lecture. Lodge closed down. On rising for the first time, Bro. A. Wingham, 25, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. D. Graham, S.W., be elected W.M. for the 20th inst.—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, on behalf of the lodge, wished Bro. A. Lyons, of New York, a safe return to his native land, with the "Hearty good wishes" of the lodge, and was sorry he could not be with them on Thursday next, when Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., and Secretary to the R.M. Ben. Inst., would rehearse the ceremony of consecration; to which Bro. A. Lyons made a suitable reply, thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Seaside Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; W. C. Williams, S.W.; Swan, J.W.; R. H. Williams, Treas.; Hubbard, S.D.; Wildes, J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Doggett, and Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Doggett having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Hubbard having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. C. Williams was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 16th instant. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, W.M.; J. Worth, S.W.; W. Fayers, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; P. Skar, J.D.; and C. Woods, I.G.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Skar having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Skar being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Worth was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. The revised by-laws were read and confirmed, and it was resolved that they be printed. The ballot for a Life-Subscribership to a Masonic Charity was taken, and resulted in favour of Bro. G. Swann.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. Sims, P.M., S.W.; J. H. Wood, P.M., J.W.; Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Lingley, S.D.; Purdue, P.M., J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; N. Speigel, P.M.; Cartool, Arldge, Woodard, and R. H. Wimpey.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. Bro. C. Woodard offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. J. Sims, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. F. Craggs for his excellent working in the chair for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Craggs suitably replied. The fourth Wednesday in May was appointed for the annual supper of the lodge, and the brethren present were elected a Committee for that purpose. It was arranged to work the Fifteen Sections on the 12th and 19th of May. 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 13th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, W.M.; Hayler, S.W.; Hobbs, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hume, S.D.; Molony, J.D.; Harvey, I.G.; Mason, P.M.; Green, jun., P.M.; Coleman, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Edwards, Stutfield, Arnold, Blades, Piper, Dottrell, Hayes, Robinson, Roberts, and Badderly.

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. Robinson being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Hume. Bro. Stutfield, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The chair was re-occupied by the W.M., who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Boulton, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. Haynes, 144, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Hayler was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**TORQUAY.**—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present among others Bros. T. Prust, W.M. 1402; J. Dodge, Preceptor; J. T. Blamey, P.G.S.; W. Hill, S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; Jno. Lane, P.P.G. Reg., as S.D.; W. Winget, I.G.; and John Taylor, Secretary.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were confirmed. In the absence of Bro. Hersey, Bro. J. Taylor was called to the chair and requested to do the work on the agenda paper. Bro. Blamey acting as a candidate for passing, the usual questions were asked and answered, and he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Taylor also giving the Lecture on the tracing board. The work for the next meeting being appointed, and the usual questions asked, the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**OLD KING'S ARMS CHAPTER (No. 28).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 9th inst. There were present Comps. Money, M.E.Z.; H. Pritchard, H.; W. Paas, Treas.; A. C. Craven, P.S.; H. T. Gordon, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Hicklin, A. Coombes, Farnfield, P.Z.; Colls, P.Z.; Maudsley, P.Z.; Ebner, P.Z.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.Z.; E. W. Parkes, H. elect; and others. Visitors: Comps. T. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P.; Collings, 1056; Levander, 142; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Col. James Peters, 2; James Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; G. L. Kennaby, 766; Rushton, 771; Porcher, 82; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Bassano, Causton, 907; and Jennings.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. exalted Bro. Green to Royal Arch Masonry, Comp. Sudlow giving the Historical, Comp. Pritchard the Symbolical, and the M.E.Z. the Mystical



Ferguson, P.Z., who said that all present would sympathise with Comp. Chatfield, the M.E.Z. elect, in his illness, and sincerely regret his absence.

Comp. Fooks, I.P.Z., in response, said he had to sincerely thank the companions for their kindness during the past year, and expressed the hope that as a P.Z. he would be able to render good service to the chapter. On behalf of his colleagues and himself he returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. If anything could be an encouragement to a companion to do his duty, it was the kindly spirit in which his efforts were met.

Comps. E. Y. Jolliffe, H. 1194, and T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Soj., responded for "The Visitors," expressing their gratification at the flourishing state of the chapter, and their thanks for the hospitable reception accorded them.

"The Officers" having been given, the Janitor's toast closed an enjoyable meeting.

**BOLTON.**—Chapter of Concord (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 16th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Comps. J. Brown, Z.; J. Booth, H.; J. Hardcastle, J.; J. Newton, Prov. Asst. G. Scribe E., S.E.; J. W. Poyntz, S.N.; J. Naylor, P.S.; W. Forrest, 1st A.S.; J. W. Thompson, 2nd A.S.; T. Murphey, Steward; T. Higson, Prov. G. Janitor, Janitor; T. Barnes and W. H. Lomax. Also as visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H.; A. Clegg, Prov. G.J.; N. Nicholson, P. Prov. G. Swd. Br.; and W. Cooper, Prov. Asst. G. D. of C.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, the Principals and other officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, and were severally inducted into their respective offices by Comps. Sillitoe and Nicholson, viz: Comps. J. Booth, Z. J. Hardcastle, H.; J. W. Poyntz, J.; J. Newton, S.E.; J. Naylor, S.N.; W. Forrest, P.S.; J. W. Thompson, 1st A.S.; S. H. Shorrocks, 2nd A.S.; G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer; T. Murphey, Org.; T. Barnes, Steward; and T. Higson, Janitor. Three candidates for exaltation were balloted for and unanimously elected, and two of them, Bros. F. W. Broadbent and G. E. Greenhalgh, being in attendance were admitted and exalted by the newly-installed 1st Principal, Comp. J. Booth, in a highly creditable manner. The duties of P.S. were also exceedingly well performed by the newly-invested P.S., Comp. W. Forrest. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Comps. Sillitoe and Nicholson for their attendance and services rendered to the chapter. In acknowledging the vote of thanks, Comp. Sillitoe complimented the chapter on the admirable manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been conducted by the new officers.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting companions, and the business being concluded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the social board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant hour was passed.

