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THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

The Provisional Committee appointed at the Special General Court on the 6th ult. to administer the affairs of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have lost no time in entering on their task of re-organisation. At the meeting of the General Committee on Saturday last, they handed in a first report, containing sundry important recommendations, and mentioning that other matters have been held over for further consideration. Among the recommendations was one which we had already suggested—to the effect that the Provisional Committee should be entrusted *ad interim* with all the powers ordinarily exercised by the House, and Finance and Audit Committees, so that it may be in a better position to give effect to the wishes of the Special Court which appointed it. It also recommended that the office of House Steward should not be filled up for the present, that a new Matron in place of Mrs. DOVE, resigned, should be immediately appointed, that there should be a fresh Medical Officer, and last, but not least, that “there should be a change at as early a period as possible in the office of Secretary.” These recommendations are such as we have been expecting. The office of House Steward is by no means a necessary one; or, at all events, its duties could very well be assigned to an officer occupying a less prominent position than was enjoyed by Mr. DOVE; but the Matron is a necessary functionary, and the immediate appointment of a successor to Mrs. DOVE would enable the individual chosen to enter upon her duties, if so required, at the close of the midsummer holidays. It is clear, too, from the Report of the Investigation Committee, that a younger and more active man is needed for the position of Medical Officer, and the recommendation of the Provisional Committee for a change in that department is also one to which no exception can reasonably be taken. Nor, when we come to take all the circumstances into account, and weigh them carefully and impartially, do we see how the Committee could have offered any other proposition in respect of the office of Secretary. It is allowed by all those Governors and Subscribers to the School, whose judgment is of value, that the duties assigned to this officer have been most ably and energetically performed by Bro. FREDK. BINCKES during his 28 years of service. But it is also clearly seen that under a new system of management it would be difficult for him to adapt himself to the ideas of the several Committees when re-organised, and still more difficult, perhaps, for him and them to work harmoniously together. It is evident the Provisional Committee believe in the necessity for a change in the personnel as well as in the system of administration, and as they recommend unanimously that a retiring allowance commensurate with his long and able services be awarded to him, we consider it would be unwise as well as impolitic on his part to place any difficulties in the way of the recommendation being carried out. He will carry with him into his retirement the knowledge that he has rendered most important services extending over a long term of years, to an Institution which needed the assistance of so energetic an officer, and he will also take with him the respect of all the Governors and Subscribers of the School, or, rather, of all but a few implacables. However, we shall take the opportunity of referring in future articles to this and other questions which are engaging the attention of the Committee.

THE CRAFT IN MIDDLESEX.

We note with pleasure that at the recent meeting at Twickenham of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, a resolution was passed unanimously to the effect that for the future the cost of producing annually the Provincial Calendar should be defrayed, in the first instance, out of the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge, the lodges and chapters taking copies in proportion to their membership, at a small charge per copy. It was further resolved that the duty of compiling the Calendar should be undertaken by the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. H. H. ROOM, with the assistance of Bro. W. H. LEE, Prov. Asst. G.

Sec., and consequently the brethren in Middlesex will be furnished with a Calendar which, as it will be compiled from official sources under the direct sanction of Provincial Grand Lodge, may be relied upon for the sufficiency and accuracy of its information, while the outlay, as it will be spread amongst a large number of members, will be a burden to nobody. This is a far better plan than to leave it to private enterprise to procure and publish the information which Provincial Calendars usually contain. Bro. H. LOVEGROVE, who is responsible for all but the last of the Middlesex Calendars which have been issued, deserves great credit for the manner in which he discharged his self-appointed task. But it is hardly possible he could have had the same facilities for his work of compilation as the regular officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. In his case, it was open to any lodge or chapter to give or withhold the particulars that were asked for, while Bros. ROOM and LEE, as Prov. G. Sec. and Prov. G. Scribe E., respectively, will have in their official charge the whole of the returns which it will be necessary for them to consult, and their ability to do the work which is now entrusted to them has been fully proved by the success of the Calendar for 1889, which, though undertaken at short notice, is found to be in all respects a trustworthy guide to the lodges and chapters in the province. There is also another point on which we take leave to congratulate our Middlesex brethren. It was resolved at the same meeting to invest £350 of the accumulated funds in the hands of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, so that the Province might be in a position to make still larger grants than heretofore to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and for other Charitable purposes. This is an additional feather in the cap of Middlesex, which during the 20 years it has been organised as a Province has shown itself ever able and willing not only to minister to the wants of its necessitous members, but also to do all in its power to support the general Charities of the Society. Verily, Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT must be as proud of the lodges and brethren under his charge as are the latter of the Prov. Grand Master who has presided over them so ably and so genially during the past 20 years.

THE TENNANT TESTIMONIAL.

The services which Bro. MARMADUKE TENNANT, P.A.G.D.C. of England, and D.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales, has rendered to the lodges he has been connected with, the province he has helped to administer for 13 years, and the Craft generally, have been again and again recognised; but never before has the recognition taken so precise and conspicuous a form as at the recent meeting at Cardiff, on the 24th ult., when Bro. Sir GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, in open Provincial Grand Lodge, presented his worthy Deputy with a purse of gold and a handsomely bound album, containing the names of all the brethren who had subscribed to the testimonial. Moreover, by a happy coincidence, the presentation was made just about the time when Bro. TENNANT was celebrating his silver wedding, and his brethren who had met to do him honour as a Mason were able at the same time to felicitate him on the occurrence of an event which must have been especially gratifying to him in his private and personal capacity. Reports of such proceedings as these are always pleasant reading, and to record them is an equally pleasant duty, especially when, as in this instance, it affords us the opportunity of tendering our congratulations to so able, distinguished, and so estimable a brother.

THE EARL OF KINTORE AND THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The reception accorded by the Grand Lodge of South Australia to Bro. the Earl of KINTORE, Governor of the Colony, on the occasion of his recent visit to that body, appears from the accounts which have reached us to have been of a more than ordinarily enthusiastic character. The compliments paid to him as the representative of the QUEEN demonstrated the loyalty of the Craftsmen, but those he received in his Masonic capacity exhibited in the strongest possible manner the feeling of brotherhood which exists among the members of different Constitutions.

His lordship, as a glance at the "Cosmo" will show, is one of the most distinguished brethren under the Scotch Constitution. He is Substitute Grand Master of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Master of Kincardineshire, Grand Second Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter, a principal Grand Officer in the Orders of the Temple and Red Cross, of the Royal Order of Scotland, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the Rosicrucian Society, and a Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Indeed, it would be difficult to mention a brother who represents more admirably the various branches of Masonry, and it is not surprising, therefore, that the welcome he received should have been so generous. That his lordship appreciated the kindness of the South Australian brethren will be gathered from the tone of his reply to the toast of his health, which the Grand Master proposed at the banquet that followed the meeting of Grand Lodge. His speech had the true Masonic ring about it, besides being more eloquent and to the point than are the generality of after-dinner speeches, and the stress he laid on the friendly disposition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland towards the South Australian Grand Lodge must have been gratifying to the Grand Officers and members of the latter who had the privilege of being present. No doubt the kindly feeling which was so apparent on this occasion will be strengthened and confirmed when his lordship, as Rumour has prepared us to expect will be done shortly, is installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and the severance of the ties which till recently united the lodges in the Colony with the Grand Lodges of the Old Country, so far from proving disastrous to the latter, as some might have imagined, will, in fact, have the effect of creating a feeling of affection and respect between the brethren in the old and new countries which could not otherwise have existed.

THE RECENT PENNSYLVANIA FLOODS.

The efforts made by the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York, and the private lodges in those and other jurisdictions, to alleviate the distress caused among the brethren and inhabitants of Johnstown by the recent floods in Pennsylvania reflect the highest honour on the Masons in those parts of the United States, and we doubt not the grand example thus set will be as generously followed elsewhere. In drawing attention to these efforts, the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, writes in the following terms: "From Maine to California, and from the lakes to the gulf, the citizens of our country and the Masonic Fraternity have been vieing with each other to do all in their power to lessen, so far as prompt contributions of money, provisions, clothing, and personal services will do it, the distress which has overtaken so many of our fellow-citizens, neighbours, kinsfolk, and brethren. For the ten thousand, or more, sudden deaths which have occurred no money can compensate, but for fathers and mothers swept away by the turbulent water floods, for homes desolated and destroyed, for means of livelihood temporarily withdrawn, the loving gifts of tender-hearted men, women, and children, all over our land, can do something to wipe away tears from weeping eyes, to assuage the miseries of grief, and those greater miseries which come from the loss of all means of support, of the house over one's head, and even of the clothing on one's person. Sickness can be ministered to, and sorrow in some measure assuaged. This is the task set before the people and the Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania, and of America to-day." And right nobly the Fraternity appear to have fulfilled their duty. In reply to a telegram from Bros. JAS. S. MCKEAN, D.D.G.M., and W. J. CARSON, D.D.G.H.P. of Pittsburg, who were the first Freemasons on the ground to give assistance, Bro. MACCALLA, G. Master of Pennsylvania, wired to them to draw on him for \$500, this being the first money sent from Philadelphia to the relief of the Johnstown sufferers. Bro. L. BURDICK, G.M. of Ohio, followed suit, with instructions to draw on him for \$250, and Bro. W. D. TODD, G.M. Colorado, for \$200, while Bro. SHRYOCK, G.M. Maryland, and others, wired to a similar effect, but without specifying any amounts. On the 4th June, Bro. W. E. CONNOR, G. Treasurer of New York, sent \$1000 voted by the Grand Lodge of New York, then in session, and the following day the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its Quarterly Communication, voted \$2500, to be increased if necessary to \$5000, for the same purpose. At a subsequent meeting of the Grand Officers of the latter jurisdiction, it was resolved to send immediately \$1000 to the Chairman of the Masonic Relief Committee, at Johnstown for the relief of brethren, and \$1000 to the Committee presided over by the Mayor, for the relief of the inhabitants generally; and other bodies—lodges, chapters, commanderies, &c.—have subscribed towards the same object according to their ability. We tender our respectful sympathy to the sufferers, and our congratulations to our American brethren who have acted so nobly on this disastrous occasion.

GRAND COUNCIL OF RITES, IRELAND, 1846.

A pamphlet of eight pages was published in 1846 entitled "Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Council of Rites for Ireland, as extracted from the Registry. Elected for the year commencing on the First of Nisan, A.F., 532; A.M. 5850; and of the Christian Æra, 28th March, 1846. Freemasons' Hall, at the East of Ireland, Valley of Dublin." It was Published and Printed by Bro. S. G. Downes, P.M. 245, and is dated April 25th of the year aforesaid. The Title page contains the words "By Authority."

The Grand Officers of the Supreme Council of Rites for Ireland at that date were the Duke of Leinster, *Grand President*, John Norman, V.P., and seven other brethren. The names are also appended of "the Representatives of the several councils, colleges, consistories, and chapters" beginning with the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, seven in number, the Duke of Leinster being described as "Most Puissant Grand Sovereign." These representatives are arranged under different headings, as follows: Order of Mizraim, Knights of the Sun, Philosophical Masons Knights K.H., Original Chapter of Prince Mason of Ireland, Kilwinning Chapter of Prince Mason of Ireland, and Rose Croix Chapters, Nos. 1 to 7, at Cork, Dublin, *Lisbon*, Limerick, Dublin, Cork, and Ballinasloe.

The "Order of Mizraim" consisted of five members, viz., Duke of Leinster, John Fowler (Lieut. G. Com. 33°), John Norman (G. Sec. 33°), Richard Wright (G. Treas. 33°), and William Woodhouse.

The "Knights of the Sun" had 18 members, the "Knights H.H." had 51 members, and the Rose Croix Chapters numbered just 200 in all. The members of the 33° appear in the 32°, and all the 32nd in the 30°, and all the 30° in the 18°, as a general rule. The Venerable Archdeacon W. B. Mant's name occurs with the 30°, and also in the roll of the Original Chapter, of 18°, at Dublin. Michael Furnell was a member of the 33° by *affiliation*, and Colonel Charles J. Chatterton (4th Dragoon Guards) was one of the three Honorary members.

At a meeting of the Supreme Grand Council of Rites for Ireland, held Jan. 30, 1846, it was resolved "That in future any Brother on the Registry of Ireland who shall receive the Rose Croix Degree in any Chapter [abroad], shall not be received into a Chapter under the Irish Constitution, until he has qualified according to the laws at present in existence as the laws of the Council of Rites for Ireland."

The Grand Lodge of Ireland resolved Feb. 1st, 1844, that it "strictly prohibits, as unlawful, all Assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any Title whatsoever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a Warrant or Constitution from this Grand Lodge, or from the other Masonic Bodies [R. Arch, K.T., and A. and A. Rite], recognised by, and acting in unison with the Grand Lodge of Ireland." The 18° can only be conferred on a brother who is a K.T., K. of Malta, Knight of the East and West, K. of the Sword, R.A. Mason, Past Master of Symbolic Lodge, seven years a Master Mason, and 33 years of age, unless by Dispensation, and he must also profess the Christian Religion.

W. J. HUGHAN.

WHAT IS ANCIENT FREEMASONRY?

The following is the answer of Past Grand Master BLATT, Chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, of the Grand Lodge of Dakota:

"We have carefully examined Masonic history, authorities, and precedents upon the subject, and can give but one answer: Legitimate Masonry consists of Three Degrees which this Grand Lodge knows, controls, and practices. All the ancient Masonry of which we have authentic history was included in these Degrees, when the bodies in existence claiming to be Masonic were lodges and Grand Lodges. We are aware that *there are* societies formed exclusively of Masons, but by what right they call themselves Masonic bodies is not clearly apparent, as the Grand Lodge does not charter them, regulate their ritual, or prescribe their legislation. Their only right to call themselves Masonic bodies arises from the sole fact that they are composed entirely of Masons. We have naught to say against them, and individually hold membership in most of them, yet we do not consider it the province of this Grand Lodge to sanction as legitimate any bodies or Degrees said to be Masonic of which a vast majority of its members are ignorant, especially bodies and Degrees not founded upon the ancient law to which it owes its own existence. The first Grand Lodge, the parent of Masonry on this continent, was formed in 1717. She knew, recognised, and practiced the Three Degrees only up to 1813, when for the purpose of union with a schismatic Grand Lodge,

she tolerated the 'Order of the Holy Royal Arch.' At that time and prior thereto many so-called rites and Degrees had been established, and upon the continent of Europe Masonry was in a confused and anomalous condition in consequence. English-speaking Masons, and the Grand Lodges in the United States particularly, have generally kept aloof from any departure from the original plan. In conclusion, your Committee assert without hesitation that, as Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, we know of no Masonry that this Grand Lodge consistently can or should sanction as legitimate except the Degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M."—*Keystone*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, under the auspices and at the invitation of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314. The P.G.M., Earl Amherst, presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D. Eng., and a large and representative gathering of the Masons of the Province.

Prov. G. Lodge was opened, and the brethren being seated, his lordship entered, preceded by the Present and Past Grand Officers, and, upon assuming the chair, opened P.G. Lodge. The minutes of the previous P.G.L. were then approved of, as was the P.G. Treasurer's account.

The next business was the election of P.G. Treasurer, and here we may at once express our regret that that old and distinguished Mason, Bro. B. K. Thorpe, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., and P.G. Treas., has found it necessary to resign a position that he has for so many years held with honour to himself, and advantage to the Province. That being understood, and prefaced by a few words of regret on the part of the P.G.M., Bro. A. F. Bird, P.M. 784, and P.P.S.G.W., in the course of an eloquent speech, in which he eulogised the long and faithful services of Bro. Thorpe to the province, and forcibly expressed the regret of the brethren on hearing of Bro. Thorpe's desire for rest, moved "That Bro. W. Russell, P.M. 77, and P.P.S.G.W., be P.G. Sec. for the ensuing year." He spoke of Bro. Russell as one of unblemished reputation, of his services with Bro. Adamson in the cause of Charity, and of his being the possessor of the essential qualifications for so high and important a position.

This was seconded by Bro. C. E. BIRCH, P.M. 1223, in a few well chosen sentences, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. RUSSELL, in returning thanks, regretted the necessity for his election, because he had always looked upon Bro. Thorpe as one who would have, and ought, to hold the office as long as he lived. Six weeks ago he had not the slightest idea that he should be proposed for such a high office. He would not detain them then, but later on would take the opportunity of more fully thanking them for the confidence reposed in him.

Bro. STORY proposed "That the best thanks of P.G. Lodge be presented to Bro. Thorpe for the long and valuable services rendered the province by him while acting as P.G. Treasurer, and while expressing their regret at his retirement from that office, wish him long life and every happiness."

The D.P.G.M. suggested that the following addition should be put to the motion, and then he would second it, "and the brethren be asked to form a Committee to include the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Officers, and the Master of every lodge in the province, with the First Principals of every chapter in the province, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Thorpe, as a recognition of his long and faithful services to the province."

This Bro. STORY acquiesced in, and on the P.G.M. putting it, it was carried by acclamation.

Bro. THORPE, in returning thanks, said he first took over the duties of Sec. "pro tem." in 1872, but it was not till 1876 that he was fully elected to the office, having done the work for four years in the name of his predecessor. At that time the amount of dues, &c., amounted to about £354 per annum, now they amounted to some £642, so that the strength of the province had nearly doubled itself. He thanked them heartily for their good wishes.

The P.G. Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Col. R. P. Laurie, M.P., P.M. 31	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. R. Bolton, P.M. 1314	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. H. Bond, M.A., P.M. 1273	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. M. Maugham, M.A., P.M. 1915	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Russell, P.M. 77, P.P.S.G.W.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Alfred Spencer (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Wood, P.M. 1973	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" D. Welsh, M.D., P.M. 2046	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" D. Grinstead, P.M. 1692	...	Prov. G.S. of W
" W. J. Smith, P.M. 199	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" S. Joseph, P.M. 558	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" G. H. Curel, P.M. 1050	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. Wootton, P.M. 127	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. H. Marcolyn, P.M. 1209	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. T. Green, P.M. 158	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Quartermaster V. Brown, P.M. 1174	...	Prov. A.G. Sec
" H. J. Sturgeon, P.M. 429	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. G. Archer, P.M. 1089	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Alfred Legge, P.M. 709	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. Kingsmill, P.M. 125	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" F. H. L. R. Moll, P.M. 1107	...	
" W. Moulder, P.M. 829	...	
" G. Naylor, P.M. 20	...	
" G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615	...	
" W. H. Cronk, P.M. 1414	...	
" S. E. Morgan, P.M. 1424	...	
" T. H. Blamiers, P.M. 1449	...	
" R. A. Gibbons, P.M. 1464	...	
" J. Orum, 20	...	

The following grants were recommended by the P.G. Lodge Charity Committee, and confirmed, viz.: £20 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 184; and £20 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1678; £21 each to Lodges 20, 31, 77, 125, 127, 133, 158, 184, 199, and 299, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Widows' Fund; £21 each to Lodges 20, 31, 77, 1837, and 1854, for the Girls' School; and £199 10s. to the Boys' School, in the name of the P.G.M., to make him Patron of the Institution.

The lodge roll of the province was called, and then the brethren went to the parish church (by kind permission of the Rev. J. G. Hellicarthe, the vicar), where an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Bond, S.G. Chap., from the following text: "Then the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy," Job 38, v. 7.

On re-assembly at the lodge room, a vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bond

for his services, and to the vicar for the use of the church, and then Prov. G. Lodge was closed.

The banquet (elegantly served by Messrs. Hill and Sons) was partaken of at the Town Hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with flags and flowers. A string band in the gallery played selections during dinner. The wines were of the best vintages, and were supplied by Messrs. Winder and Co., under conditions favourable to the entertainers, and at a liberal tariff.

