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## FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

We remind our readers that the 21st Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday next, the 24th instant. Bro. Sir LIONEL E. DARELL, J.G. Warden, will occupy the chair, and the number of brethren who have undertaken to support him as Stewards is between 150 and 160, both London and the Provinces being well represented. We dare say, however, that Bro. C. F. MATIER, Secretary to the Fund, will give a most cordial welcome to other Mark brethren who may be ready to serve on the occasion, but have not yet handed in their names. We hope, also, that the Returns will be on a worthy scale. The Fund has latterly enlarged its sphere of operations very considerably, and more money is needed now than in the old days, when it contented itself with affording relief to casual distress. We trust, therefore, that the Report and Return which we are looking forward to publish next week will present a total such as the Chairman, his Stewards, and the brethren of the Mark Degree will have good reason to be proud of, and one which will be substantially beneficial to the Fund.

## IRREGULARITIES IN LODGE PROCEDURE.

Bro. E. WOODALL PARKER, Dist. G.M. of the Punjab, in his address to the brethren at the regular Quarterly Communication of his District Grand Lodge, on the 13th April last, drew particular attention to certain strange irregularities which had been brought to his notice as having occurred in sundry of the lodges under his authority. Some of these are not only strange in the sense of being unusual, but they are likewise of so extraordinary a character as to make us wonder how any Master, possessing even a slight acquaintance with our laws and ritual, could ever have allowed them to be committed. We are aware that many Masters are not as conversant as they might be with the ritual; but their weakness in this respect is readily condoned, owing to the excellent qualities they otherwise possess. But it is difficult to understand how any W.M. could be guilty of the grave irregularity of initiating a candidate first and having him balloted for afterwards. This is, indeed, putting the cart before the horse with a vengeance; yet such a case is cited by Bro. PARKER as having taken place, and we are told the excuse offered by the Master for his oversight was that "he thought the ballot had been taken at a previous meeting," an excuse which, as the Dist. G.M. very properly observes, "was absurd, as the minutes were present for reference." The error was rectified by the re-admission of the candidate; but we agree with the Dist. G.M. that "such an omission as that of the ballot should have been impossible." In another case, a candidate was initiated with only three brethren present—the Master and two M.M.'s. Here Bro. PARKER remarks "the brethren concerned were old and not undistinguished Masons, and it was astonishing to find them pleading ignorance of the simplest laws and usages of the Craft." In this case, also, the lodge made due submission, and the candidate was re-admitted in a regular manner. The third extraordinary irregularity which Bro. PARKER cited is that of a lodge "which had, during the working, divided itself into two lodges, and worked as such in different rooms; certain brethren having been told off by the lodge to go into another room, and confer one Degree, while the lodge proper was working in another." It must have been a most ingenious brother who originated this method of getting rapidly through a heavy day's work, but, of course, as Bro. PARKER very properly points out, it was all wrong, and our wonder is not so much that a person possessing so much ingenuity should have been so profoundly ignorant, but that not a single one among the members present was able, by his acquaintance with the Book of Constitutions, to prevent such an error being committed. We trust that when we again have the privilege of reading one of Bro. PARKER'S addresses to his District Grand Lodge we shall find he has been able to congratulate the brethren under his rule on the avoidance of these and similar errors.

## THE PROV. G. LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent is invariably one of the most successful, as it is at the same time one of the most agreeable, of the year's gatherings. In the first place, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Earl AMHERST, except some special reason prevents him, makes a point of presiding, and his Deputy, Bro. J. S. EASTES, the Prov. G. Officers, and the members of the lodges, are always in great force to support his lordship; and in the next place, it is invariably an excellent account which those who are responsible to the Province for the conduct of its affairs are able to render of their stewardship. The meeting at Bromley on the 2nd instant was no exception to this rule. There was the usual full attendance under the usual presidency, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the usual thoroughness, good taste, and cordiality. There were, however, two circumstances which elicited a more than usually strong expression of feeling from those present, and which, therefore, deserve a passing reference from us. One of them—the approaching marriage of the Prov. G. Master—was very gracefully mentioned by Bro. EASTES in the speech with which he prefaced the toast of 'their chief, and the brethren unmistakably showed how greatly they appreciate the advantage of being governed by such a ruler by the enthusiasm with which they greeted the announcement, and joined in the hearty good wishes which the Deputy appended on this occasion to the toast, as ordinarily drunk. The other was the resignation by Bro. B. K. THORPE, Past G. Std. Br. England, of the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, which he had held continuously since 1876, and the duties of which he had performed in the name of his predecessor for the four years from 1872 to 1876. The announcement was received with the most unfeigned regret, a resolution expressive of this feeling being unanimously passed, with a rider tacked on at the instance of the Dep. P.G.M., to the effect that a Committee, consisting of the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers, with the Masters of the lodges and the First Principals of the chapters in the Province, should be formed for the purpose of raising a testimonial to be presented in due course to Bro. THORPE as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he is held, and as some slight recognition of the long and valuable services he had rendered. The other proceedings were, as we have said, of the usual character, and were conducted to the satisfaction of all who had the good fortune to be present.

## FREEMASONRY IN SUFFOLK.

The circumstances under which the meeting in the Town Hall, Beccles, of the Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk were held were of an unusually gratifying character. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord HENNIKER, who had been prevented, by the death of his mother, from carrying out his engagement to preside as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was enabled to be present in Prov. Grand Lodge, though not at the banquet which followed; the attendance was a full one; and the record of the past year must have delighted the brethren who were so fortunate as to be present. The statistical returns made by the Prov. Grand Secretary showed that, after allowing for losses by death and other causes and 76 additions by joining and initiation, the total number of subscribing members in the province was 870, making the average of 41 per lodge; but, unfortunately, there was a serious increase in the rate of arrears from 6½ to nearly 10 per cent. The Report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association referred with satisfaction to the continued and hearty support which the province had so generously accorded to the great Masonic Charities during the year, and especially to the splendid position occupied by Suffolk in the Provincial Returns at the Girls' School Festival, when it was unexpectedly called upon to fulfil the part of Chairman's Province, and acquitted itself so honourably with a total return of close on £578, and that, too, after it had raised the considerable sum of £337 1s. at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in the preceding February. At the Boys' School Festival, also, on the 3rd inst., the province figured for £137 18s. 6d., so that during the year it has distributed amongst our three great Charities within a fraction of £1053. We note also with pleasure that more than one brother expressed the hope that the cloud which is now

passing over the Boys' School would not induce members to relax in their support of that Institution. Bro. Lord HENNIKER, indeed, went further still, and remarked that the Report of the Committee of Investigation, instead of inclining them to withhold their subscriptions, should cause them to redouble their efforts on its behalf. This is the right note to strike, and contrasts favourably with the resolutions passed by sundry lodges and others not to subscribe further till certain changes had been effected. However, we must not allow ourselves to introduce matters of a controversial character into a picture which is so full of bright promise. We, therefore, congratulate Suffolk on what it has done since the summer of 1888, and express a hope that its future records of work may be always as gratifying as they were on this occasion.

### A NEW LODGE UNDER UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The first new lodge under the constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on the 6th May last, in the presence of Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., M.W.G.M., and a considerable muster of his Grand Officers. When the ceremony was ended, Bro. M. H. DAVIES, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, was installed in the chair of K.S. The lodge thus constituted is named The Davies, in honour of the brother who will preside over it during the first year of its existence; while the brethren composing it constitute a majority of the members of the Combermere Lodge, which has elected to remain in its old allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of England. It seems that, at the time the preliminary steps were being taken which have since resulted in the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, great pressure was brought to bear on the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, which before this secession took place must have been both numerous and influential. Indeed, according to a long letter written by our worthy friend, Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, a P.M. of the lodge, and published in the *Australasian Keystone* of the 1st June, the pressure must have been of an unusual and even violent character, as he speaks of "gross misrepresentations in the shape of pains and penalties" being "insidiously spread amongst the young and inexperienced members;" "older members" being "subjected to vilification, bullying, and vulgar abuse;" a disgraceful canvassing and touting circular;" and "the surreptitious removal of the lodge warrant." This is certainly strong language, and as unpleasant to read as it is strong. However, notwithstanding all this, the lodge retains its old status, and, the warrant having been restored, we presume the hubbub may have calmed down a little; and as Bro. Sir W. CLARKE is still a member, we hope the relations of the Combermere, and the lodges under the Victorian Constitution will be all the more friendly for this little tiff. Some one has said that "the quarrels of lovers are the renewal of love," and in this case, no doubt, the past explosion will cause the old love to be firmer than ever. But, be this as it may, the Victorians are richer by a lodge composed of 60 former members of the Combermere, and the latter, or what remains of it, is still English. If differences, both great and small, always ended thus, how much more agreeable a place to live in this world of ours would be.

### ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT?

The mind of our worthy contemporary, the *Australasian Keystone*, appears to be very seriously exercised as to the course which the United Grand Lodge of Victoria will pursue with reference to its Grand Officers. Will it adopt the plan which finds favour here of electing the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer annually, and leaving the appointment of the others to the Grand Master; or will Grand Lodge resolve on electing all, or the majority of them, as is the practice under other Constitutions? South Australia and New South Wales have adopted the latter course, but our contemporary considers the English plan "has many advantages." In the first place, it says, "it prevents personal estrangements, bickerings, and the general unpleasantness which would necessarily accompany competition for every office in the Grand Lodge," while the other plan "would completely cut out from office unassuming, though worthy and hard-working members of country lodges," "encourage cliquism and log-rolling, and tempt Masons to follow the usual practice of canvassers, who trust more to defaming their opponents than extolling their own candidates." This is not precisely the way in which the *Australasian Keystone* has set forth the advantages of our plan. In its nervous anxiety to speak favourably of this, its utterances have become slightly mixed; but this is clearly its meaning and intention, and we are pretty much of the same opinion.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Whether it is wise or expedient to attack, through the medium of the press, the management of an Institution which has always been conducted most strictly in accordance with the Rules and Regulations that have been framed from time to time for its government, and which till quite recently has met with the almost universal approval of the Governors and Subscribers is a question we shall not venture to discuss. Our own opinion is that, if any of the supporters of a Charity consider they have just grounds of complaint against its governing authorities, their first duty is to bring such complaint officially to the notice of the said authorities with a view to obtaining such redress as may be necessary; and that it is only when all such attempts to obtain a remedy for the wrongs complained of have been ineffectually made, that an appeal to public opinion should be addressed through the columns of the press. Thus as regards the original allegation, made some time since, and quite recently repeated, that the cost of managing the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is out of all proportion to its yearly income, we think it would have been less detrimental if the Committee of Management had been allowed the opportunity either of disproving it, or, in the event of its being made good, of taking the necessary steps to reduce such cost. We never heard, however, that the late Bro. BIRCH adopted this very proper course before sending his complaint about the Collector's Commission for publication by a Masonic newspaper. Of course Bro. C. LETCH MASON is in quite a different position. His letter of the other day is only a further contribution to a public controversy which has been long in progress, whilst his grievances are stated in sufficiently temperate language, and with something like an attempt at argument. We, therefore, propose to meet his several complaints in a similarly temperate manner, and when he has read our statement he will probably see the desirability of withdrawing his charges.

Firstly, as regards "the dual set of accounts" which, "with all due deference to the Committee," he considers "is a mistake." Law 47 lays it down clearly and unequivocally that "the accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Male Fund, and of the Widows' Fund, shall be kept separate and distinct," and, therefore, though it would save time and trouble to prepare only one set of accounts, the Committee have no alternative but to prepare two sets, one for the Male Fund, and one for the Female Fund, and this has been done ever since the latter was established. Moreover, it is not always a case of the "sums in each exactly corresponding" in amount or character. The donations and subscriptions to the two Funds are not the same, neither are the Annuities or the Collectors' Commission. The Warden's salary is paid out of the Male Fund, and the Matron's out of the Widows' Fund, while the half annuities payable to certain widows are chargeable against the Male Fund. We say again, we have no doubt it would involve less time and trouble to prepare one set of accounts, but the law—as it is, not as Bro. LETCH MASON considers it ought to be—requires two sets, and the law must be obeyed.

"The Collector's expenses, £512 19s." With all deference to Bro. LETCH MASON, the question here is not whether the sum paid to this officer is great or small, but whether it is properly or improperly paid. When the last vacancy occurred in the office of Collector, a Sub-Committee of the Committee of Management was appointed to draw up the terms and conditions on which the new Collector should be appointed. The Committee of Management adopted the recommendations of its Sub-Committee, and Bro. JOHN MASON, the present Collector, was appointed to the vacant office. Therefore, as we have said, the question is not whether the sum Bro. JOHN MASON is paid during the year is great or small, but whether it is paid in accordance with the terms and conditions on which his appointment to the office of Collector was made. If Bro. LETCH MASON, or any other Governor or Subscriber to the Institution, is in a position to prove that Bro. JOHN MASON is paid commission, which he is not entitled to charge or receive, the objection to this item will stand good to the extent of such improper payment. The greatness of the sum paid only shows that Bro. JOHN MASON does his duty as Collector very well, just as the smallness of the sum would show that he did it indifferently, or was very unfortunate in his efforts at collecting; or else that the sum it was his duty to collect was in itself small. Again, it is a mere statement which goes for nothing as an argument, when Bro. LETCH MASON says that the Provincial half of the donations and subscriptions "is generally collected by the Provincial Stewards, and remitted to the Secretary." Bro. LETCH MASON must be perfectly well aware that for this statement of his to possess any value a more precise word must be used than "generally," which may mean that the whole of the Provincial half is so collected and remitted (say) two years out of every three, or three years out of every four; or that (say) two-thirds



or three-fourths is so collected and remitted; or, merely that two-thirds or three-fourths of the Provincial Stewards so collect and remit the amounts of their several lists. But whatever may be "generally" done by the Provincial Stewards, it is clear that a proportion of the Provincial donations and subscriptions must be "annually" collected by Bro. JOHN MASON, who would not otherwise be entitled to the amount he has received for commission in accordance with the terms and conditions of his appointment. Lastly, Bro. JOHN MASON defrays all the expenses he incurs in his business of collecting out of the Commission he receives, so that the £519 12s. represents the gross, not the net, amount of his emolument. And still more lastly—though this is not included in the terms of his compact with the Committee of Management—Bro. JOHN MASON visits freely among the lodges and chapters in town and country, and renders valuable assistance to the Institution by obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards. In doing this, he pays his own travelling expenses, having declined the offer of the Committee of Management made some time since to reimburse him the money thus spent.

"Printing and Postages amount to £850 16s. 2d." The sum is large, but the expense which includes the annual list of subscribers, many thousands of voting papers, reports, circulars, stationery, is necessarily heavy, indeed the heaviest item among the disbursements, next to salaries and collector; but its perfect accuracy is attested by the signatures of the Finance and Audit Committee which examined it. So, too, with "Provincial and other expenses"—£169 14s. The Secretary is properly reimbursed the expenses he incurs when travelling on the business of the Institution, and the items have been examined by the Finance Committee, who vouch for the accuracy of the total. We presume there is no other objection to defining "other" than that, as the statement of account from which this item is quoted is only a summary, fuller particulars are not necessary. "Bank charges, 1s. 11d." is not a case in point, but is given because it is a separate head of expenditure, not for greater fulness of detail.

"Votes of thanks to Stewards, £24 10s., and entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants, £95 7s. 6d.," are "two items" which "call for special attention," and the more closely they are examined, the more ridiculous will the objection taken to them appear. The Stewards are the brethren by whose efforts the major portion of the year's income is raised, and in grateful recognition of the valuable, nay, the indispensable, services thus rendered, the Institution presents each Steward with a prettily-illuminated address of thanks, which costs between 1s. 6d. and 2s., and it further invites those Stewards who desire it and their friends to visit the Asylum at Croydon, and when they have there seen and admired what there is to see and admire, it dispenses amongst them a cordial, but not very extravagant, hospitality, the annuitants being also invited to a share in the good cheer. In this instance, the "two items" to which our "special attention" is directed, amount in round figures to £120, and, as at the Festival to which they relate, the Stewards raised upwards of £15,000, the cost to the Institution of these trifling recognitions is at the rate of *sixteen shillings* for every £100 raised. But is Bro. LETCH MASON serious in suggesting that the Stewards should pay for their own votes of thanks and their own entertainment at Croydon? If so, we regret we do not see our way to accepting his disclaimer—that he is no "parsimonious cheese-sparing economist."

Lastly, as regards the statement of account taken as a whole, we demur entirely to Bro. LETCH MASON'S inference that, because the expenses of the Benevolent Institution amounted for the year ended the 31st March, 1889, to £3329 16s. 1d., and the sum disbursed in annuities to £14,610, therefore, "every recipient, whether of £40 or £32, costs the Society £8 2s. 10d." In the first place, one-fifth of the expenses were incurred in respect of the Asylum, and have nothing whatever to do with the annuities. These items are—Rates and Taxes, £150 9s. 9d.; Warden, £20; Matron, £62; Gardener, £57 4s.; Pension to late Gardener, £26; Rent of Meadow, £25 8s.; Work done at Asylum, £84 13s. 6d.; Purchase of Land and Surveyor's Fee, £115 5s.; Medicine, £25; amounting together to £566 0s. 3d. Deduct these and the returned donation of £10 10s., and the expenses in respect of the Annuity Funds will be found to amount to £2753 5s. 10d., which would be a large sum if the Institution were an endowed Charity, but which is certainly not extravagant when we remember that the income derived from permanent sources is less than £4000. Again, is it just to charge the whole of the expenses of management against the annuities, and ignore entirely the sum of £5325, disbursed in the purchase of Stock? Omitting the balances brought forward, the "cash withdrawn at call," and the donation erroneously paid in, the Dr. side of the account shows a total of Receipts from all sources amounting to £23,143 13s. 2d.; while omitting the expenses at, and on account of, the Asylum—which was originally and so far as the main purpose of the Institution is concerned,

still remains a separate and distinct Charity—and the repaid donation, the Cr. side shows a total expenditure of £22,688 5s. 10d., namely, for annuities, £14,610; purchase of stock, £5325; and cost of management, £2753 5s. 10d. Thus the cost of management is somewhat less than 12 per cent. of the total receipts, and not quite 14 per cent. of the money, (£19,935), spent in annuities and the purchase of stock; while if we add the Asylum expenditure, which, as we have said, is entirely unprofitable as regards the main purposes of the Institution, we find the total cost in that case (£3319 6s. 1d.) is within 14½ per cent. of the total receipts and not quite 17 per cent. of the money expended in annuities and stock. In neither case is the proportion of cost, whether to total receipts or other expenditure, excessive, especially if we bear in mind as regards the item of "salaries," that the Secretary has been 25 years in the service of the Institution—8½ years as collector and 16½ years as Secretary—and has proved himself worth the salary he receives; that the Collector's commission is paid in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and is great or small according as his duties are well or ill performed; and that the cost of printing, postages, &c., has grown, but not disproportionately, with the growth of the Institution.

We have no fear as to the result of an inquiry into the management of the Institution, but for the sake of those who address letters of complaint to the Masonic press, we suggest that even Vice-Presidents of our Institutions are not exempt from the duty of knowing and understanding the rules and regulations, or of being familiar with all such circumstances as will fully and sufficiently account for any actual or proportionate increase which may have taken place of late years in the cost of management.

### RED CROSS LEGEND.

It is somewhat singular, and rather awkward as well, that the Order of Knights Templar, with its chivalric and Christian features, should be held in so close an alliance with another Order between which and itself there is not the slightest analogy. A due regard to symmetrical arrangement would seem to require that the Order of Red Cross should be made an appendage to the Royal Arch Degree, and be included under the government of Capitular Masonry, instead of forming a part of the Templar system as it does under the rule and practice of this country.

But whatever incongruity there may be in the arrangement—however much the Order of the Red Cross may seem out of place in being made a part of the Templar system—there can be no question as to the beauty and moral significance of the lessons which are unfolded in the ceremony of the Red Cross Degree. It does not matter that there is some doubt as to the historic correctness of the scene portrayed, and that the accuracy of many of the statements given in the ritual is questioned—there is still an impressiveness of force and meaning in the representation given of old time incidents and characters. The legend, briefly told, is as follows: "After their release from captivity, and their engagement in the work of rebuilding their City and Temple, the Jews were greatly impeded in that undertaking by the Samaritans. Therefore, a delegation was sent from Jerusalem to the Court of Darius, King of Persia, requesting the favour of that monarch and his practical aid in carrying forward the work that had already been entered upon. Zerubbabel, a youthful Prince of the House of Judah, and a personal friend of Darius, was at the head of the embassy commissioned to make such appeal. The difficulties encountered in the journey, the arrest, the presentation at Court, the test of fidelity to which Zerubbabel was subjected, the banquet scene, the exaltation of truth—all these are vivid points in the ceremonial which is placed before the candidate in this ancient Order of Knighthood."

