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The Girls' School Centenary Festival. OUR remarks last week as to the Girls' School Centenary, the successful manner in which the meetings on Monday and Thursday in the Royal Albert Hall had passed off, and the brilliant pecuniary result of the celebration were necessarily brief. Time did not permit us to say more than that the scene at the banquet on Thursday was brilliant almost beyond conception, and that the amount of the subscriptions and donations, as announced from the chair and by Bro. the Earl of LATHOM in his speech, was wholly unprecedented. Since then, however, we have had ample opportunity for examining the Returns, and the more carefully we examine them the more impressed are we with the magnitude of the success which has been achieved. We had made up our minds from the first that the sum which the Committee were desirous of raising for the current expenses of the year, and to carry out the Centenary Memorial Scheme in its entirety—about £35,000—would be subscribed, and as time went on and the names of additional Stewards were being received almost daily, we began to think the total might possibly be swelled to £40,000. Then, when rumours began to reach us as to the amounts of the lists which sundry brethren, lodges, and provinces felt confident of returning, we became more hopeful still. But we had not anticipated, till almost the last moment, that the limit of £50,000 would be approached, much less exceeded. We do not regret that our estimate was within the total realised. If it is forbidden us "to look a gift horse in the mouth" when the character or utility of the gift is doubtful, in still more questionable taste would it be for us to quarrel over a subscription which had exceeded our most sanguine hopes. Moreover, we are reconciled to the excess over our own more modest estimate, because it shows that the members of the Board of Stewards had worked harder, and the lodges and brethren had supported them more generously than we had believed possible. We must refer our readers to the Special Number we publish this week for the full details of the Returns and the Analysis we have made, as usual, of their composition. But we cannot refrain from drawing attention, in our regular issue, to the more prominent amounts which are included therein. The London total, as affected by the additions and deductions since notified to the Secretary, was £22,550 15s. 6d., and chief among individual lists were those of Bro. GREY, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Stewards (£630); Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, Steward for the Drury Lane Lodge, Mo. 2127 (£552); Bro. A. B. COOK (£420); and Bro. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, G. Secretary (£357); while the King of SWEDEN and NORWAY, who became a Steward on the evening of the celebration, gave 25 guineas. The Unattached Stewards were about 180 in number, and their Returns, so far as they have been received, are not far short of £3500, while the lodges and chapters returned, by the aid of about 360 Stewards, some £17,000. The Provincial Returns reached £28,066, the number of Stewards being about 900. All the Provinces, situated in England, together with that of the Isle of Man, were represented, the most successful among the larger provinces being Kent, West Yorkshire, the two Lancashires, Warwickshire, Middlesex, Surrey, and Hants and the Isle of Wight, and among the smaller Provinces Somersetshire, Essex, Sussex, N. and E. Yorkshire, Berks and Bucks, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Hertfordshire, North Wales, Shropshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, and Oxfordshire. More Foreign Stations and Districts were represented than at any previous Festival. The highest individual Steward's list was that of Bro. STOTHERT, Grand Std. B. of England, who acted as the representative of Somersetshire, and succeeded in raising £882, and there were two other lists above £500, namely, that of Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, amounting to £575, and that of Bro. Col. PLATT, D.P.G.M. of North Wales, which reached £525. It should also be mentioned that the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Warwickshire, was represented by 30 of its members as Stewards, and that the sum they raised amongst them was £315. However, as we have said before, full particulars of the Returns will be found in our Special Centenary and Silver Wedding number, and we shall say nothing further here than that, from a pecuniary

point of view the Girls' Centenary Festival has never been equalled or even approached by the Festival of any other Institution, while, as regards the management which conduced to a success so brilliant, that it reflects the utmost credit on the principal members of the Executive Committee and Bro. HEDGES, the Secretary of the Institution. Bro. ROBERT GREY proved a most efficient and courteous Chairman, Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON is to be congratulated on the success of Monday's *fête*, and to Bro. A. C. SPAULL, we understand, belongs the credit of having suggested the hiring of the Albert Hall for the celebration. To these in particular, and indeed to all who took a leading or subordinate part in the proceedings we offer our hearty congratulations on a result, which must add so largely to the fame which our Society already enjoys over the success of its Charitable Festivals.

The Girls' School Centenary Festival Jewel. It was a graceful act on the part of his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, that, in his desire to recognise the meritorious services rendered by the Board of Stewards at the recent Girls' School Centenary, he should have granted the brethren who composed it, so long as they remain subscribing members of a lodge or lodges, his permission to wear their Stewards' jewels at all Masonic meetings. We are satisfied the Stewards themselves will appreciate the compliment, and we doubt not it will act as an incentive to other members of the Craft to follow their example whenever an opportunity for doing so may present itself. Moreover, the compliment will be considered all the greater in consequence of the reason assigned by the PRINCE for paying it, namely, that it should encourage the brethren in the same way as the hope of obtaining the Charity jewel instituted in 1830 by the late Duke of Sussex encourages them to undertake the duties and responsibilities of Festival Stewards.

The Coming Boys' School Festival. It is satisfactory to learn that the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been increased in numbers during the last few days, and that though the time is too short for the new comers to be able to effect much good, their influence cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the Institution. It is not worth while reverting at length to the scandalous circular which was issued anonymously a short time ago, but it is important we should bear in mind that there are 260 boys in the School; that the permanent resources of the Institution are extremely limited, and that the bulk of the £11,000 or £12,000, which, in the absence of a regular and settled income, must be forthcoming to cover the year's expenditure, will have to be obtained in some way or other. We doubt not that the Chairman, the Stewards so far as they go, and their friends will do what is possible, but a Board which consists of only about 200 members is hardly strong enough to raise what is necessary, and we fear we must trust, therefore, to the chapter of accidents for the supplies that are needed. Meanwhile, we have the School with its 260 boys to maintain, and a small income. The Girls' School Centenary has just been celebrated with unprecedented success, and we trust the brethren, in their enthusiasm for the senior School, will not forget that the junior Institution is still more in need of funds, and that what is needed is towards the regular expenditure of the Charity. Anything in the shape of a further increase in the Establishment must, we fear, be looked upon as impossible just now.

The Emperor Frederick. DISQUIETING rumours from Berlin as to the health of his Majesty, the Emperor FREDERICK of Germany, have been current for some days past, and have, as may be imagined, caused the sincerest grief among all classes of HER MAJESTY'S subjects. The reports as to the progress made by the illustrious sufferer during the latter part of his sojourn at Charlottenburg, and his removal to Potsdam, had given rise to the hope, if not to the belief, that HIS MAJESTY was in a fair way towards recovery. Unhappily, these hopes have been rudely dispelled during the present week, the news received by our ROYAL FAMILY having been of so grave a character that the usual semi-state procession of the Prince and Princess of WALES at Ascot Races, on Tuesday, was countermanded at the last moment by HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS. The latest reports about the EMPEROR, are perhaps, slightly more favourable, but it cannot be doubted that he is in a very critical state, and we can only supplicate the G.A.O.T.U. that he will be pleased to restore HIS MAJESTY to health and strength, and prolong a life which is so precious to his people, and the preservation of which is generally considered to be of such supreme importance to the peace of Europe.

LODGE CANONGATE KILWINNING.

The history of the venerable and distinguished "Lodge Canongate Kilwinning," dating from 1677, is now an accomplished fact, through the services of one of its respected Past Masters, Bro. Allen Mackenzie, * who has every reason to be satisfied with the result of his labours as author. To a great extent he has let the records speak for themselves, and "so far so good," but added to these old and deeply interesting minutes of "ye olden tyme," Bro. Mackenzie has wisely appended particulars of the eventful lives of many of the distinguished members, who have from time to time been enrolled as brethren of the "mystic tie," under the wing of No. 2.

Although the handsome volume runs to some 260 pages, and is literally "packed" with details of lodge life and contemporary events, extending over a period of nearly two centuries, we long for more, and have completed our perusal of the noble history, with the predominant feeling uppermost, that we wish there had been a second volume, so ably has Bro. Mackenzie acquitted himself as the historian of one of the most ancient and remarkable lodges in existence.

Beyond question, as the author observes in the brief preface, when an Institution has survived the vicissitudes of over two centuries, it becomes entitled to our veneration and respect. It is, therefore, a fair subject of congratulation that Canongate Kilwinning Lodge has not only existed for that period, but has assembled in the same district, under the same name, and for over one hundred and fifty years under the same roof. The hall where the lodge assembles in St. John-street, was built in 1736, and is considered to be the oldest of its kind, owned or used by a lodge. We believe it is, and congratulate the members on being the landlords of such an ancient Masonic building. We feel certain that even Philadelphia, U.S.A., cannot equal this record, which has the first of so many good things. The two photographs of the interior of the Masonic Hall, looking S.W. and N.E. respectively, give a capital idea of the spacious character of the building, and of its artistic adornment and Masonic fittings. The one view exhibits a series of attractive articles, &c., such as the organ built in 1754, a curious allegorical painting on the wall, portraits, banner, &c. The other represents a fine interior, showing the old painting of St. Clair of Rosslyn, the first G.M. (A.D. 1736) and member of the lodge, the splendid chair for the R.W.M.; "Burns' Corner" being the chief and honoured portion of the hall, hence the choice of the N.E. for this truly Masonic souvenir. The third illustration of the interior we leave for description, when we have occasion to refer to the affiliation of Bro. Robert Burns as a member of No. 2.

It appears that a number of operative Masons from the Canongate, Edinburgh, petitioned the old Lodge of Kilwinning to grant them permission to enter and pass persons in its name and on its behalf. On the 20th December, 1677, 12 of them attended, were accepted as Masons, and were duly authorised accordingly. The signatures and marks are appended to the minute in the records, which states at the "lodge of Kilwinning," these brethren "of the Canongate" were granted liberty to "enter, receive, and pass any qualified persons that they think fit in name and behalf of the lodge of Kilwinning and to pay ther entry and booking moneys to the sd lodge as we do ourselves, they sending on of ther number to us yearly and we to do the lyke to them, if need be." A facsimile of this entry appears in Bro. D. Murray Lyon's history of No. 1, Scotland, and is given "verbatim et literatim" in the history of lodge No. 2. It appears to us that the last sentence (*in italics*) proves that these brethren were virtually formed into a lodge there and then, and though in a measure dependent on its mother lodge, was to all intents and purposes a veritable lodge in Edinburgh. Whether a copy of this authorization or warrant was given to the founders we cannot now say—if so, the original is missing—but the entry aforesaid in the minute book of No. 2, Kilwinning, is beyond question, the volume being still preserved, and thus contains the premier Scottish warrant or Constitution, as Bro. Mackenzie claims. Nay more, it is the first of the kind known.

We quite think with Bro. Lyon that "its assumption of an independent body would be almost contemporaneous with its erection as a branch; for it does not appear ever to have made any return of its intrants to Kilwinning;" neither apparently did its aged mother long object (if at all) to its neglect of financial obligations, as it appears that in 1736 "Kilwinning" brethren favoured the candidature of the "Canongate Kilwinning" for the Grand Mastership of Scotland.

We are told, and told truly, that this lodge is one as famous for her vicissitudes of fortune as for the brilliant and celebrated men whom she calls her sons. In neither of these characters has she a rival; for while her lot has been to suffer greater misfortunes than any other lodge, her roll of members is one that no other kindred society can equal. Twenty-two members of the lodge have been Grand Masters of Scotland, and many of the greatest men of the past and present centuries have been entered on its distinguished register.

"At the beginning of last century the lodge numbered amongst its members the foremost noblemen and gentlemen of Scotland who were devoted to the Stuart cause. The unsuccessful rising in 1715 sent those who had escaped death on the battlefield into exile; and during the confusion attendant on those times, the whole early records of the lodge were lost or destroyed, and no trace of them can now be found."

This regretted loss of the earliest records leaves a blank that the historian of the lodge is unable to fill, but it is reassuring to find that the survivors met about the beginning of 1735 and resumed the meetings. We are not all convinced that the lodge was dormant prior to this year, and in the absence of evidence, our belief in its continuity is entitled to as much regard as the opposite view of the case. The facilities offered by a Masonic Lodge are considered by many to have been utilised by the Jacobites for their own purposes, and, doubtless, there is much to favour such a supposition.

Excepting a few lapses during the last 30 years, the volumes of records are well preserved, from February 13th, 1735, to the present time. The earliest minutes proves that it was not the first of any new effort or resuscitation, as the entry begins "The lodge having met according to adjournment," when the meeting appointed a Committee for the preparation of by-laws to be laid before the R.W.M. and Wardens on the 27th of that month.

The earliest Scottish records relative to the Master Masons' Degree are to be

* "History of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, compiled from the records, 1677-1888 by Allan Mackenzie, R.W.M. 1883-1887, &c., Edinburgh. Printed for the lodge by Bro. James Hogg, North Bank-street, MDCCCLXXXVIII."

found in the first minute book preserved of this old lodge. On 25th March, [Tuesday] 1735, "A Quarterly Communication" was held, when the lodge was adjourned to "Monday next for the Masters" [31st March] and to Thursday, the 3rd April, for "the whole lodge." The Masters' lodge (Third Degree), accordingly sometimes met on different days, as so many did during the last century in England, but no separate records were kept, as often was the case in South Britain. Accordingly on the day named "admitted William Montgomery, Fellow Craft, and William Robertson, Robert Blisset, and George Frazer, Master Masons." The first reference to this Degree by "Mother Kilwinning" was on June 24th, 1736, when it was enacted that those brethren who had duly qualified as Apprentices and Fellows of Craft "shall be Ras'd to ye dignity of Master gratis." In No. 1, Edinburgh, according to Bro. Lyon, the first record of the kind is dated November 1, 1738, when a brother who had then taken the first two Degrees was "also raised as a Master Mason in due forme." "St. Davids," Edinburgh, however, is third in order of priority, their first minute "of the Degree of Master Mason" bearing date March 2nd, 1738. The earliest record of the kind in England is rather more than ten years earlier.

Fines were strictly enforced for non-attendance, and, doubtless, the brethren who regularly assembled were all the more ready to see they were inflicted; as Bro. Mackenzie tells us the money was laid out in refreshments for the evening, such an order constantly occurring in the minutes.

The roll of members, containing several thousands of names, is carefully written in alphabetical order, and bound in two handsome volumes. The Historian has made selections from this roll (from 1736 down to 1857) arranged alphabetically, with the dates of initiations, and notes as to their general and Masonic titles when needful (occupying eleven pages), but as these include so many worthy and distinguished names, we cannot bring our minds to enumerate any. One of the chief attractions provided by Bro. Mackenzie, is the number of facsimiles of the autographs of great Masonic dignitaries profusely scattered over the volume, viz., Wm. St. Clair (1st G.M.), Geo. Frazer (D.G.M. 1755-61), C. H. Gordon (G.M. 1753), James [Baron] Forbes (G.M. 1754), Lord Aberdour (G.M. 1755-6, also G.M. of England, 1757), Geo. Drummond (G.M. 1752, Lord Provost, &c.), Earl of Dalhousie (G.M. 1767-8), Lord Benning (Earl of Haddington), James Boswell (D.G.M. 1777), David Dalrymple (Lord Westhall, G.M. 1774-5), Sir William Forbes, Bart. (G.M. 1776-7), N. Spens (D.G.M.), the Hon. Henry Erskine (J.G.W. 1773), Lord Haddo (G.M. 1784-5), F. Charteris (Lord Elcho, G.M. 1786-7), Lord Napier, (G.M. 1788-9), Earl of Morton (G.M. 1790-1), Earl of Ancrum (Marquis of Lothian, G.M. 1796-7), James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, (Poet Laureate), Lord Dudley C. Stuart, M.P., and others, all of whom were members. Also those of Grand Masters who visited the lodge officially, Earl of Kintore, G.M. 1738, the last Earl of Kilmarnock, G.M. 1742, Earl of Dumfries, G.M. 1771-2, Duke of Atholl, G.M. 1778-79, and the Earl of Buchan, G.M. 1782-3. Also the Duke of Perth and other noblemen.

The list of office bearers from 1734-5 to 1887, is a most painstaking and valuable compilation, and of great utility for reference. Several Lord Provosts held office in the Lodge, the first noted being in 1738, the most distinguished, we suppose, being Geo. Drummond who was the R.W.M. in 1764; one even was Secretary of the lodge; Dr. James Boswell, Biographer of Dr. Johnson, was D.M. in 1767, and R.W.M. in 1773. Lord Torpichen was the R.W.M. in 1787, John Wilson (Christopher North), D.M. in 1837, Professor Aytoun, R.W.M. in 1839, Dr. Somerville, in 1843, Lord Loughborough (Earl of Rosslyn, G.M.), D.M. in 1853, Earl of Strathmore, R.W.M. in 1864, and Allan Mackenzie, R.W.M. in 1883, who is now the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, and its Historian.

