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It will be seen from our report of the proceedings at the Supreme Grand Chapter, Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, on Wednesday, that the Grand Officers for the new year have been appointed in accordance with the well-known rule that those who are honoured with the purple in Craft Masonry should receive as nearly as possible corresponding honours in Royal Arch Masonry, provided of course they possess the requisite qualifications. Thus, with a few exceptions, the brethren whom the Prince of WALES, as Grand Master, appointed last week to office in United Grand Lodge were on Wednesday appointed by his Royal Highness, as Grand Z., to R.A. Grand Office, and we beg to tender them, one and all, our hearty congratulations on this further evidence of the Prince's favour.

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THE arrangements for this important celebration are progressing most satisfactorily, and what is of still greater consequence the names of brethren as Stewards are being received daily at the offices of the Institution. Already the Board musters upwards of 1200 members, among them being no less than 22 Provincial Grand Masters, so that there is no doubt whatever that the Prince of WALES will be supported at the Festival by a majority of the ablest and most experienced brethren in the country. Nearly all the Present and a large proportion of the Past Grand Officers have also consented to serve, and both the London and the Provincial lodges are represented as they never have been at any previous Masonic Charitable Anniversary. It follows as a matter of course that the proceeds of the Festival will be large beyond all precedent, but we must request our readers not to run away with the idea that there is any foundation whatever for the suggestion that the subscriptions are expected to reach £40,000. We shall all be rejoiced if the surmise proves correct, but the very multitude of Stewards will make it more difficult for them to obtain subscriptions and donations. Our own more modest anticipations are limited to about £30,000—although that is a very large sum, and will need a large amount of canvassing—but, of course, we shall not object to find our calculations exceeded. It is enough for the moment that the number of Stewards keeps on increasing daily, and that with this increasing number we are justified in speculating more favourably than heretofore as to the total which will be announced.

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It is important we should again impress upon our readers that the services of additional brethren to act as Stewards at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are most urgently needed. The position of things was bad enough when we wrote on this subject a fortnight since, and we regret to say that no material improvement has taken place in the interim. There were then about 150 Stewards, as compared with the 200 who, in ordinary times, have enrolled themselves by about the end of April, whereas now, when we are within two months of the day appointed for the celebration, and the first meeting of the Board has been fixed for Monday next, the number is only 160 as against the 235 which it was in Bro. BINCKES'S power to announce at the corresponding period of 1887. Therefore, if we take last year's Festival, which was by no means a brilliant success, as a criterion, we find that the present Board is weaker by 75 members than that of 1887. And what makes the outlook still more unpromising is that, even if Bro. BINCKES succeeds in enrolling as many more Stewards between now and the 27th June, as he did last year between the first meeting of the Board and the day of the Festival, the number will still be 75 short of what it then was, and about 60 below the average strength of the last 13 years. It is possible of course, as we remarked in our article of the 21st April, to account in great measure for this diminution by the supreme efforts which are being made—and very properly made—in order to ensure a brilliant success at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. But as we were likewise careful to point out in the very same article, this is neither the first, nor will it be the last, occasion on which it has been, or will be, found necessary to make a special effort on behalf of one or other of our Institutions; but though the result in these cases has always been—and always will be, we hope—a brilliant

success, the paramount duty of providing the necessary funds for the maintenance of the other Institutions at their established strength has never been lost sight of by the Craft as a body. Yet to judge from present appearances and the unusually slow rate at which the names of additional Stewards for the Boys' School have been forthcoming during the past two weeks, there is every prospect that the Returns at its Anniversary Festival next month will amount to considerably less than the sum imperatively required for the year's expenses. A Board of 200 Stewards—it is doubtful if it will reach that number—even under the most favourable circumstances, and with the high average of £50 per list, could hardly be expected to raise more than £10,000, while the year's expenditure for ordinary purposes, taking the cost per boy at £40, and the number of boys at 260, will be £10,400. But if there has been a difficulty in obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards, the Stewards will experience an equal or it may be even a greater difficulty in obtaining subscriptions and donations, and so far from the lists averaging as high as £50, we shall in all probability find them ranging about the same as for the last three years, namely, at between £41 and £42, or even lower. In this case the total would be between £8000 and £8400, and the deficiency of income as compared with the necessary expenditure for the year would amount to about £2000. Or, if we take into our calculation the £700 or thereabouts of permanent income, and exclude all notion of anything in the way of extraordinary expenditure being incurred, there will be, on the supposition that the prospects of the approaching Festival do not appear more favourable than we have reason to fear they will in the course of the next few weeks, the certainty of a deficit at the close of the year amounting to about £1300. It may seem strange and out of place that we should enter into these minute arithmetical calculations when urging the claims of one of our Charitable Institutions upon the support of our brethren. But the Boys' School has a much smaller permanent income than either of the other Charities, and for that reason it is under the necessity of trusting more largely than they do for the wherewith to defray its year's expenses to the proceeds of its Festivals. Its permanent income is about £700 a year, while its fixed expenditure, taking one year with another and reckoning extraordinary as well as ordinary, averages about £11,000. Therefore, unless the difference between the two amounts is furnished by the Craft, through the medium of the Festival Stewards or by other channels, it does not require the knowledge of "a great arithmetician" like Cassio to demonstrate that the balance at the year's end must be on the wrong side of the account. We have spoken plainly and emphatically, because we consider it is a case in which plain and emphatic speech is necessary, and we can only hope that before another fortnight has elapsed the prospect now awaiting the friends and supporters of the Boys' School in connection with its 90th Anniversary will have brightened, and that more brethren, both from London and the Provinces, will have tendered their services as Stewards.

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It is high time that some determined steps should be taken in order to put an end to the disgraceful attacks which are being regularly directed against the House Committee and officers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The General Committee will hold its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when, in accordance with notices duly given, two motions will be submitted, of which it may be said that one is obstructive, without being directly offensive, while the other is both obstructive and offensive. It is well known that at the last meeting of this Committee the language of one or more of the members present was so abusive and their demeanour so deliberately opposed to all sense of decency, that a proposal was made to bring their language and conduct under the notice of the Board of General Purposes. But it is evident from the motions of which notice has been given for to-morrow, and the other tactics which we understand are being arranged by the promoters of these attacks, that this proposal or threat, whichever it may have been, has not had a deterrent effect, and the Committee, therefore, must be prepared to witness a repetition of the offences perpetrated at its last meeting. Should this be the case, it will be the duty of the members to adopt measures which shall have the effect of preventing a continuance of this misconduct, and it may be even to pass a law which, while depriving members who are guilty of abusive language or offensive conduct of the privilege of attending the meetings of the General Courts and Committees, shall leave the voting rights they have purchased intact. One thing is certain, that something of this kind must be done, either in the direction we have indicated or some other, or the interests of the Institution will be seriously, if not irretrievably, damaged.

The letter of "A Past Provincial Grand Chaplain," which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 7th ult, suggesting that a certain school which has done good work for many years, should be converted into a Public School specially (but not exclusively) for the sons of Freemasons, for whom a high class education is sought, and to which Scholarships and Exhibitions could be attached, has not been without fruit. The writer informs us that he has received many letters of approval from parents desirous of availing themselves of such a school, and from others. It is hoped that an influential Committee will soon be formed to carry out the scheme.

## THE FORTHCOMING CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We offer no apology for again calling the attention of our readers to the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is to be celebrated at the Royal Albert Hall on the 7th prox., when our M.W. Grand Master will preside—indeed, we have an especial reason for mentioning the subject, as we find the Executive Committee of the Board of Stewards have felt it incumbent on them to issue a circular to the Stewards mentioning what accommodation they will be able to give to the Stewards and their friends, and requesting them to determine, within what is now a very limited time, to what extent each Steward wishes to avail himself of the advantages offered to him. This, no doubt, foreshadows the pretty general feeling which we believe prevails that on this as on former occasions our Most Worshipful Grand Master will be supported by such large numbers of our Order that even the Royal Albert Hall, with its immense capacity, will not be able to accommodate all who may wish to be present at this festive gathering; but no doubt there is another object in view which is not to be lost sight of, and that is that the brethren should at once let the Committee know the number of friends they may expect, so that the necessary arrangements for their enjoyment and comfort may be carried out with that completeness which those who have the management of affairs are anxious to attain. We therefore hope that every Steward will see the necessity of making his application for tickets within the time appointed, and thus facilitate in one detail the arduous task the Committee have to discharge. Since we last mentioned this subject the arrangements of the Committee have been further matured, and as the brethren are no doubt anxious to obtain all the information they can on the subject, we do not hesitate to recapitulate them so far as they are within our knowledge. The former Masonic gatherings in the Royal Albert Hall, the splendour of which is still within the remembrance of most of us, have made our readers well acquainted with the form of that spacious building, every portion of which, we have strong reasons for believing, will be crowded on the forthcoming festive occasion. The Royal table will occupy a central position in the lower orchestra, and the Grand Lodge Officers will be accommodated at other tables ranging one above another in the same portion of the building, the whole well being brought into strong relief by what, we believe, will be a beautiful parterre of shrubs and flowers placed in the upper orchestra. The ground floor, or arena, will have a series of tables arranged longitudinally, and therefore at right angles with the dais on which his Royal Highness will preside, both sides of these tables being occupied by as many of the Stewards as can be accommodated thereat; but what we venture to think will be the crowning part of the spectacle, so far as the lower part of the hall is concerned, will be the amphitheatre, in which five rows of tables will be arranged rising one above the other, forming a like number of horse-shoe tables extending round the hall, the brethren all facing towards the Royal table, their Masonic clothing being set off by the white cloth of the table immediately above them and the flowers placed on the tables, making the whole scene one of the most picturesque that it is possible to conceive, and which could not be achieved in any other building in the Metropolis. So much for the accommodation of the Stewards and distinguished guests, for large as the space is, the numbers of those who have already sent in their names as Stewards, and the anticipation in the Executive Committee that others will still wish to add theirs to the list, render it certain that none but Stewards will be able to participate in the dinner.

Our other brethren who are not so fortunate as to be among the Stewards have not been forgotten, and we are not at all sure that those of them who can avail themselves of the entertainment provided for them will not have the more enjoyable evening of the two. In the first place, they will have the society of their lady friends, and we all know how much this adds to the pleasure of a social evening. The vast proportions of the Royal Albert Hall enable the Executive Committee to offer each Steward four tickets for brethren and their lady friends at a very moderate charge, which includes such provision for the creature comforts of the visitors as will convince them that the Committee have not been unmindful of the duties of hospitality, as light refreshments of suitable kinds will be supplied in all convenient parts of the hall, although the numbers at present render it impossible to give to our lady friends as sumptuous a repast as they have generally had at the Annual Festival of the Institution.

There is another feature in this Festival which we think we ought to mention, and that is the gathering to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on Monday, the 4th June, when the prizes will be given to the children. No doubt some very distinguished hand will distribute those well-earned rewards, but at present we are not able to announce by whom they will be given. The interest the Stewards and their friends have always evinced in the Institution will, we feel sure, lead to an overflowing meeting on this occasion, when the children will not only receive their prizes but will go through their calisthenic exercises and give their pianoforte recitals in the arena of the hall. What we have said proves that the Executive Committee are doing all in their power to render this Festival a magnificent success, worthy of the presidency which our M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has graciously signified his assent to give; but there is another side to the question, and that is the vast amount of trouble entailed on our energetic brethren of the Committee. We know they do not grudge the time they so generously give, and we think the least the brethren can do is to save them as much trouble as they possibly can, to respond as promptly as circumstances will permit to their appeal, and to extend to them the forbearance and consideration they have thought necessary to ask in their endeavour to conduct this gigantic undertaking to a successful and brilliant termination.

## ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM, PART 3.

Part 3 of the transactions of the Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, has been eagerly expected during the last few weeks, by some hundreds of Masonic Students scattered over the "four quarters of the Globe," and has, at last, appeared, doubtless to the satisfaction of the many concerned, and certainly much to the advantage of the Fraternity. We fear that the members of this lodge—the Literary "blue ribbon" of the Society—are getting too much out of the Funds for their nominal subscriptions, and, at all events, more than could be fairly expected from the Secretary, who is to us and his numerous friends, a perpetual mystery! How he manages to write and do so much, how he succeeds in publishing such an extraordinary

quantity of most readable matter, and how he nevertheless contrives to exhibit balances in favour of the Lodge Funds, on the slender subscriptions of one guinea, and half a guinea, for the Inner and Outer Circles respectively, is to us, even with the well arranged details of the accounts before us, a Masonic wonder!

We betray no confidences, as in the Part 3 full information is given respecting the financial as well as the personnel of the lodge. From the former we gather that the "Correspondence Circle" receipts and expenditure are kept quite distinct from the regular Lodge Funds, so that the members of the former, whilst sharing to a considerable extent the benefits of association with the lodge, contribute in no way to its expenses save in relation to the Transactions, which are covered by their subscriptions. Of course, the fact that no part of the lodge funds being available for the purpose of refreshment explains a great deal, but even then, nothing but the most careful management, and all the literary work being cheerfully presented to the lodge by the members, and especially by the Secretary, can at all explain the extraordinary number of publications being issued in about two years.

The publicity given to the management, financially and generally, is a most commendable feature, for the membership is widely scattered, and hence nothing but taking all of them—whether of the lodge or correspondence—into full confidence, can at all ensure the right sort of feeling between those who rule and those who are ruled. It is simply impossible for more to be done in this direction, and we again commend the W.M. and Secretary for such far-seeing and far-reaching management.

The only lamentable feature in the matter is the paucity of attendance at the meetings, which, however, though accounted for by the character of lodge, and the fact that the members are hundreds and some thousands miles apart, yet we hope as the bright and interesting assemblies of the lodge become widely known, our Metropolitan brethren will more largely attend as visitors, for a very warm welcome always awaits them, and much profit cannot fail to be realised.

But to Part 3! Over 50 pages are literally "cramped full" of most valuable and highly instructive matter, and this time the abilities of the artistic brethren have been utilised to such an extent as to make this part of more than ordinary interest and even beauty.

The Paper by Bro. W. Simpson, M.R.A.S., &c. (S.W. 2076) on "The Three-Fold Division of Temples," must be read and carefully studied to be understood. To explain it in a brief notice we cannot, suffice it to say that the author is practically acquainted with the subject, having been an extensive traveller, and the plates, by way of illustration (two being the full size of the volume), render the learned disquisition not only understandable to the ordinary Craftsman, but quite fascinating to those who delight to look into the eventful past. The plans, as might have been expected, are well executed, and ably explain many of the points incidental to the study of such a confessedly difficult subject. No little interest and value are centered in the remarks appended to the paper by Brothers Cama, Castle, Q.C.; Dr. Woodman, the Secretary, Professor Lewis, Rylands, F.S.A.; and the W.M. (Bro. R. F. Gould.)

A "leaflet" is also printed from the Rev. E. M. Myers, of Petersburg, Virginia, on "Indian Relics," which appears to have been almost too much for the Secretary, for with commendable caution he made enquiries from an esteemed foreign brother as to the authority for the narrative. This is given—such as it is. This is followed by an article—communicated to the editor, Bro. Speth—on "The unrecognised Lodges and Degrees of Freemasonry before and after 1717." We fear it would scarcely be fair to quote at length from this essay, when copies may be had from the Secretary for a nominal sum; but we may state that it is written by Bro. John Yarker, P.M., &c., of Manchester, who has made this branch of Freemasonry his especial study, and that it may be considered as one of the best of the many papers that has been written. We cannot accept all his statements, but we venture to affirm that all of them are worthy of a very careful examination, and should be treated in the spirit which has actuated the author in thus making them known, viz., "in advancing these views I must ask the brethren to believe that I am actuated solely by the desire of Masonic truth in history."

"Shall I be a Mason?" (translated from the French of Bro. P. Tempels, by Bro. Speth) is a curious and amusing sort of answer to the enquiry, and ends with the advice "Join the Masons only if you desire it for your own sake; whoever you may be, they can get on excellently well without you!"

Bro. W. H. Jacob, P.M. 76, follows with "A few thoughts on the effigy of a reputed Grand Master of Freemasons in Winchester Cathedral," the fragment of stone, thus described, being portrayed in a capital engraving, full size of the volume, from a photograph by Rider of Winchester.

The next study is the life of Fessler, the German Masonic Historian, by Bro. Beck, the translation being, as usual, by the ever active Secretary, who also supplies a list of some of the works by that prominent Craftsman.

The paper that interests us most of the series, however, is that by Bro. Rylands, entitled "A word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage," with a most suggestive illustration from the 3rd edition of Perdiguer's work, which it appears Bro. Rylands has been the first to announce and thus make known in an English form. A second paper is to follow, after which we hope to consider the whole subject, and meanwhile we thank the author most warmly for another of his invaluable contributions to Masonic literature.

Bro. Speth's article on "Two new versions of the Old Charges" deserves an extended notice, but that is simply impossible just now, and besides, so do several of the other papers. We mean to be impartial, and leave all of them alone, save to announce their value and excellence. It is not in mortals (e.g. Freemasons) to write on for ever, and whenever we begin to notice these parts, our pen appears inclined to continue indefinitely, whereas a limited space only is at our disposal, in the crowded columns of the *Freemason*. The reviews, reports of meetings, and notices are most readable, but for the reason stated we are obliged, though reluctantly, to pass them over.

Lastly we desire to express to Bro. Gould, the esteemed W.M., our warm appreciation of the obituary written by him of our lamented and beloved Brother Woodford, P.G.C. Nothing could be in better taste, and it could only have been written by one who was a close friend and an affectionate brother. The portrait of our "loved, but lost" senior member is a striking one, and cannot fail to be highly valued by the both "Circles."

At the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall on Tuesday, after the regular business had been disposed of, the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton) read a letter from Bro. Sir B. S. Phillips, resigning the office of Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Within, and thereupon a resolution of regret, with best wishes for his health and welfare, was unanimously passed, and ordered to be engrossed and presented to the retiring member.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, G. Superintendent of Cambridge, acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Registrar, as H.; and the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, G. Superintendent of Oxford, as J. Comp. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. S.E., in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E., acted as S.E.; Comp. the Earl of Euston, as S.N.; Comp. Thomas Fenn, as P.S.; Comp. Baron de Ferrieres, as 1st A.S.; and Comp. Weller-Poley, as 2nd A.S.

The other companions present were—

Comps. Robert Grey, President Committee General Purposes; Richard Eve, G. Treas.; F. Sumner Knyvett, Swd. Br.; William Bywater, 4th Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, D.C.; J. L. Collins, Asst. D.C.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E.; Henry Mauds-D.C.; J. L. Collins, Asst. D.C.; A. W. Adair, G. Superintendent Somerset; Major John Sampson, P.G.S.B.; James Glaisher, P.A.G.S.; James S. Eastes, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Peirce, P.A.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Weller-Poley, P.A. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; Charles F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; the Earl of Euston; Fred West, P.A.G.S.; G.S.; Gerard Ford, P.G.D.; G. Superintendent Sussex; Major C. Harding, H. J. P. Dumas; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.C.; Peter De L. Long, P.G.P.S.; W. P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.A.G.S.; Alfred Robt. Woodman, M.D., P.G.D.C.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.A.G.S.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Std. Br.; L. B. Purchas, P.G.S.B.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G. Std. Br.; F. A. Gottlieb, P.G. Std. Br.; A. B. Cook, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles H. Driver, P.G. Std. Br.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G. Soj.; Ralph Clutton, P.A.G.S.; Lieut. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.B.; Charles Martin, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Col. D.C.; E. J. Barron, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.C.; W. Edward Stewart, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Fenn, P. Pres. Com. Gen. Purposes; E. Letchworth, F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B.; E. H. Baylis, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.D.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; J. C. Parkinson, E. H. Baylis, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.D.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000; E. Ashworth, P.Z. 62; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; J. F. A. Collin, P.Z. 48; G. A. Ames, H. 2; E. Mallett, Z. 1623; Col. John Taylour, Z. 175; W. Alex. Barrett, P.Z. 1706 and 1923; Hugh W. H. Elwes, Z. 1631; John A. Lloyd, P.Z. 357, 379, and 1533; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928, and H. 1928; Joseph Da Silva, Z. 205; R. W. M. Pope, P.Z. 357; G. B. Chapman, H. 1837; J. Davis, P.Z. 2; Asher Barfield, P.Z. 511; H. E. Dehane, Z. 890; W. H. Spaul, P.Z. 262; F. R. Spaul, P.Z. 382; Robert Berridge, P.Z. 21; T. C. Walls, F.Z. 3; H. Higgins, P.Z. 1380; C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381; Emanuel Lyne, 214; Newcastle, S.N. 55; W. H. A. B. Lane, Z. 1383; A. W. Wells, Z. 975; Bentley Haynes, Z. 65; Eugene Monteuais, Z. 8; W. A. Scurrell, Z. 2048; W. Alfred Dawson, P.Z. 382; R. N. Howard, P.Z. 170; Alfred J. Henochsberg, P.Z. 205; Alfred C. Spaul, P.Z. 382; H. Dickey, J. 1507; G. W. Knight, H. 1501; H. O. Wakeman, P.Z. 357; E. W. Stanton, P.Z. 181; F. J. Edgington, Z. 591; H. S. Goodall, P.Z. 874; James C. Smith, Z. 1507; the Earl of Milltown, P.Z. 1629; M. C. Peck, P.Z. 57, 250, 1010, &c.; Wm. Lake, P.Z.; Edward Terry, P.Z. 1319; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 236; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 907; Arthur Hubbard, Z. 177; F. D. Vine, Z. 173; L. S. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; and H. Sadler, G. Janitor.