The Red Cross Knight, if properly affected by the scenes portrayed and the lessons inculcated, will find himself strongly attracted toward the Jewish prince in whom are combined so many graces and virtues. Especially will the faithfulness of Zerubbabel to his country and his word become significant as set forth under the conditions represented, while illustration is made, in a way calculated to quicken the higher sensibilities of being, of what is declared in the words of the ritual, viz., "That *truth* is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue." So it is the character and life of that Jewish prince, who stands as a worthy type of heroic manhood are brought to notice that due emphasis may be put upon those instructions which pertain to righteous endeavour. The legend is told and illustrated, and the example of Zerubbabel is cited, to enforce the proposition that truth is mighty above all things and in the end beareth the victory.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE LENNOX BROWNE LODGE, No. 2318.

On Monday last, at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, a new lodge was added to the roll of the Province of Essex, when the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. of that province, inaugurated the Lennox Browne Lodge, No. 2318, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England.

As Consecrating Officer, Lord Brooke was assisted by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., and D.P.G.M., who, at the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, installed the first Master of the lodge into the chair of K.S. The Prov. Grand Officers who assisted Lord Brooke in the consecration were Bros. Harrison, P.S. G.W., acting as S.W.; Clowes, P.P.S.G.W., and W.M. elect of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, as J.W.; A. Lucking, P.G.D.; Andrew Durrant, P.G. Treas., as I.G.; Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P.G.C. Eng., as Chap.; and T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.

The founders of the new lodge were Bros. T. Scoresby-Jackson, M.D., J.W. 2256, Worshipful Master designate; H. Ffrench Bromhead, J.D. 1662, Senior Warden designate; W. Shurmur, P.M. 1471, Junior Warden designate; Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108 and 2256; J. Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, 1997; T. H. G. Wrighton, P.M. 1520; W. E. Dring, 31; H. J. Drane, 1223; A. Schneider, 151; Wm. Butcher, 174; W. P. Allen, 2256; G. Ashton, 442; A. Ambrose, M.D., 5 (I.C.); J. G. Cackett, 2256; T. C. Warner, W.M. elect 2256; G. Hurley, 2256; J. H. Clare, 193; E. Gray, jun., 65; and A. Brown, 869.

There was a very large assemblage of brethren to witness the inauguration of the new lodge, so that the lodge room was well filled before the proceedings commenced, and the number was very considerably augmented before the lodge was closed.

Among the officers of the Grand Lodge of England present were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; E. Terry, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; George Cooper, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, D.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Ganz, P.G. Org.; and Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, ushering in the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, who were warmly welcomed by the applause of the brethren.

The P.G.M. having taken the chair, and appointed his officers as already indicated, proceeded to open the lodge in the three Degrees, after which the hymn "Hail, eternal, by whose aid" was sung.

Lord BROOKE then said it was customary for the Consecrating Officer on occasions like the present to address a few words to the assembled brethren before proceeding with the chief ceremony of the day. As Prov. Grand Master, it was a great satisfaction to him, and it must be a satisfaction to them, to see with what unanimity and cordial co-operation this lodge had been started. He had seldom seen such interest taken in the starting of a new lodge as displayed by the very large concourse of brethren present; indeed, he had seen meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge at which there had not been so large a muster. He accepted the large meeting as a token that the province was satisfied that the founders were justified in forming the lodge which bore the name of Bro. Lennox Browne, who stood high in the Craft as he did in the profession which he followed. It was hardly necessary for him to say that it was a great thing to see how Freemasonry was increasing in the Province of Essex. The number of lodges he did not desire to see increase too much, especially in localities where there was any probability that they would clash with one another; but he thought they had ample justification for forming this lodge in that charming spot. He had not yet had the pleasure of shaking hands with Bro. Lennox Browne, but he congratulated him upon the formation of this lodge, which it appeared had in some way sprung out of the Warner Lodge, which he (Lord Brooke) had consecrated just a year ago. He felt sure that this lodge would have a prosperous career, and would be a staunch supporter of the true principles of Freemasonry. He was quite sure that he should never regret the day when he came to Buckhurst Hill to consecrate the Lennox Browne Lodge.

Bro. RALLING, Prov. G. Sec., then addressed the Consecrating Officer, who, in reply, desired that the founders of the new lodge should be ranged before him. This having been done, the Prov. G. Sec. read first the petition and afterwards the warrant for the formation of the lodge.

The PROV. G. MASTER then, addressing the founders of the lodge, inquired if they still approved of the officers who were named in the warrant, and these brethren having signified their approval, the Prov. G. Master called on the Chaplain for an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution.

Bro. the Rev. THOMAS COCHRANE, P.G. Chap., rose and said: In obedience to your commands, R.W. Sir, I beg to offer a few remarks to the brethren on the nature and principles of the Institution. It is not my intention to enter at any length into the controversies as to the exact date of the origin of Freemasonry. In the opinion of many, our Order sprang into being at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple, and without doubt, if it did not originate at that time, the Order of Masonry would have received a powerful stimulant from the confraternities and guilds of artificers employed in that work of devotion to T.G.A.O.T.U., all deeply impressed with the sacredness of the work in which they were engaged. But I cannot but believe that our Ancient Order was represented at a far earlier date by one who was especially inspired by Almighty God to erect the first architectural edifice used for the worship of God—viz., the Tabernacle in the wilderness. We read in Exodus xxxi. that "The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, and I have filled him with wisdom in all manner of workmanship to devise cunning works, to work in gold and in silver and in the cutting of stone." The antiquity of the Order being, however, beyond dispute, our time will, I think, be more profitably occupied in considering its position and value in the civilised world. Modern Freemasonry is, as we are all aware, not a school of architecture, but a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and its special connection with practical architecture has been gradually but surely severed. Now, I conceive that were it necessary to place our Ancient Order upon the defensive against the indiscriminating attacks which prejudice loves to make upon every institution recognising the principles of mystery and secrecy, the most effective reply is not to be found in any mere appeal to antiquity, but by pointing to the well known practical results of Masonry thoroughly acted up to. In an ever-changing world the unchanging principles of our Order stand firm as a perpetual protest over body and mind, and as a school in which to learn the paramount duties of love to God and love to the brethren, as a rock over which the wild storms of political conflicts and the battle of creeds, which alter the destinies of whole nations, may sweep without ruffling its surface. It is of the essence of pure Masonry that it knows no creeds,

recognises no politics, and thus pure Masonry can place itself into antagonism with no States, no religions. Purity, Charity, Fraternity are the principles which it strives to infuse into the minds and hearts of its children, and it bids them to go forth boldly from every lodge, and in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. practise these virtues faithfully. The assertion so frequently made that the secrets of Masonry are opposed to the doctrines of religion are both mischievous and false—intently mischievous, inasmuch as to force Freemasonry into opposition to religion results disastrously for both systems; utterly false, inasmuch as Masonry is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion, but a system of morals eminently constituted to form a valuable handmaiden to every pure religion. We must not fail to observe, however, that the fault of a collision between Masonry and religion is sometimes generally the fault of the Mason himself. And circumstances will occasionally occur when the wisest discretion must be exercised. A peculiar and deeply interesting illustration of a dilemma of this nature, in which there could be no doubt that the principles of our Order were unduly stretched, is afforded us in the V.S.L. The history itself is full of interest to Masons, as bearing marvellous testimony, first, to the antiquity of the Order, and, secondly, to the power of the principles of Masonry over one of the strongest passions of man's nature—the desire for revenge. In the xxth chapter of the 1st Book of Kings the incident is related—Benhadad, the King of Syria, had sent to Ahab, the King of Israel, a galling and insolent challenge, "Thy silver and thy gold are mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine." Ahab, after an interval of timidity and hesitation, being encouraged by a prophet of the Lord, joined in battle with the Syrian King, and defeated him with terrific slaughter, Benhadad himself escaping from the field of battle, and concealing himself in the city. And now came the point of the history. From his concealment he sent messengers to supplicate the King of Israel for his life. What passed between the messengers and the victorious Sovereign had better be given in the words of Holy Scripture but, if they did not refer to the passing between the conquered and the conquerors of a certain secret sign, it is not easy to see the meaning of the passage. Ahab, upon receiving the message, as if suddenly remembering some obligations of Fraternity, cried out (v. 32), "Is he yet alive; he is my brother;" and we read "The men did diligently observe whether anything would come from it, and did hastily catch it, and they said *thy Brother Benhadad*." Doubtless they watched with eagerness to see if the sign of the brotherhood would come from him, and responded to it with the joyful cry "*Thy Brother Benhadad*." Remarkable, too, is the sequel of the history. Ahab being thus, as he considered, constrained by the principles of the Ancient Order to spare the life of his enemy, who had heaped insult on his country and his God, came, as I conceive, justly under the sore displeasure of the Church,

and was visited by the prophet, who foretold his own destruction for sparing the life of the enemy of his nation. In this he was distinctly wrong in placing Masonry above his religion and above the interests of his country. And, in conclusion, brethren, let the errors or excesses of any who do belong or who have belonged to our noble Order not discourage or deter us in our pursuit of virtue. To those about to join the Lennox Browne Lodge, now about to be consecrated, I would say that the true secret of preserving a community in a state of purity and usefulness is for each member to begin by making one man pure and useful, and that man himself. Let neither friendship nor relationship by blood ever betray you in recommending as a fit and proper person to be admitted into Masonry either an unchaste or intemperate man, or one who cannot control himself in his family circle, amongst his friends and acquaintances, and in his professional circle. Above all, then, make your Freemasonry a reality and not a pastime. Attend, whenever possible, lodges of instruction, that you may become conversant with the real beauty and virtue of the system. Do not consider it as a religion, or as a substitute for religion, but as coexistent with religion, and as an encouragement to search after higher and more soul-saving truths. Cultivate the sublime principles which are so solemnly inculcated when you are admitted to the Order. Prove yourselves before the outside world to be true and genuine brothers, that all may see and approve the benign influence of Freemasonry; and, above all things, remember that the system of morality to which we, as Masons, are pledged, is essentially for the well-being of an earthly community, and, as mortal beings, you cannot rest satisfied with that. This life, with its interests and necessities, is, after all, but a starting point along a road without an ending, and before us all there is a time when systems of morality shall have faded away into the past, and eternity shall have set its terrible seal upon every action of this life. In praying that T.G.A.O.T.U. would vouchsafe

His choicest blessing upon this newly-constituted lodge, I would add the prayer that every member of the Fraternity, present and future, may so shape his course here below that he may be admitted, through the mercy and merit of One who loved the world and gave Himself for it, into the eternal portals of the Grand Lodge above. So mote it be.

The oration was followed by the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing," sung by the musical brethren, and the ceremony of consecration proceeded to its close in the customary form, and finally the Patriarchal Benediction was pronounced by the CONSECRATING OFFICER.

Lord BROOKE then requested Bro. Philbrick, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, to install the W.M. designated in the warrant, and Bro. Philbrick accordingly assumed the Master's chair, and immediately resumed the lodge in the Second Degree, when Bro. Dr. Thomas Scoresby-Jackson was presented by Bro. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., for the benefit of installation, and was duly installed in ancient form by Bro. Philbrick into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board consisting of at least 50 Installed Masters, by whom he was duly saluted and congratulated. The newly-installed W.M. then invested Bro. Lennox Browne as acting I.P.M., and likewise invested the officers named in the warrant, namely: Bro. H. Ffrench Bromhead, as S.W., and Bro. Wm. Shurmur, as J.W. Bro. J. Pinder was then elected Treasurer of the lodge, and also invested. The rest of the officers were appointed and invested, as follows: Bros. T. H. G. Wrighton, Sec.; W. Ernest Dring, S.D.; H. J. Drane, J.D.; A. Schneider, I.G.; W. M. Butcher, D.C.; W. P. Allen, A.D.C.; G. Ashton and A. Ambrose, Stwds.; and J. G. Cackett, Org. Bro. Young was elected Tyler by a show of hands, and invested.

The W.M. then rose, and proposed that a vote of thanks to the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers who had assisted at the consecration, be recorded on the lodge minutes, and further that those brethren be elected honorary members of the lodge.

The motion having been seconded by the S.W., was put to the vote by the J.W., and carried unanimously.

The W.M., in informing the P.G.M. of the result, presented him with a handsome consecration jewel, as a memento of the occasion.

Lord BROOKE, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to pin upon his coat among the other badges which he valued that token of the regard and esteem of the Master and brethren of the Lennox Browne Lodge. It had been a very



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great pleasure both to himself and the D.P.G.M. and the other Grand Officers to come to inaugurate that lodge, which had every appearance of a successful future. Wishing them prosperity, his lordship concluded by thanking them for the jewel, which, he said, he should always wear amongst his other badges.

The W.M. then, with a few appropriate words, presented a similar jewel to Bro. Philbrick, as Installing Officer.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in reply, thanked the Master and brethren very sincerely for that token of their regard, and for the marked kindness which had been shown to him by the brethren of the province ever since he had first become connected with them. He concluded by begging to echo the good wishes so well expressed by the P.G.M.

The W.M. next proposed the appointment of Bro. Shurmur, J.W., a Vice-Patron of all three Charities, to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee.

This was seconded by Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, who, in doing so, said that he hoped every individual member of the lodge would subserve his own interests, to place his votes as far as possible in the hands of the Committee.

In acknowledging the mark of confidence which this resolution showed the brethren placed in him, Bro. SHURMUR promised to do his best in the position to which he had thus been called.

A Committee was, on the proposition of Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, appointed to draw up the by-laws of the lodge; said Committee to consist of the W.M., the Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Secretary of the lodge.

The SECRETARY read communications from Bros. Lord Euston, Lord Henniker, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Lord Mayor of London, and several other distinguished Masons, regretting their inability to be present at the meeting.

Several names were proposed as joining members, and also for initiation.

This concluded the business before the lodge, which was then closed, and the company adjourned to the dining hall, where, after an excellent dinner, served by Bro. A. C. Smith, the proprietor, the usual list of Masonic toasts was proceeded with.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that, as an Essex lodge, they must especially welcome the toast, for it was almost to that identical spot that her Majesty came when she came to declare the Forest open and dedicated to the public. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

"The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was the next toast proposed by the MASTER, who said that under the Prince's rule Freemasonry had made more progress than under any of his predecessors. After referring to the great meeting, over which the G.M. presided, at the Albert Hall, two years ago, he said that as they would not have another opportunity before the Royal marriage took place, he would, on this occasion, in proposing that toast, wish long life, health, and happiness to the bride and bridegroom.

This toast was also drunk with enthusiasm, and received a very hearty fire.

The next toast was "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, &c.," and in doing so the W.M. said he had to express his sympathy with the Earl of Lathom in the loss he had recently sustained in his family. He had also to couple with the toast the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. They were not, like some other people, willing to rest upon their laurels, but were at all times anxious to help their brethren who came after them. He fully appreciated the honour done to the lodge by the presence of so many Grand Officers, and on behalf of the lodge he would express the hope that this would not be the last time they would come to the Lennox Browne Lodge.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.W., in reply, said he spoke for the Grand Officers who stood around him, and he was sure he was expressing their sentiments when he said that they attended there with great pleasure, because it was a gratification and a pleasure to attend the consecration of a new lodge, and observe how hearty on all sides were the wishes and hopes for its successful career; it seemed more like a Provincial Grand Lodge than the inauguration of a new lodge, especially when they saw the Prov. Grand Master at the head of it. Sir John said that he had, besides, peculiar pleasure in coming on that occasion for more than one reason; one reason was that the lodge was named after an old and esteemed friend of his, who was a young Mason, but a most energetic one. Then, again, he came on rather classic ground that day. He remembered that early in his years of office he came in his official capacity to Buckhurst Hill, on which occasion they came to a house which was known as Ellersley's. In the name of his brethren who stood about him, and for himself, he thanked them very heartily for the toast, and wished them a career second to none.

The W.M., in rising to propose "The Health of the P.G.M. of Essex, the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke," was received with deafening applause. He said that was a toast which gave him very great pleasure to propose, and one which the brethren were always pleased to honour. It was now just 12 months since the Prov. G.M. consecrated a lodge similar to that one. They felt most particularly indebted to him for allowing the addition of this lodge to the province. He believed that this was the eleventh lodge that Lord Brooke had consecrated since he became Prov. Grand Master. Let them hope that he might live to consecrate many more. Without further preface he would give them the toast "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master."

The toast was received with loud applause, and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

In reply, Lord BROOKE said that it was a great pleasure to him to attend before the brethren that evening to address them there in the Lennox Browne Lodge. He did so, he knew, as a guest, and he hoped as a long-known and esteemed friend. At the same time, they had done him the very great honour of electing him one of themselves, and he could not help feeling that, coming among them as one of themselves, it was one of the pleasantest gatherings he had ever enjoyed. He had never before seen at any private lodge so many distinguished Masons and jolly good fellows. It was a very difficult thing to make a speech, and to say something fresh about Freemasonry. It was a well-worn topic; to his mind there in Essex it was especially well known, because they had now so many lodges about the county. There was so little of Essex unexplored by Freemasonry that it was very difficult to know whether there was fresh ground for Masonic colonisation. It was not like the arid deserts of Africa, but here they had Masonic lodges so thickly planted that it needed not a little tact to decide whether a new lodge did not tread somewhat on another lodge's toes. It was not the wish of anybody in Grand Lodge to see the province overcrowded with lodges, but it was extremely gratifying there was so much loyalty in that locality, and to see at the top of the playbill (if he might use the expression) the benign countenance of Bro. Lennox Browne.