"William St. Clair of Rosline, Esqr.," was initiated on 18th May, 1736. This fact alone would make the History of the lodge most memorable, for he it was who was elected and installed the Premier Grand Master of Scotland in the same year. This brother was "passed" on the 2nd June, and "raised" on November 3rd. At this meeting, owing to certain officers either being absent or having to leave during the "work," St. Clair occupied the chairs of the J.W., S.W., and R.W.M., pro tem., respectively, during the ceremonies, and finally "dismissed the Lodge" as Master.

This brother was long thought to have been Grand Master by Hereditary right (prior to the year 1736), by many of our Masonic Historians, and his appointment as such was relied upon to prove the antiquity of the office. Bro. Lyon, however, long ago exploded that fallacy. In his family, doubtless, for some generations past, had been vested the right to act as Patrons, Protectors, &c., of the Mason-Craft, about which more hereafter.

Bro. Mackenzie wisely devotes considerable space to the preliminary arrangements for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and proves, beyond question, that the credit of the scheme was due to their lodge, the members being "wide awake" respecting all that was involved in such an Institution, and by skilful management secured their latest initiate to be Grand Master, notwithstanding that other lodges had rival candidates. Their *piece de resistance* carried all before it! This was the deed of resignation signed by William St. Clair, for himself and his successors, of the office and hereditary dignity of "Patron, Protector, Judge, or Master of the Massons in Scotland," bearing date 24th Nov. 1736, and duly witnessed by the Masters of the lodges, No. 2, and "Leith Kilwinning." On this document being read to the 33 lodges assembled, on the 30th of same month, the members by an unanimous vote elected St. Clair as their Premier Grand Master, and never has there been a more faithful and zealous chief. We must pass over the numerous and interesting particulars furnished by the author respecting this eventful period, save to state that some hundred lodges were invited to take part in the proceedings, many dating from the seventeenth century, or earlier. The original deed, or rather, transcript of this election, with names of the participating lodges, &c., &c., is in possession of the lodge, having been presented by Professor Aytoun, in 1839, the same brother donating the valuable St. Clair charters of 1600 and 1628 (circa), to the Grand Lodge.

After this grand day came the settlement of the precedence of the lodges, but though No. 2 possessed no warrant from "Mother Kilwinning," the brethren were well fortified having petitioned that venerable lodge to acknowledge their "eldest daughter," as from the year 1677. The letter was all that could be desired from a

* This interesting question relative to the status and character of Masters' lodges will be dealt with by Bro. Jno. Lane in a paper to be read before the members and visitors of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, on Monday, June 25th ensuing.

child to its parent, and being accompanied with a present, appears to have touched the heart of the dear old mother, for the request was granted to the fullest extent possible. The document is signed by the R.W.M., officers, and others, 27 members in all, and in that form was issued to the lodge, obtaining an official endorsement of the charter by the Grand Secretary of Scotland, dated 13th April, 1737. A reproduction of this ancient warrant forms one of the artistic triumphs of the volume, the original happily being well preserved to this day.

The first "swarm" from the lodge was the "Leith Kilwinning," 24th June, 1736, the R.W.M. and other members "went this day to Leith and there consecrate and ordained a new lodge to be there held." From this branched off No. 36, St. David's, which has its volumes of records intact, and on whose roll are many illustrious members, including Sir Walter Scott, Bart.

No. 2 had as visitors on October 6th, 1736, brethren from "Leith, the Lodge at Paris, and the Lodge at Gateside, in Bishopprick of Durham." On 18th December of the same year, the Masonic Hall was consecrated, in which the lodge still assembles. The Grand Master and other dignitaries attended.

When Lord Dunmore was admitted on 3rd January, 1737, the Grand Master was present, and also the third Earl of Kintore, J.G.W. (who soon became G.M., and also held same office in England for 1740). The ninth Earl of Kintore is now Substitute G.M. of Scotland, and is one instance out of many of the Masonic tastes of certain noble families which have continued from early last century to this day.

George Frazer, on 30th September, 1737, was styled "Old Master," which was then the equivalent for P.M. or I.P.M. Many are the curious and racy anecdotes to be found in the volume before us, pre-eminently Scottish in character and narrative, which do much to relieve the heavier portion of the history, and make the work "entertaining as a novel," yet withal substantial and invaluable as an authentic record of the Craft for some two centuries. A few of the "delicious morsels" we should like to cull for these pages, but really and truly a choice from such an extensive storehouse would be difficult indeed, so we give up the task of selection for someone better qualified.

Bro. Mackenzie has given the exact minutes, whenever and wherever desirable, so that all the quaintness of verbiage and all the singular details are duly reproduced, which is much better than turning such excerpts into modern phraseology. The members were profuse in their charitable donations, even to purposes beyond the Craft, e.g., the sum of three guineas was voted in 1739—in response to a petition—for the "Charity for the Relief of the indigent Episcopall Clergy;" and poor brethren were never neglected whatever might be the other claims on the funds. In June, 1741, mention is made of a "Quaker," who, though a brother, "had been guilty of an indignity to the lodge." Possibly this is the earliest reference to the fact of a Friend being a member of the Craft. On 27th December, 1742, the lodge exercised its right in voting for the "Call" of the Rev. Hew Blair to supply the vacancy as one of the ministers of the Canongate. The eighth Viscount Kenmore was initiated on 7th December, 1743, whose father was beheaded on Tower Hill in 1715. The rebellion of 1745-6 interfered a little with the meetings of the lodge, though not so much as we had anticipated. A charter was signed by the Grand Master for constituting a lodge at *Aleppo*, in Turkey, but no entry is made in the official records of Grand Lodge, the only reference to the transaction being in the minutes of No. 2. On 21st November, 1752, the lodge subscribed £20 sterling, and the members ten guineas to help the funds being raised to beautify the City of Edinburgh. The hero of *Aboukir Bay*. (Sir Ralph Abercrombie), was admitted on 25th May, 1753, and on 6th June following the Rev. Peter Simpson was initiated freely "out of regard to the ministerial cloth and character." Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, visited the lodge 14th December, 1755, who was G.M. of England in 1757. The visitations by Grand Masters are too numerous to mention, but we note the attendance of this nobleman because of his occupying the same position farther on in this country. "A galaxy of celebrated actors" belonged to the lodge in the seventh decade of the last century. The eighth Earl of Dalhousie was "entered, passed and raised" on 29th March, 1766, and was present on the 3rd of the following month as "Grand Master elect" of the Grand Lodge. This "Hop, Skip, and Jump" method of conferring Masonic Degrees almost equals the experience of the fourth Duke of Atholl, who received the three Degrees, was elected and installed Master of the lodge, and was elected Grand Master of the "Ancients" (England), *all in one day*, viz., March 1st, 1775.

An interesting minute is quoted in full respecting the consecration of a military lodge in the Masonic Hall of No. 2 on 12th March, 1770. It was entitled "Lodge of St. Andrew's Royal Arch, in the Scots Greys," &c. General Oughton, the Grand Master, attended (who was a member of Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2), and a number of distinguished Craftsmen. The first R.W.M. was the Hon. Col. William Napier (afterwards Lord Napier), an initiate of No. 2. On 2nd February, 1775, the Grand Master visited the lodge officially, and testified his highest satisfaction with its conduct, &c., as an initiate "within this lodge." Alexander Nasmyth, the well-known artist, was "entered" on February 3rd, 1778, the same year that the premier Scottish Grand Master died.

The engraver of Nasmyth's portrait of Burns (John Bengo) was initiated on 4th December, 1783, so that both the artist and engraver were members of No. 2, which lodge affiliated the "Immortal Bard" as a member on February 1st, 1787. On March 1st, the R.W.M. of the lodge conferred on Robert Burns the then unique title of Poet Laureate. The Master was the hero of the "Song of the Whistle" (the MS. of which was sold last year for 230 guineas), and the S.W. was Wm. Dunbar, who was styled by the poet "one of the worthiest fellows in the world." Bro. Mackenzie gives the correspondence between the Scottish Masonic Historian (Bro. D. Murray Lyon) and the Secretary of No. 2 respecting the Poet Laureateship, the former in his final letter recognising "the satisfactory nature of the evidence submitted." *We entirely concur in that verdict.*

Burns was followed in 1835 by the "Ettrick Shepherd," in 1836 by William Hay, author of a large portion of the songs in "The Lintie O'Moray," Dr. Lane, Francis Nicoll, James Marshall, M. J. Mausibines, and William Pringle following in due course. In 1860, A. O'Neal Haye was the holder of the proud position, followed in 1872 by Captain Laurence Archer, in 1879 by Dr. Waller, in 1881 by Andrew Stevenson, author of the poem "The Laureate Wreath," in celebration of the centenary of the inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of the lodge, 1st March, 1887—poetry worthy of the occasion—and this year Bro. Charles H. McKay holds the coveted honour. Dr. Rob Morris, who visited No. 2 August 9th, 1878, has since been crowned (with the approbation of the universal Craft) "Poet

Laureate of Freemasonry." William Stewart Watson (initiated in No. 2 March 6th, 1828), was the painter of the celebrated picture of the inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of the Lodge, the engraving of which is now very scarce and valuable. The reproduction, inserted in the History, is of special interest, as also the accompanying key. Both are exceedingly well done.

With the greatest difficulty we have determined to close the volume and say no more. One glance through its subsequent pages was sufficient to assure us that Bro. Mackenzie has "risen to the occasion" when dealing with the later records, and has proved most successful as author of the history of this old and distinguished lodge, but it is impossible for us to do justice to his labours unless we write as much about the last one hundred years as we have for the previous period. This would scarcely be fair to the author, whose noble work is still for sale, so we have resolutely determined to stay our hand, and conclude by congratulating the members of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2, on their proud heritage, and by especially and gratefully testifying to the able manner in which Bro. Allan Mackenzie has discharged his duties as the historian of one of the oldest, one of the most illustrious, and one of the most benevolent lodges in the world, whose ancient records not only form a grand monument to the truly Masonic character of the early brethren, but doubtless act as a constant incentive to the present members to prove worthy of their time-honoured privileges and possessions.

THE MARYLAND "CORRESPONDENCE."

The "Report on Correspondence" for 1888, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, is now before us. The author is the Masonic Historian of that State, Bro. E. T. Schultz, so it may be taken for granted that the work is readable, accurate, and comprehensive.

The Reports are a feature of American Freemasonry, and whilst they mainly have to do with purely local matters, of little value to the Craft generally, here and there are to be found choice morsels of great importance and of universal interest. Indeed we do not know of anything corresponding to the character of these weighty and ably compiled "Annals," save the occasional articles in papers like the *Freemason*, or in the proceedings of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge.

We note that the "Masonic Board of Relief" of San Francisco expended during the year the sum of over 9000 dollars. These funds are carefully distributed, due enquiry always preceding the exercise of Charity. Of this there is evidently great need, for under "Canada," it is stated that Bro. J. Ross Robertson, V.P. of the National Board of Relief for the U.S.A., declares that "over 200 frauds had been detected during last year in the United States." We fancy this must mean in U.S.A. and Canada. One of the most remarkable methods of disposing of the Masonic offerings to the distressed and indigent brethren of all Nationalities, is the Relief Lodge of New Orleans, the lodge being chartered for that distinct purpose, and not for the ordinary duties.

Bro. Schultz devotes considerable space to the question of "Life Membership," based upon an exhaustive report by Bro. Drummond, P.G.M. of Maine. The average length of lodge membership is 13 years in Maine. The average for twenty years is nearly four per cent., that is to say "the membership of four out of every one hundred members terminates every year." With interest at 4 per cent., the membership fee for life subscription would be "ten dollars for each dollar of annual dues." Bro. Drummond, however, favours a scale according to age, ranging from 15 dollars for each dollar at 25, to 8 dollars for each dollar at 65. These points are curious, but do not really affect us in England as the annual subscriptions to lodges cannot be thus commuted.

Bro. Schultz does not quite like the veteran, Bro. Parvin's, reference to the rights and prerogatives of Grand Masters. We entirely, however, agree with the latter brother, for clearly "Grand Masters are the creatures of the Constitution, and should claim no rights beyond those delegated to them in the fundamental law. This is true historically, legally, and Masonically." It should never be forgotten that the right of the Grand Lodge to legislate with respect to the duties, privileges, and conduct of the Grand Master was expressly reserved in 1723. Rule xix reads "If the GRAND MASTER should abuse his Power, and render himself unworthy of the Obedience and Subjection of the Lodges, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a new Regulation." The duties of this exalted Officer are defined in the premier Book of Constitutions. His Title was then "Grand Master of the Right Worshipful and Most Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons," as the Regulations testify, but how there was a Grand Master before a Grand Lodge, we can neither discover nor imagine. The Grand Lodge elected Bro. Sayer to be the first Grand Master. We agree with Parvin that "Bro. Drummond may assert, but he cannot find any proof to sustain his assertion, that there ever was a Grand Master of Masons, or a Grand Lodge of Masons prior to 1717, when the first Grand Lodge was constituted, and the first Grand Master created." Beyond question, Grand Lodges and Grand Masters are modern institutions, and must not be confounded with the *Chief* or High Masters of the *Steinmetzen* of Germany.

We appeal to the facts of Masonic History in support of Bro. Parvin's declaration.

CONSECRATION OF THE TYSSEN - AMHERST LODGE, No. 2242.

A strong petition having been presented to the M.W.G.M. for a new lodge to be formed at Hackney, a warrant was issued by H.R.H. the Grand Master, the consecration ceremony taking place at the Amherst Club, Rectory-road, on Saturday, the 9th inst. The Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, No. 2242, takes its title from the first W.M., Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., P.G.W., a distinguished brother whose name is a household word in the district.

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G. Sec., was assisted by Bros. Sir Albert Woods, C.B., Garter, P.G.W., as S.W.; Thomas Fenn, President of Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; Rev. R. T. Simpson, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S. of W., as I.G.

The founders, all of whom with the exception of the last named were present, are Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., P.M., P.J.G.W. Eng., W.M. designate; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.M., Prov. G.M. Hants; Sir Edmund H. Lechmere, M.P., P.M., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Charles Cheston, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.; Edward George Lewis, P.M., P.Z.; James Godwin, P.M., P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; Thomas J. Cusworth, P.M., P.Z.; Charles Beaumont, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; Samuel J. Cross, and J. A. Taleen.

The visitors present included

Bros. Sir Charles A. Cameron, P.S.G.D. G. Lodge of Ireland; J. A. Gilbert, 1086; W. E. Marsh, W.M. 526, P.G. Stwd.; J. L. Cogan, P.M. 1365; H. Trueman Wood, P.A.G.D.C.; John H. Easterbrook, 879; Major Penrose J. Dunbar, P.M. 142; Sir F. C. M. Boileau, J. Linzell, P.M. 754, 1237, 1579; G. Demery, 1607; G. S. Ayrs, P.M. 95; J. Garrod, P.M. 754, P.Z.; C. Handley, 475; W. Dance, P.M. 754; A. S. Green, 95; W. M. Pegg, P.M. 754, P.Z. 1237; Charles Cheston, P.M. 99; A. F. Pay, P.M. 1364; G. Hayward, 936; J. D. Birkin, P.M. 754; George Singer, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; Frederick A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; J. J. Rumbal, 1767; R. Pye, P.M. 820; W. W. Haynorth, 1261; T. Mills, J. W. Roy, I.G. 12; T. W. Sanders, C. F. Peall, 12; A. Trickett, 1630; J. Godwin, 1579; F. Goodbody, 321; C. E. Hamilton, P.M.; C. Rolfe, 569; C. D. Singer, 12; E. Holt, W.M. 754; A. Wildark, 1745; J. Wilson, 1901; J. G. Manton, 1541; B. Williams, P.M. 1861; J. H. Alldin, P.M. 1112; S. Ganman, P.M. 206; H. Cheston, P.M. 1159; John de Grey, 6; H. le Strange, P.M. 10; J. Spencer, 765; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The Grand Officers having entered in procession, and the Consecrating Officer having taken the chair and appointed his officers pro tem., the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. After a hymn the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren as follows: We have met to-day on a very important Masonic occasion, and one which I am sure is of great interest to all lovers of Masonry. We have assembled here to give effect to a warrant, issued by the M.W.G.M., to form a new lodge in this building, to be called the Tyssen-Amherst Lodge. You are aware we have a large number of lodges in London, and the opportunities which brethren have of seeing consecration ceremonies will not be as frequent in future as they have been in the past, the M.W.G.M. feeling that we have practically enough for our wants. Exceptions are, however, made, and on the present occasion a very influential and strong petition has been submitted to the M.W.G.M. to form a lodge in this neighbourhood. There is no lodge in the immediate vicinity, and the M.W.G.M. granted the request. The petitioners are fortunate in having a distinguished brother at their head, whose name is a household word in this part of the country, and under the auspices of that brother whose name it bears, the lodge will no doubt be a great success, and one we shall look back with pleasure as being associated with on its opening day. I am sure it will not be in a hurry to increase its numbers, but will proceed slowly, and avoid admitting any whom they would afterwards be glad to get rid of. I will not further detain you, but commence the business by asking the Chaplain to favour us with the benefit of prayer.