**CHICHESTER.**—Cyrus Chapter (No. 38).—The installation meeting of this chapter, which was postponed from March in consequence of the absence of the M.E.Z., who attended H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge at Berlin on the occasion of the funeral of the late Emperor of Germany, took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., in the Council Chamber. The meeting, being an emergency one, was simply to instal the Principals and invest the officers, who were as follows: Comps. Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox, M.E.Z.; Sir R. G. Raper, H.; W. Barrett, J.; H. E. Breach, S.E.; A. Buquet, S.N.; G. Smith, P.Z., Treas.; O. N. Wyatt, P.Z., P. Soj.; and W. A. Beatson, Janitor.

After the meeting the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel, the M.E.Z. presiding. The usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings were characterised by an absence of formality, which caused the meeting, though not largely attended, to be one of the red-letter days in Royal Arch Masonry, the noble Chairman adding considerably to the success by his geniality and evident desire to promote the pleasure of those present.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 13th inst., Comp. W. B. Cowman, P.G.P.S., Z., in the chair, when there were present Comps. Geo. Dalrymple, P.G.H., as H.; Chas. Gowan, P.G. Stwd., J.; J. T. Ray, P.G.D.C., S.E.; F. Hodgson, P.P.G. Swd. Br., S.N.; W. Bewlay, P.P. G.D.C., Treas.; W. C. Johns, P.S.; T. Brakenridge, Assst. Soj.; J. Casson, Janitor; John Barr, P.Z., P.P. G.H.; Thomas Atkinson, P.Z., P.P. Asst. G. Soj.; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Tyson, W. H. Bewlay, S. Hinde, A. Ashmore, R. Shepherd, J. S. Moffat, Thomas Allinson, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and three candidates balloted for. Bro. J. Thompson being in attendance was exalted to the Supreme Degree, and, there being nothing further, the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.**—This distinguished lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 4th inst. Among those in attendance we noticed Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., P.D.M., in the chair, in the absence, through a severe domestic bereavement, of Bro. W. Roebuck, D.M.; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, S.W.; Lord Saltoun, W.M. elect; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O., J.W.; the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Davison, P.G.T., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec., acting Sec.; T. Cubitt, M.O.; C. H. Driver, S.O.; Cooper, S.D.; S. B. Wilson, J.D.; T. C. Walls, I.G.; Manwaring and Mildred, Stewards; Capt. Phillips, P.D.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W., P.D.M.; Dr. Coffin, M.D., P.G.S.B.; H. J. Lardner, P.S.G.D.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., &c., ably installed the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Saltoun as W.M. for the year ensuing. The following appointments then took place: Bros. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, D.M.; Alfred Williams, S.W.; T. Cubitt, J.W.; Spice, M.O.; C. H. Driver, S.O.; C. Stephens, J.O.; the Rev. T.

Robinson, Chap.; F. Davison, Treas.; R. Berridge, Sec.; Cooper, R. of M.; S. B. Wilson, S.D.; T. C. Walls, J.D.; Manwaring, I.G.; Mildred and H. J. Lardner, Stewards; and Mills, Tyler. The sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The sum of 20 guineas was also voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be divided and placed on the respective lists of Bros. C. F. Matier and T. C. Walls, as Stewards at the Centenary Festival. The sum of five guineas was also unanimously voted to the "Poore Testimonial Fund." The report of the Audit Committee having been read and adopted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" having been honoured,

Bro. Lord Saltoun, in reply, expressed his great obligations to the brethren who had done him the honour of electing him W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Masons. He had journeyed many miles to be present that afternoon, and he had been exceedingly impressed with the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Matier. He (the speaker) was a Scotch Mason, and it had touched him most deeply to experience the kindness with which he had been everywhere received by the English brethren. He had been asked to join the Mark Degree under the English Constitution, and he felt greatly complimented that that honour had been extended to him. In conclusion, he said that he would do his utmost to enhance the prosperity of the Degree, and particularly to evince his gratitude in every possible way to the brethren of the Grand Mark Master's Lodge for having accorded to him the great privilege of presiding over their distinguished body.

The other toasts followed, and were most heartily received by the brethren, and suitably acknowledged by the respective recipients.