Lord Brooke, with gavel in hand, proceeded to say that they had a most excellent Master in the chair, one he was quite sure who would be a credit to the lodge. His lordship went on to say that his idea with regard to a Masonic speech was that the old dark expressions were misplaced, but if there were any force in any words of his he should long that they might be of use in connecting those who were younger than himself in promoting the good of Freemasonry; not only because it joined them together in one happy colony, but, as he had said, because it connected them together with one set purpose—to do good to all men. Those subjects went not only to their own localities, but they extended usefulness all over the world. They had had many, many demonstrations of what Masonic benevolence could do, and those over whom he ruled were going on and prospering in such efforts; and he hoped that they would continue to support him whenever there was any Masonic good to be promoted.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, acting I.P.M., proposed the next toast, which was "The Health of the V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was a toast he said which needed no words from him, and he was sure, as regarded Bro. Philbrick, that those

who knew him did not want any testimony to his excellence as a man and a Mason, and those who did not know him, seeing him that day working in the lodge must have thought the ceremony one of the most impressive they had ever seen, as it was performed in a way that could not be surpassed. Bro. Philbrick had given a life-long devotion to the Craft, and he had recently given up much valuable time to the performance of a most difficult duty. That work had been performed by him in a most impartial manner, and had been received with entire assent by all the impartial members of the Craft. He had no wish to touch upon any polemical matter, but he did not think there could have been any one chosen who would have arbitrated in a more judicial and impartial capacity than Bro. Philbrick and the brethren associated with him. It was a gratification to see that Bro. Philbrick had in the last few days had given to him by the Lord Chancellor a position which showed that he was appreciated in his own profession. He could not say enough about his own personal regard for Bro. Philbrick, but he knew that that kindness which Bro. Philbrick had extended to him, he had extended to every brother in Essex with whom he came in contact. Bro. Lennox Browne then referred to the other Prov. Grand Officers, and concluded by proposing the health of them all.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in reply, said he must for one moment trespass upon their attention. If he had been able to do anything in that province, could they not tell why? It was because it was a pleasure to all to serve under their respected head. As long as they helped him in the province they would see a united and a happy province, increasing not merely in the number of lodges, but also in the good work which they were proud to see going on, through the Masonic spirit which animated the whole province. The Provincial Grand Officers were delighted to be there at the foundation of a new lodge named after an Essex man—Bro. Lennox Browne, the son of an Essex man; and the foundation of this lodge bore evidence to the strength of a lodge founded quite recently, and of which Bro. Lennox Browne was the first Master. It was not, however, by founding lodges that Masonry was to be forwarded; neither was it by merely numbering heads in lodges that lodges prospered—it was by numbering good heads. It was an honour to a man to be a Freemason; Freemasonry received no honour but from a worthy man. He felt sure that no word of warning was wanted by the Lennox Browne Lodge; but it was a subject that all might take to heart that great caution should be exercised as to the candidates for Masonry, and that they should only be ready to hold out the right hand of Masonic fellowship to any that they would not be sorry to welcome to their own homes. He would add a word on one other topic. His good friend, Lennox Browne, who proposed this toast, had referred to a matter with which he was connected which had reference to one of the great and noble Charities of the Order. Those present knew quite well that there were besides himself six other brethren—three from the great provinces of England, north, south, and west, and three from the Metropolis—whose names were honoured among Masons—Bro. Samuel Pope, a man of the highest character, and eminent in his profession; Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, a Rugby man, a Trinity Cambridge man; and then again, there was Bro. John Derby Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, who bestowed the greater portion of his time and his great ability in aid of that grand Institution. There were also Bro. John Malcolm, of Leeds, Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, from Somerset, and Bro. Robt. Wylie, from Liverpool, who was named by Lord Lathom to him (Bro. Philbrick) as the fittest person to take part in such an Inquiry. All those persons had been his colleagues, and they were all absolutely unanimous in what they thought, and therefore it was that, though the work was heavy, though the investigation was extremely painful, they thought it wiser, and better, and more conducive to that which would lead to the real interests

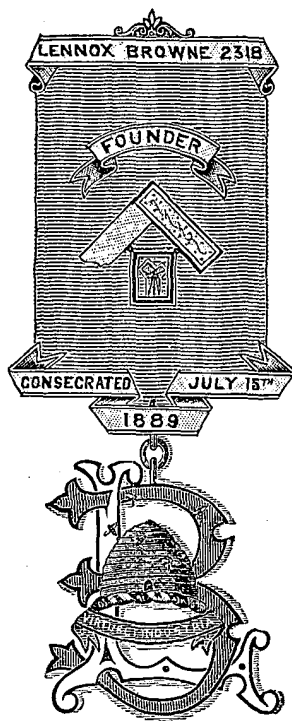
of the Institution that they should tell the truth honestly, without fear, or favour, or malice, and that it was better that they should let the Craft know as truly as they could that which they had to tell. The brethren must forgive him for having said so much; but he trusted that the result of their work would be the prosperity of the Institution which it concerned. For himself, he would say that though his name had been prominently associated with this action, he was but one of seven, all of whom took the full responsibility of that which they had done, and they were thankful that the calmer heads and the thinking portion of the community had not thought fit to repudiate that which they had laid before them. Turning from personal matters for a moment, he would say that in Freemasonry as everywhere else they were nothing without a leader, and they desired to do honour to him who was placed over them in that lodge in the person of their W. Master. They honoured the office, and, on this occasion, the man who filled it. To found a lodge and find a man to rule over it—a man of no mean ability—was a serious task, and seeing that that lodge had been founded by 18 or 20 petitioners, they could not but feel assured that the W.M. who had been chosen by them had good reason to be proud of the position he held. Bro. Philbrick concluded by proposing "The W.M.'s Health," trusting that the members would support him in his year of office in a true Masonic spirit.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in returning thanks, said that it would be his most anxious endeavour so to act in his year of office that at the end of it he might be able to feel that he had done his duty. After some further remarks, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the acting I.P.M.," informing the brethren at the same time that it was Bro. Lennox Browne's birthday.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE briefly replied, assuring the brethren that he never had had a more gratifying birthday gift than he had received that day. The W.M. did him no more than justice when he said that no one was more surprised than he was when he was asked to allow his name to be associated with that lodge.

As there was now only just time to catch the train for London, "The Health of the Visitors" was very briefly disposed of, and the meeting shortly after separated.

The Founders' jewel of which we give an engraving, was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.



FOUNDERS' JEWEL.

Bro. Lennox Browne, whose portrait we give as the sponsor of the new lodge, and who is well-known in the scientific world, is comparatively young in Freemasonry, as he was only initiated in 1878, when already 37 years of age, his mother lodge being the Maybury, 969, of which the late Bro. Benjamin Webster, P.G.D., was the principal founder and first W.M. Bro. Lennox Browne, although a regular attendant at this lodge, and filling all the offices up to S.W., was not prominent in the Craft till 1885, when he was mainly instrumental in founding the Empire lodge, 2108, which started under the auspices of Sir Phillip Cunliffe Owen, as first W.M., the late Admiral Sir Wm. Hewitt, first S.W., and other influential brethren, with the avowed object of bringing closer together Colonial and Home Masons, at once took a prominent position, and has achieved an almost unique success. Bro. Lennox Browne took the arduous post of first Secretary, and few who were present will forget the banquet in 1886—the year of the India and



Colonies Exhibition—when no less than 40 Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire were represented by guests. The S.W. being absent on foreign service, Bro. Lennox Browne was elected second W.M. of the Empire, forfeiting for the time the privilege of ruling his mother lodge; and in consequence of the death of Sir William Hewitt, he filled the chair for a second year. In the meantime, however, he had been designated as first W.M. of a new lodge in Essex—the Warner—named after one of his own initiates in the Empire, a prominent county gentleman and proprietor in the neighbourhood of Chingford. Such was the energy of our brother and his power of inspiring enthusiasm, that before his year of office was expired, his J.W., Bro. Scoresby-Jackson, took steps to found a new lodge at Buckhurst Hill, a district full, as we understand, of Masonic material needing a home, and ready for development, and in asking Bro. Lennox Browne, as W.M. of a neighbouring lodge, to support the petition, Bro. Jackson informed him of the unanimous wish of the Founders, that he would give the new lodge his name and act as I.P.M. Bro. Lennox Browne has also inaugurated a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Empire Lodge; is a member of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, 2201; is a Founder and Overseer of the recently consecrated Egerton of Tatton Mark Lodge, and Ark Mariners Lodge; and was elected to the 30° in May last. He was also one of the earliest to be inducted into the Secret Monitors, of which Order he was one of the first Grand Officers, and is a Past G.R. Bro. Lennox Browne was elected last month, on his first application, as a member of the Board of General Purposes, being second on the list of W.M.'s. He is also a member of the General Committee of the Grand Chapter and of the Colonial Board. Lastly, our brother has been a yearly liberal contributor to all our Charities, and has served four Stewardships; he is a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held in the Assembly Rooms, Reading, on Thursday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg (in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Prov. G.M., Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.).

The brethren, numbering nearly 100, assembled, and shortly afterwards Prov. G. Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. John Tomkins, P.P.S.G.W., the Prov. G. Officers, the Past Prov. G. Officers, and other brethren.

The D.P.G.M. expressed the great regret which he was sure was felt by all the brethren that their much esteemed P.G.M. (Sir Daniel Gooch), was unable to preside on this occasion owing to the state of his health. Sir Daniel had not been well for some time, and it was undesirable he should overtax his strength by undertaking duties which involved a certain amount of toil as well as pleasure. They all entertained the hope that Sir Daniel's ailment was merely of a temporary character, and that when they next assembled they would have the advantage of Sir Daniel's presidency as usual.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at High Wycombe on the 25th of June, 1888, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, on the motion of Bro. TOMKINS, P.M., seconded by Bro. MOUNT, P.M.

The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. ROBERT BRADLEY, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng.) read letters he had received from distinguished Masons, including Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec.; Bro. F. West, Dep. P.G.M. Surrey; and others.

The P.G. SECRETARY then read over the list of the 25 lodges in the province, nearly the whole of which were represented. The roll of the Prov. Grand Officers appointed last year was also called.

The financial statement of the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. Charles Stephens, P.M.), and the report of the Charity Committee were presented, and adopted, and various amounts were voted to the subscribing lodges in the province, to be applied to the Masonic Charities, as the respective lodges may decide.

A discussion ensued in reference to the working of the Charity Committee, and there were expressions of opinion from Berkshire and Buckinghamshire brethren alike, that, seeing the number and strength of the lodges in the two counties, the time had arrived when the province should be divided.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then read an interesting report upon the condition of the different lodges in the province, from which it appeared that there were 899 members and 221 Past Masters. During the past year 158 regular lodges and 12 lodges of emergency had been held, and during the same period there had been 33 joining members and 63 initiations. The increase in the membership during the 12 months had been about 70. A new lodge (the George Gardner Lodge) was consecrated at Datchet by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master on the 13th May, the number of the lodge being 2309.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated the brethren upon the progress which Masonry had made in the province during the past year, as shown by the gratifying report just read by the Prov. Grand Secretary. The Dep. P.G.M. also alluded to the satisfactory state of the finances, and the valuable services of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Charles Stephens, whose re-election he proposed with much pleasure.

Bro. E. L. SHEPHERD, P.M., P.J.G.W., seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The D.P.G.M. then invested the following with the Provincial Charity jewel: Bros. John W. Martin, P.M.; Maurice Wheeler, P.M.; Charles E. Belcher, P.M.; Charles Stephens, P.M. (with bars); and M. J. Withers, P.M. (with ribbon).

The officers appointed by the Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year were then invested with their insignia of office as follows:

Bro. E. Margrett, 1101	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. H. Cox, 1639	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Williams, 574	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Charles Stephens, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. H. Charsley, 1894	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Bradley, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. T. Fountaine, 948	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. W. H. Thompson, 2228	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. E. Sydenham, 2043	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Sherwood, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" M. H. Palmer, 574	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Raymond Tucker, 1899	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Maurice Wheeler, 945	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Chas. A. Bennett, 1787	...	...	...	
" G. F. Slade, 1887	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. Page, 771	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Chas. Slaughter, 1101	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. T. Dodd, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" B. W. Bennett, 2043	...	...	...	
" A. Turner, 1894	...	...	...	
" Stubbington, 2043	...	...	...	
" W. Hemmings	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

This concluded the business on the agenda, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in a very satisfactory manner in the hall of the

Assembly Rooms, by Bro. Flanagan, P.M. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. E. Richardson, H. O. Crane, P.M., and W. E. Knowles, under the direction of Bro. A. Rowley, P.M., and their excellent performances contributed largely to the pleasure of the company.

The first toast on the list, "The Queen and the Craft," having been honoured, The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," observing that the Prince was not merely a Grand Master in name, but also in deed, and there was no detail connected with the high office of which his Royal Highness was not cognizant. Indeed, the Prince took a deep and active interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the Craft, and this was a circumstance which must be highly gratifying and satisfactory to the whole body of Masons.

The next toast honoured was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past." He had much pleasure in associating with this toast the name of the estimable Grand Secretary of this Province, Bro. Robert Bradley, Past G.S.B.

Bro. BRADLEY, in responding, said that to have his name associated with this toast was regarded by him not only as an honour to himself, but also to the province with which he had had the pleasure of being connected for so many years. They all knew how much they, as Masons, owed to the Prince of Wales. Since his Royal Highness had held office as Grand Master there had been a vast increase in the number of Masonic lodges throughout the country. The Prince took a warm personal interest in the prosperity of Masonry, and there was no Mason who had worked harder or more assiduously to promote the welfare of the Craft than did the Grand Master himself. As Masons they must all feel anxious that the interesting event in the Prince's family, which was soon about to take place, would prove a source of satisfaction and happiness to the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. Referring to the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Bradley particularly spoke of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who gave most thoughtful and careful attention to all matters affecting the welfare of Masonry.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master," and expressed the regret which all the brethren must feel that Sir Daniel was not able to be present through indisposition. They entertained the hope, however, that Sir Daniel's illness was merely of a transitory character, and that when they next met Sir Daniel would be in his usual place. They all wished their Prov. Grand Master a speedy recovery.

Bro. TOMKINS, P.M., in eulogistic terms, gave "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master," who acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, suitably replied.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers," for whom the S.G.W., Bro. MARGRETT, and the J.G.W., Bro. COX, severally responded.

The toast of "The W.M.'s and the Officers of the Reading Lodges," given by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, was responded to by Bros. SHERWOOD and SLAUGHTER.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in flattering terms, proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary," and Bro. STEPHENS and Bro. BRADLEY respectively returned thanks, the latter announcing that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury.

"The Health of the Caterer, Bro. Flanagan, and the Stewards," was drunk, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the company rose.

The officers and brethren present included the following: Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Dep. P.G.M., acting as P.G.M.; E. L. Shepherd, J.G.W.; R. Williams, Asst. P.G. Chap.; C. Stephens, P.G. Treas.; R. Bradley, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; Sydney Payne, P.S.G.D.; C. H. Tench, P.J.G.D.; J. Finch, P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Fisk, P.G.S.B.; C. G. Hawkes and Geo. J. Cosburn, P.G. Pursts.; T. Page, J. W. H. Thompson, and Cyril B. Tubbs, P.G. Stwds.; S. Wheeler, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Ferguson, P.P.J.G.D.; Charles E. Belcher, P.P. G.S. of W.; W. S. Cantrell, P.P.J.G.D.; M. J. Withers, P.P.J.G.D.; F. R. Harnett, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Lewis, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Tomkins, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. H. Bull, P.P.J.G.W.; Charles Terry, P.P.S.G.W.; C. W. Smith, P.P. G.S. of W.; J. C. Tirbutt, P.P.G. Org.; C. D. Hume, P.G.D.C.; J. Lawson, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Martin, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Parry, P.P.G.S.; G. H. Charsley, P.P.S.G.D.; R. C. Mount, P.S.G.W.; R. Nicholson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. Knight, P.P.G.D.C.; F. J. Ferguson, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Hawkes, P.P.A.G.S.; E. Margrett, P.P.G.S.B.; Arthur Welch, P.P.G.R.; A. Sellar, P.P.J.G.D.; W. W. Ridley, P.P.G.; E. H. Cox, P.G.S.; E. Baxter, P.G.S.; T. J. Pulley, P.P. G.D.C. Surrey; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. Rowley, P.P.S.G.W. Oxon; H. O. Crane, P.P.S.G.D. Oxon; J. Bliss, B. Fountaine, T. T. Fountaine, M. Wheeler, T. F. Lane, G. F. Slade, W. L. Harnett, W. Hickie, A. H. Simpson, W. Treverton, C. Slaughter, H. R. Partridge, J. Sparrow, W. B. Biddles, R. E. Holder, H. Gilligan, George Gardner, J. Marshall, J. T. Dodd, C. A. Bennett, G. S. Galt, E. W. Ridley, G. H. Stubbington, R. L. Reed, J. E. Sydenham, A. Turner, E. O. Jackson, J. Chapman, W. Sherwood, Rev. W. Miles Myers, W. Sevenoaks, B. Bennett, H. Sherwin, J. Greenaway, E. P. Silver, W. R. Palmer, W. G. Millar, W. Holcombe, H. King, W. W. Morgan, W. E. Knowles, W. G. Flanagan, A. Turner, J. Baker, Raymond Tucker, Enoch Richardson, Wm. R. Nicholas, and others.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.—The well-known American statesman, who was also, as our readers know, emphatically a self-made man, and as such deserves the commendation of all who value and believe the upward and onward movement of human self-elevation. He was born at Boston in 1706, and died in Philadelphia in 1790. We need not follow the course here of his social struggles or his political career, as they are beside and beyond our work. As a Freemason he was a zealous and devoted member of our great Order. When he was made a Mason is not quite clear; indeed, there seems some little confusion, at any rate uncertainty, as to the exact position of early American Freemasonry, especially in Pennsylvania. It does clearly appear that at the time when Price received his patent from England, about which questions have been raised by Bro. Jacob Norton, a Masonic lodge existed at Philadelphia. A lodge was working in Philadelphia in 1730. Franklin himself is said by some to have been made a Freemason in England, but we are not aware that any evidence of the fact has so far turned up. Whether Franklin set up the lodge in Philadelphia on the authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts organised by Price, or on the authority of some other existing body, is not to us quite clear, though it is said that he was appointed its first Master on a petition in June, 1734, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. But in November, 1734, Franklin calls himself Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and applies to Price for friendly recognition. Franklin was clearly, according to Bro. C. P. McCalla, Master or member of a lodge at Philadelphia before 1734. When in France, as Ambassador of the United States, he became affiliated to the famous "Loge des Neuf Sœurs," and during his stay at Paris he was present at the reception of Voltaire, February 7th, 1778, and acted as Warder in the Funeral Lodge of November 30th, for the new brother only admitted in February; and who died in May that same year. The Lodge of the "Nine Sister Muses" also received Franklin in a Lodge of Adoption at Auteuil, in the House of Sister Helvetius, which was made the occasion, Besuchet tells us, of a brilliant fête. We are glad to think that Franklin belonged to our Order. He reprinted the English Constitution of 1723 in 1734.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*



## DIST. G. LODGE OF THE PUNJAB.

The regular quarterly communication of the Dist. G. Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on Saturday, the 13th April last. Bro. E. Woodall Parker, Dist. G.M., presided, and among the D.G. Officers and others present were Bros. Colonel Oswald Menzies, P.G.D., D.D.G.M.; Major J. G. Kelly, D.S.G. Warden; Dr. Brij Lal Ghose, Past D.D.G.M., as D.J.G. Warden; D. A. Spankie, as D.G. Chap.; P. C. Mukerji, P.D.B. of G. Purps.; W. Bull, D.G. Sec.; Major R. D. B. Ruthergford, as D.S.G. Deacon; Capt. L. J. E. Bradshaw, D.J.G. Deacon; A. E. Stoddard, as D.G.S.B.; G. E. Coates, D.G. Org.; C. Potter, D.G. Purst.; and Fazl Din, D.G. Tyler.

The Dist. G. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous communication read and confirmed, the reports of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence were read, and the grants recommended in the latter made. The tender for additions to the hall recommended by the Hall Fund Committee was accepted after the name of the contractor had been altered from Mrs. to Mr. Coates.

The draft rules for the library to be attached to the Hall were offered to be printed and circulated for consideration among the lodges and brethren, and the rules as then revised to be submitted for approval to the Board of General Purposes.

Grants, as recommended by the Board of General Purposes, of 120 rupees towards P.M.I. silver and bronze presentation jewels for the Stewards of 1888, and of 500 rupees towards the cost of the additions to the Hall, were passed unanimously.

After the transaction of other business, the DISTRICT G. MASTER delivered his usual address, and at the outset laid particular stress on the necessity for caution in the admission of candidates, remarking that "although the attention of lodges had several times been drawn to the subject, it appeared that undesirable additions were not seldom made to the Craft." He said further that "it was obvious that no one should be admitted who was not in a position to maintain himself and family in comfort, nor likely to be not only a credit, but a source of strength to the Craft. The character and position of every candidate should, therefore, be thoroughly inquired into by the lodge before the ballot was taken, and undesirable persons rigorously excluded. Above all, it was desirable to exclude persons who were addicted to vices, which were sure to bring discredit and distress on themselves and on all concerned with them." He also strongly condemned the plan of examining candidates for admission to the higher Degrees as being in the majority of cases a sham, and laid it down that all such candidates should be carefully and properly prepared before they should be allowed to advance to a higher grade. He cited several cases of irregularity which had been brought to his notice—on which we comment elsewhere—and shortly afterwards District Grand Lodge was closed with the usual ceremonies.

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

The following further sums have been received since our issue of last week was published, namely:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
198	Bro. W. Webber, additional (raising his list to £47 5s.)	21	0	0
1381	„ H. F. Foale, additional (raising his list to £56 14s.)	10	10	0
1563	„ E. B. Cox, additional (raising his list to £141 15s.)	4	13	0
2012	„ G. Gardner, additional (raising his list to £369 10s.)	22	10	0
2310	„ S. J. Attenborough, additional (raising his list to £15 15s.)	5	5	0
PROVINCES.				
KENT.				
199	Bro. G. J. Bussey	52	10	0
SUSSEX.				
1947	Bro. A. F. Lamette, additional (raising his list to £63.)	10	10	0
		£126	18	0
Last week's additions		67	4	0
Total		£194	2	0

## NOTES FROM AN OLD FREEMASONRY PUBLICATION.

I came across a publication in book form the other day (writes a correspondent) of the year 1809, written in a very quaint style, and purporting to be an "authentic key to the door of Freemasonry." The writer is what is known in Masonic circles as a "Cowan," but the work itself is entirely flattering to the Order. Although an eavesdropper, his finding on what he saw and heard is: "I am inclined to think that the chief design of the establishment is to rectify the heart, inform the mind, and promote the moral and social virtues of humanity, decency, and good order, as much as possible in the world." Among other items of interest in the book I find that St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain in A.D. 287. In 926 Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York, and though through a long vista of years there is little recorded of the Order, it seems to have been growing in power, for in 1425 Masons' assemblies were prohibited by Parliament. Twenty-five years later, Henry VI. was initiated into Masonry, and in 1690 the secrets of the Order were revealed to William III. privately. The Freemasons inaugurated the building of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1657, and completed it in 1713. The office of Grand Secretary for England was first established in 1723, and the following year a Grand Treasurer was appointed. It was in the two succeeding years that a "general fund for distressed Masons" was proposed, and a "Committee of Charity" appointed, who founded a system which has grown till now it has assumed proportions of great magnitude. Indeed, so firm a hold has it obtained, that at a meeting held recently in London over £50,000 was subscribed by those present for Masonic charitable purposes. The plans for a Freemasons' Hall in London were approved by Grand

Lodge of England in 1769, but it is not till four years later that any definite steps seem to have been taken. A Hall Committee was appointed in 1773, and the year following a site for the building was purchased. The first stone of the building was laid in 1775, and the same year £5000 towards the building of the hall was raised by means of a tontine. The hall was dedicated in 1776, and the following year the anniversary of the dedication was ordered to be kept. It was not always merry with the Masons, however. It is recorded that in 1757, 14 persons were expelled the Order for irregularities, and that in 1762 several others shared the same fate. In 1777 several Masons had to submit to the indignity of imprisonment at Naples, but on what pretence it does not appear. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was elected Grand Master in 1782, and during his tenure of office (1788) the Royal Cumberland Freemasons' School was instituted. At his death in 1790, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, initiated in 1787, was elected to the vacancy. It is worthy of note that at the date on which the book was published (1809), H.R.H. George Augustus Frederick, the then Prince of Wales, filled the office of Grand Master of England, a position which is held in this year of grace, 1889, by Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.