The founders signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, after which Bro. Rev. R. T. SIMPSON, P.G.C., delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, at the conclusion of which the lodge was dedicated and constituted.

The musical portions of the ceremony were rendered under the direction of Bro. Arthur Trickett, F.C.O., assisted by Bros. Albert Hubbard, R. W. Heney, and F. Cozens.

The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., P.G.W., installed into the chair as W.M. by the Grand Secretary.

The officers invested were: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants, acting I.P.M.; C. Cheston, P.M., P.G.S., S.W.; E. G. Lewis, P.M., J.W.; J. Godwin, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex, Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex, Sec.; T. J. Cusworth, P.M., S.D.; S. J. Cross, J.D.; T. A. Tallen, I.G.; and J. Verry, Tyler. The customary addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer.

The W.M. said the first duty he ought to perform was a very pleasing one—it was to thank Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and those officers who assisted him for coming amongst them and consecrating the lodge. He could assure the Consecrating Officers, on the members and his own behalf, that they fully appreciated the honour, and were deeply impressed with the manner in which the solemn ceremony had been performed. In handing him the warrant, the Grand Secretary remarked that it was the commencement of a new lodge. He had had the honour of occupying the chair of another lodge, where he was installed as the successor of many who had preceded him—he referred to the Union Lodge, No. 52, which dated from 1736. That day they had made a commencement, and he was sure he was only expressing the feelings of his officers, and of those who had become members of that lodge, in assuring the Grand Secretary and those brethren who consecrated the lodge that it would be their endeavour to hand down their lodge as having always acted in conformity with the ancient traditions of the Order. They were fully aware of the duties devolving upon them, and were determined to carry them out loyally and faithfully. As they would shortly meet round the table of refreshment, a long address from him would not be expected, and he would therefore proceed to the business of the lodge. He desired to thank the Consecrating Officers for the honour conferred upon the lodge, and also those brethren who had been present during the ceremony.

The GRAND SECRETARY returned thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues for the recognition of their services, which had been rendered with a great deal of pleasure.

The Consecrating Officers were then unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and the compliment duly acknowledged by the GRAND SECRETARY.

The founders were appointed a Committee to frame the by-laws, and the SECRETARY announced the receipt of several letters and telegrams expressing regret for non-attendance.

Numerous propositions for initiation and joining having been received, the lodge was closed.

At the conclusion of an excellent banquet,

The W. MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft," which he remarked was always the first toast received among Masons. It needed no recom-

mendation from him, and if he attempted to expatiate upon it he could not say sufficient. As Masons they were strong supporters of the throne and the Constitution, and they fully appreciated the benefits conferred by the long and illustrious reign of Queen Victoria.

The W. MASTER said he next came to a most important toast. It was "The Health of the Illustrious Prince who presided over them—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." He need not tell the brethren present how Masonry had increased since his Royal Highness had been M.W.G.M. It was a fortunate day when the Grand Lodge of Sweden first initiated his Royal Highness, who came among them as a brother of many years' standing. His Royal Highness had, not only as a Prince, added lustre to the Craft, but there was no better working Mason amongst them. The M.W.G.M. had taken the deepest interest in the Order, and those who were present at the Albert Hall two days previously, must have rejoiced to see him surrounded by such a company, and when they had the presence of his Majesty the King of Sweden. He must say that the speech that was delivered by the Sovereign of another country in their own language fell upon the ears of all with sincere pleasure. It was delivered in a style and manner that deserved the highest commendation, and struck the hearts of all present. Of the qualities of the Prince of Wales he need not speak, for they spoke for themselves. His Royal Highness not only took an interest in their Craft, but in every Institution throughout the length and breadth of the land.

"The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" was then given by the W.M. That was a toast which he might say they had pleasure in drinking, for they were honoured by the presence of a great many Grand Officers, and should ask some to respond for it, and some for the following toast. With regard to the Pro G.M., many years ago he had the honour, as J.D., of teaching him his first steps in Masonry. He joined the lodge they then reconstituted—No. 10, but originally No. 5—and he was glad to think that in those days they were connected with Masonry. They were proud of the staff that surrounded the M.W.G.M., and none were more distinguished than the brethren who filled the Pro and Deputy chairs. Those brethren had been known for many years, and for the present flourishing state of the Craft they were indebted in many instances to their wisdom and forethought in former years. He gave them the health of the Grand Officers, and had the honour to couple with the toast the name of one who, in the higher Degree, did for him what he assisted in doing for the Pro G.M. He referred to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, who, some generation ago did him the honour of initiating him in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford. He need not say what pleasure it was to him that Bro. Beach had honoured them on that occasion, and he should always look up to him as an honoured father, and he trusted he had been a dutiful son.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G. Master Hants, returned thanks on the part of the Pro and Deputy G. Masters, and also on his own part, for the very kind words used by the W.M. With regard to the Pro G.M., they must admit that he had done, in his generation, good service to Freemasonry, and particularly in the late expedition which he had undertaken to a number of their Colonial brethren. For a brother who occupied the position of Pro G.M. to visit the brethren in South Africa and Australia could not fail to have a beneficial effect in cementing the bonds which unite those brethren to their mother country. He hoped and believed it had a marked effect in producing those amicable relations which they all desired. The Dep. G.M. did his utmost to fulfil the high position to which he had been called, and those who heard him a day or two previously in the Albert Hall, would admit that he performed his duty in a most graceful and able manner. The other Grand Officers were anxious to merit the confidence reposed in them, and among the various duties in Freemasonry they were called upon to perform, there were none more pleasant than to attend the constitution of a new lodge, particularly when it was constituted under the happy auspices they had seen that day. They looked forward to the new lodge being of great use in making new brethren, and producing a most happy effect in the neighbourhood in which it had been started. He would not, however, further descant upon that, but begged to be allowed to say a few words for himself. As they had heard, he had the great pleasure of initiating the W.M. into Freemasonry a generation ago. It was one of the most happy effects, when one looked back upon one's past work, to see that those whom they had initiated merited the confidence reposed in them, and acted up to the principles which he had always endeavoured to instil as W. Master. It was gratifying when one reflected on the past and of the numerous friendships made in a lodge, to find that the members one had initiated had been a credit to the Craft, and had done a great deal to promote the interests of the Order. Having presided over the Apollo Lodge for two years, and practically for three, he was the means of initiating many into Freemasonry. They had gone to different parts of the country, and had carried out the principles of Freemasonry, and done a great deal to the credit of the Apollo Lodge and of Freemasonry generally. It was gratifying to an old Mason to reflect on the past, to think of the friendships he had contracted, and the work he had done, and to think, may be, that his time had not been without some good effect. The W. Master was one of the most happy effects, which had culminated in a lodge constituted to his honour and under his name. He thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received.

In giving "The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said it was a most important continuation of the last toast. He should call upon a most distinguished Grand Officer to return thanks, and that was the brother who had done them the honour of constituting the lodge. He need not point to the position of Masonry at the present day to tell them what an arduous task was that of Grand Secretary. He believed the brethren had no idea of the immense amount of work required to regulate the affairs of the Masonry of the country, which was centred in Great Queen-street, and the whole of that work centred in the brother who occupied the chair on his right that evening. Never was an office more ably filled, for no better occupant could be found. Might he continue to have health and strength to help the great work in the way he does. To those brethren who assisted the Consecrating Officer, he had already in the lodge expressed their thanks, and he now repeated them at the festive board. The Consecrating Officers had shown them how the work could be done, and had given them an example they would endeavour to imitate. He should ask the Grand Secretary to return thanks for himself and colleagues, and could only repeat that the members thanked them one and all.

The GRAND SECRETARY said he would lose no time in rising to thank them for the kind way in which they had proposed and received the toast. The toast was a most important one, not because his humble name was given with it, but because he was associated with such distinguished

members of the Order. He had been unusually fortunate in having been supported by some of the most distinguished members of the Order. In the combined ceremonies of that day the efforts of a single individual were of little avail unless he was well supported. He had as his S.W. a brother most distinguished both in and out of Masonry. He referred to Bro. Sir Albert Woods. As J.W. he had another distinguished and popular brother—Bro. Thos. Fenn; and as Chaplain he had their dear old friend Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson. He was also indebted to Bro. Frank Richardson, without whom he could not possibly get on, and Bro. Lovegrove, who had been good enough to act as I.G. He was sure he spoke the sentiments of those brethren when he said it had been an exceedingly great pleasure to them to be present. Some of them were associated from time to time on similar occasions, when they had the pleasure of taking part in consecrations and when they formed their own opinions of the new undertakings. That night augured success and prosperity for the new lodge. Supported by the brother in the chair, by Bro. Cheston, and by others occupying positions in the locality, the lodge would be a success if they would only be true to themselves. He would advise them to wait for the good men, for depend upon it they would come, and then they would have a good lodge of which they would be proud. He thanked them on behalf of his colleagues and himself for the kind way in which they had received them. The W.M. had said that Masonry was increasing and that the work is onerous; and it was so. They who had had the burden on their shoulders for so long were pleased when their services were appreciated and acknowledged by the brethren. That he knew was thoroughly done in his case, and in other cases like Bro. Fenn. They did not grudge their services so long as they saw that the Order was being helped, and that the brethren appreciated their position. He would now ask them to join with him in a toast—the time-honoured toast—of “The Worshipful Master.” That night it was unusually exceptional, for it was the health not only of the W.M., but of the first W.M. of a new lodge. A great deal depended upon the first W.M. If he was a brother who took the position “pro forma,” it was a bad matter for the lodge. That evening they were fortunate, for they had as W.M. a brother distinguished in and out of Masonry—Bro. Tyssen-Amherst, who gave up a part of his busy time to come there and work with them as their W.M. The W.M. was identified with the members in a great many ways, and, having given his name and personal services, had done an enormous amount of good to the new lodge. Bro. Tyssen-Amherst was no novice in Masonry, having been initiated 33 years ago, having filled the chair of another lodge in his own province, and having held the high position of Grand Warden. The members were to be heartily congratulated at having such a head, and it would be their own fault if it did not tend to an unqualified success. He asked them to join him in drinking the health of the W.M., thanking him for having undertaken the office, and hoping he would have a successful year in the chair.

Bro. W. A. TYSSEN-AMHERST, M.P., P.G.W., W.M., in reply, said it was a difficult task to return thanks in adequate terms for the manner in which the Grand Secretary had proposed his health, and in which the brethren had received it. He could assure them that he felt deeply the honour that his friends in Hackney had conferred upon him by asking him to preside over them, and also for calling the lodge after his name. There was nothing he could do would be wanting to further the lodge in every way. He started Masonry in a most able lodge under Bro. Beach, and that lodge was well known for its working. He had never forgotten those principles that were instilled into him, and the members present that evening would help him to carry them out in their lodge. At the formation of their new lodge, not only was the Grand Secretary able to speak up for it, but when he personally represented and explained the position to the M.W.G.M., the prayer was granted. It was given to them as a great trust, and he was sure they would not prove unworthy. Not only did he take an interest in the work of the lodge, but also in the history of Masonry generally. There were many brethren who had helped him, one of them—Bro. Sadler—having given him valuable assistance. He had stood upon Mount Moriah, where the great Temple stood, and had been in buildings such as the ancient Egyptian temples, and had seen signs and symbols which were like their own, which brought him to the conclusion that their system had existed from the foundation of the world. There were many who tried to make out that a start was made in 1723, but there was ample evidence that at that time there were several lodges in existence. He thought there were three lodges remaining which had existed from time immemorial. They might read E. Ashmole's diary, in which he stated he was initiated in Masonry in 1646, and in the sister country—Scotland—there was a lodge—Mary's Chapel Lodge—the records of which he had seen, dating back to 1598. It was one thing to point to the ancient traditions and antiquity, but another to ask—“What are you now?” If they tried to keep Masonry in its present position, it could be said that it was certainly worthy of any past that history could give it. That must be their endeavour, and it was a duty that devolved upon them, and which was an important part of the history of the nation. Masonry was carried into all countries, and if they turned to the neighbouring country of Sweden and Norway, they would find it upheld as one of the greatest Institutions of the day. He would next give “The Visitors” toast. They had present a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Bro. Sir Charles Cameron, P.G.D., and also a member of his own lodge, Bro. Sir F. Boileau, whose names he included with the toast.

Bro. Sir A. CAMERON, P.G.D. G. Lodge of Ireland, said that, being unfortunately embarrassed with more than the usual amount of modesty, which was the characteristic of his countrymen, he felt a natural diffidence in addressing that distinguished assembly. He, however, felt, in the words of the poet Burns, that in a lodge of Freemasons a Mason always feels at home. He considered it a great compliment to have been asked to respond, and to have been named first amongst the visitors. He was altogether at a loss to account for it, except that there appeared to be a general desire amongst a large section of the public of this country to do more than justice to Irishmen. He thought that was perhaps the cause why he had been singled out to respond. He had, however, to express his acknowledgments to the W.M. for that profuse knowledge of physiology, which was doubtless but a small part of the knowledge he possessed, which had induced him to conceal from him the fact that he was to make a speech. The knowledge of that science had shown the W.M. that the members of the nervous energy should go steadily on, and that if any mental process should intervene, it would interfere and disagree with the process of digestion and assimilation. There was nothing more dreadful than to sit down to dinner and to have placed in one's hand a paper asking one to propose or respond to a toast. He thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of the visitors for the magnificent reception

they had received, and if the visiting brethren had not enjoyed themselves they were incapable of human enjoyment. With regard to Freemasonry in his own country, he regretted he was the only representative present. He would that the feelings which mingled between Masons impressed the people of the whole of the United Kingdom. It was a strange fact that many of his countrymen found very important business to transact in London in the Derby week. He was one of those people, and could only say that if in some future time he visited London synchronous to the meeting, for festive or other purposes, of that lodge, and he should be honoured with an invitation, he should be only too pleased to respond, no matter how great might be the length of the cable tow. He would again say how much he esteemed the kindly feelings extended to him by Masons in this country, and most of all his delight at meeting the Grand Secretary, to whom he was indebted for the honour of being invited that day. He hoped that the Grand Secretary would at a future time renew his acquaintance with his friends in Ireland, by whom he was affectionately remembered.

Sir F. BOILEAU also replied, and returned thanks for the extreme kindness the visitors had received. The eloquent speech they had just heard from the West had reminded him that it had been said it was very doubtful whether the wise men did really come from the East. Hailing from the same province as the W.M., he could only endorse the remarks of the G. Sec. when he spoke confidently of the admirable way in which the W.M. succeeded in everything he undertook. He had worked in the same lodge as the W.M., who had honoured him by assisting at his installation. He hoped the W.M. would live for many years to watch the progress of the new lodge.

“The Officers” was next given, and having been responded to by Bros. CHESTON, S.W., and LEWIS, J.W., the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLAND.

A meeting of the above Grand Lodge was held at Leicester, on Monday, the 4th instant, under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 4.30., when there were present—

Bros. William Kelly, P.G.M.; T. Cox, D.P.G.M.; W. J. Freer, P.S.G.W.; J. Young, as P.J.G.W.; Butler Wilkins, P.G.M.O.; E. Jeeves, as P.S.G.O.; J. Howell, P.J.G.O.; Rev. C. W. Groves, M.A., P.G. Chap.; S. Cleaver, P.G. Treas.; S. A. Marris, P.G. Reg.; Miles J. Walker, P.G. Sec.; Edgar Horne, P.J.G.D.; J. D. Harris, P.G.D.C.; W. Boughen, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Ellard, as P.G.S.B.; G. M. Bond, as P.G.I.G.; R. L. H. Mole, J. C. Webb, and J. E. Whitehead, P.G. Stwds.; and J. Tauser and W. Stone, P.G. Tylers; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D.; T. Worthington, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Thorp, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Toller, P.G.D.; J. T. Hart, P.P.G.M.O.; S. Knight, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Harrison, P.P.G. I.G.; T. Coltman, P.P.G.I. of W.; Rev. C. H. Wood, P.P.G. Chap.; Arthur Stubbs, P.S.G.O. Notts; W. H. Goodwin, T. G. Charlesworth, Hon. C. W. Trollope, F. S. Preston, H. Hodges, G. M. Huntley, G. T. Edmund, R. Michie, H. Eagle, A. Oram, R. B. Barratt, and others.