The following list of Stewards were present, all of the Acacia Lodge, and were indefatigable in looking after the comfort of their guests (they wore as a badge the rampant White Horse of Kent in silver, on a blue ground, the effect being exceedingly neat and pretty): Bros. E. Coste, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. Seaman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wyer, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Bond, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. R. Bolton, P.M.; T. Finch, P.M.; H. Gross, W.M.; E. E. Elverston, S.W.; R. Brand, J.W.; J. H. Sanders, S.D.; E. W. Ellis, J.D.; Dr. J. S. Buck, I.G.; R. A. Hose, Stwd.; E. D. Lavender, W. Burt, R. Ferris, H. Fryer, G. H. Lay, T. L. Woodhams, T. G. Hill, and G. R. Hoare. The Stewards badges were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Among the other brethren present were: Bros. W. Downing, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. R. Cobham, P.M., S.W. 20; J. C. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Hills, W.M.; W. E. Hollingham, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. R. Champion, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. A. Jackson, Chap.; G. T. King, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. Beamish, J.W.; F. Hitchins, J.D.; G. Rackstraw, Stwd., and J. Solomon, D.C., all of 77; C. W. Young and G. S. Wilkes, of 125; J. Healing, W.M., and B. Moor, S.W., of 127; E. Stutely, P.M., R. Derry, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., W. T. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.G.P., and J. Cork, of 158; J. S. Ranger, P.M. 184, P.P.A.G.P.; N. Martin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. Wills, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., J. Brock, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., T. Jenkins, W.M., A. W. Wells, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and C. Hind, S.W., all of 299; H. E. Coppin, 429; T. W. Wallis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., H. Doughty, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., A. Ronaldson, P.M., and C. R. Grimshaw, S.W., all of 483; G. Baker, P.M., J. R. Foord, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., T. Ellmore, P.M., J. S. Anscombe, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., G. F. Baker, W.M., and J. Barker, S.W., all of 503; W. Dunk, P.M., G. Spurgen, S.W., F. G. Morrison, T. Holmes, W. Worsell, and J. Miners, all of 558; J. Aillud, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and G. Cashfield, J.D., of 615; C. W. Blaxted, J.W. 709; T. Hastings, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., H. Mason, P.M., E. Palmer, P.M., C. H. Lawson, P.M., C. Jolly, P.M. (Honorary), W. C. Campbell, I.G., and C. J. Clapham, D.C., all of 913; R. Clout, W.M., and W. Jude, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., of 1063; H. E. Pannell, W.M., and A. Archer, P.M., of 1089; P. F. Weniger, S.D. 1107; Dr. H. Penfold, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., C. Walker, W.M., S. G. Reid, S.W., and J. S. Sponge, J.W., all of 1174; W. W. Woodruff, P.M. 1206; G. Adamson, P.M. 1208, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. C. E. Shirley-Woolmer, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., W. Gill, W.M., and G. Page, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., all of 1209; J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223, P.P.G.R.; H. Morris, W.M., G. Goble, P.M., H. Black, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and L. Seager, S.W., all of 1273; A. Bertchnell, J. A. Harvey, P.M., and S. Cotterill, all of 1314; C. Holcroft, P.M., and Rev. C. S. Curtis, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., of 1414; W. B. Kennett, P.M., R. H. Pledge, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., O. Smith, S.D., all of 1436; W. Hollis, W.M., W. Kippes, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and C. F. Quicke, S.D., all of 1531; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., G. Kenneday, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and J. Whiteheart, Stwd., all of 1536; W. G. Stidolph, W.M., and B. Wadmore, J.W., of 1678; J. King, I.P.M., R. L. Gore, T. C. Newson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., W. Dickens, W.M., J. Sanders, J.W., R. Buckitt, Sec., and J. W. Jones, all of 1692; Capt. W. H. Tylden-Patterson, P.M. 1854; S. W. Shaw, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., T. W. Porter, S.W., A. W. Southwell, D.C., and B. Lightfoot, I.G., 1915; G. H. Bishop, W.M. 1965; A. H. Bateman, P.M. 1973; J. B. Groom, W.M., and T. Barden, S.W., of 2046; H. C. Jones, W.M. 2099; H. Tyrer, W.M., J. Pollard, S.W., and A. Bowers, J.W. 2147; R. Stevenson, W.M., T. Baker, S.W., and T. Ryder, J.W., all of 2200; T. West, P.M. 1815; B. Kaufman, P.M. 1732; A. F. Caspard, S.D. 1668; G. Chew, P.M. 1685; W. J. Harris, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., H. Nash, J. Longley, and R. Waldin, all of 1428; and others.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the Prov. GRAND MASTER gave that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," and, in giving it, the P.G.M. said H.R.H. had for many years presided most successfully over the Craft, and during that time it had increased both in numbers and influence; and as his eldest daughter was about to be married to a not unworthy subject, they would drink his health, and send up their hearty good wishes for his, and his daughter's welfare.

The toast was drunk amid rounds of cheers, which literally shook the hall.

The next toast was that of "The M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." The Prov. GRAND MASTER, in giving it, said their G.M. was most ably seconded and supported by his lieutenants, but it was seldom that one or the other attended such a meeting as that; he should have liked to have coupled the toast with a member of the province, but he should on that occasion couple it with the name of Bro. Weldon, P.G. Chap., who, although with them, had only joined one of their lodges as an honorary member. He asked them to drink that brother's health in connection with the toast.

Bro. WELDON thanked the P.G.M. for the honour conferred upon him in coupling his name with so important a toast, and thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of it. For those brethren who were not acquainted with the working of Grand Lodge, it was as well that upon that occasion he should remind them that the work undertaken by the Grand Officers was no slight or easy task, but one that required a great sacrifice of time and intense application. There were reports to receive and consider from all parts of the civilized world, and he was glad to say that at the present time there was no part of the civilized world where the influence of Grand Lodge was not felt and its power acknowledged. There were questions that required the utmost clearness of head and soundness of judgment to deal with them, and they would agree with him when he said that in the persons of their Pro and Deputy Grand Masters they had leaders whose judgment in all matters Masonic was admitted and submitted to without a murmur of dissent. After referring to the splendid sermon preached by the P.G.C., he said they had that day shown to the outside world that Masonry was not only a mystic service, but, in the best sense of the word, a religious one, and was the means of uniting all classes in all parts of the world with a Fatherhood of God and a Brotherhood of Men.

The D.P.G.M. then asked the brethren to fill up a bumper, for he was quite sure that they would respond most heartily to the toast he was now about to put before them. He could assure them that he felt it a great privilege, as D.P.G.M., to have to propose the toast, and he was sure they would drink it heartily when he told them it was "The Health of the P.G.M." that he was about to give them. Their P.G.M. had now held that office for the last 29 years. There were many of them who could well remember the day when the patent was granted to their P.G.M., and he was sure that it was a very good day for the Province of Kent. Even those who had not been Masons so long must acknowledge the immense advantage it had been to the province to have a nobleman at their head, whose skill in matters Masonic was only equalled by his geniality, and whose hand and heart was always open to and for the cause of the oppressed. Why, for the many qualities that made a man and a Mason he would, to use a sporting phrase, back his lordship against the world. In 1886, the P.G.M. was appointed P.G.M. of the Province of Kent. It was then in a very low state; now, after 29 years, he could tell them they had quadrupled the number, and where they could then only give £100 in the cause of Charity, they could now give £500, and had the actual power to do justice to the claims of a poor and distressed brother in difficulties. He felt it a very

special privilege to announce to them a very special matter. They had been with the P.G.M. in his trouble and sympathised with him, and in his joys they had rejoiced with him. Now he had permission to tell them that his lordship was about to enter into the bonds of matrimony, and he felt sure they would rejoice with his lordship at the fact and join with him (Bro. Eastes) in saying—"May T.G.A.O. T.U. preserve them both for many years to be all in all to one another."

The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, the cheers lasting a long while, and breaking out again and again.

The P.G.M., in response, said it was impossible not to be deeply touched at the hearty reception of the toast, so kindly proposed by the D.P.G.M., who, he must say, had ever been the same to him in sunshine and in trouble, while he had always had the most sincere sympathy in affliction from every brother in the province, but now he was happy to say that he had had the good luck to win for a wife the most charming woman in London, and if ever he had the opportunity of introducing his wife to them, they would agree with him that it was a great honour to win such a charming woman. With reference to the province, he had, during the past year, consecrated one new lodge and one new chapter, and had also the satisfaction of consecrating one more of those Masonic temples that were springing up in the Province of Kent, where the brethren could meet without trusting to that chance hospitality that was not at all times all that could be desired. Their rites required a certain amount of quietness and sanctity, and ought not to be carried out in a place that might serve one day a Masonic meeting and the next a bean-feast. Far be it from him to say a word against the licensed victuallers' houses, but they must agree with him that it was a great and grand thing to have a place consecrated to their rites and the quiet performance of their sublime ceremonies. He was sorry to say that one lodge, the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, had left them, and by the approval of the G.M., gone into the London district. The head-quarters of the regiment were at Woolwich and Plumstead, and it was only right that they should be near them, and although he was sorry to lose a lodge, yet, as they wanted to go, he could only wish them "God speed" in their new quarters. The new hall at Plumstead was a most handsome and commodious building, and he congratulated the Masons of that part of the province on their possessing it, although it had been the cause of some trouble to him and the D.P.G.M. in this way: Some years ago, they, by some means or other, trespassed on the London district by allowing the Plumstead brethren to found a lodge, the Pattison, within 12 miles of Grand Lodge, as the crow flies; it was outside the radius by road, and the latter was then considered the right way to measure the distance, then the United Military Lodge was founded, also at Plumstead, and that was allowed. Then the Plumstead brethren built the temple already spoken of, and the London brethren in Woolwich said—"Here is the place for us, it is within the London district, and we intend to hold our meetings here." The case was laid before Grand Lodge, and it was there and then finally decided that the Pattison and United Military Lodges might still retain their connection with the Province, and meet in the hall, but that in future all lodges founded within 12 miles of Grand Lodge, "as the crow flies," shall be Metropolitan lodges, and not provincial, so that the West Kent Volunteer Lodge having gone there, was compelled to leave the province and become a London lodge. He wished it, therefore, distinctly to be understood, that it would be useless to apply to the province for a new lodge in that district, unless without the radius of the Metropolitan area. Now all this caused a little trouble, but if Masonry was not worth a little trouble, he would like to know how he could ask them, with a clear conscience, to work for him and the interests of the Craft in the province. During the 29 years he had been in the province he had always been received in the heartiest manner, and he should be pleased to tell his future wife how, upon this especial occasion, his name had been received so heartily by the Masons of the Province of Kent.

His lordship then resumed his seat amid the heartiest applause.

The next toast was that of "The V.W. Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M.," and in putting it, the P.G.M. said it was a toast that was very apropos to a song—"The Postillion"—because it put him in mind of a French officer in the time of Napoleon the Great, who had to go constantly to all parts of Europe, at the will of the Emperor, and at all hours of the night and day, and who, when asked for his epitaph, said *Ci git Foucher; Fouette, cocher*—"Go on, Postillion"—and that was certainly applicable to the case of Bro. Eastes. In a large provincial lodge it was most essential that they should have a good D.P.G.M., and he could safely say that he never asked Bro. Eastes to do any work for him, or gave him good council, but that he always found his confidence in him fully justified, and he considered it a providential day for him and the Province of Kent when he asked Bro. Eastes to take the position of D.P.G.M. and that brother accepted it.

Bro. EASTES, who was loudly cheered on rising, said he hardly knew how to thank his lordship and the brethren for their great kindness to him, but so long as he lived, and their P.G.M. appointed him to his present position, so long should he endeavour to carry out the duties entrusted to him to the best of his ability. He had been a Mason for nearly 34 years, and a P.G.O. for over 27 or 28 years, of the last 15 of which he had been D.P.G.M., and he could say with perfect confidence that he had never one single regret for joining the Craft, or working under their excellent Bro. Earl Amherst. He spoke highly of Bros. Thorpe and Spencer, and concluded by assuring them that, in the future, as in the past, he should continue to do all in his power for the good of the province and Masonry generally.

Bro. BOLTON responded for "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," saying it was personally a great honour conferred upon him, but, while doing so, was deeply sensible that it was not so much an honour to himself as to the Acacia Lodge, and to those past officers of it, many of whom had already received the purple at the hands of his lordship. They were told that Masonry was a progressive science; but he never knew what it meant before that day. He could only say that any duty that devolved upon him at the call of his lordship he was willing and ready to do.

Bro. SPENCER also responded, and assured the brethren that he would sooner have the goodwill of the brethren of the Province of Kent than any honour that could be conferred upon him. Although now living out of the province, yet he trusted to be with them often, and could assure them that their many long years of kindness and brotherly regard would never be obliterated from his memory.

Bro. ADAMSON responded for "The Masonic Charities," and gave a lengthy exposition of the great work done by the province for the Charities during the last 20 years.

Bro. SPENCER spoke eloquently of the position the province held in the Masonic world, and of the immediate work done in it, and then the toasts of "The Visitors," "The Committee of the Acacia Lodge," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. F. H. Cozens, Miss Jessie Griffin, and Bros. J. Brown, E. Dalzell, and C. Ackerman sung ballads and glees between the speeches splendidly, and, in conclusion, we heartily congratulate the Acacia Lodge on the unqualified success of its entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge.

CLOTHING.—In former days, and about the time of the revival, Freemasons are said to have had a well-known and special dress, namely, a "skull cap, yellow jacket, and blue nether garments, with a leathern apron." No doubt the old operative Guilds all had special dresses. In an old illumination in the British Museum, in which a Master Mason and four Masons appear at work, the Master has a long blue garment and pink cape, and blue hat; and two of the Masons have pink garments and blue capes, and two have brown garments and pink capes. The proper dress for Freemasons in the lodge, in our humble opinion, is evening dress. The word clothing technically also refers to the wearing of an apron, as no Mason can enter a lodge without it, or be said to be "properly clothed."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

A meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Criterion Hall, Worksop, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. Thomas William Tew, P.M., P.G.D. England, Prov. G.M. West Yorks, as acting P.G.M.; Henry Smith, P.M., P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M. West Yorks, as acting D.P.G.M.; John Archbold, P.P.G.S.B., Prov. S.G.W.; Charles Johnson, P.P.G.S. of W., Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. E. St. John Morse and T. C. Ewbank, Prov. G. Chaps.; E. C. Patchitt, P.P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Treas.; John Housley, P.P.G. Stwd., Prov. G. Reg.; Henry R. Hatherly, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Robert T. Ingram, P.P.G. Std. Br., Prov. S.G.D.; John T. McCraith, Prov. J.G.D.; Edward Griffiths, P.P.G. Stwd., Prov. G.S. of W.; Wm. Joseph Rogerson, P.P.G. Stwd., Prov. G.D.C.; John Peter Wm. Marx, P.P.G. Stwd., Prov. A.G.D.C.; Joseph Derry, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Appleton and Hy. Vickers, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; A. H. Bonser, Prov. G. Org.; A. Stubbs, P.P.G.W., Prov. A.G. Sec.; T. Fisher, Prov. G. Purst.; C. H. Benham, Prov. G. Tyler; T. Killingley, Prov. A.G. Tyler; James Josiah Gee, Evan Powell, Henry Saxton, Thomas Thorpe, William Burrows, and Jno. A. Howitt, Prov. G. Stwds.; and others.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. THOS. W. TEW, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, who stated that, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, it had given him much pleasure to accept the invitation of the Prov. G.M. of Nottinghamshire to preside over the meeting.

The roll of P.G. Officers was called, all being present with the exception of the P.A.G.P., who was unavoidably absent.

The roll of W.M.'s and Wardens of lodges in the province was called, all being well represented.

The minutes of the last meeting of P.G. Lodge, held at Nottingham, December 20th, 1888, were read and confirmed.

The arrival of the D.P.G.M. designate being announced, a deputation was formed, and Bro. Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, M.A., P.G. Chap. England, was presented for installation.

The patent of appointment, dated April 8th, 1889, was read by Bro. Jno. Housley, P.G.R.

Bro. THOS. WM. TEW, P.G.D., P.G.M., West Yorks, then addressed the P.G. Lodge, and referred in graceful terms to his long acquaintance with Bro. Bussell, and to the great esteem in which he was held by all who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance; for himself it was not only a privilege but a very great honour to be permitted to install so worthy a brother in the office of D.P.G.M.; he dwelt at some length on the noble principles which underlie Freemasonry, and especially showed how they should influence those placed in authority. He believed the choice which had been made of a successor to the late Bro. John Watson was a happy and judicious one, and that the welfare of the province had been entrusted to a safe and prudent ruler.

Bro. Rev. F. V. Bussell, was then placed in the chair of D.P.G.M. and saluted.

Bro. Rev. F. V. Bussell expressed his personal thanks to Bro. Thomas Wm. Tew for his great kindness in visiting the province, and undertaking in so able a manner the duty of his installation, also to the brethren assembled for their presence and for the heartiness of their greeting. He proposed "That the best thanks of this province be given to Bro. Tew and to his Deputy for the able and impressive manner in which his installation had been performed."

This was seconded by Bro. COMYN, P.P.G.W., and carried unanimously.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He felt that amongst the many able and expert brethren in the province, he should always find those who would support and advise him in any matter of difficulty, and he relied on the cordial assistance of zealous officers, of whom he saw many present. He should always endeavour to preserve strict impartiality, and in the discharge of his duties would be influenced by one chief motive—the welfare of the noble and far reaching Order of which he was a member. Nottinghamshire was but a small province, as compared with West Yorkshire and its roll of 73 lodges, but it would be his earnest wish to develop its influence. He trusted to see Masonry still more advance in Nottinghamshire, since having subsisted from time immemorial, its grand and noble influence could not be too widely extended. He had a sad and painful duty to perform, and that was in reference to his lamented predecessor. He found it difficult to speak of him in fitting terms, to do justice to the ability, to the courteous and unostentatious manner which their deceased brother had displayed in the performance of any task devolving on him, whether Masonic or secular. He had gone—leaving them the legacy of his high example, his unstinted charity, his ever-glowing kindness of manner. It was well known that the late Bro. John Watson had retained his office only because the Provincial Grand Master had expressed a very strong wish to that effect; in spite of serious illness, he had nobly and faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and had to the last taken an active interest in all that concerned the welfare of his province. He moved—"That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Notts desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss it has sustained in the death of Bro. John Watson, its respected and beloved D.P.G.M., and also to express to his widow its heartfelt sympathy with her in her bereavement."

Bro. BERRY, P.P.G.W., seconded.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. HV. GEORGE, P.P.G.D. of C., proposed a vote of congratulation to Bro. Bussell on his appointment to the office of D.P.G.M.

The vote was seconded by Bro. KIDD, P.P.G. Treas., and supported by Bro. the Rev. W. F. BOOT, W.M. of the Pelham Lodge, and carried unanimously.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER cordially expressed his thanks.

Certain resolutions were proposed and carried in reference to the Report of the Boys' School.

There being no further business, Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Town Hall, where they were most hospitably entertained by the Pelham Lodge, No. 939.

The usual toast list was duly honoured, and the Deputy Prov. G.M. again received the hearty congratulations of the brethren present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Beccles, on the 3rd inst., under the banner of the Apollo Lodge, and under the presidency of the P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Henniker. The P.G. Officers present included Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; W. Diver, P.M. 305, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. B. Beck, 81, P.G. Chap.; N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.P.J.G.W.; P.G. Sec.; W. Clarke, P.M. 114, P.G.P. Eng., P.G.D.C.; T. S. Tearne, S.W. 1451, P.G. Org.; J. Hunt, P.M. 376, P.G.P.; J. Warren, P.M. 332, P.A.G.P.; T. W. Read, P.M. 555, and W. J. Mason, W.M. 1422, P.G. Stewards; Rev. R. Peek, W.M. 936, P.P.G.C.; John M. Canova, P.M. and Treas. 388, P.P.S.G.W.; W. W. Walesby, P.M. 929, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Barker, P.M. 388, P.P.A.G.D.C.; B. Seaman, P.M. 929, P.P.G.S.B.; James Tennant, P.M. 71, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. A. Mann, P.M. 1452, P.P.G. Org.; J. Napier, P.M. and Sec. 225, P.P.J.G.D.; T. T. Eccleston, P.M. 305, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Wheeler, P.M. 1224, P.P.G.R.; J. Eastaugh, 1452, P.P.J.G.D.; J. M. Harvey, P.M. 936, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Smith, P.M. 81, P.P.G.P.; G. F. Crane, 305, P.P.J.G.W.; Hugh W. H. Elwes, W.M. 1452, P.P.J.G.D.; and B. W. Syer, 376, P.G. Tyler. The visitors included Bros.

W. Pearl, P.D.P.G.M. Madras; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; C. Thwaites, P.D.J.G.W. Bombay; J. W. French, P.M. 100, P.P.G.R. Norfolk; J. Blunderfield, P.M. 1193, P.G.S., P.P.G.P. Norfolk; H. Harvey George, P.P.J. G.W. Norfolk; C. J. Bullen, S.D. 100; J. S. Warren, 979; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1107; W. M. Woods; Geo. Bowes, P.M. 205; Henry Chown, 1349; and others.

On the roll being called, it was found that all the lodges in the province were represented.

Bro. HARVEY proposed that Bro. Jos. Flintham, of the Adair Lodge, be appointed Prov. Grand Treasurer. Bro. Flintham was well-known by many of the brethren, and he was sure, was in every way a most suitable man for the position.

Bro. the Rev. R. PEEK seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that he had received a letter from Bro. Youell, the late Treasurer, in which he stated that he was quite prepared to hand over a cheque for the balance standing to the credit of the province directly a new Treasurer was appointed. He also wished to thank the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him Treasurer to the province for so many years past.

The Prov. Grand Officers were then invested, as under:

Bro. J. C. Norman, 332	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
W. Read, 1008	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
The Rev. J. Beck, 81	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
C. A. Sinclair, 555	...	...	...
Chas. Hayward, 516	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Jos. Flintham, 936	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
N. Tracy, P.M. 376	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Chapman, 1592	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
A. R. Trew, 959	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
T. W. Read, 555	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. Clarke, 114	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Jeckells, 71	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
Buckland, 305	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
R. Tidbury, M.D., 114	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
C. R. Bryant, 376	...	...	...
T. S. Tearne, 1452	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
H. J. Wright, 936	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
J. Warren, 332	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
T. Stokoe, 1823	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
W. I. Mason, 1224	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
D. Alston, 1224	...	...	...
C. W. Lord, 1224	...	...	...
Jonathan Nobbs, 305	...	...	...
A. R. Scott, 305	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
A. J. L. Reeves, 1631	...	...	...
B. W. Syer, 376	...	...	...

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. TRACY, read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that during the past year there had been a loss to the province of 51, and an addition by joinings and initiations of 76. The total number returned was 870. The arrears amounted to 86, a serious increased percentage, being nearly 10 per cent., against 6½ per cent. last year. The Board endorsed the recommendation of the Board of last year as to the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the opening of a bank account at Ipswich. The Board regretted the state of affairs shown by the labours of the Committee of Investigation in the Boys' School, and trusted that the steps taken would result in a reconstruction of the management on a thoroughly sound basis. At the same time the Board impressed upon the brethren the necessity of supporting the School in the interests of the boys, and recommended the usual grant of £10 10s. to each of the Masonic Charities. The Board recommended an annual grant, not exceeding £5 5s., as a security against loss by the publication of the Calendar by the Prov. G. Secretary.

Bro. W. CLARKE proposed the reception and adoption of the report, and expressed the hope that the cloud which had been passing over the Boys' School would not induce the brethren of the province to withhold their support from that noble Institution.

Bro. ELWES, in seconding the motion, referred to the great value of the Calendar, and strongly supported the recommendation of the Committee.

The report was adopted.