The proceedings throughout reflected the highest credit upon the executive.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER.**—(No. 3).—

This old and flourishing chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 13th instant. Among those present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Gardner, 30°, M.W.S.; Berkley, Prelate; Capt. J. E. Anderson, 30°, 1st General; G. Graveley, 30°, 2nd General; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Lieut. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Brown Kidder, G.M.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, Raphael; Capt. Stohwasser, 30°, Capt. of the Guard; Dr. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. Darwin, P.M.W.S.; Lieut. Bassano, Lieut. J. Hawkins, Lieut. N. Prower, M.A.; Grimwood, W. Maple, W. W. Codd, Hayworth, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Hay-Hilton, and it proving to be unanimous he was impressively inducted into the Degree by the M.W.S. Bro. Berkley was elected as M.W.S., Bro. W. Paas re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Austin as Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel having been voted the M.W.S., the sum of two guineas was unanimously voted to the Thomas Poore testimonial. The Recorder having reported to the chapter the death of the wife of ill. Bro. W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.W., it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be presented to ill. Bro. Roebuck. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Roebuck, Charles Belton, Capt. Williamson, J.P.; H. Sandeman, 33°; Professor Lott, 30°; Aldridge, Gibbes, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal where a most excellent banquet was provided by ill. Bro. Nicol, 30°. The usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

### Rosicrucian Society of England.

**METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.**—The obligatory annual convocation of this college was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C., when there were present M.W. Frater Dr. W. R. Woodman, M.D., 1X°, S.M.; R.W. Frater Robert Roy, 8°, M.T.; V.W. Frater T. C. Walls, D.M.T.; R.W. Frater W. S. Ferguson, 8°, P.M.T.; J. Lewis Thomas, 1X°, P.M.T.; E. H. Thielay, 8°, P.M.T.; John Collinson, 8°; V.W. Frater Eugene Street, Dr. T. W. Coffin, B. A. Smith, as Ancients; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Chap.; R.W. Frater S. L. M. Mathers, 8°, as C. of N.'s; W. Frater Nelson Prower, J. N. Frye, H. P. Haye, George Gregory, R.W. Frater Dr. Wynn Westcott, Hon. IX°, Sec.; R.W. Frater C. F. Matier, Past S.M. Scotia, a Visitor; and G. Harrison, Assistant Acolyte.

The Mystic Circle was duly formed, and the Chain of Union rendered complete. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read letters of regret for non-attendance from Frater Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Hughan, Irwin, Lambert, Dodd, Peek, Mason, Hunter, Bulmer, and Norris. Frater W. G. Lemon, T. B. Whythead, Glynes were unavoidably absent. The accounts were audited and found correct by Frater R. Ray and S. L. Mathers, and showed that the receipts and interest on deposit were £18 4s. 6d. The expenditure was £37, including several extraordinary items:—one being the expenses of greeting the Frater of the United States, America, another being the purchase of complimentary jewels. The balance in hand was £48 15s. 3d. The S.M. then presented to V.W. Frater Robert Roy the jewel of honour, awarded to him for the excellence of his working of the Master's chair during the past year. The Secretary read a letter from R.W. Frater Hughan, P.S.S.M., complimenting Frater Roy. R.W. Frater Robert Roy suitably responded to the presentation. Bro. the Rev. R. Peek, proposed by R.W. Frater Cuthbert Peek, P.S.S.M., and seconded by the Secretary, was unanimously elected a member of the college, and having been duly prepared was conducted by R.W. Frater S. L. M. Mathers, and was eloquently advanced to the Grade of Zelator by the M. of the T. The S.M. conferred the secret knowledge. V.W. Frater T. C. Walls proposed "That the election of Master of the Temple do in future take place in January, and the installation in April;" R.W. Frater John Collinson seconded. R.W. Frater Jas. Lewis Thomas objected to changing the ancient landmarks. The S.M. said that the rule had been made by the founder and

reconstitutor of the society after long consideration, and that he considered the rule as it stands preferable to the new proposal. The Secretary remarked that there had been for years a tacit agreement that fratres who had for several years been on the roll of officers, should be moved progressively upwards; so that the Deputy Master for the time being always knew the day when he would be elected and installed Master, if he attended for that purpose; it was also understood that if the D.M. did not attend, or make a special arrangement, he would be passed over. A long discussion ensued. When the question was put the majority abstained from voting, and the numbers were—For the proposal, 3; against, 4; so the proposal was lost. V.W. Frater T. C. Walls was then unanimously elected Master of the Temple, and the S.M., Dr. Woodman, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the college. All the fratres below the 8° having withdrawn, the S.M. installed R.W. Frater T. C. Walls, 8°, and placed him in the chair. After re-admission of the fratres, the M. of the T. invested R.W. Frater John Collinson, D.M.; R.W. Frater W. Wynn Westcott, M.B. Secretary and 1st Ancient; V.W. Frater H. J. Lardner, 2nd Ancient; R.W. Frater S. L. M. Mathers, 3rd Ancient; V.W. Frater George Cockle, 4th Ancient; T. W. Coffin, 5th Ancient; William Ackland, 6th Ancient; Webster Glynes, 7th Ancient; W. Frater W. G. Lemon, Precentor; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Conductor of N.'s; J. J. Thomas, Chaplain and Org.; Eugene E. Street, Torch Bearer; Jones Parry, Herald; William Lake, Medallist; Nelson Prower, Guardian; and Frater John Gilbert, Acolyte.