The reports of the W.M.'s of the several lodges in the province showed that the Degree was progressing. The Treasurer's report also showed a very good balance in hand.

Bro. W. J. Freer, P.P.S.G.W. (the newly-appointed Clerk of the Peace for the county of Leicester), was nominated as Steward to represent the province at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and 10 guineas were voted from the funds to be placed upon his list.

The R.W.P.G.M. accorded a hearty welcome to Bro. C. F. Matier, and trusted that he would honour the Prov. Grand Lodge by his presence for many years to come.

Bro. MATIER thanked Bro. Kelly for his greeting, and said it would afford him much pleasure to attend that Prov. Grand Lodge in future years.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed the following brethren to office for the ensuing year :

Bro. Thomas Cox	Dep. Prov. G.M.
” The Earl of Euston	Prov. S.G.W.
” George Thomas Wright	Prov. J.G.W.
” Samuel Knight	Prov. G.M.O.
” Arthur Stubbs	Prov. S.G.O.
” Edgar Horne...	Prov. J.G.O.
” Rev. C. Westly Groves	} Prov. G. Chaps.
” Rev. S. Wathen Wigg	
” Samuel Cleaver	Prov. G. Treas.
” Samuel Arthur Marris	Prov. G. Reg.
” Miles J. Walker	Prov. G. Sec.
” John Cooper Webb	Prov. S.G.D.
” John Edward Beazeley	Prov. J.G.D.
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Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, the R.W.P.G.M. afterwards presiding at the banquet held in honour of the event.

His Majesty the King of Sweden, who was elected an honorary member of the Linnæan Society on the 24th ult., on the occasion of the Centenary Anniversary of the Society, received the President, Secretaries, and Librarian in audience on the 8th instant, and inscribed his name in the album in which the names of all fellows and honorary members have been inscribed since 1783.

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Silver Wedding of Bro. Davidson of Lodge 636.

Laying the Foundation Stone of the Jubilee Statue at Bristol.

Obituary.—The late Bro. Oldham.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1888.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

While quite ready to rejoice with those who should rejoice over the great success which attended the Centenary Meeting of the Girls' School, I see no reason whatever why our sisters who did us the honour to accept our invitations to be present on the occasion should have been subjected to ill-treatment and starvation. I trust you will allow me to ask of those who had the management, and made the arrangements for the day, why our wives and daughters were kept five hours looking on at the eating and drinking and speech-making of their husbands and brothers, and nothing better than a cup of washy tea and a slice of bread and butter or school cake provided for them? For the greater part of the evening even the stuff first meted out as tea could not be had without going out into the grounds and purchasing it. May I ask—Was it just or even honest to take our half-guineas for tickets and treat those we are bound to love and cherish in this scurvy, un-Masonic fashion? If the Committee intended to make such an unusual departure from all former Festival dinners, fair notice ought to have been given to every brother. Why was this not done?—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A GOVERNOR OF THE INSTITUTION.

June 12th.

LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to call the intention of those interested to our advertisement in another part of your paper? We wish it distinctly to be understood that our portals are open to all Masons without special invitation. The paper on "Masters' Lodges," by Bro. J. Lane, is sure to be exceedingly good and interesting, because he is a recognised master of the subject. Bros. Hughan and Gould will also take part in the discussion. Such a conjunction of bright stars in the Masonic firmament is of rare occurrence.

May I further trespass on your space to state that from the 14th to the 24th inst. I shall be on the Continent, and to crave the indulgence of our 320 Correspondence Members if their letters should therefore remain unanswered for a few days?

It is with deep regret that I learnt from your columns of the 6th inst. that one of our most esteemed members—Bro. G. P. Brockbank—entered into rest on the 2nd. His gain is indeed our loss—a great one.—Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH, Sec. 2076.



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LODGE OF AMITY (No. 171).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. H. Dipple, W.M. elect, was installed, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. J. Van Essen, the retiring W.M. The W.M. then proceeded with the appointment and investment of his officers: Bros. F. W. Frigout, S.W.; A. A. Frigout, J.W.; J. Clever, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Clever, P.M., Sec.; F. G. S. Ham, S.D.; G. P. Carter, J.D.; F. Wheeler Brown, I.G.; F. Perkins, R.A.M., D.C. and Org.

At the banquet which followed, presided over by the W. Master, Bro. H. Dipple, the usual toasts were honoured, the musical arrangements being most efficiently carried out under the direction of Bro. F. Perkins, R.A.M., D.C. and Organist.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE (No. 1202).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. The members present included Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; J. K. R. Cama, J.W.; Dr. N. Goodchild, Treas.; Charles Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Goodchild, S.D.; Dr. J. Powdrell, J.D.; W. H. Hosegood, I.G.; J. W. Kew, P.M.; W. D. Fracis, Hall, Passingham, Poynter, Horsford, Goodhall, Lane, Bangs, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Beldam, 862; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; R. Dodobhoy, 1359; E. Clare, 1732; W. Bennie, P.M. 1237; D. P. Northcroft, 2045; J. Ellwood, P.M. 179; J. H. Kew, S.D. 179; J. W. Cain, J.D. 179; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2206, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx.; J. Hemming, S.W. 1297; W. W. Lee, 1897, and others.

Lodge having been formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Raizada Bhagat Ram was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. J. K. R. Cama, B.A., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his uncle, Bro. D. P. Cama, I.P.M., P.G. Treas., in a very impressive manner that evinced careful and studious rehearsal. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Mulvey, S.W.; Goodchild, jun., J.W.; Dr. Goodchild, Treas.; Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; Dr.

Powdrell, S.D.; Horsford, J.D.; Giddings, I.G.; Kew, P.M., Stwd.; Hall, D.C.; Passingham, A.D.C.; Poynter, Org.; Goodhall, Lane, and H. F. Bangs, Stwds.; and Whiting, Tyler. The customary addresses were subsequently effectively rendered by Bro. Kew, P.M. Mr. Narotandass Indrajai Vaishnav was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which the Audit report was received and adopted. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. D. P. Cama, by the W.M., who said that few remarks were needed to emphasise the valuable services rendered by the I.P.M. as the first W.M. of the Regent's Park Lodge. It was the unanimous wish of the brethren that Bro. Cama, I.P.M., would be spared for many years to wear the jewel in that lodge. Bro. D. P. Cama, I.P.M., briefly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by the presentation of the jewel. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. W. D. Fracis for his kindness and generosity in making the lodge Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had been increased to a Life Governorship by Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas. Notice of motion was given by the W.M. to present Bros. Dr. Goodchild, P.M.; Kew, P.M.; and Sheppard, P.M., with a jewel each, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by them to the lodge during the first year of its existence.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent repast.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," and remarked that the toast required no recommendation from him. His Royal Highness graced large Masonic gatherings with his presence, and although his visits were few and far between, owing to his numerous engagements, his appearance was always welcome, and he was invariably most cordially received. As regarded the other Grand Officers, those brethren who were present at the Albert Hall and heard them would have nothing to say but in favour of them, for the words that fell from their lips were as sweet as manna. The Grand Officers were full of loyalty and good feeling towards the M.W.G.M. and the brethren generally. Could they wonder, with such props to build Freemasonry, that it flourished throughout the whole length and breadth of the civilised globe? Like masters, so are servants. Having such a M.W.G.M., Prov. G.M., and Deputy G.M., those officers who served under them must of necessity be true and trusty. He regretted that on that occasion there were not many Grand Officers present, many being engaged celebrating the Queen's birthday elsewhere. The brethren had no doubt noticed that during the past year the I.P.M. had, with true native modesty, kept himself out of this toast, as it would have been equivalent to proposing his own health. He (the W.M.) should therefore couple with the toast the name of Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas.

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., said that, on behalf of the Grand Officers, it gave him great pleasure to return thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. It was an honour to return thanks for that toast, and the privilege he enjoyed was simply owing to the kindness of the Craft. He was not a Grand Officer selected by the M.W.G.M., but elected by the members of the Craft. He was pleased to see present that evening four brethren who had firmly supported his cause, and he hoped they would never think they had made a bad choice. When Bro. Fracis knew that he was nominated for Grand Treasurer he left all his work in arrear and came from India to give him his vote. Bros. Eve, P.G. Treas., and Barfield, G. Treas., were members of his lodge, and future G. Treasurers would probably be connected with him in the same manner. With reference to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, he had no doubt that the Executive Officers who had undertaken the work would succeed in the task. In 1875 the M.W.G.M. was installed in the Albert Hall; the Jubilee meeting was held in the same place last year, and the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls would therefore be the third large Masonic gathering in that Hall. He was sure the latter would be a success, for it was in the hands of the most prominent Grand Officers who had succeeded on previous occasions. He again thanked them for the reception accorded the toast.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. D. P. Cama, who said that as the I.P.M. it was his privilege to propose the toast. He could safely say without any hesitation that he had the honour to know the W.M. before even he began to know himself. He was, therefore, delighted to see the W.M. occupying the chair on his right, to which it was the duty of every Mason to aspire. Bro. J. K. R. Cama, W.M., was a member of his own family, and he trusted that in the principles he was following he would continue for many years to give prestige to the Cama family. Their W.M. had proved himself perfect in the ritual that evening by initiating one of his own countrymen into Freemasonry. He was convinced that his nephew would give satisfaction, and would repay, with compound interest, that which had been left undone by himself.

Bro. J. K. R. Cama, W.M., returned thanks for the kind proposition and enthusiastic reception of the toast. He was sure he did not deserve, and could scarcely lay claim to, half of the kind remarks of his uncle-brother. He had to thank Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas., for placing him in the proud position of W.M., and he would try to strengthen the confidence reposed in him, and do his utmost to work the lodge in harmony, unanimity, and concord. He could not sit down without most heartily thanking the I.P.M. for installing him in the chair that evening. The brethren all knew how well that ceremony was worked, and he was proud to have been installed into his present position by the I.P.M. He was not ungrateful to Bros. Goodchild, P.M., Sheppard, P.M., and Kew, P.M., whose able services had assisted in promoting the lodge to its present position; also Bro. Mulvey, who had been very active in assisting the welfare of the lodge. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of those brethren, coupled with the name of the I.P.M.

Bro. D. P. Cama, I.P.M., expressed the thanks of the executive P.M.'s for the honour done them, and, on behalf of his colleagues, assured the W.M. that during his year it would be their duty to support him to the best of their ability. They were the founders of the lodge, and had made up their mind to make it a successful one. During the first year they had had eight initiates—four "John Bulls" and four "Indian lambs." He could safely say

that any brother whom he introduced, and who came 8000 miles, as others had done, to be educated, would be proud to enjoy, as he enjoyed, all the freedom to which he could aspire. If he should be absent from the lodge at any time he would be with them in spirit, and would at all times try to promote the prestige of the Regent's Park Lodge.

Bros. Goodchild, P.M.; Kew, P.M.; and Sheppard, P.M., Sec., also replied.

"The Initiate" was then proposed.

Bro. Narotandass Indrajai Vaishnav responded, and said he hardly felt competent in the present condition of his mind to express his sincere gratitude for the kindness with which they had received him that evening. The ceremony had touched him very deeply, and his hopes of the advantages of joining their noble Society were more than realised. He was overjoyed at the change of life that he underwent that afternoon, and he had special reason to be jubilant on that auspicious occasion, because the ceremony of initiation was performed upon him by one of his own countrymen—he meant their W.M., Bro. J. K. R. Cama. He felt that it would be too much encroachment upon their valuable time to give them a lengthy discourse at that late hour of a few hours' experience, but he could not help telling them when he saw Bro. D. P. Cama and their W.M., Bro. J. Cama, holding enviable posts among the Freemasons of England what the noble family of the Camas is, and how well they are known in India. He was agreeably surprised to see that evening how good persons are valued and appreciated in any part of the world they may go to. In the four corners of India the Camas are known for their liberality, Charity, and enterprising spirit. They were the pioneers who first opened a road for us, your brethren of the East, under mountains of difficulties of Western art, culture, civilisation—nay, he might safely say to the future regeneration of India. He was not exaggerating the fact that in case any one of them happened to go to India it would be sufficient introduction for them even in that vast country to say that they were a friend of the Camas. Of Bro. D. P. Cama they knew more than he could tell them, and from the position he occupied and occupies among them he must say that England above all countries rewarded a man for his merits. In conclusion, he assured them that he had followed the footsteps of Bro. D. P. Cama by coming over to this country, and he should also follow him as a Mason. The principles they taught him were engraved upon his heart, and, actuated by those principles, he should so conduct himself in future that he might be worthy of Freemasonry in general and of Regent's Park Lodge in particular.

"The Visitors" and other toasts having been given and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a successful gathering.

CAMPBELL LODGE (No. 1415).—A regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Among those present were the following: Bros. J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., W.M.; J. Hutchison, S.W.; W. Hicklin, P.M.; J.W.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; F. W. Levander, Sec.; G. Sawyer, S.D.; C. E. Cassal, J.D.; G. Buckley, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; R. M. Jones, P.M.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M.; T. Keene, P.M.; and Lewis. Visitors: Bros. Charles Bertram and P. Rose-Innes.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Munro, P.M. of the Excelsior Lodge, President of the Board of General Purposes of the District Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic, was unanimously elected a joining member. A candidate for initiation was unfortunately unable to be present. The W.M. in a most impressive manner raised Bro. Lewis to the Third Degree, being ably assisted by his officers. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Hutchison was unanimously chosen. Bro. Cubitt was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert Tyler. Various propositions having been made, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the pleasure of the company being much increased by the mystifying card tricks of Bro. Bertram.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE (No. 1790).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, W.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; J. Kilvington, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Horsnail, Sec.; R. G. Fleming, J.D.; S. Clarke, I.G.; C. Tarry, Stwd.; F. C. Pascall, P.M.; W. H. Ranson, P.M.; C. Darnel, P.M.; P. Budd, E. C. Symmons, J. Chamberlain, Buckley, Mortimer, Clarke, Gaggin, Jordon, White, Bolton, Wilmot, Russell, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Pile, P.M. 1892, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; W. Burn, S.D. 858; A. Verdon, 1892; O. Cooper, 211; R. Hughes, W.M. 1184; W. T. Peek, S.W. 1903; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; Dr. J. Klein, J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174, W.M. elect 2096; F. W. Leaver, Org. 2096; C. E. Lloyd, P.M. 1185; E. C. Leaver, 2096; J. C. Leaver, 2096; F. Knight, 1185; G. Milton, 1987; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Mr. Felix R. Rayner was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. F. T. Ridpath, W.M. 2096, was presented as W.M. elect, and a dispensation read from the M.W.G.M. sanctioning his occupation of the chairs of two lodges, after which he received the benefits of installation at the hands of the retiring W.M., Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Kilvington, S.W.; R. G. Fleming, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Horsnail, Sec.; S. Clarke, S.D.; J. Budd, J.D.; E. C. Symmons, I.G.; J. P. Gordon, D.C.; C. Tarry and J. Chamberlain, Stwds.; and W. Lane, Tyler. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M., the Installing Master, then delivered the customary addresses with his usual ability. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After a substantial repast, the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. M. Hobbs, I.P.M., said he had one toast to propose on that occasion. It was a most important one, and the toast of the evening, being "The Health of the W.M." He had been associated with Bro. Ridpath, W.M., in his Masonic works, and he was therefore competent to speak of his talents. It would be unnecessary for him to detail the talents and virtues of their W.M., for he had been well known to many of the brethren for years. The brother who best discharged his duty as a junior officer

invariably made the best W.M., and when they considered that Bro. Ridpath carried out the duties of Secretary in a most admirable manner for 12 months, and had occupied every office except I.G., they must admit that he had discharged the work of the various offices to the greatest satisfaction of all the members. Bro. Rayner, the initiate of the evening, would endorse his remark that Bro. Ridpath, W.M., performed the work of S.W. in the initiation ceremony in a splendid manner, and that initiate would be passed and raised by a brother who was thoroughly competent to undertake the ceremonies. He (the I.P.M.) had considered it an honour to be the W.M. of a lodge, but Bro. Ridpath, W.M., would no doubt explain to them the sentiments and feelings of his unique position as the W.M. of two lodges. He asked them to wish their W.M. a pleasant and prosperous year of office and heartily drink his health.