Bro. J. M. HARVEY read the report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which referred to the hearty and continuous support which the brethren of the province had so generously accorded to the Royal Masonic Charities during the past year. This liberality, after the great effort of the previous year—the Centenary of the Girls' Institution—was all the more encouraging to the Committee, and they felt sure would commend itself to the brethren generally. Doubtless they might attribute in a great measure their recent success to the circumstance that the P.G.M. consented to preside as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls this year. Although the notice was short, and the province to a certain extent unprepared for the effort, yet a general and combined action of the brethren of the various lodges was put forth to make the occasion worthy of the province, when 18 brethren offered themselves as Stewards to support the noble Chairman at the Festival. The Committee deeply regretted that the P.G.M. was prevented through family bereavement from undertaking the duties of Chairman, and they tendered to his lordship their heartfelt sympathy and condolence. In consequence of this sad event, the much esteemed Dep. Prov. G.M. was asked to undertake the office of Chairman at the Festival, and those who were present could testify how efficiently he filled the honourable position he occupied on that occasion. The total sum contributed by the province towards this Institution amounted to £577 19s. 6d.—the largest amount the province had ever sent up at one Festival. The highest amount contributed by any other province on this occasion was £225 15s., so that Suffolk contributed more than double the amount subscribed by any other province, and occupied the honourable position of being first on the list. For the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the lists of seven Stewards amounted to £337 1s., and for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the lists of two Stewards amounted to £137 18s. 6d., making a grand total to the three Institutions of Masonry from the Province of Suffolk of £1052 10s. After referring to the elections which had taken place during the year, the Committee impressed upon the members of the Association the importance of sending their votes, duly signed, to the Charity representatives of their lodges without delay, as many votes were lost entirely through this omission.

Bro. W. CLARKE proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Harvey for his very able report, which he said would be read with great satisfaction throughout the province.

Bro. BRYANT seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in his address to the brethren, said he thought the most important thing they had heard that day was the reference to the Masonic Charities. He congratulated the province upon the fact that they were increasing their Masonic power in that direction. He was glad to see present with them Bro. Hedges who had done so much for one of the Charities, and he should like to say how grateful he was to the brethren of the province for the way in which at very short notice they supported him when he was going to take the chair at the Girls' Festival in May last. They knew the reason why he was not able to be present—it was because he lost his dearest mother, his best and truest friend. He should like to

support what Bro. Clarke said with reference to the Boys' School. They had all heard the result of the inquiries of the Committee of Investigation, and he contended that that report, instead of inducing them to withdraw their support from the Charity, ought to lead them to redouble their exertions on its behalf. After expressing the hope that the brethren would excuse his attendance at the banquet, in consequence of his recent bereavement, his lordship said: Before I sit down I should like, if you would allow me, to move a vote of congratulation to our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the approaching wedding of his daughter with the Earl of Fife. I happen to know the Earl of Fife very well—I have been connected with him as honorary visitor to convict prisons for some years, and I know him as an upright and honourable gentleman. He is not an idle man, but one who is most anxious to do his duty. I mention that he has been connected with me in looking over the convict prisons of England to show that he is not a fair-weather gentleman, but one who is willing to do his duty and to take his part in the work that is before him. We must all be glad that the Prince of Wales' eldest daughter is to be married to a British subject, and that she will not leave our shores, as many of our Royal Family do. I have great pleasure in moving the following resolution: "That the Freemasons of the Province of Suffolk, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, offer to H.R.H. the Grand Master and the Princess of Wales their heartfelt congratulations on the approaching marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Louise with the Earl of Fife, with the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless the union, and grant them all the happiness and prosperity which this world can afford."

Bro. the Rev. J. BECK seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The brethren then attended Divine service at the parish church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. A. SINCLAIR.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having resumed, votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor of Beccles for the use of the Town Hall, to the rector for the use of the church, and to the Provincial Grand Chaplain for his sermon.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Corn Hall, under the presidency of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn.

During the progress of the banquet the orchestral band of the Prince of Wales's Own, 2nd Brigade (E.D.) Royal Artillery, under the direction of Bro. Buckland, W.M. 305, performed in a most admirable manner.

The banquet was served in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. Youngs, of the King's Head Hotel.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He referred to the immense strides which Masonry had made since H.R.H. was elected the head of the Craft.

The D.P.G.M. also proposed "The M.W. Provincial Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," for whom Bro. HEDGES responded.

The other toasts were "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Henniker," "The V.W. the D.P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn," "The Prov. Grand Officers," "The Charities," "The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Tracy," "The Apollo Lodge," and "The Visitors."

The toasts were interspersed by songs, &c., by Bros. C. Buckland, H. Harvey George, A. R. Scott, and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The 15th convocation of this Prov. G. Chapter was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, when there was a numerous attendance of provincial companions and visitors, the latter including several distinguished Grand Officers.

The arrangements were admirable, and the result was a very successful and pleasant meeting.

Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G. Supt., presided, and was supported by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H.; J. F. H. Woodward, acting Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; Bentley Haynes, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; W. G. Kentish, Prov. G.S.B.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., and G.D.C.; Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G.S.E. Surrey; W. F. Laxton, P.P.G. Reg.; J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.P.S.; C. H. Webb, P.P.G.S.B.; D. P. Cama, P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.P.S.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Cordwell, P.P.A.G.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Reg.; J. G. Langton, J. 1194; Geo. Gregory, P.Z.; R. Vincent, 1777; E. Y. Jolliffe, H. W. Roberts, M.E.Z. 1293; G. S. Elliott, P.Z. 1423; R. H. Blackford, J. 1549; F. C. Austin, 1793; Jas. Willing, jun., P.Z. 1507, 1000; A. C. Spaul, P.Z. 382; A. A. Higerty, H. 946; Simeon Jacobs, P.Z. 946; W. J. Porter, Org. 1793; W. M. Tegg, P.Z. 1237; G. L. Wingate, P.P.A.G.S.; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org.; A. Lingard, Z. 1691; R. R. Collick, Z. 946; H. Sapsworth, S.N. 946; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

Prov. G. Chapter was opened, and the roll of chapters having been called, the minutes were read and verified.

The Audit Committee's report was next received, and unanimously adopted.

The G. Superintendent re-appointed Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp as Prov. G.H., and appointed and installed Comp. E. Y. Jolliffe as Prov. G.J. Comp. G. Gregory, P.Z., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and the following officers were appointed and invested:

Comp. W. H. Lee	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. C. Spaul	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. W. Roberts	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Lingard	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. L. Elliott	...	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. Willing, jun.	...	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Capt. R. J. Vincent	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Wm. Tegg	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. Collick	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. C. Austin	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Stevens	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Gilbert	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Audit Committee for 1890 was appointed, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was formally closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably catered for, and served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Mella.

"The Queen and R.A. Masonry" having been given at the conclusion of the dinner,

The G. SUPERINTENDENT proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Lords Carnarvon, Lathom, and Leigh, and the Grand Officers," and said he was sure the toast would be received with the greatest pleasure and enthusiasm. They were all aware that the Earl of Carnarvon had done to assist H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. H.R.H. was, unfortunately, not often able to be present, but they were aware of the extraordinary amount of work he had performed during the time he had occupied his present position. The Earl of Carnarvon was always ready to help the companions, and Lords Lathom and Leigh at all times did what they could for the Order.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., said the G. Superintendent had honoured the G. Officers of England by coupling their names with the toast, and he begged, on their behalf, to say a few words in response. He assured them that the G. Officers were highly honoured by holding their positions, and serving under the illustrious Prince, whose great exertions and services in Masonry had been alluded to by the G. Superintendent. No matter in what Degree, H.R.H. evinced the same marvellous interest, and it was a wonderful thing, considering the amount of extraneous work he had to perform, that he found the time he did for Masonic duties. The Grand Officers were very fortunate in serving under so illustrious a chief. It was a pleasure to those Grand Officers present that evening to witness the continued prosperity of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex, and although he (Comp. Clerke) had not been in attendance for years, he felt great pleasure in being once again under the control of their dear old friend and most excellent Mason, Col. Sir Francis Burdett. So long—and let it be very long—as they had his genial sway, Masonry would be ungrateful if it did not carry on its work well, and progress, as it ought to do under his auspices. He thanked the G. Superintendent for the kind way in which he had alluded to the G. Officers of the G. Chapter of England.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THURPP, P.G. 2nd Principal, said he had next to propose, what they in Middlesex considered a very important toast—it was "The Health of their Grand Superintendent, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart." The G.S.E. had taken the bread out of his mouth by passing eulogiums upon the G. Superintendent, but anyone who knew that distinguished companion was ready to pay tribute to his good quality as a Mason in every respect. He asked the companions to greet the G. Superintendent with that hearty welcome he always received in the province, for he had ruled over them for a number of years with the utmost kindness and success, and had done much to promote R.A. Masonry in Middlesex. The companions would join in wishing Sir Francis Burdett good health for many years to reign over them.

Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., G. Supt., in reply, said he could not express his gratitude for the kind manner, not only in which the companions had received the kind proposition of the Prov. G.H., but also for the manner in which that companion had spoken of him, and of which he was not worthy. The promotion of Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex had been at his heart, but he could not have done what he had but for Comp. Thrupp and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. He was grateful for the many obligations for which he was indebted to the Prov. Grand Officers during the time he had presided over the province. It was pleasing to find that the officers of Grand Chapter visited them occasionally, and were kind enough to flatter them with terms of approbation. It had taken a considerable time to make the province what it now was, and he trusted it would not only progress as it had done, but that they would make it as prosperous and as good in the working as any under the ruling of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He thanked the companions for the way in which they had received the toast, and hoped they would have many opportunities of meeting again.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT next said he considered that before they separated they ought to drink the health of those who had honoured them with their presence, and had attended as visitors. In doing so he would couple the name of Comp. Philbrick, who had come rather late, but that companion had paid them a high compliment in showing he had not forgotten their Provincial Grand Chapter, for by great exertions he had been enabled to be present at the last moment.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, in response, said there was an old adage that the end of a feast was better than the beginning of a fray, and there was a deal of wisdom in it. He believed it was not in record for a Mason to respond for this toast before he had had his soup. On the present occasion he ventured on the unknown ground of endeavouring to express his thanks for the kind and hospitable welcome extended to the strangers, and for what he was about to receive he felt truly thankful. He hoped his dear old friend, the Grand Superintendent, would not think he had not been desirous of paying a proper respect to him and the province, but he had arranged to accompany the G.S.E., and when he told them he had been detained at Freemasons' Hall with business connected with the Boys' School, he thought he should be pardoned. He was glad to see Royal Arch Masonry flourishing in the province under its respected head. As the lodges, so the chapters, for the chapter was the quintessence of a lodge, and drew the working brethren and put the cope stone on the work of the Craft. He was glad to think and to see their Grand Superintendent in the full enjoyment of health, and to know the province was prospering under his beneficial sway. He (Comp. Philbrick) had something to do with Royal Arch Masonry in an adjacent province not very far off, and speaking in the name of that province he assured them they had a hearty and sincere regard to see the work thoroughly carried out. He wished to offer their best wishes and to express their congratulations on the state of this province. For the kind and hearty welcome extended to the visitors, he, on their part, very feelingly tendered sincere and grateful thanks.

The Janitor's toast then closed the proceedings.

Comp. G. S. Graham gave several of his musical selections, which were much appreciated by all present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

A Masonic gathering of peculiar interest took place in Derby, on Monday, the 8th inst., under the auspices of the Derby Lodge, No. 302. His Worship the Mayor of Derby, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., who has for a considerable number of years taken an exceedingly active part in the affairs of various branches of the ancient fraternity, was installed as W.M. in the presence of a numerous and influential assemblage. Two years ago, Bro. Woodiwiss occupied the chair of that large and prosperous Craft Lodge, the Arboretum, No. 731, and towards the close of last year was appointed by Lord Hartington, P.G.M. of Derbyshire, as S.G.W. of the province. On Monday, the P.G.M.M., Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., took occasion to hold Provincial Grand Lodge, under the banner of the Derby Lodge, and during the day conferred upon Bro. Woodiwiss the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Thus it happens that the Mayor, during his tenure of civic office, has been made the recipient of almost the highest honours the Provincial Grand Masters in the Craft and Mark Degrees have it in their power to bestow.

The business of the Derby Lodge was commenced at half-past three o'clock, and Bro. Woodiwiss was installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Cawthorne Webster, who discharged that important duty with excellent taste and judgment. Subsequently the new Master appointed and invested his officers in the following order: Bros. C. Webster, I.P.M.; R. L. Homer Mole, Prov. G. Std. Br., S.W.; John Walker, J.W.; W. J. Piper, M.O.; W. B. Woodforde, S.O.; S. Taylor, Prov. G. Std., J.O.; Rev. T. Orrell, Prov. G.C., Chap.; J. O. Manton, P.P. S.G.O., Treas.; T. Oldham, R. of M.; C. D. Hart, Sec.; J. P. Fearfield, S.D.; T. E. Yeomans, J.D.; E. Horne, P.P.J.G.O., Org.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, D.C.; W. H. Wheeldon, I.G.; and W. Stone, Tyler.

At half-past four o'clock, the brethren received the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, Present and Past, as well as a number of distinguished visitors, and the business of the Prov. G. Lodge was proceeded with.

Bro. Kelly, who, despite his great age, appeared strong and hearty, was supported by Bros. Thomas Cox, D.P.G.M.; C. Letch Mason, P.G.M. West Yorkshire; the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.M. Kent; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Eng.; C. Fendelow, P.G.O. Eng.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. Eng.; G. T. Wright, P.J.G.W.; S. Knight, P.G.M.O.; A. Stubbs, P.S.G.O.; Edgar Horne, P.J.G.O.; the Rev.

C. W. Groves, P.G.C.; the Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.G.C.; S. Cleaver, P.G. Treas.; S. A. Marris, P.G.R.; Miles Walker, P.G. Sec.; J. C. Webb, P.S.G.D.; J. Harrison, P.G.D.C.; W. H. Goodwin, P.G.S.B.; J. E. Whitehead, P.G. Std. Br.; Isidore de Solla, P.G. Org.; R. B. Barratt, P.G.I.G.; T. G. Charlesworth, F. S. Preston, and Harry Hodges, P.G. Stewards; J. Young, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Freer, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Brown, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Chadwick, P.P.S.G.O.; Sir John Smith; T. Wright, P.P.G.R.; W. Whittaker, P.P.J.G.D.; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; J. H. Thompson, P.P.S.G.O.; J. Howell, P.P.S.G.O.; J. O. Manton, P.P.G.O.; J. Worsnop, I.P.M. 339; Thos. Roe, M.P., W. H. Marsden, Frank Iliffe, G. M. Bond, G. T. Edmund, P.G. Org.; T. Carter Wigg, J. Herbert Marshall, John Walker, W. Fletcher, W.M. 373; W. Prince, I.P.M.; Wright Lissett, Thomas Stacey, A. Frazer, W. Gadsby, P.P.G. Org. Notts; A. Schofield, W. Frost, W. Tatham, and many others.

The roll of lodges was called over, and every lodge in the united Province of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, and Rutland was found to be represented.

The usual reports from the Worshipful Masters, the Committee of General Purposes, the Registrar, and the Treasurer were submitted, and were, on the whole, considered favourable. In each instance the future was hopefully spoken of.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as under:

Bro. Thomas Cox	...	...	...	Deputy P.G.M.
Abraham Woodiwiss	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
J. H. Thompson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Brook Sampson	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
J. C. Webb	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
F. S. Preston	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
Rev. S. W. Wigg	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
Thomas Orrell	...	...	...
S. Cleaver	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
S. A. Marris	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Miles J. Walker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. E. Whitehead	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
John Fletcher	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
R. Michie	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
J. Harrison	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
W. Prince	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
A. Oram	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
R. L. H. Mole	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
Isidore de Solla	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. J. Curtis	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
J. B. Waring	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Severn Taylor	...	...	...
W. Frost	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
Hon. C. W. Trollope	...	...	...
Derrick	...	...	...
W. Stone	...	...	...

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then delivered a brief but interesting address to the brethren, favourably reviewing the work of the past year, and intimating that, as a consequence of the expiration of his patent as P.G. Master (an office he had been privileged to hold for the long period of 31 years) it would be necessary to nominate a brother to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for appointment to the post for the ensuing year.

Thereupon Bro. THOMAS COX moved that their able and deeply-respected friend, Bro. William Kelly, be once more nominated.

The proposal was seconded, and carried with enthusiasm.

Bro. KELLY briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren of his determination to discharge the arduous duties of the office as well as his advancing years would allow him.

The Prov. G. Lodge soon afterwards retired, leaving the Derby Lodge to bring the business of the day to a conclusion.

Subsequently upwards of 80 of the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast, provided and admirably served by Bro. Thomas Day.

The Worshipful Master, who presided, dispensed his hospitality with his accustomed geniality, and an evening of great enjoyment was spent by all.

The healths of the Provincial Grand Master and of Bro. Woodiwiss were honoured with the utmost cordiality, and wishes for the prosperity of the Derby Lodge were earnestly expressed by many speakers.

The musical arrangements, which were under the direction of Bro. W. L. Dodd, were exceedingly satisfactory.

Nor should we omit to make mention of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Percy Wallis, both in the lodge and in the banqueting hall, in the capacity of Director of Ceremonies.

Altogether the occasion will rank as a red-letter day in the history of Mark Masonry in Derby.

CHAPITRE DE CLERMONT.—Chapter of Clermont. This is the name given to the system founded by the Chevalier de Bonneville, November 27th, 1754, and which took its name either from the Jesuit College, close by the place of its meeting, or from the fact that it was, or was supposed to be, the perpetuation of a Jesuit Chapter of High Grade Masons, which in that college had actually met and laboured for the cause of the Stuarts. We are, we confess, a little doubtful on this latter point, despite the assertions of some Masonic writers; though it is just possible that many of the Stuart partisans in France used the secrecy of Freemasonry for their own purposes, and many of the high grades may have been purposely arranged or adapted for that end. The system of the Chapter of Clermont seems to have been introduced into Germany at Berlin, in 1760, under the name of "Kapitel der Clermont." At first, some say, this system consisted only of three high grades, to please the more educated and wealthy, who were weary of the dissensions of Craft Masonry in Paris. These Degrees were—1. The Knight of the Eagle, or Elect Master (Chevalier de l'Aigle, ou Maître Elu); 2. Illustrious Knight, or Templar Professed (Chevalier Illustré, ou Templier Professé); 3. Sublime Illustrious Knight (Sublime Chevalier Illustré). Subsequently, however, other grades were added, and the whole system was merged eventually in the Grand Conseil or Grand Chapter of the Emperors of the East and West. We do not ourselves believe that the high grades arose in consequence of the dissensions of Craft Masons, but rather that, from the time of Ramsay's mistaken address, there was a foolish craving for these apparently higher, and knightly, and mysterious grades. It has been asserted that the chapter in Germany, which first hailed from this chapter of Clermont, afterwards took the name of "Ordo Equestris Hierosolymitanus," but we do not feel quite sure that this was so. Mackey seems to believe that it was only the revival of the Templar system of Ramsay, which appears to have been in vogue at Lyons about 1743. But it clearly was not Ramsay's system, and was at any rate a modification and enlargement of it. Von Hund was, we know, admitted into the Chapter of Clermont, and took from it apparently his idea of the Strict Observance, which he afterwards worked out so fully in Germany.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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CONSECRATION OF THE MONTEFIORE CHAPTER, No. 1017.

The Montefiore Chapter, attached to the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, for which a charter has recently been granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter, was consecrated and constituted on Wednesday last at the Café Royal, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., who was assisted by Comps. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., as H.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., as J.; Phillips, as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj., G.D.C., as D. of C. The founders were Comps. S. V. Abraham, Lewis Jacobs, John A. Gartley, H. J. Phillips, and S. Pollitzer. The visitors were Comps. H. Massey, P.Z. 619; Charles Beckett, 2000; A. M. Cohen, P.Z. 188, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 1928; Lewis M. Myers, C.C., M.E.Z. 188; Richard J. Harnell, 2021; Max Mendelssohn, P.S. 1839; John Hodges, 2182; J. M. Bockbinder, 188; Fred. H. Cozens, 907; J. Bayne, 733; W. Wright, 1602; and J. W. Harvey, M.E.Z. 25.

The chapter having been formally opened, and the preliminaries of the day's proceedings observed,

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, as Consecrating Officer, addressed the companions. He said that they were met together that day on a very important Masonic occasion, viz., to consecrate and constitute a new Royal Arch Chapter under the authority of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. It was now some 25 years ago that the Montefiore Lodge was established, and it met in the room in which they were now assembled. Since its formation it had had a most successful career, and many members of the lodge very properly thought that they should have a Royal Arch Chapter in which its members might take their Degree. That was a very laudable desire on the part of the brethren, and the Supreme Grand Chapter taking this view granted a charter for the holding of the chapter, and the companions were now assembled to perform the most agreeable duty of consecrating and constituting the chapter and installing those companions who had been chosen to preside over the chapter.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON having addressed the Principals, read the petition and charter in conformity with the directions of the Consecrating Officer, and the companions having signified their approval of the officers nominated in the charter,

Comp. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, acting as J., delivered the following oration:

Most Excellent and Companions,—I am duly sensible of the honour you have conferred upon me by asking me to assist at the consecration of a chapter in connection with a lodge which has even in a few years taken a distinguished place on our metropolitan roll, and which bears a venerable and honoured name of world-wide fame. May He prosper our handy work. The grandest and most Royal Arch ever seen or known has been planned and erected by the Great Architect of the Universe. Apparently resting upon earth, but spanning the heavens, it was appointed as the sign of a covenant between God and man, on the removal of the lease of the renovated earth to the children of Adam. "I do set my bow in the cloud," and "I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature." This carries us back to the early history of the world, and reminds us not only of the punishment which fell upon our corrupted race, but of the goodness of God in restoring it to the Divine favour and protection through the Preacher of Righteousness and the Ark of Safety. Not long after, God gave man the moral law to guide his feet into the way of peace. The perfect and glorified commandments that constitute that law are as the prismatic colours of the radiant arch, beneath which we pilgrims pass as we sojourn here for a little while, and travel on to the Promised Land. Those divine commandments are blended in beautiful harmony, and have been interwoven with the laws of every civilised nation upon earth. They constitute undoubtedly the light which our venerable Order is guided, and by which our words, our acts, nay, our very thoughts should be directed. In later days than those of Noah and the Patriarchs, the Prophet Micah, 200 years before Haggi wrote, looked upon the Divine Arch, and found inscribed upon it, in letters of golden light, the requirements of God in the controversy with His people Israel, and which are contained in this brief epitome of the law—

- 1 Do justly.
- 2 Love mercy.
- 3 Walk humbly with thy God.