The minutes of the February Convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of Principals and appointment and investiture of officers for the year were proceeded with. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z., was declared Grand First Principal for the year; and the M.E.Z. announced that his Royal Highness had again appointed the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z.; the Earl of Lathom, H.; and Lord Leigh, J.

The other appointments were—

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	Grand S.E.
" The Earl of Milltown	...	...	Grand S.N.
" Robert Grey	...	...	Pres. C. Gen. Pur.
" Asher Barfield	...	...	Grand Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, O.C.	...	...	Grand Reg.
" Lord John Taylour	...	...	Grand P.S.
" Rev. R. W. Massy Pope	...	...	Grand 1st A.S.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd	...	...	Grand 2nd A.S.
" Edmund Ashworth	...	...	Grand Swd. Br.
" Sir Richard Howard	...	...	Grand 1st Std. B.
" Robert Berridge	...	...	Grand 2nd Std. B.
" Col. John Davis	...	...	Grand 3rd Std. B.
" W. H. Spaul	...	...	Grand 4th Std. B.
" Frank Richardson	...	...	Grand D.C.
" Herbert Jordan Adams	...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
" James Thomas Collins	...	...	1st A.G.D.C.
" Michael G. Peck	...	...	2nd A.G.D.C.
" W. A. Barrett	...	...	Grand Org.
" A. A. Pendlebury	...	...	Asst. G.S.E.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	Grand Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January to the 17th April, 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£603 10 4	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated		Quarter	£305 17 5
" Account	206 15 1	" Balance	734 17 11
" Subsequent Receipts	426 8 6	" Unappropriated	
		Account	200 18 7
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have received a report from the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry of Victoria, Australia, stating that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada has recently thought fit to establish three Royal Arch Chapters in the Colony of Victoria, and that such chapters are in active work.

The Committee feel it to be their duty to bring this serious matter at once before Grand Chapter, and to remind it that the Grand Lodge of England has always held and maintained that the jurisdiction of Colonial and Dominion Grand Lodges cannot be recognized as extending beyond their own territorial limits.

The Committee have therefore to recommend that Grand Chapter should declare these Royal Arch Chapters thus established by the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Victoria, to be irregular, and should direct that the English Royal Arch Chapters in that Colony—of which there are at present 11—be informed of the same, and ordered to hold no communication with these Canadian Chapters, and to refuse admission to their members; and further, that a copy of such resolution of Grand Chapter be transmitted to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada for its information.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, in British

North America, reporting that they had been regularly established in March, 1887, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England and Representatives exchanged, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick be also recognized.

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

1st. From Comps. Edward Hyde Hewett, C.M.G., as Z.; Lennox Browne, as H.; Edward Luxmoore Marshall, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, London, to be called the Empire Chapter, and to meet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London.

2nd. From Comps. Walter Hopekirk, as Z.; Henry Albert Lovett, as H.; James Kew, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, London, to be called the Manchester Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

3rd. From Comps. George Francis Crane, as Z.; George Henry Cooper, as H.; Hugh William Henry Elwes, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, to be called the Lowestoft Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

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

The Committee have further to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of St. James, No. 2, London, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February, 1882.

This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence which will complete 100 years in June, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, the charter to be dated the 13th June, 1888.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:—

The Vane Chapter, No. 538, from the Freemasons' Hall to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

The Meribah Chapter, No. 350, from the Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, to the Church Hotel, Kearsley.

The Queen's Westminster Chapter, No. 2021, from 8A, Red Lion-square, to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg to recommend and the President will move—

"That the sum of one hundred guineas be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

The Committee also recommend that the Trustees of the funds of Grand Chapter be authorised to consent to the conversion of the 3 per cent. Consols into the 2½ per cent. Stock.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

18th April, 1888.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., Grand Registrar, acting H., then said it not often happened that it was necessary that Grand Chapter should be asked to give effect to such of the recommendations as were contained in the first three paragraphs of the report. The matter therein contained was one which he was extremely sorry the Committee had had the necessity of reporting upon, and he was sure every Royal Arch Mason would regret the existence of the facts which had led to the necessity for this report and recommendation. It might be within the recollection of many companions who were present that some time ago there arose a question in which the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada came into controversy with the Grand Lodge of England. He could not but feel that the facts stated in this report of what had occurred in our colonies had to some extent, if not altogether, been the outcome and the consequence of the unfortunate differences which then arose. But be that as it may, early in the present year the attention of the authorities of the Grand Chapter was called to the fact that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada had issued warrants for Royal Arch Chapters in the Colony of Victoria, and that those Royal Arch Chapters were in active work. At that time the Grand Chapter of England had 11 Royal Arch Chapters holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of England. Those Royal Arch Chapters were in active work in the Colony of Victoria, and the granting of warrants for and the establishment of those Royal Arch Chapters in that colony under the authority of the Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was effected entirely without notice to us; but it must have been with a distinct knowledge by the Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, a body with which we were on terms of friendship and amity, that we had already 11 Royal Arch Chapters at work there. But further than that, he thought the attention of Grand Chapter ought to be called to the fact that when the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was established, and Canada for the purposes of Royal Arch Freemasonry became an independent body, holding no allegiance with any other sovereign body, and became a sovereign independent body within its own jurisdiction, the Province of Canada, while it had a right to exercise a jurisdiction over its own area, had no right to assume, or to grant warrants, or exercise jurisdiction within the colonies or dependencies of the British Crown. And under those circumstances, although it was extremely disagreeable and painful to have to move the resolution which the Committee recommended, there seemed to be but one course that was open for Grand Chapter to adopt—that the Grand Chapter of Canada having thus invaded the colony of Victoria, and disregarded the jurisdiction which was freely exercised, and avowedly exercised, for many years by the body from which it emanated, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England should declare that the Canadian Grand Royal Arch Chapter having gone into the independent colony of Victoria, which held originally under Grand Chapter of England, and issuing warrants for new Royal Arch chapters in Victoria, those chapters so established were irregular chapters, we could not hold our companions in Victoria, who owned allegiance to us, capable of holding communications of a fraternal nature with them; and therefore he would move the resolution which was recommended by the Committee of General Purposes, "That the English Royal Arch Chapter in Victoria be informed of our action, and be directed to hold no communication with these Canadian chapters, and to



refuse admission to their members; and further, that a copy of such resolution of the Grand Chapter be transmitted to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada for its information."

Comp. ROBERT GREY said the Grand Registrar had placed the matter so clearly before Grand Chapter, that he had nothing further to say in seconding the motion.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Comp. ROBERT GREY then said that from the painful duty they had just had to perform, they had now to turn to one of a very agreeable nature, which was "The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, in British North America, reporting that they had been regularly established in March, 1887, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters. The Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England and representatives exchanged, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick be also recognised." He said, as usual, they followed the precedent of Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter in its turn would acknowledge the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick with all the fraternal greetings that should exist between two Grand Chapters, and he hoped that their friendly relations might not be interrupted for many years, if ever. He begged to move the resolution.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH seconded the motion.

The resolution was adopted nem. con.

Charters were granted for new chapters to be attached to Lodges 2108, 179, and 71; the St. James's Chapter No. 2, was authorised to wear a centenary jewel from 13th June next; and the Vane Chapter, 538, was authorised to remove to the Holborn Restaurant, the Meribah Chapter, 350, to the Church Hotel, Kearsley, and the Queen's Westminster Chapter, 2021, to the Holborn Restaurant.

Comp. ROBERT GREY, on the unanimous recommendation of the Committee, moved that the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, the Trustees of the funds of Grand Chapter were authorised to consent to the conversion of the 3 per Cent. Consols into the 2½ per Cent. Stock.

The Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year were next fixed as under: Comp. Robert Grey, President; Comp. E. Letchworth and Comp. Robert Turtle Pigott, appointed by the M.E.Z.; Comps. W. A. Dawson, Thos. C. Walls, W. H. Perryman, L. Gordon Robbins, Edward Terry, and John S. Cumberland, nominated in the Grand Chapter, and declared elected.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 2226, AT RHYMNEY.

On Thursday, the 19th ult., the roll of the Monmouthshire lodges was increased to ten by the consecration of the above lodge at the Masonic Hall, High-street, Rhymney. The ceremony took place at the St. Matthew's Church, kindly lent for the occasion by the Rev. Canon Evans. There was a very large gathering of the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, including the R.W. Bro. Col. Charles Lyne, P.G.M., and Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., who performed the consecration ceremony in a most able and masterly manner. The founders of the lodge are: Bros. N. Bradley, W.M.; Roger W. Jones, S.W.; J. J. Williams, J.W.; W. Pritchard, Rev. T. J. Jones, M.A., D. F. Pritchard, J. Rhys Williams, T. H. Redwood, M.D., W. Griffith, W. L. Marks, F. R. M. Stone, D. Evans, Thomas Davies, Thomas Thomas, Rees T. E. Davies, M.D., Isaac B. Jones, James Lewis Smith, Tom B. Yendoll, J. Richard Davies, and R. Swedenbunk.

The following visitors, in addition to the above, were present at the ceremony:—

Bros. J. E. Davies, W.M.; G. T. Harris, I.P.M.; Henry Jolliffe, Sec.; D. W. Evans, T. W. Goodfellow, P.M.; E. H. James, P.M.; H. M. Bradford, D. E. Jones, W. Howfield, J. T. Docton, S. Sandbrook, J.W.; H. Gittleson, E. B. Nash, I.G.; W. T. Flocks, J. S. Jones, D. Mackdonald, Stwd.; T. S. Edwards, W. Roberts, L. Fine, W. R. Cohen, and R. R. Davies, P.M., all of 110; W. Pickford, P.M., P.G.T., P.G. Std. Br. of England; Geo. Hazell, P.P.G.C.; J. Stemps, S.W.; W. G. Flanders, P.P.G.S., J.W.; Jas. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Reg.; Alfred Taylor, P.M., P.G.S.; and W. F. Taylor, I.G., all of 471; Richard Laybourne, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. E. Partons, W.M.; and W. Clifford Phillips, all of 683; W. H. Greive, I.S.D.; J. O. Marsh, P.M.; J. C. Grieve, H. C. Evans, T. H. Tompkins, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; T. Harry, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; H. R. Barrett, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; S. O. Segley, P.G.D. of C.; and Rev. J. W. Osman, P.G. Chap., all of 818; James Radley, W.M.; P. S. Thomas, Chas. E. Gibbons, and W. Evans, all of 960; C. L. Phillips, W.M.; W. Worth, D.C.; T. Davies, J. Johnstone, J. P. Fowler, J.W.; B. Phillips, J.D.; D. L. Davies, Stwd.; W. H. Richards, S.D., P.S.G.D.; J. Green, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. L. Herbert, E. Davis, Rev. T. Theophilus, Chap.; W. L. Willputte, J. J. Mogan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. Morgan, C. Weddowton, Treas., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Lewis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Davis, C. W. G. Vergin, W. Jackson, G. A. Brown, P.M., 998, P.P.S.G.W.; and T. B. Yendoll, all of 1098; M. Feathers, P.M., 1258; A. J. Gourwood, 1366; W. Mitchell, P.G.S.B.; and F. S. Bolt, Sec., all of 1388; J. Evans, W. J. Hollingdale, A. Patterson, G. Tyson, S. Davies, I. E. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.P.; D. E. Davies, I.G.; B. Watkins, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Monmouth; and S. Davies, P.M., P.J.W., all of 1420; J. Prugg, 1502; J. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; D. Jones, I.G.; M. R. Jones, E. A. Taylor, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. A. Kelley, S.D.; E. Charles, P.M., P.G.S.B.; W. John, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. Evans, P.M., 142, P.P.G.D.C.; A. MacMahon, P.J.G.W.; J. H. Pettergill, P.G.S.; E. Lewis, P.M.; D. Bowen, G. H. Muse, W. G. Edwards, W.M.; W. Jones, and T. Sykes, all of 1562; J. H. Taylor, J.W., 1573; S. Cullingham, Sec.; and Rev. D. G. Davies, W.M., P.G. Chap., of 2186.

The lodge having been duly dedicated and constituted in the customary manner, the musical portions of the ceremony were ably rendered under the direction of Bro. Iltyd J. David, 1098, P.G.O., and Bro. J. Radley, W.M. 960, assisted by other brethren.

The installation of the W.M. was then proceeded with, and Bro. Nicholl Bradley, P.M. 1098, was installed W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M.

Bro. W. Pritchard was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. B. Jones, Tyler (pro tem.), the officers elected and invested being as follows: Bros. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, I.P.M.; Roger W. Jones, S.W.; J. J. Williams, J.W.; Rev. T. Theophilus, Chap.; W. Pritchard, Treas.; W. Lloyd Marks, Sec.; D. F. Pritchard, S.D.; Thomas Thomas, J.D.; F. R. S. Stone, I.G.; Iltyd J. David, Org.; Rees T. E. Davies, D.C.;

J. Rhys Williams and James L. Smith, Stwds.; and J. B. Jones, Tyler (pro tem.)

The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray. The whole of the officers were appointed a Committee to frame by-laws.

Several persons were proposed as new and joining members, after which the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was served by the host, Bro. J. J. Williams, at the conclusion of which the usual toast list was duly honoured.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 10th ultimo, under the banner of Union Lodge, 310, when, in the absence of the chief of the province, Bro. Edward Armitage, P.M. 129, P.S.G.W., presided, when there were also present—

Bros. J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.J.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, as P.S.G.W.; W. Pagen, P.M. 119, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Hoare, 1073, P.G. Chap.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec.; J. G. Gandy, P.M. 129, P.G. Reg.; J. Hall, P.M. 1073, P.S.G.D.; G. G. Glen, P.M. 1400, P.J.G.D.; R. Tyson, P.M. 1267, P.G.S. of W.; J. Huddleston, P.M. 872, P.A.G.D.C., as D. of C.; T. A. Argles, P.M. 129, P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. Brakenridge, I.P.M. 872, P.G. Std. Br.; G. P. Abraham, P.M. 1073, P.G. Org.; W. Middleton, P.M., 29, P.A.G. Sec.; H. Court, P.M. 310, P.G.P.; J. Lowthian, P.G. Tyler; G. Murchie, P.M. 310; C. J. Nanson, P.M.; Sergt.-Major Bunyan, P.M.; Sergt. Wright, Sergt. Lockyer, J. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; S. Clark, J. B. Graham, T. T. Richardson, H. Moser, 129; E. Tyson, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; E. G. Mitchell, W.M. 371; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Cowman, P.M. 872, P.S.G. Swd. Br.; H. Chorlton, 872; J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; C. Rubery, W.M. 1400; A. Little, 1400; C. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Whitehaven, were read and confirmed. The rolls of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers were next called, and the latter were presented with their Provincial certificates. The Provincial Grand Secretary also intimated that all brethren that had held provincial rank in the province could have their certificates on application to him with fee. The dues from the lodges and fees of honour were then paid, when Bro. J. N. HOARE, P.G. Chap., moved as a recommendation to the R.W.P.G. Master, for the next annual P.G. Lodge to be held at Keswick, under the banner of Greta Lodge, 1073. Bro. J. HALL, P.M., P.S.G.D., supported the recommendation, and it was carried unanimously. The Assistant P.G. Secretary read the resolutions passed in the Charity Committee, which were confirmed as read, including a notice of motion by the P.G. Secretary, viz.—"That the sum of 50 guineas be voted to each fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution."

With other routine business appertaining to the province, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined at the County Hotel, presided over by Bro. E. Armitage, P.S.G.W.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ADDRESS BY THE R.W.P.G.M., BRO. T. W. TEW.

The following address was delivered at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire on the 11th ult., and omitted for want of space. After some preliminary remarks the R.W.P.G.M. proceeded:—

At the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Heckmondwike, a formal application was made by the three Wakefield lodges that this annual April meeting should be held in Wakefield, as a most central and convenient place for the brethren to assemble themselves together at this Spring season of the year. On the 11th October, 1887, a letter was received on behalf of Unanimity, Wakefield, and Sincerity Lodges, expressive of their satisfaction that Provincial Grand Lodge had accepted their invitation for April, 1888. We acknowledge our obligations to the Worshipful Masters of Nos. 154, 496, and 1019 (Bros. William Fred Lee, Ellis Pickersgill, and Frederick Simpson) for the preparations they have made, and the pains they have taken to receive this Provincial Grand Lodge with becoming dignity, and the brethren with comfort and hospitality this afternoon. Our gratitude is also due to the Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Henry Lee) and the Corporation of Wakefield for placing this Town Hall once more at the service of the Craft in West Yorkshire. This is the 203rd quarterly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, the first having been held in this town on the 18th November, 1822; and this is the 36th time the Craft in Wakefield have given to this Provincial Grand Lodge a cordial and fraternal welcome. It is therefore with no little pride and pleasure that on this occasion Provincial Grand Lodge comes here this afternoon for the transaction of its annual business. There is a peculiar significance in it, because Wakefield has taken so prominent a part in the establishment of the new Bishopric, and the three lodges have placed, as it were, the three crockets on the east finial of that edifice, by each subscribing a mite—a something which has virtually completed that fund of £90,000. We congratulate the town on the appointment of a bishop; and as a West Yorkshireman was not to be the spiritual lord, perhaps the best bishop outside this province has been designated in the person of Bishop Walsham How, of Bedford, whom may the G.A.O.T.U. long preserve, and to him all devout Christians will give an enthusiastic welcome. On the 37th meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge in Wakefield, we may hope to address it with the proud, privileged title of city—a happy consummation after many long years of labour and expectancy, and without, I believe, any feelings of jealousy on the part of other towns of this great and important province. Unanimity Lodge, may I remind you, was formed at a time when lodges, generally, had no distinctive names as now, they being known anciently only by the house of meeting. This one met originally at the George and Crown Inn; then later by a number on Grand Lodge roll. The lodge was warranted 15th February, 1756. It took the name of Unanimity in 1777, originally No. 361 and No. 296 in 1770, changing its number six times until it acquired its present number of 154 in 1863. The Unanimity Lodge is one of the 26 old lodges which obtained the right in 1786 from Grand Lodge to wear the Freemasons' Hall Medal. This was granted to the members in acknowledgment of material assistance rendered by the lodge towards the erection of Freemasons' Hall in London. The subscribing members of the Unanimity Lodge are also entitled to wear the centenary jewel, the lodge having proved uninterrupted and unbroken communication with Grand Lodge for 100 years, or more. I may state that on April 3, 1823, when West Yorkshire brethren assembled to the number of 200 in the Music Saloon of this town, Bro. R. Carr, P.M. of Unanimity, had already been appointed D.P.G.M.; that Bro. George Green, also of this lodge and town, was then Assistant Grand Secretary—he was the grandfather of our present respected and esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. H. G. E. Green. Bros. Drs. Linacie and Naylor were also, with a host of other names, illustrious members of this lodge. The former has left a valuable volume of poems, and the other of sermons, as lasting memorials of their labours in the Craft. The lodge has ever been generous to the Charities, although it does not number above 30 members. Bro. Charlesworth gave to the chair of the lodge for the Annuitants' Festival, February, 1887, £10 10s.; a Committee for the Girls' Festival did the same with £10 10s. for the chair of the lodge; and Bro. W. A. Statter, £10 10s. for

the Boys' Festival last year. It supported the "Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentation Fund for Widows" with £13 1s. 6d., and I have no doubt it will furnish a Steward or Fund for the Girls' Centenary Festival. Wakefield Lodge, now known as No. 495, more for the Girls' Centenary Festival. Wakefield Lodge, now known as No. 495, originally No. 727, was opened 10th April, 1844, at the new rooms in Thornhill-street, when Bro. William Statter, who had been initiated in Unanimity Lodge, 4th January, 1841, was installed first W.M., and this distinguished surgeon and physician is still present with us, and active and hearty for his years. It should be mentioned that the lady sent with us, and active and hearty for his years. It should be mentioned that the lady relatives of the brethren of this lodge contributed in a most magnificent manner towards the furniture of the premises and accessories to the lodge, and donations towards the house-keeping of the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street. It has some 56 members. Bros. Wild and Leach gave to the 89th Boys' Festival last year 20 guineas between them. This lodge and chapter to the Jubilee presentations, 1887, has contributed 43 guineas. To the coming Girls' Centenary Festival it has promised 16 Stewards, representing 160 guineas. Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, was consecrated on 22nd June, 1864, by our lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, when Bro. W. Hy. Gill was installed as its first Worshipful Master. He is better in health, and is an ex-Mayor of this town. On the roll of its members are the names of Bro. John Wordsworth, our late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Sir Hy. Edwards, and Bro. Henry Lee (the present Mayor of Wakefield). Bro. J. Hazlegrave was a Steward of £10 10s. last year to the Girls' Festival; and Sincerity Lodge also furnished four Stewards. The chair of the lodge, in the person of the W.M. for the time being, was made Vice-President, and Bro. George J. Lampen, a donor, making 66 guineas in all, to the Boys' 1887th Festival. This lodge and chapter contributed 17 guineas to the West Yorkshire Jubilee Presentation Fund, and it furnishes four Stewards and a donor to the coming Girls' Centenary Festival, amounting to 50 guineas. To these Charities last year its total contributions came to £143 guineas, amongst 58 members on the register of the lodge. It must be gratifying to this Provincial Grand Lodge to be reminded, that in a town which has done so much in providing funds for its Bishopric and Palace it has been so largely munificent in the cause of Masonic Charity. Well done, this trio of most excellent lodges; let us all explain and praise and thank them. I must not omit to mention that during the Jubilee year, 1887, the Craft throughout the world gave £61,060 for the three Masonic Charities; in addition to this, Grand Lodge distributed £10,509 for the relief of 405 cases of distress, West Yorkshire contributing a total towards this large amount of £3974, as well as £208 to the Royal Imperial and Colonial Institute.