Bro. F. T. Ridpath, W.M., in reply, said he did not think he could favour the I.P.M. with his peculiar feelings as W.M. of two lodges, but at the same time he hoped he should not have the double responsibility again. Although this would only last a few days, the responsibility was nevertheless felt, and he should advise any member to be W.M. of but one lodge. The double position sometimes became conflicting and did not always increase the dignity of the W.M. That evening it gave him a degree of satisfaction that he could scarcely express to be in a position to reply to that toast in the Old England Lodge. As they were all aware, it was his mother lodge, in which he was initiated about seven-and-a-half years ago. He did not then anticipate reaching his present position, but should have preferred to have been W.M. of that lodge in the first instance, had not circumstances occurred which caused him to receive the honour in another lodge. In the various offices he had filled he had endeavoured to properly perform the duties, and the members were the best judges to decide if he had succeeded. He should carry out the duties of the chair to the best of his ability and he trusted to the satisfaction of the brethren. He begged to express his sincere thanks for the proposition and reception of the toast.

The Worshipful Master said he was quite sure the brethren would receive the toast of "The I.P.M." with satisfaction, for Bro. Hobbs was a brother whom every member present highly esteemed and thoroughly appreciated. There was nothing in Masonry which the I.P.M. could not tell them something about, and although he was a junior in Masonry he was decidedly their superior. That was because he had an innate love for Masonry and would continue to take an active interest in the Craft as long as he lived. What Bro. Hobbs had done in Masonry he could scarcely tell them, for his offices were so numerous. He had occupied the position of Secretary of the lodge for three years, and was now I.P.M., and had been a founder in another lodge of which he (the W.M.) was W. Master. Bro. Hobbs was also member of various other lodges and chapters in Mark and Arch Masonry, and had been Steward, and a very successful one, on behalf of all the Charities, and was going up as Steward for the Girls' School for the second time. If they had many such Masons as Bro. Hobbs, Masonry would spread to such a degree that they would shortly have no room for new lodges. The brethren voted the I.P.M. a P.M.'s jewel, which he had sincere pleasure in placing on Bro. Hobbs' breast, which was the second he had had the honour of presenting to that brother. He hoped that whenever the I.P.M. looked upon the jewel he would remember the pleasant occasions on which they had met together, and it was the unanimous wish of the members that he would be spared for many years to be with them in the Old England Lodge.

Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, I.P.M., in response, said that on these occasions it was usual to say kind things of each other, and the speech they had just heard from the W.M. was no exception to the rule. He was doubly gratified for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received. There were several reasons why his year of office had been a pleasant one. He had been most loyally supported by the P.M.'s, Officers, and brethren, and had had the satisfaction in 11 out of 12 occasions of performing one or more of the ceremonies. Their lodge had increased, not only in numbers, but in the harmony and good feelings they entertained towards one another. He could only assure them that as long as he lived he should always remember the pleasure it had afforded him to occupy the chair of his mother lodge. Last year being the Jubilee year the brethren kindly presented him with the Jubilee jewel, and he had had in the most graceful manner a P.M.'s jewel presented to him that evening. It would be regarded as valuable by him, as he looked upon it as coming from the good feelings the members had towards him. He had nothing to return them but his hearty and sincere thanks, which he gave them from the bottom of his heart.

Bro. Pile, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," said the W.M. had set him a serious task in asking him to respond for such an array of visiting brethren. He had visited that lodge for several years past, but he did not think there had been such an array on any previous occasion. The Old England Lodge had been successful from the first, and would continue to prosper. The working of the I.P.M., Bro. Hobbs, could not be surpassed, but the W.M. would equal it. It was hardly within the memory of any visitor present to have visited a lodge presided over by the W.M. of two lodges. He returned sincere thanks for the reception accorded the visitors.

Bro. Hughes, W.M. 1184, said although there were many visitors far more able to reply than himself, he was grateful for the opportunity of expressing his hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which he had been received. Bro. Griffin, in his desire to be happy and communicate happiness, had invited him, and he could not refuse. He had been deeply pleased, for, having to install his successor in a few weeks, he was glad to visit lodges, and thus get a "wrinkle." In no lodge in his own province had he met with a more cordial reception, but the excellent working he had witnessed had made him feel how utterly incompetent he was to perform his duties, which he should now approach with fear and trembling. He trusted that the impression made upon him would be a lasting one.

"The Initiate," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant and successful gathering.

Bro. Cambridge, P.P.G.O. Surrey, kindly presided at the pianoforte with his accustomed ability, and Bro. Kilvington, S.W., who was responsible for the musical programme, was ably assisted by Bros. Sherry, Wilmot, Buckley, and Rayner.

HENDON LODGE.—(No. 2206).—The ordinary meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 2048, P.P.G.S. of W., W.M.; J. Thom, S.W.; Fraser, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas., acting I.P.M.; A. H. Scurrah, Sec.; G. Lewis, S.D.; A. A. Nottingham, J.D.; A. J. Hearne, D.C.; W. B. Parsons, A.D.C.; W. Langley, I.G.; E. W. Wheeler, Org.; A. M. Parsons, Stwd.; R. Whiting, Tyler; and a numerous company of brethren and visitors.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Hudson, Hackland, and Petrie were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. Rice and Denman passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. H. Monson and J. H. Gunn, and was declared unanimously in their favour. These candidates, being in attendance, were initiated. The brethren next proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell upon the present S.W., Bro. Thom, who returned his warm thanks to the brethren for their acceptance of him as W.M. elect. The lodge also unanimously re-elected Bros. W. M. Stiles and Whiting as Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Both brethren acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year, and a jewel was also voted to Bro. Stiles for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of I.P.M. The members also requested the retiring W.M. to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the lodge as a special mark of their regard for him as their first W.M. Bro. W. A. Scurrah said that it would give him great pleasure to do so. Several brethren expressed "Hearty good wishes," which the W.M. suitably acknowledged. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the banquet table, where Bro. W. P. Warner had, as usual, provided a capital spread.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured.

Bro. Stiles, acting I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said they all knew the worthy and masterly way in which their W.M. had performed his duties in and for the lodge during his year of office. He had worked hard from the first, and, as they knew, had done everything he could for them and the lodge. Bro. Scurrah had discharged his duties as W.M. in a most able manner, and he was sure that all of them, with himself, hoped that they would be fortunate enough to retain his services for many years.

The Worshipful Master (Bro. W. A. Scurrah), in reply, said he begged most sincerely to thank the brethren for the kind way in which they had received and honoured that toast. He had to return his thanks for many things; firstly, for making him W.M. of that magnificent lodge; secondly, he had to thank the officers for their great attention and assistance during his year of office, for, as they knew, without good officers the W.M. was helpless, and as a ship could not weather the storm unless the captain was supported by good officers and men, so should he have been without good officers to assist him. Instead of their lodge being—as it had been—a great success, it would have been wrecked and foundered. For that reason he begged to thank the officers for upholding him in every way. And he assured them that he would do all that he could to uphold the dignity of that lodge and study the welfare of everyone of its members inside or out of it. He might, perhaps, be permitted to take that opportunity of thanking his friends of that lodge, and also those friends—some of whom were there—not belonging to that lodge, who so kindly and energetically supported him in his candidature for the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday week. He was happy to inform them that he was returned third in order to serve on that Board. In conclusion, he thanked them for having elected their worthy S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. In him they would have a Master to be proud of. He knew the ritual thoroughly, and was one who would carry out his duties in the most conscientious manner. He must also thank them for having given him so many initiates during his year of office—brethren who were a credit to their lodge, and of whom he was exceedingly proud. They had asked him to sit for his portrait; for that last kind mark of their esteem he could not sufficiently thank them. It was the greatest honour they had conferred upon him, and he trusted they would never have cause, so far as he was concerned, to regret their request of that day.

"The W.M. Elect," "The J.W.," "The Officers," and several other toasts followed, the brethren separating at a late hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ARGONAUTS' LODGE (No. 2243).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, on the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Eugene Monteuis, W.M., P.G.S.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treas., acting S.W.; J. F. Savory, J.W.; Gordon Smith, G.S., Sec.; G. D. Lister, S.D.; T. W. Willis, J.D.; J. P. Houghton, D.C., acting I.G.; W. E. Smith, Stwd.; F. Cauton, J. A. Drakesmith, F. E. Williams, C. W. Hughes, H. J. Hill, F. Sturgeon, and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Semple, 1471; T. Rushton, P.M. 8, P.G.S.; W. Fisher, P.M. 834, W.M. 1828; and A. C. Halestrap, P.M. 1471.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Hill, Drakesmith, and Cauton were duly passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Williams and Hughes were duly raised to the Degree of Master Masons. Bro. Frederic Graves, P.M. 69, of the London Rowing Club, was balloted for and unanimously elected a joining member. Nothing further arising the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of dinner together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. T. Rushton, P.G.S., responding to "The Health of the Visitors."

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, when there were present Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; Capt. Hennah, acting S.W.; W. S. Allen, J.W.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; J. Pearce, Sec.; F. C. Edwards, S.D.; G. Randall, J.D.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; R. Walmsley, I.G.; G. Gaze,

Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; W. M. Glenister, P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Russell, P.M.; P.A.G.D.C.; T. H. Cole, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. M. Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Hallett, P.M., P.G.O.; W. J. Rodda, L. J. Jukes, L. O. Glenister, C. J. Ticehurst, C. J. Lindridge, C. H. Geer, A. Bray, and R. J. Reed. Visitors: Bros. F. Russell, 382; and F. Fisk, 1110.

The W. Master proposed Mr. Boyce as a candidate. The W.M. also mentioned that he and Bro. Duke had attended at the R.M.I. for Girls' Festival held at the Royal Albert Hall, and that it was a very brilliant and successful gathering. Bro. F. Russell mentioned that an application had been sent to Prov. Grand Lodge for a warrant for a new lodge at Bexhill.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst. Bro. T. Studholme, P.G. Purst., W.M., presided, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. Dr. Harris, S.W.; W. J. Tyson, J.W.; W. C. Johns, P.M., Treas.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.C. Chap., Chap.; J. Cant, Sec.; G. Starkey, S.D.; R. Miller, and T. Richardson, Tyler.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when the ballot was taken for W.M. and Treasurer. Bro. T. Allinson was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. W. C. Johns, Treas.; and Bro. T. Richardson, Tyler. Bros. Leech and Ellwood were subsequently raised to the Third Degree, and the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. W. B. Akerman, W.M.; James Wilson, P.M., acting S.W.; E. G. Chesworth, J.W.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Septimus Staton, Sec.; V. M. Vultchhoff, S.D.; J. Read, I.G.; F. Spencer, Steward; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Dawson, P.M.; John Smethurst, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. W. Edwards, P.M.; R. R. Lisenden, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; Roscoe, Rottmayer, Pearson, Wihl, Megarity, Wild, W. Garside, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Stephen Hamer as a joining member, who was elected. Candidates for both passing and raising were due, but, through unavoidable circumstances, were unable to be present. A sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A Committee was appointed for arranging a picnic, and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

MARYPORT.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th instant. Bro. E. G. Mitchell, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by his officers. The following members and visitors were also present: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. R. Banks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Brown, P.M.; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Stoddart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.W. (Installing Master); E. B. Penrice, I.P.M.; J. Abbott, W.M. elect; T. Boyd, S.W.; J. Ward, S.D.; S. Bettoney, Sec.; J. Kendall, I.G.; J. Hodgson, J. Reed, J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; T. Dacres, T. W. Melrose, J. W. Pattison, and J. Pattison, of 371; J. C. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.I.G.; J. Eden, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; G. F. Saunders, S.W. 962; A. W. Turner, L. Ward, P.M. 1400; R. Leach, 310; T. Atkinson, S.D. 1002; R. Miller, P.S.W. 119; T. F. Richardson, Sec. 1532; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, assumed the chair, and discharged the duties of Installing Master, ably assisted by Bro. J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, in his usually effective and impressive manner. Bro. Joseph Abbott having been duly installed, invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. E. J. Mitchell, I.P.M.; Jos. Ward, S.W.; Jos. Kendall, J.W.; J. Nicholson, Treas. (this being the 45th time our aged and much esteemed brother has been invested with this collar); Samuel Bettoney, Sec.; T. W. Melrose, Chap.; John Hodgson, S.D.; Jos. Read, J.D.; T. Dacres, I.G.; John Smith, Org. (for the 20th time); W. Stoddart, D.C.; J. W. Pattison and H. Skelton, Stwds.; and John Messenger, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. G. W. Kenworthy for his kindness and services during the afternoon, also to Bro. J. Clifton Thompson for his able assistance to Bro. Kenworthy. "Hearty good wishes" being tendered from the visitors, the lodge was duly closed.

Afterwards upwards of 30 sat down to a good repast, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., faced by his Warden. After which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of a most pleasant gathering to a close.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—This flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 1st inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Graham, W.M.; J. Firth, S.W.; G. Jackson, J.W.; Rev. J. Dunbar, Chap.; Geo. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Turner, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; S. Crossley, S.D.; W. Wood, J.D.; J. Dawson, D.C.; J. Davis, I.G.; G. Hardy, Tyler; W. E. Jowitt, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Graham, P.M.; J. B. Matthewman, P.M.; A. Armitage, P.M.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Jessop, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; E. A. Beaumont, J. F. Dyson, J. E. Cooper, J. T. Sheard, T. Bagshaw, G. H. Sissons, B. Walker, G. Moxon, M. Cornish, J. Wood, S. Butterworth, R. Wray, F. S. Wilkinson, J. Woolven, W. Dyson, and J. Brierley. Visitors: Bros. Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. G. Secretary (representing the R.W.P.G.M.), Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. Eng.; W. B. Alderson, P.P.G.D., A.G. Secretary; T. Ruddock, P.P.G.D.; Jonas Craven, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Woodhouse, P.P.J.G.W.; C. W. Keighley, P.J.G.W.; G. Sykes, P.P.G.D.C.; H. N. Crowther, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Schofield, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Sellers, P.M. 1783; John Hay, P.M. 387; S. Broadbent, P.M. 1218; J. Walmsley, P.M. 266; W. Watson, P.M. 2069; T. Farrar, P.M. 1402; J. Jenkin, P.M. 904; J. Shoesmith, P.M. 1783; H. Holdsworth, W.M. 1783; G. Lincoln, J.W. 1783; C.

C. L. Bernin, S.W. 268; Wm. Warde, S.D. 910; H. Helliwell, Sec. 1783; E. Mellor, D.C. 1783; Jno. North, Org. 290; S. Farrar, 1042; J. J. Bush, 1042; H. Wright, 302; S. H. Story, 1514; J. Goodwin, 149; G. Wardman, 149; and J. W. Raynor, 1783.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Wood was raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. Allen Jackson, the oldest member as well as oldest P.M. of the lodge. Bro. Geo. Marshall, P.M., delivered the traditional history and presented and explained the working tools of the Degree. The W.M. then announced that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present to Bro. Turner, on behalf of the subscribers, a full set of Provincial Grand Deacon's clothing, along with jewel. Bro. Graham made the presentation in touching and feeling terms, speaking very highly of the work done in past years by Bro. Turner, and trusted that he (Bro. Turner) might be spared many years to enjoy the esteem of his brethren, and to wear the beautiful clothing he then had the pleasure to invest him with. Bro. Turner accepted the gift in appropriate terms, thanking the brethren for their valuable present, but more especially for the high estimation his brethren had for him.

The lodge was adjourned, when the members and visitors partook of an excellent banquet, after which a portrait of the late Bro. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G. Organist—painted by Mr. Gallimore—was presented and unveiled by Bro. Wm. H. Jessop, P.M., who expressed the pleasure he felt in having the honour to be allowed to present so good and faithful a likeness of one who whilst living was beloved and esteemed by all, more especially by his brethren in the Craft. To speak of Bro. Wood as his heart dictated was impossible, not being able to find language expressive enough for his feelings. In conclusion, he asked the W.M. to accept, on behalf of the lodge, the magnificent painting of the late Bro. J. Wood.

Bro. A. Graham, W.M., expressed the pleasure it afforded him to accept, on behalf of the brethren, so beautiful and appropriate a gift in memory of one who at many and various times had conducted to the harmony of the lodge.

Bro. A. Jackson, P.M., also (speaking as the oldest subscribing member of the lodge) expressed the melancholy pleasure it gave him to add his testimony to the worth of their deceased brother, and the gratification he felt in having such a faithful likeness to adorn the supper-room.

Bro. Edwin Woodhouse, P.P.J.G.W., in an effective and elaborate address, spoke of the time that he and the late brother (whose memory they had met to honour) worked together as members of that lodge, and of the high estimation in which Bro. Wood was held not only by the members of that lodge, but by the Craft in general.

The lodge was then closed, when the brethren again adjourned to the supper room to enjoy a social evening.