1. Who that has had an experience in the affairs of life but must come to the conclusion that the practise of justice or righteousness is what every man in his heart respects and loves in his neighbour, however little he follows it himself; that in his home, in society, in his country, and in every relation of life, the virtue is indispensable to the happiness of mankind, nay, to the security of property and life. Justice is an attribute of God, and it is from this source that we intuitively derive our ideal of what is just and right to our fellow man. It is this which cements, as well as adorns, the human edifier, and gives men that mutual trust in each other without which society could not long hold together. There cannot be a greater proof of the value of this cardinal virtue than the fact that the security of the brightest jewel in the British Crown—the Indian Empire—has been held in its allegiance by the inflexible justice which has pre-eminently characterised British rule. Need I say how important a factor it is, and how high a position it holds in the administration of our Masonic Order. Many and various are the occasions on which just con-

sideration and decision are required to the calming of sensitive minds, the allaying of stormy passions, and the fearless uprooting of palpable, and sometimes long lived corruptions. May we always have amongst us men of high principle and good courage, who will brave any personal odium rather than stand by to see flagrant injustice perpetrated, and unscrupulous effrontery triumphant, whose two mottos shall be—"Be just and fear not," and Fiat Justitia, ruat Cælumi. II. Love mercy. The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle dew from heaven. Poet, philosopher, philanthropist, men of all religious views, and though last, not least, Freemasons vie with each other in generous rivalry to sing the praises of mercy. Mercy is to be found in every clime, and amongst every race under heaven. Yea, even amongst those who are still classed among the uncivilised and the savage. It was but the other day that the barbarous chief and people of Samoa, rushed, at the risk of life, into the surging sea, to save the lives of their drowning enemies. Yes, companions, it is a delightful thought that God has written on the heart of man the name of mercy, in characters distinct, though, alas, often obliterated by passion, vice, or supposed self-interest, and not a day of our lives passes that we have not some opportunity, great or small, of showing mercy or loving kindness amongst our fellows—in serving a friend, in forgiving a foe, in providing for the poor and needy, in assuaging the troubles of the distressed, in mitigating human suffering, and in pitiful consideration for everything that has the gift of life. In all such cases, we can quit us like true men, like the sons of God, and like poor erring beings who need mercy now, and who will hereafter have to plead for mercy at the judgment seat of a pure and holy God, and of whom it is written by the Royal Psalmist—"His Mercy is over all His Works," and that that "Mercy endureth for ever." There is much significance and true philosophy in an anecdote recorded of Dr. Dattedridge, who, on saying to his little child one day—"How is it that everybody loves you?"—received for answer—"I know not, except it is that I love everybody." Masons pre-eminently love mercy and Charity. It is one of the foundation-stones of our glorious Temple, and it is to be found enshrined in many an emblem, associated with many a ceremony, and illustrated in our three noble Institutions. But I trust it is also to be discovered in our lives and conversations, and in that brotherly love which forms so distinguishing a characteristic of the true Mason. III. Linked with these two noble attributes of men and Masons is, the "Walking humbly with our God." Companions, the day in which we live is, I regret to say, not one specially marked by humility—particularly by that humility which bows before the Majesty of God; and adopts the Divine lesson taught to the great Lawgiver at the burning bush—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place on which thou standest is Holy ground." This reverence for the Great Creator and Ruler of the Universe is inculcated by the Sacred writings, and in many a touching precept and command in our beautiful and expressive ritual. Reverence for His name, His word, His will. His works is peculiarly impressed on a Mason's heart and mind, while in all our lodges and chapters the Volume of His Sacred Law holds the most prominent place as the guide to our faith and the rule of all our actions. Whatever other men may do or say, as for us and our Masonic Order, "let us serve the Lord with reverence and Godly fear," bearing in mind His Almighty Power, as well as His Infinite Love; and may the descendants of that chosen and Royal race, who were once the sole depositories of His Holy will, and whose history is so marvellously and indissolubly intertwined with the destinies of mankind, be foremost to uphold the name, the honour, and the law of the Great Jehovah. May they and all of us companions join in the spirit of those well-known words—

These are Thy glorious works, Parent of Good,
Almighty; Thine this universal frame,
Thou wondrous fair; Thyself how wondrous then!
Unspeakable, Who sittest above these heavens,
To us invisible, or dimly seen
In these, Thy lower works; yet, these declare
Thy goodness beyond thought, and power divine.
Speak ye, who best can tell, ye Sons of Light,
Angels; for ye behold Him, and with songs
And choral symphonies, day without night,
Circle his throne rejoicing; ye in Heaven,
On earth join, all ye creatures, to extol
Him first, Him last, Him 'midst, and without end.

And when, companions, for the last time, we pass beneath the Royal Arch which spans this lower world, may we find ourselves entering the Grand Chapter above, the Great Architect of the Universe following, and joining in that chorus of angelic song that once was echoed by the Temple walls, and upon the Hill of Zion—"Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in; Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts; He is the King of Glory."

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and on its completion, Comp. S. V. Abraham was placed in the chair of M.E.Z., and Comp. Pollitzer, in the chair of H., no ceremony of installation being needed, as both companions were Past First Principals. Comp. J. Grunebaum, the J. designate, was unavoidably absent, so that his installation was deferred. The investiture of the other officers was deferred till next Wednesday, when an emergency meeting will be held to exalt a long list of brethren.

After the Principals had been placed in their chairs, Comp. S. V. ABRAHAM, M.E.Z., proposed a vote of

thanks to the Consecrating Officers and the Director of Ceremonies, and the same was carried unanimously, after which these same companions were elected honorary members of the chapter.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other honorary members.

A vote of thanks was also proposed by Comp. ABRAHAM to Comps. Phillips and Gartley for their gift of the Bible (an exquisitely printed Hebrew and English edition, printed in Vienna, and superbly bound) to the chapter, and the vote having been seconded and carried,

Comp. GARTLEY, for himself and Comp. PHILLIPS, responded.

Comp. POLLITZER, H., proposed, and Comp. PHILLIPS, acting as S.E., seconded a vote of thanks to the M.E.Z., for the presentation of the scroll and veil to the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions joined Comps. Abraham and Pollitzer in drinking a glass of wine to the success of the new chapter.

The musical portion of the ceremony, which was beautifully rendered, was executed by Comps. C. Beckett, John Hodges, Fredk. H. Cozens, J. Bayne, and W. Wright, which last companion presided at the organ.

THE BENEVOLENCE OF FREEMASONRY.

The Rev. A. T. Pullen, of St. Luke's, Glasgow, has addressed the following letter to the papers in which his sermon had been published:

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "J. B. W.," allow me to express the satisfaction I feel that in the Province of Selkirk and Roxburgh it has "never been known that the widows or orphans of deceased brethren have suffered from any want of assistance from the brotherhood at any time, or under any circumstances whatever." But has this assistance been continued as long as the widow remained a widow, and the orphan was unable to earn his own living? I think not. Every benevolent society in Scotland—and I am connected with several—gives assistance to the widow in an amount stated upon their rules, and never give with the specific object before them of relieving aid in sickness, &c. But Masonry is not a benevolent society at all. Surely "J. B. W." is aware of this. Its aims and objects are higher than this, and assistance to brethren fallen into trouble, and that of their relatives, is merely a correlative object of the Order, and the natural, but not obligatory, outflow of its principles. Benevolence is the sole object of friendly societies, such as the Oddfellows, Free Gardeners, and other such kindred societies, and great is the blessing they prove to the working class; but Masonry stands far above these societies. Words are put into my mouth in the report of my sermon which I never uttered, and much is judiciously omitted; but what I maintain is simply this—that the care of the distressed brother, the widow, and the orphan have not received from the brethren of the Craft in Scotland that care and attention they have received elsewhere. Why, it is difficult to say. The fact, melancholy as it is, is patent. I have myself appealed on behalf of widows and orphans and distressed brethren to those high in office, and appealed in vain. If ever I meet them on the level they will hear of it. I can, however, also cite an instance where a widow has received assistance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but in England the amount voted once would have been quadrupled annually during widowhood, and the children educated until they were able to do for themselves. Masonic benevolence is as yet in its infancy in Scotland. There may have been no call for it in the past, but there is now, and with the laxity observable in the admission of brethren existing in many quarters this is likely to increase. I think, however, there are signs of Scotland moving to the front in this, as in other matters, for with the proposal to hold a grand bazaar next year to raise a capital of £10,000 for a Masonic Benevolent Fund, I think I can see the dawn of a bright future in the field of benevolence for the members of the Craft in Scotland.

THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

At an emergency meeting of the Eden Lodge, No. 1530, E.C., held on Tuesday evening, April 30th, at the Masonic Hall, Karangahape-road, under the presidency of Bro. F. Warren, W.M., the question of the constitution of a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand was under consideration. A motion against the proposed change was followed by an amendment affirming the principle and desirability of constituting a United Grand Lodge, the amendment being ultimately carried by an overwhelming majority. The Eden Lodge is thus the second lodge in this city which has, within less than one week, voted in favour of the projected United Grand Lodge.

At a meeting of the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Masonic Union, it was stated that up to the present the proposal to establish a Grand Lodge for New Zealand had been discussed by 28 lodges, of which 19 had carried a resolution recommending its adoption.—*Auckland Weekly News.*

ACACIA.

To lay the choicest flowers on the corse,
May serve a worldling's miserable creed,
Who trims his mourning, like his acts, to greed,
And after feels no pang of grim remorse.
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If, during Life, we press within the palm
One sprig of lowly Evergreen, with balm
Of priceless sympathy, that cheers the heart?
Oh! sickly fragrance on the spoils of Death!
The shameless mockery of all that's good,
Such mourners are, who, waiting till the breath
Has left its tenement of flesh and blood,
Then see those virtues in the calm, cold face,
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GARDEN PARTY.

July 13.—CYCLE RACES on Lower Grounds.

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CERT, prior to his final farewell.

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To Correspondents.

W. MASTER.—A division would only be called for in the
case of there being a doubt as to the result of the show of
hands.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Chronicle" (Columbia), "Keystone," "Boletín
Oficial," "The Tyler," "Die Bauhütte," "Liberal Freemason,"
"Masonic Review," "South African Freemason," and "The
Masonic Constellation."



SATURDAY, JULY 13TH, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

Our energetic brother, Col. Foster Gough, Prov. G.
Master for Staffordshire, will soon be able to qualify
as an Operative Mason. During the last two months
he has officially taken part in the laying of five founda-
tion-stones in his province—an unprecedented feat in
English Freemasonry, we imagine. Bro. Horace Brooks
Marshall must look to his laurels!

Fifty guineas of the surplus from the Stewards' fees
of the recent Festival has been again very judiciously
spent in providing a treat for the Girls at the Crystal
Palace. It was a lovely day, and the children enjoyed
it amazingly.

The Whitehall Lodge appears to be assuming form
and substance, although it comes in a "somewhat
questionable shape." If we may credit the announce-
ments in the daily press, Bro Viscount Oxenbridge will
be invited to become the first W.M., and the meetings
are intended to be held at the Hotel Victoria. If this
be true, we can see no objection "per se" to its name
or local habitation, nor why the habitués of the palatial
club close by, should not have "a convenient place
adjoining," to meet as Masons, provided they left their
politics behind, which we feel sure they would have
the good sense to do.

Ill. Bro. J. F. Hoffgaard, 30°, P.P.G.D. East Lanca-
shire, was installed M.W.S. of the Palatine Rose Croix
Chapter, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant; and at the
same meeting, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England,
P.P.G.W. East Lancashire, was perfected.

Bro. Montague J. Guest, the popular P.G.M. of
Dorset, must, we think, have been gratified at the
success of his scheme for a Dorset Masonic Charity
when he saw the large and influential attendance of
brethren supporting Bro. W. D. Dugdale, the Chair-

man, at the General Committee Meeting at Wimborne
on Thursday, the 4th inst. The subject of a Provincial
Benevolent Fund was first introduced by Bro. Guest at
the P.G. Lodge meeting at Dorchester on 25th Sept.,
1879. Our report of that meeting states that "The
P.G.M. addressed the brethren on various matters
affecting the Freemasons, particularly in regard to the
formation of a Charity Fund for the province."

We wonder if our brother could then have ven-
tured to hope that before ten years had expired the
Fund he then proposed to start could afford to disburse
in relief at a half-yearly meeting no less than £85, as
it seems from our report of the meeting of the General
Committee, which will be found in another column, has
been done.

Bro. C. Meyer and his fellow pilgrims from Philadel-
phia have been in London during the week; they proceed
to Paris to-day (Friday), but will return for a day or two
next week. The Anglo-American Lodge, as might have
been expected, have arranged for an emergency meeting
on the 23rd inst., for the purpose of receiving the party
as guests, and all who have experienced the hospitality
of the "international" lodge will be sure that a hearty
welcome awaits them.

The party was entertained at dinner at the Holborn
Restaurant on Wednesday evening by Bro. Cummings,
himself a Philadelphian. Invitations were extended
to a few London brethren. Some excellent speeches
were made by Bros. Kelly, Meyer, and others. The
several toasts were responded to by Bros. Cumberland,
Reynolds, and Lake.

Bro. Kelly, who forms one of the party, is a man of
great energy, and an earnest worker in Masonry. He
is Chairman of the Temple Committee, and has had
charge of the Temple since its dedication, 16 years
ago. He is also Chairman of the Committee of Cor-
respondence of the Grand Commandery of Knights
of Pennsylvania.

Why cannot the pretty Masonic visiting card so
universally used by Freemasons in America, be acclima-
tised in this country? Is it that the English Mason
objects to the publicity given to his Masonic rank
and titles? We think not. But if so, it might be urged
that they are only used amongst Masons, and it is
surely much less embarrassing to hand a brother a neat
card, setting forth his claim for consideration as a
Mason, than to reel off a "viva voce" description of
his Masonic status.

Bro. C. H. Cummings' card is now before us. It sets
forth that he is "Past Eminent Commander K.T.; a
member of St. Mark's Lodge, F. and A.M.; Masonic
Veteran Association, N.Y.; Zerubbabel Chapter, No.
147, R.A.M.; Packer Commandery, No. 23, K.T.;
Philadelphia Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°," and Sov.
Grand Inspector, 33°. On the back is the following
quaint intimation: "I expect to pass through this
world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can
do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow
human being, let me do it NOW. Let me not defer or
neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

The Tranquillity Lodge, No. 274, Newchurch, will
hold its centenary meeting on Wednesday, the 17th
inst., when the centenary warrant and jewels will be
presented by Bro. Alderman E. G. Harwood, P.P.
J.G.W., and Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity
Committee.

Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand
Master of East Lancashire, will lay the foundation-
stone of the new Grammar Schools at Newchurch in
Rossendale, on Saturday, the 3rd of August next.

The M.W. Grand Master has granted a warrant
for a new lodge to meet at Bradford, Yorks, to be called
the Acacia. The new lodge, which is numbered 2321,
will shortly be consecrated, and will bring up the
number of lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire
to 74.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., Provincial Grand Master
of Essex, has fixed Tuesday, August 6th, for the
annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which
is to be held at his lordship's picturesque seat of
Easton Lodge, near Dunmow. We hear that after the
usual business meeting, a banquet will be served in a
marquee on the terrace; that the private grounds will be

illuminated in the evening; and that the Great Eastern Railway Company have kindly promised to make special train arrangements to enable those present to stay as late as possible. It is expected that the meeting will be the largest Masonic gathering ever held in Essex.

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We regret to learn that Bro. the Earl of Jersey has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon, which position he has held for several years. Lord Valentia, it is stated, will probably succeed Lord Jersey as Grand Master of the province.

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Our valued contemporary, the *Keystone*, reports the following humorous post-prandial speech of Grand Master Estee, of California, at an installation recently: "Brethren and sisters, you know if there is anything worse than to deliver a speech, it is to listen to one. I have stood here for two hours performing my little part, and you have listened to me. Now, we have in this State a law against cruelty to animals, and it would seem to me grievous cruelty to further burden you. Friends, I have been here before, though long ago. Twenty-six years ago, I carried off a wife from your midst, and, though she may not have been the only pretty one, yet I thought so, and have done so ever since, despite the fact that there are many divorce laws in this State. To those here my advice is, let us so live to-day that we may be better to-morrow. Let us hope and believe that our efforts may be rewarded by making one heart warm, soften the sorrows of some woman here to-night, or make softer the path of some lone-some and pitiful person. That is Masonry, and that is all there is of it. We say it is ancient, that it was founded in Solomon's time, that it was old at the time of Christ. It is eternal. I advise you to live so that people on the outside may honour you as Masons. Practice the same virtues on the outside as you do on the inside. Remember that nothing you can do as Masons will do you dishonour. They will respect you; your wives will respect you. And you who are on the outside, if we have done anything that will tend to impress you with the dignity and worthiness of Masonry, our efforts will not be unrewarded."

Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*,

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is with the greatest reluctance that I break the silence I have hitherto so strictly observed during the unfortunate dissensions which have latterly arisen in connection with the government of this Institution. I had even resolved on passing by with the contempt it merits the malicious charge made against me at the Special Court on 6th June—a charge which disgraces him who made it, not me, against whom it was made. But, in deference to opinions expressed by many old and valued friends, in whose judgment I have implicit faith, and who tell me their defence of my interests is greatly weakened by the absence of any contradiction by me of this baseless charge, I now offer the following explanation of a proceeding which, with a desire to damage my fair fame as much as possible, my accuser at the Court referred to has magnified into a case of forgery.

Every Governor is, or ought to be, aware that the Audit Committee was appointed to meet quarterly to examine the receipts and expenditure for the past quarter, taking particular care to ascertain that the bills and accounts had been properly certified by the House Committee before they recommended them for payment; that the vouchers and cheques for the payments ordered by the General Committee agree with one another; that all receipts and payments are correctly entered and registered by the Secretary, and all balances regularly brought forward. The report of their proceedings at each quarterly meeting is signed by the Auditors present in the cash book and laid before—and read to—the General Committee, and when adopted and approved by the latter body is regularly entered on the minutes. From the four quarterly reports thus submitted and approved is compiled the annual statement of receipts and expenditure, the various items under each head of service—wherever a head of service occurs in more than one quarterly report—being added together—and the names of the auditors who attended the several quarterly meetings appended in verification of its correctness. A transcript of this annual statement is then made for the use of the printer, and it was to this transcript that I appended the names of the auditors who had already certified to the correctness of the quarterly reports from which it was compiled, and to the MS. annual compilation in the cash book itself.

In doing this I believe I am correct in stating that I did nothing more than is ordinarily done by Secretaries of other corporate bodies; but I am quite willing to concede that in following this course I may have laid myself open to a charge from those to whom an opportunity for censure is matter for congratulation.

This is the plain, straightforward explanation of a proceeding of mine which, as I have said, has been maliciously enlarged into an accusation of forgery; and I leave it to the impartial judgment of your readers to determine whether my act as described is not as far removed from "forgery" as the disgraceful conduct of my accuser is from that enjoined on him by the principles of Masonry.

It has been suggested that I should take legal proceedings against the slanderous author of this libel, but, apart from the months of anxiety which the progress of a lawsuit entails—to a far greater extent on a righteous plaintiff than an unrighteous defendant—and the not encouraging experiences of recent legal proceedings, I prefer leaving the reputation for honour and integrity, which I have held during the whole of my past career, and which until now has never been defamed, to vindicate itself, as it will do before many months have passed, from this and similar foul aspersions. There is, however, one circumstance which I consider it right to mention. It is generally accepted that the present turmoil had, at least, its origin in the case of a boy who, by repeated acts of misconduct, culminating in quitting the School premises without leave, incurred the penalty of expulsion. The extreme sentence, however, was modified at my intercession, the full penalty not having been exacted. For the consequences of this intercession I had to submit to the adverse opinion of the House Committee, while—in a wilfully blind perversion of the course I had recommended—the boy's relatives, friends, and partisans have pursued me with unrelenting, vindictive hostility. In this particular instance, however, I must say that I much prefer the hostility of a faction which with a vivid recollection of the violent conduct of its members, the amenities of social life forbid me from describing in plain terms, to their favour.

Perhaps, also, it would be well I should take this opportunity—for I have no intention of allowing myself to be drawn into unseemly protracted discussion—of explaining that my so-called claim to co-ordinate authority with the House Committee was not supported by the plea that I was a "permanent official." This term was never used by me. All I intended to convey was that I was directly amenable to the general body by whom I was appointed, with duties to discharge in connection with the Sub-Committees, whose instructions I was bound to obey, and to whose resolutions it was binding upon me to give effect. Neglect in these particulars would justify a report to the General Committee, who had the power of dealing with such report as they might think fit. In fact, I did no more—intended no more—than to state that I regarded the appointment as one for retention "dum me bene gesserim." This was the very expression I used before the Committee of Inquiry, and is very different from a claim to be recognised as a "permanent official." I cannot at greater length trespass upon your space, however imperfectly I may have discharged a duty, as I have said, reluctantly undertaken.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

July 10th.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In common with other Stewards who attended the Festival on Wednesday last, I received a statement of accounts for the year 1888, which, at first glance, would seem to be more complete than those of previous years, but a closer examination reveals some extraordinary book-keeping and amateur auditing.

The balance at the bank January, 1888, agrees with the figures given at the close of the year 1887, but, according to a foot-note on page 2, a sum of £70 has got into the hands of the Steward and Matron without any entry in the year's accounts. How can the Auditors account for this?