At the conclusion of the business, the Mystic Circle was dissolved, and the chain of union rendered imperfect until again completed by the power of the mystic word.

The next convocation will be held on Thursday, July 12th. Brethren desirous of admission should apply by letter to the "Secretary," 396, Camden-road, London, N.

### FREEMASONS AND THE CHILDREN OF MARGATE.

The Freemasons of Margate are evidently of opinion that the aged people of the town should not solely benefit by their generosity, and, having recently entertained them at the Foresters' Hall, they determined that the poorer children of the town should also have their treat. Accordingly a number of tickets were issued, chiefly through the various day schools in the town, for a tea and entertainment, which was duly carried to a successful issue on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Royal Assembly Rooms.

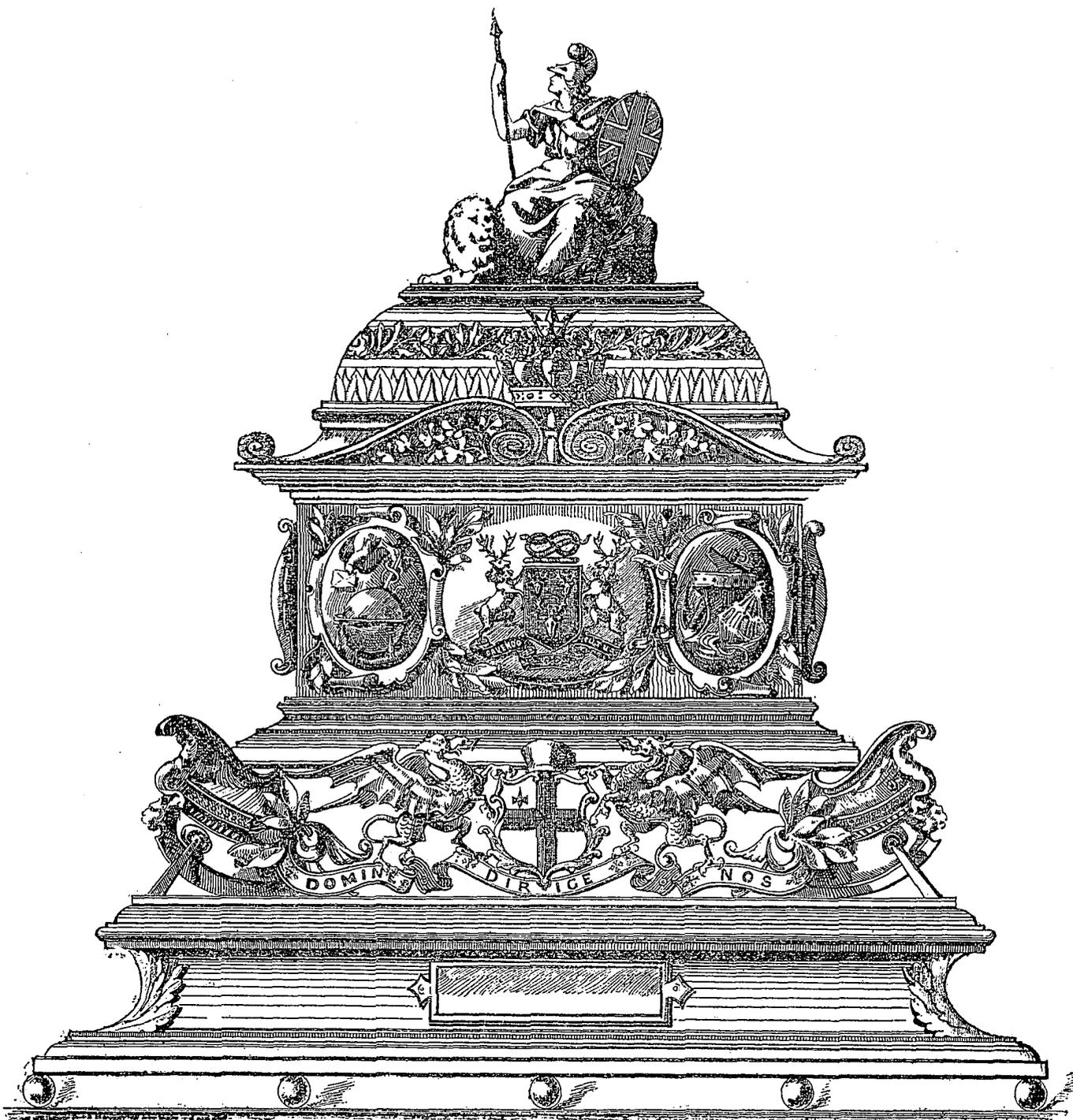
The tea was fixed for five o'clock, and punctually at that time the 500 children, with the exception of a few late ones, were seated at the 14 long tables which filled the room. Grace having been said by the Chaplain of the Union Lodge, Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, and sung by the children, the attack was commenced on the slices of bread and butter and of bread and jam which had been placed on every child's plate. This was kept up vigorously, and the reserves of bread and jam and cake—of which articles half-a-pound had been allowed to each child by the caterer, Mr. Hume—were rapidly demolished. The eatables were accompanied by a liberal supply of tea, and as the mugs had been brought by the children themselves there was a great variety of receptacles for it, although a number of the mugs presented to the children at a similar gathering last year were conspicuous. During the progress of the tea a band, under the direction of Mr. J. Moore, discoursed selections of music, the time of the livelier portion being marked by the feet of the children, who now and then paused in their work to join in some popular refrain with which they were acquainted.