## MASONIC OUTING TO WINDSOR.

On Thursday in last week, the annual excursion, and what may be termed the "ladies' day," of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, meeting at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, took place as in former years, the Royal borough of Windsor again being selected for visitation. Before commencing the journey a lodge meeting was held, and after the transaction of the necessary business the trip was commenced from Paddington, special saloons being attached to the ordinary train, which was timed to reach Windsor at a few minutes to eleven. The lodge numbers about 60 members, and of these half the number availed themselves of the excursion, accompanied by a similar number of ladies.

The members were Bros. W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C. (founders of the lodge); R. H. Pearson, P.M., W.M.; F. C. Frye, P.M. (member of the County Council of London); J. Woodmason, P.M., P.G.D.C. Middx.; S.W., W.M. elect; R. C. Green, J.W.; J. R. Roberts, J.D.; J. Whittlesea, R. Reid, E. Rogers, Stwd.; C. Manchester, G. A. Williams, J. M. Huish, H. Foskett, J. French, W. H. Wadham, W. R. Hatton, J. S. Adkins, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Ransom, H. Holmes, G. Davis, P.M.; T. P. Rider, and J. K. Cama.

On arrival at Windsor the party dispersed in various directions; some enjoyed a pleasant little run up the river Thames on board a steam-launch; others enjoyed a lovely drive to the famed Virginia Water, and not a few of the visitors went over as much of the castle as was possible, the Queen being in residence, and the State apartments, therefore, not open. The weather was fine, and the members of the party enjoyed themselves exceedingly. At six o'clock a move was made to the ancient hostelry of the Star and Garter, where the host, Bro. W. J. McCloskie, had prepared a most excellent banquet, which was presided over by Bro. John Woodmason, P.M., W.M. elect.

Ample justice was done the menu, after which a short toast list was briefly gone through.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. ROGERS responded, expressing his pleasure at being present on behalf of the Grand Lodge in his mother lodge, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge.

Bro. PEARSON proposed "The Health of the Chairman, the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. J. Woodmason." In doing so, he alluded to what he had been informed by the Chairman, that the hotel in which they were assembled was the second oldest in England. Some of them might have seen the representation of Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" at the Haymarket, and would be interested in hearing that some of the incidents were taken from that old hotel.

The CHAIRMAN responded to the toast, and proposed "The Health of the Initiate."

Bro. MURLIS proposed "The Visitors," and alluded to the good done by Freemasons in general in organising Charities for old persons, and their care for the orphans and destitute.

The toast was acknowledged by Messrs. Jubal Webb, G. Weston, and Kitchenam, the first named making some very humorous remarks on Masonry on behalf of the ladies.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were also duly honoured.

The party afterwards returned to London by the 10.40 Great Western train.

## BRO. H. CLARKE'S GARDEN PARTY AT CANNON HALL.

To the members of the Alliance Lodge, with their ladies, Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., W.M. 1827, and Mrs. Clarke gave on Saturday last a garden party at their charming Elizabethan residence, Cannon Hall, Hampstead. Cannon Hall is a delightful old building, its title being derived from the fact that it is surmounted by iron guns, there being also on the lawn two other pieces of ordnance. The house is on the fringe of Hampstead Heath, the situation being lovely. The company on Saturday last included Bro. the Lord Mayor (who had previously fulfilled two engagements at Wood Green), the Lady Mayoress, and their two daughters; Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Gray, Bro. Sheriff Newton and Mrs. Newton, Alderman Cowan, Mrs. Cowan, and Miss Cowan, Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs and Lady Isaacs, and a number of other corporators. Bro. Clarke had also invited his brethren of the County Council, and these gentlemen were present in strong force, the Chairman, Lord Rosebery, being amongst the number who accepted the invitation.

The other councillors and their ladies who were to be seen on the lawn included Mr. Firth (Deputy Chairman) and Mrs. Firth; Lord and Lady Lingin; Sir George Harris; Colonel and Mrs. Rotton; Mr. J. S. Fletcher, J.P.; Mr.

Alderman Evan Spicer, Mrs. Spicer, and Miss Spicer; and Mr. H. H. C. Marks.

Nearly the whole of the members of the Alliance Lodge accepted invitations, those present including Bro. Captain Philips and Mrs. Philips; Bro. F. West and Miss West; Bro. David Mercer and Mrs. Mercer; Bro. R. T. Fenn, Mrs. Fenn, and Miss Fenn; and other members of the G. Lodge; Mr. H. C. Richards, Col. Banister Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher, Bro. Hyde Clarke, Bro. Jabez Hogg, Mrs. Hogg, Miss Hogg, Bro. Ex-Sheriff Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, Bro. Col. and Miss Harding, Col. E. R. Wilde, Miss Wilde, Mr. J. G. Wild, Mrs. Wild, and others. The company further included Lord Knutsford, Lady Knutsford, Sir Richard Temple, Bart., M.P., the Rev. S. Burnaby, the Rev. J. Kirkman and Mrs. Kirkman, the Rev. T. Turner, Mr. Seymour Lucas, Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, Mr. F. S. Knott, and others. Bro. and Mrs. Clarke made a genial host and hostess, receiving their friends with a warm welcome.

In the spacious garden, which is laid out in the picturesque style of years ago, the band of the Coldstream Guards played, while in the house vocal music was given by several of the company.

## Obituary.

## BRO. H. LONGHURST.

The funeral of the late Bro. H. Longhurst, P.M. 1425, took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Paddington Cemetery, attended by many friends, among whom were Mr. H. Longhurst, the son, chief mourner; Mr. H. Wooley, Bros. J. Cruttenden, 1425; H. Hanshaw, the son-in-law and nephews; A. Alden, 2032; H. Dehane, 1543; G. Read, Sec. 1425; W. Death, 511; J. T. Westley, 733; J. Temple, 511; Messrs. Graham, Morgan, Stannard, Bryan, Harding, and many others. The service was performed by the Chaplain. Bro. Longhurst was the founder and first W.M. of the Hyde Park Lodge, and was held in high repute and esteem among the brethren for his geniality and warm friendship and his readiness at all times to give Masonic assistance. His death was sudden after a long and tedious illness, and his loss will be felt by all who knew him. Our late brother held a very important appointment on the Great Western Railway, and for his services in the early days of the company was deputed to open the Brentford Docks, afterwards becoming Superintendent at Paddington Goods Department, which he gave up for an appointment in a private firm, holding it until his death.



Nothing is more trying to a writer than to write a notice of a screaming farce so as to convey the plot and humour contained therein to the reader. We almost doubt whether since Saturday any one has been able to reproduce on paper the story of the latest London play, so as to convey its full drollery, and at the same time to do justice to Mr. Lumley, the author of "Aunt Jack," with which Mrs. John Wood essayed to re-open her own theatre. We have done our share of laughter both in the old and present Court Theatres at the many comical productions the lessees have treated the public to, but we think we have never heard more shaking of sides than is now provoked by Mr. Lumley's piece. Breach of promise is the motive power of Aunt Jack, which is a subject always amusing to either sex. Aunt Jack has a nephew, Caleb Cornish, who is at the bar (briefless), and shares chambers in Plaster Buildings, Temple, with a Mr. Brue. Caleb has expectations from his aunt, and without her consent has married Miss Doyle, a niece of Colonel Taverner, the Colonel likewise not knowing of his niece's marriage. Aunt Jack is bringing an action for breach of promise of marriage against Colonel Taverner, and claims £6000 damages for wounded heart, trifled affections, &c. Colonel Taverner's counsel is Mr. Brue. Aunt Jack calls on her nephew at his chambers, and makes the acquaintance of his friend's aunt, of whom she has often heard, and, not knowing her name, calls her Miss Cornish, which it is not. When Caleb arrives, Aunt Jack, having learnt that her counsel has thrown up his brief, engages her nephew to conduct her case in court the next day. Caleb is, therefore, forced to take up his Aunt's case against his wife's uncle, and his colleague is the leader on the other side for the defendant, after having himself just proposed for the plaintiff. Such is the story of the first act. In the second act all the people meet in a private dining room of the Imperial Hotel, a stupid waiter having shown two parties into the same room, one consisting of Col. Taverner, his niece, and his counsel, Mr. Brue; the other of Aunt Jack, her nephew, and her solicitor. The third act is a Court of Justice, in which the judge cracks jokes at the expense of the parties to the suit, and the plaintiff when in the witness box sings a comic song and tickles the judge with her sunshade and harangues the jury, and forces the counsel for the other side to admit that he has proposed to her, on which the jury award her one farthing damages. Mrs. John Wood, as Aunt Jack, is fitted with a part which exactly suits her as a low comedian; she keeps every one in roars of laughter. Mr. Arthur Cecil, as Mr. Brue, plays with that refinement in which he has always tutored himself. Mr. Eric Lewis, as Caleb Cornish, Mr. Aynsworth, and Mr. Weddon Grossmith, as Aunt Jack's solicitor from the country, have good parts, and play them to every one's satisfaction; and we must not forget the little sketch, splendidly acted by Mr. W. Phillips, of the barrister's clerk. Miss Florence Wood and Miss Filippi in subordinate parts, are all that can be desired. A most pathetic first piece, by Mr. Heathcote, "His Toast," should be seen at the same time. It has one of the prettiest sentiments running through it, and brings tears to one's eyes, which are soon driven away by the drollery of "Aunt Jack," which ought to draw for many weeks.

The candidates for the vacancy in East Marylebone, caused by the resignation of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, are Mr. Edward Boulnois, Conservative, and Mr. Leveson-Gower, only son of Bro. the Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower, late M.P. for Bodmin, and nephew of Bro. Earl Granville, Liberal. The polling takes place to-day (Friday).

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, July 27th, 1889, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. HERBERT DICKETTS, Vice-Pres., upon recommendation of the House and Audit Committees, and with a view to carry out the various alterations in the Laws rendered necessary by the recommendations of the Joint Committees, as under:—

In Law 35, omit words "and audit."

In the first heading, on page 32, omit the words "and audit."

In Law 47, in first line, substitute "twelve" for "nine."

In third and fourth lines, after the word "finance," omit words "and audit."

In sixth line, substitute "three" for "two."

In Law 49, after word "meet" in first line, omit words "in the months of January, April, July, and October," and substitute "monthly, or oftener, if necessary."

After word "payment" in sixth line, omit all up to the word "report" in the twelfth line.

Add, as a fresh paragraph, headed "Audit," "the accounts of the Institution shall be annually audited by a Chartered Accountant to be elected annually by the General Committee at the Meeting in May."

In Law 79, add, after word "Trustees," "and be annually examined by the Accountant."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.,  
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To receive and approve a list of Sixty-nine Candidates (or Seventy in the event of a deferred case being accepted by the Court) on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which Sixteen Boys shall be elected on Friday, 25th October next, to fill that number of Vacancies.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Stwd., V.-Patron,  
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16th July, 1889.

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## To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Australasian Keystone," "South Australian Freemason," "Voice of Masonry," "South African Freemason," "Masonic Journal" (Portland, Me.), "Freemasons' Repository," and "Masonic Journal."



SATURDAY, JULY 20TH, 1889.

## Masonic Notes.

The inauguration of the Lennox Browne Lodge, at Buckhurst Hill, on Monday last, was a great success. There was a delightful drive through the forest for the London contingent, the majority of whom were fortunate enough to alight at Hoe Street Station, and a "constitutional" for the less fortunate few who took the other route. The Provincial Grand Master presided with his usual urbanity, and performed the ceremony of consecration, ably assisted by Bros. Harrison and Clowes, while Bro. Lucking made an admirable Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Philbrick, in his faultless way, inducted the W.M. into the chair of the lodge, and the proceedings altogether were creditable alike to the province and the distinguished brother who gives to the lodge its name. Bro. Gutchley was there to represent the ubiquitous photographer, and was successful in taking one or two groups, in which Bros. Lord Brooke, Philbrick, Lennox Browne, and others stand out prominently.

The usual summer entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, will take place on Thursday next, the 25th instant. The South-Eastern Railway Company have very kindly arranged to attach a reserved second-class saloon carriage to the train, which leaves Charing Cross at 3.22 p.m., and Cannon-street at 3.32 p.m.; fare, return tickets, 1s. 6d. Both inmates and visitors have our best wishes, and, speaking from our own past experience, we have no doubt they will spend a most enjoyable day.

Our distinguished Bro. Charles E. Meyer, from Philadelphia, now on a visit to Europe, has been the bearer of a patent of appointment nominating Bro. Brackstone Baker, with the gracious approval of our M.W. Grand Master, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the United Grand Lodge of England. Since the issue of the last "Masonic Calendar," our veteran brother has received a similar appointment from the Grand Lodges of Ohio and Michigan. The Grand Secretary has well said that Bro. Baker is certainly a *representative* Mason, for he now is the accredited delegate of twenty United States Grand Lodges, besides two of the Dominion of Canada, viz., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Our own Grand Lodge sends a distinguishing jewel to each of their foreign Grand Lodges, but if the United States Grand Lodges reciprocated, not even the capacious breast of our cosmopolitan brother would be capable of carrying emblems of the honours conferred, although he is well able personally to fulfil the duties and maintain the dignity of his position.



The appointment of Bro. C. F. Matier as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, vacated by the resignation of Bro. Binckes, was so much a matter of course that it would scarcely appear to call for special note or comment; but we cannot let the event pass without offering to Bro. Matier our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a long and prosperous career in connection with the Order, of which he seems to have become almost an integral part. The Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, will preside at the Special Grand Lodge, to be held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday next, for the formal investiture of Bro. Matier to the office.

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A paragraph went the round of the papers last week to the effect that the M.W. Grand Master would honour the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex and the evening party at Lord Brooke's with his presence, and we were led into repeating the announcement; but we now learn that there was not the slightest foundation for the rumour. It is a pity the imaginative brother who originated the idea had not "caught his hare" before dishing it up for the delectation of the Craft.

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Tuesday, the 30th, is the day fixed for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent. No business of special importance appears on the agenda paper, but any and every opportunity afforded to the brethren of meeting their Provincial Grand Master is welcomed by the loyal men of Kent, and is always a source of gratification.

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The installation of R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for Hants and the Isle of Wight, takes place at Portsmouth to-day (Friday). The Deputy Grand Master, the Marquess of Hertford, performs the ceremony. The Mark brethren are fortunate in having so able a brother to rule over them. Pluralism is not looked on with favour in the Church, but in Masonry we are only too glad to find the example of the Grand Master followed by such able and tried rulers in the Craft as the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight.

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We hear there will shortly be issued a new edition of "The celebrated Book of Nicholas Flamel, 1824." Only 100 copies will be printed, and these will be purchasable by immediate subscribers at the rate of 7s. 6d. per copy. The preface will be written by Bro. Dr. W. W. Westcott, and we are promised that the edition shall be "illustrated with the whole of the exquisitely beautiful plates, including those in the Book of Abraham, the Jew." Bro. Robert H. Fryar, Fellow of the Society of Science, Letters, and Art, 8, Northumberland-place, Bath, is in charge of the work, and therefore intending subscribers must write, if they do not go, to Bath for a copy.

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The Gresham Lodge, No. 869, held one of its delightful summer outings on Saturday last at Cheshunt Great Hall, the regular place of meeting. The presence of the ladies, the perfect summer weather, the natural beauty of the neighbourhood, and the absence of the slightest thing to mar the pleasure of those present, combined to render the gathering one of the most enjoyable on record. We shall hope to give a more extended notice next week, and, by the kind permission of Bro. Copestick, reproduce the view of the grand old hall, which appeared in his interesting History of Cheshunt Great House a few years since.

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Another meeting of the promoters of the Whitehall Lodge is called for Monday next at the Terrace Committee Room, Whitehall Avenue. It is announced that owing to the inability of the Victoria Hotel Company to receive them at present, "the Masonic Hall of the Criteriod has been retained for the first Wednesday in November, December, January, February, March, and June, of course, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

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"Adoniram, London," is the appropriate registered Telegraphic address of the Grand Mark Lodge.

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Next Tuesday the 21st Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will take place. The coming of age of the Fund, and the presidency of so popular and excellent a brother as Sir Lionel Darell should enable Bro. Matier to announce a list of contributions that will beat the record of this useful and progressive Charity.

According to the *Victorian Freemason*, the last act of Bro. David Munro, in his capacity of M.W. Grand Master of the late Grand Lodge of Victoria, has been to confer Past Grand Rank on 18 of his Grand and Past Grand Officers, the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden being conferred on four of them, that of Past Deputy Grand Master on nine, and that of Past Grand Master on the remaining five. We are not surprised to learn from the *Australasian Keystone* that this conduct of Bro. Munro has provoked a good deal of "adverse comment." We should think so, indeed. The lodges in the jurisdiction of the old Victoria Grand Lodge were, we believe, 18 in number, and our worthy *Keystone* reckons that to place the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions on an equal footing about 100 of their members should be made Past Grand Masters and some 200 Past Deputy Grand Masters. Were this done, the United Grand Lodge of Victoria would resemble a German Grand-Ducal army in the old days, which had quite a battalion of officers for head-quarters' staff, with a battalion or two, a squadron, and a half battery for an army.

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It seems, however, that the question whether the rank conferred on these brethren by Bro. Munro shall be recognised was to be considered at the communication of the United G. Lodge of Victoria, which was due on the 17th June last, with a fair chance of the appointments not being recognised. We hope it will be so, but if not, we suggest that everybody should be made a Past Grand Something or Other, and then the absurdity of the whole thing will be apparent.

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Following the example of other Provinces, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset intends to have a local Charitable Fund. This is a right step to take, and we wish it all success. There is no danger whatever that these organisations will interfere with the great Central Charities—they rather tend to foster the spirit of Charity and to familiarise the brethren with the needs and claims of their less fortunate fellows.

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The installation of Bro. Col. Foster Gough as Grand Superintendent of Staffordshire, which takes place at Wolverhampton on the 2nd proximo, comes as a natural sequence to his appointment as Prov. Grand Master; and we venture to predict that Royal Arch Masonry in the Province will benefit largely by the infusion of that zeal and energy which our worthy brother always brings to bear on his undertakings. We heartily congratulate him on "the further progress he has made in Freemasonry."

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At the annual festival of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle, on the 8th inst., Bro. John Spearman, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was presented by the brethren and companions of St. Peter's Lodge, and Chapter with a very handsome and valuable sterling silver tea and coffee service, in recognition of his able and valuable services as Treasurer for a period of ten years, and Bro. Spearman very feelingly responded.

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The Israel Chapter of Improvement, No. 205, will be consecrated at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., on Monday next. The ceremony will be performed by Comp. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., as M.E.Z., assisted by Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., as H., and Comp. S. V. Abraham, M.E.Z. 1017, as J. Comp. E. H. Norden is the Hon. Sec., and the Preceptor is Comp. H. J. Phillips, M.E.Z. 205.

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On Friday, the 12th inst., the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 438, Goole, celebrated its Jubilee. It first met at the Lowther Hotel on the 12th July, 1839, when Bro. Jacques was elected W.M. The brethren had read to them the record of the minutes of the first lodge. On the motion of Bro. Cawthorn, a resolution was ordered to be inscribed on the books, congratulating the W.M. of the lodge (Bro. R. Dayson) on the attainment of the Jubilee, and expressed the hope that, under his guidance and that of succeeding Masters, the principles of Freemasonry would continue to flourish in Goole. Several members spoke to the motion, comment being made on the fact that all the original members had passed away. Congratulatory telegrams were received from several lodges in the neighbourhood.