By a singular coincidence, it would appear that the petty expenditure (£205 5s.) is to a penny the same as the outlay under that head last year. Can this be so?

During the year 1888 a sum (I believe) of £75 15s. was paid to the servants at Wood Green as for beer money, of which no entry whatever appears in the accounts. Where was this money obtained from?

On page 9 an analysis is made, showing the cost per boy to have been £47 5s. 8½d.; but from that analysis is omitted £841 9s. 3d., repairs and renewals; £125 18s. 9d. farm and garden produce; £75 15s., beer money; so that if these items are (as they ought to be) included, it will bring the cost per head to £51 5s., irrespective of any charge for interest on the capital of £94,650, which, if taken at 4 per cent., brings the total cost per boy to £65 14s.

On page 2 appears the following item, under the head of receipts:

"Charles Greenwood Memorial Prize Fund—£103 13s." which would appear to be a sum of money intended to be invested for a specific object, but, like Bro. W. Winn's prize gift and Bro. Edward Cox's gift, it has been absorbed into the general funds of the Institution, instead of having been invested as a separate and distinct fund, thus perpetuating the error of former years with respect to money

given for a defined object. A careful comparison of the 1888 with the 1887 accounts will show that many of the items of expenditure have increased in an extraordinary manner, totally inexplicable by the variation in the number of boys provided for.

The alteration in the form of accounts shows that the Finance and Audit Committee thought some change needful, and it is to be regretted that they did not make it thorough and effective so as to present at a glance an accurate statement of affairs.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
July 8th.

STEWART.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Greatbatch asserts that I am wrong in my contention on one point, "vermin," because he says he proved a case on two other points, "chilblains and ringworm."

This is a charming "non sequitur."

His calculations are equally peculiar.

Did Bro. Greatbatch ever hear of wear and tear, and depreciation of plant and machinery?

A great part of the machinery upon which the £4978 was laid out during the 21 years and more of the existence of the Institution became worn out, and was replaced by other machinery included in this same sum total. No allowance is made by him for this. It would be far fairer to take the number of the boys who have gone through the Institution during that time and divide the capital expenditure by that. He would find that it did not average £2 per head, much less £15.

I fear that he will find that, with increased heating, &c., the annual expenditure will rise over the present £412 17s.

The West Yorkshire report was rejected at a Quarterly Court by a majority in the proportion of about 20 to 1.

As the whole question at issue will probably before long come before a court of law, if anyone can be found foolish enough to stand by the Report of the Inquiry Committee, I do not propose to continue this discussion any further.—Yours sincerely and fraternally,

July 9.

A. F. GODSON.

THE POET BURNS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*,

Dear Sir and Brother,

When my last communication on the subject was penned I understood that Bro. Officer had exhausted his adverse views as to the accuracy of the main fact that the Laureateship actually did take place. It was, therefore, not my intention to further attempt to refute my friends' opinions, for which I have all due respect, but, as celebrated authorities have stated that "Until it is recognised that the same strict rules of evidence are applicable to historical composition which are employed in Courts of Justice, and in the practical business of life, history must remain open to the well-grounded suspicion under which it often labours, and will, by many, be treated with that despairing scepticism, which is one of the great obstacles to the advancement of knowledge," and, "when historical facts which in their nature are fairly open to direct proof, are called in question, there is no species of trifling more irksome (to those who have no dishonest ends to serve) than the halting upon 20 indirect arguments, while the *centre proof*—that which clear and upright minds fasten upon intuitively—remains undisposed of." Now, as Bro. Officer states in the *Freemason* of this date that he feels assured that "nothing more of importance can be said," I may be permitted to add just one very important fact which it must be admitted confirms and supports the question at issue. It is, that out of about 100 members whose names appear on the records as having frequented Canongate Kilwinning Lodge for years prior to, and at, Burns' affiliation, and also subsequent to the year 1815, when it was resolved "to open a public subscription by the individual members of the lodge in aid of the general subscription by the friends and admirers of the lamented Bard, Robert Burns (who had been Poet Laureate of this lodge) for the erection of a Mausoleum to his memory," (*vide*, minute 8th June, 1815.) Search may be made in vain for the record of any exception having been taken to this proceeding, or to throw any discredit on the Laureateship, and there is no contemporaneous evidence of any sort or kind to be found against the proposal—in recognition of the office—which Bro. Officer asserts "would, had it happened, unquestionably have appeared."

Amongst the members referred to above, mention may be made of Lord Balcarras, initiated 1775, died 1825; Lewis Cauvin, Burns' French teacher, initiated 1778, died 1825; Alex. Nasmyth (painter of the only authentic portrait of Burns in existence), initiated 1777, died 1840; Dugald Stewart, initiated 1775, died 1828; Sir John Sinclair, of Ulster, initiated 1771, died 1835; Sir Ilay Campbell, President of the Court of Session, initiated 1758, died 1823; Dr. Andrew Duncan, founder of the Edinburgh Dispensary, initiated 1774, died 1828; Sir Henry Jardine, advocate R.W. Master 1790, initiated 1782, died 1851; Sir Charles Hope of Granton, President of the Court of Session, initiated 1784, died 1851; and many others to whom circulars containing the above resolution were sent.

Before closing I would refer to the statement in my last letter to the effect that my chapter on Burns was

"based on the lodge minutes." This was intended to have been written "based on the references in the lodge minutes," and a similar remark applies to the incident relative to William Petrie, for it is recorded by Bro. Marshall (the authenticity of the statement I was unable to verify), that subsequent to November, 1845, he "visited Bro. Petrie accompanied by Bro. Stewart Watson," painter of the Inauguration Picture.

I need add nothing more, except to acknowledge the very frank and courteous manner in which Bro. Officer has criticised my humble efforts to chronicle an episode of such general interest to the Masonic world.—Yours fraternally,

A. MACKENZIE,

Author of "History of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2."

July 6th.



845] PICART'S LIST OF LODGES OF 1735.

I am somewhat anxious to obtain information in reference to the publication of what purports to be a photograph of an engraving in "Ceremonies, et Coutumes Religieuses de tous les peuples du Monde, représentées par des figures dessinées de la main de Bernard Picart." The original work was published by J. Fr. Bernard at Amsterdam from 1723 to 1743, the engraving to which I refer being in Vol. 4, issued in 1735, and is, doubtless, an arrangement of Pine's engraved list of that year. The work itself was described by Bro. Hughan at some length in the *Freemason* of 9th January, 1875.

The photograph which I possess does not agree with the original engraving in some important particulars. In the first place, the lodges are very curiously arranged from right to left, instead of from left to right, as in the original. The "descriptions" or "places of meeting," however, are not reversed. And, secondly, the spelling of many of the words is very different to that in the engraved original—thus:

ORIGINAL.	PHOTOGRAPH.
7 Zueens Street	Queen's Street
10 Bondstreet	Bond Street
50 Marid	Madrid
57 Holbourn	Holborn
61 Cateton Street	Cateaton Street
66 In ye City	In the City
88 Woolverhampton	Wolverhampton
92 Threednedle Street	Threednede Street
95 Dorcett Street	Dorset Str.
110 Coffe House	Coffee House
112 Towerstreet	Towerstreet
118 Lancashiore	Lancashire
119 Worcestersh.	Worcetersh.
120 Great Whild Street	Great Wild Street

If any brother has an engraved copy from which the photograph has been taken, I should be glad to see it, as it would be satisfactory to ascertain when and for what purpose, and by what process, the original was reproduced.

JNO. LANE.

846] PECULIAR CUSTOMS OF LODGES.

It may not be generally known that in two very ancient and honourable Scottish lodges a peculiar way of placing the Wardens is still practised. Let us glance first at venerable "Mother Kilwinning," which stands now on the grand roll as No. 0. How much better and more sensible if it (instead of figuring as a plea for "negative existence") like our Grand Stewards' Lodge, headed their list without any number at all? It is expressly stated in the Schaw Statutes of 1599 that the Edinburgh Lodge ("Mary Chapel") was head and first, and the Kilwinning body head and second lodge, so that the latter has succeeded in usurping her sister's right to be "primus inter pares." The Master of No. 0 is *ipso facto* Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, and he or his Deputy sits in the East at the centre of a long table from which run westwards two other tables (lined on each side with benches or forms for the accommodation of the members); at their extremities are the chairs of the Wardens. The R.W.M. in the east, the S.W. in the north-west, and J.W. in the south-west, thus form a triangle. The V. of S.L. is placed on a chair between the Wardens in the west. The tables and seats nowhere touch the walls of the apartment, in which free space—technically *outside* the lodge—the candidates perambulate in the opening ceremonies. The flourishing "Canongate Kilwinning," No. 2, founded in 1677, places the Wardens in the N.W. and S.W. corners of the room, but they, like the Master, sit against the walls, so that the circumambulation is within their lines, yet the triangle is as evident as in "Mother Kilwinning." Although some enthusiasts contend that formerly this custom was general, the evidence is hazy, and it seems to me probable that very frequently convenience had a good deal to do with the positions of these officers. In some cases the Deacon, Warden, or Preses presided at a table with the principal supporters on each side of his chair. He used in token of superiority to keep his head covered, whence arose the old catch question, "Where does the Master hang his hat?" to which the instructed replied, "On Nature's peg," or

to similar purport. This habit, however, was not singular to North Britain, for in the set of seven coloured plates, published in London, 1809 and 1813, the Master is seen wearing a cocked hat, though this alone is, of course, not sufficient testimony, as the plates were unauthorised, and therefore not necessarily reliable. To mark the equality of the brethren when in lodge assembled the Germans wore their hats, as do the Jews at worship, but for very different reasons.

A. CORR.

847] A SUGGESTIVE BOOK.

"Orbis Miraculum; or the Temple of Solomon; portrayed by Scripture Light, wherein all its famous Buildings, the pompous Worship of the Jews, with its attending Fires and Ceremonies; the several Officers employed in that Work, with their ample Revenues, and the Spiritual Mysteries of the Gospel veiled under all, are treated of at large.

"Psal. 27—4.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His Temple.

"Psal. 43—3.

"O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy Holy Hill and to thy Tabernacles.

"Psal. 84—1, 2.

"How amiable are thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts; my soul longeth, yea, even fainted, for the courts of my Lord; my heart and my flesh cryeth out for the living God.

"London: Printed by John Streater, for Humphrey Mosely, at the Signe of the Prince's Arms, in St. Paul's Church-yard. MDCLIX."

Book is quarto size, of 371 pages, and index eight pages. Plates as follows:

- 1 Solomon and the High Priest holding a banner between them, under them a church, lake, and river scenery, over them St. John in the Isle of Patmos; ships sailing round the island, over them New Jerusalem.
- 2 Plan of the Temple.
- 3 Figure of the covered Temple.
- 4 Ground plot of the Temple.
- 5 Cherubims and palm trees.
- 6 The Ark.
- 7 Altar of incense.
- 8 Table of show bread.
- 9 Golden candlesticks.
- 10 Two pillars and scale.
- 11 Altar of brass.
- 12 Brazen sea.
- 13 Lavers.
- 14 High Priest dressed, &c.

A number of small plates also not mentioned.

BIBLIOPHILE.



Craft Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

DEVONPORT.

St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 954).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting at the Ebrington Hall, on the 27th ult. The W.M. elect, Bro. Lieut. R. O. Polwhele, R.N., was installed. The Installing Officers were Bros. C. Watson, D.P.G.D.C.; J. Crossley, T. Goodall, P.P.G.O.; J. Joliffe, J. R. Dugdale, 954; and the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G. Chap. and P.J.G.W. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G. Sec.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G. S. of W.; J. Allen, 1099, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Osborn, C. Toser, 954; S. Wooley, 189, 248; W. H. Addiscott, 1341 (United Service, Hong Kong); T. Tresise, 1136; W. Coath, 893; Dr. R. C. Revell, 1071; W. R. Rawling, W.M. 1071; J. Bassett, 1212; W. L. Lavers, and J. Wallis, 1255. The officers invested were Bros. H. Haynes, I.P.M.; H. Nicolls, S.W.; T. Launder, J.W.; J. T. Allingham, Treas.; J. Osborne, Sec.; A. Willcock, S.D.; R. Govier, J.D.; C. Coombes, D.C.; J. Ellis, A.D.C.; C. Newton, Org.; C. Farthing, Asst. Org.; W. J. Watson, I.G.; F. D. Huxham, H. Worth, T. Maynard, T. Ellis, J. Dewstone, Stwds.; and W. Henderson, Tyler. The representative at the Committee of Petitions, and the Charity Steward was Bro. C. Watson. Bro. D. Waight, who had been the lodge D.C. for 18 years, withdrew from that office and declined to accept any others. Bro. Goodall proposed that Bro. Waight should receive some acknowledgment for his long service. The W.M. said he should be prepared to make a proposition with reference to that question at the next lodge meeting.

In the evening 80 of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren dined together at the Farley Hotel, Plymouth. The W.M. presided.

In addition to the officers present at the installation, the following were among those present at the dinner: Bros. C. Spence Bate, 189, P.P.G.R.; E. Poor, 1136, P.P.S. G.D. Cornwall; R. Carter, W.M. 202; and H. W. Pengelly, W.M. 1099.

After the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a capital entertainment of vocal and instrumental music and recitations furnished by the brethren. Among the brethren who took part in the entertainment were Bros. F. T. W. Curtis, Williams, W. R. Rawlings, W. L. Lavers, W. Bettridge, C. Newton, and J. Bassett.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. H. Hartley, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. J. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. Wakefield, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treas.; B. Craig, P.M., Sec.; Alex. Cross, S.D.; W. Robinson, J.D.; T. Pickering, I.G.; J. Gordon, Tyler; J. Singers, J. Warren, A. J. S. Dixon, J. Webb, C. Bland, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and two candidates balloted for, accepted, and initiated, and one brother raised. With one proposition, and other business, the lodge was closed.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 291).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Rooms at the Railway Hotel, when the S.W., Bro. T. H. Railton, was duly installed W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. F. Norris, I.P.M.; A. W. C. Peskett, S.W.; J. B. Sincok, J.W.; J. Burnett, Treas.; Rev. Lyons, Chap.; E. F. Wade, Sec.; W. Stiling, S.D.; J. Tyler, J.D.; C. J. Lott, I.G.; Bishop, Org.; J. Wall and A. E. Burnett, Stwds.; and W. W. Woodward, Tyler. There was a good attendance of officers and brethren, the visiting brethren including Bros. H. B. farington, W.M., S. Lewis, P.M., and S. Norton, of 1222; J. Gill, P.M. 1966; Dr. Statham, and Laxton.

The customary banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of the W.M.

ILFRACOMBE.

Lodge of Concord (No. 1135).—The installation festival of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th instant, when Bro. Grover, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair. A large number of brethren were present, including Bros. S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; A. St. Paul, W.M.; W. Rees, I.P.M.; H. R. Grover, S.W.; F. Brede, J.W.; J. S. Catford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ivimy, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Secretary; J. Western, S.D.; W. Day, J.D.; D. Guilding, I.G.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; E. J. Slade-King and M. R. Tatton, Stwds.; J. Blackford, Tyler, R. Lake, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. G. Barnett, P.M., P.G. Reg.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; W. A. Roberts, P.M.; B. P. Willis, P.M.; E. J. Tamlyn, J. Yeardaye, W. Walters, W. H. French, F. H. Colville, G. Adams, C. W. E. Toller, H. Braund, J. Nairn, J. Tucker, A. Slee, C. P. Waite, J. C. Clarke, R. W. Probert, W. L. Jones, G. Summerville, H. L. Harding, and R. M. Rowe, Visitors: Bros. J. Bosson, W.M. 251; J. H. Seldon, P.M. 251; W. Adams, P.M. 1181, P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Ley, P.M. 1091; F. C. Frost, P.M. 303; and others.

The lodge was opened, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W., the Installing Master, Bro. H. R. Grover, was then presented as the W.M. elect, and after being obligated, Bro. Grover was regularly installed into the chair. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. A. St. Paul, I.P.M.; W. Walters, S.W.; F. Brede, J.W.; J. S. Catford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ivimy, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. Western, S.D.; W. Day, J.D.; D. Guilding, I.G.; E. J. Tamlyn, D. of C.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; M. W. Tattam and J. Yeardaye, Stwds.; and J. Blackford, Tyler. The Installing Master delivered the customary addresses in a very effective and impressive manner, this being the 22nd consecutive year Bro. Jones has acted in that capacity.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Ilfracombe Hotel, where the installation banquet took place.

LIVERPOOL.

Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The 38th annual installation meeting of the members of the above lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Temple, Hope-street. After the usual preliminary business, presided over by Bro. Dow, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. William R. Roberts, I.P.M., who was supported by Bros. John L. Houghton, P.M.; T. Boswell, F.M.; Isaac Turner, P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Veevers, P.M.; W. Evans, P.M.; A. Pederson, P.M., Treas.; W. Blunsum, P.M.; P. Larsen, P.M.; E. R. Latham, S.W., W.M. elect; and other leading members. The visitors included Bros. W. Gosting, Sec. 724; W. H. Sweetman, W.M. 1505; R. Foote, P.P.G.T.; J. Humphrey, P.M. 724; J. Ashley, P.M. 1356; R. G. Bradley, P.M. 249; W. Hewson, S.W. 249; H. J. Nicholls, 2042; Edward Segar, Prov. J.G.W.; Henry Isaac, S.W. 1547; J. Sharples, P.M. 724; L. Phillips, W.M. elect 1536; Squire Chapman, P.M. 1013; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; and James Kent, P.M. 1356.

The presentation of Bro. Edmund R. Latham for installation was made by Bros. Wm. Evans, P.M., and W. Blunsum, P.M., and the impressive ceremony performed by Bro. W. R. Roberts, I.P.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was subsequently given. The following officers were then invested: Bros. Dow, I.P.M.; D. Dunkel, S.W.; B. Allenby, J.W.; Isaac Turner, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; John Phelan, Sec.; W. Hudson, Org.; J. Edwards, S.D.; A. Gunn, J.D.; P. Roose, I.G.; Ernest Smart, S. S. Haydn, P. Cowell, J. Howley, Bellingham, and E. Jefferies, Stwds.; John L. Houghton, P.M., D.C.; A. Pederson, P.M., C.R.; and Thomas Malcolm, Tyler.

Before the business was closed, the I.P.M., Bro. Dow, was presented with a costly jewel in recognition of his services; afterwards, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edmund R. Latham, presented the lodge with a beautiful silk banner, suitably inscribed, which was received by the brethren with applause.

The members later on adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Casey had provided an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done.

During the evening, Bro. Pederson, P.M., was the recipient of a handsome Treasurer's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren, in token of his services during the past five years.

An excellent musical programme, given by the following brethren, under the direction of Bro. W. Hudson, viz.: Bros. W. Sweetman, Barry Stuart, Wylie, Humphreys, Nicholls, Busfield, Doubleday, and Howley, brought the evening to a close.

St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, when Bro. J. O. Mallabar was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. J. B. Parker, W.M.; J. Clarke, P.M.; S.W.; H. Halse, P.M.; L. Herman, P.M.; G. Godfrey, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; T. Clark, P.M.; J. H. Stillings, S.W.; J. O. Mallabar, J.W.; D. Jackson, W.M., Treas.; R. Rawlinson, Sec.; J. T. Callow, D.C.; W. E. Horton, I.G.; J. Williams, F. H. Williams, and J. Jones, Stwds.; Albert E. Workman, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There was a very large attendance of members, and amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; P.P.G.S.B.; Walter Ervin, P.M. 1393; P.P.A.G.S.; R. Foote, W.M. 2294; P.P.G. Treas.; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 155; P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Smith, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, 1505; P.P.G. Chap.; J. M. Tunstall, P.M. 1035; Prov. G.P.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 2294; P.G.S.; W. J. Jarman, W.M. 1325; E. R. Latham, W.M. 594; J. B. Galloway, W.M. 1182; H. Round, W.M. 1609; G. A. Harradon, P.M. 1713; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; W. M. Lunt, P.M. 823; E. Shaw, P.M. 155; R. G. Bradley, P.M. 249; R. Robertson, J.W. 786; R. H. Leake, J.D. 1547; and J. G. Hassell, Sec. 2290. The presenting officers were Bros. J. T. Callow and T. Clark, and the W.M. elect was installed by Bro. J. B. Parker, I.P.M. After his installation, Bro. J. O. Mallabar, W.M., proceeded to install his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Parker, I.P.M.; R. Rawlinson, S.W.; W. E. Morton, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; James Williams, Sec.; Rev. W. H. Harpur, Chap.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; Albert E. Workman, Org.; W. H. Williams, S.D.; Joseph Jones, J.D.; J. Wylie, I.G.; W. R. Roberts, T. H. Youds, and W. H. Jones, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The musical service at the installation was performed by Bros. Kirkham, Heginbotham, Burt, Hudson, and Poulson, Bro. A. E. Workman presiding at the organ, and those brethren also supplied the musical programme after the banquet, which was served in the large dining-hall by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. During the evening Bro. J. B. Parker was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

Derby Lodge (No. 724).—Bro. Charles W. Higson was, on the 26th ult., installed as the new W.M. of the above lodge at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The chair was occupied at the opening of the lodge by the retiring W.M., Bro. D. H. Ogley, supported by Bros. W. Stephenson, I.P.M.; G. Gordon, P.M.; J. Commin, P.M.; D. Davies, P.M.; J. Sharples, P.M.; C. W. Higson, S.W., W.M. elect; T. H. Evans, J.W.; G. Beeken, Treas.; R. H. Fraser, Sec.; W. Gosling, S.D.; John Humphreys, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Groves, I.G.; W. Hudson, Org.; T. P. Hodgson and E. Roberts, Stwds.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Foote, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Walter C. Ervin, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.; J. Tunstall, P.M., P.G.P.; W. Maddox, W.M. 823; J. F. Booth, W.M. 1299; H. Round, W.M. 1609; S. Haden Jones, I.P.M. 1299; R. W. Gow, I.P.M. 823; R. G. Bradley, P.M. 249; R. Ludford, P.M. (Valparaiso); R. T. Britten, P.M. 1756; W. H. Vevers, P.M. 594; E. Cattrall, P.M. 203; E. R. Latham, W.M. elect 594; G. Eytton, J.W. 2215; B. Allenby, Sec. 594; W. Evans, S.D. 1325; J. Pheland, S.D. 594; W. Naylor, J.D. 1620; and J. Roberts, J.D. 1713.