Grace having been sung at the conclusion of the meal, and the children having relieved themselves by cheering, Mr. Bert Knott, of Ramsgate, went through some feats of legerdemain. Borrowing a lady's handkerchief, he caused it, with the help of one of the youthful audience, to appear in a number of pieces, which he afterwards made into a long strip. This created much amusement, which was turned to wonder when after firing from a magic blunderbuss the handkerchief was discovered entire in the centre of a lemon. Not content with this, he next burnt the handkerchief, but, with the ability peculiar to conjurers, finally restored it whole. Mr. Knott next introduced four figures, by means of which he gave a specimen of his really clever ventriloquism. The appearance of the figures was greeted with screams of laughter by the children, and the entertainment apparently afforded them much amusement. The room, however, being large, and the children not being accustomed to restrain the use of their lungs, much of the dialogue was lost.

Next came the exhibition of a number of dissolving views by Mr. Robertson. The slides comprised a number of places in Germany, some sea scenes, a quantity of excellent chromographs, and various comic scenes. These latter, with their rapid transitions, caused much delight. While the views were being exhibited, Mrs. Jones Lane rendered appropriate selections on the pianoforte, the children occasionally joining in the music and singing various choruses with the utmost vigour.

The evening's enjoyment was then brought to a close, and on leaving each of the children received a prize packet and an orange.

The children were waited upon at tea by the families of members of the lodge, while the following ladies and gentlemen were among those present: The Rev. D. Lloyd, the Rev. J. James, the Rev. R. Allen, Mr. H. B. Marshall, J.P., Mr. F. W. Willett, W.M., and Mrs. Willett, the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, Mr. H. Wootton, Mr. and Miss Goodyear, Mr. C. D. Smith, Mr. G. Masu, Miss Masu, Madame Daunou, Miss Daunou, Mr. A. and Miss Wootton, Mr. E. Croser, Mr. and Mrs. Healing, Mrs. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones Lane, Mr. Lewis, jun., Miss Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fagg, Mr. and Mrs. F. Perry, Miss Perry, Mr. F. Perry, jun., Mr. and Mrs. H. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Henning, Mr. T. Pearce, Mr. W. Bentley, jun., Lieut.-Col. Bamber, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brighurst, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hearsey, Mr. E. H. Rayner, Mr. F. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thurston, Mrs. W. Seales, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Tannenbaum, Mr. G. W. Speth, Mr. Brown, Mr. W. Crawford, Mrs. and Miss Akhurst, Mrs. W. B. Reeve, Mr. F. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Briggs, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. H. D. Reeve, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. G. Stamer, Mrs. and Miss Pointon, Mr. Sutton, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dixon.



### Presentation of the Freedom of the City of London to Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.

Bro. the Marquis of HARTINGTON was on Wednesday presented with the Freedom of the City, the ceremony taking place in the Guildhall, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Amongst those present besides the Lord Mayor (Bro. Polydore De Keyser), who attended in state, were the Sheriffs (Bros. Major Davies and W. A. Higgs), Mr. Goschen, M.P., Sir Henry James, M.P., Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir Andrew Lusk, Sir Thomas Chambers, Mr. Alderman Dakin, and most of the City deputies. Bro. Sir John Monckton read the resolution of the Court of Aldermen that Bro. Lord Hartington should be admitted to the Freedom of the City as a mark of appreciation of the wise and patriotic spirit evinced by him during his Parliamentary career, and more especially in connection with the events of recent times affecting the welfare of the United Kingdom.

The CHAMBERLAIN of the City then read the declaration, by which it was shown that Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington was a nobleman of good name and fame, and would on becoming a freeman of the City "pay his scot and bear his lot."

Bro. Lord HARTINGTON, having signed the declaration and the roll, was then presented with a copy of the document, which was encased in a splendid gold casket.

The CHAMBERLAIN, on behalf of the Corporation, delivered a short address.

Bro. Lord HARTINGTON, who was received with loud cheering, returned his sincere thanks for the honour the Corporation had done him by presenting him with the freedom of that ancient City, and the magnificent casket in which it was enclosed. It was no disparagement to the eloquent speech of the Chamberlain if he said it had not altogether removed those feelings of surprise with which he had learned that this distinguished honour was to be conferred on him. He would not say that the roll of the honorary freemen of London contained the names of all the distinguished men who had formed part of the history of our country; but he would say, at all events, that a fair recital of the names of the statesmen, soldiers, sailors, lawyers, men of science, and distinguished travellers who had received that honour at their hands would call to mind some of the most glorious achievements, many of the most stirring events, many of the most beneficent legislative measures and many of the most striking discoveries of our time. (Cheers). The noble lord then, in the course of an able speech, referred to the great events that had occurred during the past 30 years, and said that the history

of those years would record an earnest desire on the part of Parliament to recognise the rights, improve the condition, lighten the burdens, and brighten the lives of the masses of the population.