## MASONIC OFFENCES AND MASONIC PUNISHMENTS.

(By "LEX SCRIPTA.")

In the regretted absence of a reliable modern work on our system of jurisprudence an attempt, however slight, to investigate a branch of the subject, which is of the utmost importance when any question arises, may not be without value. Happily questions demanding Masonic punishment are, with us, of rare occurrence, but their very rarity makes it all the more desirable that the principles governing them should be well understood, or serious injury may be caused to brethren, lodges, or even to the Craft as a whole. An attempt therefore to investigate those principles will not be thrown away, should it only lead to the attention of brethren being drawn to the subject, who are better qualified than the writer to deal with the matter.

Whilst some difference of opinion may exist as to what are Masonic offences, cognizable by Masonic tribunals, no one will deny that there is, somewhere, a distinct power to visit with Masonic punishment Masonic offences; and it will be necessary, in deciding what really are Masonic offences, to bear in mind the twofold aspect of Freemasonry as (1) a system of morality, and (2) an organised society for the purpose of carrying out that system.

In this country, at all events, it should be remembered that this Society is not a brand new Institution starting with a complete and definite code for every point that may arise, but that such code of laws as it possesses has been of gradual growth. The laws of Masonry may well be compared to the laws of England, consisting of (1) the Common or unwritten law, corresponding to the Common or unwritten law of the realm (2) the written Constitutions, answering to the Statute Law, and (3) the decisions of the Grand Lodge, like the decisions of the Courts of Law, defining and elucidating the Common and Statute Law, binding the tribunals till they have been either overruled by subsequent cases correcting erroneous decisions, or set aside by express enactment of the legislature altering the Common or Statute Law on which those decisions have been founded. The Grand Lodge, like the High Court of Parliament, representing the whole body of the society, has undoubtedly a final appellate jurisdiction, as well as its legislative functions; it has also (Rule 4) a power of initiating proceedings as well as being the final Court of Appeal, and no appeal can lie from its decision except to itself, and even if its decisions are contrary to the unwritten law or to the landmarks of the Order (though R. 4 provides that the ancient landmarks be preserved) they can only be reversed by subsequent proceedings in Grand Lodge itself, taken for the express purpose of putting matters on a more satisfactory footing. Its decisions, therefore, should not be taken without full deliberation, and a thorough appreciation of the consequences involved; neither should they be questioned, but with the utmost respect, and with a full confidence that from a perfect sense of justice the Grand Lodge will cheerfully reconsider any unintentional error or hardship in its proceedings if properly made known. If, therefore, in the course of this investigation the writer should unfortunately have occasion to differ from any decision of the Grand Lodge, it is with no disrespect, but in perfect reliance that G.L. will ultimately do what is right for the welfare of the Craft as a whole.

Though it may seem to be somewhat reversing the natural order, it may clear the ground if we first see what authorities the Book of Constitutions recognises as capable of inflicting Masonic punishment, and what punishments it permits to be inflicted by each authority.

The punishments recognised by the Book of Constitutions seem to be—

1. Admonition.
2. Censure.
3. Fine.
4. Temporary exclusion.
5. Permanent exclusion.
6. Suspension.
7. Expulsion from the Craft, and
8. Erasure. All of which, except the last, are applicable to members of the Craft, and the 1st, 3rd, 6th, and last to lodges.

1. *Admonition* may be inflicted on a lodge or individual brother in respect of all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individuals within his province or district—by a Provincial or district G.M. A minute of proceedings stating offence, law applicable, and decision to be sent to G.M.—R. 92.

For offences against any law or regulation of the Craft to which no specific penalty is attached—by G.L., or any of its delegated authorities, or by a P. or D.G.M.—R. 207.

On a brother for disturbing the harmony of the lodge—by the Master.—R. 209.

And on a lodge or Bro.—by Board of General Purposes.—R. 273.

2. *Censure* may be inflicted on a brother for persisting in irregular conduct in lodge after admonition—by Master—on vote of majority present.

3. *Fine* may be inflicted on lodges or brethren by a P. or D.G.M. See under "Admonition."—R. 92.

On lodges or brethren—for offences to which no specific penalty is attached—by Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities or a Provincial or Dist. G.M.—R. 207.

On a brother—for persisting in irregular conduct in lodge after admonition—by Master—upon vote of majority present.—R. 209.

On lodges or brethren—by Board of General Purposes.—R. 273.

4. *Temporary Exclusion* (i.e. for the remainder of the meeting) may be inflicted on a brother from Grand Lodge—for thrice transgressing the rules of order—by the G.M.—R. 71.

From a private lodge—for persisting in irregular conduct after admonition—by Master—upon vote of majority present.—R. 209.

5. *Permanent Exclusion* may be inflicted on a brother from Grand Lodge—for hissing at a brother or his speech.—R. 72.

[N.B. This may be considered *permanent* as the offender is rendered incapable of being a member of G.L. till at another time he publicly own his fault and obtain grace.]

From a private lodge—for "*sufficient cause*" after notice in writing of the complaint and of the time appointed for its consideration—by a lodge upon a vote of a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present. Name of offender and cause of exclusion to be forthwith sent to the Grand Secretary, and if in a province or district also to the Prov. or Dist. G.S.—R. 210.

A brother excluded not to be eligible to join any other lodge until that lodge has been made acquainted with circumstances to enable the brethren to exercise their discretion as to his admission.—R. 212.

A brother excluded may demand a certificate stating circumstances and such certificate is to be required by and produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted as a member, previously to the ballot being taken.—R. 213.

6. *Suspension* may be inflicted on lodges or brethren for contumacy in not producing papers upon summons—by Prov. or Dist. G. Master—proceeding to be notified to G.L. or G.M.—R. 91 and 139.

Or for not attending and producing papers upon summons—by Board of General Purposes, and proceedings to be notified to G.L.—R. 274.

On Lodges or Brethren—for subjects of Masonic complaint—by Prov. or D.G.M. See "Admonition."—R. 92.

On brethren for assisting at irregular lodges, &c.—R. 204.

[N.B.—This rule does not use the term "suspension," but the effect seems to be a practical suspension.]

On lodges—for non-compliance with order of G.M. re-instating a brother excluded from any Masonic functions or privileges—until next Quarterly Communication—by the G.M. or a Prov. G.M., or for same reason—during pleasure—by a D.G.M.—R. 211.

[N.B.—It is apprehended that the *intention* of this rule is that the G.M. or P.G.M. shall report to the next Quarterly Communication, and the D.G.M. to the next practicable Quarterly Communication for the Grand Lodge to take further action; but it is not expressly so stated.]

On lodges or brethren, "according to the laws by Board of General Purposes."—R. 273.

[N.B.—Suspension for any period of a lodge means the suspension of its warrant, during which time the lodge cannot meet or perform any of its Masonic functions; but not of individual members. See report of Grand Lodge meeting on 3rd March, 1885. *Freemason*—Vol. XVIII., p. 118.]

7. and 8. *Expulsion and Erasure.*

A motion for can be made only after summons to answer complaint.—R. 73.

Power of inflicting reserved to Grand Lodge alone.—R. 5.

But entrusted to District Grand Lodges subject to appeal to the Grand Lodge.—R. 106.

Cases deserving of, in the judgment of a P.G.M., to be specially reported to Grand Lodge.—R. 93.

Erasure is to be inflicted on a lodge for sale or irregular procurement of warrant, and brethren concerned are to be deemed to have committed a Masonic offence.—R. 127.

A lodge is *liable* to erasure for neglect to make returns and payments to Grand Lodge for 12 months.—R. 180.

Also for non-payment of fines or for a third offence within three years of second offence.—R. 208.

Also for failure to meet for one year.—R. 220.

[N.B.—No express limitations (except that their proceedings and decisions are to be governed and controlled by the laws of Grand Lodge, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions—R. 108) are stated as to the offences for which D.G. Lodges may exercise their powers of erasure, expulsion, investigation, regulation, and decision on all matters relating to lodges and Masons within their respective districts.—R. 106.]

But all powers given by the Book of Constitutions to Board of General Purposes in cases of Masonic complaint or irregularity may be exercised by D.G. Lodges or a Board or Committee thereof.—R. 107.]

The Colonial Board has similar powers as regards the Colonies and foreign parts to those of the Board of General Purposes.—R. 286.

The effect of the foregoing abstract appears to be that in certain specified cases:—

A lodge may inflict on its own brethren admonition, censure, fine, temporary exclusion, and for "*sufficient cause*," permanent exclusion.

A Prov. G.M.—Admonition, fine, and suspension.

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(c) Permanent exclusion under R. 210 formal notice to the party incriminated, due trial, and a two-thirds vote of those present is necessary.

(d) In all other cases it is apprehended that formal notice to the party incriminated, a full and fair trial, and, where the decision is by any other authority than a P.G.M. or D.G.M., a majority of the Court would be required even if the law, if any, creating the offence or determining the tribunal to adjudicate do not expressly require it. The decisions of the Grand Lodge (R. 75) and of the Board of General Purposes (R. 263) are to be decided by a majority of votes—not of members present—but it is submitted that in questions of erasure or expulsion from the Craft a two-thirds majority of votes at least, should by parity of reason, be required,

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

CRAFT LODGES—Henley, No. 1472; Addington, No. 1937; Richmond, No. 2032; and Earl of Sussex, No. 2201. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—Ancient York Conclave B. History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall. Masonic Presentation at Rochdale.



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1888.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**FREEMASONS AND EDUCATION.**To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I looked in vain in your last issue for some reference to the scheme of a "Provincial Grand Chaplain," by which it is proposed to secure for the sons of Freemasons a public school education at the least possible cost. There must be many like myself who would be only too glad to avail themselves of such an opportunity. I think the idea a very good one and distinctly calculated to meet a want, and I hope it will not be allowed to drop.—Yours fraternally,  
PARENS.**DIBDIN MEMORIAL.**To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some months ago the public were informed that the Vestry of St. Pancras intended to convert the old St. Martin's Cemetery, containing Dibdin's Grave, into a Recreation Ground, and it was suggested that some steps should be taken to "prevent the destruction of the Tomb" and even "restore it from its dilapidated and neglected condition." It was not, as one writer said, "seemingly or consistent with the honour of the British Nation that the tomb of Charles Dibdin should be allowed to disappear for ever from the sight of his fellow countrymen."

Now in the first place it appears that the Vestry of St. Pancras never intended to disturb the tomb, but, on the other hand, their Surveyor had, in preparing his plans for laying out the ground as a garden, made a special feature of the tomb. Of course the vestry had no power to spend the rates on the tomb itself. In the second place, it is due to the descendants of Charles Dibdin to say that they have periodically had the grave attended to, so that it has not been in a dilapidated or neglected condition. It is true that it is but a poor monument to so great a man, but it is the simple stone placed over his remains by his widow and daughter, whose means were very limited. They were poor, for it must be remembered that Dibdin was never peculiarly successful, and during his later years he was deprived by the ministry of "all the talents" of the pension of £200 a year given to him by Mr. Pitt, and was reduced to live on the proceeds of a charitable subscription. Mr. Pitt recognised Dibdin's genius, telling him that if he had asked for £400 he could have had it. The Statesman witnessed some of the effects of those "immortal words which have not only raised Dibdin to a lofty place among the poets of England, but have gained for him the high and honourable title of a benefactor of his country." A thousand voices have since borne testimony to the happy effects which his high and generous sentiments have produced in forming the character of the British sailor, and how his loyal and martial songs did much to make the history of our country during the fifty years which followed the Peace of Paris.

Although the tomb is not dilapidated and is not to be swept away, the admirers of Dibdin desire to take advantage of the proposed conversion of the old cemetery at Camden Town into a public garden to erect some suitable memorial over or near his grave.

One suggestion is a canopy and bust over the present tomb. Another is a memorial fountain near the tomb. The Kentish Town Musical Society recently formed a Committee to take the matter up, and, in the absence of any more general organisation, this Committee has been joined by many admirers of Dibdin, and it has now been determined to appeal to the public for subscriptions. The form of the memorial must, to some extent, depend upon the response to this appeal, but the least the Committee hope to be able to do is to create a permanent fund for the protection and preservation of the tomb.

Mr. Sims Reeves has kindly consented to act as Chairman of the Memorial Committee, and Mr. T. Eccleston Gibb, of St. Pancras, as Treasurer.

Subscriptions and suggestions as to the form of the Memorial will be thankfully received by the Committee. Cheques and Post Office Orders should be made payable to the Treasurer, and crossed National Bank, Camden Town Branch.—I am Sir, yours faithfully,

JAMES PERCY FITZGERALD,

178, Kentish Town-road, N.W.

Hon. Sec.

**HAVERFORDWEST.**—Cambrian Lodge (No. 464).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. H. Ellis, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., who has been honoured with the suffrages of the brethren once again, and elected to fill the chair of K.S. for the year 1888. The W.M., after giving the introductory address, called upon Bro. J. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., to deliver the lecture on the first tracing board. At its termination, the lecturer was most heartily greeted by the brethren with prolonged demonstrations of applause.



The W.M., in most flattering terms, personally thanked Bro. J. H. Williams, P.M., for the very able manner in which he had delivered the lecture, and proposed, and afterwards put to the meeting a resolution that the minute be inserted in the books of the lodge recording the vote of thanks presented by the lodge to the lecturer. This was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a very pleasant hour together in their smoking room.

**MONKWEARMOUTH.**—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—Silver Celebration.—The silver anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated on Monday evening, the 16th ult., at the lodge room, St. Stephen's Schoolroom, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. The W.M., Bro. Fred Maddison, P.M. 1389, P.P.S.G.D., presided, and the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. G. W. Bain, S.W., and W. A. Priestley, S.W. 2039, as J.W. Among those present were Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, P.G.S.; H. J. Turnbull, P.J.G.W.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.; W. Liddle, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.D.; R. Shadforth, P.P.G.D.; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; M. Douglass, P.P.G.D.; A. Gray, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.G.D.; W. M. Lyon, P.P.G. Steward Northumberland; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Aydon Hall, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Hudson, P.P.G. Stwd.; R. Ferry, P.P.G.O. Northumberland; A. T. Munro, P.P.G. S.B.; J. J. Wilson, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. E. Nelson, P.P.G.P.; J. Nicholson, W.M. 80; T. Atkinson, P.M. 80; J. Dobson, P.M. 80; C. M. Wake, W.M. 97; R. Singleton, P.M. 97; R. Purvis, W.M. 240; G. B. Hall, P.M.; J. Hewson, P.M.; W. Bryans, P.S.W. 949; T. G. Garrick, P.M.; J. R. Smart, P.M.; T. Wanless, P.M. 94; J. Barlow, Sec. 949; R. J. Milburne, W.M. elect 406; E. Turnbull, S.W. 481; F. Wade, J.W. 1389; and others.

The lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, April 16th, 1863, by the late Bro. John Fawcett, Prov. G.M., assisted by the late Bro. Henry Fenwick, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Bros. John Crossby, Prov. S.G.W.; Dr. Benning, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. De Pledge, Prov. G. Chap.; Mark Douglass, Prov. G. Purst.; Benjamin Levy, Prov. G.D.C.; Wm. Henry Crookes, Prov. G. Sec.; the ceremony being witnessed by upwards of 200 members of the Craft of the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland.

After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the W.M. asked the brethren present to partake of cake and wine. The W.M. expressed his pleasure at the large attendance of brethren from the town and district. He said it was very gratifying to see among them some who took part in the consecration of the lodge, and who had occupied the highest positions in the lodge during its existence. Among those were Bros. R. W. Halfnight, the first S.W. of the lodge, W. Little, and R. Hudson, who were among the first officers of the lodge, and had passed through the chair, and Bro. Hudson had become an officer of the Grand Lodge of England as well as P.G. Secretary. There were also present Bro. Mark Douglass, who had assisted as a Provincial Grand Officer at the consecration. The lodge had been attended with great prosperity, which he hoped would long continue.

Brief congratulatory addresses were also delivered by Bros. R. W. Halfnight, P.M.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.; M. Douglass, P.M.; and R. Shadforth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

The following officers were then elected: Bros. G. W. Bain, S.W., W.M. elect; J. G. Kirtley, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; B. Swain, Tyler; and R. W. Parr and W. Bryans, Auditors. The W.M. also read a letter from the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, acknowledging the kindness of the brethren of that and the other lodges in the province to himself and Lady Williamson, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was afterwards closed.

At the refreshment board there was again a very large and distinguished attendance, and the W.M. received the hearty congratulations of the province, and of a large number of lodges that were represented.

**SOUTHEND.**—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., W.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; B. Thomas, J.D., as S.D.; J. Heath, as J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; A. Vandeword, I.G.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; J. Pritchard, G. H. Baxter, W. Tyler, H. Cogill, F. J. Cumine, W. M. Burton, and G. F. Vandeword. Visitor: Bro. J. A. Hobday, 160.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. G. F. Vandeword was passed, and a joining member proposed.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**DRIFFIELD.**—Sykes Lodge (No. 1040).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th ult., when Bro. John Dunn, P.P.G.P., W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. H. O. Piercy, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting as S.W.; and J. Elgey, P.M., as J.W.

The minutes of the last regular lodge, also lodge of emergency, having been read and confirmed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Holt, J.P., for a donation of five guineas to the Charities. The Treasurer's accounts were then passed. It was proposed that three guineas be presented to the Girls' Institution out of the lodge funds. Bro. Potts, late Tyler, was then elected a joining member, and Bro. Richard Featherstone duly elected Tyler. The installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. H. Watson, P.P.G. Stwd.) was then proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. R. Ansdell, P.M. 1605, assisted by Bro. J. Dunn, I.P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Dunn, I.P.M.; T. Dixon, S.W.; W. Overend, J.W.; J. Bordass, P.M. Treas.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; T. Bell, S.D.; W. D. Titterton, J.D.; W. Highmoor, D.C.; T. W. Mann, I.G.; J. Elgey, P.M., Almoner; and J. Tate, Organist. The visiting brethren were Bros. J. Clark, W.M. 57; F. Wardell, W.M. 734; I. M. Chappell, W.M. 1605; J.