To Bro. Joshua Daws is the credit of raising the subscriptions for the painting, and, he being a very dear friend of Bro. Joe Wood's, made it a labour of love, and we heartily rejoice in his success. One word for the artist—a more faithful likeness could not be painted, and it is with proud feelings the brethren congratulate the artist on the beautiful work of art he has completed. It is considered the finest and most faithful likeness Mr. Gallimore has ever painted, and the members of the Lodge of Truth are proud of it, and wish Mr. Gallimore every success, as he richly deserves.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The lodge was opened, when, in the absence of Bro. Lowden, W.M., Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., presided, supported by the officers, members, and visitors. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. S. Lowrey was passed, and Bro. J. Maleham raised. Bro. James Routledge, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Craig, P.M., and duly installed in the chair by the acting W.M., ably assisted by Bro. Craig; and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Dr. Jas. J. Lacey, P.G. Stwd., as I.P.M.; H. Hartley, S.W.; J. Wilkinson, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, Treas.; B. Craig, Sec.; J. Wakefield, S.D.; A. Cross, J.D.; D. Tolson, D.C.; W. Robinson, I.G.; Wm. Simon and J. Maleham, Stwds.; and J. Gordon, Tyler.

The following brethren signed their names: Bros. James Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Brakenridge, P.M. 812, P.G. Std. Br.; W. D. P. Field, W.M.; J. S. Moffatt, S.W.; Ed. Rose, P.M.; A. Johnston Rice Tyson, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Robson, P.M.; W. J. Blythe, J. J. Wilson, P.M.; Jas. Stout, H. P. Armstrong, Robt. Jukes, R. Walker, W.M. 1989; C. Gowan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Boundy, J. Dickinson, R. Rothery, and others.

"Hearty good wishes" were given from Lodges 872, 1267, and 1989, and with other general business the lodge was closed, and the W.M. invited all present, which numbered about forty, to accompany him to the banquet hall, where ample justice was done, and with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and a few capital songs, a pleasant evening was spent.

HARLESDEN.—Harlesden Lodge (No. 2098).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the National School, when Bro. Fred. Levick was installed as W.M. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. H. T. Reed, acting for Bro. Arthur Ball, who was unable to attend through indisposition, great sympathy being expressed by the members of the lodge and visitors at Bro. Arthur Ball's absence. Bro. Levick having been installed, appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Arthur Ball, I.P.M.; F. S. Long, S.W.; Rev. H. Courtney Atwood, J.W.; O. C. Robson, S.D.; Hazzeldine, J.D.; Charles Butler, I.G.; Messiter and H. Bell, Stwds.; P. M. Layton, D.C.; and Whiteway, Tyler. The work of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a choice banquet supplied by the Army and Navy Stores, which was remarkably well served.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Queen; Prince of Wales; Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Reed proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the lodge on having so tried a Mason as Bro. Levick for W.M., prophesying a dignified and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Levick responded, expressing the pleasure it gave him to occupy the exalted position as Master of the lodge, and promised that during his year of office he would do his best for the welfare of the lodge.

"The Visitors" were toasted, and responded to by Bros. John Fisher, Hales, Davis, and Townsend, who expressed their approbation at the manner in which the work of the lodge was performed, and the enjoyable evening they had spent.

"The Health of the Past Master" was responded to by Bro. Reed.

The Secretary, Bro. Lyon, who was responsible for the toast of "The Secretary and Treasurer," thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which his health had been drunk, and expressed his willingness to do all in his power for the success of the lodge he had helped to found.

"The Officers'" toast came next, responded to by Bros. F. T. Long, Rev. H. Courtney Atwood, and O. C. Robson. The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical part of the entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Henry Cross, A.R.C.M., and was of a high character.

INSTRUCTION.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, P.M., W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; J. Ford, P.M., J.W.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. J. Coplestone, S.D.; F. W. Woodard, J.D.; C. J. C. Walker, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. Stroud, W. G. Coat, J. Brown, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. G. Coat, having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history in his usual effective manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams acting as W.M. elect. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Williams installed. The lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degrees. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Present: Bros. J. E. Sheffield, W.M.; W. Shurmer, S.W.; S. Napper, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Petch, S.D.; Wolters, J.D.; D. C. Ritchie, I.G.; Berg, and Crick.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Crick acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wolters, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Berg answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Berg candidate. Bro. Sheffield again took the chair, and the lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Crick was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Shurmer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Bro. J. Petch, W.M. 1471, and Treas., proposed a vote of thanks to the Preceptor, Bro. W. Hancock, for his valuable kindly and services to the lodge during the past session, the same to be recorded on the minutes—seconded by Bro. W. Shurmer, P.M. 1471, and carried unanimously. Bro. Hancock replied in a few appropriate words, thanking the brethren for their appreciation of his services. The lodge was then closed.

The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in September.

The monthly meeting of the Second Islington Masonic Charities Association was then held. Subscriptions were received, and a ballot taken for a Life-Governorship (the 20th), which was allotted to Bro. R. Loomes, Stwd. 1471.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 7th inst. Present: Bros. W. Brindley, W.M.; G. F. Swan, S.W.; C. Lambert, J.W.; H. C. Chevallier, S.D.; F. C. Fort, J.D.; E. A. Morrison, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. W. Smith, T. W. Sedgwick, R. Kirk, R. J. Harnell, and J. Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. C. Fort having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., with explanation of the tools and the Lecture on the tracing board. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. T. W. Sedgwick, P.M. 1201, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. T. W. Sedgwick (who had acted as I.P.M.) proposed that Bro. G. F. Swan be elected W.M. for the 21st inst., as their worthy Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, would rehearse the ceremony of installation on the 14th inst., and appoint his officers. Seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation for the 21st inst. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that a cordial and hearty vote of thanks be recorded on minutes to Bro. Brindley, W.M., for the very interesting and instructive Lecture he had delivered in the Second Degree. The meeting was not a very large one, which was to be accounted for by the fact that many members were present at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School that evening at the Royal Albert Hall, at which the M.W.G.M. was presiding; but the few brethren present he felt sure had been delighted with Bro. Brindley's working. Seconded by Bro. C. Lambert, and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. B. Johnston, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; G. Higginson, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; C. R. Cross, S.D.; F. Woodard, J.D.; Vandyke, I.G.; A. Cavers, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; Cochrane, P.M.; Head, Stanley, Jennings, Arnott, Bridger, L. Cox, and Gilbert.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. L. Cox candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of this Lecture were worked by Bro. J. Sims, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. W. C. Williams, as W.M.; P. Skar, S.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Sims, P.M., S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; and C. Woods, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. On rising for the second time, Bro. P. Skar was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. On rising for the third time, Bro. J. Sims

gave notice that he would at the next meeting propose the suspension of the by-laws, for the purpose of adjourning the meetings of the lodge until after the holiday season. "Hearty good wishes" were given and acknowledged, and the lodge was closed.

The attendance of the members is specially desired on Monday, the 18th instant.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; D. S. Long, S.W.; G. Gardner, J.W.; J. Sims, acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; S.D.; Cartmel, J.D.; J. Worth, I.G.; J. Arlidge, and J. Brown.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cartmel offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cartmel candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Long was elected W.M. for next meeting. The by-laws were suspended, and on the proposition of Bro. G. Gardner, seconded by Bro. Cartmel the lodge was adjourned until the first Saturday in September.

Bro. G. Gardner cordially invited the whole of the members of the lodge of instruction to the next meeting of the mother lodge, which takes place on the 5th prox., that night being the 50th anniversary of his birth, and the fifth year of the founding of the Chiswick Lodge. There are five gentlemen proposed for initiation on that evening, and one of them will be the 50th initiate in the lodge. This is a curious collection of coincidences.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Ray, W.M.; Hobbs, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Gibson, P.M.; Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Badderley, J.D.; Rymer, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Edwards, J. Purnell, Dottrell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. Bro. Dottrell, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dottrell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Badderley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be entered on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had worked the ceremonies. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was held, and three ballots were taken, which fell to the lot of Bros. Geisel, Newby, and Baughan.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Poole, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Folkard, S.D.; Hudson, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; West, Steele, Taylor, Cowland, Templeman, Jones, B. Perkins, Stubbs, and Newton.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Jones, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Jones as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Cowland as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Jones and Beddall were elected joining members, and returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Poole, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Poole suitably responded, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER (No. 704).—A convocation was held at the Moorgate Hotel, Moorgate-street, on the 12th inst. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z.; G. Gregory, H.; G. W. Knight, J.; Ives, S.N.; Whiting, P.S.; Pratt, Kew, Carter, Lovett, Dickenson, Hughes, and Hopekirk, Grand Pursuivant.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes postponed, on account of the unavoidable absence of Comp. Slyman, S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hughes candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comps. Hopekirk, 742, M.E.Z. designate of the Manchester Chapter, Dickinson, 507, and Hughes, 1056, were unanimously elected joining members. The M.E.Z. rose for the second and third times, and the chapter was closed.

This chapter meets every Tuesday throughout the year. Companions wishing to rehearse any particular office will receive a hearty welcome and assistance from the esteemed Preceptor, Comp. T. C. Edmonds, and companions of this celebrated working chapter.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly convocation of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. T. Grumman, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; Briant, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Woods, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Leonard, J. Addington, R. C. Davis, and H. Martin.

The chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Hill, H., was unanimously elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comp. Hill returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, when he submitted a proposition to the companions. He said that most of those present knew Comp. Thomas Poore, P.Z., and, as no one knew that worthy and kind companion without respecting him, he was sure they would agree with the Committee who were trying to raise a testimonial to him. He therefore moved that the sum of one guinea be taken from the funds of the chapter for that purpose. Comp. R. Davis ably seconded the proposition, which was feelingly supported by Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, Comp. Hill, H., in putting the proposition, which was unanimously carried, also spoke in very kind terms of Comp. T. Poore. Nothing more presenting itself for the good of R.A. Masonry, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. Rickwood, W.M.; J. N. Frye, S.W.; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br., Treas., acting J.W.; Parkhouse, M.O.; Smout, S.O.; Walls, P.G. S.B., P.M., Sec.; Huish, S.D.; Monson, J.D.; Wadham, D.C.; Lawson, P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; Swan; Schofield, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kialmark, P.M., was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. Walls. A letter from

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.M. (Hon. Mem.), was read, in which he stated that he had made the lodge a Governor of the R.M.I. for Girls. It was then resolved that Bro. Cama's letter be inserted in the minute-book, and that the Secretary be directed to write to him a letter of thanks for his generous gift. It was proposed by the Secretary, seconded by Bro. Lawson, that the sum of one guinea be given to the "Poore" Testimonial Fund. This was carried unanimously, and the sum was subsequently increased to two guineas by private subscription. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Bros. J. Taylor, P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Goodall, P.M.; Dr. Pocock, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M. presided most genially and ably.

Bro. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Lawson, P.P.G.M.O., for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Military Lodge (No. 54).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barrack-road, when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. Eve, P.G.M.O. Eng.; Kirchhoffer, P.G.M.O. Eng.; Harrison, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Stone, P.G. Steward Eng.; Col. Mead, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.P.G.R. of M., W.M.; H. H. Thompson, P.G.I. of W., S.W., W.M. elect; N. Solomon, M.O.; N. Finn, S.O.; Savill, S.D.; Adnett, Org.; Ritchardson, I.G.; Burns, Tyler; Tibbatts, Raison, Jefferson, Cockburn, Sumner, Dr. Trestrail, and Wills. Visitors: Bros. Parnell and Knight.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Bradley, 98 (I.C.), and it proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Dr. Trestrail was then presented with a Grand Lodge certificate. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thompson, was then introduced by Bro. Harrison, and Bro. Stone in an imposing manner performed the ceremony of installation. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Taylor, I.P.M.; J. Rx, P.M., S.W.; N. Solomon, J.W.; Flan, M.O.; Savill, S.O.; Richardson, J.O.; R. Eve, Treas.; J. Taylor, Sec.; Dr. Trestrail, R. of M.; Tibbatts, S.D.; Jefferson, J.D.; Adnett, Org.; Harrison, P.M., D. of C.; Sumner, Steward; Cockburn, I.G.; and Burns, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. Taylor, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's Jewel, in doing which he complimented him on the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during the year, and also thanked him for the able manner in which he had filled the office of Secretary during the last three years. Bro. Taylor suitably acknowledged the gift.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Stone in the most sumptuous style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Stone responded on behalf of "The Grand Lodge," Bro. Col. Mead on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Lodge," and Bro. Eve on behalf of "The Charities."

Bro. Taylor proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M.," remarking that he had known Bro. Thompson for a number of years in connection with Masonry, and that he had followed him (the speaker) through the various chairs of the lodge, each of which he had occupied in the most praiseworthy manner, reflecting credit on himself and the lodge. There was no one in the lodge whom he would have preferred seeing in the chair, and he felt confident that the honour of the lodge would be safe in his keeping.

The toast was received with Masonic honours, and Bro. Thompson, in response, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, remarking that if they were satisfied with his work in the past it would certainly be an inducement for him to increase his labours in future for the welfare of the lodge, and for Mark Masonry generally. He next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Taylor," and, alluding to his labours in the double capacity of W.M. and Secretary, said that no brother in the lodge had done more for its welfare than he; and in presenting him with a jewel they had honoured themselves in recognising his worth.

Bro. Taylor suitably responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Stone," alluding in terms of high praise to the impressive manner in which he had that afternoon (as in previous years) performed the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Stone, in acknowledging the toast, said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to assist in the working of the lodge and contributing towards the welfare of Mark Masonry generally.

Bro. Solomon responded for "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bros. Knight and Parnell for "The Visitors," and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Among those who sang and recited during the evening were Bros. Eve, Taylor, Solomon, Parnell, Tibbatts, Adnett, and others.

Knights Templar.

PLYMOUTH.—Royal Veterans Encampment (No. 10).—A meeting of the above encampment was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-square, on Friday, the 8th inst., when Comp. W. H. Dillon was installed as Sir Knight.

A Provincial Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta was afterwards held under the banner of the Royal Veterans Encampment and Priory of Malta for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Knight on such Sir Knights of the Order of the Temple as might present themselves after ballot approval. As this was the first Provincial Priory held for 12 years—the last having been held at Exeter—the event was of an interesting character. The V.E. Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.M., 31°, Provincial Prior of Devon, occupied the throne, and was supported by Sir Knights S. Jew, P.E.P., as Captain General; J. M. Hifley, P.E.P.; W. Frank Westcott, P.E.P., 1st Lieutenant; J. H. Keats, P.E.P., 2nd Lieutenant; J. B. Gover, P.E.P., Marshal; J. Griffin, P.E.P., Bailiff; P. B. Clemens, P.E.P., Admiral; J. T. Bond, P.E.P., Conservator; P. Fritz Regar, Hospitalier; George Dunsterville (South Africa), Turcopolier; J. T. Binding, E.P., Chancellor; R. Lavers, P.E.P., Treas.; George Whitley, P.E.P., Org.; J. R. Wilson, Captain of the Outpost; and J. Gidley, Guard.

The Prov. Priory being duly formed, the Degree of

Knight of St. John of Jerusalem was conferred on Sir Knights J. F. Dupre, J. R. Lord, and Henry Stocker, 18°, Francis Crouch, Frank R. Thomas, W. H. Dillon, and Henry Rogers.

The Sir Knights subsequently adjourned to the Masonic Club, where they sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Symons, and were joined by Sir Knights T. S. Bayly, P.E.P.; E. A. Davies, P.E.P.; and W. H. Phillips.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This prosperous and distinguished conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 4th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights John Mason, M.P.S., P.G.G.; H. J. Lardner, V.E.; T. Cubitt, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Treas.; H. H. Shirley, P.M.P.S., Recorder; J. Marsh, P.G.A., P.M.P.S. (Hon. Member); E. H. Thielley, G.M., P.M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, G.A., P.M.P.S.; Hurd, Keyser, Pakes, W. Harris, N. Prower, M.A.; W. W. Codd, Proudfoot, H. Harris, E. Stor, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight H. J. Lardner was installed as M.P.S. by Sir Knight J. Mason. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bros. the Rev. H. Peek, P.M., and Scurrah, P.M., and it proving to be unanimous, the former brother, who was in attendance, was most impressively installed into the Order by the M.P.S. Among the officers appointed were Sir Knights W. Lake, V.E.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; John Mason, Recorder; Hurd, N. Prower, W. W. Codd, Pakes, Keyser, and E. A. Harris. It was resolved, in consideration of the long and valuable services of Sir Knight T. Cubitt as Treasurer, that a vote of thanks be engrossed on vellum, signed by the M.P.S. and the Recorder, framed, and presented to Sir Knight Cubitt. A Past Sovereign's jewel having been presented to Sir Knight J. Mason, numerous letters of apology were read from absent members, many of whom were engaged at the distribution of prizes of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the Albert Hall. The conclave was then closed, and the convocation was adjourned till the first Monday in November next.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Freemasons' Tavern. The M.P.S. presided most efficiently. His speeches were brief but pertinent. The proceedings, which were throughout most harmonious and agreeable, terminated at an advanced hour.