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The Valley of the Thames presented a charming appearance on Wednesday evening. Bro. Mella, of the Star and Garter, had organised a grand illumination of that portion of the river and banks within view of the hotel, extending some five or six miles, and the river craft were decorated with Chinese lanterns, and from time to time coloured fires flashed from river to shore. Judging from the immense concourse of spectators, the display was a great success. The Star and Garter was filled to overflowing, and Bro. Mella is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts.

## Correspondence.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a Steward, as well as the "Steward" who wrote to you last week, I received at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys a copy of the accounts for the year 1888, and have made inquiries at the office which enable me to answer some of the queries. The sum of £70 in the hands of the Steward and Matron has been charged in the accounts years ago, viz.—previous to 1870, to the Matron, £15; in March, 1874, £15; and in March, 1886, £40 to the Steward. This is placed in a foot note in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Inquiry, which, at page 38 of their report, called attention to the matter, as follows: "The accounts as published, moreover, are incomplete, in not disclosing the petty cash in the hands of, or owing to, the Secretary and the Matron. The accounts as audited contain these matters duly entered. No reason was assigned why these items were not published, and we think the accounts as ascertained and audited ought truly to appear in the published statement."

The petty expenditure of £205 5s. consists of four cheques of £50 each, and £5 5s. paid to the professional accountant; and there was a balance of £8 14s. 6d. due to the Secretary for petty cash wages, &c., as also shown in the footnote.

The amount paid to the servants at Wood Green, for beer money, is included in the item of School Wages.

A careful comparison of the 1888 with the 1887 accounts will show, as "Steward" points out, that some of the items of expenditure have increased, but the same comparison will, if as carefully made, also show that other items have decreased, the result being that what was up to 1887 called the "Ordinary" and "Special" expenditure in that year amounted to £12,776 6s. 3d., while that of 1888 amounted to £12,436 13s. 3d., a net decrease of £339 13s.—I remain, yours fraternally,

V.P. AND STEWARD.

July 15th.

### MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I enclose you herewith a copy of a circular issued, as you will perceive, officially by the Masonic authorities here and in the States.

No one can know better than yourself to what extent or how great a curse and scandal to English Freemasonry the system of begging adopted by a certain class of Masons is in England, and the experience of American and Canadian lodges is nearly as unfortunate as our own in this respect. While there are, no doubt, many poor, indigent brethren forced to seek relief in our lodges; there are also many who deserve no better name than cadgers. There are such here, as the enclosed circular will prove, and our American and Canadian brethren have adopted this method—by combination amongst the various Grand Lodges—to put a stop to relief being obtained by unworthy Masons. The particular circular I enclose was read in a lodge where I was a visitor a few evenings ago.

I shall be glad if you can find space in one of your future issues for the publication of this matter; it may possibly suggest some means being adopted, by which the evil I have referred to may be stamped out, or, at all events, mitigated amongst our English lodges.—I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM BALL, P.M. 45.

Toronto, Canada, May 27th.

"General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

"Office of the Secretary, 20, W. Lexington-street, Baltimore, M.D.

"Official Warning Circular, No. 44.

"May 1st, 1889.

"The attention of subscribers is requested to the following conditions:

"This sheet is a strictly confidential communication, and is prepared and furnished at a price agreed upon to our yearly subscribers only, at their own request, and for their guidance and protection in the administration of Charities under their charge."—[Here follows a list of 21 impostors very minutely described.]

"JOHN R. POPE, President, New York, N.Y.

"Attest. D. F. PENINGTON, Secretary."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think that your reporter was not quite accurate in making Bro. Thrupp say that the calendar edited by me for several years was published without authority, as it was published with as much authority as the present issue.

When the matter was talked about, Bro. Woodward did not see his way to undertake it, and I did, with the consent and authority of Sir Francis Burdett, who has several times thanked me for reviving (not starting) the calendar, which was started by the late Bro. Little.

The form is exactly the same, but, of course, each year should be more perfect, as everybody can understand the first year presenting the greatest difficulties.

In a very large proportion of the provinces the calendar is edited by a brother other than the Prov. Grand Secretary, and in the same way the Prov. G. Registrar performs certain duties in a number of the provinces.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

P.S.—I should like to state that I had no difficulty in obtaining information from the official records, as Bro. Woodward and Bro. Lee were most obliging, but other information had to be obtained, and in almost every case most courteously supplied, although there were one or two instances of un-Masonic discourtesy.—H.L.



#### 848] BRO. GOULD'S COMMENTARY.

I am sorry that my remarks about Bro. Gould's valuable Commentary on the "Regius MS." have been misunderstood, as respects the declaration that it should be "re-written." My reason for such a belief is that the author has an immense amount of material still unused respecting this ancient document of the Craft. As also he felt compelled to qualify some of his statements as the Commentary progressed, and the earlier portions being in print, effect could only be given to these slight changes by corrections, my idea was that a new edition of the "Commentary," with all the fresh matter, would take well, and form an excellent and important volume on the subject as a *separate publication*. I still think so, but fail to see how that is any reflection on the author, especially when I describe the Commentary as *Bro. Gould's Masterpiece*. Nothing like it has ever been attempted before, and if any brethren consider it was easy work to write my friendly critique thereof (so as to act as a guide for ordinary Masonic students), let them try for themselves, and they will find me amongst the first to recognise their merits—if they succeed. Personally, I may be allowed to say that in the space devoted to the subject my best is represented, and if that be not acceptable to some of my readers, they can pass it over, and study the suggestive account of the "Grand Festival of the Secret Monitor" instead, which immediately follows my article. I shall not again notice anonymous attacks and "back stairs" criticism, and only do so now because of my esteem for the great labours of the author of the Commentary. Bro. Gould, for his history and his numerous contributions to the literature of the Craft, deserves to be held in everlasting remembrance by a grateful Brotherhood. The brief criticisms of Bros. Yarker and Speth are models of their kind.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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#### A GROTESQUE MASONIC CEREMONY.

The *Journal de Bruxelles* of the 20th ult., after asserting that the exact and punctual payment of lodge dues is considered among French Masons to be the chief Masonic virtue, proceeds to quote from a French Masonic organ, *La Chaine d'Union*, the form of ritual practised by a lodge in order formally to expel a brother in arrears of payment from the Craft. The following are extracts:—The lodge is lighted in a dim, solemn manner, a black scarf is hung on the lodge banner, three lanterns on long staffs replace the three candles, which are veiled in black crape, a brazier with lighted embers is placed in front of the Master's chair on a tripod, the Director of Ceremonies stands near it holding a scroll of paper on which is written the name of the defaulting brother. The ceremony which follows is (says the report) too long to repeat, but the principal points consist of remarks of the W. Master, replied to by the S. Warden. "The brother who does not pay his dues as a debt of honour, is his honesty and honour in default?" "Yes, W.M." "What does he deserve who has thus acted?" "To be despised by the brethren and to be expelled the Order." The W.M. then gives one stroke of the gavel, and the brethren bow their heads in token of sorrow; at a second stroke the D.C. casts the paper inscribed with the name of the brother into the brazier. The W.M. then declares Brother X. Y. Z. guilty of having failed in his honour in not paying his lodge dues, and says, "Brethren, let us groan for the man whom we deprive of his title to be a Freemason." At the third stroke of the gavel the brethren strike simultaneously the left arm with three strokes of the right palm, producing a dead sound (which is the mourning salute); then the W.M. assures the brethren of the absolute necessity of disgracing and dishonouring him who they would rather honour and praise; this salute is three times repeated amidst groans. Three quick strokes of the gavel indicate that the ceremony is over, lights are restored, and evidences of mourning quickly disappear; then the Master congratulates the brethren at having thus got rid of an objectionable brother, and they reply with three rounds of clapping of open hands. Can Bro. Gould tell us if this alleged ceremony is an actual fact, or is it a Belgian ridicule of French Masonry?

B. B.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford has resigned his seat in the House of Commons, as member of East Marylebone, in order that he may apply for a ship and qualify himself for the rank of Admiral.



### Craft Masonry.

#### Metropolitan Meetings.

##### Bromley St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1805).

—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, E., on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the business being of a formal character, and this having been soon disposed of, the lodge adjourned, and the brethren, with their ladies and other non-Masonic friends, proceeded thence to the L.B. and S.C. Railway Station, London Bridge, where arrangements had been made for attaching several saloon carriages to the 10.25 express, and a very excellent journey was made and enjoyed through the pretty scenery passing through the North and South Downs, until their arrival, about noon, at the quaint old town of Arundel.

As the banquet had been ordered for 2.30, opportunity was taken to visit St. Phillip's R.C. Church—the old parish church—while many strolled on over the beautiful hills and through the quaint dales of Arundel Park, which surrounds the castle, one of the country seats of the Duke of Norfolk, and it had been hoped his grace would have granted permission for the party to view the other portions of the estate.

Prompt attention was paid to the commands of the W.M. for all to be present at 2.30, when a very appetising and substantial banquet was placed before them by Bro. Charles Barkshire, of the Norfolk Hotel, to whom great credit is due for his care and attention to the party, and it is needless to say that full justice was done to the "Fourth Degree," as it is generally designated in the Craft.

The W.M., Bro. Henry Johnson, presided, supported by Bros. Peterken, P.M.; Forbes, P.M.; and Bailey, P.M.; and after the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, advantage was taken of the gathering to present a very handsome silver salver to Bro. Henry Bracey Forbes, P.M., and to Bro. Joseph Bailey, I.P.M., a gold keyless watch, as a mark of esteem and recognition of their valuable services rendered during the time they respectively occupied the chair of K.S.

Bros. Forbes and Bailey acknowledged this further honour in most appropriate language.

Bro. Bailey, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master."

Bro. Henry Johnson responded, and assured the ladies and friends the great pleasure it afforded him to see so many present.

Bro. Ben Johnson, J.W., in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," thanked them for coming in such strong force, and trusted this would be followed by many such a happy day.

Bro. Roberts, Steward, replied, and said they (the ladies) would be only too happy to attend on every occasion they might be favoured with an invite to such an enjoyable outing.

Bro. R. Toole, S.W., next proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

Mr. J. A. Murray Macdonald replied, and said the visitors were very pleased to meet the members of the lodge at all times, and especially on such a very jolly occasion as the present, when all seemed to him so happy together, and he trusted ere long he would have the pleasure of being received "as one of them."

Bro. Peterken, P.M., thanked the friends for not forgetting the P.M.'s, the old veterans in the cause, and

Bro. Mead, Sec., having responded for "The Officers," the company separated to enjoy the remaining time in wandering about the old Sussex town, while some passed the time in boating, and others by going on a jaunt through pretty lanes to Littlehampton until 8.12 p.m., when they returned from whence they started, having enjoyed most heartily their first summer outing; and great praise is due to the Committee and Bro. Mead, Sec., for the very admirable way the arrangements were made and carried out.

Those present were—Members: Bros. H. Johnson, W.M.; R. Toole, S.W.; Ben Johnson, J.W.; John Collier, Treas.; W. Masefield, Sec.; G. E. Warn, J.D.; C. Lewsey, I.G.; W. Barnes, D.C.; W. J. Roberts and W. T. Potts, Stewards; A. Peterken, P.M.; H. B. Forbes, P.M.; J. Bailey, P.M.; Oates, Hambridge, Flynn, Chinery, Pealling, Horne, Bird, Davis, Marriott, Mark Liell, Griffith Thompson, Howard, Fennell, and Hutcheson.—Visitors: Mr. J. A. Murray Macdonald, Bro. R. Hirst, Bro. and Mrs. Dannan, Mrs. Forbes, Bro. Marsh, Miss Mead, Mrs. Liell, Miss Marriott, Bro. and Mrs. Haynes, Bro. and Mrs. Goodey, Mrs. Warn, Miss Howard, Mrs. Hambridge, Bro. J. W. and the Misses Gibbs, Mrs. Flynn, Bro. and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. H. Johnson, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. and Miss Lewsey, Mrs. and Miss Oates, Miss Carraher, Miss Pealling, Mrs. Chinery, Mrs. Hutcheson, Bro. W. F. May, Mr. Peterken, jun., and Mr. Ashton.

##### Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).

—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion (Masonic Temple), on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Fred. Kedge, W.M.; Adolphus Clark, I.P.M.; James J. Woolley, acting as S.W.; James B. Grieve, acting as J.W.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; Walter Hancock, S.D.; George H. Reynolds, J.D.; John Skinner, I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; Fred. Jackson, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; B. R. Paul, Charles G. Rotter, G. A. Bergholz, C. O. Burgess, James Rowe, Walter J. Thrussell, E. A. Ronaasen, W. S. Lincoln, Curtis D'Alton, A. Scarlett Thomson, and Dr. J. J. Wedgwood. Visitors: Bros. Wright Barringer, 1614; E. P. Case, P.M. 32; Angelico Cogliati, 1559; Thos. C. Seary, 1987; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting (installation) read and confirmed. The Treasurer made his report. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.M.; Major George Lambert, P.M.; Theodore H. Tilton, Sir Polydore de Keyser, and many other brethren. Ballots proving unanimous for Messrs. Harry Vilain and Victor L. Huray as initiates, and those gentlemen being in attendance, they

were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Col. John Chalfont New, United States Consul-General, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge. Bros. Curtis D'Alton and Arthur Scarlett Thomson (this brother by request of the W.M. of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987) were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. Gustave A. Bergholz, Walter J. Thrussell, and Charles G. Rotter were raised to the Degree of a M.M., the W.M. performing the whole of the work in a most admirable manner.

The lodge was closed, and adjourned to the 23rd July (emergency), to give several distinguished American brethren passing through London a hearty greeting.

#### Provincial Meetings.

##### ASHBOURNE.

**St. Oswald Lodge (No. 850).**—The annual festival and installation meeting in connection with this lodge took place on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. M. Bond, the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. T. Cox, P.M. The new W.M., Bro. J. R. Rigby, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. M. Bond, I.P.M.; H. Twigge, S.W.; W. Davenport, J.W.; J. Young, Chap.; P. R. Littleton, P.M., Treas.; J. Howell, P.M., Sec.; H. Brambles, P.M., Almoner; W. A. Lytle, S.D.; A. M. Wither, J.D.; R. Beardmore, D. of C.; W. H. Tutt, P.M., Org.; T. O. Farmer, I.G.; J. T. Marple and W. H. Smedley, Stwds.; and R. Brown, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Green Man Hotel, where a banquet was provided, Bro. Rigby, the newly-elected W.M., presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The following brethren were present, in addition to those given above: Bros. W. R. Holland, P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; J. H. Cooke, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Sargent, W. Barnes, P.M.; Thomas Shipton, W.M. 681; and Voules, S.D. 681.

##### BROCKLEY.

**Wickham Lodge (No. 1924).**—The election meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. W. Rowley, W.M.; D. Carpmal, S.W.; H. H. Nuding, J.W.; Rev. R. Pratt, Chap.; W. A. Adam, Treas.; J. O. Abbott, Sec.; A. Clark, S.D.; J. Gordon, J.D.; G. Davidson, D.C.; W. Morley, I.G.; W. Gore, Stwd.; C. Shepperd, Tyler; J. A. Burton, P.M.; W. F. Damant, P.M.; W. J. Spratling, P.M.; H. Nuding, P.M.; W. R. Smith, F. Ingle, A. W. Kemp, J. Clever, A. Floyd, T. O. Merritt, J. Lowe, W. Cooke, and W. Simpson. Visitors: Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.M. 2191, P.G.D.; G. D. Stevenson, 2148; T. R. Beaumont Hinks, 2148; H. Carman, 548; C. J. Frost, 1702; S. Giles, 944; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Alban Thomas, which having proved unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. After the reading of the by-laws, the brethren proceeded to the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, their votes being unanimous in favour of Bro. Carpmal, S.W., who, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, and promised to do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bro. W. A. Adam, Treas., who was unanimously re-elected, and Bro. J. O. Abbott, Sec., with jewels of their respective offices, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge as a mark of their appreciation of the zeal and ability with which they had fulfilled their duties during the past eight years.

The Worshipful Master said these jewels were usually presented when the brethren were vacating their offices, but in this case they were still in possession of their collars, and he trusted they might be spared for many years to fulfil those duties with the same assiduity as they now did. Bros. W. A. Adam, Treasurer, and Bro. J. O. Abbott, Secretary, made suitable replies. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Mrs. Drake, expressing their sympathy with them in the loss they had sustained, was proposed by the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Abbott, Secretary, and carried unanimously. The W. Master, in making the proposition, informed the brethren that Mrs. Drake was the lady of the manor on which St. Peter's Hall is built, and owner of the Wickham Park Estate. She was the patroness of the Wickham Lodge, took considerable interest in its formation, gave the Master and Wardens' chairs, and granted permission to use the crest of her late husband, Captain Drake, as the insignia of the lodge.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with some excellent music.

##### DUDLEY.

**Royal Standard Lodge (No. 498).**—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Dudley Arms Hotel, when Bro. Dr. J. Bellingham was installed W.M. for the year, the installation being performed by Bro. W. J. Gilliver, P.M. The newly-installed Master afterwards appointed, and invested the following brethren: Bros. J. W. Roberts, S.W.; F. G. Thompson, J.W.; H. H. Hughes, S.D.; W. Richardson, J.D.; W. B. Palethorpe, Org.; W. Shepley, Sec.; A. Green, P.M., P.G. Treas.; M. Robinson and Prichard, Stwds.; King, I.G.; Rev. J. W. Willsbaw, P.P.A.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Fisher, P.M., P.A. G.D.C., D.C.; and Timmins, Tyler.

There was a very large number of visiting brethren, and the ceremony was followed by a banquet.

##### EAST MOLESEY.

**Frederick West Lodge (No. 2222).**—On Tuesday, July 9th, this lodge met at the Castle Hotel, when Bro. John Hughes, P.M. 901, W.M., was supported by the following officers: Bros. R. T. Elsam, I.P.M.; David Hughes, P.M., S.W.; Daniel Hughes, P.M., J.W.; Pritchard, Treas.; Weaver, P.M., Sec.; W. Thomas, P.M., S.D.; J. H. Mayo, Dir. of Cers.; and Ellinger, I.G. The members present were Bros. Baker, W. Lane, Parratt, J. Mayo, Mayo, jun., Lockett, and W. Lane, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. Drewett, P.M. 889; S. Hewitt, S.W.

2146; and A. Prince, S.W. 901. Bro. Baker was a candidate to be passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Lane to that of M.M. Both ceremonies were worked admirably, and as the W.M. and his principal officers have worked together in the Great City Lodge, of which they are all P.M.'s, there was a harmony as well as exactitude which gave to the ritual unusual interest. The W.M. is a pattern of correct working, and his delivery is worthy of imitation by all who want to know "how to do it." After the visiting brethren had given "Hearty good wishes" to No. 2222, the lodge was closed in the customary way, and the brethren and visitors afterwards partook of what was modestly called supper. Bro. Mayo here did more than was really expected of him, for which he was thanked by the W.M. The usual toasts were given briefly but very happily from the chair, and the representatives of Surrey Provincial Grand Lodge—Bros. Elsam and Drewett—took opportunity to congratulate the W.M. upon the recognition of his merit as evinced by his appointment to office by the Prov. G.M. in charge. Bro. John Hughes said that he did not expect such an honour, but having been selected by the Prov. G.M. to take office, he should feel it his duty to do still more for the good of Masonry within the province. In honour of his collar, the W.M. requested Bro. Mayo to put a dozen "Royal Charters" on the table, the nature of which may be easily imagined. During the evening it was suggested, and resolved, that the river trip of last year should be repeated, and that it should be, as before, a ladies' day. Bro. Mayo also again invited all who might join the excursion to a dance after dinner, at which they would be the guests of himself and Mrs. Mayo. Several good songs were heard, and the S.W. of 901 gave a "taste of his quality" as a vocalist as well as a speaker, for when responding for the visitors he was most eloquent. At 10.30 the Tyler appeared, and a happy evening was closed.