In the evening Bro. the Marquis of Hartington was entertained at a banquet given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House. Amongst those present were the Duke of Grafton, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of St. Albans, the Earl of Morley, the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Sefton, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Lord Monteagle, M.P., Lord Belper, Lord Bramwell, Sir Henry James, Q.C., M.P., Mr. A. Elliot, M.P., Baron F. de Rothschild, M.P., Sir Harry Verney, Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Mr. H. Elliot, M.P., Lord Stalbridge, Lord Rothschild, Lord Mount-Temple, Earl Fortescue, Lord Truro, Viscount Lymington, M.P., Lord E. Cavendish, M.P., the Earl of Arran, the Earl of Minto, the Marquis of Tweeddale, General Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P., Sir John Lubbock, M.P., General Sir W. Crossman, M.P., Sir J. W. Ellis, M.P., Mr. L. Courtney, M.P., and a large number of other gentlemen.

The usual loyal toasts having been responded to, that of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was answered by General Sir H. HAVELOCK-ALLAN, Admiral the Hon. Sir FRANCIS EGERTON, and the Duke of WESTMINSTER respectively.

The gold casket, of which we give an engraving, contains in the centre the arms of the Cavendish family with supporters and crests cut in rock crystal, and enamelled in correct heraldic colours, supported on either side by oval medallions on which are shewn emblems representing the Marine and Postal Services—Bro. Lord Hartington having held the offices of First Lord of the Admiralty and Post Master General. On the lid is a Naval coronet and trident flanked by sprigs of Shamrock—his lordship having served the office of Chief Secretary for Ireland. The casket (of 18-carat Hall-marked gold) is surmounted by a figure of Britannia, with the Union Jack enamelled on an oval shield, seated on a bale of merchandize, representing "Commerce," at her feet a Lion couchant. On either end is the Monogram of his lordship enamelled in colours, the reverse of which has an oval medallion bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Right Honorable the MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, M.P., by the Corporation of the City of London, together with the Freedom of the City, April 18th, 1888."

The casket is mounted on a marble plinth, on which are the arms and supporters of the City of London, enamelled.

The Casket was designed and manufactured by Bro. GEORGE KENNING, Goldsmith, Little Britain, London, E.C.



Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attended in State a concert given by the Guildhall School of Music at the People's Palace, Mile End, on Saturday afternoon last.

The Queen has signified her intention of patronising the grand bazaar and military fête at the Royal Military Asylum, known also as the Duke of York's School, which will be opened on Tuesday next, the 24th inst.

It has been arranged that the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund shall be held at the Hôtel Métropole, and Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., H.M.'s Solicitor-General, has kindly consented to preside on the occasion.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., addressed a political meeting at the Drill Hall, West Ham, on Wednesday evening, and the same evening Bro. Sir G. O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., addressed his constituents of the Bridgeton division of Glasgow.

The season at the Lyceum Theatre was opened on Saturday evening last by Bro. Henry Irving and his company. "Faust" was chosen for the occasion, and both Bro. Irving and Miss Ellen Terry experienced a most enthusiastic reception on their first appearance after their tour in America.

Bros. Earl Amherst, and Sir A. Borthwick, M.P.; Bro. and Mrs. Dixon Hartland, Bro. and Mrs. Agg-Gardner, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Bury, Bro. and Mrs. Seager-Hunt, and Bro. Akers-Douglas M.P., were present with many others at a political banquet held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has already forwarded to Berlin a sum of £2000 on account of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the inundations in Germany, and the receipt has been gratefully acknowledged by Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, H.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin. The latter reports that upwards of 100,000 persons have been rendered homeless by the calamity.

A Court of Admlerms was held at the Guildhall, on Tuesday, at which Bro. the Lord Mayor presided, and at which his Lordship, on behalf of his successor Bro. Alderman Whitehead, requested that Bro. A. J. Newton, citizen and Fan Maker, might be put in nomination for the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, presided at the 43rd anniversary dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, on Wednesday, the guests who were present to the number of about 200, including Bros. Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Alderman Waterlow, S. B. Bancroft; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; E. Terry, P.G. Stwd.; T. Thorne, and Lichel Brough. The subscriptions amounted to about £800.

Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained the members of the Savage Club and other guests, to the number of about 250, at a banquet in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Saturday evening last, this being the second occasion on which such an entertainment has taken place, the first having been in 1880, during the Mayoralty of Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., who was a guest on this occasion, together with Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, and others.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. CUBITT, P.G.P., P.P.G.D. MIDDLESEX.**—At a meeting of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 14th inst., under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., a handsome Treasurer's jewel was presented to our worthy Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and of their appreciation of his very valuable services as Treasurer to the lodge for a period of 15 years.

We call our readers attention to Bro. J. F. Haskins', Organist of Lodges 22, 194, 212, 1364, and 2168, Benefit Concert, which takes place at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Thursday evening next, the 26th instant. Amongst a galaxy of talent, the following well-known names appear: Madame Edith Winn, Misses Ethel Winn, Minnie Kirton, Lavinia Walker, Messrs. Arthur Thomas, Prenton, Alderton, Dawson, Weston, Clive, Kift, and Pritchard. The celebrated actor, Mr. Herman Vezin, will give a recital, and his pupil, Miss Lilian Deane, seven years old, will also contribute a dramatic piece. Miss Clara Titterton is solo violinist. Pupils of Bro. Haskins will perform Herold's overture, "Zampa," upon two grand pianofortes and Harmonium. With such a brilliant array of artistes, &c., we are sure Bro. Haskins will have a big show and a remunerative one into the bargain.