The W.M. elect, Bro. C. W. Higson, was presented by Bros. J. Sharples, P.M., and G. Gordon, P.M., and afterwards invested his officers for the following year as follows: Bros. D. H. Ogley, I.P.M.; T. H. Evans, S.W.; R. H. Fraser, J.W.; G. Beeken, P.M., Treas.; W. Gosling, Sec.; J. Blenkinsop, S.D.; C. G. Groves, J.D.; T. P. Hodgson, I.G.; E. Roberts, G. C. Rostock, T. Holmes, and J. Taylor, Stwds.; and G. Gordon, P.M., D.C. Before the lodge was closed, a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Ogley, for his services during the past year.

The brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly given and heartily responded to. The proceedings were further enlivened by several songs, &c., an agreeable feature during the evening being the rendering of the third act from "Othello," by Bros. Barry Stuart and G. D. Clarence, also the violin solo by Bro. J. Busfield.

Royal Victoria Lodge (No. 1013).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. F. Evans was installed W.M. by Bro. T. K. Hughes, P.M., and the officers invested were Bros. W. F. McDonnell, I.P.M.; W. H. Thornton, S.W.; W. M'William, J.W.; W. Warburton, S.D.; J. W. Glendinning, J.D.; G. Broadbent, I.G.; Squire Chapman, P.M., Treas.; T. K. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. W. Napton, Sec.; E. Barnett, P. B. Warburton, T. P. Bethell, and G. Proudman, Stewards; J. Jones, Org.; and Peter Ball, Tyler.

Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on the 24th ult., when Bro. Thomas James Jarman was duly installed by Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, W.M. 314, P.S.G.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The presenting officers were Bros. J. H. Bradshaw, P.G.S. of Wks., and R. B. Burgess, P.M. The members of the lodge present included Bros. Thos. Guile, W.M.; J. Davis, P.M.; J. Holme, P.M.; M. Brown, P.M.; R. B. Burgess, P.M.; T. J. Jarman, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Jennings, Treas.; E. Collister Jones, Sec.; W. Lockwood, S.D.; J. Woodward, J.D.; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M., D.C.; W. Evans, I.G.; W. H. Hodges, Stwd.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. T. M. Shuttleworth, W.M. 314, P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, P.M. 314, Grand Chaplain of England; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; A. D. Hesketh, P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., 2294, P.G.S.; R. Armitage, P.A.G.S.; R. Martin, P.P.G.T.; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; Robert Foote, P.P.G.T.; T. H. Walker, P.G. Treas.; H. Round, W.M. 1609; Captain M'Nab, W.M. 241; G. R. Ashton, I.P.M. 203; J. Humphreys, P.M. 724; J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182; J. Spedding, 995; T. A. Withey, P.M. 1299; Charles Roberts, S.W. 605; J. A. Hignett, J.W. 1393; and Wm. Coffey, Stwds. 2109. The new W.M. proceeded, after his installation, to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. E. Collister Jones, S.W.; J. Woodward,

J.W.; T. Guile, I.P.M., Treas.; W. H. Hodges, Sec.; W. Evans, S.D.; Martin Nicholas, J.D.; W. Carson, I.G.; T. A. Bradshaw, J. Barrett, and T. Jones, Stwds.; W. Hudson, Org.; J. H. Bradshaw, D.C.; W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet served by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. The postprandial proceedings were most agreeably enlivened by the musical contributions of Bros. W. Sweetman and J. Humphries, and the members of the Liverpool Quartette, Bros. S. Kirkham, E. Edwards, J. Heginbotham, and N. F. Burt; Bro. W. Hudson supplying the accompaniments.

A clever ventriloquial sketch was given by Bro. Middleton Andrews, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Bro. T. Guile, the I.P.M., was, during the evening, presented with a Past Master's jewel, together with a handsome marble timepiece and side ornaments.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool.

MILLBROOK.

Meridian Lodge (No. 893).—The annual installation meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on the 8th inst., when the following were installed and elected for the ensuing year: Bros. W. E. Marchant, W.M.; J. Duckett, I.P.M.; E. Price, S.W.; G. B. Nicoll, J.W.; R. H. Frizell, Chap.; Bersey, Treas.; W. H. Bickford, Sec.; S. B. Stanton, S.D.; Wilton, J.D.; Cundy, I.G.; Veale, Org.; John Price, Dir. of Cers.; Ewens and Morey, Stwds.; Fisher, Tyler. The installing officer was the I.P.M., Bro. John Duckett, assisted by the other P.M.'s present, who were Bros. W. Harris, J. Pearn, J. Hosking, Surgeon E. J. Worth, Cause, Bickford, Coath, Evans, Carne, all of the lodge; H. J. Barber, 1247; N. Radmore, 159; A. H. Whidden, 122; J. Leonard, 202, and others.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. J. Duckett, the retiring W.M., in appreciation of his Masonic zeal and ability, and he in turn presented the lodge with a pair of silver wands. On the conclusion of business, the brethren and their numerous visiting brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a plentiful and excellent repast awaited them, purveyed and catered by Bro. Bickford, the genial proprietor of the "Commercial." During the evening many loyal, fraternal, and philanthropic toasts were given, and some capital songs were sung by Bros. Barber, Leonard, Sawdy, Penberthy, and Whidden, Bro. Veale accompanying on the piano. A hearty toast to the host and hostess, Bro. Bickford and Mrs. Bickford, concluded a most enjoyable night's entertainment.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above powerful and premier provincial lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and was attended by a large and influential gathering of the brethren of the lodge and locality generally. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. D. Keeble, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. B. de B. Lopez, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and well and ably did Bro. Keeble do the work up to when his successor was placed in the chair and saluted by a Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Lopez appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. D. Keeble, I.P.M.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., S.W.; W. Busbridge, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Jamblin, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Sanders, S.D.; W. C. Taylor, J.D.; Dr. E. Bryceson, I.G.; C. H. Clapham, D.C.; J. J. Collins, A.D.C.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; J. H. Bull, Asst. Org.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. K. Somers, and J. O. Cook, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. C. H. Lawson, P.M., then took up the office of Installing Officer, and delivered the lectures in eloquent and impressive language, for which he was heartily and universally congratulated. Bro. Lopez commenced his reign by presenting a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel to his immediate predecessor, and, in the name of the lodge, wished him long life to wear it, as a token of the esteem of the brethren, and for the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties as Master during his year of office, for which Bro. Keeble suitably and feelingly returned thanks.

Bro. Coupland was then unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the New Falcon, Gravesend, where the magnificent catering of Bro. Shrubsole was thoroughly enjoyed and commended.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; R. Pidcock, P.M., P.P.G.D. Sussex; F. R. Bryan, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. Griffiths, W. Lock, C. Hartnup, G. Frost, W. Young, J. Topp, W. Corder, J. Hooton, R. Ginnman, D. C. Capon, A. Wallis, J. Mitchell, W. Hayward, J. Frankling, J. Haslett, W. Harris, R. Turrell, H. Towns, W. Rahtz, C. Ellis, H. Malings, G. Laurance, F. Estler, C. Hager, A. D. Capon, W. B. Ledger, H. Grafton, J. Farrier, E. Lewis, A. Moore, R. S. Courtman, A. W. Jackson, G. H. Campbell, W. Fenn, C. W. Scantlebury, R. Saunders, W. G. Newton, W. H. Pryce, H. Steward, W. Wren, J. W. Dickenson, W. Chaney, J. J. Messert, O. Arnold, W. Davidson, R. Rabson, R. Pollard, B. Hammond, L. Mills, H. G. Baker, J. Turton, S. Horton, W. Murphy, Tucker, Spencer, and others, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Russell, P.M. 77, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; Jos. Storey, P.M. 1107, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. Taylor, P.M. 331, P.P.G.S.B. Hants; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.G. Std.; J. Warren, P.M. and Sec. 700; W. Tailbey, W.M. 13; J. W. Miller, W.M. 700; H. King, W.M. 615; G. W. Parsons, S.W. 1050; W. Webber, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; S. Southgate, J.W. 700; H. Grice, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; J. Lawson, S.D. 1789; E. Morris, S.W. 1789; Capt. J. Sculley, P.M. and Treas. 1789; S. Matthews, 2147; R. C. Clyne, 2266; C. J. Barton, 706; G. Wells, 1327; W. G. Forder, 1238; E. Phillips, 700; E. Williams, 1539; G. H. Porter, 700; H. Palmer, 700; W. Turton, of an American Lodge; S. Vann, 1967; J. Silvester, unattached; and others.

"The Health of the Queen and Success to the Craft" having been honoured,

The W.M. proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Most

Worshipful Grand Master," and, in so doing, said it was almost impossible to say anything new about the toast, but they all knew that anything their G.M. could do for the benefit of the Craft he always did with his whole heart and soul. He asked them, therefore, to drink the toast in bumpers; and most cheerfully did the brethren respond to the call.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that although he had not the honour of knowing them personally, he had read of them and of their great services to Freemasonry in the *Freemason*, and to society at large in the daily papers. Lords Carnarvon and Lathom were familiar names in the mouths of every English Mason as brilliant examples of labour and self-sacrifice for the cause, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Coupland, then had the honour of proposing the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of Kent," and said that they, as good Masons, delighted to honour his lordship. They had on the previous Tuesday seen him at Burnley presiding over P.G. Lodge, and there he seemed in the best of health and spirits, and announced his intention of getting married shortly, and he felt sure they would all agree with him when he heartily wished him and his wife who was to be, many years of health and happiness. He well remembered his lordship when, in 1860, he took over the duties of P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, and since then he had unremittently attended to the duties of that high and important position as anyone who attended Prov. G. Lodge might easily see and understand, and such had been the influence of his lordship's genial, yet firm ruling, that they now numbered over 3000 brethren of the province, all actuated by but one sentiment, namely, love and respect for their Prov. G. Master. After pleasantly alluding to the forthcoming marriage of his lordship, he asked them to show their appreciation of his many admirable and genial qualities by drinking his health with all the enthusiasm in their power, and heartily wish him and his future wife long life and happiness. The toast was drunk amid repeated rounds of cheers, and every demonstration of esteem and regard for his lordship.

Bro. Lawson then proposed the toast of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past." He said no lodge in the province had more reason to be proud of the members of Prov. G. Lodge than the Pattison had. During the past two years they had had to go to his lordship upon matters seriously affecting their position as members of P.G. Lodge, with the result that their P.G. Master had, at Bromley, on the previous Tuesday, laid down, in clear and precise terms, the following solution of the difficulty, namely: that the Pattison and United Military Lodges were to remain provincial lodges, and still hold their meetings at the Plumstead Masonic Hall; but should any new lodge be formed, or any lodge at present in the province hold its meetings there, they must be formed under, or join the banner of the Metropolitan district. With the toast he had the privilege of coupling the name of a distinguished and respected Mason, Bro. Russell. That brother was on the previous Tuesday unanimously elected to the important position of P.G. Treasurer; it was an office that had been held for 16 years by his predecessor, Bro. Thorpe, and his predecessor's father had held it before him, and now, as he had said, Bro. Russell was, at their late Prov. G. Lodge meeting at Bromley, elected unanimously to the position so long and honourably held by Bro. Thorne, and the very first lodge he had visited after his election was the Pattison Lodge, for which he, in the name of the lodge, heartily thanked him, and asked the brethren to show their thanks by drinking the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Russell, who was heartily cheered on rising to respond, said he thanked them on behalf of himself and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past, for the toast so ably put by Bro. Lawson, and so kindly responded to by them. He looked upon it as a good augury for the future of the province, that the very first lodge visited by him, after the high office conferred on him, should be the strongest lodge in the province. Directly he received their invitation he accepted it as an augury, and said to himself "I must go," and he was there, and was very gratified at the kind and hearty reception given him. It inspired him with the idea that he should receive the assistance of that powerful lodge, and not only that, but every lodge in the province. If so it would make his duties easy and the task a pleasant one to follow in the footsteps of one who had so long, so nobly, and so honourably filled the office held by their esteemed Bro. Thorpe. He had, however, for many years been in the constant habit of handling sovereigns, and the more he now had from the province the merrier, for if there was one thing more than another that gratified him, it was to know the great amount of good the province did with its money. He need not tell them because they knew what the province had done for the Charities of the Order. The votes of the province, when collected and gathered together were the means of enabling them to carry their candidates, and had acted as cause and effect, and so enabled them to keep the lead they had taken many years ago, and which it was intended to keep up, as instanced by the thousand guineas collected last year for the Girls' School Centenary Festival. In his position as one of the Provincial Charity Commissioners, he had to prepare the lists so as to know where the votes were to come from, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see Bro. Coupland walk in one election day with a bundle of votes neatly tied up with a piece of red tape; a piece that seemed to be a bond of union between them, for directly he saw it he knew the value of it, and that it was for him and the interest of the province generally that they were so presented. After congratulating the lodge on its support of the Charities, he referred to the recent move of the lodge "over the border." It had been a source of great trouble to the P.G. Lodge, and his lordship especially, who was not going to lose his first born if he could help it; and as Jacob wrestled with the angel from early morn till dewy eve, so their Prov. G.M. wrestled with the angel at Grand Lodge; their esteemed Bro. Col. Clerke, and defeated him. He then concluded by again heartily thanking them for their cordial reception of the toast.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing, said he felt that he could scarcely do justice to the toast. They had had some experience of Bro. Lopez, and could all say that he was a most excellent brother and good Mason. It was told them in a portion of the installation ceremony, that "every candidate for the Master's chair should be courteous in manner, easy of address, but steady and firm in principle," and he felt sure that it would be so in the case of their esteemed W.M. Their W.M. was

young, and had all the necessary qualities for his position, and he asked them to drink the toast and wish him a good and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in response, said he could assure them that four years ago he should have been very much surprised if anyone had told him that he should at the end of that period be installed Master of the Pattison Lodge. Now that he was there, and knowing how well the work was always done in the Pattison Lodge, it was no easy task for him to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. He had a good body of officers, and so far as himself was concerned, he should always do his best to maintain the reputation of the lodge, and felt sure that he should receive the hearty support of every one of its members.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast.

Bros. Batchelor and Woodruff, and Madame Fannie Atkinson, and Miss Annie Dwellley, sung ballads and part songs admirably. Bro. S. Horton played a violin solo, W. Skinner sang a comic song, and Bro. Tyler presided at the piano.

REDCAR.

Marwood Lodge (No. 1244).—The celebration of the annual festival of this lodge, and the installation of Bro. George Hood as the W.M. for the ensuing year, took place on the 2nd inst. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. and D.P.G.M.

Several visitors were present, including brethren from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Huddersfield, &c.

The W.M. afterwards invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. Thomas Tennant, S.W.; J. Featherstone, J.W.; C. H. Blewitt, S.D.; J. Harrison, J.D.; J. Hornsby, Sec.; J. J. Jones, I.G.; T. B. White, Stwd.; and J. Herbert, Tyler.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Coatham Hotel, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

RICKMANSWORTH.

Wilson Iles Lodge (No. 2054).—The installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Swan Hotel. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present were Bros. A. J. Hills, P.G.D. Bedfordshire; Millson, P.M. 813; Kempster, P.M.; Burnie, P.M. 140; Reid, S.W. 1171; Lane, 753; R. M. Bruce, J.W.; R. Wilson, S.D.; J. Galt Fisher, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; Rev. J. F. Downes, M.A., P.G. Chap.; L. Clift, I.G.; S. H. Moore, P.M., P.G.D.; F. Hemmings, H. J. Moxon, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; and others.

The lodge being opened, and Mr. Lindsay Hammond initiated, and Bro. Vero Shaw elected a joining member, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. A. Phillips Hills having been presented by Bro. S. H. Moore, P.M., who acted as D.C., he was ably installed in the chair of K.S. The new W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, as follows: Bros. Harry Tipper, I.P.M.; R. M. Bruce, S.W.; R. Wilson, J.W.; H. J. Moxon, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Fisher, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. F. Downes, P.G.C., S.D.; L. Clift, J.D.; Vero Shaw, I.G.; S. H. Moore, P.M., D.C.; and F. Hemmings, Stwd.

After three candidates had been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the brethren adjourned to an admirable banquet, served under the personal supervision of Bro. Large.

After grace had been said, the usual toast list was honoured, the W.M. giving each with point and brevity, having in mind the rapid flight of time and the galaxy of musical talent which was present to delight the ears of the brethren between the speeches, the vocalists engaged being those well-known executants—Madame Bessie Webber, Bros. Brittan and Diver, and Mr. W. Tomes.

With the above-mentioned conditions, all conducing to happiness and enjoyment, it is not to be wondered at that the occasion was regarded as one of the most successful gatherings the Wilson Iles Lodge had ever celebrated, and augurs well that the kindly wishes for its future welfare will be amply realised.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Amongst others present were Bros. T. H. Morgan, W.M.; Thomas Prust, I.P.M.; John Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; T. H. Wills, S.W.; Geo. West, Stwd., as J.W.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; John Taylor, J.D.; S. Wills, I.G.; W. Winget, as Sec.; W. J. Nosworthy, T. Brooks, Org.; J. Pickard, E. J. Pratt, V. Lauzell, and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Nosworthy was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. with his usual ability. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several brethren. Bro. John Lane drew the attention of the brethren to the neat and substantial book-case which had been made by Bro. J. W. McKella, J.W., to the order of the lodge, for the purpose of forming a library, and presented, as his first donation, a copy of each of the following works, viz.: Vol. I. "Masonic Reprints of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076;" "Masonic Facts and Fictions," by Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," by Bro. Sadler. On the motion of Bro. John Taylor, a unanimous vote of thanks was given to Bro. Lane for his donation. Bro. John Taylor was elected by the vote of the brethren to the post of librarian, who intimated that at the next meeting a further and larger donation of books would be made to the library. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This Chapter held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ultimo. Among those attending we noticed Comps. F. Farrington, M.E.Z.; W. E. Farrington, H.; Farthing, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; Benningfield, P.S.; Gaze, 1st A.S.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; W. H. Clemow, P.Z.; R. Skelton, and others. Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.A.G.S. Surrey, &c., and Hattersley, 177, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Capt. Walls then installed Comp. W. E. Farrington as M.E.Z., and Farthing as H. The installation of the Third Principal was unavoidably postponed. The following appointments then took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; Benningfield, S.N.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Gaze, P.S.; Chas. Moore, 1st A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A handsome Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. G. Kenning) was presented to the I.P.Z. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Comps. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe, P.Z.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., J. elect, and others, sent apologies for non-attendance. A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of Comp. F. H. Clemow, deceased, who was one of the founders of this civic chapter.

The meeting was then closed, and the members adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Farrington Without Chapter (No. 1745).

—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Middlesex, S.E., acting H.; T. Simpson, J.; Webber, S.N.; N. Prower, 1st A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, P.Z., Treas.; Lane, acting Org.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. E. Brenelli, 704, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. Comp. Walls installed Comp. T. Simpson as H. In consequence of the sudden resignation of the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. J. Young will occupy the First Principal's chair for another year. The Third Principal elect was unable to attend. The following investments then took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; Webber, S.N.; Lardner, Treas.; N. Prower, P.S.; Lane, 1st A.S.; Dr. Lott, Org. (by Deputy); and Mallett, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been presented to the M.F.Z., the chapter was closed.

The usual toasts followed. Comps. Lane, Young, and Prower instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

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CROWLE.

St. Oswald Lodge (No. 387).—The annual meeting of the members of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 4th inst., when Bro. Stainforth, the W.M., invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Liversidge, I.P.M.; R. Wood, S.W.; Gardiner, J.W.; Winter, M.O.; Behrendt, S.O.; Ashlin, J.O.; the Rev. J. B. Le Gassick, Chap. and R. of M.; Horobin, Treas.; R. N. Brunyee, D.C.; C. Fox, Sec.; Chamberlain, S.D.; G. Johnson, J.D.; Peace, Org.; Petch and Drury, Stwds.; Pickering, I.G.; and Naylor, Tyler.

After the business of the lodge the company sat down to an excellent banquet, well prepared, and excellently served. Bro. Stainforth presided, and Bro. Wood occupied the vice-chair.

The evening was passed in a very pleasant and social manner.

Knights Templar.

HAMPTON COURT.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—This old encampment met at the Mitre Hotel on the 27th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas., in the chair; H. J. Lardner, 1st Capt.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., Reg.; Charles Driver, P.A.G.D.C., P.E.C.; J. H. Dodson, P.E.C.; W. Maple, Hawkins, Nelson Prower, M.A., and Thomas. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.E.P., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous encampment were read and confirmed. The resignation of Sir Knight Alfred Williams was received with great regret. Two propositions having been handed in for installation at the next meeting, communications pleading inability to attend were read from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P., &c.; Capt. F. J. Stöhwasser, E.C.; F. Binckes, P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; F. W. Driver, P.E.C.; Wood, 2nd Capt.; L. Steele, and C. Slater.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was most ably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler, the courteous and genial host of Ye Mitre.

A few toasts followed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; J. Pattison, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; M. Rice, S.D.; G. Ebbett, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; F. Craggs, J. Davies, and W. J. Coplestone.