South Africa.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

DURBAN.—Friendship Chapter (No. 85).—The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held on the 27th April, in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street. Ill. Bro. T. Cook, 31°, presided, in the absence of the M.W.S., Bro. F. A. Noyce, who has removed to Heidelberg. There were also present Bros. T. W. Bower, J. E. Brown, W. Parfitt, E. H. Bingham (30°, France), J. H. Lawson, H. C. Richardson, J. Wright, F. Brownlee, and others. The Inspector-General, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, 32°, visited the chapter.

After the usual routine business of confirming minutes, balloting for candidates, &c., Bro. Cook installed Bro. Brown as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, with the usual ceremonies, and the following officers were appointed: Bros. J. Schulz, M.D., 30°, Prelate; J. Wright, 1st General; H. C. Richardson, 2nd General; E. H. Bingham, Treasurer and Recorder; T. W. Bower, G. Marshal; and F. Brownlee, Outer Guard. The other offices were left vacant, in view of the impending accessions of members, two more candidates having been elected and two joining members proposed. The chapter expressed their cordial congratulations and good wishes to their Inspector-General, Bro. Finnemore, on the birth of his son. After other business of a merely formal character, the meeting terminated.

New Zealand.

THAMES.—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1655, E.C.).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 13th March, at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Bros. Jas. A. Gordon, W.M.; J. F. Heighway, S.W.; T. C. Bayldon, J.W.; L. R. W. Melhose, Treas.; F. R. G. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Phillips, S.D.; E. Cartwright, J.D.; J. M. H. Lush, D.C.; W. H. Burch, I.G.; Geo. Comer, Stwd.; J. A. James, Tyler; A. de Courcy Potterton, P.M.; W. Burton, P.M.; R. Ivey, W. H. Airey, John Ross, and R. H. Ellis. Visitor: Bro. S. Loughlin.

The lodge was opened, the W.M. presiding, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Report of the Inquiry Committee was read, favourably recommending Mr. Wm. Henry Moulden as a candidate for Masonry. A ballot was taken, and being successful, the candidate, being in attendance, was then initiated. Letters of condolence upon the death of Bro. E. T. Wildman were read, the D.G.S. concluding "The Corinthian Lodge has lost a good friend and true adviser in him, and he will be greatly missed by all." The following from the R.W.D.G.M. of the Auckland District was read: "Wellington, 28th February, 1888.—The W.M. Lodge Corinthian, No. 1655 (E.C.).—In Memoriam—Worshipful Sir,—Please kindly accept yourself, and convey to the brethren of your lodge, my regret in hearing of the death of Past Deputy D.G.M., Bro. E. T. Wildman. A worthy brother and true friend. With best wishes to Lodge Corinthian, I am, W. Sir and brother, yours fraternally, G. S. Graham, 33°, D.G.M." Bro. A. de Courcy Potterton, P.M., rose and said with the W.M.'s permission, as the subject was at that time before the lodge, he would move a resolution, prefaced with a few remarks. Bro. Potterton continued: "W.M. and brethren—'The workmen die, but the work still goes on.' Since this lodge last met Freemasonry has sustained a great loss by the death of our late Bro. Wildman, P.M., and this lodge has lost an able worker and a skilled adviser. Our late brother had worked through all the offices of a Craft lodge, from that of Tyler to the chair, and equally 'at home' in them all. At one time he filled the important and responsible post of D.G. Secretary in South Australia, and subsequently, as you are all aware, became Deputy D.G.M. of the Masonic District of Auck-

land. In both these offices he discharged his duties with that ability and enthusiasm which are characteristic of the man. He was, I believe, one of the most highly cultured and distinguished Masons in this Colony, both as a worker and an authority on all Masonic questions. He was in a great measure the founder of this lodge, and was its first Master. Of his merits—his many admirable qualities as a Mason and citizen, and of the many and important services he rendered to us—I need not speak. In the social as in the Masonic circle his loss will be felt and deplored. The cord which united us has been snapped by death; and, brethren, I think it is due to him in memory of the past that an expression of our deep regret should find a place, and be recorded in the minutes of this lodge. I, therefore, W.M., beg to move "That this lodge desire to place on record their deep sense of the grievous loss sustained by Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular, in the death of our brother, the late Edward Thomas Wildman, P.M.—first Master of this lodge, and Past Deputy D.G.M. of Auckland District—and thus give expression to their sincere grief, and pay a tribute of respect to departed merit; also that this lodge remain in mourning for three months." This motion was seconded by Bro. Burton, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. J. M. H. Lush, being the only candidate, was declared the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. Bro. Melrose was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. James as Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

OLD MASONIC RECORDS.

(From the Scotsman.)

May 4, 1888.

Sir,—Following upon the interesting notes regarding the early history of the Canongate and Leith Lodge, published in to-day's Scotsman, the curious in matters Masonic may care to know that the records of Kilwinning Dumfries, No. 53, go back to the year 1687, and that even at that early time the lodge was very far from being an exclusively trade organisation. William Macgeorge, of Inglestone, apparently a landed proprietor, was appointed its clerk at the first meeting of which the minute is extant. In the Revolution year we find a military man, "Joe Livingstone, loveminent," received as a visiting member; and two dragoons, "of Captane Jon Strachane his troupe," were initiated about the same time. Indeed, there was a differential scale of fees for what may be termed trade and lay members, as appears from the following minute of 1687: "As also they enact that every persone that is ane mechanick, and enters prentise to the Lodge, sall pay ten lib. Scots, wt [with] gloves and enterteanment to the bretheren; and go [who] enters as no mechanick sall pay—[the blank occurs in the minute] Scots money, wt gloves and enterteanment to the bretheren; and go sall enter thereafter as fellow-craft sall pay fyve lib. Scots, wt gloves and enterteanment." On Macgeorge's death, he was succeeded as clerk by John Newall, writer; and when we reach the eighteenth century we find many landed proprietors, merchants, lawyers, doctors, and several clergyman (both Presbyterian and Episcopalian) in the roll of membership; and the Duke of Queensberry and Dover was for a time its R.W.M. It is obvious from internal evidence that the records now in existence are not the earliest, and the traditional history of the lodge extends over a very much longer period. Indeed, the brethren held a tercentenary celebration on St. John's Day, 1815. But that date does not square with earlier documents. The lodge held first of the Mother Kilwinning. Its charter from the Grand Lodge was obtained in 1750, and in the application for the charter it was set forth that it had been in existence for 170 years—a statement which, if correct, would place the proper date of the three hundredth anniversary at the beginning of the present decade.—I am, &c.

W. D.



Most people are familiar with Nathaniel Hawthorne's powerful romance, written many years ago, which was also dramatised by Mr. J. Hatton. Last week on two successive days two other versions of it were produced. One at the Olympic by Messrs. Charrington and Nelson, the other by Hon. Stephen Coleridge (son of the Lord Chief Justice) and Mr. Norman Forbes, at the Royalty, where Miss Calhoun has opened her season. We cannot think this clever lady, whom we remember so well a few years since with the Bancrofts, has been well advised in opening with such a gloomy, nevertheless interesting play, in a theatre out of the beaten track, and in the hot weather. "The Scarlet Letter" does not commence until nine o'clock, and though in five acts is quickly played. There are, we may say, three central figures in the play, as all the other characters may be dismissed as being of no importance. The adaptors have kept strictly to the text—until the end—so that we have a number of detailed scenes called acts which are short and jerky. The first act opens in the market-place at Boston, U.S.A., some 200 years ago, when it became the Puritan Settlement. This the audience should keep vividly before them to feel interested in the piece. Hester Prynne is standing by the pillory wearing the scarlet letter on her bosom, and holding in her arms the babe whose birth has brought on her the curse. She treats the demand for the name of the father from the Governor of the settlement with silent contempt. In the second act Hester is visited in prison by her husband, under the name of Roger Chillingworth, who swears he will hunt down the man who has wronged him with terrible vengeance. In the third act, Chillingworth, having suspected the man, tortures his life out. The preacher, Arthur Dimmesdale, who has done the dishonour, longs to worship the woman he loves and has wronged. The ostracism by the world has made Hester a constant visitor at the bedside of the sick, and beloved by the poor. In the fourth act Hester and Arthur meet in a wood, and there, for the first time since the sin was committed, some seven years previously, pour out their love to one another, she persuading Arthur to go to England, and leave her. Chillingworth interrupts them. In the last act the pair are summoned to appear before the Governor. Here the adaptors have quite spoiled the

author's work and their own play. They make an easy ending for the stage, but it will not satisfy the public. In this way—Chillingworth is accused of being Hester Prynne's child's father. This he indignantly denies, as he is entitled to do, and then accuses Arthur Dimmesdale. The mob, being so fond of their preacher, will not believe this, and rush at Chillingworth and kill him. Dimmesdale is about to declare Chillingworth's innocence and his own guilt, when a messenger arrives with the tidings—welcome to the pair—that the husband is dead. Chillingworth is such a relentless and passionate man that one feels, though he has been wronged, no sympathy can be shown him. He binds his wife to keep the secret of his identity, and then begins a cold and cruel persecution of the betrayer. The seducer has to pay the penalty of having his secret kept and to live a life that is a lie. Nevertheless, we cannot allow, even for the purposes of the stage, such an ending that Messrs. Coleridge and Forbes have given—killing the husband by violence and letting the other man run scot free who has all those years acted the coward. Miss Calhoun's Hester Prynne is a very marked advance upon anything she has attempted in London before. She charmingly realises all that is most loving, patient, and womanly in Hester's character. Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Dimmesdale, makes up for the weakness of the part by his studied elocution and distinction of utterance. Mr. Norman Forbes is not satisfactory as the husband. He lacks pathos, and is almost grotesque at times, though he would appear to mean to be grim. Although distinctly a gloomy play, it is so full of interest that we hope the little Royalty Theatre will be filled during the run of "The Scarlet Letter."

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To our mind nothing can be more delightful, more elegant, or more picturesque than Mr. Daly's production of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." The interest in this revival is primarily due to the personal triumph of Miss Ada Rehan and the excellent acting of Mr. John Drew, and to the reverent spirit in which the manager of the company has adapted the comedy to suit modern taste. There is nothing omitted that is essential to the play. The text has been altered, but with better success than on the occasions when it has been played by English companies. We are, unfortunately, unable to say anything about the "Induction," as, through circumstances over which we have no control, we only arrived when the first act of the real play had well begun. But as there are five acts, the omission in these hot days may be well, for the comedy can still be understood even if one does not know one's Shakespeare. We don't know how the ladies like the idea of the play, but we recommend every husband who has a virago for a wife to take her to the Gaiety and learn from Miss Ada Rehan's lips, with Mr. John Drew's teaching, how she may be tamed to be as gentle and loving as a dove. It is difficult to speak in terms of moderation of Miss Rehan as Katherine and Mr. Drew as Petrucio. Excepting Bro. Irving and Miss Terry, have we any actors and actresses who could play this comedy so exquisitely? We are learning just now a lesson in acting. Of late our actors have gone in for under-acting; let them go and sit out a performance of the Daly Company, and they will see how fearlessly the chiefs there tackle their parts and make every line tell. Miss Rehan is an ideal Katherine; she is indeed a shrew, and in the earlier acts Miss Rehan shows the pettish ill-temper at home; then, when she yields to Petrucio's vow to marry her, she becomes the passionate, self-willed, high-spirited woman, eager for the fray with her lord and master, yet full of nobility and never loses self-respect, not even when she becomes a docile and obedient wife. Mr. John Drew, as Petrucio, has made in "The Taming of the Shrew" a much greater reputation even than he had formerly. He sustains his part equally well. He is robust, resolute, self-willed, never to be beaten, yet he never forgets he is a gentleman. Of the other characters, which have but a small place in the comedy, Mr. Otis Skinner's Lucentio is much to be commended. Mr. James Lewis, as Grumio, of course could not be other-wise than excellent. Miss Russell infuses a charm to her acting, and is much better suited than she was in her last character. Mr. Fisher plays Baptista, but we could not hear his words every now and then. The play is mounted with the best taste; the last scene, Lucentio's Banquet Hall, does the greatest credit to Mr. Hoyt. In this is introduced Sir Henry Bishop's song, "Should he upbraid," sung by Miss F. Quinton and a chorus of sweet boys' voices, which was duly encored.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BRUCE.—On the 11th inst., at Southsea, the wife of Commander R. C. B. Bruce, Royal Navy, of a son.
CARPENTER.—On the 10th inst., at Wykeham House, Bedford Park, Croydon, the wife of A. B. Carpenter, M.B., of a daughter.
GREEN.—On the 11th inst., at 10, Winchester-place, Highgate, the wife of Neville Green, of a daughter (stillborn).

MARRIAGES.

BOULTON—GAMBLE.—On the 11th inst., at St. Michael's, Stockwell, Alfred, son of H. A. Boulton, Esq., late Principal Clerk H.M. Court of Probate, to Annie, daughter, of T. E. Gamble, Esq., Burnley-road, Stockwell, and War Office.
COLLIER—TONG.—On the 9th inst., at the parish church, Burton-on-Trent, H. E. Collier, of Sleaford, son of the late V. J. Collier, of Moorgate-street, London, and Longfield Court, Kent, to Carrie Heratia, daughter of J. Tong, Burton-on-Trent.

DEATHS.

ASPREY.—On the 11th inst., at Dudley Lodge, Croxted-road, West Dulwich, Caroline, wife of G. E. Asprey, aged 33.
BLACKER.—On the 11th inst., at St. George's-road, S.W., the Rev. M. J. Blacker, M.A., son of the late Lieut.-Col. V. Blacker, C.B., Surveyor-General of India, aged 66.
GLOVER.—On the 11th inst., at Union-road, Tufnell Park, R. Glover, son of the late J. Glover, of Leith, N.B., and late of the firm of Coventry and Glover, of Liverpool, aged 78.

Obituary.

BRO. FREDERICK BRASTED, P.M. 1524.

We regret to announce the decease of this brother, who was well known in the North-east of London as the kind and genial Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Brasted was initiated in the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, on the 29th April, 1875; he had served all the minor offices, and filled the chair in the year 1881. He was exalted in the Duke of Connaught Chapter, on 11th June, 1879, and was installed as M.E.Z. in June, 1883. He was a Life Governor of, and had served Steward to, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. At the time of his decease he had accepted the Stewardship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He died on the 31st ult., after a brief illness, deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and in the lodge and chapter to which he belonged he has left many friends to mourn his loss. He was interred at Highgate Cemetery on the 6th inst. in the presence of a large number of friends, including Bros. Geo. Ferrar, W.M. 1524; A. R. Olley, S.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treasurer; J. Robinson, I.G.; E. A. Harding, J. Duncan, J. E. Sheffield, 1897; Clayton, and J. J. Marsh.

BRO. GEORGE ROWLAND.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst., the funeral of Bro. George Rowland, of 17, Abbey-road, Torquay, took place at the cemetery at Barton. Deceased, who was 45 years of age, was a respected tradesman and a well-known member of our Order. Initiated a member of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, about seven years ago, he was appointed S.D. in 1886, which he resigned on account of ill-health, having been a great sufferer for many years. The first part of the service was at St. Luke's Church, the vicar (the Rev. W. S. Boyle) officiating, and the concluding portion was carried out at the cemetery by the Rev. Lionel Ward. The cortege consisted of a hearse and 24 carriages. The members of the Order who followed from the two Torquay lodges—St. John's and Jordan—wore sprigs of acacia, which they afterwards threw in the grave on the coffin. They included the following brethren: Bros. W. J. Hugan, P.S.G.D. England; J. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., Prov. G. Steward; B. Knight, P.M.; F. S. Hex, P.M. and Sec.; T. W. Morgan, P.M.; T. Prust, P.M.; S. Wills, D.C.; J. W. McKellar, S.D.; T. J. Crossman, J.D.; W. Hersey, and J. Taylor, Stewards; J. H. Brown, W. Winget, W. H. Snell, J. Risdon, V. Lauzel, G. E. Guy, W. Hill, W. Caunter, and J. E. Newton, Tyler, of 1402; R. L. Muford, W.M.; W. Taylor, P.M.; W. Wakeham, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Salter, P.M.; T. Beckett, S.D.; H. C. M. Rossiter, add A. Dolbear, of 328.