Mackail, I.P.M. Wilberforce; and W. Richardson, S.W. 294.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to celebrate the festival of St. John with a banquet at Bro. John Holtby's, Buck Hotel.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the preliminary toasts, which were received and drunk with Masonic enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. M. C. Peck, Pro. G. Sec., spoke in high terms of the manner in which he had performed the various duties since his connection with the lodge, of his regular attendance at all meetings, and his uniform kindness and affability.

The toast was heartily drunk, and after the brethren had sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," Bro. Peck, P.M., sang an original song called "The Worshipful Master" (with chorus).

The W.M., in reply, said that far more had been said by Bro. Peck concerning himself than he deserved; at the same time he should try and justify the statements by doing his utmost to fulfil the duties of W.M. to the best of his ability, as he had hitherto endeavoured to do in every office to which he had been appointed. He assured them he felt proud of his position, especially as he had been unanimously elected; and if the brethren continued to give him the same support he did not think they would have cause to regret having placed him in his honourable and responsible position. In conclusion, Bro. Watson thanked Bro. Peck most cordially for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so heartily drinking his health. He then called upon Bro. Ansdell to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. J. Dunn, who had twice been elected W.M.

Bro. Ansdell said no brother could have taken a keener interest in his lodge or have been more zealous towards its interests than Bro. Dunn, and he (Bro. Ansdell) felt great pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the members, with a P.M.'s jewel to mark the esteem and respect in which he was held, and for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties.

Bro. Dunn, in returning thanks for this mark of the brethren's esteem, said he should prize it above all the jewels he possessed, and although he had been praised for doing his work well, still he felt he had not done half as much as he should have liked. The presentation had come on him quite unexpectedly, and would always remind him of the very pleasant year he had spent with the brethren as W.M. of the Sykes Lodge for the second time.

Other toasts were proposed, including "The Officers," "The Charities," &c., and were duly responded to. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Bros. Edgar, Wilson, Torr, Dunn, and Leigh contributed songs and readings to the delight of all present.

**NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN.**—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th ultimo, at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. S. W. Woods, W.M.; W. G. Roberts, S.W.; S. W. Hadingham, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M., Chap.; T. Cadle, P.M., Treas.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Nundy, acting S.D.; W. Spence, J.D.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M., acting I.G.; J. Shiles, Stwd.; J. Webb, Tyler; W. C. Heane, A. Parker, W. Jones, and A. M. Irwin.

The lodge was opened, and Mr. Alan Montgomery Irwin, who was elected at the last meeting, was initiated, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Cadle, P.M., the charge, after initiation, was delivered by S. W. Hadingham, J.W.

The brethren adjourned to the banqueting room and spent a pleasant evening.

**MIRFIELD.**—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, King-street. The lodge was opened in the presence of Bros. W. Bailey, W.M.; F. H. Hare, S.W.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., as J.W.; F. J. Crowther, Sec., as S.D.; J. Hilton, I.G.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; W. Beaumont and J. Milner, Stwds.; W. Booth, Tyler; W. H. Wilson, W. H. Wilkinson, and C. Sutcliffe. Visitors: Bros. G. H. Kinch, 258; and J. Sykes and J. E. Bottom, 1514.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. T. R. Maddison was initiated by the W.M. Bros. A. A. Stott, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; W. Wilson, J.W.; T. W. Sproule, J.D.; J. Womack, S.D.; J. Rhodes, S.D. 1231, and other brethren then entered the lodge. The Antient Charge was given by Bro. F. H. Hare, S.W., in a very able manner. Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., presented the new by-laws, which he announced had been approved by the Grand Secretary, to the W.M. Bro. John Barker, P.M., informed the brethren that the application to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of a distressed brother had been successful.

After the usual routine of business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to refreshment, and afterwards spent a pleasant hour under the presidency of the W.M.

**WITHINGTON.**—Ashton Lodge (No. 1140).—An emergency lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, at the Midland Hotel, when there were present Bros. S. E. Jupp, W.M.; W. E. Harwood, I.P.M.; Rev. J. E. Samuel, Chap.; J. Southam, S.W.; W. W. Watson, P.M., Treas. W. W. MacIntyre, Sec.; G. Kinder, S.D.; T. Scholfield, J.D.; S. Myerscough, P.P.G. Org. East Lancs., Org.; E. T. Everett, P.M., P.J.G.D.; H. T. Everett, P.M.; T. Aldred, P.M.; J. Wood, B. T. Brierly, G. W. Sewell, H. Small, J. Willcox, J. R. R. Jeffery, and B. Cohen. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Jones, W.M. 999; A. Williams, 1387; J. Thistlethwaite, 1387; and R. R. Lisenden, P.M. 317, P. G. Stwd.

The lodge was opened, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Jeffery was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. H. T. Everett, P.M., and Bro. Brierley by Bro. W. E. Harwood, I.P.M. Bro. W. W. Wilson, P.M., Treas., delivered the traditional history, and explained the third tracing board to both candidates, and Bro. Southam, S.W., presented the working tools. The work was carefully done, and reflected credit on all concerned. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

A very pleasant time was passed at the social board, songs and recitations being rendered by Bros. Everett, Jupp, Willcox, Aldred, Thistlethwaite, Jones, and R. R. Lisenden.

**RAMSGATE.**—Lewises Lodge (No. 1209).—On Wednesday, the 11th ult., the annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Royal Hotel. There was a large number of brethren present to do honour to the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. A. Valon, it being stated that it was the largest gathering of Prov. Grand, Officers, Past Masters, and Master Masons ever assembled at a private lodge in Ramsgate, amongst them being Bros. A. H. Hale, I.P.M. 1209; C. J. Ayton, P.M. 1209; Rev. C. E. S. Woolmer, P.G.C.; G. Page, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Wootton, P.M. 127, 1209, P.P.J.G.W.; I. Jarman, P.M. 429; J. J. Huntley, W.M. 1096; Rev. A. H. Sitwell, P.M. 1826, P.P.G.C.; J. Plant, P.M. 31, P.G.O.; R. Morley, I.P.M. 429; G. Skudder, I.P.M. 169; W. Jones Lane, I.P.M. 127; F. H. Willett, P.M. 127; M. Mildred, P.M. 2024; J. W. Bussey, W.M. 199; J. J. Wright, W.M. 1208; R. Westmore, W.M. 922; W. Martin, P.M. 879; J. G. Henning, P.M. 127; G. Baker, P.M. 503; R. Berridge, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; Arthur Mead, P.M. 276; A. Joynes Emmerson, P.M. 1206, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Lanfear, Steward 429; C. J. Elliot, 429; J. Powell, F. Dixon, H. Miller, J. Roe, W. H. Bligh, 429; S. G. Philpott, and others.

The W.M. elect having been installed into the chair of K.S., the installation ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. O. Eve, P.M. 1209, 429, P.P.A.G.D.C., the newly-appointed Master proceeded to choose his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. M. H. Gill, S.W.; E. Wootton, J.W.; J. O. Eve, Treas.; S. R. Wilson, Sec.; G. J. Dunn, S.D.; H. G. West, J.D.; C. Godsmark, I.G.; G. Chapman and W. V. Davey, Stewards; F. Newton, D.C.; and G. Baldwin, A.D.C.

The work of the day being ended, about 80 of the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where a most excellent repast awaited them. It was served by the worthy host, Bro. J. J. Roach, in his usual style, giving much satisfaction, and being appreciated by all who had the pleasure of being present.

The various toasts were given and received with a great deal of heartiness.

In proposing that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master," the W.M. asked to be allowed to couple with it "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and their Family." The Princess, he remarked, was admired by all for her womanly goodness and domestic virtues; both her and her daughters were examples that ought to be copied by all the mothers and daughters of England. The Princes were objects of great satisfaction to Freemasons, seeing they were already part of the body, and he hoped preparing themselves to be Grand Masters in the future. The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, was endeared to every Freemason's heart by the practice of manly and robust Masonic principles, and they were greatly obliged to him for the honour he shed on them by consenting to preside over them. He considered him to be the grandest Master of the grandest Order in existence, and called upon the brethren to drink their health, wishing them long life.

Other toasts followed, proposed by Bros. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, P.M., Prov. Grand Chaplain; S. R. Wilson, Secretary; M. H. Gill, S.W.; and J. O. Eve, P.M. 429 and 1209, P.P.A.G. Dir. of Cer., the latter proposing "Our Masonic Charities" in forcible style. In the course of his remarks, he strongly impressed on the brethren the urgent necessity of supporting such noble institutions. Bro. Skudder also spoke in favour.

The Charity box was then handed round, when a very handsome sum was collected.

Bro. W. H. Marcolyn, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to whom he alluded in flattering terms, remarking that he was within touch of every member of the lodge, and all delighted to do him honour, and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said that, was he thought, the most difficult part of the evening, viz., to return suitable thanks to Bro. Marcolyn for the warm manner in which he had proposed his (the W.M.'s) health, and to the brethren generally for the fraternal way in which they had accepted it. He thanked them all very sincerely for unanimously electing him to fill that chair. During his year of office he would endeavour to hold the scales of justice with an equal poise, to make every prejudice and passion coincide with the strict line of his duty, and he earnestly hoped his term of office might be characterised by "peace, harmony, and brotherly love," so that when it was concluded there would not be one regret in their hearts for having elected him to preside over them, and only one in his own, viz., that he should be obliged to resign that chair to a successor.

"The Health of Bro. J. O. Eve, P.M. 429 and 1209, P.P.A.G.D.C., Installing Master," was then proposed by the W.M. in suitable terms, and was received very warmly by the brethren present.

Bro. J. O. Eve responded in a very feeling and capital speech.

The evening was enlivened by music given by some of the members of the Canterbury Cathedral Choir (Bros. Plant, Rhodes, and Kenningham), as also Miss Ethel Winn.

It may be mentioned that Bro. Valon, W.M., is a Mason of over 20 years' standing. He was formerly Secretary to the lodge, which office he at present fills in the Royal Naval Lodge, 429, and is in office in the Evening Star Lodge, 1719, where no doubt in due course he will be called to fill the same office as that he now occupies in this lodge.

**BARNET.**—Gladsmuir Lodge (Mo. 1385).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion, on Friday, the 27th ult. Bro. W. Lewis, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. Martin, S.W.; John Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W., as J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; Robert Grey, P.M., D. of C.; Euerby, P.M.; Gotto, S.D.; Baxter, J.D.; G. B. Abbott, as I.G.; Tryon and Thompson, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; Rumball, and F. C. Collingwood. Visitors: Bros. Clarke, W.M. 1950; Tibbets, P.M. 1950; and Williams.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. F. C. Collingwood was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being very ably performed by the Master and his officers. Sundry letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the other business was disposed of and lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together and spent a most enjoyable evening.

**LEICESTER.**—Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).—This lodge held its annual festival and installation meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on Friday, the 27th ult. There were present Bros. S. Knight, W.M.; R. B. Starkey, S.W.; W. W. Vincent, J.W.; C. Oliver, P.M.; Treas.; J. G. Bower, Sec.; T. S. Ashwell, S.D.; H. Howe, J.D.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; A. Fergusson, I.G.; and J. W. Beazeley and A. Chambers, Stwds.

The lodge was opened and the customary preliminary business transacted. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. B. Starkey, was presented, and the ceremony of installation was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. J. E. Beazeley, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. S. Knight, I.P.M.; W. W. Vincent, S.W.; T. S. H. Ashwell, J.W.; H. Howe, Sec.; A. Fergusson, S.D.; J. W. Beazeley, J.D.; J. E. Beazeley, D.C.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; T. A. Harrold, I.G.; and A. Chambers and Page, Stwds. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., and feelingly acknowledged, and a vote of £21 made to the Royal Masonic School for Girls. The usual formal business was taken, and the lodge closed.

A banquet was afterwards served in the banqueting room, and partaken of by about 70 brethren, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Music was rendered after dinner by many of the brethren, notably instrumental music by Bros. W. T. Rowlett, T. H. Wykes, H. Nicholson, and H. B. Ellis, F.C.O.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.G. Sec.; J. Halford, E. Watson, and J. Harrison, P.M.'s 1391; G. Jessop, W.M. 2028; E. H. Butler, T. Smith, T. H. Heward, G. J. B. Woolley, J. Hawkes, G. Clifton, M.D., C. H. Page, J. T. March, C. Jones, C. H. Archer, J. B. Minson, G. Jackson, J. W. Talbot, J. W. Martin, H. C. Pretty, 1391; J. Bland, P.M. 731; J. Slinn, P.M. 737; T. Corcoran, W.M. 1007; Carl Lowenstein, P.M. 1007; R. L. Gibson, P.M. 1007; T. Colman, F.C.A., W.M. 1265; Miles J. Walker, P.M. 1265; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523; Edgar Horne, P.M. 731; F. B. Wilmer, P.M. 2028; J. L. West, W.M. 2081, P.M. 443; L. Cooper, W.M. 2244, P.M. 1410; J. Herbert Marshall, P.M. 1007; J. G. Simpkin, W.M. elect 2028; S. Taylor, S.W. 731; J. Raven, J.D. 1007; H. Goodacre Marriott, D.C. 2028; F. A. Simpkin, 2028; W. C. Marris, 2081; W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., Mus. Bac., Prov. G.O., Sec. 523; H. Nicholson, 523; G. Crawford, 279; J. Clifton, 279; R. R. Blackwell, 1560; J. B. Waring, J.W. 523; H. J. Tidd, 442; W. R. Deeping, 279; W. Bream, Stwd. 523; W. H. Chamberlain, 523; J. Parr, 1007; W. T. Topott, W. D. Grant, J. W. Bottrill, 279; and many others.

**STOCKTON.**—Fraternity Lodge (No. 1418).—The members of this lodge held their annual festival in the Masonic Hall on the 28th ult. Bro. Thomas Gibson was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Bowman, P.M. Afterwards the new W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. S. E. Thorold, I.P.M.; H. Tomkins, S.W.; W. Thornton, J.W.; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Broome, Sec.; John W. Gatt, P.P.G.S., S.D.; J. Luther Green, J.D.; T. Breston, Org.; T. Bowman, P.M., D.C.; W. Hutchinson, I.G.; J. R. Crosthwaite and C. W. Anderson, Stwds.; and B. Smith, P.M., Tyler.

A large number of brethren dined together in the evening.

**DUNMOW.**—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. E. F. Ferris, W.M.; R. C. Lyle, S.W.; J. L. Franklin, J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Treas.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Sec.; D. Millbank, S.D.; R. Marsh, J.D.; J. Wright, I.G.; J. Smith and W. Rivers, Stewards; F. Warner, Tyler; W. Rowe, I.P.M.; H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S. G.D.; J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Rattray, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. T. Glasscock, W. C. Sams, J. M. Welch, M. Hall, R. Brazier, C. Bint, and R. Scarr, Visitors: Bros. Lord Brooke, R.W. Prov. G.M.; T. J. Ralling, P.M. 61, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. C. Newman, 1280; F. R. Adams, J.D. 2136; F. J. Williams, 2136; G. H. Finch, P.M. 2005, P.S.G.W.; G. Willcox, W.M. 2136; and Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, Prov. G. Treas.

The lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Officers then formed a procession, and the Prov. Grand Master having entered the lodge, was saluted by the brethren. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. requested the P.G.M. to take the chair, which position he gracefully declined. The Audit Committee was elected, and a candidate for initiation having been proposed, a vote of thanks to Bro. Lord Brooke for attending was unanimously carried and ordered to be entered on the minutes. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Saracen's Head Hotel to the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. C. Bint, after which the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Pro G.M., the D.C.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Ralling responded, and said it was a great honour to respond for so august a body, and that he was pleased there were now no less than three or four Essex brethren who had been honoured by the much coveted honour of the "purple."

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Prov. G.M.," said when he had the honour of proposing that toast for the first time some seven or eight months ago he could not have done so with more pleasure than on the present occasion, as since then he had had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Lord Brooke, with the result that he was there that night to reply for himself, and redeem his promise to him to attend. Bro. Lord Brooke was better known to them all personally than to himself, and it would be quite superfluous on his part to add a word as to his well known general character. When he joined his name with that of his illustrious consort, she who was beloved by them all, a perfect diadem in a noble crown, who in her high, exalted career did not consider it beneath her dignity to comfort and solace the poor, whose amiability and princess-like manner had endeared her to them all, he felt sure

they would agree with him that he should be lacking in good taste unless he alluded to her on that auspicious occasion. He believed that the regard and personal respect they had for their R.W.P.G.M. was such in their county that was felt for their Royal Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. If Lord Brooke should ever be placed in high office of a public nature, he might be cheered with the consolation that the powerful influence of Freemasonry would always be at his back, and when history recorded her indelible page, may there be written in bold letters the character and noble deeds of our R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, the future Earl of Warwick. The W.M. concluded by asking the R.W. brother not merely to accept the summonses which were posted to him for all their meetings as a mark of business, but should be at any time find the monotony of a country gentleman's life, let him come to his child, Rosslyn, and he would be received with open arms, a hearty and cordial welcome.

Lord Brooke, in reply, said that he felt that that was one of those occasions when words do not come sufficiently quick to express the brotherly kindness with which he was welcomed to the Rosslyn Lodge, named after a man with whom Freemasonry in Scotland had been connected for years—a name looked up to by those who lived in Dunmow and its neighbourhood—Lord Rosslyn. One of the pleasantest parts of his duties as P.G.M. was the friendly manner in which he was met in the lodges. Brethren put aside all feeling except brotherly, and the many occasions kind feelings were expressed to him made him respect Masonic traditions. All knew the feelings which actuated Masons existed to a very great extent in their deepest nature. Brother is stronger than when apart from Masonry. His lordship then gave an illustration of his meaning by relating an occurrence that occurred in private life, and assured the brethren it gave him the greatest pleasure to see that Freemasonry was not dying out in the province, and they might be sure, and could take his word for it that his Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, and he used the greatest judgment in increasing lodges, and he did not wish to undermine existing lodges. He was glad to say the numbers of brethren were steadily increasing in the county. As an instance of strong Masonic feeling which existed in the Craft, he mentioned that in India he was welcomed there as heartily as he had been at home. The W.M. had been kind enough to mention the name of a lady very dear to him, and he thanked them all for the kind manner they had received the name of his wife. Should he, as the W.M. said, possibly occupy a public position, whatever his future might be, his Masonic brethren would expect him to act up to his Masonic pledges, and he would do so. He concluded by hoping to be spared to meet them oftener in the Rosslyn Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Philbrick, and the rest of the Past Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Finch, P.J.G.W., expressed the pleasure it gave him to return thanks for the kindness the P.G. Officers always received when they visited any lodge in the county.

Bro. A. Durrant, Prov. G.T., also thanked them, and in the course of his remarks alluded to the old way of acknowledging that toast. He also said that in 1859 he was selected Prov. G. Treasurer, and must now begin to look upon himself as an old Mason, and as such he congratulated the brethren of the Rosslyn Lodge on the very efficient manner the work was done, and wished them all the happiness they could wish themselves as long as they lived.

The P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Ferris, their excellent W.M.," and said he did so with the greatest pleasure, because he knew the responsibility of W.M.'s. Their duties were severe, but they were pleasant duties when filled with true Masonic spirit. It was a great pleasure to him to see their W.M. occupy the chair so well. He looked back to the time when he was W.M. of that old lodge the Shakespeare, which could boast of a long list of the ablest Masters, and the Rosslyn was in no way lacking, and none of them fulfilled the office better than their present W.M.

Bro. Ferris, in reply, said he was deeply indebted to the P.G.M. and brethren for the compliment they had just paid him, and would endeavour to complete his year of office so as to merit their approbation.

The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters," responded to briefly by Bros. Clapham and Snell.

"The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Newman and Willcox, who both expressed their great sense of approbation of the working of the lodge, and the arrangements made for their comfort.