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. Davies having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very able manner. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Davies. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 3rd Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Davies. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. G. Wetzlar, W.M.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425,

S.W.; W. J. Stretton, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Assistant Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S. G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, S.D.; A. Cadbury-Jones, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; and Major Ferris.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley being candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and called off and on. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ferris being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. H. Longhurst, who was a founder and the first W.M. of the Hyde Park Lodge, and a constant attendant at the lodge of instruction for many years. A communication was read from Bro. Cruttenden expressing his regret at his inability to be present. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Nice, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting as Sec.; E. J. D. Rymer, S.D.; W. Hoggins, J.D.; E. Morrison, acting as Org.; E. S. Berry, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Barringer, F. Jackson, W. Hancock, G. H. Reynolds, F. W. Kedge, and S. Moss.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Rymer worked the 1st Section, and Bro. E. Nice worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Barringer having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W., when there were present Bros. J. H. Taylor, W.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; W. R. Hatton, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; G. Gardner, J.D.; R. H. Broom, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., P.J.G.D. Middlesex; F. Chandler, P.M., P.G. Purst. Middlesex; C. J. Bye, H. Guntrip, J. Powell, H. Foskett, J. French, and S. Smout.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Powell having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. J. Mason, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. J. Powell candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. H. Guntrip candidate. The chair was taken by Bro. J. H. Taylor. It was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the J.W., Bro. W. R. Hatton, and carried unanimously, that Bro. James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., be asked to work the ceremony of consecration at this lodge of instruction on Friday, September 6th. The notice of motion given by the Preceptor at the last meeting to close the lodge until the first week in September, was carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. C. Williams, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx., W.M.; J. Wiggins, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Nevill, S.D.; Blott, J.D.; Dobell, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; W. Dresden, Hatt, G. Swann, and W. Fayers.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked in the same manner. Bro. J. Wiggins was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Jennings, W.M.; W. Hellier, S.W.; B. Browne, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; P. Bick, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; F. W. Woodard, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; C. R. Cross, W.M. 1791; F. Craggs, T. Stonnill, and Jobson.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hellier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D.R.), when there were present Bros. Calk, W.M.; H. Mitchell, S.W.; G. E. King, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Steele, S.D.; Poole, J.D.; Langdon, I.G.; Cochrane, Hudson, Bate, West, W. Hill, Smith, Russell, Evans, Folkard, Spencer, F. Hill, Williams, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Evans having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree,

and Bro. Evans duly raised to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Westley gave the lecture on the tracing board. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bro. S. Williams was elected a joining member. Bro. Williams returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and received a vote of thanks for his work in the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Mitchell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Mitchell returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

Ireland.

ENNISKILLEN.

St. John's Lodge (No. 891).—The regular monthly meeting of this most prosperous lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst., Bro. W. Teele, J.P., occupying the W.M.'s chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Purdon, C.E. The lodge having been duly opened, and all formal business being transacted, Bro. J. L. Carson handed the W.M. a beautiful jewel which it was the desire of the brethren should be presented to Bro. W. F. Jones, P.M., in recognition of his Masonic abilities, as a fitting tribute to his services to the Craft in general and this lodge in particular, and as a very small token of the esteem and regard of all the brethren of that lodge. The W.M., in his usual happy manner, presented the jewel, and in a few appropriate and touching remarks referred to Bro. Jones's services, and wished him many long years of private and Masonic happiness to wear it. Bro. Jones, to whom the presentation came as a complete surprise, was almost deprived of words in which to express the pleasure this unlooked-for recognition of his services had given him, said he had only done his duty, and if in doing this he had given the brethren satisfaction he was already amply rewarded, and heartily thanked them. The lodge was then closed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning,

Australia.

VICTORIA.

Duke of Sussex Lodge (No. 1080).—The annual meeting of this lodge—formerly No. 1080, E.C.—now under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street East, on Monday, 20th April. The lodge was opened by Bro. Forster, P.M. After the M.W.G.M. and the Grand Lodge Officers had entered, an event not usual at installation nights took place, namely, an initiation ceremony. The Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. Moses Saunders, P.M., P.G. Chap., then installed Bro. C. C. Roetzler, the Master elect, who was presented by Bros. Beckwith, P.M., and Parker, P.M. The I.P.M., Bro. M. Saunders, assisted by Bro. J. A. Cantor, P.M., P.S.G.W., then invested the following officers, who had been appointed by the W.M.: Bros. A. A. Benjamin, S.W.; G. Bishop, J.W.; R. Bowen, Treas.; S. Crew, P.M., Sec.; E. Pope, S.D.; F. Wilks, J.D.; L. U. Forster, D.C.; J. Harris, I.G.; and A. J. Clark, Tyler. There was a good attendance of P.M.'s, and a large number of members and visitors. A balance-sheet presented showed a considerable balance to the credit of the lodge.

After the ceremony, about 130 brethren partook of an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Wheeler, when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

This being the first installation under the new Constitution, the M.W.G.M., Bro. Sir William Clarke, in his reply, dwelt upon his share in the establishment of this new body. Referring to this, he said that when the brethren came to him, expressing their desire for Masonic self-government in this colony, he had answered them that he could not express an opinion for either party, but would, as soon as the vote of all Masons in this colony was known to him, act strictly in accordance with their desire. This he had done, and rejoiced to say that the movement had been unanimous, with the exception of two lodges, which, he presumed, would ultimately also join the movement.

Straits Settlements.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

The District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago held its annual meeting on the 31st May at Singapore, when the following District Grand Officers were appointed for 1889-90:

Bro. Col. S. Dunlop, C.M.G.	...	Dist. G.M.
J. T. Leask, P.M. 508	...	Dist. D.G.M.
D. G. Presgrave, P.M. 508 & 1152	...	Dist. S.G.W.
C. A. Schutze, P.M. 2225	...	Dist. J.G.W.
E. J. Khory, P.M. 508 and 1152	...	Dist. G. Treas.
E. A. Thomson, P.M. 508 and 1152	...	Dist. G. Sec.
T. de M. L. Braddell, W.M. 1152	...	Dist. G. Reg.
A. Knight, P.M. 1152	...	Dist. G.P.B.G.P.
G. Thompson, W.M. 508	...	Dist. S.G.D.
F. St. G. Caulfield, W.M. 2225	...	Dist. J.G.D.
J. G. Koch, W.M. 1555	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
J. T. Morgan, 508	...	Dist. G.D.C.
G. A. Derrick, 1152	...	Dist. G.S.B.
T. F. Toft, 2225	...	Dist. G. Std. Brs.
W. Davison, 508	...	Dist. G. Org.
A. Koch, 508	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
R. O. Norris	...	Dist. G. Purst.
C. G. Garrard, 1152	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
R. Little, 1152	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
W. J. Buswell, 2225	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
E. C. Harte, 1555	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
F. M. Lyon, 508	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
V. H. S. Charwood, 1152	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
W. Givan, 2225	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
E. R. Hutchinson, 1555	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
J. Lannon	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

Lodge Canongate Kilwinning (No. 2).—The annual meeting of the above ancient and historic lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when the office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected and duly installed. Thereafter the lodge proceeded to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, and was visited by deputations from fourteen of the sister lodges in the Metropolitan Province, as well as by distinguished brethren from a distance.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Ferguson, Lodge Robert Burns, Christchurch, New Zealand; Jules Doux, Foxton Lodge, Utica, N.Y., U.S.A.; and T. Johnston, S.G. Master of Caithness, Orkney, and Zetland; all of whom offered hearty congratulations to Canongate Kilwinning on this the celebration of her 212th anniversary.

Special references were made to the interesting fact of Robert Burns having been Poet Laureate of the lodge, and during the evening a character sketch of Burn's "Tam o'Shanter and Souter Johnnie," was given by Bros. James Lumsden and Tom Walker, eliciting the heartiest applause.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

RECEPTION OF THE EARL OF KINTORE.

One of the most representative and brilliant of Masonic gatherings held in the colony took place in Adelaide on Thursday, May 23rd, the occasion being a special communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia to receive his Excellency the Earl of Kintore, who is the greatest Mason that has taken up residence in Australia. An address from the Grand Lodge was presented by the Grand Master, his Honour the Chief Justice, who took the opportunity to bear testimony to the great services to the cause of united Masonry in Australia rendered by Lords Carrington and Carnarvon.

An address forwarded through the P.G.M., Bro. Muecke seemed to be specially gratifying to his Excellency, coming from the District Grand Lodge of Queensland of the Scotch Constitution.

In reply, Lord KINTORE expressed an intention to visit Brisbane.

At the social which followed, the GRAND MASTER alluded in happy terms to the present as the golden age of Masonry in Australia.

Bro. Lord KINTORE, who was received with enthusiastic cheering, the company rising to their feet, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,—Six weeks ago when I landed here the warmth and spontaneity of the welcome which was accorded to me by all classes of the community filled me with a sense of gratitude that was overpowering, and afforded me a demonstration of your loyalty to our beloved Sovereign, which was a source to me of undisguised delight. Most Worshipful Grand Sir, the very genuineness and fervour of your welcome rendered it impossible for me to be able to utter language which could fairly be deemed a fitting response. It was with a choking utterance and halting words that I endeavoured to thank you all. And now let me ask—if that was the case before the close of the first day I spent in South Australia, and seeing that since then I have exhausted every means known to me in my endeavours to convey the sense of my gratitude to those who by their increasing kindness have proved themselves my great benefactors—how can you expect me now to be able properly to return my thanks for the reception of the toast, which you, Sir, have done me the honour to propose? The way in which that toast was submitted, the glowing language which your Grand Master used, and the manner in which the proposal was received by yourselves, filled me with a consciousness, painful in its intensity, of how utterly undeserving I am of such generosity, and of how little I have done to merit so great kindness. If proof were needed (but thank God it is not) of your loyalty to our Sovereign, I should find it in the succession of graceful courtesies you have rendered to him whose only claim on your consideration is the fact that he is his representative here. Let it not be feared that I am liable to mistake the significance and meaning of these demonstrations. Were they not intended to show forth your loyalty to the Crown and Constitution they would be meaningless, empty, and vain. It is only in that spirit that I could be content to receive them and enjoy them. But it may be that our proceedings to-night are invested, being of a Masonic nature, with a character more personal to myself than some other occasions of a somewhat similar character in which I have borne a part. As you are aware, I have for some long time held offices, and been a member in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I take it that you are anxious to show me how vigorous you are, and how flourishing, and how constitutional is that establishment designated the Grand Lodge of South Australia. You are also anxious to hear at first hand from him who is in a position to tell you how strong are those bonds of brotherly love which unite you with the Scotch Grand Lodge in common with the other great Masonic Institutions of the world; and so the happy inspiration has seized you to do these things by means of an act of graceful courtesy to the representative of the Queen. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I very gladly acknowledge the deep impression that my first visit to your Grand Lodge has made upon me. Other Grand Lodges are no doubt older and more numerous, but I am sure that no Grand Lodge in the first five years of its existence has attained to greater prosperity than this. You have deservedly attained to it by your admirable working, by your zeal for the Craft, and by the hearty support that you have one and all given to your Grand Officers. As to the feelings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I can claim to speak with authority. I cannot sufficiently regret that the great distance you are from Edinburgh made communication at the inception of your Grand Lodge difficult and unsatisfactory, and rendered absolutely impossible anything like exchange of contemporaneous opinion. Your Grand Master has hinted, and I am not disposed to deny, that the Scotch may be a cautious nation. It may well be that their caution is rather irritating and galling to a more impulsive people, who are prevented by distance from explaining in three minutes what it takes three months to hear and to answer. But this I make bold to say—that although my fellow-countrymen may be cautious—although it may take some time for them to make a friend—this I will say, that once they do make a

friend they keep him, and those who can claim sincere friendship with a Scotchman know that he is a friend than whom none is likely to be more true, or more zealous, or more self-sacrificing. It is in that relation, in the relationship of a sincere friend to this Grand Lodge, animated by nothing but hearty good wishes, that I am present to-night. I ask you to rely with confidence on their good offices and to accept on their behalf from me their thanks for the compliment you have paid to the Grand Lodge of Scotland in my person, a compliment which will ever be warmly appreciated and remembered by them. Brethren, I think one of the things which most strike the stranger who leaves his home for the first time must be how universally diffused is our Masonic Order. A few weeks ago he may have been at home in his own Grand Lodge; to-day he may find himself separated by 11,000 miles from that home, being the guest of another Grand Lodge, and there he will discover the old traditions, old practices, and old landmarks as he knew them at home. He finds that Masonry is founded here as elsewhere on the same grand principles of brotherly love, of relief, and of truth. He learns that all mankind, high and low, rich and poor, created by the same Almighty Parent, are sent into the world to afford mutual aid, support, and protection to each other. He sees Freemasonry uniting—for the relief of distress and the illustration of truth—by a bond of brotherhood the men of every country, and every sect, and every grade. And he concludes, and rightly, that he should be proud to belong to such an Order. As with Freemasonry so with the empire. I have been attempting to sketch what must be the feelings of every Englishman who travels abroad for the first time as to the colonising power of Great Britain. He realises that the old, narrow, and insular spirit which at one time received the name of empire is fast giving place to a visibly increasing liberality of sentiment in regard to our colonies; and I think it cannot be otherwise, for the facilities which are afforded for communication—the multiplicity of enduring ties which have sprung up between thousands of families in the old country and their relations in the colonies—are teaching Englishmen to appreciate at something like a true value the worth of their great colonial possessions. Brethren, I am one of those who rejoice most sincerely at such a result. I have already expressed my belief in our colonial future, and that belief is strengthened every day. I shall ever remember with pleasure that my first connection with the colonies was when I found myself the Grand Mark Mason of England, Scotland, and Wales, and not only that, but all the colonies and dependencies of the British Empire. Now, in concluding, let me use the eloquent words of one of the most distinguished and successful Governors of any English colony—"If England will only be true to herself and to those she has sent forth to establish the language and the liberties, the manfulness, the domestic peace of Britain over the world's surface; if she will but countenance and encourage them in maintaining their birthright as her sons; if she will only treat them in an affectionate, sympathetic spirit, this famous Empire of ours, which is constantly asserting itself with accumulating vigour in either hemisphere and in every clime, will find the associated realms which compose it daily growing more disposed to recognise their unity; to take a pride in their common origin and antecedents; to draw more closely the bonds which bind them to each other and to the mother country; to oppose in calamity and danger a still more solid front to every foe; and to preserve sacred and intact in every quarter of the globe, with an ever-deepening conviction of their superiority, the principles of that well-balanced monarchical constitution which the past experience and the current experiments of mankind prove to be best fitted to secure well-ordered personal liberty and true Parliamentary Government." Brethren, I have nearly done. I can but thank you once more for the enormous kindness which you have showered upon me. I can only hope to attempt to repay some of it by devoting such energies as I may possess in furthering the best interests of our colony and of its Masonic Institutions. Most Worshipful Grand Master, before I sit down I am permitted to do myself a great honour and a great pleasure. I am entitled to ask you to drink "The Health of your Most Worshipful Grand Master." I must have a bumper toast. Brethren, it is common knowledge that whatever your Grand Master does he does well, and that whatever he undertakes he carries through. Were this not common knowledge I should say that the satisfactory condition of the Grand Lodge under his rule is a proof positive of the accuracy of these premises. Brethren, I think his career in Freemasonry and the profession of the law is a splendid example of what rewards are in store as the result of solid honest work. I know no better advice to give to a young man in South Australia who is just embarking in life than to take example by your Grand Master, by the Chief Justice of the colony, and remember whatever he does that "Where there's a will there's a way." A reference to the fact that his lordship is shortly to assume the Grand Mastership in the colony was most enthusiastically received.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The ninth annual meeting of the General Committee was held at the Lodge Room, Wimborne, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. W. D. Dugdale, P.P.J.G.W., the Chairman of the Charity, being supported by Bros. Montague J. Guest, P.G.M.; R. Case, P.G. Sec., Treas.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R., Hon. Sec.; W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap. England; T. H. Ruegg, P.P.S.G.W.; G. J. G. Gregory, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Luff, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; C. H. W. Parkinson, P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. Stickland, P.P.J.G.D.; C. G. Targett, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Giles, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. A. Atkins, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; A. C. Todd, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. S. Stroud, I.P.M. 417; C. J. Woodforde, W.M. 137; J. Harold, W.M. 622; E. Mills, W.M. 1037; and A. Taylor, J.W. 1146; only three lodges in the province being unrepresented.

The half-yearly meeting of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee, consisting of one member of each lodge, met first, and investigated the petitions for relief, five in number.

At the meeting of the General Committee, several letters and telegrams, apologising for unavoidable absence, were read from various brethren, including Bros. T. Milledge, P.G.D.C., the Vice-Chairman; C. J. Hambro, M.P., D.P.G.M.; and other distinguished brethren.

On the recommendation of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee, grants varying in amount were made to six petitioners, amounting altogether to £85.

The draft report to Provincial Grand Lodge was then considered, and showed that most satisfactory progress had been made, and it was ordered to be printed for distribution at the next Prov. G. Lodge, viz., at Wareham, on the 26th September.

Some slight alteration in the by-laws having been proposed and carried, it was arranged that the midwinter meeting should be held at Dorchester, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman on the proposition of the P.G.M.

On the invitation of Bro. J. Harold, the W.M. of the Wimborne Lodge, who had thoughtfully remembered that many of the brethren had come a long distance, the Committee then adjourned to a substantial cold collation, at his expense, under the presidency of the P.G.M.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G. D.C., Treasurer of the Institution. There were present Bros. Hugh Cotter, W. H. Hubbert, G. Bolton, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, David D. Mercer, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Charles J. Perceval, E. West, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., A. Forsyth, W. H. Making, H. Cox, J. Newton, C. G. Hill, S. Haslip, Samuel Brooks, Charles Lacey, Charles Kempton, A. H. Tattershall, F. Mead, W. Smith, James Brett, P.G.P.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of three annuitants (one male and two widows).

The Warden's Report for the past month having been read, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the House Committee of the Boys' School for their kindness in granting permission to the school band to attend on the occasion of the Stewards' visit to the Institution.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The recommendation as to the appointment of an accountant was agreed to, and also that he be requested to examine the books of the Institution and report thereon.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland gave notice of a motion for the next meeting, and the proceedings then concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee, appointed by the Subscribers to this Institution, was held on Saturday afternoon in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Euston, Chairman of the Provisional Committee, appointed by the Special Court, held on the 6th June, presided, having the Vice-Chairman, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, on his right. Several members of the Provisional Committee were present, and a large number of Life-Governors, Life-Subscribers, &c., attended.

After the formal business of the meeting had been transacted, and a list of 69 candidates for admission to the School settled, 16 vacancies in the School were declared for the October election.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON then presented to the Committee the report drawn up by the Provisional Committee of its transactions since the 6th June, and his lordship read the report, as follows:

The Report of the Provisional Management Committee appointed by the Special General Court on June 6, 1889.

This Committee has since its appointment held five meetings, one of which was at Wood Green. The Earl of Euston was elected Chairman, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Vice-Chairman, and Bro. J. D. Langton, Hon. Sec. of the Committee.

On the 12th June the late House, Finance, and Audit Committees passed a resolution handing over the management of the Institution to this Committee, and this Committee on the same day passed a resolution accepting the charge, and has since that day done all things necessary in carrying on the Institution.

The Matron and Steward of the Institution having resigned, this Committee has taken the matter into its consideration, and recommends that the office of Steward be not filled up for the present, but that the Matron be at once appointed. It therefore asks that it be empowered to make the appointment, subject to the approval of the next General Committee.

The Committee is of opinion that a fresh Medical Officer is required, and recommends it be empowered to take the necessary steps to attain this result forthwith.

It appears to this Committee that, in the interests of the Institution, and in order to carry out the wishes of the Special Court, it is necessary there should be a change at as early a period as possible in the office of Secretary. The Committee is unanimous in recommending that a retiring allowance should be accorded to Bro. Frederick Binckes, and asks the General Committee to authorise it to confer with Bro. Binckes on the terms of his retirement, and to arrange them, if possible, and report thereon to the next General Committee.

The Committee has under its consideration the various recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry, with a view to carry them out as desired by the General Court. It has not lost sight of the question of the Head Mastership, but deems it advisable to reserve this, with other important subjects, for further deliberation.

The Committee asks this General Committee to confirm what it has already done, and to depute to it the powers of the House, Audit, and Finance Committees, in order that it may be duly authorised to carry out the directions given by the Special Court on the occasion of its appointment.

The various duties devolving on the Members of the Committee render it desirable in their opinion, that they should be enabled to add to their number, if found requisite.

The Committee has accepted the honorary services of Messrs. Kennedy and Hobbs, chartered accountants, and have appointed a Sub-Committee, which has received an interim report advising on the system of book-keeping, and that Sub-Committee is engaged in further considering the question of the financial condition of the Institution.

Dated the 6th day of July, 1889.
(Signed) EUSTON.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in moving "That the report of the Provisional Management Committee now read be received and entered on the minutes, and that its proceedings and recommendations do receive the sanction of this Committee, which authorises the Provisional Committee to carry the same into effect," said the Committee found it necessary to ask that further members should be added to their number, which, although now 21, did not all of them attend. Some of these brethren, such as Bro. Gerard Ford, of Brighton, were not always all able to attend, and the duties of the Committee were now becoming both many and arduous. The Committee, however, was anxious to continue its labours with the same zeal, assiduity, and thoroughness as heretofore, and would like some more brethren to be conjoined with them.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND seconded the motion. A short discussion arose on the Report, the different speakers expressing their approval of the manner in which the Provisional Committee had discharged the burden thrown upon them.

Bro. JAMES MOTION wanted to ask whether the Secretary had resigned, in conformity with the wish expressed at the Special Court of June 6.

Bro. BINCKES said certainly not; he had not resigned. Bro. MOTION then took exception to one paragraph in the Report, that relating to a retiring allowance to the Secretary. He strongly objected to any retiring allowance.

It was explained that no recommendation by the Committee that a retiring allowance of any amount would bind the subscribers to the Institution in any way whatever. The Committee could only recommend, and whatever recommendation they might make would be submitted to a Special or Quarterly Court of Subscribers for their confirmation or rejection.

The Report was then agreed to without a dissentient voice, and a resolution was afterwards come to authorising Lord Euston to sign all cheques.