We have been favoured with a copy of the new Illustrated Catalogue and Price List issued by Messrs. Dows, Clark, and Co., the well-known furnishers of bar fittings and utensils, of 46 and 47, Frith-street, Soho, W. It is decidedly the best of its kind we have yet seen, and will serve to convey some idea of the many tasteful designs for all descriptions of goods of this character which have been invented and applied since the issue of the previous catalogue. As to the quality of the fittings and utensils manufactured by this firm, we have said before, and need only repeat now, that better cannot be produced by any other firm in the country, while a glance at the prices will show that they are strictly moderate, having due regard to their excellence. However, intending customers will learn far more than we can tell them by personally visiting the premises and inspecting the goods. They will be received with courtesy, and we feel sure they will be delighted with what they see.

Read the following, received this day from Mr. J. H. Pearson, Chemist, Peterbro':—"I have sold Dr. Locock's Pulmonic Wafers for more than 20 years, and every one who buy them speak highly of their curative properties." In Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Rheumatism, and all Hysterical and Nervous Complaints, instant relief and a rapid cure is given by the Wafers, which taste pleasantly. Sold by all Druggists at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s. per box.—ADVT.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside at the opening meeting at the Mansion House on Tuesday next at a conference convened by the National Association of Certified Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, will arrive at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday next, the 23rd inst., for the season.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Steward, and Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton have arrived in town for the season, while Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox have left London for Vienna.

The Duke of Cambridge will open the Paddington Recreation Ground of about 20 acres on Saturday next, the 28th inst., and Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill and John Aird, the members of the two divisions of Paddington, will take part in the proceedings.

Bro. Tyssen-Amhurst, M.P., and Mrs. Tyssen-Amhurst, and Bro. and Mrs. Hamar Bass have arrived in London for the season, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Egmont are expected to return to St. James's Palace from a yachting cruise in the Mediterranean about Monday next, the 23rd inst.

The 21st annual competition for the Public Schools Racquets Challenge Cup was brought to a close at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, on Saturday last, the schools left in for the final being Charterhouse and Harrow. The former won after a well fought contest by four games to two.

The Hon. Mabelle Brassey, daughter of Bro. Lord Brassey, was married to Mr. C. A. Egerton, at the Church of St. Laurence, Catsfield, Sussex, on Tuesday afternoon, the bride being given away by her father, while Mr. E. Egerton, first Secretary of the British Embassy in Paris, was best man, Bro. Henry and Mrs. Henry Brassey and other members of the family were present.

Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury was at the last meeting unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months of the John Carpenter Lodge, 1997, comprising "old boys" of the City of London School, which was consecrated five years ago, when Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight was the first Master. Bro. ex-Sheriff Hutton, P.G.D., was again elected Treasurer, a position he has occupied from the commencement.

The gravest anxiety has prevailed during the week as to the health of the Emperor Frederick, and, though the more acute symptoms have somewhat subsided, the members of the Imperial Family are all in attendance at Charlottenburg. During the last day or two there has been some improvement in the condition of the illustrious patient, and, though the peril is still great, there is some hope of his recovery.

Bro. Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M. Essex, and his lovely consort, Lady Brooke, visited Colchester on Wednesday for the purpose of opening a Loan Exhibition in connection with the local School of Art. The distinguished visitors were entertained by the Mayor (Mr. Paxman) to luncheon, after which they proceeded to the School of Art, accompanied by the Corporation "in State," when Lady Brooke declared the exhibition open in the presence of a large and distinguished company. Lord and Lady Brooke returned to town by an afternoon train.

To brethren who may be on the look out for a school where their sons can be prepared thoroughly for the Army, the Universities, and our Public Schools, we can strongly recommend the Grosvenor Schools, Twickenham, of which the Rev. L. Murray D'Orsey, M.A., Cambridge, is proprietor. It is admirably situated for purposes of health, and easy access to and from London, and Mr. D'Orsey has gathered about him an efficient and highly qualified staff of assistants, while the successes achieved at Woolwich, Sandhurst, and elsewhere are convincing testimony of the thoroughness and efficacy of his system of instruction.

An album, diamond pendant, a diamond ring, and a costly pear-shaped pearl were presented to H.R.H. the Princess Christian by the inhabitants of Windsor on Saturday last, in commemoration of the coming of age of her eldest son, Prince Christian Victor. The presentation was made at the Albert Institute, and the Princess was accompanied by Prince Christian, Prince Christian Victor, and the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. The Mayor headed the deputation which presented the gifts, and the Princess kindly acknowledged them. Prince Christian was afterwards presented at the Guildhall with the honorary freedom of the borough, contained in a casket of oak from Windsor Forest. In the evening a concert was held in a building at the Prince Consort's workshops in the Great Park, Bro. Walter Parratt, organist of St. George's Chapel, P.G. Organist, being the conductor.