"The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Lyle, and "The Charities" responded to by Bro. Dehane.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. The enjoyment of the brethren was enhanced by the singing of Bros. Selwin, Smith, and Lyle, and recitations by Bros. Rattray and Marsh. Bro. Williams presided at the piano. The Town Hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens, flowers, and banners.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The Cwmri are invariably enthusiastic in anything they may interest themselves in, and when, some few years since, it was proposed to have a lodge to accommodate Welsh brethren and their friends in Liverpool the project was most warmly taken up, and has been remarkably successful. Not only has the lodge been financially prosperous and had wonderful growth in numbers, but it has done more for the Charities, without exception, than any lodge of equal age. The gathering on Tuesday, the 24th ult., was the most numerous held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, for a considerable period, and all ranks in the Craft were fully represented. The chair was taken by Bro. John Lewis, I.P.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Kellett-Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; James Williams, I.P.M.; Robert Wylie, P.M., P.S.G.D. of England.

Among the unusually large concourse of visitors were Bros. T. J. Jarman, J.W. 1325; F. Evans, J.W. 1013; J. Dyson, P.M. 1182; R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; J. Cantor, W.M. 1609; H. J. Nicholls, W.M. 2114; Lieut J. Macnab, S.W. 241; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.S.G.D.; D. M. Gaskin, P.G.T.; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; Dr. D. Costine, P.P.G.R.; P. R. Burrows, S.W. 1570; D. M'Farlane, Sec. 356; W. T. Oversby, W.M. 1393; L. Phillips, J.W. 1356; H. H. Hughes, S.W. 1356; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; Hartley Wilson, W.M. 1356; Councillor E. Paul, P.P.S. G.D.; J. W. Williams, P.M. 1356; Edward George, P.M. 1356; J. Sharples, P.M. 724; G. Broadbridge

P.P.G.D.C.; W. Holgate, I.P.M. 1356; T. Evans, P.P. S.G.D.; T. Sowden, W.M. 786; J. A. Muir, W.M. 2042; and others. A very pleasing feature was the presence of so large a number of members of the Tenth Lodge, 1356, from which it is understood the Antient Briton emanated 12 years ago. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. Sleight, was presented by Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P. G.R., and T. H. M. Walker, P.M., and after the installation, the following were invested officers for the year: Bros. John Lewis, I.P.M.; S. J. Hughes, S.W.; O. J. Rowlands, J.W.; J. R. Bottomley, P.G.D.D.C., Treas. (seventh time); D. J. Davies, Sec.; L. T. G. Evans, S.D.; W. Hawkins, J.D.; R. M'Gee, I.G.; S. M. Leigh, J. T. Jones, J. H. Peak, and J. Thomas, Stwds.; and J. K. Cave, Org.. Bro. M. Williamson was re-elected Tyler.

Bro. Casey afterwards catered very successfully for the brethren, and after dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and honoured.

A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge. A most enjoyable feature of the evening was the rendition of an excellent musical programme.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Finch, W.M.; Porter, jun., S.W.; Simmonds, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; Barns, S.D.; Gomme, J.D.; Bonella, I.G.; Ruffell, Org.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P. G.S.B. Middx., and Dines, Stwds.; E. W. Warner, I.P.M.; and F. Chandler, P.M. 1656. Bros. Pittman, P.M. 1181, and Bligh, 1139, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. T. Playford and G. B. Howell were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Cutler raised to the Third Degree, both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. The sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, and to be placed on the list of Bro. Finch, W.M., as Steward.

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

The usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. congratulated Bro. Finch upon his excellent working. He hoped that the W.M.'s year of office which had begun so well would continue to the end.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors."

Bros. Pittman and Bligh, in their respective replies, paid a high compliment to the W.M. and officers generally for the admirable manner in which they had performed their duties.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" followed. The W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. Forge, P.M. and Secretary. However, it was very rare indeed that that worthy brother, who had done so much for the lodge, was absent. Bro. Piller, P.M. and Treasurer, was also a most invaluable officer, and his presence was always hailed with delight. With regard to Bro. Warren, the I.P.M., the lodge had seen how well he had worked during the last two years. Of the other Past Masters he could safely say that they were formed of good sterling material, and were worthy brethren in every way.

Bros. Piller and Warren having replied, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Bros. Ruffell, Porter, J. Hall, and E. Hall gave an excellent musical entertainment.

**CLEATOR MOOR.**—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Market Hall, when there were present Bros. John Bewley, W.M.; Hy. Rothery, S.W.; Richard Walker, J.W.; Chas. Gowan, Sec.; John McHarry, S.D.; Joseph Dickinson, J.D.; William Heathcote, D.C.; Edward Irvin, I.G.; Richard Rothery and J. Frears, Stewards; George Watson, Tyler; Robinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Charles Gowan, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. G. B. Annes, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; Richard Tyson, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; Sumpton, J. Watson, Rumney, Boundy, Temple, Johnston, Welch, and Telford. Visitors: Bros. L. Ward, P.M. 1400, P.P.A.G.P.; R. Ward, S.W. 1400; A. W. Turner, D.C. 1400; T. Brakenridge, P.M. 872, P.G. Std. Br.; W. D. P. Field, W.M. 872; J. S. Moffatt, S.W. 872; D. Atkinson, Sec. 872; A. W. Johnston, Stwd. 872; T. Studholme, W.M. 119; J. Robson, P.M. 1267; S. Braithwaite, P.M. 1267; H. Hartley, J.W. 1267; T. Watson, 1267; J. Dickson, 1660; J. Garnett, 1660; D. Anderson, 962; and W. P. Moordaff, 371.

The installation of Bro. R. Walker, J.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Gowan and Robinson, after which the W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. J. McHarry, S.W.; J. Dickinson, J.W.; H. Ward, P.M., Treas.; Charles Gowan, P.M., Sec.; W. Heathcote, S.D.; E. Irvin, J.D.; Richard Rothery, I.G.; Isaac Frears, D.C.; James Watson and L. Rumney, Stewards; and George Watson, Tyler; and they were invested accordingly.

After a good round of "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors present the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Ward's, of the Queen's Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them. After doing justice to the good things provided, they spent the remainder of the evening in toast and song.

**YORK.**—Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).—The installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the new premises of the lodge, Castlegate, on Monday afternoon, the 23rd ult., when Bro. A. M. White, S.W., was installed into the chair by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. There was a good attendance of the members of the lodge, only three resident in York being absent. There were also members from Hull, Doncaster, and Strensall. The visitors included Bros. M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Secretary; W. Reynolds, Prov. G. Treasurer; A. Sample, P.P.G. Organist; Mennell, and Child, Organist 1611. Amongst the others present were Bros. McGachen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Hewson, P.M., P.D.S.G.D. Malta; H. T. Bellerbey, W.M. 1482; Bell, Atkinson, Beckwith, Johnson, Booth, Ward, Harding, Brooke, and Sollitt, all of 1991.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Bro. Dr. Martin, retiring W.M., and Bro. Dyson, W.M. 1611.



After partaking of a splendid repast, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Queen, coupled with R.A. Masonry." He alluded in appropriate terms to her Majesty's journey to Berlin, and the sad cause of the same, pointing out the kindness of heart always shown by the Queen.



The toasts of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.;" and "The Pro G.Z., G.H., G.J., and Grand Officers, Present and Past," were also duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. Hilton, P.Z., highly eulogised Comp. Elliott, and pointed out that, although not called upon to do any work on that occasion, he presided in a very able manner at the banquet table. No doubt when there was some work to be done Comp. Elliott would not be found wanting.

In thanking the companions for receiving his health with such signs of respect, Comp. Elliott reviewed his work in Craft Masonry as well as that in the R.A. He had tried to do his duty in the chairs of lodges on the four occasions when he had been honoured by the brethren with election to preside over them. That was not the first time he had presided over a chapter, and he trusted to be able to give satisfaction to the companions of the Star Chapter. He was afraid that with such a splendid array of P.Z.'s he could not hope to excel in performing the ceremonies. He pointed out that it was the duty of every Mason to stick to his business and provide for those who were dependent upon him. He must never neglect his duty on account of Masonry, but give his whole heart to the proper performance of whatever work his hand found to do. He trusted to be present many times in the future, for he fully felt the responsibility resting upon himself as the head of the chapter.

In proposing "The Healths of Comps. Addington, H.; and Tuck, J.," the M.E.Z. said no words of his were needed to commend their esteemed H. to the companions. He was sorry that business had called Comp. Tuck, J., away, but would ask Comp. Grumant, P.Z. (acting J.), to reply on his behalf. He could not let this opportunity slip without complimenting Comp. Grumant upon his perfect performance of the difficult duty of installing Comp. Tuck.

Comp. Addington, H., having thanked the companions, Comp. Grumant, P.Z., apologised for Comp. Tuck's absence. He took that opportunity of thanking the chapter for unanimously granting a warrant for a chapter of instruction to be held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday evenings. The need of such a chapter had long been felt by companions resident in Peckham, Camberwell, Brixton, &c., and with such an esteemed member of the Order as Comp. Hilton, P.Z., for Preceptor, the success of the chapter of instruction was insured. He trusted to be able, at each meeting of the Star Chapter, to report progress.

Comp. Elliott, M.E.Z., next proposed "The Visitors," who he said were always received with pleasure at the Star Chapter. Comp. Whitby, M.E.Z. of the Sphinx Chapter, who had honoured them with his presence, was a very distinguished brother and companion, and one who always performed his Masonic duties admirably.

Comp. Whitby, M.E.Z. Sphinx Chapter, said that that was not the first time he had visited the Star Chapter, and he hoped it would not be the last. He always found the working excellent, and enjoyed an equal treat at the festive board.

Comp. Elliott, M.E.Z., described the P.Z.'s as the backbone of the chapter. The Star Chapter could boast of a very good backbone. The Senior P.Z. present, Comp. Capt. C. W. Williams, S.E., was a hard-working and exemplary Mason. He was pleased to say that he had the pleasure of being Deacon when Comp. Williams was initiated, and could speak with nothing but praise of his Masonic career. Comp. Capt. Williams was about to pay a visit to America, and he was sure all present would wish him God speed. They could not forget Comp. Major Williams, their esteemed Treasurer, who was absent on the shores of the Mediterranean, and who was doubtless at that moment thinking how much he should like to be present at the Star Chapter. They were proud of both father and son, and glad to bear testimony to the interest they exhibited in everything that affected the good of the chapter. Comp. Grumant, P.Z., had stated that he was rusty on this occasion, but if he shone so when he was rusty, what must he be like when he was bright? To praise Comp. Cowley, P.Z., was utterly unnecessary, and he should be attempting to gild gold did he say anything of Comp. Hilton, P.Z. He had shown his interest by the onerous duties he had undertaken in the new chapter of instruction. Altogether, the array of P.Z.'s was one that could not possibly be beaten in any part of the world.

In reply, Comp. Capt. Williams thanked those present, on behalf of his father and himself. He was proud of having been a founder of that chapter, as well as of being a P.Z. His revered father would hear with great pleasure of the enthusiastic manner in which his name had been received. He hoped when he returned from America to be able to say something about Masonry in the United States.

Comp. Hilton, P.Z., said that the chapter had had a most extraordinary career. Never had one word been said that would cause the least unpleasantness. Their P.Z.'s were of such a calibre that they need well be proud of them, and should look up to them with due respect and brotherly love. The way Comp. Grumant had installed their J. that evening showed he had a memory of a no mean order, for, although he had no opportunity of rehearsing for months, he had done the work without a hitch. He then showed the need of the new chapter of instruction. When Comp. Bumstead was Preceptor of the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, the regular attendants came from Camberwell and Peckham; very few in Greenwich ever seemed to need instruction. The trust reposed in them would not be abused, for the warrant provided for regular reports to the mother chapter.

Comp. Cowley, P.Z., also responded.

In proposing "The Officers," the M.E.Z. pointed out the necessity of good officers. No one could have performed his duties more satisfactorily than Comp. Stone had done on that occasion. The other officers were also able and earnest Masons.

Comp. Stone, S.N., acting P.S., said it was a pleasure to him to perform any duties that he might be called upon to perform. He was sorry there had been no more work for him on that occasion. He trusted the younger members would take advantage of the chapter of instruction, of which he had the honour to be S.E., and come and support Comps. Hilton and Grumant.

Comps. Benedetti, 1st A.S., and Fry, 2nd A.S., also asked the companions to make the chapter of instruction a success.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Lay Members." He said if the P.Z.'s were the backbone and the various

officers the head, limbs, &c., of a chapter, the lay members were certainly the body. Without them the chapter would find it difficult to exist. Comp. Crook had passed through all the minor offices and would soon be able to become one of the Principals. Comps. Makeham and Woods would doubtless be an honour to the chapter in years to come.

Comp. Crook, in reply, said that although there was now a block on the line he hoped soon to be Master of his lodge, and then hoped to go on for higher honours. He would try to emulate the noble example of those who had gone before him.

Comps. Dr. Makeham and Woods also replied.

The Janitor's toast brought a happy evening to a conclusion.

Comps. Addington, H.; Hilton, P.Z.; Cowley, P.Z.; Stone, S.N.; Mierhoff, and Woods added to the pleasures of the evening by giving songs and recitations.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. Clemow, M.E.Z.; F. Farrington, H.; W. E. Farrington, J.; A. Tisley, S.E.; Farthing, S.N.; G. Manners, C.C., P.Z.; Treas.; Benningfield, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.Z.; Gaze, Edwards, Skelton, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were given and responded to. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**GALLERY CHAPTER (No. 1928).**—On Saturday, 21st ult., a convocation of this chapter was held at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, under the presidency of Comp. Minstrell, the M.E.Z. Those present included Comps. W. M. Duckworth, H.; H. Massey, J.; J. H. Thomas, P.Z.; Alberty, Read, J. C. Duckworth, Herbert Wright, Patterson, and Hancock. Three brethren were unanimously elected for exaltation. Subsequently Comp. W. M. Duckworth was installed M.E.Z.; Comp. Massey, as H.; and Comp. J. C. Duckworth, as J. Comp. Thomas, was re-installed as Scribe E.; Comp. Alberty, as Treas.; Comp. Wright, as S.N.; and Comp. Hancock, as Sojourner. Comp. H. F. Bussey, was exalted, and a valuable P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Minstrell in recognition and commemoration of a very pleasant period of office extending over 15 months. Comp. Minstrell warmly thanked the companions for their kindness in thus so handsomely recognising his occupancy of the First Principal's chair.

The companions subsequently sat down to an excellent repast, Comp. W. M. Duckworth, M.E.Z., presiding.

**SUNDERLAND.—De Lambton Chapter (No. 94).**—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, for the installation of Principals and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The Principals' chairs were occupied as follows: Comps. J. C. Moor, Z.; Suthurst, H.; and T. G. Garrick, J. There were also present: Comps. J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; J. Mitchinson, P.Z. So, P.G.P.S.; R. W. Halfnight, Z.; J. E. Nelson, H. So; R. Kinmond, P.P.A.G.S.; J. R. Pattison, Z., P.A.G.S.E.; T. Sharp, H.; R. Singleton, J. 97; J. D. Todd, P.Z. 94, P.P.A.G.S.; W. Dawson, M. Cohen, J. Scarborough, Bolko Smiechen, and others. The installation of Principals took place as follows: Comps. Suthurst, Z. (installed by Comp. J. J. Clay, P.Z.); Garrick, H. (installed by Comp. E. Suthurst); and Comp. Dawson, J. (installed by Comp. T. G. Garrick). The officers for the year were then appointed as follows: Comps. J. C. Moor, I.P.Z.; T. Henderson, P.Z., P.P.G. Stwd., S.E. (absent); M. Cohen, S.N.; J. Scarborough, P.S.; G. Craven, 1st Asst. Soj.; Bolko Smiechen, 2nd Asst. Soj.; John Hudson, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer (absent); and J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C., D.C.

The company adjourned to the refreshment room, where a substantial repast was provided. The newly-installed Principals were in their respective chairs, and in the course of the proceedings their healths were cordially toasted.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).**—The election meeting of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, when there were present Comps. E. B. Hobson, Z.; R. J. Cook, H.; J. H. Roberts, J.; H. J. Rutter, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. S., S.E.; E. Palmer, S.N.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S., Treas.; S. Clark, P.S.; E. Morris, 2nd Asst. S.; W. J. Larder, Janitor; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G. P.S.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S.; H. Mason, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Wilson, R. Hewitson, Dr. H. Burneys, W. C. Taylor, G. Frost, J. Hooton, J. Topp, R. Courtman, J. Faerier, W. Harris, G. Campbell, G. H. Potter, G. H. Taylor, H. Ough, C. Jolly (Hon.), H. 1472; Capt. G. Spinks, Z. 13; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the lectures were given by the three Principals in faultless style. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place, when the present officers were elected in rotation a step higher. A P.Z.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted the M.E.Z., and five guineas were voted to his list for the Boys' School Festival, and then the chapter was closed.

The banquet having been discussed, the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, G. Superintendent of Kent," was given and received most heartily, and it was followed by that of Comp. Eastes, G.H., and the rest of the Past Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in response—

Comp. Coupland thanked them for the toast. There was not the competition for office in the Chapter that there was in the Cratt, but they had an excellent body of officers who always enjoyed themselves when they assembled together, and were always pleased to hear of the progress the chapters in the province were making.

Comp. Penfold said their esteemed G. Superintendent would lay the foundation-stone of their new temple in May next. Shareholders would be allowed to bring their ladies, so that he hoped those who had not taken up shares would do so at once. It would be a grand gathering, with a banquet, at which the ladies would also be present.

Comp. Butler then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and in so doing said, unfortunately, their M.E.Z. had not had an opportunity of distinguishing himself, but he had proved himself equal to every occasion, and quite ready to work had he had the opportunity, and indeed the same might be said of the other Principals. They had not had a superabundance of candidates, and as the next meeting would be the last at which their M.E.Z. would occupy the chair, he trusted by that time to have at least one or two good candidates. During the past nine months they had had an opportunity of seeing the excellence of Comp. Hobson's character, and it would be with a feeling of regret that they saw him leave the chair. However, he would have the satisfaction of knowing that he would be followed by a good working Z. in Comp. Cook, and he therefore asked them to drink the toast heartily.

The M.E.Z., in response, thanked them, and trusted that what he had done had met with the approbation of the companions. They must harmonize with the times, and if he had gone out of his way to look after the pleasure of the companions he felt he had set an example that would be followed by the other Principals. He thanked them for the five guineas voted to his list, and while acknowledging himself to be a bad beggar, yet if any of the companions would add to his list he should esteem it a personal favour. He wished to thank all his officers and the companions for the earnest support they had given him, and should ever remember with pleasure his year as Z. of the grand old Pattison Chapter.

The other toasts were "The Z. Elect," "The H. Elect," "The Past Principals," "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast, and then the proceedings terminated with a verse of the National Anthem.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Chapter (No. 1472).**—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 17th ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, when Comp. J. Aillud was installed as Z.; Comp. C. Jolly as H.; and Comp. J. Hill as J. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. R. Warren, I.P.Z. and Treas.; B. B. Brayshaw, S.E.; C. H. Canning, S.N.; C. T. Lewis, P.S.; J. Savage, 1st Asst. Soj.; C. Wood, 2nd Asst. Soj.; B. Curtis, Steward; and J. Ives, Janitor. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 13 and 913, and P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. Kent, in an eloquent, impressive, and faultless manner, for which he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter. A handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Warren for services rendered during his year of office, and then the chapter was closed.

The banquet followed, and was all that could be desired, and among the other companions present were Comps. E. West, P.Z. and P.Z. 13; Capt. G. Spinks, M.E.Z. 13; G. Mitchell, 1st Asst. Soj. 829; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured,

The I.P.Z., Comp. Warren, proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and, in so doing, said if they looked at the surroundings of the chapter they would see that, although his predecessor, Comp. C. Penfold, had been its *primus* in every sense of the word, he (Comp. Warren) had been *secundus* both in work and success. However, they had had a year of pleasure and harmony, and he was proud to see such a representative gathering as that which sat around their festive board. They had a good worker and a good Mason in the chair now, and he asked them to drink his health, and wish him a good year of office, and not a lazy one.

The M.E.Z., in responding, said there had been but one desire animating him for some years past, and that was to reach the chair of Z., and now that he had arrived at it he felt that his ambition was gratified. As one of the founders of the chapter, he felt it his duty to support it by every means in his power, and should, to the best of his ability, carry out the duties of his office in such a manner as would, he trusted, meet with their approbation. He was surrounded by good and able officers, whom, he felt sure, would help him to make the chapter a success. He was proud to see so many good Masons present, and cordially thanked them for their hearty acceptance of the toast.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "The Second and Third Principals." He said there was Jan old saying that "the captain of a ship could never get along unless he was well and ably supported by his 1st and 2nd lieutenants." Now he looked upon the Second and Third Principals as his lieutenants; they had done good work for the Craft, and would, he was sure, be an honour to the R.A. He asked the companions to drink the toast heartily and wish Comps. Jolly and Hill long life and prosperity.