Bro. the Earl of Milltown has been appointed Chairman of the Select Committee of the House of Lords appointed to consider the Pharmacy Act (Ireland), 1875, Amendment Bill.

The King and Queen of Sweden and Norway visited the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House on Monday, and remained to lunch. In the evening, after a drive in the parks, the King took leave of the Queen, and left Victoria station for Queenborough, accompanied by Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh and one of the Queen Victoria's equeiries, when he embarked on board the Swedish corvette Freja. Her Majesty remained at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar-square, till Tuesday, and then left, via Dover and Calais, for Stockholm.

VEGETARIANISM.—On Thursday last the Charing Cross Vegetarian Hotel and Restaurant Company (Limited) opened to the public their large premises situate near the Charing Cross Railway Station, in the Strand, in the building lately known as the Northumberland Club. The company's hotel and its departments are complete, and handsomely furnished throughout by Messrs. Schoolbred, Messrs. Blewett and Co. and others, whilst the grand and other saloons are well appointed by the same firms. It may be stated that the best saloon will dine 80 guests, and the basement 100. The kitchen is placed at the top of the edifice, and is in communication with the lower rooms by lifts. The culinary apparatus, which is most complete, is set by Messrs. Waller and Co., Fish-street Hill. Indeed, everything seems to have been done for the comfort of the guests, and as the company is in itself a new departure, and as vegetarians are largely increasing in numbers, there should be a bright future for the above undertaking.

THE STAR AND GARTER.—This establishment, situated on the summit of Richmond-hill, having been taken under new management, the event was celebrated with an inaugural banquet. Attended by about 100 gentlemen of the neighbourhood, the dinner was presided over by Mr. T. Bull, who, proposing success to the undertaking, pleasantly alluded to the days when the Star and Garter was looked upon as the chief establishment of the sort in England. It subsequently passed into the hands of a joint-stock company, but did not succeed so well with individual enterprise, and it had now reverted to the old order of things. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Antonio Mella, the new proprietor, acknowledged the toast, assuring his guests that he should strive to restore the house to its old fortunes and reputation.

Mark Masons in Devonshire will be afforded an opportunity of proving themselves operative as well as "Free and Acceptable Masons" at the laying of the corner-stone of the church at Rose Ash, near Southmolton, which is being rebuilt. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Devonshire will meet in the schoolroom at Rose Ash, in the early part of July. The brethren will then march to the site of the church, and the corner will be laid by the Masons in memory of the late Colonel Tanner-Davy, for many years the respected P.G.M.M. The Masons will also place the keystone in the arch, and the characters peculiar to the Degree, with the mark of Colonel Tanner-Davy, will be engraved on the stone. This will be the first time in the history of Mark Masonry that such a duty has been performed by the Masonic brethren, and Devonshire ought to feel proud that they have the opportunity given to them. A special ritual will be prepared for the occasion by Bro. Francis Crouch, P.G.D. Eng., P.S.G.W. Cornwall, P.A.G.S. Devon, and brethren are, therefore, assured as to the success of the whole ceremony.



The installation meeting of Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, will take place at the Plymouth Temple on Monday, the 18th inst.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held at Ilfracombe, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Ebrington. There was a large attendance. We shall give a full report in our next.

Bros. Viscount Powerscourt, Lord Burton, V. A. Williamson, Lord Kensington, and Lord Hothfield were among the guests at the fourth dinner this season of the Fox Club, at Brooks's, on Saturday last.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., presided at the 31st annual meeting of the One Tun Ragged Schools, which was held in the School building, Old Pye-street, Westminster, on Tuesday evening.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Duchess of Albany will open the handsome reading room and library which have been recently added, at a cost of £10,000, to the People's Palace in the Mile End-road.

By command of the Queen the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on the 8th inst., when presentations to his Royal Highness were to be considered equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. Prince Albert Victor and other members of the Royal family were present.

The annual meeting of Lodge St. Maurice, No. 1855, was held at the Masonic Hall, Plympton, on Tuesday afternoon by dispensation (instead of Wednesday, Prov. Grand Lodge being fixed for that day), when Bro. John Martin was installed as W.M.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has contributed £25 and the King of Sweden and Norway £10 towards the cost of the new gymnasium at Exeter Hall. His Royal Highness also, who was accompanied on the occasion by his Majesty, opened the new gymnasium at 92, Long-acre, in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, on the 7th inst.

On Saturday evening last, at the Garrick Club, Bro. John Hare entertained at supper the principal members of the Daly Company, now playing in London, among the guests on the occasion being Bros. J. L. Toole, Sir Arthur Sullivan, the Earls of Cork, Lathom, and Londesborough, Henry Irving, S. B. Bancroft, J. C. Parkinson, Lawson, M.P., Montagu Williams, Edward Terry, and others.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor, visited Cambridge on Saturday last in order to be present in the Senate House, when the Degrees *honoris causâ* were conferred, the recipients including Prince Albert Victor, the Prime Minister, Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, and Bro. Sir Frederick Abel. After luncheon with the authorities in the picture gallery of the Fitzwilliam Museum, the Royal party returned to town, and honoured the Russian Ambassador and Madame de Stael with their company at dinner.

The United Service Lodge, No. 2258, will be consecrated at the Metham Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 2nd prox. The D.P.G.M., W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, will act as Consecrating Officer, the public engagements of the P.G.M., Lord Ebrington, M.P., not permitting him to attend on that date. A special choral service is being arranged, and the ceremony will probably be of a most imposing character.

The marriage of Bro. Capt. E. H. Bowyer with Miss Annie C. Absolom took place at Christ Church, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. In consequence of the death of his father so short a time since, only members of the two families were invited, but a very large number of friends were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Chapman, incumbent, assisted by Bro. Rev. John Rose, vicar of Clerkenwell.

The Prince of Wales gave a dinner party at Marlborough House on the 8th inst. in honour of his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, when among the guests invited to meet his Majesty there were present Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe (Lord Steward), the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain) and the Countess of Lathom, and Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford, Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, and Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, in attendance on his Majesty.

We regret to announce the death, on the 8th inst., of Bro. Col. E. R. King-Harman, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Ireland. The health of the deceased had been failing for some time past, and he had not long returned from a sea voyage to the Cape, undertaken specially for its restoration, but, though on his return to England he seemed better, the notion of a permanent improvement has proved illusory. Bro. King-Harman was a highly distinguished and much respected member of our Order in Ireland, being Prov. G. Master of Meath, and a 31° under the Supreme Council for Ireland of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was first returned to Parliament in 1877, and was appointed to his present office, but without being assigned any salary, last year. He was very popular everywhere, and his death will be greatly lamented by a numerous circle of friends.

A bazaar was held at the Duke of Wellington's Riding School, Knightsbridge, on the three last days of last week in aid of the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund, amongst the stall holders being the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, the Marchioness of Waterford, the Duchess of Marlborough, the Duchess of Abercorn, the Duchess of Leinster, the Duchess of St. Albans, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the Marchioness of Headfort, the Countess of Lathom, the Countess of Bective, and the Countess of Meath. There was a variety of musical and other entertainments, under Lady Arthur Hill, to add to the usual features of a bazaar, and the band of the Royal Horse Guards played in the vestibule. The Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor and the Princesses Louise and Victoria, visited the bazaar on the opening day (Thursday) and made several purchases.

BOYS' SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS.—The sports will be held on the 23rd inst., when the following brethren have promised to contribute: Bros. Charles Belton, Dudley Rolls, Joyce Murray, James Moon, J. L. Mather, W. Roebuck, H. Venn, T. H. Miller, W. H. Hunt, John Barnett, jun., A. F. Godson, M.P., Alfred Williams, S. Keggs, Frank Richardson, Frederick Binckes, John Glass, J. B. Glenn, Imbert Terry, George Corvell, Dr. Mickley, D. D. Mercer, Cohen, George Kenning, G. Henry Kenning, N. B. Headon, James Terry, George Gardiner, Gillard, T. Griffiths, G. P. Britten, Price, and B. Page. Contributions will be received and acknowledged by the Editor.

Bro. Sheriff Higgs presided at the 51st anniversary festival held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, in aid of the funds of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Association. The subscriptions were close on £180.

Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, the new Governor-General of Canada, arrived in Ottawa on Sunday last, and was at once sworn into office. Numerous loyal addresses have been presented to his Excellency, who has been received everywhere with a great display of enthusiasm.

An excellent portrait of the late Bro. G. P. Brockbank appeared in the *Bolton Weekly Journal* of Saturday last. It is a striking likeness, and appears to have been taken from a somewhat later photograph than the portrait which was given in the *Freemason* on his appointment to Grand Office.

Messrs. Cockerill and Co., the well known coal merchants, have just issued their 55th annual circular—advising their friends to fill their cellars at the present price. Without being able to say that the advice is entirely disinterested on their part, we believe if their friends are able to fill them at all they cannot do better than do so from the cellars of this old established firm.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley presided at a meeting of the Royal United Service Institution on Friday, the 8th inst., when Lieut.-Colonel A. R. Savile read an interesting paper on "Military Cycling," and his lordship offered some useful remarks in the course of the discussion that followed.

Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., H.M.'s Solicitor General, presided at the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund on Saturday last, and in the course of one of his speeches referred to the measure for relieving newspaper proprietors of their responsibilities under the present law of libel, which he said was certain to be passed soon, if not during the present Session.

The Hon. T. A. Brassey, son of Bro. Lord Brassey, has undertaken to bear the cost of fitting out a new steamer, to be called the *Lady Brassey*, which is now being built at Hastings, so that she shall be able to carry guns, the armament being provided by the Naval Volunteer Home Defence Association, assisted by the Admiralty. The vessel will be manned by the local Naval Artillery Volunteers, and will be used for the protection of the shipping on the coast of Sussex.

An influential meeting was held, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House on Friday, the 8th inst., on the subject of establishing polytechnic institutes in South London, and for the technical training and social, moral, and intellectual improvement of youths and girls over 16 years of age. Among those who supported his lordship were the Prime Minister, the Earl of Rosebery, Bro. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., and Lady Edward Cavendish.

At the Friendship Lodge Masonic Hall, Whitcliffe, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., the brethren entertained to dinner the Rev. R. Crookall, on the occasion of his leaving the town to take up his residence at Chester-le-Street. During the lodge meeting the Worshipful Master (Bro. Robert Naylor), on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. Crookall with a handsome Masonic jewel, enclosed in a beautiful box, with the inscription—"Presented to Worshipful Brother Crookall by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Friendship Lodge, as a token of their brotherly affection and best wishes for his success. May 30th, 1888." Bro. Crookall suitably responded.

By the appointment of Lord Stanley of Preston as Governor-General of Canada, an important office is vacated in the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire. As is well-known, the Earl of Lathom is the Prov. Grand Master, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was Lord Stanley of Preston, who held the office for many years. Both the Earl of Lathom and Lord Stanley of Preston were prevented from attending the special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Blackpool, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., owing to the Prov. Grand Master receiving his Deputy as his guest at Lathom Hall, prior to his departure for Canada. It is not likely that the Earl of Lathom will take any steps to fill the vacancy before the annual session of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which will be held either in September or October.

At the last meeting of the Lewes Town Council, the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Farncombe) presented to the Corporation a chain for the Mayoress to wear on official occasions. It is of 15-carat gold, made up of entwined capital L's, to match the Mayor's chain, with Prince of Wales feathers in silver placed between each link. The gift is to commemorate the Silver Wedding day of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The front of the chain is an escutcheon bearing the Lewes borough coat of arms surmounted by a crown. At its base is an attachment, whereby the gold jubilee medal, specially struck for the Mayor to celebrate that occasion, may be worn as a pendant. The chain is about 20 inches long and a little over an inch in depth. Engraved on the back of the centre-piece are the words, "Ann Catherine Farncombe, Mayoress, 1888." The chain and medal are enclosed in a handsome morocco case, the borough arms being gilt outside.

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

Bro. John Probert obtained an encore for his tenor solo "Paris Omnipotentia," at the Handel Society's concert, Portman Rooms, Baker-street, W.

On Monday, the 18th inst., Prince Albert Victor of Wales will visit Halifax for the purpose of presenting new colours to the 3rd Militia Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment.

Information reached Eastbourne towards the end of last week of a fatal accident to Bro. Abraham Taylor, who was thrown from his trap at Blindley Heath, Sussex. Bro. Taylor was the landlord of the Pier Hotel, Eastbourne, and was well known in Masonic circles.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

The usual Speech-day at Merchant Taylors' School, on Monday, was well attended by the many friends of this ancient foundation, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., being among those present on the occasion.

The death of Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., creates a vacancy in the representation in the House of Commons of the Isle of Thanet Division of the county of Kent, and it is reported that a son of Bro. Lord Brabourne will offer himself as a candidate.

Bros. Lord Hartington and Lord Randolph Churchill are among the members of the Royal Commission which has been appointed to inquire into the civil and professional administration of the naval and military departments and their relations to the Treasury.

Sir John Gilbert, R.A., P.R.W.S., writes of "Royal Academy Pictures, 1888," which has just been issued as an extra number of "The Magazine of Art," "It is beautiful, and but a few years ago would have been impossible to produce."

At the invitation of Bro. Lord Mayor De Keyser, about 150 of the delegates to the International Conference now being held in London on the subject of Christian Missions to the heathen, visited the Mansion House on Tuesday, and, after visiting the State Apartments and inspecting the Corporation plate, were cordially welcomed by his lordship.

The 31st anniversary festival of the Warehousemen, Clerks', and Drapers' Schools was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday evening, under the presidency of Alderman G. Faudel Phillips, Bros. Henry Irving, J. D. Allcroft, Lawson, M.P., Alderman Whitehead, and F. Gorrington being among the principal supporters of the chair. The subscriptions amounted to upwards of £3850.

Certain officers of the 2nd West York (the Prince of Wales's Own) Regiment of Yeomanry attended at Marlborough House on Monday, for the purpose of presenting the Prince and Princess of Wales with a silver punch bowl, in commemoration of the Silver Wedding of their Royal Highnesses.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor and the young Princesses, left Marlborough House for Sunningdale Park to spend Ascot week. But the semi-state procession to the racecourse on Tuesday did not take place in consequence of the disquieting rumours which reached the Prince that morning as to the condition of the Emperor Frederick's health.

The first annual installation of W.M. of the Striguil Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, in Nelson-street, Cardiff, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when Bro. S. W. Yockney was elected to that office. The ceremony was performed by Bro. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. The other officers were also appointed, and a banquet was afterwards held at the Beaufort Arms Hotel.

We are pleased to see that the second annual report of the Old Masonians is on the whole satisfactory, and that there is a balance at the close of the year on the right side of the account amounting to close on £16, and if the dinner account had been satisfactory and the promised donations all received, this balance would have been twice as large. However, we shall have a word or two to say on the Society next week.

We very much regret to be called upon to announce the death of Bro. S. B. Oldham, Deputy G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, whose funeral took place in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin, on the 12th inst. There was a very large attendance of the friends and brethren of the deceased, among them being Bros. R. W. Shekleton, D.G.M., Judge Townshend, Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, Rev. A. Galbraith, and others. We hope to give a sketch of his Masonic career next week.

Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., presided at the annual meeting which, by permission of the Duke of Westminster, was held at Grosvenor House on Wednesday of the Commons Preservation Society. The report, in which a full account was given of the proceedings in connection with the purchase of Parliament Hill, was adopted, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and the Duke of Westminster for granting the use of his house.

A memorial tablet, in memory of the late Right Hon. W. E. Forster, was unveiled at Bradpole, Dorset, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., by Bro. A. M. Broadley, in the presence of over 1000 spectators. Sir Frederick Young, Vice-President of the Colonial Institute, a personal friend of the late statesman, spoke of him in eulogistic terms. Mr. Forster was born at Bradpole, on June 11th, 1818. The jubilee of the ordination of the father of Bro. Broadley, vicar of Bradpole, was associated with the event, and there were general festivities in the district. We hope to give a more extended report in our next.

Freemasonry is flourishing in Germany; in Berlin, the fine new building erected by the mother lodge of the Three Globes, with its large hall and fine organ, has been inaugurated; in Hamburg the five local lodges have united to build a house of their own, at a cost of £20,000, and in many other German towns the Craft have similar projects. In a book recently published, "The Crown Prince Frederick William as a Mason," by F. Possart, we find recorded the following answer which the Prince—now German Emperor—gave to a deputation of Masons which had gone to San Remo in October last, on the occasion of his birthday: "The teachings of our Craft are for me a source of consolation, and help me to bear with resignation the sufferings imposed on me by the Supreme will."