A very successful performance, consisting of a series of gymnastic exercises and an assault-at-arms, took place at the Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the funds of the West London Hospital. The programme included a dumb-bell performance by a team of boys from the St. Stephen's School, under the direction of the Rev. A. K. Ramsay, a performance by a team from the same school on the parallel bars, the leader being Cecil Freeman; a varied and admirable display of skill in boxing, wrestling, fencing, with the Indian Clubs, and on the parallel and horizontal bars by several of the ablest members of the German Gymnastic Society and others. The evening concluded with a display of cock-fighting by the St. Stephen's boys, the final bout being between Cecil Abbott and Norman Abbott, in which the former, after a tough struggle, proved the victor. The hall was crowded and we doubt not the hospital will benefit considerably by the entertainment.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indignations give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fulness after eating, lassitude, gout, and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.—ADVT.

In consequence of the pressure on our columns we are compelled to omit several reports of more than ordinary importance—amongst them is the Anglo-American Lodge, at which meeting, on Tuesday last, the reception of Bro. General Graves, D.G. Master New York, was a prominent feature. We shall give a full report of this and other meetings next week.

Bro. W. F. Mimms was installed W.M. of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, at Freemasons' Hall, on the 10th inst. We shall give a full report in our next.

The King of Sweden, while in Florence, paid a visit to the Queen at the Villa Palmieri, and on Tuesday his Majesty left for Rome.

Bro. Lord Robartes has kindly undertaken to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the North London Consumption Hospital to be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday, the 25th instant.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on Tuesday at the biennial festival of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davis, and others being present to support his lordship. The subscriptions amounted to between £2500 and £2600.

A further sum of £1500 from the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the German inundations was remitted on Monday by Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser to Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, her Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Gilbert Greenall, only son of Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., Past S.G.W., of Walton Hall, Cheshire, and the second daughter of Mr. E. Brooke Cunliffe, of 18, Ennismore-gardens.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for India, was the guest at the dinner given at Willis's Rooms, on Tuesday by the Royal Naval Club, to commemorate the victory gained by Lord Rodney over the French fleet on the 12th May, 1782.

Bro. Alderman Farncombe, Mayor of Lewes, attended at Glynde Place officially on Monday in order to present Viscount and Viscountess Hampden with the resolution of congratulations on their Golden Wedding day, which was passed at a special meeting of the Town Council on Saturday last.

Bro. Sir John W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at the annual festival held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 13th instant, in aid of the Earlswood Asylum, Redhill, subscriptions to the amount of about £1800 being announced in the course of the evening.

We learn from the *Voice of Masonry* that a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar has been established in Wyoming Territory, U.S.A., Sir Knight T. B. Hicks being the Grand Commander, and Sir Knight J. K. Jeffrey, Grand Recorder.

The Clothworkers' Company have contributed £250, and the Merchant Tailors' Company £50 to the Islington Jubilee Fund, which will be closed to-day (Friday) and which amounts to close on £5500. The fund will be devoted to providing a special Ward in the new hospital in the Holloway-road.

It appears that the number of newspapers and class journals published in the British Isles is 2558, of which 644 are issued within a radius of six miles from Charing Cross. There are also 1123 periodicals, and 582 annuals, giving a total of 4263 publications of these various classes in the United Kingdom.

Bros. Earl Bathurst, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Monk-Bretton, Lord Stalbridge, Lord Kensington, and Sir John Mowbray, M.P., are amongst the members of a joint Committee of Lords and Commoners appointed to examine into the present system of private bill legislation.

It is reported that her Majesty has invited the King and Queen of Italy to visit her at Windsor Castle at an early date and that their Majesties have accepted the invitation conditionally on the state of the political world being such as to allow of their leaving Italy.

A preliminary meeting of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider and report upon the present system of granting supplies to the Crown was held on the 12th instant, when the Marquis of Hartington was elected Chairman.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., presided at the 16th anniversary festival of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the evening of Friday, the 13th instant, Bro. Seager Hunt, M.P., Sheriff Davies, and Augustus Harris being among the principal guests. Subscriptions were announced amounting to upwards of £1000.

A deputation waited upon Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House for the purpose of requesting his lordship's permission to hold a public meeting there in connection with the proposed ter-centenary celebration of the destruction of the Spanish Armada. Bros. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and Sir John Puleston, M.P., were among the members of the deputation, which was formally introduced by the latter, and Sir John having explained the objects of the proposed celebration and that it would be conducted without the slightest feeling of religious intolerance, his lordship expressed his readiness to grant the request and to assist the project by every means in his power. The deputation, having thanked his lordship, withdrew.

We are very grieved to announce the decease of the distinguished brother, Judge Gardiner, P.G.M. of Massachusetts. The lamented event occurred on the 4th inst., and he will be regretted by a very wide circle of brethren in America, and wherever his name is known and respected. The G.M., Bro. Henry Endicott, and the G. Lodge were to attend the funeral at Grace Church, Newton, on the 7th inst. A very touching circular has been issued by Bro. S. D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary (and formerly G.M.), in which mention is made of the decease of the "honoured Past Grand Master and dearly-beloved brother. The strong man is laid low. The weary pilgrim is at rest. For him at length all is peace. Only for us are doubt and fear. We cry: A good man has fallen! who shall take the vacant place?"