## ELSTREE.

**Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).**—The third regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Plough, when the weather was again most favourable, and all that could be desired for a summer outing. The W.M., Bro. Rawson Kelley, was unable to be present, he being on the Continent. Bros. James France, S.W., the Treasurer, Pheasant, Victor Tapling, and Aplin were also unavoidably absent. The duties of the W.M. were admirably performed by the acting I.P.M., Bro. John Petch, who had a most formidable agenda to deal with. There were present Bros. H. T. Nell, P.M., acting S.W.; J. G. Cobb, J.W.; W. G. Ball, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; J. F. Bell, J.D.; Arthur Hart, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Somerset, acting I.G.; E. H. Moore, R. W. Nicole, A. J. Robinson, T. H. Wye, J. W. Rattenbury, G. T. Chretien, E. Blinkhorn, P.M.; G. Couchman, Tyler; and T. Williams, Assistant Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; and S. Scott-Young, W.M. 226.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meeting held on June 13th were read and confirmed. Bro. A. J. Robinson was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. E. H. Moore, R. W. Nicole, H. T. Hipwell, and Thomas Williams were passed to that of F.C. The lodge was then called off for a short time, and, on resuming, Mr. John Wickett Rattenbury (who was balloted for at the previous meeting) was duly initiated. The following brethren, who had been proposed as joining members, were unanimously elected by ballot: Bros. G. T. Chretien, S.D. 1328; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. and Sec. 1471; and A. C. Halestrap, P.M. 1471. A candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded.

This completing the business of the evening, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the gardens, where a very enjoyable interval was passed. On re-assembling again to sit down to refreshment, Bro. J. Petch, acting W.M., presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. That of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. C. F. Hogard. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which he had been received, and expressed his pleasure at finding the lodge making such marked progress.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., and the Prov. Grand Officers," coupled the toast with the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, remarking that he did so for the reason that Bro. Mather had been so long associated with the Province of Herts, in the minds of so many of the brethren present, that he asked to be allowed to forget for the moment Bro. Mather's higher rank among the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to consider only his identity with the province to which all the members of the Kingswood Lodge were proud to belong. The W.M. spoke of the claim Bro. Mather had on the respect and esteem of himself and others present, having been their guide and preceptor in Masonic matters for so many years.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., replied in a kindly speech, expressing the interest he felt in the lodge, which he hoped would go on and prosper.

"The Health of the absent W.M." having been drunk, the acting W.M. proposed "The Health of the Initiate," whom he described as the youngest Mason in the province.

After the "Entered Apprentice's Song," Bro. J. W. Rattenbury replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which he had been received into the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," thanked Bro. Scott-Young for the services he had so kindly rendered at the piano during the evening, and also during the ceremonies.

Bro. S. Scott-Young, W.M. 226, replied in graceful terms.

Bros. W. Ball, Sec.; Nell, acting S.W.; and Cobb, J.W., having replied for "The Officers of the Lodge," the proceedings terminated.

## HALIFAX.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1736).**—A large gathering of members, with many visiting brethren from lodges in the town and neighbourhood, assembled on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., to witness the ceremony of the installation of Bro. G. P. Sunderland in the honourable position of W.M. of the lodge. The installing officer was Bro. J. H. Bolton, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive and efficient manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows, addressing a few courteous words to each: Bros. W. Nichol, I.P.M.; J. Hitchen, S.W.; J.

Mackie, J.W.; C. Law, Treas.; W. J. Morris, Sec.; E. Taylor, S.D.; G. Howard, J.D.; N. Brook, D.C.; G. Hanson, I.G.; R. C. Sykes, W. H. Bancroft, F. Bancroft, W. H. Sykes, and A. E. Dalzell, Stwds.; and T. Hodgson, P.M., Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the White Swan Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, at the conclusion of which the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and with the assistance of Bro. Blagborough, who delighted the brethren with his songs, and Bro. S. Broadbent, who was in excellent voice, with contributions from other brethren, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

## HASTINGS.

**Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Rev. J. Puttick, P. Prov. G.C., W.M.; W. S. Allen, S.W.; F. C. Edwards, J.W.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Randell, S.D.; C. J. Ticehurst, acting J.D.; G. H. Gage, I.G.; C. J. Ticehurst, Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Wm. Glenister, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. Plowman, P.M.; T. W. Markwich, I.P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; E. J. McCormick, J. H. Tendall, W. Cooper, L. J. Jukes, J. Whitehouse, S. T. Weston, and S. Plowman.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. S. Plowman, F.R.C.S., was initiated, and the ceremony was ably done by his brother, Bro. F. Plowman. The charge was given by the S.W. very impressively. Bro. Russell explained the arrangements made by the Treasurer, Bro. Rossiter, to expend the amount given by the Board of Benevolence to assist the widow of a late brother. The Secretary formally drew attention to the enlarged portrait of Bro. Dr. Trollope, which has been executed for the lodge, and which was pronounced a very faithful likeness. Bro. Glenister gave notice of his intention to move a resolution that a similar picture, with an illuminated address, be presented to Bro. Dr. Trollope, as a small acknowledgment of the many and great services rendered by Bro. Trollope to the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. S. T. Weston proposed as a joining member Dr. Marshall.

## HERNE BAY.

**Ethelbert Lodge (No. 2099).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Beach-street, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The W.M., Bro. Henry Corbet Jones, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members, several visitors being also present. The business occupied the whole of the evening, and it included some most interesting items. Bros. Barwood and Jones were each of them raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. J. Barnwell presided at the organ. Bro. C. J. Hogbin was then passed to the Degree of F.C., after which the Rev. W. E. Malaher, M.A., was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Among the other interesting features of the evening's agenda were the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, Bro. James S. White being elected to the first and most important of these offices.

## JERSEY.

**Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).**—On Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., the installation of Bro. Clement Baker as W.M. of this lodge took place. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Baker, the retiring W.M., with the following officers: Bros. F. Bennett, S.W.; C. Baker, W.M. elect, J.W.; J. T. Du Jardin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; T. Adderson, S.D.; J. A. Balleine, J.D.; and J. Inglis, I.G. There was a good assemblage of brethren, among them being Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M.; P. E. Sohler, P.G.S.; T. Stone; E. Kelly, P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. G. Hamilton, P.S.G.D.; E. Bué, P.J.G.D.; Maj. J. C. Raven, W.M. 877; F. J. Godfrey, W.M. 1003, P.P.G.S.B.; and E. Oldridge, P.G. Std. Br. The P.M.'s present included Bros. C. Naylor, P.P.G. Reg.; F. P. Cabot, P.G. Reg.; and J. C. Livermore.

Two brethren were raised, and there were three initiations, one of them possessing a strong feature of interest in local Masonic circles from the fact of the candidate being Mr. Reginald Malet de Carteret, son of the popular and genial Provincial Grand Master. Bro. J. T. Baker capably installed his namesake and successor into the chair of K.S., and the new W.M. installed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. Adderson, S.W.; J. A. Balleine, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Du Jardin, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Inglis, S.D.; A. J. Le Quesne, J.D.; F. P. Cabot, P.M., D.C.; F. Hyne, I.G.; and W. Pentum, Org.

The annual banquet was afterwards held, and an appetising menu was served. During the post-prandial speeches special stress was laid upon the claims of "The Masonic Charities," the toast of which, proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. C. Naylor and P. Hamilton, Vice-President and Secretary respectively of the Jersey Masonic Benevolent Association.

## LIVERPOOL.

**Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).**—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John on the 10th instant, at their commodious hall in North-hill-street. The only lodge situated at the south end, it is a great favourite with the Craft. It has had several years of prosperity, and it was formerly known as the De Grey and Ripon, but after the retirement of the Grand Master, whose name the lodge bore, it was felt desirable to give it a local character by changing its name. The acting W.M. was supported by Bros. John Ashley, P.M.; T. Nickson, A. Woolrich, James Keat, P.M.; Lawrence Phillips, S.W., W.M. elect; D. McFarlane, J.W.; R. W. Chatham, Sec.; G. Rankin, S.D.; B. Holgate, P.M., D.C., &c.; and H. H. Smith, P.P.G.D.C. Among the visitors were Bros. J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; W. Naylor, J.D. 1620; W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675; J. R. Bottomley, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; W. Hawkins, J.W. 1675; Thomas Evans, P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. Harley, J.W. 1264; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; H. Round, W.M. 1609; E. K. Latham, W.M. 594; John Humphreys, P.M. 724; T. H. W. Walker, P.G.T.; R. G. Bradley, P.M. 249; and others.

After the installation, which was very effectively performed by Bro. B. Holgate, P.M., the candidate, Bro. Lawrence Phillips, being presented by Bros. T. Nickson and John Ashton, the following officers were appointed and

invested: Bros. A. H. Hughes, I.P.M.; D. McFarlane, S.W.; R. W. Chatham, J.W.; J. J. Williams, P.M., Treas.; James Rankin, Sec.; H. Bridger, S.D.; Theo. Williams, J.D.; W. Hudson, Org.; A. Jones, I.G.; J. Lloyd, Phipps Williams, J. A. Glover, and R. Wall, Stwds. Bro. F. De Chemin was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured; and during the evening the I.P.M., Bro. H. H. Hughes, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place), on behalf of the lodge, accompanied by a valuable silver tea and coffee service (on the part of the officers) for Mrs. Hughes.

The picnic this year is to be held at Bolton Abbey.

**Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).**—On Wednesday, the 10th inst., a numerous company of members and visitors assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to install the W.M. elect. The chair was taken by Bro. John Jessop, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Parry, I.P.M.; J. C. McGuire, P.M.; R. Warriner, P.M.; W. H. Hignett, P.M.; W. Ladyman, P.M.; R. E. W. Stephenson, J.W.; John H. Parker, P.M., Treas.; W. Montgomery, Sec.; and others.

The installation ceremony was well performed according to ancient custom by Bro. Councillor John Duncan, jun., assisted by Bro. J. C. McGuire. The W.M. elect was Bro. Henry Isaac.

Among the visitors were Bros. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G. D.C.; R. Harley, P.M. 1473; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; J. Skillicorn, P.M. 667; W. Forrester, W.M. 1035; J. M. Smythe, P.M. 98; J. C. Langley, J.W. 2144; T. J. Jarman, W.M. 1325; H. C. Nicholls, W.M. 2042; A. Barclay, P.M., D.C. 1182; H. B. Houghton, S.W. 314; B. Allenby, J.W. 594; J. Croxton, Treas. 1756; and P. C. Asbury, P.M. 1620.

After the installation the following officers were invested: Bros. J. Jessop, I.P.M.; R. E. W. Stephenson, S.W.; W. Montgomery, J.W.; John H. Parker, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); R. H. Leake, Sec.; T. M. Stephenson, S.D.; John Haynes, J.D.; J. C. McGuire, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Eaton, Org.; J. Killip, I.G.; John H. Newton, John W. Hughes, and E. Cornish, Stwds. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

A chaste P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place), was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge.

**Wavertree Lodge (No. 2294).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Coffee House Hotel, and was opened by Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Robt. Foote. There were present Bros. George Mitchell, I.P.M.; Jos. Shield, P.M.; H. H. Smythe, S.W.; G. Holme, jun., J.D.; W. H. Bicknell, I.G.; James Pearson, D.C.; Thos. McCracken, Treas.; E. Pugh, Org.; T. G. Parkes, J. McGuire, C. F. Connor, and W. O. Callow, Stwds.; R. Nevill, Tyler; H. Lumby, and J. Barnes. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Latham, 2114; R. Broughton, 2114; W. J. Spence, 2114; J. J. Browne, 613; T. W. King, I.G. 823; and Walter J. Nugent, 673.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Dr. W. H. Murdock, who was declared duly elected. Bro. Lumby was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the acting W.M., Bro. J. C. Robinson.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the lodge was closed.

## PLUMSTEAD.

**United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—Bro. Lieut. T. F. Cooper, R.A., W.M. of the above excellent lodge, is to be congratulated upon the admirable manner in which he concluded his year of office, for not only has he (although stationed at Preston, in Lancashire) been almost unremitting in his attention to the duties appertaining to the position, but on the 12th inst., he installed his successor into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive and perfect manner. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Cooper, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. W. Seagar, J.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Cooper as a candidate for the Master's chair, and in due course was placed in it, and saluted. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. F. Cooper, I.P.M.; T. J. Cooper, S.W.; W. Musquin, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; A. Ware, Sec.; W. Wheeler, S.D.; W. Sayle-Edwards, J.D.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, I.G.; J. Whiteheart, D.C.; J. Bilton, A.D.C.; and E. W. Sennett, G. W. Ingle, and R. Fowler, Stwds. Bro. Cooper then gave the charges eloquently, and so concluded a ceremony not surpassed by any of the many excellent workers for which the locality is famous. He was accorded a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas for services to the lodge, and as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, for which he suitably returned thanks. Bro. Seagar began his year of office by initiating Sergt. S. Jarvis, R.H.A., into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, and, after Bro. Spinks, P.M., had been elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the hall, and reflected the greatest credit upon Bro. Whiteheart, who supplied it.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

The W.M. gave that of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent." He said it was a toast that went home to their hearts, for nothing could exceed the love and admiration they, and indeed every Mason in the province, felt for their P.G. Master. Whatever he could say could not add to his lordship's lustre, so he would content himself by asking them to do every honour to the toast.

The next toast was that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes," and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, coupled with the name of

Bro. Coupland, who, in the course of an eloquent response, expressed his inability to do justice to the toast, but could assure them that if his lordship or Bro. Eastes had been present, either or both of them would have been delighted to have seen such an array of military brethren present, supporting their new W.M. at the commencement of his year of office. His lordship, as a military man, encouraged military lodges, and they, he felt sure, as military men, would have been delighted to have heard his lordship declare his intention of shortly again entering the marriage state, and have heard him declare his pride at having secured the affections of a most estimable and charming



ing lady. They hoped some day to see his lordship and her ladyship amongst them, and trusted his wife would be as kind and good to the Masons as her beloved husband had always been. For Bro. Eastes they had also the greatest affection, not only because of his geniality and goodness of heart, but because of the unwearied interest he always took in their welfare, and the welfare of the province. They could not find any fault with his lordship in the distribution of the purple, but must own that he had been most generous to them in that part of the province, and especially to the United Military Lodge, and he had no doubt that his lordship would be as generous in the future as he had been in the past. He heartily thanked them for the toast.

The Immediate Past Master then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it had given him great pleasure to install a brother like Bro. Seagar, who had that day delighted them by the excellent manner in which he had, immediately after his installation, initiated a candidate into the Craft. That would give them an idea of what they had to expect of Bro. Seagar during his year of office. He trusted Bro. Seagar would have a good year of office, and be blessed with health and strength to carry out his duties.

Bro. Seagar briefly responded, believing that if he followed in the footsteps and did the work as well as his predecessors, there would be no fault found with him. He then as briefly proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer."

Bro. Cooper, in response, thanked the brethren, but felt that he did not deserve the commendation of Bro. Seagar, but he had tried to do his best, and if they were satisfied he was also. He had not had, however, the benefit of a lodge of instruction as some of them had, but was indebted to the great kindness of Bro. Shuttleworth, P.S.G.W. West Lancashire, for what ever proficiency he had. That distinguished brother had given him all the benefit of his great Masonic knowledge, and it was to him that the praise was due, if any was due, for such services as he had rendered that day as Installing Officer.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and spoke highly of the excellent work done in, and for the lodge, by Bros. Spinks, Moulds, Maule, and Cooper.

Bro. Spinks referred to the great improvement there was in the position, prospects, and comfort of the lodge since it had taken up its quarters in that magnificent temple, where, on the authority of their P.G.M., they were at liberty to meet without fear of disturbance. There had been a lot of prophesying that they dare not go there, that if they did they must come under the rule of the London district; but it was always best not to prophesy until one knew. He thanked them for the toast.

Bros. Roberts, Taylor, Sculley, and Busbridge responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Couper and others responded for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were most harmonious. Bro. H. Roberts presided at the piano, and the singing was good.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D.; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D.; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M. 615, P.P.J.G.W., and C. Jolly, P.M. 1472 (Hon. Members); G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. Kenneday, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Moulds, P.M.; W. Maule, P.M.; J. Hulley, T. Mills, W. A. Warren, H. Thorne, A. Davey, T. Rogers, G. G. Spence, G. Hayward, Reed, J. White, H. Swinard, A. McLaughlin, W. Mott, and G. Scott, all of the lodge; B. de B. Lopez, W.M. 913; Capt. J. Sculley, P.M. 1787; W. R. Arnold, W.M. 1787; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; E. Morris, S.W. 1789; C. J. Wharton, J.W. 706; J. Taylor, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.S.B. Hants; W. Stephens, W.M. 1331; W. Busbridge, J.W. 913; S. West, H. Roberts, and W. J. Bidgood, of 700; A. Todd, 1331; J. Addison, 1987; F. Hordock, 413; and others.

## PRINCETOWN.

**Benevolence Lodge** (No. 666).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, on the 10th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. M. Ellis, was installed. Bro. W. Holdstock, P.M. and Sec., was the Installing Officer, assisted by the Board of Installed Masters—Bros. J. Stapleton, T. Bennett, Capt. O. W. Every, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Delaney, J. Adams, W. H. Gray, Major M. Tracy, R.A., 2258, P.S.G.W.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, 70, P.P.G. Sec.; J. J. Daw, 282, P.P.S.G.D.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; G. Roseveare, 1255, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. T. Orchard, 164; T. Kerslake, W.M. 282; and W. Mael, 1010.

The officers invested were Bros. W. H. Johns, I.P.M.; J. Geake, S.W.; C. Whiter, J.W.; Captain O. W. Every, Treas.; W. Holdstock, Sec.; J. H. Weeks, S.D.; R. Bake, J.D.; R. Leak, I.G.; and D. Balkwill, Tyler. Bro. Captain O. W. Every was elected the representative of the lodge at the Committee of Petitions.

The annual banquet was held at the Duchy Hotel. The spread was admirable, and the hostess was complimented on the excellence of her catering and capital arrangements.

During the evening amid the toasts the merits of the Devon Educational Fund were referred to by Bros. J. R. Lord and J. B. Gover. The utility of the Fortescue Fund was also pointed out. Both funds are likely to receive every consideration by the lodge.

## SOUTHWOLD.

**Martyn Lodge** (No. 1983).—The installation of Bro. T. Sergeant as W.M. took place at the lodge room at the Town Hall on Friday, the 12th inst. The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. Eng., assisted by Bro. J. M. Canova, P.M. 388, ably performed the installation ceremony. The following brethren were present: Bros. E. M. U. Adnams, W.M.; W. J. Brown, I.P.M.; W. J. Griffiths, J.W.; J. M. Canova, P.M. 388 and 1983, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; T. H. Jellico, P.M., Sec.; O. G. Rackham, J.D.; R. Barker, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. Proby L. Cautley, P.P.G.C.; W. Porter, Tyler; W. G. Jackson, G. M. E. U. Adnams, J. Jarvis, and D. R. Gooding. Visitors: Bros. S. J. Woodard, P.P.G.S.; W. J. Lee, 1777; H. F. Martyn, 1224; N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Sec.; and H. S. Strange, D.C. 1223. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. T. Griffiths, S.W.; W. H. Elmy, J.W.; J. M. Canova, Treas.; T. H. Jellico, Sec.; O. G. Rackham, S.D.; R. J. Allen, J.D.; W. J. Browne, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; W. G. Jackson, I.G.; and W. Porter, Tyler. After the installation, the brethren proceeded to the Centre Cliff Hotel, where they were photographed in a group by Bro. D. R. Gooding. An elegant banquet subsequently took place,

Mrs. Downes, the manageress of the hotel, catering in a style which reflected upon her the utmost credit. After the banquet, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. Eng., responded for "The Grand and Prov. Grand Officers," and in eulogistic terms proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Sergeant." "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. W. J. Brome, and responded to by Bro. N. Tracy; "The Visitors," by Bros. Woodard, H. R. Stanford, H. F. Martyn, Lee, and Strange; "The Officers of the Lodge," by Bros. Cautley, Chap., and O. G. Rackham, S.D.; "The Ladies," by Bros. Gooding and W. Smith. A very interesting meeting concluded with the Tyler's toast.

## WHITEHAVEN.

**Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge** (No. 119).—On Monday, the 1st inst., the regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Allinson, P.G.P., W.M. There was a good attendance of members of the Craft. The following officers of the lodge were present: Bros. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Pagen, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. Studholme, P.M.; J. Cant, S.W.; G. Starkey, J.W.; Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G.C., Chap.; S. Broadbent, Sec.; S. Hinde, S.D.; J. Thompson, J.D.; D. H. Cook, Prov. G. Organist, Organist; H. Meageln, I.G.; and Joseph Musgrave and W. Gaffney, Stewards. Amongst other transactions, Bro. J. Barr, P.M., in a few appropriate remarks, proposed, and Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, Chaplain, seconded, a vote of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. Edward Tyson, P.M., which was carried unanimously. Bro. Barr, P.M., presented the W.M. elect to be installed, the ceremony being undertaken and rendered impressively by Bros. Barr, P.M.; W. C. Johns, P.M.; and T. Allinson, W.M. Bro. Harris having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. Allinson, I.P.M.; G. Starkey, S.W.; S. Broadbent, J.W.; W. C. Johns, Treas.; Rev. J. Anderson, Hon. Sec. and Chap.; J. Thompson, S.D.; H. Meageln, J.D.; Joseph Musgrave, I.G.; W. H. Chapman, D.C.; E. Thornburrow, Almoner; D. H. Cook, Org.; B. Cowie and J. Roan, Stewards; and T. Richardson, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given for the newly-installed W.M.'s success by the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, at which the W.M. presided. Bro. James Cowan, of the Globe Hotel, catered, and gave great satisfaction.