The Second and Third Principals having severally and briefly responded,

The M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The Past Principals," and in so doing pointed out the hard work done by them in the formation of the chapter, and of their constant attention and assistance since.

Comp. Warren, in returning thanks, said he felt proud at being one of the founders of the chapter, and to be associated with such excellent Masons and good fellows as were connected with it.

Comp. Penfold said that to occupy the chair of Z. was and ought to be the ambition of every companion of the R.A. Comp. Jolly had so expressed his desire, and in the ordinary course, if he were spared, no doubt that excellent companion and good Mason would reach the summit of his ambition. Now, ambition took many phases and divers shapes. The then Z. had been ambitious, and been rewarded; he, Comp. Penfold, had also an ambition, and that was to see the chapter a good and strong one, and if every companion brought in a good Mason, and honourable man, his ambition would be gratified. What he meant by a strong chapter did not apply so much to numbers as to quality. They wanted a chapter with some twenty or thirty members, and no more; get it up to that and it would be strong enough to be prosperous and comfortable. They did not profess nor did they want to be a grand chapter, but they wanted a pleasant one, where they could meet together and enjoy themselves after labour. Their M.E.Z. had said that without the P.Z.'s the rest of the companions would have been like children who had lost themselves coming home from school; well, children generally went home from school, and often took a little friend home with them. So he trusted they would make the chapter a home where they could bring a companion and make him welcome. So far as the P.Z.'s were concerned, they must

have them to see the work properly carried out, and he felt sure one and all would gladly do anything in their power to sustain the honour and reputation of the Henley Chapter, of which they were the founders.

Comp. West also responded, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see the chapter going on so well.

Comp. Spinks, in responding for "The Visitors," said he could hardly believe he was not in the Union Waterloo Chapter, of which he had the honour to be Z., on account of the number of companions belonging to that chapter of the present.

It also reminded him of an audit meeting, held in that room some years ago, when they were most hospitably entertained by Comp. West. With regard to the ceremony of installation, he could safely say that he had never seen it so splendidly done as it had been done that day by Comp. Penfold, except when that distinguished companion installed him into the chair of Z. of the Union Waterloo Chapter. He felt that he was with friends and companions whose friendship he valued highly, and hoped, no matter whether he was out of the chair or not, they would save a small corner for him at their next installation. He cordially thanked them for their reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers and invitations from all the companions.

Comp. Mitchell could only endorse every word that had fallen from Comp. Spinks as to the handsome reception given to the visitors, and for the opportunity of seeing so much as they were allowed to see of Comp. Penfold's working. He had been asked to be a founder of the chapter, but declined, on account of being in office in a chapter in the Province of Kent; but he was almost sorry for so declining when he saw such a pretty little chapter presided over by his old friend the M.E.Z. He should have attended oftener, but his chapter met the same nights, and there again he was shut out. He, however, cordially thanked them, and wished the M.E.Z. and chapter every prosperity.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" having been drunk in bumpers, and eloquently responded to, Comps. Lewis and Brayshaw responded for "The Officers," and then the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable.

### Mark Masonry.

**MANCHESTER.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult. Present: Bros. J. T. Richardson, W.M.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., acting S.W.; George Hunt, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; W. Nicholl, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; S. Kelly, P.G. Steward, M.O.; Bryce Blair, S.O.; E. L. Littler, P.G. Steward, J.O.; T. R. Peel, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W., acting S.D.; Julius Arensberg, P.M., acting I.G.; Arthur Middleton, P.G. Std. Br.; and W. R. Sowter, P.M., P.G.I. of W. Visitors: Bros. G. E. Wand, 32; and R. R. Lisenden, late of 34.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. George Sam Smith, Org. 1134, and S. A. Andrew, W.M. 2185 and P.M. 1011, and announced favourable in each case. Both brethren were subsequently advanced to the Degree of M.M.M.; and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

After supper, "The Healths of Bros. Smith and Andrew" were proposed by the W.M. in glowing terms, and heartily drunk by all present.

Bros. Smith and Andrew responded in appropriate language.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Union Lodge (No. 124).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. M. H. Dodd, W.M., P.G.I. of W., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Wood, P.S.G.W., A.G.D. of C.; T. Coulson, P.J.G.O.; H. C. Jepps, 30°, P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex; F. Maddison, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Brandt, P.P.J.G.O.; R. Kimmond, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Hudson, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Davidson, W.M. 362; T. M. Watson, P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. Clay, P.S.G.W.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Liddle, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; and Carmon, W.M. 203. Bro. J. C. Moor, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. H. M. Dodd, Installing Master, and afterwards invested the following officers for the year: Bros. M. H. Dodd, I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, S.W.; G. Porteous, J.W. (absent); R. Singleton, M.O.; J. D. Todd, S.O.; H. Liston, J.O.; Robert Kimmond, P.M., Treas.; F. S. Cowper, Sec.; H. H. Pinkney, R. of M.; J. Scarborough, S.D.; Remigius Blake, J.D.; J. J. Wilson, I.G.; T. M. Watson, P.M., D. of C.; F. Wade (absent) Stwd.; and Brady Swain, Tyler.

Congratulatory telegrams and letters were received from Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.; John Strachan, P.G.D. Eng.; Col. Potter, P.S.G.W.; Richard Luck, M.A., L.L.M.; Henry Maddison, P.J.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.G.D. England; Thomas Bradley, P.P.S.G.O.; and others.

The hearty congratulations of the W.M.'s of the Industry Lodge and the Wouldhave Lodge, as well as other lodges at a distance, were expressed to the W.M.

Bro. Kimmond, P.M., spoke upon "The Masonic Charities," which Bro. Fred. Maddison, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., acknowledged.

**GAINSBOROUGH.**—John O'Gaunt Lodge (No. 172).—Bro. Frederick Baines was on Tuesday, the 24th ult., installed W.M. of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Wheelton, P.P.G.M.O., I.P.M.; Thomas Staniforth, P.S.G.O., S.W.; W. Mason, P.P.A.G.D.C., J.W.; George Wright, P.P.J.G.O., M.O.; C. Greenhalgh, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, S.O.; F. J. Sowby, P.P.J.G.D., J.O.; C. F. Liversidge, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Alfred Kirk, P.P.S.G.W., R. of M.; Rev. C. E. Laing, Chap.; B. T. Adlard, Sec.; A. F. Curtis, P.S.G.D., I.G.; and Scott, Tyler.

The brethren, after the ceremony, held the usual banquet.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thos. Brakenridge, W.M., P.P.G.I.G., presided. Present: Bros. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.G. Chap., S.W.; W. D. P. Field, J.W.; W. J. Tyson, P.P.G. Org., M.O.; H. Burns, S.O.; D. Atkinson, J.O.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., Treas.; G. W. Roll,

Sec.; J. Casson, S.D.; L. Taylor, J.D.; H. D. Cook, P.G. Org., Org.; E. Pattinson, I.G.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; Thos. Mitchell, Stwd.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was formed for instruction, when the ceremony of advancement, with a full accompaniment of music by the Prov. Grand Organist, ably assisted by Bro. Taylor, was carefully rehearsed. The Treasurer next read a statement of accounts for the current year, which showed favourable and were passed as read. Three candidates were proposed for advancement, and with other business the lodge was closed.

**ILKESTON.**—Ilkeston Lodge (No. 373).—The first anniversary of this lodge was held at the Rutland Hotel, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. C. Maltby, W.M., Prov. G.S.B.; J. E. Whitehead, Prov. G. Stwd., S.W.; W. Fletcher, J.W.; J. B. Slack, S.O.; Wright Lissett, J.O.; W. Frost, Sec.; J. P. Fearfield, R. of M.; H. F. Daykin, S.D.; W. Gadsby, J.D.; W. Tatham, I.G.; J. Marsden, Tyler; Thos. Cox, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Horne, Prov. J.G.D.; Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Green, Need, Robinson, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., who then vacated the chair, and presented Bro. J. E. Whitehead, the W.M. elect, for installation, to Bro. Percy Wallis, the Installing Master, by whom he was duly placed in the chair according to ancient custom.

The officers having been appointed and invested, and all business ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was splendidly carried out by Bro. Daykin, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER** (No. 42).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present E. and P. Bros. M. Maybrick, M.W.S.; F. Levick, 1st General; G. Inskip, Raphael; H. Kempster, Capt. of the Guard; F. Davison, P.M.W.S. Treas.; E. J. Castle, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Hay, Herald; A. C. Velley; Ill. Bros. John Read, P.M.W.S., Org.; Kempster, P.M.W.S.; G. Scammell, P.M.W.S.; E. Grisbrook, P.M.W.S.; and J. Steele, P.M.W.S. Visitors: Ill. Bros. Matier and H. G. Hale.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Ex. Bro. Levick was then duly presented, and regularly installed into the chair of M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Scammell in a most able and impressive manner. A Past M.W.S.'s jewel was presented to Ex. Bro. M. Maybrick for services rendered during the past year. Ex. Bro. Maybrick made suitable reply. The M.W.S. appointed his officers for the year.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Royal. After dinner a choice programme of music was performed under the direction of Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, assisted by Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss Layton, Mrs. Read, and Bro. Stanley Smith. Obligato and solo flute—Mr. Tuddenham—which gave great satisfaction.

**SHADWELL CLERKE CHAPTER** (No. 107).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., when there were present Ill. Bro. H. Lovegrove, 30°, M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. H. H. Shirley, 18°, 1st General; W. A. Scurrah, 18°, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. J. Read, 30°, P.M., W.S. 42, Recorder; E. and P. Bros. F. P. Dorman, 18°, Raphael; N. Goodchild, M.D., 18°, D. of C.; E. Storr, 18°, Herald; E. C. Mulvey, 18°, Captain of Guard; C. B. Cooper, 18°, Stwd.; G. J. Dunkley, 18°, Org.; and E. Mills, Outer Guard. Visitor: E. and P. Bro. Major Penrose, J. Dunbar, P.M. W.S. 10.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. The candidate, Bro. G. W. Pragnell, being in attendance, was regularly admitted to the intermediate Degrees by the Recorder, Ill. Bro. Read, and was afterwards perfected into the 18° in full and ample form. This being the date for election of M.W.S. for the ensuing year, a ballot was taken, which resulted unanimously in favour of E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley. Ill. Bro. Lovegrove, 30°, was similarly elected as Treasurer. E. and P. Bro. Scurrah proposed, in an able speech, that as a token of the respect and esteem on the part of the members of the chapter towards the outgoing Sovereign, Ill. Bro. Lovegrove, and also for his able, kind, and courteous manner during the time he has held the position of M.W.S., that a P.M.W.S. jewel be presented to Bro. Lovegrove at the next installation meeting. This was seconded by E. and P. Bro. E. Storr, and carried unanimously.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at the Holborn Restaurant. During dessert the proceedings were very much enlivened by a choice selection of music performed under the direction of Bro. John Read, assisted by Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss Annie Layton, Mrs. J. Read, and Bro. W. Sexton, as vocalists, and Mr. Tuddenham, flautist. Miss Layton was very successful in her singing "Alone on the Raft." Miss Blackwell in "Lo, here the gentle lark," with flute obligato by Mr. Tuddenham, was received with great applause.

### Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

**PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE** (No. 2).—An assembly of this conclave was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Regent-street, on Monday, the 23rd April. Present: V.E. and Perfect Sir Knight Chas. E. Soppet, M.P.S.; Sir Knights Frederick Graves, Viceroy; C. Chauffourier, Viceroy elect; C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder, Recorder; H. Venn, P.S.; E. H. Thielley, Grand O., P.S.; J. A. Gartley, P.S.; W. T. Tyrrell, F. Earl, and W. W. Lee. The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the last assembly were read and confirmed. The following brethren were then solemnly installed as sir knights of the Order: Bros. W. T. Tyrrell, 1471; F. Earl, 186; and W. W. Lee, 1897. Sir Knight Frederic Graves was then enthroned as

M.P.S.; and Sir Knight C. Chauffourier consecrated as Viceroy E. The following officers were appointed: Sir Knights R. Morris, S.G.; R. P. Spice, J.G.; J. L. Thomas, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder, Recorder; Rockingham Gill, Prefect; T. Cullen, Herald; and Reinhardt, Sentinel. On the motion of Sir Knight Hogard, a P.S.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Sir Knight Soppet, I.P.S., in recognition of his valuable services.

Other business having been transacted, the conclave was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to a *recherché* repast.

After dessert, the usual toast list was duly honoured.

Sir Knight C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder, responded for the toast of "The members of the Grand Imperial Council." He quite agreed with the M.P.S. that they were extremely fortunate in having such an excellent Mason as Col. Sir Francis Burdett as M.I.G.S., for he took a deep interest in the Orders of Masonry, and the Grand Viceroy Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres was about to be installed as Prov. G.M. of Mark M.M. for the Province of Gloucestershire. He could say, without boasting, that they had a good Grand Council at the present time, and he was pleased to find that such was the fact. Under the régime which had been established two years, every sir knight as soon as he attained the position of Sovereign had the opportunity of being a member of that august body. There was a certain number of Grand Senators appointed by the Grand S., and a certain number elected by the Grand Conclave at the meeting in March. Every member of the Grand Senate, if fortunate in being elected, could obtain a position on the Grand Council. Every member had thus, in due gradation of time, the opportunity of attaining almost the highest rank, and that was a boast that no other Masonic body could make. He thought it was already sufficiently well known that a sir knight had only to do his duty to ultimately attain one of the highest positions on the Grand Council. On behalf of the members of that body he returned sincere thanks for the kind proposition and reception of the toast.

Sir Knight Soppet, I.P.S., said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him in proposing "The Health of the M.P.S., Sir Knight F. Graves." He was sure it required no words from him to recommend it to their consideration. It was a toast that was always received in that conclave with a great amount of enthusiasm, pride and happiness, and he was convinced that on the present occasion it would lose none of its lustre. In their present M.P.S. they had one whom they had watched with pride during his Masonic career, for he had performed the duties cast upon him from time to time in an admirable manner. Their M.P.S. was a sir knight in the right place. There was a custom in one of the City Companies which those present would emulate by honouring their M.P.S. in every sense of the word as the "rising sun." He was sure they would have a happy year under the guidance of Sir Knight Graves, and they hoped he would be with them for many years to come.

Sir Knight Graves, M.P.S., in reply, thanked the I.P.S. for the kind words he had expressed, and the sir knights for the kind way in which they had received the toast. He could only say that if the afternoons and evenings spent during his reign were equally pleasing as those he had seen taking place during his predecessor's career, he should be satisfied and the sir knights would be content.

"The Health of the Newly-Installed Sir Knights" was then given in cordial terms by the M.P.S., and responded to by Sir Knights Tyrrell, Earl, and W. W. Lee.

The toast of "The P.S.'s" was proposed by the M.P.S., who eulogised the able manner in which the P.S.'s had performed their duties. On that occasion he wished to show the sir knights a new jewel, which he had the pleasure of placing upon the breast of the I.P.S., Sir Knight Soppet, and he was sure they would agree with him that a jewel had never before been presented with greater pleasure. He had no doubt that in the future the P.S.'s would continue to evince the same interest and exert the influence they had hitherto used for the benefit of the Plantagenet Conclave. He could not conclude without alluding to the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Hogard, who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and had generously undertaken the arduous duties of Recorder of the conclave. As that sir knight had already responded for a previous toast, he should call upon Sir Knight Soppet, I.P.S., to reply.

Sir Knight C. E. Soppet, I.P.S., said it was very kind of the M.P.S. to have spoken of him in such kindly terms, and also kind of the sir knights to have received the toast of the P.S.'s in such a cordial manner. It was true indeed that the P.S.'s had borne the heat and burden of the day, and were thoroughly content in having done so. On his own part he sincerely thanked the M.P.S. for the complimentary manner in which he had alluded to him, and also the sir knights for the kindness he had received at their hands. The jewel they had so kindly presented him with was nothing more or less than a recapitulation of the kindnesses he had received during the past year. It had been a year of happiness in every sense of the word, and would never be forgotten by him. He hoped to have the privilege of belonging to that conclave for many years to come, and would use his earnest endeavours to promote its interest.

Sir Knight Chauffourier, Viceroy E., in response to the toast of his health, returned thanks for the manner in which it was given and received, and also for his election to his present position. He feared that during his year there might be many shortcomings, but he would do his best to satisfactorily discharge his duty. However, he trusted that, with the kindness he had always received from the members, the kindly advice so courteously extended, and the good feeling that had always existed between them, he should not be found wanting.

The Sentinel's toast closed a very pleasant evening, which was considerably enlivened by recitations and songs by Sir Knights Tyrrell, Earl, and W. W. Lee.

Bro. Lord Norton gave a dinner party at his house in Eaton-place on Saturday last, at which there were present, among others, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe and the Lady Edith Edgcombe, and Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh.

By command of the Queen, a Levée was held at St. James's Palace, on Monday, by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, and Duke Paul of Mecklenburg-Schwerin being present. By her Majesty's command, presentations to his Royal Highness are equivalent to presentations to the Queen.



## Allied Masonic Degrees.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (T.I.).**—This old and distinguished council met at Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, A.G.D.C., W.M.; R. L. Loveland, B.A., S.W., W.M. elect; G. Graveley, acting J.W.; Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Pigeon, Org.; Baron de Ferrieres, Robinson, H. Shirley, M.A., McDowall, Pakes, Shilcock, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Degree of High Priest was conferred on Bros. H. Shirley and Robinson by the W.M. Bro. Loveland having been presented, was installed in the chair of St. Laurence by the W.M. Among the officers appointed were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, S.W.; Captain W. B. Williamson, J.P., J.W.; Powell, Treas.; Lardner, Sec.; W. G. Lemon, Conductor; T. Cubitt, S.D.; McDowall, I.G.; Brittain, D.C.; Pigeon, Organist; Graveley, W.S.; and Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. T. C. Walls, and a vote of thanks given to him for his services as Installing Officer, the sum of two guineas was voted to the "Poore Testimonial Fund." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Williamson, J.P., Major Lambert, P.M., C. F. Matier, P.D.M., Cubitt, Brittain, and others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, then terminated.

## ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1614.

On Thursday, the 19th ult., a very large number of brethren met to witness Bro. James Terry's beautiful working of the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. General John C. Graves, Past District Grand Master State of New York, U.S.A., and Commissioner of Masonic Appeals; also Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, 2191, P. Dep. G.M. Seventh District N.Y. City, U.S.A.

The lodge met in the Masonic Temple, when Bro. James Terry, as W.M., appointed Bros. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563, Preceptor, as S.W.; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, as J.W.; W. Hancock, 2191, as D.C.; F. M. Noakes, 2148, as I.G.; G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, Sec. 2191, Sec.; T. C. Seary, 1987, Org.; and T. E. Weeks, as Tyler.