Grants of £5 and £10 for outfits were made to some pupils of the Institution, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

The following sums have been received since our report of the recent Festival of the Boys' School and the Stewards' Returns were published, namely:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
49	Bro. J. Turner	15	15	0
534	" G. E. C. Jackson, additional (raising the total of his list to £52 10s.)	15	15	0
871	" J. G. Thomas, additional (raising the total of his list to £57 15s.)	5	5	0
902	" W. C. Smith, additional (raising the total of his list to £57 15s.)	5	5	0
1044	" A. J. Higerty, additional (raising the total of his list to £74 11s.)	1	1	0
1348	" Brennan	10	10	0
PROVINCES.				
CHESHIRE.				
1357	Bro. M. Longridge	2	2	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.				
	Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, additional (raising the total of his list to £111 11s.)	11	11	0
Total addition		£67	4	0

SUMMER OUTING OF THE LODGE OF STABILITY, No. 217.

The annual outing of this old lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., under the able presidency of the popular W.M., Bro. Eckersall. The weather was beautifully fine, and the whole day was so successful in every respect that it may well be called the finest outing that the lodge has had.

The party, which included Bro. W. Eckersall, W.M., and Mrs. Eckersall; Bro. Woolmer, J.W., and Mr. Woolmer; Bro. Hinks, sen., Treas., and Mrs. Hinks; Bro. Nixon, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Nixon; Bro. Addington, P.M., M.E.Z. 1275, and Mrs. Addington; Bro. Marfleet, P.M., Mr. Marfleet, jun., and Miss Marfleet; Bro. Gorrie, P.M., and Miss Gorrie; Bro. and Mrs. Finch; Bros. Garner and Hancock; Bro. and Miss Itter; Misses Taylor (2), Bro. Cowley, P.M. 1622, P.Z. 1275, and Mrs. Cowley; Mr. Stone, jun., Mrs. C. H. Stone; Bro. Elgar, Sec. 1329, and Mrs. Elgar; and many others, started from Waterloo early in the morning, and, arriving at Sunbury Station, drove to the Magpie, from whence they rambled up the banks of the Thames.

At 2 p.m., they partook of an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Freeman, after which the usual toasts were given with brevity.

Bro. ELGAR responded for "The Visitors." Bro. MARFLEET, P.M., eulogised the W.M. in proposing his health.

Bro. ECKERSALL, W.M., briefly responded, expressing his great pleasure at the success of this the only meeting of the year to which ladies were invited. The day was "par excellence" a Stability day, and he considered there should be very little labour (and that of love) and very much refreshment.

Bros. GORRIE, P.M., and NIXON, P.M., respectively proposed and responded to the toast of "The Ladies."

A delightful afternoon having sped, the party assembled at 6 p.m. for tea; after which the W.M., while congratulating them upon the success of the meeting, expressed his sympathy with Bro. Taylor, P.M., who was unavoidably absent on account of illness. They were glad to have his daughters with them.

After spending the evening in rambles near the river, the whole party drove to the station, and arrived safely at Waterloo at about 9.30 p.m., thoroughly satisfied with the day's programme.

Bros. Sir A. Campbell, Bart., Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., Sir S. Northcote, and the Marquis of Hartington are among the members appointed to serve on the Select Committee of the House of Commons to consider the question of Parliamentary grants to members of the Royal Family.

MASONIC PICNIC.

The brethren of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, held their annual picnic under pleasant auspices on Thursday, the 4th inst. The party numbering 40, including several lady friends, left Weston-super-Mare by the 8.55 a.m. train, the G.W.R. Company kindly supplying a saloon carriage for the occasion. The journey to Frome was accomplished in about two hours. Here three well-appointed breaks were placed at the service of the party by Bro. Kirbell, the genial host of the George Hotel, and Longleat, the charmingly situated seat of the Marquis of Bath was reached after an exceedingly enjoyable drive. The inspection of the interior of the mansion afforded considerable pleasure, the elegance of the various stately apartments eliciting the highest encomiums, especially from the ladies.

Luncheon was served and thoroughly enjoyed on the greensward shaded by the branches of a majestic oak. After this a small party of ladies and brethren, having for their guide—and appropriately so—a genial clergyman, wended their way to Heaven's Gate. This delightful spot was reached by a short cut across the estate, in taking which the party were rewarded by the sight of herds of bounding deer, and the tamest of pheasants. The task of ascending a somewhat steep declivity covered with bracken and fern was well repaid by the magnificent views of undulating scenery which were obtained on reaching the summit. The pilgrims rested themselves beneath a spreading chestnut (?) tree, and awaited the arrival of their less active companions, who were conveyed thither by a circuitous route in the breaks.

Shortly afterwards, that charming little spot known as Sheerwater was visited, and the placid waters of the lake, with their delightful surroundings, made one wish that Weston possessed a similar attraction.

The return journey through shady well-timbered drives was very pleasant; but when the breaks reached the dusty main road the ride was not so enjoyable.

After a hasty inspection of Frome-Selwood Church, some of the beauties of which were described by Bro. R. R. Bromage, the curate, the party repaired to the George, where a wash and brush-up proved very refreshing.

At 5.30 the company sat down to an excellent dinner, well served by Bro. Kirbell.

A few complimentary toasts were given, the W.M., Bro. H. B. Harrington being heartily thanked for his opportune hospitality en route, and the ladies commended for their presence.

Song and sentiment served to beguile the remainder of the evening, and the return journey was commenced at eight o'clock, Weston-super-Mare being reached at about 10.30.

The weather was delightfully fine, and everyone seemed well pleased with the programme that had been provided.



It is so long since that Mr. Dion Boucicault's Irish drama, "The Shaughraun," saw the light of the day, that quite another generation of playgoers has sprung up and ought to take the advantage now given them by the Bros. Gatti, to go to the Adelphi and witness this charming melodrama. "The Colleen Bawn" and "Arrah-na-pogue" are well known, and are touching sketches of Irish life. "The Shaughraun" quite equals them, and it is a pity the author has not been so fortunate in his later writings as he was in his early days. The cast, consisting of Bros. Wm. Terriss, J. Maclean, J. D. Beveridge, Messrs. Pateman, and Shine, Misses Millward, Esmond, and Mrs. John Carter, are in themselves a tower of strength. To Mr. Shine and Mr. Pateman fall the best of the play, and ably they perform their parts. Mr. Sidney, as usual, is responsible for the stage mounting, which is done in usual Gatti style. We miss, however, clever Miss Clara Jecks from the company. What has become of her?

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PRINCESS'S THEATRE.—The "Still Alarm" will be revived at this theatre for a fortnight, commencing on Monday, the 15th inst., to be followed by the celebrated drama "Proof," for which a very powerful cast is engaged.

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Miss Maud Millett, who has so charmingly played the part of Minnie Gilfillian since the first night of "Sweet Lavender," secedes from the company next Saturday, the 20th inst. Bro. Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer) has engaged Miss Annie Irish to play the part on and after the 22nd, and we doubt not, judging from her past career, especially of late, that she will do ample justice to his choice. We congratulate both Bro. Terry and Miss Irish, and we believe the public will not be slow to show their appreciation.

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Miss Kate Forsyth, an American actress—but without the usual accentuation—has taken the Comedy Theatre for a short season, and is giving a play called "The Tigress," which we have only seen after a fortnight's run, and we thought it highly interesting; but we fear Miss Forsyth will find it would have been wiser to have postponed her season until the hot weather is over. The story is an old one, and deals with the jealousy of two women who love first one man and then another, both casting their affections on the man at the same time. Each woman has a past, which one holds over the other's head like a Damocles sword should she make a move. In the end the true adventuress loses, whilst the other, though having fallen in early youth, wins the proud love of the hero. Miss Amy Roselle makes a splendid adventuress; Mr. Royce Carleton, who is always good, has another villain to play; Mr. Chas. Gleaney and Mr. J. G. Grahame are seen to the best advantage; Miss Susie Vaughan, who is safe in anything entrusted to her, as a designing and certainly forward widow makes a great hit, and Miss Forsyth is good, but lacks power in the most tragic scenes. We are sure "The Tigress" will particularly interest the members of the fair sex. We wish the new manageress success, but we think as she was not well known here she should have opened in the autumn.



The next meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School will be held on Saturday, the 10th August, instead of Saturday, the 3rd.

The laying of the foundation-stone of the new church at Southport has been postponed in consequence of the illness of the son of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The Shah of Persia has presented the Prince of Wales with the Imperial Order of Azdas, and Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales with the insignia of the Order of Timsal Hamaoun.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach were present at the Cabinet Council, held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

By command of the P.G.M., the annual Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held at Frizington under the banner of the Henry Lodge, No. 216, on Wednesday, the 17th inst.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., laid the memorial stone of the Woodgrange Baptist Chapel at Forest Gate on Thursday, the 4th inst. About £300 was collected, of which amount Bro. Marshall very generously contributed £100. The stone was laid "in memory of his mother."

On account of the companions of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890 (meeting at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W.), intimating they would not be able to continue their regular attendance for a few weeks, the executive, therefore, will not attend for the present, but will give due notice when the meetings will be recommenced.

We are asked to correct the announcement in our last, that Prince George of Wales would lay the foundation-stone of the New Branch Hospital of the Seamen's Hospital Society, at the Royal Albert Docks, on the 18th inst., as through professional engagements, he has been again compelled to alter the date of the ceremony to Monday, the 15th instant, at 4 p.m.

The annual excursion of the Freemasons of Paisley took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., under most favourable auspices as regards weather. The brethren to a large number, left Paisley early in the forenoon, and were conveyed by Bro. Wm. Young, by way of Glasgow, Milngavie, and Finnick Glen to Drymen. At the glen the party halted and spent a short time in viewing that beautiful spot. In the course of the day Buchanan Castle and grounds, the residence of the Duke of Montrose, were, by permission of his Grace, visited. In the afternoon the party sat down to dinner in the Buchanan Arms Hotel. The return home was made in the evening by way of Ballock, Bonhill, and Bowling, and Paisley was reached at a seasonable hour after a day of thorough enjoyment.

The annual picnic, held under the auspices of the De La Pole Lodge, No. 1605, took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., when about 120 members and friends went down to Burton Stather. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it. The "Atalanta" steamship left the Corporation Pier with the party on board shortly after half-past nine o'clock, and reached her destination about a quarter to twelve. The voyage up the river was a very pleasurable one. Immediately on leaving the boat, the party proceeded to the neighbouring hills, and were soon fully occupied in various games and pastimes, the necessary implements having been taken on purpose, everyone enjoying himself or herself to the full. The return journey was commenced at 8.20, and completed at 11.5. Refreshments were, as usual, provided on board, and dancing was freely indulged in to the strains of a quadrille band.

On Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., a special Masonic service was held in St. Ann's Parish Church, Drumglass, Dungannon, when the Rev. T. J. Welland, rector of St. Thomas's, Belfast, preached an impressive sermon. According to arrangements made by the Masonic body in Dungannon they have undertaken to forward the amount of £30 per year for five years towards the maintenance of the Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin (to which the offertory on the present occasion was devoted). Miss Kate Moon presided at the organ. The lessons were read by Rev. B. N. White Spinner, M.A. Rev. Lewis Richards, M.A., and Rev. C. Dempsey conducted the other portion of the service. There was a large congregation. Rev. Mr. Welland selected as his text the 133rd Psalm. The offertory was taken up, the following brethren officiating as collectors:—Colonel Ynyr H. Burges, Messrs. James Crossle, Robert Stevenson, J. M. Anderson, and Thomas Wylie. The service was concluded by Rev. Lewis Richards pronouncing the benediction.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. MADELL.—On its becoming known a short time since that Bro. Madell had resigned his position as Manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, a few personal friends were very desirous that he should not leave without receiving some little token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by them; accordingly, Bro. James Terry was asked to become the custodian of the subscriptions, with the result that, in a very quiet way, enough was forthcoming to present Bro. Madell with an illuminated address and a purse of £77. The presentation took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 2nd instant, Bro. James Terry presided, and the proceedings were of the most hearty and cordial nature. Bro. Madell has made a host of friends during his career, and but for the pleasure that all feel at his advancement in life, his removal would be considered a matter for great regret.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

Bro. Dr. Danford Thomas has been inducted into the Zacharie Conclave, Order of the Secret Monitor, which meets at the Holborn Restaurant.

The Queen has contributed £200 to the Patriotic Volunteer Fund, which is being raised at the Mansion House, and which already amounts to close on £40,000.

Bros. Lord Mayor Whitehead, the Earl of Faversham, Sir John Monckton, and others were among the guests at the dinner given on Wednesday by the President, Vice-President, and Council of the Incorporated Law Society.

Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Lord Egerton of Tatton, and many ladies and gentlemen were present on board the Marine Society's Training Ship Warspite, on Saturday last, when the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, on behalf of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women in India. The Marquis of Dufferin, late Viceroy of India, and the Marchioness of Dufferin, who originated the Fund, were amongst those present.

The brethren of Lodge Tulliallan, No. 589 (S.C.), had an annual excursion on Saturday, the 22nd ult., when they proceeded with a couple of brakes for a drive along the base of the Ochils. Proceeding by Alva and Menstrie, they went to the Abbey Craig, and ascended the Wallace Monument, from which a splendid view was obtained. The party returned home by Alloa, and arrived at Kincardine in good time, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Prince George of Wales presided at the inaugural banquet, held in Fishmongers' Hall, on Wednesday, on behalf of the Royal Provident Fund for Sea Fishermen. Among the guests were Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., the Earl of Londesborough, Lord Brassey, Sir E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., W. Tyssen-Amhurst, M.P., and Sir P. Cunliffe Owen. The subscriptions amounted to close on £1400.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., will honour by his presence the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, which will be held at Easton Lodge, the residence of Lord and Lady Brooke, under the banner of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, on Tuesday, August 6th. Lord Brooke, M.P., is P.G.M., and it is expected that several hundreds of the Craft will wend their way thitherwards to participate in the intensely interesting and really Royal function.

It has been definitively settled that the marriage of the Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife will be solemnised at Buckingham Palace Chapel on Saturday, the 27th inst. Her Majesty will visit London for the purpose of being present at the marriage of her grand-daughter, and it is on the cards that the Shah also may witness the ceremony, and afterwards take leave of the Queen in London, instead of at Cowes, as originally proposed.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., presided at the Anniversary Festival held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat. Among the principal guests were Bros. the Earl of Londesborough, Sir Morrell Mackenzie, Sir Bruce Seton, H. Dixon Hartland, M.P., Sutherland, M.P., Henry Irving, Edmund Yates, S. Bancroft, J. L. Toole, and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart. Subscriptions were announced to the amount of £2000. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., had charge of the musical arrangements.

The shooting at the last annual meeting of the National Rifle Association that will be held on Wimbledon Common began on Monday morning, and during the day and succeeding days some excellent scoring was noted, in the match between the Regulars and Auxiliaries, which terminated in favour of the latter by 45 points, one of the Regulars—Captain Lamb—making a succession of 15 bulls at one of the ranges. The firing in the first stage of the Queen's Prize—200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots at each range—commenced on Tuesday, and was continued on Wednesday and Thursday. The result will determine the 300 who are to take part in the second stage at 500 yards, 10 shots, and 600 yards, 15 shots.

The Shah's visit to the Metropolis was brought to a close on Sunday last, when his Majesty left Buckingham Palace for Hatfield, the seat of the Marquess of Salisbury, who entertained his illustrious guest right nobly, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the members of their family being invited to meet his Majesty. On Monday the Prime Minister gave a garden party, at which upwards of 2000 guests were present, and in the evening the Shah left for Ashridge, the seat of Earl Brownlow. On Wednesday, Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and Lord Rothschild had the honour of entertaining his Majesty, who has since been visiting other noblemen's seats, and will continue his tour through England and Scotland, taking most of our principal towns by the way, and returning to town by the 27th instant, when he will quit England for the continent on his way back to Persia.

The funeral of Bro. Chas. Pinkett, of the Circus Mews, Bath, who died on the 1st inst., took place on the 5th inst., at the Lyncombe and Widcombe Cemetery in the presence of a large number of the members of the Royal Albert Edward (Weston) Lodge, of which the deceased was Tyler, as also of the Bath troop of the North Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry, of which the deceased was a member. The lid of the coffin bore several wreaths, including one from the aforementioned lodge, of whose members there were present Bros. C. Becket, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. L. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.P.; L. Howes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Glover, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. Wood, P.M.; J. Knight, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Hayward, P.G.W.; C. E. Davies, H. J. Freeman, P.J.W.; W. H. Baker, S. Bigwood, W. Gayner, E. W. Loveless, I.G.; T. Cross, H. Humphries, T. A. Smith, G. H. Kempson, Tucker, G. Bale, and others.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom seasons of changeable temperatures are protracted periods of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsy, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully conquer influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.—ADVT.

A bulletin issued yesterday states that Mr. Wilkie Collins has passed a very restless night, and is much weaker. There have been many inquiries as to the distinguished novelist's health at his residence in Wimpole-street.

Mrs. Cutt, of Belfort House, Harrogate, has, in memory of her husband, qualified as a Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and contributed a donation of 100 guineas to the charity. By this act she holds during her life 80 votes at every election of this Institution.

The annual Royal Caledonian Ball, in aid of the funds of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Royal Scottish Hospital, was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, under the usual distinguished patronage, the number of guests present on the occasion being about 700.

Among the passengers on board the British India Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Quetta, which arrived at Plymouth on Tuesday, was Professor Pepper, whose ghosts attained at one time to a wonderful amount of popularity. The veteran scientist will be remembered for his connection with the Polytechnic Institution. For the last ten years he and Mrs. Pepper have been sojourning in the land of cockatoos and kangaroos. He returns in excellent health, and with his mental vivacity unimpaired.

Mr. Ruskin is one of the race of early risers. He is at his desk before sunrise, even in the summer months. Like Mr. Gladstone, he cuts timber for his health's sake, but instead of felling trees he chops wood. Mr. Ruskin is not quite so sedentary as men of letters usually are. Unlike Lord Beaconsfield, he believes in the necessity of a "constitutional," which he takes regularly before dinner. He is also—or used to be—fond of rowing on the lake at his Lancashire home. His style of rowing would not excite the enthusiasm of members of Thames rowing clubs. But he can spin along without any scientific "feathering," in a very original style of his own.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, held at Reading yesterday (Thursday), it was announced that the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., was unable to attend through indisposition, and in his absence Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, presided. The Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. Robert Bradley, reported that there were 25 lodges in the province with a membership of 900, the increase during the past year having been about 70. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested.

A machine, marvellous for its ingenious and simple construction, was, on Thursday afternoon, exhibited at the West London Hall, Hammersmith-road. The originator of the invention—an automatic sight-tester—is Mr. Bruce Green de Woofson, and its use may be thus briefly explained. By dropping a penny into the automaton, and turning a handle, any person can actually "measure" his sight, and see at a glance what sort of spectacles or glasses he requires to preserve or restore his vision, while at the same time the automaton presents its patron with a card bearing a number indicating the kind of spectacles required. The invention, if it comes up to promise, ought to be valuable.

EXCURSION OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.—The energetic Secretary of this lodge is arranging for an excursion on Saturday, the 20th inst., to St. Albans, the city named after the traditional founder of the Craft of Masonry in England, and the scene of his martyrdom. The Abbey-Church of St. Albans will be visited, every facility having been promised by the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence. A visit will also be paid to the monument of the celebrated Strong family in St. Peter's Church, under the guidance of one of the clergy attached to the edifice. Strong was the assistant of Sir C. Wren at the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the family comprised many noted builders. Particulars will no doubt be furnished to those desirous of taking part in the excursion by Bro. Speth, whose address is Streatham House, Margate.

A correspondent has brought to our notice the very distressing circumstances under which a Bro. W. H. Lewis was led, in a momentary condition of insanity, to take his own life. It appears that the poor fellow had invested the sum of £150 in what appears to have turned out to be a heartless swindle; that he had gradually sold the bulk of his furniture in order to buy food for his wife; and that under the frenzy of worry and anxiety thus caused, he committed suicide. The coroner's jury recommended "That the Public Prosecutor should be called upon to take action in the matter;" and our correspondent suggests that a subscription for the relief of the poor widow should be opened in our columns. We see no objection to such a course if the charge of the fund to be raised is placed in the hands of responsible brethren.

Our attention has been drawn to a proposal that the Freemasons of England should raise a fund sufficient to provide one or two stalls in the choir of Peterborough Cathedral to commemorate the laying of the foundation-stone of the Central Tower on the 7th May, 1884, by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, acting for the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, who was prevented, by the death of his brother, the Duke of Albany, from performing the ceremony, as originally settled. Bros. E. Verzette, jun., P.P.G. Reg. Norths and Hunts, and Henry C. Clarabut, P.G. Org. Norths and Hunts, both of Peterborough, have kindly undertaken to act as Hon. Secretaries of the fund, and Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, has expressed his approval of the project, and promised a donation of £5, while the Prov. Grand Lodge has voted £25. We trust the scheme will meet with still further encouragement, and that all brethren who can be of any service will render it either by calling the attention of their lodges and chapters to the appeal, or by canvassing for subscriptions, and remitting them to Bro. E. Verzette, jun., North-street, Peterborough, or Bro. H. C. Clarabut, Market-place, Peterborough.

SCIENCE (EXTRAORDINARY).—TERREY'S "HOUSEHOLD PURIFIER" (Registered) for Universal Purposes.—Acts like magic. A strong and pleasant Disinfecting Fluid for Sanitary Use. Treble the Disinfecting Strength of Carbolic. A new and valuable Discovery has been made in the manufacture of this Fluid, there being no Sediment. Dissolves at once in Water, making a Milky appearance. Where this is used all Infectious Diseases are kept away. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, Oilmen, &c., in 6d. and 1s. bottles, or in gallons 4s., delivered free. 1s. charged for cans (returnable).—TERREY BROS., 55, Chester-street, Kennington.—ADVT.