After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The toast of the evening—"The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Charles J. J. Harris"—was warmly received.

The I.P.M., Bro. Allinson, in replying to the toast of his health, said he was able to say he had not been absent one lodge meeting since he was initiated—September 7th, 1881—so that he had been at all times present to do his duty in the minor offices, and he had now passed through the chair as W.M., and had also been present at every instruction evening during the 12 months he ruled as Worshipful Master.

During the pleasant evening which ensued Bros. Starkey, Kerr, Cowie, Thompson, Cook, and Cant contributed some capital songs.

## WOODSTOCK.

**Marlborough Lodge** (No. 1399).—The anniversary meeting of the above lodge was held on the 15th inst. in the lodge room, Bro. George S. Russell, P.G. Reg., W.M., in the chair. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. Reginald Bird, M.A., P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; T. M. Gardner, S.W.; W. R. Bowden, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; E. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; H. O. Crane, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Butler, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. R. Pratt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Darby, P.M., P.P.G.W.; F. J. Hannan, M.D., P.P.G.W. Wilts; and J. J. Colcutt, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Mr. M. Langham was initiated, and Bro. T. M. Gardner installed in the chair, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. G. S. Russell. After the banquet, Bro. E. Prescott, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was presented with a silver teapot and cigar case as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge.

## WOOLWICH.

**Union Waterloo Lodge** (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above grand old lodge, which may justly be deemed the mother from whom have sprung all the lodges in the above and Plumstead districts, took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. Harry Grice, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair, and saluted according to ancient custom.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Tailby, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. H. Treaby and J. J. Cohen, and, proving unanimously, they were duly initiated in Freemasonry. Bros. Vincent, Barker, and Schofield were passed, and Bros. Dobbins and Skinner raised. Bro. Grice was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and well did Bro. Tailby carry out his important duty. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Tailby, I.P.M.; J. F. Bell, S.W.; L. C. Chasteaneuf, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. Matvey, S.D.; A. Deans, J.D.; T. Appleby, I.G.; G. B. Davies, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Bidgood, Org.; B. J. Hancock, Asst. Org.; and A. Cleall, P.M., W. J. Barnes, and A. H. Russell, Stwds. Bro. Tailby then proceeded with the ceremony, delivering the addresses faultlessly and eloquently, and subsequently he was presented with a cordial vote of thanks for his excellent working. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, inscribed with the thanks of the lodge, for his masterly conception and execution of the duties of his office during the preceding year, and for which he returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon, Gravesend, where a splendidly appointed and well-served banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. Mills, P.M.; J. Moore, P.M., W.M. 1259; H. S. Syer, P.M.; R.

Smith, P.M.; G. Masters, P.M.; T. Hosgood, P.M.; W. Akers, P.M.; G. H. Milbourne, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); T. Campbell, W. J. Skinner, G. Chambers, J. Hancock, W. T. Lowman, H. Crowdy, W. H. Keeble, R. Marner, T. Busby, J. Dixon, M. Sharples, P. W. Barker, W. Hill, T. Hards, J. H. Russell, T. Sandford, J. Welch, W. Turtton, J. Keavitt, W. Cheshire, T. Cook, A. Peaker, J. Templeman, J. Philcox, T. J. Wren, W. Matvey, W. Turder, T. Davis, W. Lush, J. Hall, T. Furgusson, A. Walker, W. A. Anson, F. Archer, G. Rowley, J. Quick, F. B. Wagg, G. Bishop, C. Foss, J. H. Freeley, C. Hosgood, F. G. Moore, B. Tidy, H. Jacobs, C. Martins, J. A. Stamford, B. Dixon, T. James, H. Hitchman, G. Pilcher, G. Brown, W. Jones, R. Harp, F. Budd, B. Shoebridge, and D. Thoroughgood, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Roberts, P.M.; J. Miller, W.M.; W. Webber, S.W. and W.M. elect; S. Southgate, J.W.; and T. Marfleet, of 700; E. Palmer, P.M.; H. J. Spencer and J. Taylor, 913; Col. Vansittart, 1536; J. Gould, P.M. 1683; and W. Turvey, 1472.

Bro. Shrubsole's menu having been discussed, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were proposed by the W.M. and drunk heartily.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said the first portion of his duty that night was to propose "The Health of the W.M." It was the first time he had had the honour of proposing a toast of so much importance, and he felt sure they would extend to him their indulgence. He would preface his remarks by relating a little anecdote of his experience at Paris lately, where he had been to see the Exhibition there, and the city generally. One night, as it was raining, he went into a restaurant, and happened to sit at a table where there was a Frenchman who understood and could speak a little English, and in the course of conversation he asked the Frenchman what he thought of the English, and he said "Oh, they are very bold and persevering, and go, if possible, where no one has ever been before, and there they plant their 'Union Jack,' and write their names, and leave both at the very top of the place. Yes; they are a bold race." Well, in the course of his perambulations through the city of Paris he scrambled to the top of Notre Dame, and there, sure enough, he found on the highest point the names of "Smith," "Jones," and "Robinson" scratched on the stone work of that grand edifice. Now, if it was so with Englishmen, it was especially so with those who were Englishmen and Freemasons, and in their esteemed W.M., Bro. Grice, they had one who never was or would have been satisfied unless he had subscribed his name among that illustrious roll of Masons who had achieved the pinnacle of their ambition in the Union Waterloo Lodge. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Grice, in response, said for the first time he had to address them as their W.M. He could only thank them most cordially for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and could assure them that nothing gave him greater pleasure than looking after the comfort of the brethren and the welfare of the lodge. He should have liked to have extended his remarks, but as he was suffering from a severe cold, he asked them to excuse him, and accept his heartfelt thanks for their kindness.

Bro. Tailby, in responding for "The Installing Officer," said, as Installing Officer, he fell very short of what they expected of him, but they would remember that he had to work the Three Degrees before attempting the installation, a rather hard task for one meeting; but he knew that those brethren who had so kindly voted him the handsome jewel, pinned upon his breast that day by the W.M., would look with a lenient eye on his shortcomings. He was proud to be a full-blown Past Master of their grand old lodge, that had so well been called "the mother lodge of the district." Before they were Past Masters, they were full of ambition, but, as Pope said, "Time conquers all men;" so their ambition was conquered by getting to the left of the chair; but he felt sure he could not have devoted his time to a better purpose than striving to become a Past Master of the Union Waterloo Lodge. He should soon be a long way from the chair, but trusted, wherever he might be, to still be of some service to the lodge, and the brethren of it.

"The Initiates" having been toasted, Bro. Miller responded for "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge upon having elected so able a Mason for its Master as their esteemed Bro. Grice was, because he felt sure that under him the ritual would be worked accurately, and the comfort of the brethren studied in every way.

Bros. Gould and Spencer also responded; and the other toasts were "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast.

Bros. Skinner, Deans, and Keeble, and Messrs. Renshaw and De Russett sang ballads; Bro. Bidgood played a violin solo; Bro. Hayes recited; and the Misses Ashdown and Logan sang selections; the latter lady has a grand contralto voice of great power, sweetness, and range, and grander than all is her articulation, every word being heard distinctly, a quality not too often possessed by singers.

Bro. B. J. Hancock presided at the piano, while the comfort of the brethren was looked after in every way by the courteous Stewards.

## Royal Arch.

## BELVEDERE.

**Saye and Sele Chapter** (No. 1973).—An emergency meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of balloting for and, if successful, exalting Bro. J. S. Gibson-Sugars, 1973. The chapter was opened by Comp. A. H. Bateman, as Z.; Comp. F. Nichols, H.; and Comp. E. Hide, J. There were also present Comps. F. Wood, P.Z.; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.Z.; T. Heaps, Treas.; H. E. Russell, P.S.; Capt. Thomas, P.Z. 1216; C. Jolly, Z. 1472; Reeve, and others.

The ballot proving successful, Bro. Sugars was exalted. Comp. Bateman did the work splendidly. Comps. Hide, Nichols, and Jolly gave the lectures.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions sat down to a supper, provided by Comp. Heaps.

Comp. Sugars, who is a naval officer on board H.M.S. Arethusa, and who had to join his ship next day, went away with hearty good wishes for a pleasant voyage.

## BOURNEMOUTH.

**Hengist Chapter (No. 195).**—This chapter held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, the latter including Principals of the Poole and Wimborne Chapters. The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, the following companions were installed as Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Harvey, M.E.Z.; C. T. Miles, H.; and W. H. Miles, J., by Comp. H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 195 and 360, P.P.G.J., who performed the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed: Comps. H. J. Atkins, D.C.; E. W. Cross, Treas.; C. W. Keep, S.E.; D. W. Preston, S.N.; J. Shemmonds, P.S.; P. Worth, 1st A.S.; A. Redfearn, 2nd A.S.; W. Townsend, Org.; C. Waters and F. Mapp, Stewards; and H. F. Beamish, Janitor. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. W. B. Rogers, was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel by the chapter—which was of special design, and manufactured in gold by Comp. George Kenning, London. The financial report for the past year, which was very satisfactory, was read and adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the installing Officer.

The meeting being closed, the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Imperial, served in Bro. Reinpach's best style.

## POOLE.

**Amity Chapter (No. 137).**—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following companions were duly installed into their respective chairs by Comp. H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 195, P.P.G.J. Hants and Isle of Wight, who had been requested to perform the ceremony, viz.: Comps. C. T. Marston, M.E.Z.; Sydenham, H.; Rev. Brown, J.; and the following officers were invested—Comps. Taylor, S.E.; Hillier, S.N.; Compton, Principal Soj.; Shearman, 1st Asst. Soj.; Sharp, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Gutch, Treas.; and Squibb, Janitor. Amongst the visitors we noticed the three Principals of the Hengist Chapter, Comps. Harvey, C. T. Miles, and W. H. Miles.

The accounts for the past year were read and adopted. Several brethren of the Amity Lodge were nominated as candidates. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Atkins for the very impressive way he had rendered the installation ceremony, and the companions adjourned to the usual banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and very friendly greetings were exchanged between the sister chapters in the neighbourhood.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

**Metropolitan College.**—The regular quarterly convocation of this college was held at the Masonic Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 11th inst. The fratres present were Frs. Dr. W. R. Woodman, 9<sup>o</sup>, S.M., and P.M.G.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, Hon. 9<sup>o</sup>, M.T.; H. J. Lardner, D.M.T.; S. L. MacGregor Mathers, 8<sup>o</sup>, Sec.; W. J. Ferguson, 8<sup>o</sup>, P.M.T.; J. Lewis Thomas, 9<sup>o</sup>, P.M.T., S.S.M., and Treas.-Gen.; Robert Roy, P.M.T., Hon. 8<sup>o</sup>; W. G. Lemon, G. Gregory, and Dr. Coffin, as Ancts.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Chap. and Org.; H. Higgins, as G.T.; Gowan, Candidate; and Gilbert, Acolyte.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Frs. Rev. T. W. Lemon and Dr. Coffin stated that they had sent reasons for non-attendance at the previous meeting. Bro. R. A. Gowan was balloted for, and accepted as a candidate, and, being in attendance, was impressively advanced to the grade of Zelator by the M.T. The D.M.T., Fra. Lardner, delivered the lecture on the numbers and mystic knowledge; and the Secretary performed the symbolic consecration and gave the final admonition. Frater F. D. Harrison, of the York College, was unanimously elected as a joining member. The Supreme Magus then delivered a most learned and interesting lecture on the "Ten Hebrew Sephiroth, or Emanations of the Deity," which was listened to with great attention. A vote of thanks was proposed by the M. of T., who remarked on the erudition of the S.M.; seconded by the Treas.-Gen., and carried by acclamation. A discussion on the paper ensued, in which Frs. Westcott, Lewis Thomas, W. G. Lemon, the Secretary, and others took part. The Supreme Magus returned thanks in a short speech. The Secretary stated that he had received letters of apology and postcards from Frs. Lambert, Irwin, Whythead, Street, Webster Glynes, Bulmer, Rev. R. Peek, Gumbleton, and many others. He also asked several brethren, who had not already done so, to let him know their mottoes.

There being no further business, several of the fratres adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet awaited them in the "Colonel's Room," and where discussion on occult and other subjects was continued till a late hour.

## Royal Order of Scotland.

The annual meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday last. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was unable to attend, having sprained his foot, and the Dep. P.G.M., Capt. Phillips, was engaged elsewhere, so the duties of the chair were undertaken and carried out in a very able manner by Bro. Frank Richardson, Prov. G. Secretary, assisted by Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.P. G.G., as Senior Grand Guardian; R. Loveland Loveland, as Junior Grand Guardian; C. F. Matier, Grand Marshal; Col. Haldane, Grand Sword Bearer; W. B. Williamson, Grand Standard Bearer; T. C. Walls, G.G.; and John Read, Grand Organist. Bros. Col. M. Ramsey, H. P. Hay, H. C. Heard, R. Berridge, Kempster, B. Cockburn, and Presscott were candidates, and were admitted into the two Degrees of the Order. Bro. Chas. Belton, G. Treasurer, submitted his accounts, showing a good balance in hand.

The Bruce Chapter held its meeting after the proceedings of the Prov. G. Lodge, when Bro. W. B. Williamson was installed as T.R.S.T.A. for the ensuing year, and he invested Bros. Webster Glynes, H. Lovegrove, W. M. Bywater, Moon, Matier, Sec.; G. Cooper, A. McDowall, Carter, Keyser, Laurence, and Read, Org., in the order given.

The brethren held the annual banquet in the Zoological Gardens, where they were joined by many distinguished Masons who could not attend the ceremony.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; Rice, S.W.; Jobson, J.W.; Sims, P.M., Preceptor; W. G. Court, acting Sec.; J. Davis, S.D.; P. Burton, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; Stroud, P.M.; W. J. Coplestone, Ebbutt, Nash, and W. W. Williams. Bro. Botterill, 1348, was a visitor.

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. Botterill having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Botterill being the candidate. The W.M. rendered the traditional history in his usual able manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Botterill was elected a member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Rice 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 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, W.M.; W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, S.W.; A. Cadbury-Jones, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; C. G. Wetzlar, S.D.; A. J. Barradell, J.D.; W. Jackman, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor 834; J. V. Woodman, and J. Crutenden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wetzlar being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Woodman being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Sims, assisted by the brethren, for which he received a vote of thanks. Bro. Sims acknowledged the vote in very suitable terms, congratulating the brethren on the good working observed in the lodge of instruction. Bro. Hakim was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A letter was read from Mr. Longhurst, thanking the brethren for their letter of condolence on the death of his father. 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 11th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. Jackson, S.D.; J. Mitchell, J.D.; W. Barringer, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Litchfield, R. E. Cursons, R. Kirk, C. Lambert, J. Rowe, and A. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Litchfield having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. J. Rowe offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the W.M. thanked Bro. G. H. Foan for giving the chair to him that evening. Bro. Brindley congratulated Bro. Frederick Kedge on his attaining the high position of W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, and wished him a prosperous and successful year of office. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Sims, P.M., W.M.; Swann, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Sidders, Sec. (pro tem.); Woods, S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Betts, I.G.; Haines, Jobson, and Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Sims, P.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Craggs. Bro. R. H. Williams answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Swann was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hellier, W.M.; B. Browne, S.W.; Jobson, J.W.; John Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Asst. Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; A. T. Whittell, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Lathbury, P.M.; Woodard, Stonnill, and W. W. Williams. Bro. Doble was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Doble candidate. 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 Section of the Lecture was also worked. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Doble was elected a joining member. Bro. B. Browne 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 15th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D.R.), when there were present Bros. J. Mitchell, W.M.; G. E. King, S.W.; Steele, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J.

Andrews, Sec.; Poole, S.D.; Langdon, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; S. Cochrane, H. Price, Hargrove, Calkin, H. Mitchell, Lyell, S. E. Williams, Smith, W. Coleman, J. Wright, Windsor, Russell, Templeman, Folkard, Cowland, 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 Bro. Smith having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Smith duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. J. Mitchell then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. Price, 2308, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree and entrusted Bro. Cochrane. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Cochrane as candidate. Bro. J. Mitchell then again took the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Hargrove, Duke of Connaught Lodge, was elected a joining member. Bro. Hargrove returned thanks, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. King was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. King returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Comps. H. Purdew, M.E.Z.; J. J. Cantle, H.; J. Davies, J.; F. Craggs, S.E.; Dr. Causton, S.N.; W. C. Williams, P.S.; and P. J. Davies.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. P. J. Davies acting as exalte. Comp. J. Davies acted as Preceptor. Comps. Cantle, P. J. Davies, and Dr. W. H. Causton were elected joining members, and the chapter was closed.

## CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 271.

The Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, was consecrated in August, 1789, and the brethren, having received a favourable reply from the M.W. the Grand Master to their application for a centenary warrant, have arranged to celebrate the event by a festival at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, October 18th next, when it is expected that a large number of brethren will be present. The whole suite of rooms have been engaged for the meeting, and the banquet will be held in the Dome.

The Royal Clarence Lodge can show an uninterrupted existence from its foundation; it was for several years presided over by the Duke of Richmond when Provincial Grand Master, and the names of the Worshipful Masters form an extraordinary record; the present Dep. Prov. Grand Master, also the late Prov. Grand Masters and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, being initiates of the lodge. We look forward with much interest to the history of the lodge, which is in preparation, as the minutes are complete from the first, and as this is the first lodge in Sussex which will have completed a centenary, the brethren are determined to make the occasion a memorable one, and intend to invite the M.W. the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, the principal Grand Officers, and Provincial Grand Officers, the Worshipful Masters of lodges, and others specially noted as active workers in the Craft.

## SUMMER BANQUET AND GARDEN PARTY OF THE CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

The summer banquet and garden party of the above lodge was given on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. At three o'clock, the party, consisting of 74, sat down to a good banquet, which was well served by the hostess, Mrs. Bennefield. Bro. Haylock, W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. Hoddinott, S.W.; Prince, J.W.; and T. Venner, Hon. Sec.

Grace being over, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The W.M. then gave "The Ladies," coupling the toast with the name of Mr. E. Venner, jun., who he wished many happy returns of the day, it being his eighteenth birthday.

Mr. VENNOR, in suitable terms, responded, and stated he did not know much about them, but hoped in a few years to know more.

"The Health of the Chairman" was then proposed, and responded to by the W.M.

The band of the Tower Hamlets Volunteer Royal Engineers contributed considerably to the day's enjoyment by playing in the grounds during the morning, at the banquet, and also for dancing in the evening; and Bros. South, Prince, and Bouffler gave some good songs between the dancing, accompanied by Mr. Prince.

The party returned to town by the 10.20 train, expressing that it had been the most enjoyable outing they had ever attended.

## A PORTRAIT BY THE SHAH.

The *Illustrated London News* of the 6th inst. states: "While the Shah of Persia, with his suite, was crossing the sea from Antwerp to the Thames, his Majesty noticed on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, the presence of our special artist, Mr. H. C. Seppings-Wright, using his pencil and sketch-book, and playfully tried his own hand, by way of retaliation, in drawing the portrait of our artist himself, which was authenticated by his Majesty's signature." A facsimile of the drawing, and of the handwriting, in French, are also given, and the article concludes with the following account of an interview accorded by the same monarch, in his own dominions, to the present W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076: "Another of our special artists, Mr. William Simpson, who accompanied the Afghan Boundary Commission, passing through Persia in September and October, 1884, was presented to the Shah at Teheran, when his Majesty examined the artist's sketch-book with much interest, and was especially pleased to hear that Mr. Simpson had been in the Afghan campaign of 1879, and with the Prince of Wales in his tour through India."



## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

It has been decided that the coronet to be worn by the Princess Louise of Wales, after her marriage with Bro. the Earl of Fife, shall be the one worn by all royal princes and princesses.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

The Coal and Corn and Finance Committee of the Corporation of London have recommended that a sum of 50 guineas (£52 10s.) be contributed out of the City's Cash to the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Bro. the Rev. J. Kingston, Chaplain R.N. (Retired List), Past Prov. Grand Chaplain for Dorset, has been appointed acting Chaplain of the 3rd Volunteer (Railway) Battalion, the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford, under the banner of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, on Monday next, the 22nd inst., at the hour of 4.15 p.m. A banquet will follow at 6 p.m.

We learn from the *South African Freemason* that the Editor of that journal, Bro. Darley Hartley, P.M., at the June meeting of the Buffalo Lodge, No. 1824, East London, succeeded in collecting £2 7s. for the Gould Testimonial Fund in shilling and florin subscriptions.

By the kind permission of Bro. George Edwardes, Bro. George Stone will take his first benefit at the Gaiety Theatre on Saturday morning, the 27th inst., when in addition to an act from "Faust up to Date" and one from "Esmeralda," most of the prominent artistes on the London stage will assist.

The Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria of Teck, drove over from Richmond to Epsom on Thursday, the 11th inst., when her Royal Highness opened the new Cottage Hospital for Epsom and Ewell, which has been erected to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. The town was *en fete*, and the Royal visitors lunched at Woodcote House. A travelling escort of the Middlesex Yeomanry was in attendance.

Preparations are being rapidly made in the Private Chapel, Buckingham Palace, for the marriage of the Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife. The honeymoon of the newly married pair will be passed at East Sheen House, whence they will go to Duff House, Banff. They will subsequently visit Mar Lodge, and attend the Braemar gathering in September, when her Majesty will meet her granddaughter for the first time after her marriage.

An Order in Council has been issued, providing that on and after the 31st inst. dogs affected with or suspected of rabies, and which have been bitten by dogs so affected or suspected, shall be slaughtered, and that all dogs in public places must be muzzled, packs of hounds, sporting dogs, and dogs used for the destruction of vermin and in charge of competent persons being excepted. The muzzles, however, must not prevent them breathing freely and lapping water.

The annual match between Eton and Harrow at Lord's on Friday and Saturday last terminated in a decisive victory by nine wickets for the latter. Harrow won the toss, and going first to the wickets made a total of 272, F. S. Jackson (captain), son of Bro. W. Jackson, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, contributing 68; C. P. Wills, 50; D. R. Napier, 38; and R. B. Hoare, 35. Eton made 169 and 152, to which Bromley-Davenport (captain) contributed 31 and 42, and the Hon. M. G. Tollemache, 27 and 29. This left Harrow 50 to win, a task it accomplished with the loss of one wicket—that of A. C. McLaren, who made 16—C. P. Wells and R. B. Hoare being the not outs, with 28 and 5 respectively to their credit.

**DURHAM MASONIC CHARITIES.**—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the half-yearly meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham. Bro. C. S. Lane, P.P.J.G.D., presided. The officers of the Committee were re-elected as follows: Bros. C. S. Lane, Chairman; T. Bradley, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; M. Corbitt, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; C. S. Lane, M. Corbitt, S. Penny, T. Coulson, D. P. Huntley, T. Bradley, and R. Singleton, Sub-Committee. Some applications in regard to the London schools and two county applications were considered. The latter the Committee were unable to deal with in a satisfactory manner; the former were deferred owing to prior claims. The Durham Masonic Education Fund was reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

On Monday, the 8th inst., the brethren of *Semper Fidelis* Lodge, No. 1254, had their annual outing. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather of the morning, the afternoon turned out fairly propitious, and an enjoyable holiday was spent. The party started by the 2.20 train for Exmouth in a saloon carriage, and on arriving took a trip in boats to Starcross. The brethren were favoured with the presence of many ladies and visiting brethren, among whom were Bro. S. P. Needham (Australia) and Bro. P. Giles (St. Austell). After the boating excursion, the party adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where, under the presidency of the W.M. of the lodge (Bro. G. W. Clifford), a capital repast was provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Singing, music, and dancing were then indulged in until the departure of the 9.20 train. The saloon carriage was again brought into requisition to convey the party to Exeter, and on the journey several short complimentary speeches brought the successful excursion to a pleasant ending. The W.M. was most assiduous in his efforts for the company to enjoy the outing, and should be congratulated on his success.

**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.—ADV'T.

For the purpose of establishing a new lifeboat to be called after her, the late Mrs. Catherine Swift, of Essex Villas, Kensington, has bequeathed to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution the sum of £700.

Bros. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., Lord Elcho, and Sir John W. Ellis, Bart., are among the members of the Special Committee of the House of Commons appointed to investigate the circumstances under which the Irish Society and City Companies hold their estates in Ulster.

"Sweet Lavender" will reach its 500th performance on Friday, August 2nd, when the following ladies and gentlemen will appear in it: Messrs. Edward Terry, Alfred Bishop, Brandon Thomas, H. Dana, H. R. Smith, Sant Matthews, P. Miller, Mesdames M. A. Victor, Blanche Horlock, Annie Irish, and Carlotta Addison.

Bros. the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Airlie, the Earl of Cork, and the Earl of Kilmorey were present at a meeting of officers commanding regiments of Yeomanry, held on the 11th inst., for the purpose of preparing for submission to the Secretary of State for War a number of resolutions as to the allowances to the Yeomanry.

A portrait of Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., accompanied by an appreciative biographical sketch, is published in the current issue of *Our Celebrities*. The sketch, which is written by Mr. Lionel Monckton, who is related to the Town Clerk, refers in especially eulogistic terms to the public services Sir Sydney has rendered in connection with the provision of housing accommodation for the working and artisan classes.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson gave a garden party on Saturday, the 6th inst., at Lambeth Palace. The band of the Boys' Industrial School played on the lawn, where the Primate received his guests. The Lollard Tower, library, private chapel, drawing rooms, portrait galleries, and Mrs. Benson's boudoir were thrown open to the numerous company; refreshments being served in the Guard Room.

Miss Ethel Mary Conder, eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Conder, of Leeds, has just been appointed Principal of Milton Mount College. She is a graduate of Girton, and for the last seven years has been Classical Mistress at the Leeds High School.

Mr. Edward Walford, the well-known author of so many popular books upon archaeology and historical personages, is sixty years of age, and lives in a flat in Hyde-park Mansions. He was Chancellor's Prizeman at Oxford forty-four years ago, and was a fellow student with the Lord Chief Justice. For five-and-twenty years he has been editor of "Lodge's Peerage," but in consequence of misunderstandings he is leaving that, and proposes next year to bring out a new aristocratic directory, under the title of "The Windsor Peerage," one feature of which is to be that the dates of ladies' births will not be given.

The chief honours at the Botanic Society's Floral Fête were carried off by ladies connected with the stage—to wit, by Mrs. Edward Ledger, wife of the proprietor of the *Era*, and by Mrs. Fred Horner, wife of the dramatic author and theatrical critic. The two-horsed victoria paraded by Mrs. Ledger was brilliantly decorated, with much ingenuity and elaboration, and on that account, we take it, secured the gold medal and the Princess of Wales's prize. Mrs. Horner's victoria—also two-horsed—had, however, the distinction of being most artistically treated, the scheme being as simple and chaste as it was effective. The combination of deep-red roses and asparagus-green background was acknowledged to be a very happy one, happily carried out. Mrs. Ledger and Mrs. Horner both occupied their own carriage, with whose decorations their own attire very gracefully harmonised.—*Globe*.

The *New Zealand Herald* of May 4th says a cablegram intimates that the Royal Arch Chapter of England has cancelled the charters of nine lodges in New South Wales which had entered the Grand Lodge of that Colony. At first sight it would appear that this action showed hostility on the part of the Grand Lodge of England, but the contrary is the fact. They have simply received and cancelled the charters returned to them, and they fully recognise the authority of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The establishment of a Grand Lodge for New Zealand is still receiving earnest attention from the lodges working here under the various Constitutions, and the matter is being discussed in the various sister lodges. At a meeting of Lodge St. Andrew, held on the 26th April, at the Freemasons' Hall, this, the oldest lodge of the Scottish Constitution in the North Island, passed the following resolution unanimously: "That this lodge heartily approves of the proposal to establish a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, with the consent of the majority of the lodges working under the three Constitutions." The Lodge of Whangarei, E.C., at their last meeting also passed a similar resolution.

Among the important provincial centres which have been honoured with a visit from the Shah of Persia during the present week, or rather since his stay at Birmingham, are Sheffield, Liverpool, and Manchester, at each of which he was right royally entertained, besides being afforded the opportunity of inspecting some of the factories in full swing, for which these cities are celebrated. At Sheffield he inspected the cutlery and armour plate works, and at Liverpool he was taken down the Mersey in order to inspect the Cunard steamer *Umbria*. On this occasion the fates were not quite so propitious as they have been during his stay in England, and many of his Majesty's suite were seriously discomforted by the "lumpy" state of the river. On leaving Manchester the Shah was rapidly whisked away en route for Glasgow, lunching by the way at the ancient city of Carlisle. In the commercial metropolis of Scotland he will have an opportunity of learning something of the Clyde shipbuilding, while at Edinburgh he will be able to see Holyrood and the other lions of the Scottish capital. Next week his Majesty will be returning southward, and will be present at a review of the troops at Aldershot. The date of his departure for Paris has been altered from Saturday, the 27th, to Monday, the 29th instant.

**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 £30,000 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.—ADV'T.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be held at the Public Rooms, Hull, on Wednesday next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Friday, the 2nd prox.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom have lately sustained a severe bereavement by the death, at the Chateau de Resenlieu, in Normandy, on the 11th inst., of their third son, the Hon. Randle A. Bootle-Wilbraham, a lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

Lady Monckton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Marks, Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Parkinson, and Bros. Frank Harris, and Augustus Harris were guests on Tuesday at the dinner "to meet General Boulanger"—that was given by Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Robson Roose in Hill-street.

The members of the Past Officers' Club, consisting of gentlemen who have served parochial offices in connection with St. Botolph, Aldersgate, held their summer outing on Wednesday last. Bro. Alderman Renals was one of the party. The members drove to Henley, where lunch was served. They then drove on to Kew Bridge, sitting down to dinner at the Star and Garter.

Mr. E. Gilbert Highton, M.A., Secretary to and Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, is about to bring out a "Treatise upon the Scope and Intent of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth.'" It will be accompanied by some critical remarks upon the recent representation at the Lyceum, not, if report speaks truly, of a character very flattering to Mr. Irving's conception of the part, as well as some notice of the general interpretation of Shakespearian drama. Mr. P. N. Newman has designed a very elaborate frontispiece for the work.—*Echo*.

The success of the work which Sir Edmund Hay Currie has seen among the poorer classes from the institution of Technical Schools at the People's Palace, has induced him to try the experiment of opening a similar school at Folkestone for the sons of gentlemen. It will be a residential establishment, presided over by himself and Lady Currie, and it is to be conducted upon much the same lines as the existing public schools, with the addition of scientific and technical training for such careers, for instance, as that of a civil, electrical, or mechanical engineer. One course will be specially devised for lads who intend going into business in the Colonies. It certainly looks like a useful and promising scheme.

What many brethren in the north call a "Kettle," but which is, we believe, a social gathering, took place on Wednesday, when the brethren of St. David's Lodge, No. 393, Berwick-on-Tweed, and 114 gentlemen, including a large contingent of brethren from Newcastle and brethren and guests from as far as Burmah and South Africa, met at South Bells, and in the splendid marquee ample justice was done to the Tweed salmon and other good things provided. The weather was delightful. Neither wonder then that the toast list and speeches were kept short. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were received with musical honours, after which other toasts followed. Bro. Holmes, in returning thanks for the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Officers, stated that the Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, M.P., regretted his inability to be present, but he sent them his best wishes for a pleasant outing. Bro. Thompson, in proposing prosperity to St. David's Lodge, complimented the brethren on the fact that last year they had been able to clear off the debt upon their handsome hall. He had been asked by the Mayor if he had ever been at a kettle before, and he replied he had 42 years ago. He did not think there was any one alive in Berwick, or in the Province of Northumberland, who was present at that kettle, but he remembered it well. At 75 he felt still vigorous, and he hoped he would be present at many more of the pleasant gatherings of St. David's Lodge. On the greensward kit-cat and quoits were indulged in on a wholesale scale, and every one appeared to enjoy the day-off very immensely. When the company returned to the marquee, tea was served, and afterwards a pleasant evening was spent.

The Lord Bishop of London gave a party at Fulham Palace, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Refreshments, which were unalcoholic, were served on the lawn and in the Bishop Porteous Library. The guests were much interested in examining the portraits of every Bishop of London for centuries past, down to the present occupant, which are hung about the Palace. Amongst those who attended the "At Homes" were Viscount Middleton, Rev. Teignmouth Shore (much sought after by the ladies to get his opinion about the Princess Louise of Wales, whose spiritual education he has conducted), the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and Lady Ashbourne, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Cadman, the Bishops of Gibraltar, Exeter, and Newcastle, Archdeacon Hessey (who was much congratulated upon his recovery from his long severe illness), the young Archdeacon of London (Sinclair), Bro. Rev. Canon Benham, Chaplain of St. Mark's College Lodge, the author of "Catherine and Crauford Tait"; Bro. Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., arranging with his lordship of Exeter and Bro. Canon Benham for the sermon the next day on behalf of the Clergy Corporation; Lord Crewe, with the inevitable orchid in his button-hole; Bro. Rev. Dr. Finch, Mr. G. W. G. Russell, ex-M.P., a scion of the Bedford family; as keen a churchman as Gladstonian, Bro. Henry Wright, fraternising now with the Archdeacon of Bishop Auckland (Dr. Watkins), and now with Bro. W. M. Torrens, another ex-M.P., and longing to get the autographs of the famous people there for his collection; Lord Stanley of Alderley, who has been Protestant, Roman Catholic, and now is a Mahomedan, but still enjoys episcopal hospitalities; the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, with Mrs. Ellicott and their musical daughter; Bro. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, who were congratulated on the Shah's visit to the City; the portrait of the P.G.M. of Cornwall, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, being in the Archbishop's own room.

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# MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan),

For the week ending Saturday, July 27, 1889.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

## SATURDAY, JULY 20.

Summer Excursion Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

### RAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.  
1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-road, S.E., at 7.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne Hill, at 7.30.  
MARK LODGE.  
251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel.

## MONDAY, JULY 22.

### RAFT LODGE.

1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6.  
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.  
Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Addle-street, Wood-street E.C., at 7.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. Ambrose, Barons' Court Hotel, West Kensington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich at 8.

## TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
Camden, Lord Northbrook Hotel, Lee, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, N.E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Emblematic, Mona Hotel (late Ashley's), Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 8.  
Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.  
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

Board of Benevolence, at 6.

### RAFT LODGES.

753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.  
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.  
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-street, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.  
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.

Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Lugard Hotel, Lugard-road, Peckham.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
Vitravian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, JULY 25.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

### RAFT LODGES.

1421, Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford.  
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Croydon, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creton, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, at 8.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Leopold, Blackwall Railway Hotel, 7, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-rd., at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

538, Vane, Holborn Restaurant.

### MARK LODGE.

13, Hiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

## FRIDAY, JULY 26.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.  
Great Northern, Bervick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace, at 7.30.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.  
Royal Savoy (Mark), The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury Pavement.

## SATURDAY, JULY 27.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.

### RAFT LODGES.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

# MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial),

For the week ending Saturday, July 27, 1889.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., will be found in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

## MONDAY, JULY 22.

RAFT LODGES. Belvedere ... 1973 Batley ... 264  
Durham ... 48 Castlegate ... 1991 Altrincham ... 1045  
Jersey ... 491 Portsmouth ... 2068 Weston ... 1223  
Chacewater ... 099 R.A. CHAPTERS. Mansfield ... 1852  
Liverpool ... 1325 E. Stonehouse 189 MARK LODGE.  
Glamorgan ... 1752 Denton ... 210 Devonport ... 64

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74 Huddersfield ... 521 Bromley ... 1692  
Chatham ... 184 Liverpool ... 724 Landport ... 1776  
Bradford ... 302 Wokington ... 962 Walton-on-the-  
Pembroke Dock 378 Saltash ... 1071 Naze ... 1799  
Uxbridge ... 382 Mossley ... 1218 East Retford ... 1802  
Ramsgate ... 429 Carlton Hill ... 1221 Snaresbrook ... 1804  
Canterbury ... 1449

## TUESDAY, JULY 23.

RAFT LODGES. Hatfield ... 1580 R.A. CHAPTERS.  
Derby ... 253 Liverpool ... 1075 Bristol ... 103  
Hampton Court 788 Landport ... 1834 Cardiff ... 960  
Devonport ... 958 Havant ... 1958 MARK LODGES.  
Birmingham ... 1016 Stonehouse ... 2025 W. Hartlepool 39  
Halliford ... 1309

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newcastle ... 24 Halifax ... 448 Tredegar ... 1098  
Whitehaven ... 119 Lee ... 704 Edmonton ... 1237  
Margate ... 127 Stafford ... 726 Redcar ... 1244  
Batley ... 264 Wootton-under- Huddersfield ... 1783  
Maryport ... 371 Edge ... 855 Dartford ... 1837  
Stockton ... 940

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

RAFT LODGES. Lincoln ... 1386 Surbiton ... 1920  
Garston ... 220 Sunbury ... 1733 New Brompton 1967  
Portsmouth ... 257 Liverpool ... 1730 Crook ... 2019  
Liverpool ... 724 Scarborough ... 1760 Hanley ... 2149  
Grays ... 1343 Guernsey ... 1809

R.A. CHAPTERS. Liverpool ... 1350 Swansea ... 179  
Newport, I.W. 151 MARK LODGES. Coleford ... 340  
Heckmondwike 258 Hayward's Ilkestone ... 373  
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### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20 Ventnor ... 551 Herne Bay ... 2099  
Bury ... 128 Newbury ... 574 Hendon ... 2206  
Bingley ... 439 Canterbury ... 972 Beckenham ... 2266  
Liverpool ... 1264

## THURSDAY, JULY 25.

RAFT LODGES. Salford ... 935 Wigan ... 2269  
Exeter ... 39 Tywardreath ... 1151 R.A. CHAPTERS.  
Devonport ... 202 Hyde ... 1166 Hull ... 57  
Brentwood ... 214 Stockton-on- Kendal ... 129  
Bacup ... 286 Tees ... 1418 Heywood ... 266  
Blackburn ... 346 Romford ... 1437 Liverpool ... 292  
Hertford ... 403 Liverpool ... 1505 Gateshead ... 421  
Jersey ... 590 Pontypridd ... 1578 Tredegar ... 1091  
Liverpool ... 594 Weybridge ... 1616 MARK LODGES.  
Morpeth ... 636 Aldershot ... 1971 Richmond ... 13  
Glastonbury ... 772 Chingford ... 2184 West Cowes ... 140  
Norwich ... 807 Dover ... 2195 Blackpool ... 296  
Rotherham ... 904 Etruria ... 2214 Aldershot ... 349  
Sheffield ... 2263

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31 Maidstone ... 593 Hatfield ... 1580  
Gravesend ... 77 Twickenham ... 788 Leyton ... 1683  
Merthyr Tydvil 110 Broadstairs ... 1209 Shanklin ... 1884  
Liverpool ... 203 Sudbury ... 1224 Carshalton ... 1892  
Batley ... 264 Liverpool ... 1325 Hazelgrove ... 1957  
Carlton Hill ... 289 Romford ... 1437 Carshalton ... 1973

## FRIDAY, JULY 26.

RAFT LODGES. Hull ... 1605 Canterbury ... 262  
Skipton ... 810 Newark ... 1661 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
Twickenham ... 1777 MARK LODGES. Todmorden ... 17  
Cowbridge ... 1822 Plymouth ... 76 Newcastle ... 20  
R.A. CHAPTERS. Scarborough ... 95 Richmond ... 74  
Doncaster ... 242 Huddersfield ... 137 Handsworth ... 105  
Whitehaven ... 213

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newbiggin ... 123 Bristol ... 326 Penistone ... 1462  
Bristol ... 187 Bradford ... 1034 Gosforth ... 1664  
Keighley ... 265 Saltash ... 1071 York ... 1991  
Leeds ... 306 Liverpool ... 1393 Bristol (Province)

## SATURDAY, JULY 27.

RAFT LODGES. Penistone ... 1462 Harrow Station 2048  
Taplow ... 631 Chislehurst ... 1531 R.A. CHAPTER.  
Romiley ... 1126 Bromley ... 1905 Eastwood ... 308  
Hampton Court 1293 Epsom ... 1982 Todmorden 308

### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

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