There were present Bros. George Stacey, P.M. 1614; D. M. Davies, P.M. 1017; C. S. Russell, S.W. 1399, P.G. Stwd. Oxfordshire; E. D. F. Rymer, 860 and 1614; John Hurdell, P.M. 1348; A. P. Gladwell, P.M. 172; George N. Foan, D.C. 1614; Henry F. Williams, J.D. 834; S. Hewitt, J.W. 1614; E. Nice, 1624; A. Wolter, 1791; R. C. Cursons, 1681; W. Honeyball, 1614; S. V. Abraham, 1017; H. J. Pellatt, 1194; J. D. Graham, S.W. 1559; Henry Pett, S.W. 1155; William Horn, 855; W. Chilcott, 1624; W. Wingham, W.M. 25; G. Hawke, P.M. 1071; E. W. Carter, 1614; Jas. Martin, 201; A. Cogliati, 1559; H. C. Chevalier, 141; E. Mills, 1614; James Rowe, 2191; P. W. Rogers, 1524; J. Rayner, 1681; Henry Marsden, 73; F. Kedge, 749, J.W. 2191; W. Kedge, 749; John Allen, 2191; A. L. Bullen, 2191; J. R. Beaufort, P.M. 217, Sec. 2148; E. B. Cox, W. Culverhouse, 87; T. Cundy, S.W. 1693; B. Solomon, W.M. 1614; E. Nathan, R. J. Harnell, 2021; J. Woodward, I.G. 1614; C. Corby, P.M. 957; G. P. Bertini, C. Lambert, 198; S. W. Larkin, 742; Vernon Smith, 1987; Joseph Lawrence, 1853; G. H. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, I.G. 2191; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Wright, I.G. 1981; F. W. Peed, P.M. 190; J. Cox, P.M. 190; E. Fullick, 1348; C. Huish, 1348; A. N. S. Rider, 2021; W. S. Stock, P.M. 1586, and Sec.; John Faulkner, 1559; C. C. Morgan, Walter J. Gregory, W.M. 73; R. Philip, 834; C. S. Hacleon, 2148; J. B. Shanin, 90; F. W. Dines, 1445; H. Daniell, 1056 and 2191; G. Gilby, 2146; R. Sparrow, 1614; C. Barter, 1623; J. R. Duff, 145; C. R. Bryer, 1507; H. J. Cousins, 172; S. Cawley, 172; R. Berger, 1421; E. Morrison, 1321; H. Rayner, 1567; S. Pope, 1624; A. Sammel, 1559; F. Jackson, 2191; W. Dodson, 1681; G. W. Price, 1681; Frank Smith, 1524; H. F. Mawbey, 1216; C. W. Rayner, 1681; George S. Reed, 1910; L. Holmes, 1624; W. J. Stephens, 1624; W. W. Lee, 1897; J. C. Main, S.D. 157, Treas. 1531; R. Mackwing, Org. 1987; W. Unwin, Stwd. 1614; H. Esling, S.W. 1321; D. Green, J.W. 738; R. Chalmers, 1287; A. J. Taylor, 1656; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of consecration was then rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G. Svd. Br., in a most efficient manner. The installation ceremony was also worked by Bro. James Terry, he installing Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563, and Preceptor to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, into the chair of K.S. in a most faultless manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Brindley, S.W.; E. A. Cox, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; H. Daniell, S.D.; F. Kedge, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; T. C. Seary, Org.; H. Hancock, D.C.; J. Rayner, Stwd.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler.

Bro. James Terry then delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in a clear manner.

On the motion of Bro. GEO. REYNOLDS, Sec., a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. James Terry for his kindness in rehearsing the ceremonies. Referring to the two distinguished visitors they had present, he said they had been honoured by the presence of three Grand Officers from America during the past six months.

Bro. TERRY returned thanks for the honour, and referred to a similar compliment paid him by the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction some years ago, which was engrossed on vellum and which now adorned one of his rooms. He expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to render a service to them, and heartily thanked the brethren present for the attention they had given and the interest they had evinced in the proceedings. He assured them that the attention they had given had considerably assisted him in rehearsing the ceremonies. In conclusion he, as a member of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, proposed that their two distinguished visitors—Bros. General John Graves, P.D.G.M. State of New York, and Theo. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City—should be invited to accept the honorary membership of the lodge.

The proposition having been seconded by Bro. GEO. REYNOLDS, Secretary, was carried unanimously, and officially notified to the brethren concerned by Bro. W. C. SMITH, Preceptor, in the chair.

Bro. General GRAVES, P.D.G.M. New York, in reply, said the brethren overpowered him with the honour, which he esteemed very highly. He had been very much interested in the work, which had been, as far as he was concerned, of a very unique character. In America they had no such institutions as lodges of instruction, for in that country instruction in Masonry was given by a system of Grand Lecturers, who delivered lectures in the various lodges. He could well see that the harmony, beauty, and impressiveness of the ceremonies could be promoted by these lodges of instruction. He was very pleased with the system and also with the ceremonials they had witnessed. He was glad to say that the ritual was precisely, in almost every detail, similar to that used in the jurisdiction of New York. He thanked them for the great honour conferred upon him, and should esteem it one of the proudest things of his life that he had been permitted to attend their meeting.

Bro. THEO. TILTON, P.D.G.M. New York City, also returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to attend the lodge.

A number of brethren having been proposed and elected as joining members, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was then made by the brethren, who subsequently partook of a substantial meal, at the conclusion of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. W. C. Smith occupying the chair, supported by Bros. Reynolds, Brindley, and Hancock.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" having been heartily given.

Bro. BRINDLEY proposed "The Chairman, and Success to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction." He said that although he had been called upon unexpectedly to submit that toast, it fortunately did not require many words to recommend it. Those brethren who attended the lodge of instruction knew the worth of the Chairman, Bro. W. C. Smith, as a Preceptor. "That brother devoted much attention to the younger brethren in teaching them the principles of the Craft, and the manner of his instruction was so easy and plain that all could learn. They owed a great deal to Bro. Smith in Masonry, and was quite sure there were many brethren present who had received instruction at his hands, and for which they were extremely grateful. In speaking of the lodge of instruction, he would say that, although they had a large meeting that night, on recent occasions their lodge room had not been well filled. The Preceptor was most anxious that there should be a good attendance at their meetings, for there was nothing so depressing to a brother in the chair as a scanty array of members, whilst a full house stimulated and encouraged him. He could only regret that Bro. G. Reynolds had been obliged to leave in consequence of illness, for as a Secretary he had no equal, and he would have spoken on the subject of their lodge of instruction had he been present. Bro. Reynolds had been indefatigable in his exertions, and, being very fond of work, had worked too much. With much pleasure he gave them the toast, coupled with the name of their esteemed Chairman, Bro. W. C. Smith.

Bro. W. C. SMITH returned sincere thanks for the generous manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He felt it an honour to be placed in the position of Chairman that evening, although he felt he was not adapted to it, being somewhat nervous. But when he looked round and saw so many who had worked with him for some years past, he felt he was at home. It was a great gratification to see such a large number of brethren present, not only belonging to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, but from other lodges of instruction with which he was connected, who had rallied round him on the present occasion. He thanked Bro. Brindley for the very kind remarks which fell from him, and joined with him in his expressions of regret at the absence of their esteemed friend Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec. In conclusion, he assured them he should endeavour to give satisfaction in the future, and should try to keep that good feeling which had existed between them in the past.

"The Consecrating Officer" was next given by the CHAIRMAN, who said that Bro. James Terry had rendered such excellent service to the Institutions with which he had been connected for so many years, that it was impossible to find words to praise him. The praise that was his due was found in his actions and in his Masonic career, for he was always ready to give advice and assistance. The brethren had only to go to the Institution in which he had so indefatigably worked as Secretary, and ask the old people what they thought of Bro. Terry. Their answer would be the best testimony that could be adduced in his favour. With his usual kindness, Bro. Terry had attended that evening and worked the consecration and installation ceremonies in a manner that had gratified and delighted all present. The brethren present would heartily join in drinking the health of Bro. Terry.

Bro. JAS. TERRY, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in reply, said he was certain that few of the brethren would require to hear his voice again that evening. He thanked them exceedingly for the kind way in which they had recognised his health. To be permitted the privilege of attending a lodge of instruction, and the opportunity of rehearsing the two ceremonies, was in itself a great compliment, and when that was enhanced by the kindly way in which he had been received, and added to by the attention with which they had listened to him, he was more thankful to them than words could express. He found additional pleasure in the fact that he had as Auditors two distinguished brethren who had not heard the ceremonies in a London lodge before, and he hoped that when Bro. General Graves returned to New York he would carry back with him the impression that they were not far behind the great "go ahead" ideas of the Americans, and that they worked conscientiously to inculcate the great principles of the Order. In America they had the Grand Lecturer who went round and delivered a great lecture to the various lodges, but in this country it was essentially different. In the present occupant of the chair, Bro. W. C. Smith, they had an example of the brethren who gave their time gratuitously to instruct those who desire to advance in Masonic knowledge. When they saw brethren take that honorary position and give up their valuable time to correct those who wish to be corrected, and to endeavour to instil into their minds a perfect rendering of the beautiful ritual, they could not but be proud

that they had such brethren as Bro. Smith to take the position of Preceptor. When they gave a person like himself permission to attend their lodge of instruction and rehearse the ceremonies, he took it as a great compliment. If in the rendering of those ceremonies he had afforded instruction or assistance to any brethren he regarded it as a compliment. He felt that the ceremonies were so sublime that if they wished to fix the mind and attention of the brethren present, they must feel what they were saying, and give expression accordingly. If he had rendered them any instruction or assistance that night, he had been amply repaid by the kind attention accorded him. He wished to heartily thank Bro. Thos. C. Seary for the great assistance he had afforded him in the musical portions of the ceremony. The consecration ceremony, without the music, would be like the play of "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark. He thanked Bro. Seary personally for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the musical arrangements. If, at any future time, when his services were at his disposal, he could be of any assistance, he should be only too happy to attend the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and most heartily render that assistance.

"The Visitors" was next given by the CHAIRMAN, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be surrounded by such a large number of visitors, and more particularly Bros. General Graves and T. H. Tilton, with whose names he coupled the toast.

Bros. Gen. GRAVES and THOS. TILTON having returned thanks, other toasts followed, including "The Preceptor," "Treasurer and Secretary," "The Stewards," and "The Vice-Chairman."

Bros. T. C. Seary, C. Solomon, W. Honeyball, Vernon Smith, J. Solomon, on the cornet, Bertram, with his celebrated card tricks, E. A. Harris, Bertini, Marsden, Russell, and others added much to the enjoyment of the evening by their musical assistance.

## THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

The following is a list of the Prov. G. Masters who, thus far, have promised their services as Stewards at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be celebrated in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, under the Chairmanship of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on Thursday, the 7th June, 1888.

R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.,	
P.G.S.B. ...	Berks and Bucks.
" The Earl of Hardwicke	Cambridgeshire.
" Lord Egerton of Tatton	Cheshire.
" Earl of Mt. Edgcombe	Cornwall.
" W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	Hants & Isle of Wight.
" T. F. Halsey, M.P. ...	Hertfordshire.
" Col. Le Gendre N.	
Starkie ...	Lancashire (East.)
" Earl of Lathom (Pres.	
Board of Stewards),	" (West.)
" Earl Ferrers ...	Leicestershire and Rutland.
" Col. Sir Francis Bur-	
dett, Bart. ...	Middlesex.
" Lord Suffield ...	Norfolk.
" Earl of Euston ...	Norths and Hunts.
" Lord Harlech ...	North Wales.
" Earl of Jersey ...	Oxfordshire.
" Sir O. Wakeman, Bart.	Shropshire.
" Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart.,	
M.P. ...	South Wales (E.D.).
" Lord Kensington ...	" (W.D.).
" Lord Leigh (Hon. Treas.	
Board of Stewards)	Warwickshire.
" Lord Methuen ...	Wiltshire.
" Sir E. A. H. Lechmere,	
Bart., M.P. ...	Worcestershire.
" Earl of Zetland ...	Yorkshire (N. and E.)
" T. W. Tew, J.P., D.L.	" (West).

## MASONIC PRESENTATION AT WORCESTER.

On Monday evening, the 23rd ult., the brethren of Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, presented Bro. A. R. Quarterman, their Hon. Organist, with a gold Organist's jewel on the occasion of his leaving Worcester, in acknowledgment of his services in the office during the last three or four years.

Bro. HODGKISS, W.M., made the presentation, and Bro. JOHN JOSELAND supplemented it with a wish of God speed and success to Bro. Quarterman in his new sphere of life.

The sentiments felicitously expressed by Bro. JOSELAND were cordially approved by the brethren present, and gratefully acknowledged by Bro. QUARTERMAN.

Though the general presentation of the citizens has already been made, so great is the esteem in which Bro. Quarterman is held that other subscriptions still come in, and will be received by one or other of the Committees.

## A SPECIAL MASONIC SERVICE AT BESWICK, MANCHESTER.

A special Masonic service was held in St. Mary's Church, Beswick, Manchester, on Sunday afternoon, the 22nd ult. A dispensation was granted by Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire, to enable the brethren to wear Masonic Craft regalia. There was a large gathering of brethren from East Lancashire and neighbouring provinces.

Gaul's Cantata, "The Holy City," was rendered by a large choir, the principal parts being sustained by well-known concert artists of Manchester, who voluntarily gave their services. Special Masonic hymns were sung at the opening and close, and prayers from the ritual were adapted to the occasion.

The sermon was preached by the rector, Bro. Rev. E. BIGOE BAGOT, Chap. 62, P.M. 1357, P.P.G.C. Cheshire, who took for his text the two passages "The liberty where-with Christ hath made us free," Gal. V., v. 1, and "Ye are accepted in the beloved," Eph. I., v. 8. After stating that two of the greatest blessings which Christianity bestowed upon mankind were freedom from sin and the curse of the law, and acceptance by God of all who submitted themselves to His decrees, and that salvation was not simply deliverance and freedom from Satan's dominion,



but also conferred the adoption of sonship and acceptance into the family of Christ, the preacher contended that the Catholic Church of Christ had through all her history received wonderful support from the independent witness of the Masonic Craft. To believe in God as the author and source of all created things, to fear His name, to honour His worship, and to work righteousness, was the design and object of the Craft. Faith in the Great Architect, and belief in the Trinity, the efficacy of prayer, the power and inspiration of the Scriptures were all witnessed to by the principles of Masonry. The truth of the Incarnation was allegorized in the universality of Masonry, which brushed aside the surface distinctions which separate men one from the other, and went down to the central identities in which we were all alike, teaching us that we were all sprung from the same stock, were sharers of the same nature, and partakers of the same hope. The Church taught us that—

"Death is but a covered way  
That leadeth into light,"

That we must rise again, and that the corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal put on immortality; that the righteous shall shine as the firmament, and the true Soldiers of the Cross shall receive their eternal reward. The speaker continued: We, as Masons, are reminded that to the just and upright death has no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour, and that in every human frame there lives the principle and germ of immortality. We are warned in the Bible of judgment to come, when every man shall receive the reward of the things done in his body, whether good or evil. Masons were instructed that hereafter they must give an undisguised account of their lives and actions to the Divine Being; that every stone of the sacred temple shall be examined: that wages shall be meted out in due proportion to the faithfulness and fidelity of the workmen; and that no imposture or imperfection shall pass muster on that great and awful day. There is a Divine dissatisfaction in the heart of man, and Scripture tells us that all man's misery, all the immense ennui of life, all that wretchedness of satiety which makes man from time to time, and now more than ever, ask—"Is life worth the living?" is the sublime discontent of the soul, which was made to find its rest in God in the infinite presence of its Maker, and therefore cannot rest in the finite? Are we not told in our Masonic ceremonies of that spiritual tracing board on which the Great Architect of the Universe with His own Divine pencil had traced His own Divine laws and moral plans for the happiness and peace of mankind, ever teaching us that we were conversant therein and obedient thereto we would be brought to a mansion not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where we would find the fruition of all our yearning affections, the realisation of all our noble ideals? St. Paul insists on all honour and glory to God when he vindicates His attributes in the magnificent burst—"Oh! the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God—how unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out." Freemasons place the being and attributes of God in the forefront of all their proceedings; they never meet without paying homage to His name, and when we were disposed to pay court and homage to those invested with high position, and to bend before them with gratitude for their work, we were reminded that honour belongeth to God alone and exhorted ever to say "All glory to the most High." When we were told in many voices, speaking sometimes in tones of scorn, sometimes in tones of sorrow, that Christianity was dead, that science had shattered its faith in the supernatural, that criticism had sapped the bases of its narrative, and that the philosophy of history had accounted for its conquests; when morality was depreciated, and the public prints of the day contained the records of impurity, dishonesty, and vice; when political strife was becoming more fierce and absorbing, and sectarian bitterness showing itself in its sad and angry development, we should be eager to establish and secure upon more firm ground a great Society which is essentially of a religious character, and was a great and important guarantee for social order, morality, and large-heartedness. With the intrigues of party, the contentions of factions, the strife of cliques, Masonry held no part nor lot. Its motto was "Come out from among them," but in its highest and truest sense it was intensely political. Its members were taught to be peaceable subjects of whatever country they might reside in, to obey the laws of the State, to maintain the fabric of social order and decorum, to honour all men, to love the brethren, to fear God and honour the King. In a commercial community, where nearly every one lived by trade, or was more or less affected by its progress, no better working principle could be found to act upon than that impressed upon every Mason, that all his conduct and dealings with his fellow men should be of such a character that he could always meet upon the level and part upon the square. The magnificent Benevolent and Educational Institutions of Masonry were the secret and method of its success, and the powerful magnet which attracted to its ranks all grades of society and sectional characteristics of mankind, from the future King of England to the humblest subject of the Queen. The powers which make for righteousness in this land were deeply indebted to the Order; and the bearing and attitude of all true citizens to the Craft should be those of gratitude and respect; and their own interest should ever prompt them to strengthen her cords and lengthen her stakes.

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

#### STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

For years the Royal Arch companions resident in Camberwell, Peckham, Brixton, and the neighbourhood have felt the need of a chapter of instruction. Certain companions formed a Committee to see if something could not be done in this direction. Comps. Grummant, P.Z.; Hilton, P.Z.; Voisey, P.Z.; Cowley, P.Z.; Terry, P.Z.; Whitby, M.E.Z.; Addington, H. 1275; Tuck, J. 1275; C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275; North, Bryant, Martin, Latham, Eckersall, C. Woods, Murché, Woodwell, and R. J. Vincent, J., decided to apply to the Star Chapter for a warrant to form such a chapter. This request was most readily complied with.

The Star Chapter of Instruction meets at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday even-

ings, at eight o'clock, and already the attendance of companions at the meetings shows that this step was not taken before it was needed.

One of the first duties, after electing Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., as Preceptor; Comp. R. J. Voisey, P.Z., as Treas.; and Comp. C. H. Stone, S.N. 1275, as S.E., was to confer the honorary membership of the chapter upon Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z.; Terry, P.Z.; and Stone, S.E., to show the appreciation of its members of the great interest they had shown in the foundation of the chapter. The interest of the Preceptor, Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, will readily be seen when it is mentioned that not only is he ready to undertake the instruction of the companions in the beautiful ritual, but that he has presented the chapter with a very valuable copy of the Sacred Law of historical interest; that the warrant from the Star Chapter is a most beautiful work of art, and that the chapter is also indebted to him for the same; and, added to this, that he has regularly placed a copy of the current number of the *Freemason* on the table of the S.E. for the perusal of members who may happen to be present.

The chapter has been furnished in miniature by Comp. George Kenning.

#### THE FOURTH CITY MASONIC BENEVO- LENT ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which is the fourth of a series established in conjunction with the Sincerity (No. 174) Lodge of Instruction, held its first meeting on the 25th ult., when 67 shares were taken up and the first ballot of 10 guineas was drawn. The report of the previous Association show that it has been instrumental in obtaining for its members 100 Life Governorships, thus adding 1000 guineas to the funds of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. John Newton is President, Bro. F. Brown, Vice-President, Bro. Geo. Ward Verry, Treasurer, and Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, Hon. Sec. of this Association, having filled the same offices in the last, and a very influential Committee has been elected, consisting of Bros. Arthur Adams, J. J. Berry, F. Houlton Bishop, W. T. H. Causton, J. S. Fraser, L. C. Haslip, G. Jones, C. Lacey, J. D. Langton, J. R. Large, H. Magee, C. W. Mapleton, G. F. Marshall, C. H. Webb, and C. W. C. Webb.

On the above date the brethren celebrated the successful termination of the third City Masonic Benevolent Association by a supper at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, when most of the above-named brethren and others were present.

After the toast of "The Queen," Bro. W. W. MORGAN proposed, in eloquent terms, "Success to the Fourth City Masonic Benevolent Association." He congratulated the brethren on the increase of the last, over the two preceding Associations, the amounts collected by them being over £700, £800, and £1000 respectively, and hoped the one started that day would eclipse them all.

Bro. JOHN NEWTON, in response, referred to his long connection with these Associations, having been Secretary of the first, and President of all the others.

The toast of "The Vice-President" was next given, to which Bro. F. BROWN replied, and then in a humorous speech proposed "The Committee," for which Bros. C. LACEY, C. H. WEBB, J. S. FRASER, and L. C. HASLIP responded.

Bro. LACEY, referring to the usefulness of these Associations, stated that by their aid he had become a Vice-President of all the Charities.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and those brethren replied, Bro. VERRY expressing the great pleasure it gave him to be Treasurer of this, as he had been of the former Associations.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. W. W. MORGAN assured the brethren of the gratification he felt at being present on this occasion, as he had been four years ago at a similar gathering when the preceding Association terminated. In the course of his speech he referred to the high appreciation in which the services rendered by these Benevolent Associations were held by the Secretaries of the Institutions, and by all who take an interest in our Masonic Charities.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. G. Anderson for the excellent supper provided.

#### BRO. DR. HASKINS'S CONCERT.

Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins gave a benefit concert before a crowded audience at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., commemorating his 30 years' residence in this locality as one of our best known musicians. With a programme running to nearly 30 numbers, and most of these of the very best, there was enough and to spare, and the audience were appreciative to a degree, bestowing encores liberally and yet with wise discrimination. Madame Edith Wynne was in splendid voice and deservedly rewarded for her "Heaven and Earth" with a recall, when she gave, to the general delight, "The Maid of Arcadee." Miss Ethel Winn sang in her usual winning manner, and secured not only an encore but a rapturous reception. Miss Emilie Davies's rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen" enjoyed a like favour, as did Miss Lavinia Walker's for "Should be upbraided." Bro. F. F. Clive's splendid rendition of "The Friar of Orders Grey" and "Father O'Flynn" won him encores, and his "Drinking" song was equally well given. Bros. Arthur Thomas, Alfred Alderton, W. Dawson, A. G. Pritchard (with a musical sketch, "My Neighbours," and J. Kift (humorist) also pleased immensely. Miss Clara Titterton's violin solo, and the pianoforte performances by the Misses Walden, Annen, Van der Meulen, Alice and Kate Van der Meulen, Maud Lathan, and Bro. Dr. Haskins were loudly applauded. The elocutionary line was sustained by Bro. John Evelyn and little Miss Lilian Deane in a scene from "King John," and a recitation, "The Spanish Mother," by Bro. Herman Vezin. Bro. Herman Vezin was certainly the draw of the evening, and the applause from 1500 people after his recital was something to be remembered; of course, he had to give another short piece. Other items were equally commendable. Bros. Dr. J. F. Haskins and Kift were the conductors of the concert, and the stage management devolved upon Bro. Henry Prenton, the secretariat being undertaken by Bro. Herbert Grant; whilst the comfort of the company was attended to by a competent body of Stewards under the direction of Bro. Albert Ogan. The platform was made gay with floral decorations.



"Ariane" continues to draw big houses at the Opera Comique, and seems likely to run to the end of the present season. Many are glad to see Mr. Edward Russell one more before the public, he being so well known as one of the most courteous acting managers.

We beg to call attention to the fact that Bro. Wilson Barrett has resumed the performances of that healthy drama, "The Silver King," which had such a long run at his old theatre, the Princesses, some few years ago. Many like ourselves regretted Bro. Wilson Barrett's desire to leave that form of dramatic art for tragedy and romantic plays. We welcome him back to his old love, and we are sure the public will welcome "The Silver King." We are glad to say that Miss Eastlake and Mr. George Barrett are again delighting every one with their rendering of the parts respectively of Nellie Danvers and dear old Jakes.

Mr. Edgar Bruce and Miss Edith Woodwarth opened the Globe, about the 8th prox., with "Boodle's Baby," by John Strange Winter, whose proper name is Mrs. Arthur Stannard. If the play is as good as the novel it ought to do well. Mr. Edgar Bruce has usually been fortunate in his venture. "The Colonel," to wit. He will be well represented by Mr. W. H. Griffiths as manager. Mr. Gilbert Farquhar will be in the cast. "Boodle's Baby" will be played by pretty little Minnie Terry, daughter of Mr. Charles Terry, acting manager of the Compton Comedy Company, and niece of Misses Ellen and Marion Terry. Minnie Terry made a great hit recently at the Haymarket in "Partners," and shows great aptitude for the stage, of which she is one of the youngest members, being only six years of age. Apropos of her re-appearance, Messrs. Elliot Fry have just published some excellent photos of the little actress in various positions and costumes. All seems alike excellent, and do justice both to the sitter and to the artist. Being a very pretty child, her photo ought to command a sale.

We are surprised that "The Wife's Secret" has had such a short run at the St. James's Theatre. To our mind it is an interesting, amusing, and beautiful play, and it is needless to say splendidly acted by Bro. and Mrs. Kendal, Mr. Mackintosh, and Miss Fanny Brough. However, for some reason not easy to decipher, the public do not care for it, and last Saturday "The Iron-master" took its place. It will be recollected this piece was produced at the same theatre some three years since, when it had a very long and successful run. This should be the case again if Messrs. Hart and Kendal can allow it to remain on the boards. But as this is the last season of their joint management it is possible they may wish to play a round of pieces as a farewell. In "The Iron-master" Bro. and Mrs. Kendal are seen at their best. We fully expected last Saturday night, at the St. James's, would be like a first night of a new play, and it was so. The cast also includes Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Waring, Mr. H. Kemble, Mr. Lewis Waller, and Mr. R. Cathcart. Misses Fanny Brough and Blanche Horlock, and Mrs. Gaston Murray. That Mr. Hare is not in the play is the one regret.

Those who were present on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Gaiety will not forget very easily the farewell performance of "Frankenstein." Having "assisted" on Christmas eve at its production, we took a special interest in seeing the piece wind-up, and bidding farewell and bon voyage to the talented company, who the next day left our shores for Australia. After a stay of several months in the Antipodes, they will visit the chief cities of America, and return to their old home next April. On Friday the performance went better than ever. The theatre was filled to excess with an appreciative audience. At the close the company on the stage joined hands, and sang "Auld Lang Syne," the company in the front in every part of the house at the same time standing and joining in the leave takings. Waving of handkerchiefs and hearty good byes followed. Many eyes were filled with tears amongst the audience, so popular have Miss Farren, Miss Marion Hood, Miss Sylvia Grey, and Bro. Fred. Leslie become. Miss Farren went into hysterics, and even Bro. Leslie, though called upon to make a speech, could only say he thanked the audience for their kindness to the Gaiety company, and so overcome was he that he did not bid farewell. We wish them every possible success, and hope to be amongst those to welcome them back next spring.

Some changes having taken place in the cast of "Two Roses," we paid yet another visit to the Criterion to see Miss Ellaline Terriss (daughter of Mr. W. Terriss and Miss Fanny Moore, sister of Miss Mary Moore) play the title role. We must congratulate Miss Terriss on her decided success. She is, we believe, but seventeen years of age, and has only recently gone on the stage. We welcome such talent as hers. No doubt she has been carefully tutored for years by her father. This young lady seems free from nervousness and quite at home on the stage. She gives a delightful rendering of the part of Ida. Miss Terriss is fortunately also possessed of a good presence, sweet face, and pleasant voice. Bro. Wyndham has engaged her for three years, and she is selected as understudy for Miss Mary Moore. Mr. C. W. Somerset has succeeded Mr. W. Farren as Digby Grant, and very well he plays the character. We think he tries to introduce some of Bro. Henry Irving's style, that gentleman having been the original Mr. Grant. Mr. Emery has succeeded Mr. George Giddens as Caleb Decies. He also gives every satisfaction. This charming English comedy is played every Wednesday afternoon. We need scarcely say that the Criterion is still crammed every night with audiences assembled to see Bro. C. Wyndham and Miss Mary Moore in "David Garrick." It is scarcely likely any change will be made in the programme this season. The lessee has decorated the vestibules and staircases with pictures and wreaths he brought away as trophies from Russia and Berlin during his recent visit, where he met with such brilliant receptions.



The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 4 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Marchioness of Waterford opened a bazaar at the Athenæum, Camden-road, on Thursday, the 26th ult., in aid of the funds of the North-West London Hospital.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Sir Frederick Johnstone, Bart., and Lord Alington, visited the racing stables of Mr. John Porter, at Park House, Kingsclere, on the 26th ult.

Viscount Lymington, M.P., will preside at the Festival dinner of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held on Wednesday, the 20th of June next.

Comp. Minstrell, the Immediate P.Z. of the Gallery Chapter, and one of the Past Masters of the Gallery Lodge, was called to the bar of the Middle Temple, on Wednesday last, as a barrister-at-law.

At the monthly meeting of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, on the 24th ult., Bro. George Canler, J.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting Bro. E. Osmond was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. James, Tyler.

An address of congratulation to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their Silver Wedding was unanimously passed at the annual meeting, in the Westminster Town Hall, on Tuesday, of the Ladies' Grand Council of the Primrose League.

A convocation of the University of Oxford was held on Tuesday, when it was unanimously resolved to affix the University seal to a letter to be addressed to the Queen, and thanking her Majesty for her gracious present to the University of a bust of the late Duke of Albany.

Tuesday being the 38th anniversary of the birth of the Duke of Connaught, the customary honours were paid to his Royal Highness, both in London and at Windsor, a Royal salute being fired at noon in the Long Walk and the bells at St. John's Church and St. George's Chapel, Windsor, being rung early in the morning and at intervals during the day.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not be able to meet on Tuesday next, the 8th inst., in consequence of the room being engaged, therefore the ceremony of Installation of Principals is postponed until the 15th inst., when the chapter will meet at half-past five o'clock, and the installations will be worked by Comps. Webb, Gillard, and Fraser.

**LOGIC CLUB.**—At the weekly meeting on the 6th inst. (being officers' day) the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, will rehearse the installation ceremony, and the Preceptor, Bro. John Maclean, will rehearse the Third Degree. Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, H. Tinney, R. P. Stevens, A. Prince, F. Potter, and Mostyn will occupy various offices connected with the Degrees.

Amongst the candidates at the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution we notice the name of Mrs. Cooke, the Widow of Bro. Cooke, who was for so many years connected with the London newspaper press. Bro. Cooke had a large number of Masonic friends, and those who remember his zeal for Masonry cannot render a better tribute to his memory than by supporting his aged widow in her candidature at the forthcoming election.

Bro. T. W. Whitmarsh, the new Assistant Grand Pursuivant, is very highly esteemed as an active and accomplished worker by those who best know him. During the 16 years of his Secretaryship of No. 1150, he has been the able Preceptor of those coming on in the lodge. He filled the W.M.'s chair with great success, and has twice been "testimonialled" by the lodge for his services. He has filled the several chairs of Chapter No. 217, and is now H. of British Chapter, No. 8. He has served on the Colonial Board, and is Life Governor of both the Schools.

The garden that surrounds the Moat round the Tower of London, containing about an acre of ground, was formally opened to the public, under certain restrictions, on Monday. Lieut.-General Lord Chelmsford, Lieutenant of the Tower, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Napier of Magdala, the Constable, handed over the keys of the garden to Sir W. Vincent, as representing the public, and the rules and regulations, as settled by the authorities and approved by her Majesty, having been read, Mrs. Montagu was invited to declare the gardens open, and votes of thanks to the Constable and other officials of the Tower having been passed, the proceedings terminated.

**ANCIENT WINES.**—We know from Pindar, and from the epigrams of Martial, that old wine was esteemed better than new in classic times. But an Athenian would have thought sixteen years a great age. What then would he have said to wine 348 years old, dating, that is to say, from 1540, the period of Henry VIII.? This is one of the vintages, duly authenticated, which Messrs. Spiers and Pond have secured from the cellars of the late King of Bavaria, who, some years ago, sold off his old wines, and they may be obtained at the East Room in the Criterion. The wine of 1540 is Steinwein, and there is also a Leistenwein of 1631, the Reign of Charles I. Steinwein of 1731, Johannisberg of 1811, and Rudesheim and Heckeheimer of 1822. These are of a beautiful golden colour, and perfectly clear, and even the oldest retains considerable bouquet. It is said there is no wine in existence of this age, except in the municipal cellars of Bremen. The firm also offers some of the Duke of York's port, vintage unknown, but bottled in 1798. It is a great curiosity, and in very fine preservation.

A National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 11th inst.

The annual conversazione of the Royal Colonial Institute will be held at the Royal Albert Hall and in the adjacent conservatory on the 28th June next.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have returned home from their Australian tour, and on Monday evening his lordship was present, for the first time since his return, in the House of Lords.

Lord Justice Bowen presided at the annual festival at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, in aid of the funds of King's College Hospital. The amount announced in the way of subscriptions was a little over £2200.

The Duchess of Albany has graciously consented to distribute the prizes to the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, at the Guildhall, on Saturday next, the 12th instant, when Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser will preside.

Bro. Chandler, P.M. South Norwood Lodge, 1139, is preparing for the press a work to be entitled "Jubilee and Temple-landmarks in Chronology," dealing with the building and re-construction of King Solomon's Temple.

The Duke of Cambridge opened the new Recreation Ground at Paddington on Saturday last, Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and John Aird, M.P., who represent the two divisions of the Borough in the House of Commons, being present, and taking part in the proceedings.

Bro. George Shaw, a member of the Common Council of London, and one of the representatives of the City at the Metropolitan Board of Works, was a candidate for the Aldermanic gown rendered vacant by the resignation of Sir B. S. Phillips, but has since withdrawn.

The *Gazette* of Thursday contains the announcement that the Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday next, the 9th instant, and that by her Majesty's command the Prince of Wales will hold a Levee at St. James's Palace on the Friday following.

On Saturday afternoon last the Prince of Wales visited Messrs. Dowdeswell's Galleries, the Goupil Galleries, and the Continental Gallery, being accompanied to the last named by the Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. In the evening his Royal Highness was present at Toole's Theatre and witnessed the performance of "The Don."

Bro. Broadley issued invitations last week to a large number of celebrities in the art and dramatic world to meet Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft at dinner at the Café Monico, on the 29th inst. Bro. Broadley occupied the chair, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson the vice-chair. Amongst those present were the Earl of Durham, Lord George Nevill, Mr. Clement Scott, Col. North, Bros. Augustus Harris, Henry Neville, Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, J. L. Toole, Arthur Cecil, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Dixon Hartland, M.P., Edward Terry, W. Terriss, Lionel Brough, and Harry Nicholls. Mrs. Bernard Beere, Mrs. John Ward, Mrs. Augustus Harris, Miss Norreys, Mrs. J. L. Toole, Miss Millward, Mrs. H. Nicholls, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Portescue, Miss Emily Faithfull, Miss Robinson, and others. The dinner was of the choicest description, and the great reputation of the Café Monico was more than maintained.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Onslow entertained at dinner, at their residence in Richmond Terrace, Whitehall, on Saturday evening last, the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Teck, and the Princess Victoria, among those present to meet the Royal party being the French Ambassador and Madame Waddington, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, and the Lady Alice Wilbraham.

It is gratifying to learn from the accounts transmitted from Charlottenburg during the week as to the improvement in the health of the Emperor Frederick that his Majesty is able to take solid nourishment, and that the fever has almost wholly abated. The news is indeed good news, and we trust the recovery, which so marvellously set in about the time of the Queen's visit to her illustrious son-in-law, will be well maintained.

The civic festivities, in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Belgian burgomasters to Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, will extend over several days. His lordship's invitation has been very numerous accepted, and the arrangements, so far as they have been made, will include a ball by the Lady Mayoress on Monday, the 14th instant, a visit to the Guildhall on the following day, and on Wednesday a banquet at the Mansion House.

**ORPHEUS LODGE, No. 1706.**—The last meeting of the season was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., the chair being occupied by Bro. W. Stevenson Hoyte, W.M. There was a good assemblage of brethren, and two additions were made to the Craft, after which Bro. H. Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., was elected W.M., and Bro. Richard Clowes, P.M., Treasurer, for the ensuing year. The business being ended, the brethren dined together, and enjoyed the usual musical treat afforded by this lodge.

Bro. Augustus Harris has issued his prospectus for the coming Italian Opera Season, which will commence on the 14th instant, and include 32 performances. The operas which will be played will be 18 in number, and will include two by Gounod, three by Meyerbeer, one by Wagner, one by Bizet, two by Mozart, four by Verdi, two by Rossini, and one each by Auber and Donizetti. The conductors will be Messrs. Mancinelli and Randegger, Madame Katti-Lanner will have charge of the ballet department, and Bro. Harris the scenic arrangements. The principal vocalists include Mesdames Albani, Valleria, Minnie Hauk, Nordica, Scalchi, and Trebelli, and Messrs. De Reszke (two), Ravelli, Lassalle, De Reims, and Ciampi.

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The Prince of Wales visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Sunday last, and, having stayed to luncheon, returned to Marlborough House in the course of the afternoon.

During a heavy south-westerly gale on Tuesday the grand stand in course of erection for the Garrison and Hunt Steeplechases at Colchester was blown away, two men being killed and others injured.

Bros. Lord Moreton, V. A. Williamson, C. C. Cotes, Lord Herschell, and Lord Hothfield were present at the third meeting this season of the Fox Club, at Brook's, on Saturday evening last.

The Duke of Cambridge presided at the Festival dinner at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, in aid of the funds of the West London Hospital, when subscriptions to the amount of nearly £1800 were announced.

The annual banquet of the Royal Academy will be held at Burlington House to-morrow (Saturday), and the Exhibition will be opened to the public on Monday next.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), who arrived in London on Saturday morning last in order to attend the Cabinet Council at the Foreign Office, left town again for Dublin the following evening.

The Duchess of Albany and her children arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday on a visit to the Queen, and will remain with her Majesty during the absence on the Continent of the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the office of President of the Royal Agricultural Society during its forthcoming Jubilee year, and the Prince of Wales has intimated his willingness to undertake, on her Majesty's behalf, the more immediate duties of the office.

A Common Hall of the whole of the Livery of the City of London will be held in the Guildhall at noon on Wednesday, the 16th inst., to consider the proposal contained in the Local Government Bill to the effect that the Livery should not elect a Sheriff of the county of Middlesex.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to distribute, at a meeting which will be held at the Parkes' Museum to-morrow (Saturday), the certificates obtained by ladies who have passed the examination following the lectures on domestic hygiene.

A supper in connection with the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, will take place at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James'-square, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., Bro. W. R. Boyell, W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge, in the chair, supported by Bro. W. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1563, Preceptor.

At the monthly meeting of the United Lodge, No. 697, held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., Bro. Henry J. Skingley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Alured Gosling, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Munson, Tyler; and Bro. A. Wright, Assistant Tyler.

Bro. G. W. Murnane, clerk to the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, was, on the 27th ult., installed W.M. of the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, at the Lewisham District Board of Works Offices, Catford. The I.P.M., Bro. Alfred Thompson, was the Installing Master. The banquet subsequently took place at the Guildhall Tavern.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Sir Charles Warren, Dr. Richardson, and S. B. Bancroft were among the leading guests at the 99th Anniversary Festival, at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, of the Royal Literary Fund. The subscriptions in the course of the evening amounted to about £1100.

The Freemasons of Ireland purpose holding two of their most popular entertainments this month—on Friday, 11th May, a magnificent ball, and on Saturday, 12th May, the public distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, which for years was looked forward to as the prettiest and one of the most favourite entertainments held in that city.

The Prince of Wales, Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, and many others were present at the funeral in Brompton Cemetery, on Monday, of M. Kanné, her Majesty's courier, who had spent 40 years' of his life in the Queen's service. The coffin was covered with wreaths sent by the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

**BROWNRIFF LODGE, No. 1638.**—In our last report of the meeting of this lodge at Kingston-on-Thames, given in our last impression, it was mentioned that Bro. Montague, S.D., had had a vote of condolence on the death of his wife. It seems that the information conveyed to the lodge was based on an erroneous statement, but the correct state of affairs did not reach our correspondent in time to make the correction. We are pleased to know that Mrs. Montague is progressing favourably.

Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser has kindly consented to open the Italian Exhibition at Earl's Court on Saturday, the 12th inst., and will attend in full state on the occasion, accompanied by Bros. Sheriffs Higgs and Davies, and a number of the civic functionaries. The Prince of Naples will be unable to take part in the ceremony, as, if his wounds just received at some artillery practice near Rome will enable him, his Royal Highness will open the Centennial Exhibition at Bologna the same week; but he will visit the London Exhibition at an early date.

Mrs. Hodgson-Burnett, the authoress of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," has adapted her book for the stage, and it will be produced by Mrs. Oscar Beringer, at Terry's Theatre, on the afternoons of May 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th, under the title of "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy." The title role will be played by Miss Vera Beringer, the little lady who created such an impression in Mrs. Oscar Beringer's play, "Iares." The piece will be produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal, and a very strong company has been specially engaged, it being the desire of the authoress to place before the English public a living embodiment of a creation which, in book form, has been received by them with so much favour and sympathy, and no endeavour will be spared to produce a faithful representation of "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy."