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THE QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT, BOYS' SCHOOL.

Apart from the interest, and even excitement, which the half-yearly election of children always creates among the Life-Governors and Subscribers, the programme of business to be transacted at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Friday next, the 25th instant, is of more than ordinary importance, and will, no doubt, attract a numerous attendance of members. First of all there is the motion, of which due notice has been given, by Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee, that a pension of £350 a year for life be awarded to Bro. F. BINCKES "on his retirement from the office of Secretary after a service of upwards of 28 years." Then follows a motion by Bro. W. MASTERS on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Management Committee, that the said Committee be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £1000 in providing additional baths in the School Buildings and for general sanitary requirements, and also a further sum not exceeding £2500 in the erection of a swimming bath. Lastly, we have a series of resolutions by Bro. W. HARRIS SAUNDERS relating to the education and election of the children. The Court will also elect a Medical Officer from a list of 37 candidates; while the poll to fill up the 16 vacancies from an approved list of 70 candidates will be opened at 1 p.m., or earlier, if possible, and close, as usual, at 3 p.m. As regards these last two items, we have dealt with them so recently, and at the same time so fully, that it is only necessary for us to point out, with reference to the election of 16 boys, that the number of those who, in the event of failure at this poll, will have their names removed from the list under Law 53 is *ten*, the children in question being placed on the list at Nos. 1, 18, 21, 35, 45, 48, 53, 56, 61, and 64. Owing, we presume, to a printer's error, the list of approved candidates, issued with the voting papers, gave the numbers and names of only *five* boys as being thus unfortunately placed, but the mistake has since been rectified in the agenda paper for the 25th instant. It is important that voters should make a note of this, other "wise" the support they would have given to one or other of these last cases may be turned over to those who could have afforded to wait for another six months, or even longer.

As to the several motions of which, as we have said, due notice has been given, that of the Provisional Committee concerning the pension to be assigned to Bro. BINCKES needs no further comment. We have already set forth his claims to the generous consideration of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution which he has served so long and faithfully. The proposal has received the unanimous approval of the General Committee, and there is, therefore, no reason to anticipate that the General Court will do otherwise than sanction the approval of the former. We doubt not, also, that the motion of the Sanitary Sub-Committee will be approved. The necessity for greater bath accommodation on the premises and improved sanitary arrangements was shown clearly in the Report of the Committee of Investigation; while there cannot be two opinions as to the desirability of erecting a swimming bath, not only on the score of health and cleanliness, but also because, in the great majority of public and quasi-public schools, instruction in the art of swimming has now come to be recognised as an essential part of a boy's training. As regards the first of Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS'S series of resolutions—"That boys shall be educated according to the position their father occupied while in prosperity, and that when considered advisable by the Committee an allowance be granted for education out of the Institution"—we do not see what better plan can be adopted than that already provided under the rules and regulations of the School. The bulk of the boys admitted are of the middle class, and the system of education is that adopted in our middle-class schools. No doubt some of them would have received a better education had their fathers remained prosperous, while others would have fared not quite so well as they do now; but the mean between these two extremes is met by the present system as far as possible, and quite as far

as such an Institution as this can be expected to go. As for his proposal that an allowance should be granted for the education of some of the children "out of the Institution," Bro. SAUNDERS appears to be ignorant that under one of the existing laws an allowance not exceeding £40 per annum for education and clothing is granted to the parents or guardians of children in those cases where a desire has been notified to the Committee that they should be educated elsewhere. His resolution (b)—that the sons of Masons should be eligible for admission into the School on payment of a fixed annual sum—seems quite uncalled for. We know of no reason why the sons of Masons who can afford to pay for their children's education should be educated in any particular School; and even if there were a reason, it will be time enough to take such a proposal into consideration when there are no longer any children of deceased and indigent Masons to provide for. His other two resolutions—(c) to elect, if possible, all *last* cases, and (d) to have a Sub-Committee, whose special duty it shall be to examine and report to the General Committee upon all petitions—have our heartiest approval. For a long time past we have made it our business to invite the attention of voters to this class of cases, in the hope that by so doing we might, as far as lies in our power, prevent their failure; while, as regards the election or appointment of a Petitions' Sub-Committee, it is difficult to imagine how it can be otherwise than beneficial. The particulars of each case will be more carefully inquired into than under the present plan, and the chance of an improper or unworthy object being accepted as a candidate will be rendered more difficult. We trust, therefore, that, if time permits, the Court will give these two suggestions of Bro. SAUNDERS a favourable hearing.

THE LATE BRO. SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

The event which every one has been anticipating for some few weeks past has happened, and Bro. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., who was M.P. for Cricklade from 1865 to 1885, Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company, and Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent for Berks and Bucks, has at length succumbed to the serious illness from which he had been suffering so long, and which he had borne with such exemplary patience and fortitude. Our late brother had been a familiar figure in various spheres of public duty, as well as in Freemasonry, for very many years; but though he rendered many important services in Parliament, in railway administration, and in connection with the various schemes for establishing telegraphic communication between the old and the new worlds—it was for his success in laying the Sub-Atlantic cable of 1866 that her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of a baronetcy—it comes not within our province to do more than refer to them as constituting so many additional claims upon our respect and admiration for his public worth. Our concern is with the services he rendered to the Craft of Masonry, and we are by no means exaggerating the merit or the extent of these when we state that few brethren of our time have done more to promote the welfare of our Society than the distinguished Mason whose loss we are now so sincerely mourning. It is close on 40 years since he underwent the ordeal of initiation, and since that date there is hardly a year in which we do not find some important Masonic work associated with his name. More than one lodge or chapter on the roll of England is indebted for its success to the energy and ability with which he presided over its early fortunes. When Lord METHUEN was appointed Prov. G.M. of Wiltshire in 1853, the services which Bro. DANIEL GOOCH had rendered to the Craft in that county were recognised by his lordship, who appointed him his Deputy, nor did he retire from this office until in 1868 the late Earl of ZETLAND, M.W.G.M.—who in 1858 had conferred on him the collar of Grand Sword Bearer of England—selected him to occupy the still more important post of Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks. In 1875 his Royal Highness the GRAND Z. appointed him its Grand Superintendent. Of his success as a provincial ruler it is unnecessary for us to say more than that, during the 20 years of his Prov. Grand Mastership, the lodges in Berks and Bucks more than

doubled themselves in respect of numbers, while in the excellence of their work, the harmony which prevailed among them, and the regularity with which they have supported our Institutions, the Province may have had many equals, but none that could justly claim a superiority. Now, however, that he has gone from us for ever, there remains to us nothing but the memory of these various services to which we have briefly referred, and we doubt not that, while Freemasonry continues to exist in this country, that memory will be loyally and reverently cherished by all who claim to be true and worthy members of our ancient Craft.

THE BENGAL MASONIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the Bengal Masonic Association for educating children of indigent Freemasons, in preparing their report for the half year ended the 30th June last, seem to have considered it a favourable opportunity for reviewing the whole of the work done by the Charity since its foundation. Having been established in June, 1869, it had just completed the first 20 years of its existence, and, under the circumstances, it was no more than natural that those who had managed the Association so successfully should be desirous of letting the Masonic world know how generously the Craft in Bengal had supported it, and consequently how valuable were the services it had been able to render in behalf of those children of deceased or indigent brethren who had been admitted to its benefits. The summary, which has evidently been compiled with the utmost care, is pleasant reading, showing as it does how the Association, from a small beginning, has gradually succeeded in extending its sphere of operations, and at the same time strengthening its position, until at length it is able to pay its way out of its income, and has a large amount invested of capital to fall back upon in the case of need.

The plan adopted by the authorities from the very beginning is that which has found such favour with the majority of our own Provincial Charitable Associations. That is to say, the children are maintained and educated at Schools which have been carefully selected, and in the majority of cases are in the immediate neighbourhood of their own homes. This has, of course, materially increased the work devolving upon the executive officers, especially in the matter of correspondence and supervision, but the extra labour has been cheerfully borne, and does not seem to have been attended with any appreciable increase of expenditure; while the brethren latterly appointed by the lodges to act as Stewards for the Association have done good service, not only by canvassing for subscriptions, but also in helping the Committee to look after the welfare of the children. As regards funds, the Association at the outset was supported only by the donations and subscriptions of the lodges and brethren, but in 1874 the demands on its resources rendered a substantial increase of income imperative, and, to quote the words of the report, "it was resolved in District Grand Lodge, with the cordial concurrence of every lodge in the District of Bengal, that a capitation assessment on the plan of that by which the Fund of Benevolence is mainly supported should be established," the result being an addition to the annual income of between 3000 rupees and 4000 rupees. In 1887 it was determined to appoint Stewards to collect subscriptions and assist the officers generally, and now nearly every lodge in the district has appointed a Steward, and the income of the Association has been further and very substantially increased. The invested capital, which exceeds 70,000 rupees, yields yearly an income of over 2800 rupees, so that, taking together these various items of receipt, the Association, as we have said, is well able to maintain itself, and in time to come will, no doubt, be in a position to still further enlarge the benefits it confers.

By the help of the support thus generously given by our Bengal brethren, this District Masonic Association has been able, during the 20 years that have elapsed since its foundation, to maintain and educate 64 children, of whom 29 are under its guardianship at the present time. These children have been, or are being, well educated at various schools in the Presidency, or, in a few instances, in Great Britain, and we warmly congratulate the Committee of the Association and its Governors and Subscribers on the success which has attended their labours. It is a grand feather in their cap for them to be able to state in their latest report that those girls and boys who have completed their education under the guardianship of this Institution have "gone out into the world well prepared to hold their own against any competition." A Charitable organisation of which this can be said without fear of contradiction must be fulfilling its self-appointed duties most thoroughly.

On Tuesday, at the rooms of the Royal Asiatic Society, Albemarle-street, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon presided at a meeting in honour of Sir Charles Newton on his retirement from the office of Keeper of the Antiquity Room at the British Museum.

BRO. LANE'S "HANDY BOOK."

The full title of a work just issued by my able collaborator is "A Handy Book to the Study of The Engraved, Printed, and Manuscript Lists of Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England ('Moderns' and 'Ancients') from 1723 to 1814, with an Appendix and valuable Statistical Tables," the publisher being my old friend, Bro. George Kenning, of 16, Great Queen-street.

The volume, beyond question, is one of the most valuable ever published in relation to Freemasonry, and is by far the most important contribution to the subject of lodge Enumerations, Registers, and Warrants, that has yet been written, or, indeed, ever likely to be, for Bro. John Lane has both interestingly and exhaustively dealt with the whole subject, from the beginning to the end thereof, leaving nothing to be desired or possible of future attainment.

The invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," proved to an appreciative Craft what Bro. Lane could accomplish by "exhibiting all the lodges on the English Register for 1886, together with those previously on the Roll, specially arranged in a tabular form to show at one view all the numbers taken by each lodge during the successive enumerations to the present date," including over 3600 lodges from 1717 to 1886. That massive volume is a monument of perseverance, research, and fidelity, and has placed the author at one bound in the front rank of trusted and competent Masonic experts and historians. In that great enterprise Bro. Lane was in part preceded by me in my "Memorials of the Masonic Union" (1874) and "Numerical and Medallie Register of Lodges" (1878), and also by the distinguished Masonic historian, Bro. Gould, in his "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants," and "The Atholl Lodges" (1879). The "Handy Book," however, has no predecessor; is not likely ever to have a non-dependent successor, and of rivals there cannot be any.

I speak from actual knowledge in declaring that only those who have in some measure gone over a little of the ground so completely covered by Bro. Lane can even in a slight degree appreciate the immense labour bestowed on this new work by its painstaking and most industrious author. Having seen the "proof-sheets" during the progress of the printing, and being familiar with all the means and methods employed to secure accuracy and completeness, I am enabled to speak thus confidently of Bro. Lane's success in his "labour of love," as also to anticipate a most hearty reception for the "Handy Book" in question by all earnest and intelligent brethren, wherever dispersed throughout the globe. It forms an excellent supplement to the "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," though, of course, wholly complete in itself, and independent of any other work, and supplies an extraordinary amount of information respecting the progress of the Grand Lodge of England from its inauguration in 1717, as well as that of the "Ancients" from 1751, down to the period of the Union in December, 1813, the interest, value, and novelty of which will surprise even the most diligent of Masonic students. I am glad Bro. Gould has promised to review the "Handy Book" in the "Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076," of which he is one of the P.M.'s, and of which Bro. Lane is a member. In such hands its real value and character will be fully acknowledged and portrayed.

A work of such magnitude cannot be fully described in a brief article; but it is hoped that the following attempt to sketch its main characteristics will not be wholly unsuccessful, and will, in some measure, faithfully represent the chief objects in its compilation, which its author has so completely and thoroughly accomplished.

The "Handy Book" contains in a compact form (concisely and chronologically arranged) "an account of the different Manuscript, Engraved, and Printed Lists that have appeared from 1723 to 1814; Lists that are, in numerous cases, the only records extant from which the history of many of the oldest lodges can be compiled." Besides which a table, running to eight pages, exhibits the number of lodges on the Register at the end of each year from 1723 to 1888! This truly wonderful compilation is sub-divided into three branches, viz.: 1. "Moderns, 1728-1813;" 2. "Ancients, 1751-1813;" 3. "The United Grand Lodge, 1814-1888;" and in each classification all the new lodges warranted and the lodges erased are duly arranged and numbered under three columns for London, Country, and Foreign respectively, another series of four columns giving the number of lodges on the Register at end of each year located in London, Country, and Abroad, with the grand total on the Roll. So that under any and every year from 1728 (when the numeration began) to 1813, under the "Moderns," and from 1751 to 1813, under the "Ancients," as also from 1814 to 1888, under the "United Grand Lodge," the exact numerical position has thus been accurately calculated and duly given in relation to the three

great divisions of Metropolitan, Provincial, and Foreign lodges as respects new warrants, erasures, and grand totals, after an exact deduction made for each year as respects removals, revivals, re-instatements, and allowances for errors.

From time to time, the great usefulness of this table will be apparent, as the comparative prosperity of the two rival Grand Lodges may be estimated, and particularly so will the compilation be found an immense boon, as indicative of the varying condition of the "United Grand Lodge," which began, in 1814, with a net total of 648 lodges, but whose Roll dwindled down to so few as 591 in 1832-3! At the end of 1888 the Grand Lodge of England reached its highest point of numerical prosperity, having 2104 on its Roll; but during this year, notwithstanding the new warrants granted, the Register is likely to show the largest number of erasures during any 12 months of its existence, owing to the formation of the new Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria. According to the aforesaid table, the largest diminution previously was in 1862, when 94 lodges were erased, consequent on the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In 1857 so many as 41 were erased hailing from Canada West; in 1869 there were 42 removals, on the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick being started, and 20 in 1885 belonged to the Grand Lodge of South Australia; all of which organisations, I am glad to say, are now not only independent, but also exceedingly prosperous and fraternally united.

Bro. Lane summarises the total of lodges from 1723 to 1888 warranted by, and under, the *four* Grand Lodges of England and the United Grand Lodge as 3860 in number, out of which great army 1756 have been either erased, because extinct, or enrolled under other Grand Lodges; with 2104 at the end of 1888 on the Roll, the latest number then allotted being 2298.

I venture to state that not even in the Grand Lodge archives does there exist such particulars, and that such a table has only been now compiled *for the first time*. In fact, no one but Bro. John Lane himself could do it, under present circumstances, because no one else has the materials accumulated for such a purpose, derived from Lists and Registers of all kinds, now located mostly in this country and the United States; of which he gives full particulars.

The chief portion of the volume is divided into nine chapters, those from the first to the seventh dealing with the several enumerations, 1723-8 to 1793-1813; the eighth concerns the "Ancients," and the ninth the "Union" List of 1814.

For the preparation of these chapters *all engraved Lists*, as well as those in MS. and in print, have been carefully consulted, the owners of rare copies, in the most fraternal manner, gladly lending their treasures, or having them transcribed, so that the exact contents may be known; Bro. Lane having made exact copies of every edition issued from 1724 to 1778. Not a printed List known has been overlooked, whether valuable or otherwise, official or general, and all the MS. Registers in Grand Lodge have been duly transcribed, so that the whole literature on the subject has thus been accumulated, either by originals or copies, in the author's hands for examination, description, collation, and comparison. Besides which, Bro. Lane has acquired some very rare editions of lodge Lists, one or two being unique, during the progress of his investigations, and has thus been able to add special information on not a few points hitherto unattainable. One of his treasures, the 1767 List of Benjamin Cole's, is represented by a reproduction of its unique frontispiece, with the Arms' Plate, in the new work, which form artistic additions of considerable value.

Of the invaluable Engraved Lists, 46 are owned by the Grand Lodge of England, ranging from 1724 to 1778, four of which are duplicates. The first edition or issue of 1723 is not to be found as yet either in that grand collection or in any other, and there are several others of the series lacking, some of which are to be found in other libraries, whilst the remainder are, alas, unknown.

Of those in the Grand Lodge, the editions of 1724, 1st of 1725, 1729, 2nd of 1736, 1739, 1741, 1744, 1745, 1750 to 1755 (inclusive), 2nd of 1756, 1757-8, 1760, 1st of 1762, 1st of 1763, 1st of 1764, 1st of 1765 (2 copies), 1st of 1766 (B. Cole), 2nd of 1768, 1st of 1769 (2 copies), 1st of 1770, 1771-2, 2nd of 1773, 1775, 2nd of 1776, and 1st of 1777 (2 copies) *are not to be met with elsewhere*, and are simply and truly of priceless value, neither hundreds nor thousands of pounds being sufficient to obtain another such set.

There are 35 others in various libraries as follows: *General Pike* possesses 1725 2nd edit. (published in facsimile privately); *Bro. J. Newton*, 1734 (reproduced in facsimile by me this year); *Bro. E. T. Carson*, 1736 1st edit. (now being reproduced privately), 1737 2nd edit., 1738, 1764 4th edit., 1766 2nd edit., 1768 1st edit., 1770 2nd edit., and 1778 2nd edit. (eight in all, the most of any, save our own Grand Lodge); *General Lawrence*, 1737 1st edit.; *Bro. Asher Barfield*, 1740; *Grand*

Lodge of New York, 1756 1st edit.; *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*, 1761; *British Museum*, 1762 2nd edit.; *Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire*, 1763 2nd edit., 1766 1st edit., 1770 2nd edit., 1776 1st edit., and 1778 1st edit. (the third in order as to number of copies); *Bro. Geo. Taylor*, 1764 2nd edit. (Facsimiled for me by Bro. C. Sackreuter); *Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath*, 1764 3rd edit.; *Bro. T. Francis*, 1767 1st edit. (W. Cole); *Grand Lodge of Iowa*, 1767 1st edit. (W. Cole); 1770 2nd edit., and 1774 2nd edit.; *Grand Lodge of Scotland*, 1767 2nd edit. (W. Cole); *Bro. W. Watson*, 2nd edit. (W. Cole); *Bro. John Lane*, 1767 1st edit. (B. Cole), and 1773 1st edit.; *Bro. M. C. Peck*, 1767 2nd edit. (B. Cole); *Probity Lodge, No. 61, Halifax*, 1767 3rd edit. (W. Cole); *St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter*, 1769 2nd edit.; *Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre*, 1770 2nd edit.; and the *York Lodge, No. 236, York*, 1777 2nd edit. These, with the Grand Lodge collection, make a grand total of 81, several being duplicates.

The peculiarities of each of these editions are duly noted in the work, and as they are all carefully classified and easily distinguished by the figures for each year, being in heavy Gothic type, nothing could be better either as respects arrangement or classification.

Many of these little gems are unique, and are particularly interesting, because they afford items of information not elsewhere obtainable, and render it possible to note certain old lodges, through all their changes of locality, whose records are lost, and could not else be traced. Their names also are thereby chronicled from the earliest known periods.

Through the chapters will be found title-pages in full of all "Books of Constitutions," names of all Grand Masters, and many other curious particulars, that render them specially useful in this department of Masonic literature, and makes the chapters brimful of out of the way facts. The 1723 Engraved List, now missing, but evidently represented by the first four pages of the 1724 edition, measuring 5½ by 2½ inches, contained 46 lodges in the London district only, of which 22 appeared in the 1729 List with the first regular enumeration, and 11 continue to this day, viz., the present Nos. 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 (Chatham), 21, and 23. Original No. 6, now No. 8, is on the fifth page of 1724 edit., and is also on the Roll, constituted in 1722.

Bro. Lane is very cautious as to expressing any definite opinion of that "Philo-Musicæ" lodge of 1724, the history of which is one of the most curious and interesting of all Masonic bodies. The volume of its records is preserved in the British Museum, and I understood that Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., has all the materials ready for publication. The sooner its minutes are made known the better. The author says (p. 7), that it was "not recognised as a *regular* lodge," and yet its location, name, and days of meeting are written in the official copy of the 1725 List in Grand Lodge, as if for another issue, say in 1726, of which there is not one extant. I do not consider the evidence is sufficient to justify its being placed amongst unrecognised lodges, and so should not have styled it such, as Bro. Lane has done.

I entirely share his views as to the warrant question in relation to certain London lodges and also all early lodges. The authority was to *constitute*, and not warrants, as subsequently issued. As to this, the "Handy-Book" deserves careful study, for the point is of considerable importance.

Of our old friend, "No. 79, Philadelphia," Bro. Lane observes, "The precise origin of this record is uncertain, and its appearance in this List [Dublin, 1735] has, since its discovery by Bro. Hughan, been the occasion of much controversy on both sides of the Atlantic;" but is unable to finally settle the point, though his deliverance on the subject is well worthy of general adoption, so far as it goes.

The 1770 Engraved List has not the "signs" as the previous issues, that of 1774 beginning the brief printed series, which was ultimately "bowled out" by the printed calendars; first started in 1775-6, not recognised, and from 1777, by the Grand Lodge to 1813, that for 1814 being of a different style, and those from 1815 being of the size with which we are all so familiar. It is well to bear in mind that Engraved Lists were for the years of issue, but Calendars, always published during the previous year, in advance, according to the custom which still prevails.

The particulars relating to the Act of Parliament of 1799 will be news to many, and really startling in character to all ordinary readers, certain warrants issued from 1800 to 1811, 46 in number, "*having no connection whatever with the former lodges, whose numbers, &c., they received*," and yet seven have centenary warrants! Then again, 22 Lodges had warrants, virtually representing defunct lodges (of much earlier dates), from 1809 to 1812, the years of origin of the extinct bodies being recited. The original of one was granted in 1724, the 2nd issue being of 1812, and is now No. 335, Corsham.

For the "Ancients," some extraordinary facts have been elucidated. Eighteen lodges are noted with new warrants, but

old numbers, obtained by purchase, or otherwise, some of which have centenary warrants, though none have "worked" continuously for 100 years. Other instances are given by which numerical precedence was obtained without chronological seniority; but there are so many points thus elucidated and explained that no ordinary review could possibly adequately explain the chief even of the numerous characteristics of this remarkable work, and, even now, I leave the appendix untouched, which contains reproductions of several Engraved and MS. Lists of great importance, and constitute that portion one of the most important features of the book. A copious index is also of conspicuous utility.

The volume is dedicated to myself; a compliment highly appreciated by me, and one I may fairly thus publicly and most gratefully acknowledge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE MARQUIS OF HERTFORD AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF ANTRIM.

One of the most important events of recent years, in connection with Freemasonry in Belfast, took place on the 9th instant, in the Exhibition Hall of the Botanic Gardens, when, at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, the Most Hon. Hugh de Grey, Marquis of Hertford, was installed as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Antrim. The ceremony was performed in the presence of fully 1000 members of the Order, becoming one of the finest demonstrations ever held in connection with the Order in that city. The Marquis of Hertford succeeds the late Sir Charles Lanyon, D.L., whose decease was such a loss to the Order, and was so deeply lamented by Masons, not only of Antrim, but all over the United Kingdom, whose respect and esteem he won for the splendid manner in which he discharged the duties attaching to the exalted position which he held. It will be remembered that Sir Charles was selected for the office upon the death of the Marquis of Donegall. In nominating the Marquis of Hertford to the vacancy, it is admitted by all that his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, as Grand Master, has made a most happy selection, and one which is heartily approved by the members of the Order. In following in the footsteps of such worthy Masons as Lord Donegall and Sir Charles Lanyon and others who have held the office his lordship has a noble example to imitate, and we have no doubt that he will prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him by his brethren, and that in his hands the interests of Freemasonry will be sedulously and carefully conserved. The proceedings were of the most successful character, and bore eloquent testimony to the great popularity of the new Prov. Grand Master, and the enthusiasm with which he was received must have been peculiarly gratifying to him, showing as it does that he enters upon the duties of his exalted position with the respect and esteem of his brethren, and with every promise of an auspicious and successful term of office. Since the selection of the Duke of Abercorn was announced, no effort has been spared to invest the installation ceremony with everything requisite and necessary to success, the brethren of the province entering into the carrying out of the arrangements with enthusiasm and spirit. The successful issue of their exertions was evidenced in the highly impressive ceremony in the Exhibition Hall, and the enthusiastic proceedings in the Ulster Hall in the evening, when the noble marquis was entertained by the Masons of the province. The Exhibition Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with rare hothouse plants and delicate drapery, and presented a very admirable appearance.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was fixed for four o'clock, and shortly before that hour the brethren, of whom there were fully 1000 present, had assembled in full regalia, which was donned in one of the ante-rooms set apart for the purpose. Bro. Lord Hertford, on his arrival from Lisburn, was met at the terminus of the Great Northern Railway, Great Victoria-street, by Bro. Thos. Valentine, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with whom were the Prov. Grand Secretary and Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Master elect was escorted by those brethren to the Exhibition Hall, and the interesting proceedings were at once entered upon.

Punctually at four o'clock, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, attended by the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers, entered the hall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master (the Duke of Abercorn) was then introduced, and conducted to the throne.

The Provincial Grand Master elect, the Most Hon. Hugh de Grey, Marquis of Hertford, was then announced as being in attendance, and, his warrant of appointment having been read, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master appointed a deputation to receive him.

A procession was formed, under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, when the Provincial Grand Master elect was presented to the M.W. the Grand Master, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with.

The following was the installation ode, composed specially for the occasion by Bro. William Redfern Kelly, 154, P.G.R.C.:

Tune—"Old Hundred."

Hail! hail! bright star of Hertford, hail!
In Dalriada's* Orient shine,
Bright 'mongst Ulidia's† brightest stars,
Long may'st thy light with theirs combine.
Intensify that mystic light,
Which none but Craftsmen e'er can see,
Show forth 'midst hieroglyphics bright
Our Three Great Lights of Masonry.
Around thy Oriental Throne
May Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty stand;
May Peace, and Love, and Harmony
With Charity join hand in hand.
May the Grand Architect inspire
Thy labours in our noble cause;
And may he strengthen thy desire
To rule the Craft by Heaven's Great Laws.

After this, the M.W. the Grand Master directed the Provincial Grand Master elect to kneel and take the obligation of office, and then invested him with the insignia of office, and placed him in the chair of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES then declared the Most Hon. Hugh de Grey, Marquis of Hertford, duly installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Antrim.

* Dalriada, Antrim.

† Ulidia, Ulster.

The newly-installed Provincial Grand Master having been saluted with full Masonic honours,

The Provincial Grand Master then nominated Bro. Thos. Valentine as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and also presented him with the collar and jewel of his office on behalf of his Masonic friends in the province.

The address was read by Bro. HILTON as follows:

"To Bro. Thomas Valentine, 32nd Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Antrim.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Your Masonic brethren of the Province of Antrim, having regard to your distinguished position as a Freemason, your great zeal for the advancement of the best interests of the Craft in this province, and the very many valuable services which you have rendered to the Order, embrace the present auspicious opportunity of presenting to you a slight tribute of their great esteem and admiration of you, and their thorough appreciation of your many sterling qualities. Your brethren are pleased and gratified beyond measure at your re-appointment as their Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and they offer to you their most cordial and sincere congratulations on this the occasion of your formal re-induction into that honourable and distinguished position. Whether they have regard to your many estimable Masonic and gentlemanly qualities, your great devotion and zeal for the cause of Freemasonry, your invariably dignified and urbane deportment in the chair of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or your onerous self-imposed and self-sacrificing labours, especially throughout the country districts of this great Masonic Province of Antrim, all alike commend you to your brethren as one worthy of their warmest esteem and regard, and of the highest compliments which it would be at all possible for them to pay to you. They request your acceptance of this collar-chain of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and this decoration also appertaining to that exalted position; and they most sincerely pray that 'the Great Architect of the Universe' may long spare you to wear these insignia, and to aid with your valuable labours, your judicious advice and counsel, and your great experience in Masonic matters, the brethren of the Province of Antrim, on behalf of whom we subscribe ourselves, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, sincerely and fraternally yours,

"LAVENS M. EWART, P.G.S.W.,
"ROBERT CAREY, P.G.J.W.,
"ROBERT J. HILTON, P.G. Sec.

"Belfast, 9th October, 1889."

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in reply, said—Dear Brethren, I feel honoured that our Provincial Grand Master has thought fit to appoint me as his Deputy, and especially that the appointment has given you so much satisfaction. Whilst thoroughly appreciating your kindness and indulgence as far as regards the duties which have devolved upon me in connection with the office held by me under our late lamented Prov. Grand Master, Sir Charles Lanyon, I feel very sensible that I have fallen far short in my performance of those duties, but I am much gratified that you recognise the earnest desire and anxiety I have always felt in the promotion of the best interests of the noble Order with which we are mutually connected, and if I have been to some extent instrumental in this direction, I feel that my efforts would have been of little avail had I not been at all times so ably and so loyally assisted and encouraged in my endeavours by the officers and members of this Provincial Grand Lodge. I can assure you, brethren, I value the beautiful collar-chain and decoration appertaining to the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with which you have presented me to-night, far above their intrinsic worth, and I prize the kind words—too kind words—with which you accompany them more than I can express. I trust that so long as I have the honour to wear these insignia of my office, I may continue to merit the approval you have expressed of my conduct during the time I have held the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master of this important province. Under our newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Hertford, to whom we all wish a hearty welcome, it will be my earnest endeavour to forward the interests of the Order over which, I hope, he may long be permitted to preside. I cordially reciprocate the kind wishes contained in the address which you have presented to me.

Other business having been transacted, the Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the proceedings terminated.

BANQUET IN THE ULSTER HALL.

In the evening the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, was entertained at a banquet in the Ulster Hall by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, covers being laid for close upon 400. The company was of an influential character, being fully representative of the Province of Ulster, and including many members from Dublin and the South. Messrs. Wilson, Corporation-square, had charge of the decorations, which were of a most tasteful and effective character, consisting of banners and trophies of flags, with Masonic emblems judiciously interspersed. Choice flowers and plants were distributed in convenient positions. The floral decoration of the guest table, which occupied the same position as in recent banquets, was especially fine, and altogether the hall presented a very effective appearance.

The balcony was occupied by a large number of ladies, who remained not only during dinner, but to the end of the proceedings, and evinced a lively interest in everything that took place.

The band of the Gordon Highlanders, under the leadership of Bro. King, occupied the orchestra, and performed a choice programme of music in admirable style.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, presided, and to his right sat Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, P.G.M. of Antrim; T. Valentine, J.P., D.P.G.M. of Antrim; H. Hodges, S.G.D.; John Lanyon; Sir Henry Cochrane, D.L., Rep. G. Lodge of Georgia; John McConnell, Rep. G. Lodge of Alabama; Major L. J. Thompson, D.P.G.M. of Down; Sir W. Millar, M.D., J.P., D.P.G.M. of Derry and Donegal; and R. J. Hilton, J.P., P.G. Sec.; and to his left Bros. Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M.; Right Hon. Lord A. W. Hill, M.P., P.G.M. of Down; Wm. E. Scott, D.L., P.G.M. of Derry and Donegal; W. J. C. Crawley, LL.D., G. Steward; F. R. Pim, LL.D., G.I.G.; Col. J. G. Irvine, D.L., D.P.G.M. Tyrone and Fermanagh; Rev. Richard Irvine, D.D., P.G.C. Antrim; R. Carey, P.J.G.W. Antrim; and W. Rankin, P.G. Treas. Antrim.

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THE D.G.M. OF CANADA AT THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE.

The following address was delivered by Bro. ROSS ROBERTSON, D.G.M. Canada, at the recent meeting of the above lodge:—

R.W. Sir and Brethren,—Words fail to express the gratification I feel in being present with my brethren of Quatuor Coronati Lodge this evening, a pleasure enhanced by the fact that I have the honour of being a member of the Correspondence Circle. The kindly words spoken by yourself and Bro. Gould inspire me with the feeling that I am at home, and assure me that, although remote from my own jurisdiction, I am with those who, in thought and speech, are united to me by the bond that cements the fellowship of Canadian Craftsmen with that of those who first received light at an altar of the mother Grand Lodge of the world—the United Grand Lodge of England. Gladly, indeed, did I postpone a visit to the French Capital, with its Eiffel Tower and array of attractions, to be present with my brethren of this lodge who are doing so much for Craft lore, giving, as they are, renewed life to those who like myself are delving into the bygone days of the Craft, to find facts that will give the modern Mason a knowledge of the work of the veterans of old, who, in the early times, carried the banner of the Craft, and have planted it on the pedestal of victory—in the centre of a jurisdiction that we are proud to hail as Mother, where the pure principles of our Order are exemplified in the truest sense—an example to be emulated by the Masonic world at large. We, as Canadians, are proud of our ancestors in the dear old land, and although we inscribe on the banners which hang on our outer walls "Canada for the Canadians," yet for our kinsmen and Craftsmen on this side of the Atlantic—be they English, Irish, or Scotch—we have the feeling that we hail from one common stock, the subjects of an empire that is climbing up to perfection in art, science, and literature, having within its realms a myriad of Craftsmen loyal to the old flag and faithful to the obligations of the Order we all love so well. My visit here this evening is indeed to me one that will be long remembered. You, W. Sir and Bro. Gould, have said many pleasant words for the Grand Lodge of Canada and for myself as Deputy Grand Master, and from my heart I thank you. Indeed, I feel that I would fail in my duty did I not convey the fraternal message that you send to our Grand Master. He is not personally known to many of you, but I can assure you that M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem is a brother that we delight to honour, the unanimous choice of a thousand Craftsmen in Grand Lodge assembled, an exemplar in his daily life and Masonic work of all that should endear him to his brethren. Our Grand Master is one whose endeavour is to discharge his duty on the lines laid down in the ancient charges, and within a few months many of you will have the pleasure of meeting him, as he purposes visiting Britain during the coming winter. For the Canadian Craft let me say that although we are young in years, and cannot look very far into the vista of the past for our antiquity, yet we have a history—and one full of interest, and some day soon the types may tell our story as yours has been, and so well, told by my friend, Bro. Gould. We hope in 1892 to celebrate our centennial. In our work our desire is to emulate all that is good—all that endears Masons one to another, and stand, as we hope we do, at the front of all fraternal organisations in the world. With 360 lodges and 20,000 Craftsmen in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, with 5000 Royal Arch Masons and 80 chapters, with a score of preceptories, and nearly 2000 Templars, we are surely, as our American cousins would say, keeping up with the procession, endeavouring to avoid as much as possible the mistake of making too many members, and not enough Masons. Our membership is active, and by visits of Grand Officers to all parts of the jurisdiction, we hope to inspire with new zeal the active Craftsmen, and quicken those who lag by the way and need but an helping hand and a kindly word to lead them to success. Our friend, Bro. Gould, made an allusion to-night to the work of Relief pertinent to an application made by a brother in distress, and Bro. Junior Warden has used a term familiar to all engaged in the work of relief, when he speaks of not encouraging "the Masonic tramp." We in Canada and in the States have a peremptory method of dealing with the tramp through the medium of the General Board of Relief of the United States and Canada. This Association is comprised of representatives from all Grand Lodges and local Boards of Relief that affiliates in this Association on payment of one-half-penny per head for the entire membership. Thus, the Grand Lodge of Canada, with 20,000 members, pays \$200 per year. When brethren who are unworthy apply, we take their names, ages, and description. This is sent by the Secretary of the local board to the General Secretary at Baltimore, U.S. This officer then sends out monthly to all subscribing members a printed circular, with a list and accurate description of all the tramps for the month. In three years we have caught about 800, and in that time we estimate we have saved the Craft by our warnings the sum of \$20,000. We have so few tramps calling now at Toronto that we hope in a year to take the photograph of "the last Masonic tramp" to keep as a souvenir of, as we call him, "the Masonic tourist." But I am wearing out my welcome, and you are so patient and appreciative that in closing, I know it will please English Masons to know that in 25 years we have expended nearly \$200,000 in the relief of the widows and orphans of those of our brethren who have passed away. It is our pride to think that these

beneficiaries have a claim upon us, for have they not been left to us as a sacred charge for the Craft to shield? Many brethren are sometimes inclined to minimise the influence of the Craft. The work of Masonry is, however, not seen to its best advantage in the days of peace and prosperity, but the darker the night of human sorrow the brighter shines the light of the Craft. We are earnest in our work, and if we cannot pour the oceans of gold into the lap of Charity, as the generous Craftsmen of England do, we give as we are able, and in our gifts we try to remember the lesson taught us in the Book of Books, "that he who shutteth his ear to the cry of the poor and needy, shall cry himself, and not be heard."

The R.W. brother sat down amid loud applause.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the Annual Court of Governors of this Charity was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and was very numerous attended. Bro. Councillor Houlding, P.P.G.R., presided.

The minutes of the last Court of Governors, and also of the General Committee, were confirmed, which involved the election of the children who were mentioned therein. The accounts were passed, and the children on the foundation re-elected.

Bro. J. Callow, P.P.G.T., was re-elected honorary Treasurer. Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G.T.; and Capt. Macnab, I.P.M. 241, were again chosen honorary Secretaries. It was resolved Bros. H. W. Johnston, E. Pierpoint, P.P. J.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; and Thos. Salter, P.P.S.G.D., should be the Auditors for the next Court. Bros. Drs. J. Kellett Smith, Christian, Irvine, Pitts, and White were re-appointed honorary medical officers.

On the motion of Bro. G. BROADBRIDGE, seconded by Bro. T. SALTER, Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith was unanimously elected Trustee, vice Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, resigned in consequence of foreign service.

The TREASURER stated that the funds for the period since the date of the Court had been changed, nine months ago, were £1376, as against £1196 in the corresponding period of last year.

Bro. R. H. Leake was re-elected honorary legal adviser, and 30 members were selected to sit on the General Committee.

Four children were elected on the foundation, and it was stated that several of the present pupils had passed the Oxford local examinations with credit.

A vote of thanks to the officers was responded to by Bro. CALLOW.

It was resolved that the annual ball in aid of the Institution should be held in January, and that all W.M.'s, Principals, &c., should be notified therefore.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Houlding, P.P.G.R., for his conduct in the chair, and the proceedings terminated.

LANCASTER UNITED MASONIC CHARITIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the members of the above Association was held, on the 4th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was not a large attendance. The Association—which numbers 35 subscribers—has been formed of members belonging to the lodges in Lancaster who agree to give 5s. annually in aid of the three West Lancashire Masonic Charities, namely, the West Lancashire Educational Institute, the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund, and the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution. A subscription of one guinea confers a Life-Governorship of any of the above Institutions.

A copy of by-laws for the guidance of the Association was read and approved, and the following officers elected: Bros. Dutton, I.P.M. 1353, Chairman; C. F. Seward, P.M. 1051, Treas.; and G. Kelland, P.M. 282, Sec.

The brethren then proceeded to ballot for six Life-Governorships of the above Institutions, with the following result: Bros. P. Dutton, 1353, Educational Institute; Dr. Wingate Saul, 281, Hamer Benevolent Fund; R. Nicholson, 281, Alpass Benevolent Institute; H. Haigh, 1353, Hamer Benevolent Fund; Capt. Garnett, 1051, Educational Institute; and J. R. B. Pilkington, 281, Alpass Benevolent Institute.

THE POET BURNS.

The holiday season and other causes have prevented me sooner taking notice of my friend Bro. McKenzie's letter of the 6th, and published in the *Freemason* of the 13th July last. He now founds strongly on the circumstance as establishing his contention of certain eminent brethren, named by him, having been members of the lodge over certain periods embracing the date of the alleged election and installation of Burns as Poet Laureate of the lodge, and on their not having publicly contradicted the assertion. But before such an argument can have weight, it must be shown that they knew of the assertion, and had at the same time the means of knowing its truth or falsity. It is well known that many noblemen and gentlemen become members of lodges, and cease afterwards to take interest in their affairs. The general and indefinite statement, made incidentally in an appeal for subscrip-

tions, that Burns "had been Poet Laureate of the lodge," was made for the first time 28 years after his alleged election and inauguration, and very few persons would in such circumstances be in a position or care either to contradict or affirm it.

In the "History of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning" (p. 121), it is stated that Bro. Samuel Somerville, of Amplerlan, a distinguished Scottish Craftsman, "knew Brother William Petrie, of our lodge, who had been present at the inauguration of Burns as Poet Laureate, and has heard from his lips many very interesting reminiscences of the Poet, and of events which had occurred in the lodge room when there in company with him." This statement, if true, would be conclusive of the question, for it expressly states that Petrie witnessed the act of inauguration! But, like every other statement made in support of this contention, it does not bear the test of investigation. The statement was originally made in 1873, in a letter to Bro. David Murray Lyon, by Bro. H. C. Peacock, who was then, and for several years subsequently, Secretary of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, and custodian of its records. Coming from such a source it was accepted without enquiry as correct, and misled our eminent Historian.

Bro. Peacock appears to have made the statement without the slightest enquiry, for Bro. William Petrie was not as he stated a member of the Lodge (anongate Kilwinning in 1787. He is neither recorded as such in the books of the lodge nor in the register of its members in Grand Lodge. He was then a mere youth in humble circumstances. He was a tailor by trade, and he never rose in it, in so far as I have been able to discover, above the rank of a journeyman or operative. His social circumstances were very different from those who formed the membership of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning. They were all men of high social and professional position, and most unlikely to identify their associations and surroundings with a youth of Petrie's stamp.

Bro. Murray Lyon has very kindly, at my request, been at pains to examine the Registers of Grand Lodge from 1736, the date of the institution of Grand Lodge, for many years downwards, and he has failed to find that Petrie was a member of any lodge within the Edinburgh district within the period of his search. My friend, Bro. Francis Suther Melville, D.C.S., the oldest active member of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, having informed me that he and Bro. J. Linning Woodman, W.S., I.P.M. of No. 1, and sometime Grand Clerk of the Grand Lodge, attended Bro. Petrie's funeral in the churchyard of Restalrig, near Edinburgh. I caused the Burial Register of that parish to be examined, and found the following entry—"December 22, 1845. Interred William Petrie, from Union Place, Edinburgh, aged 79. Died of old age on 21 December."

Petrie's age is thus ascertained as having been 21 in 1787, the date of Burns' alleged inauguration, at which he is said to have been present. Now, although so young a man, it was perfectly possible, but I think unlikely, that he was then a member of the Craft. The History of the lodge, however, sets forth that he was "of our lodge," and "had been present at the inauguration of Burns as Poet Laureate," that is, that he was a member of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning in 1787. This vital statement is shown by the lodge's records, and other circumstances, to be incorrect. If Bro. Petrie was ever a member of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, of which there is no evidence, his intimate connection with that lodge, if it ever existed, had ceased for many years prior to his death, for he held the humble office of Outer Guard—or Tyler—of the Lodge of Edinburgh for the long period of 18 years, from December, 1827, until his death in December, 1845; it being thus shown that the fundamental statement, that Petrie was a member of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning when Burns visited it and was inaugurated as its Poet Laureate, is untrue, the whole story, in so far at least as Petrie is concerned, is discredited, and falls to the ground.

The second Laurie, in his History, represents Petrie as having died while holding the office of Assistant Grand Tyler, prior to St. Andrew's Day, 1845, but the Parish Records show that he died three weeks later.

Bro. McKenzie further founds on the statement of Marshall, that he obtained his information from Petrie, and with that object visited him "subsequent to November, 1845." But Petrie was so ill prior to the annual Grand Lodge nominations, in October, 1845, that he was not even renominated for office; and as he died of "old age" on 21st December, 1845—three weeks afterwards—his mental faculties at the time of such an interview, if it ever occurred, must have been greatly impaired, and render any statements Petrie may have then made of little value.

WILLIAM OFFICER.

Past Grand Deacon of Scotland.
Edinburgh, 15th Oct., 1889.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn have been cruising about in the English Channel in the yacht Pandora, lent them by Mr. W. H. Smith, and his lordship has already derived considerable benefit from the trip. His eldest son, Lord Loughborough, is about entering the army, having recently been up for examination at Colchester.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Princes Albert Victor and George, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at Munich, en route for Athens, at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, and were received by the British Charge d'Affaires. On Tuesday morning the royal party, which was travelling incognito, proceeded on their journey to Brindisi, whence they were to take ship for Athens.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-Fields, London, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1889, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to Elect Nine Girls into the School from a list of 48* Approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock, or after the usual Business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall, Secretary.

Great Queen-street, W.C.,

October 19th, 1889.

* The name of Dorothy Mary Besly has been withdrawn from this List for admission by purchase.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION

FOR BOYS.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
 K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of OCTOBER, 1889, for the transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution.

To elect a Medical Officer from a list of Thirty-seven Applicants, whose names, addresses, &c., will be printed for circulation at the Court, copies of which may also be had on application at the Office.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1.—By V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Patron (P.G. (Treasurer), on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee, adopted by the General Committee on Saturday, 10th August, 1889, an allowance of £350 per annum, for life, be made to Bro. Frederick Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary after a service of upwards of 28 years."

2.—By W. Bro. W. MASTERS, Life-Governor, on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee of the Provisional Management Committee—

"That the Provisional Management Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1000 to provide additional Baths in the School Buildings, and for general Sanitary requirements. Also, that the Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £2500 in the erection of a Swimming Bath."

3.—By Bro. WM. HARRIS SAUNDERS, Life-Governor, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.—

(a) "That boys shall be educated according to the position their father occupied while in prosperity, and that where considered desirable by the Committee, an allowance be granted for education out of the Institution. That the General Committee be requested to take this matter under consideration, on application being made for a boy to be placed on List of Candidates."

(b) "That following the example of many other Public Schools, pupils shall be received into the Institution at a fixed annual sum, and that sons of Masons only shall be eligible for election or otherwise."

(c) "That the Court recommend to the General Committee to make special enquiries in all last cases, with a view to their Election should the case prove to be that of a really destitute Candidate."

(d) "That all petitions be thoroughly enquired into (as per resolution recently adopted by the Girls General Committee) by a Sub-Committee, who shall report to the General Committee prior to such petitions being brought before them, but who shall not have power to reject any Candidate."

To elect 16 Boys from an approved List of 70 Candidates. The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or sooner should the General Business of the Court have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

By order.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B.),
 V-Patron, Secretary.

10th October, 1889.

** The NINETY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at the end of June, 1890. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptional requirements demanding exceptional support.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE QUARTERLY COURT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Election of Medical Officer to the above Institution will take place on Friday, 25th October, at 12 noon, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, and I take this last opportunity of asking you to be present on that day, and to inscribe your votes on my behalf—for these reasons—that I am married and reside within two minutes' walk of the School, and have done so for over five years; that I believe the testimonials I hold (copies of which have been distributed and advertised in the Masonic journals) are as fully recommendatory as those of any other candidate; that I have been actively engaged in the study and practise of my profession for 20 years; and that I have been a Life-Subscriber to the Institution since my initiation into Freemasonry. I promise if elected that my best care shall be devoted to the health of the pupils. I beg to thank the friends who have voluntarily come forward to my assistance, and regret that I have not been able to address individually the members of the electorate, the large number forming that body (over 14,000) preventing my doing so.

I have the honour to remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours very obediently,

R. F. TOMLIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., &c.

Richmond Villa,

Ewell Lodge, No. 1851.

Lordship Lane,

Wood Green, N.,

October, 1889.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

C. H. CONOLLY, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., &c., &c., requests the favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on his behalf for the coming Election of Medical Officer.

The Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C.

Duly qualified Subscribers can have Lists of Candidates sent them on application to the Secretary, Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G.S.B., Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

C. H. CONOLLY, 3, Church Hill Villas,
Wood Green, N.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Life Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is requested at the forthcoming Election of Medical Officer by

CHARLES ROUT, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., and L.M.

The Election will take place at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 25th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C.

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LAST APPLICATION. OCTOBER ELECTION, 1889.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ISABELLA MILDRED TOMLINSON LANE,

Aged 10 years, whose father, Bro. Frederick Lane, late Vestry Clerk for Twickenham, was initiated in the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, in August, 1870, and continued a subscribing member until his death; he filled the various offices, and was W.M. in 1883. Through the failure of an Insurance Office, in which he had insured his life, his widow and six children, five of whom are daughters, are left entirely without means.

The Case is strongly recommended by

The Crescent Lodge, No. 788.

R.W. Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., P.G.M. Middx., P.S.G.W., Rep. from G. Lodge of Ireland.

" " RAYMOND H. THURUPP, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. Grand Master Middx.

Bro. HOWARD H. ROOM, Prov. Grand Secretary Middx.

" J. F. WOODWARD, P.G.S.B.

" ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., Junior Army and Navy Club.

" J. M. STEDWELL, P.G. Stwd., Chesham Villas, Twickenham.

" R. G. CLOTTON, P.M. and P.Z. 1537, P.Z. 9.

" GEORGE KENNING, Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx.

" R. W. FORGE, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Twickenham.

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CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION. NOVEMBER ELECTION, 1889.

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES, WEST HILL, PUTNEY HEATH.

Your VOTES and INTEREST are earnestly solicited on behalf of

MARY LOUISA BRIND, SINGLE, AGED 50,

Who is suffering from Chronic Rheumatic Arthritis. This has rendered her completely helpless and unable to walk or even stand for 31 years. She has been supported by her father (aged 74, who now lies in a hopeless condition), and she will be entirely without means at his death. Applicant has a twin sister, who has been similarly afflicted for the last four years. The father has been for 40 years in business in the City of London, and in good circumstances, but all has been lost through illness and misfortune.

This sad and deserving case is strongly recommended by

Sir HENRY PEEK, Bart., 20, Eastcheap, E.C.

*Major G. E. BATES, M.P., 62 & 63, Mark Lane, E.C., and Chesnut House, Plaistow, E.

*C. G. EDMONDS, Esq., L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., 88, Bolling-broke-grove, Wandsworth-common, S.W.

Rev. THOMAS D. C. MORSE, LL.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Newgate-street, E.C.

Rev. R. WHITTINGTON, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's-upon-Cornhill, E.C., and Prebendary of St. Paul's.

*Rev. R. W. B. MARSH, M.A., late Vicar of Plaistow, E., Ald-boro'-road, Ilford, Essex.

*Rev. E. P. HENDERSON, 10, Park-road, Plaistow, E.

T. B. CROSBY, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., 13, Fenchurch-street, E.C.

F. CLARK, Esq., M.R.C.S., 13, Fenchurch-street, E.C.

J. L. SAYER, Esq., C.C., 4, Lower Thames-street, E.C.

*W. READ, Esq., 14, St. Mary-at-Hill, E.C.

GEORGE KENNING, Esq., Upper Sydenham, S.E.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS, EARLSWOOD, RED HILL, SURREY.

NEXT ELECTION.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Your VOTES and INTEREST are earnestly asked for
EDITH CHARLOTTE MOORE,

Aged 6 years, one of Four Children, daughter of E. H. MOORE; who, as the result of a serious illness, has become a Candidate for the above Institution.

The Case is strongly recommended by

Rev. J. THOMAS, The Vicarage, Wood Green.

Rev. Dr. SAVAGE, 11, Park-avenue, Wood Green.

Mr. GEORGE KENNING, Upper Sydenham, S.E.

Proxies will be gladly received by the above or by

E. H. MOORE, 9, Nightingale Villas,
Nightingale-road, Wood Green.

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Subject—

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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Boletín Oficial," "The Tyler," "La Chaine d'Union de Paris," "South African Freemason," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine," "Die Bauhütte," "Australasian Keystone," "South Australian Freemason," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Constellation," "El Taller," "Victorian Freemason," and "Masonic Review" (Ohio).



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

We remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday, the 26th instant. The only business of moment to be transacted is the election of nine children from an approved list of 49, and the poll will close at 3 p.m.

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The Marquis of Hertford had a great reception at Belfast last week on the occasion of his being installed as Prov. Grand Master of Antrim. The ceremony took place at the Exhibition Hall of the Botanic Gardens. A banquet was held afterwards, and the Grand Master of Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn, presided at both meetings. Representatives were present from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Donegal. We regret our space does not permit of the speeches at the dinner being reported as well as the proceedings in the lodge, as they were all to the purpose, and the new Prov. Grand Master was particularly happy in responding to the toast of his health, proposed by the Duke of Abercorn.

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The deep love and reverence in which Bro. Dr. Smyth, Past Grand Chaplain of England, is held in the estimation of the brethren of West Yorkshire, was again evinced on the 12th instant at the regular meeting of Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, of which he is a founder and P.M. He had consented to read a paper, giving some account of his personal knowledge of the Indian Mutiny, through which he served as chaplain to the forces. As soon as this became known, brethren from all parts of the province made an effort to be present, and the large lodge room was crowded to its utmost capacity. Amongst those present were several military brethren whose regiment was engaged during the Mutiny, and with whose officers Bro. Dr. Smyth had made warm friendships during those trying times. The lecturer almost excelled himself in handling this subject, and the only regret felt was that time did not permit of a longer address.

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Bro. Charles Middleton, who at this meeting was selected by his brethren to rule over Lodge Prudence for the next year, is in every respect well qualified to carry on the traditions of the lodge. The distinguished P.M.'s who founded the lodge, have now all in turn passed through the chair of K.S., and Bro. Middleton will be the first brother below the dais who has occupied that exalted position. Thanks to his predecessors, he will find all difficulties smoothed away, and there is every reason to expect that his year of office will be marked by the same success and harmony which has characterised the tenure of office of those who have preceded him. So mote it be.

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We understand that a warrant has been granted for a new lodge to be held in Manchester; that it will be named the Centurion, and that its members will be confined to those who belong to the military profession. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, is to be the first Master.

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Following the example of the London Scottish Rifles, "the London Irish" is to have a lodge in connection with the Corps. The Hon. Colonel of the regiment, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, heads the list of founders, and his name is followed by that of Col. Ward, Dr. Bigg, Major Carrell, Major Inglis, Major Stewart, Capt. Billingham, Capt. Badham, and Lieut. Kirkpatrick. The consecration will take place at Freemasons' Hall on the 16th proximo.

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A correspondent of the *Fishing Gazette* writes to the Editor as follows: "Sir,—I am writing to you, as one who is personally acquainted with many of the best class of fishing men, to ask a question and make a suggestion. Is there a Masonic lodge, the members of which are all fishermen? If not, why not? There are many well-known fishermen who are good Freemasons, and I am sure that a lodge of fishermen (call it the "Izaak Walton") would be a great success. Country and town members could meet together and sink their disputes as to the relative merits of wet-flies and dry-flies in the good fellowship of the Craft. I have neither time nor influence sufficient to take an active part in founding such a lodge; but I

would join it, and I know others who would also. I have thrown out this suggestion to you in the hope that you will mention it to some of your friends who are both fishermen and Freemasons; and I trust that it may result in the formation of a piscatorial lodge.—Yours, &c.—“OXON.”

If the main object in forming a new lodge is to gather within its folds those who from community of interests and similitude of tastes are likely to dwell together in unity, we cannot conceive a more promising project to that end than the proposal for a lodge composed of the disciples of Izaak Walton. The meditative and gentle angler would surely never have any differences with his brothers; but what does the writer mean when speaking of disputes as to the relative merit of wet-flies and dry-flies. A special by-law, perhaps, might be framed to get over this one difficulty.

We have been invited to express our opinion as to the conduct of a brother engaged in trade who has been forwarding his circulars to the Secretaries of lodges, no doubt—as our correspondent suggests—for distribution among the members, and thus endeavouring to obtain their custom. It is hardly necessary for us to state that such conduct is most objectionable, and that anything in the nature of Masonic touting for custom is entirely opposed to the spirit which is supposed to actuate men when they become Masons.

In this particular case a man who is a fishmonger by trade and a Mason by repute is soliciting in this manner the custom of members of certain lodges in an inland province, and among the credentials he enumerates is his “Masonic position,” to which he refers in the most open manner. We suppose that nothing will ever succeed in putting a stop to these fishy proceedings, though it is possible that the public condemnation by the authorities and the press may cause them to be of less frequent occurrence.

It seems that through some inadvertence, which we deeply regret, the speeches which were delivered and the remarks which were made by Bro. Smith, who is J.W. of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, at the last monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School, were erroneously set down to Bro. Jones. Bro. Smith is naturally indignant that the credit which belongs to his motions and his speeches should be thus unceremoniously handed over to a Bro. Jones who is entirely unknown to fame. Of course there is so great a difference between Smith and Jones that our correspondent will see our mistake was due to a *lapsus calami*.

A correspondent has written to protest against the proposed grant of a pension to Bro. Frederick Binckes in consideration of his 28 years' service and upwards as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the grounds of his protest being, as is so frequently the case, “principle and expediency.” We have not space or time to follow this worthy brother through all the reasons he advances in justification of his protest. We, in our turn, however, must protest against his assertion in the first of these reasons, that “The intelligence of the age has long since condemned life pensions and legislation by its commutation of them has affirmed that it is immoral.”

We think our correspondent will discover, on reflection, that he has here been confounding “life pensions” and “perpetual pensions.” The former are being granted every day of the year by the State, by banks, railway companies, insurance companies, &c., while only a few of the latter remain, the majority of those which were granted in former days having been commuted by the State. Thus, so far as the “intelligence of the age” has anything to do with the granting of a pension to Bro. Binckes, we may state fearlessly that it is in favour of the proposal. If Bro. Binckes had served the State in a civil or other capacity, there would be no question as to his having a pension awarded him on retirement, it would be his at once, according to his pay and the years of service he had given.

Again, his fourth reason, that “the creation of a pension establishes a precedent.” This cannot be the case with reference to the pension proposed to be given to Bro. Binckes. His predecessor, the late Bro. A. U. Thiselton, after 35 years' service was awarded a pension equal to some two-thirds of the emoluments he had been receiving. The late Matron, Miss Hall, was awarded a pension for life after 22 years' service, and married shortly afterwards. Therefore, the precedent has been already created.

Correspondence.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

In justice to numerous friends who, under adverse circumstances, have most kindly given me their generous support, and to myself as feeling acutely the unmerited obloquy to which I have been subjected, I cannot refrain from requesting space in your paper to enable me to place on record my protest—effectual or ineffectual as the case may be—against the unmeasured bitterness of tone which has found expression in some of the communications from provincial localities, with resolutions embodying disapproval of the action recommended by the Provisional Management Committee.

For nearly 30 years my conduct has been before the Masonic world, and in that lengthy period of public life I do not fear to assert that I have never been guilty of an official act upon which I can look back with regret, or of which I need feel ashamed. With what justice, therefore, is it asserted that, because the report of a Commission conveys an unfavourable opinion of my estimate of the duties of my position, I have therefore “forfeited the confidence of every member of the Craft?” Mistaken in my estimate I may have been; false to my trust, I defy anyone to maintain.

From the date of my appointment in 1861 I have laboured assiduously and successfully, and have been complimented by repeated acknowledgments of my services from those best qualified to form an opinion.

If it is to be accepted that apathy and repose are satisfactory substitutes for “energy and activity” so let it be. At my time of life I should welcome such an understanding, and it is no secret that for a considerable period I have longed for relaxation.

Controversial argument I wish to avoid, and I should hesitate to trouble you and your readers with these few lines were I not anxious to make known to friends and opponents alike that my abstention from wordy or written discussion has not been dictated by any such motive as that of allowing judgment to go by default, but by a firm conviction that from every point of view it is wise and politic to avoid public strife and dissension, and rely upon your own inner consciousness, supported by the favourable verdict of those possessing the best means of forming a dispassionate judgment.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

DR. MORRIS AND THE HEAD MASTERSHIP.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Sir,

We notice with great regret the resolution passed by the General Committee on October 5th to terminate the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Morris, the present head master of the Boys' School.

Dr. Morris is very well known outside the Masonic body: firstly, in regard to his connection with King's College School, London, where he was for seven years a master and lecturer; secondly, from his great literary reputation as an English scholar; and thirdly, from his general successes in the educational world, especially in connection with the R.M.I.B. These latter are too well-known to need dilating upon here. The printed reports of the University Local examinations, together with the annual reports of the School Committee, bear ample testimony to this fact.

But our object in addressing you is not altogether to draw especial notice to these particulars, but to direct the attention of the Craft generally, the supporters of the School, to the very marked change and great improvement which have taken place in the régime of the establishment under the auspices of Dr. Morris. On this point we claim to have had a very practical experience, each of us having passed nearly six years in the School, under three successive head masters, and are, therefore, we think, more competent to express an opinion as to what Dr. Morris has done for the good of the School as it actually affects the moral training and education of the pupils than those who have been there under only one head master, or than those of the governing body, or of the Craft generally, who cannot have had the same facilities for becoming intimately acquainted with the internal working of the School as we have had. One of us wished to give evidence upon this point before the last Committee of Inquiry, and wrote to a member of the late House Committee, testifying his readiness to attend when desired, but was not even treated to the courtesy of an acknowledgment of that letter, which undoubtedly reached its destination, for the addressee mentioned its reception to a member of the Craft.

We do not hesitate to say that the system of education and discipline pursued in the School underwent a complete revolution for the better even during the first few years of Dr. Morris's rule, which only those who actually passed through it can fully appreciate. Vexatious and unnecessary restrictions upon our liberty were removed, and we could obtain certain much valued privileges by application to studies and by good conduct. Our curriculum of study was greatly enlarged, more high mathematics, elementary science and other subjects were added, and with a view to our ultimate aims in life some of us were encouraged and assisted in the study of special subjects outside the ordinary school curriculum; we, the writers, have each attained

the highest grade in our respective faculties at the University of London, and we feel that the careful training by Dr. Morris was a very considerable factor in our success at the University.

The friction between the educational and the domestic staff (mentioned in the report of the Committee of Inquiry) existed quite as much in our time as it has of late, and we were painfully aware of it, for it left us in a state of uncertainty which authority to obey when their opinions clashed. Dr. Morris, by his wise and considerate procedure, poured, as far as he was able, oil on troubled waters, and enabled the work of the educational branch to proceed much more smoothly than before.

Under these improved conditions the educational status and moral tone of the School rose rapidly, and we can testify to the very great difference in the average attainments of the boys on leaving the School before and during Dr. Morris's tenure of office, and to the much happier relationship which was brought about between masters and boys.

We cannot but regard Dr. Morris as the true friend of his pupils, both past and present, ever willing to lend a helping hand to the sons of Freemasons. In him we felt we had a friend, and one, too, to whom are particularly applicable the lines of Langridge—

*A friend's hand in mine, lads,
A kind hand and true,
In rough ways and dark days,
It helps a man through.*

Gratitude to our old head master and justice alike, compel us to address you in order that the Masonic Craft may see the kind of man on whose shoulders they placed great responsibility, and how faithfully he carried out his trust.

We ask the Masonic Craft generally whether the resolution of October 5th is in accordance with the reputation of that body for justice and fair treatment, or whether it be not rather an example of excellent services ill requited.

We would add one word more. We are certain that the opinions which we express are not those of ourselves alone, but also of very many others who have had the good fortune to be pupils of the Rev. Dr. Morris.

We enclose our cards, and are, Sir, yours faithfully,
TWO OLD PUPILS OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

October 15th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE LODGE, No. 24.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am greatly obliged to Bros. Lane and Strachan for their replies to the question raised by me in your issue of 28th September, and I at once admit Bro. Lane's correction that the “St. Nicholas Lodge” (Modern) was warranted 29th November, 1766, and not 2nd April, 1813, as stated by me. But as you very properly point out in a foot-note to Bro. Lane's letter that my query is only in part answered, and as Bro. Strachan has the advantage of living in Newcastle, and may probably have access to the lodge minute books, he will be able to say whether the “Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge,” No. 24, claimed its centenary warrant upon its old “Athol” or “Modern” warrant.

Bro. Strachan will no doubt have observed that the warrant (Modern) of the “St. Nicholas Lodge” only dates from 29th November, 1766, and not 1755, and I hold that this warrant was extinguished when they amalgamated with the “Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge” on 10th August, 1814, as they took the number due to the old “Athol” warrant, purchased on 2nd April, 1813. This old warrant, Bro. Lane points out, and been in desuetude since 1766. It appears, therefore, that the following has been established.

(a) The Athol Grand Lodge granted a warrant in 1752-3, but not to a Newcastle lodge, and this warrant lapsed in 1766.

(b) The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge was warranted as an Athol lodge 24th September, 1805, and purchased the lapsed (Athol) warrant of 1752-3 on or about 2nd April, 1813, apparently for the purpose, and it was successful, of getting precedence in number at the Union.

(c) The “St. Nicholas Lodge,” although warranted by the “Moderns” on 29th November, 1766, really ceased to exist as a lodge when they amalgamated with the “Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge” on 10th August, 1814. “Q. E. D.”—How did the “Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge” get a centenary warrant, and how is it retained in the official Calendar as having been warranted in 1752-3?

I look forward with pleasure to the perusal of Bro. Lane's new work, “A Handy-Book to the Study of the Lists of Lodges.”—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

14th October.

P.G.R.

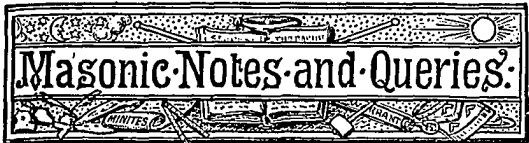
To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

Notwithstanding Bro. T. Y. Strachan's statement that the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge was formed by the fusion of the Athol and St. Nicholas Lodges, I still am of opinion that the latter lodge was absorbed by the former, which is quite a different thing. The antiquity of the St. Nicholas Lodge, which was erased in 1814, could not, with any propriety, be taken by the Athol Lodge, which, under the new name, continued to retain

its high position and precedence on the roll. I assume there was no warrant of consolidation, but that the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge is still working under its warrant of 1813. Will Bro. Strachan kindly furnish a clue to the Grand Lodge records, which, he says, state "That the St. Nicholas Lodge had met continuously from 1755." Is this another instance of a lodge meeting and working for many years without a warrant? The first trace of the St. Nicholas Lodge I have met with is in W. Cole's "Engraved List of 1766"—11 years after the date given by Bro. Strachan—its warrant bearing date 29th November, 1766.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.



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In looking over my file of the *Freemason* for last year, the other evening, I came across the letters and leaderette on the subject "Is Marriage a Failure?" It occurred to me that the following extracts from the "Masonic Notes and Queries" column of the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1861 rather bore upon the subject:

"MASONIC MATRIMONY."

"March 16th, 1861."

"I have been much interested in the advertisement of a reverend brother, that appeared in your last number, seeking a wife, and am desirous of knowing whether it is absolutely necessary that a young lady, answering the description the Rev. L. T. inserts, must be the daughter of a Mason.

"I would also inquire if the Rev. Bro. L. T. is the first of the Craft that has resorted to this means to make his brethren acquainted with his wants?"

"S. S. G."

And in the following number for March 23rd—"Masonic Matrimony"—

"[In our last we published under this head a reply to an advertisement from a reverend brother for a wife, looking upon it, however, as such an evident quizz, that we did not expect anyone could by possibility take it in earnest. It appears, however, that our rev. brother has done so, as will be seen by the subjoined communication. We also publish a protest from a Benedict against such advertisements. We certainly do not approve of them as a rule, neither should we have published that of our rev. brother had we not known him to be what he represented himself, and been fully convinced of the genuineness of the advertisement, whilst, at the same time, we regret that our lot has not been cast in such pleasant scenes as the residence of our reverend brother.—ED.]

"I beg to say, in reply to the query of S. S. G., in your last number, that it is not absolutely necessary that the young lady should be a Mason's daughter. I should be glad to make the acquaintance of S. S. G.'s nieces, who appear to be imbued with a true love of Masonry. Only the strongest confidence in my brethren of 'the mystic tie' could have induced me to make my wants known through an advertisement. I am living in a pretty, though sequestered part of England, where there are no eligible young ladies. I have, therefore, ventured to apply to my brethren in Masonry, to whom I have never applied in vain, many of whom, doubtless, possess charming and accomplished young lady relatives, who would not, perhaps, object to share the joys and sorrows of a rural parsonage.—L. T.

A Benedict writes "I exceedingly regret that any brother (more particularly a reverend one) should resort to the advertising columns as a means to obtain a wife. Surely the sweet relationship that should exist between man and wife is too sacred a subject for an advertisement, like the sale of broad acres or of fat oxen. I would ask any sensible man what respect he could possibly feel for such a woman who is so lost to delicacy to answer such an advertisement. I suppose the next thing we shall have will be paterfamilias advertising his daughters for marriage, and expatiating on their various charms in not over chaste language. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I would say that any man who is unable to obtain a wife without such means is by far better without one.—Nottingham, March 18, 1861."

Can any brother supply me with a copy of the advertisement, which I cannot give, as my "Freemasons' Magazine" has not the advertisements bound up with the paper?

I should much like to know whether L. T. obtained his wife? and, if so, whether he found "Masonic Matrimony" a "failure" or otherwise? It would be very valuable if he could recommend a poor bachelor brother circumstanced somewhat similarly to himself to adopt the same plan. If our reverend brother L. T. is still alive, and should happen to see this query, I feel sure he will willingly comply with the request of

BRO. "CELEBS IN SEARCH OF A WIFE."

Saturday, the 26th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the Autumn Exhibition (the Nineteenth), of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries, and the Exhibition will be open to the public on Monday, the 28th inst.

Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs, Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, has accepted the office of President of the London Committee which will assist in promoting the International Exhibition of Electrical Engineering, which it is proposed to hold in Edinburgh next year.



Craft Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when there were present Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Williams, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; E. Newland, D.C.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; H. Scharien, Steward; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; J. Sims, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; C. Dopson, P.M.; G. E. White, A. Pouchin, R. Phillips, R. Shaw, C. Southwood, H. S. May, E. D. Richards, R. Gerbert, W. Iredale, H. Hewett, H. Spencer, S. M. Segar, W. Icton, E. Curtis, J. Worth, T. Jobson, R. S. Cartwright, A. J. Hardwick, H. R. Spooner, H. Stokes, and A. Abrahams. Visitors: Bros. R. Kirk, 1681; H. A. K. Davies, 177; and T. Meacock, 1512.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. White and Pouchin were raised by the W.M. in a most praiseworthy manner. A letter was then read from Bro. Himemann, expressing his regret that pressing business in Germany prevented him attending. Bro. J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor of the Ranelagh Lodge, and Deputy Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, announced his intention of standing as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked for the cordial support of the lodge.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, during which the following brethren added to the enjoyment by singing: Bros. T. J. Oliver, Hardwick, May, A. Williams, F. Craggs, Shaw, P.M.; Segar, and Phillips.

The usual Masonic toasts were done justice to, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

John Hervey Lodge (No. 1260).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Henry, W.M., supported by his officers and about 30 brethren. The lodge was opened, and all the preliminary business disposed of, and Bro. R. H. Syrett was passed.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together in the Sussex Room.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the performance of a capital selection of orchestral music during dinner, provided for by the esteemed W.M. The programme of music was all that could be desired, and so well was it rendered by the director and musicians of the Austrian Band of the Corinthian Club, that they were compelled to respond more than once to a re-call.

After the usual loyal toasts were disposed of,

Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Treas., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very appropriate terms, which was duly responded to.

Other toasts followed, and, after a few songs from some of the brethren, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The opening meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. Hunt, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. John Petch, I.P.M.; S. Napper, S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, J.W.; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Harding, S.D.; R. Loomes, D.C., acting J.D.; C. M. Coxon, I.G.; A. Cox, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; D. P. Holness, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; C. Isler, G. W. Hooker, E. J. Harrison, J. A. Blount, Chas. Hiller, C. H. Stevenson, D. C. Ritchie, C. A. Chapman, Christian Horst, F. W. White, F. Simmonds, J. J. Samuel, B. Bridgwater, C. Weber, W. Taylor, J. Baker, W. G. Hiller, and A. Snook. Visitors: Bros. Arthur Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Stwd. Somerset; J. E. Powell, 991; J. McLaren, P.M. 1805; and C. J. Balfour, 902.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Isler and Hooker were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bros. C. Horst and White were passed to that of F.C. Bros. Chapman, Harrison, and Taylor signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. Two candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. Letters were read from Bros. Cobb, 45 and 2278, and Amy, resigning their membership of the lodge; the resignations were received with regret. The by-laws of the lodge were read according to rule; and, after some conversation respecting a petition from a late member, and a vote towards his relief, nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards proposed by the W.M., and duly responded to, brief speeches being the order of the evening.

Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Blinkhorn, Holness, Hooker, Simmonds, and Stevenson, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Strand Lodge (No. 1987).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when a large number of brethren attended to evince their interest in the lodge and their appreciation of the Masonic qualities and geniality of the retiring Master, Bro. W. Madge, and of the popular W.M. elect, Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. The members present were Bros. W. Madge, W.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., S.W.; E. N. Dale, J.W.; Jas. Willing, jun., Treas.; J. R. Stacey, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Foster, S.D.; F. Jackson, J.D.; C. J. Taylor, I.G.; J. Potter, D.C.; E. Evans, A.D.C.; J. Hare, P.M., and J. T. Barton, Stwds.; W. M. Ewert, Asst. Sec.; and over 40 lay members. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Longman, S.D. 2271; T. Jefferies, 1744; A. H. Cole, Stwd. 1744; E. Styles, J.D. 704; J. Parsons, 901; G. W. Fenner, 1662; T. R. Cross, 1330; T. E. Jacobson, P.P.G. W. Lincolnshire; T. Vernon, 25; C. S. Motc, W.M. 1732; H. Warner, 2265; G. Motion, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; A. H. Scurrah, S.W. 2206; H. J. Kimber, 1541; W. M. Ward, 1962;

W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 167, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; J. Irvine, W.M. 862; J. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; C. Burston, 1365; Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; C. H. Fry, P.M. 167; C. W. Mayo, 1541; E. P. Ralstebb, 1541; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and adopted. Bro. R. J. Rogers was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. J. Stacey, P.M., who then impressively installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Mason Stiles, P.M., as the W.M. of the Strand Lodge for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. E. N. Dale, S.W.; H. S. Foster, J.W.; Jas. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; J. Stacey, P.M., Sec.; Jackson, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Potter, I.G.; Evans, D.C.; M. Ewert, A.D.C.; Hare, P.M., and Busting, Stwds.; Seary, Org.; and Whiting, Tyler. The W.M. said the first duty he had to perform was of a very pleasant nature, being to carry out the wishes of the brethren by presenting Bro. Madge, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted at the last meeting. It afforded him considerable pleasure and gratification to make the presentation, as their highly esteemed I.P.M. was one of the founders of the lodge, had worked hard to bring it to its present prosperous condition, and had, moreover, done excellent suit and service during the past year. In placing the jewel on the I.P.M.'s breast, he was but echoing the sentiments of every individual member in wishing him many years of health and strength to wear it in their midst, to greet them with his customary geniality, and to assist them as a valued Past Master. Bro. Madge, I.P.M., appropriately acknowledged the gift, thanking the brethren for the handsome present and for their uniform kindness to him, and the W.M. for the kindly manner in which he had presented the jewel. It was true he had taken a great interest in the formation of the Strand Lodge, and was more than gratified at the strides it had made. He trusted it would continue to prosper, and that, as the W.M. had so kindly said, he should be with them for many years to come. The W.M. then initiated Mr. George Warman into Freemasonry with the ability characteristic of his Masonic work and which is so well known and appreciated by metropolitan Masons. The Installing Master Bro. J. Stacey, P.M., then concluded the ceremonial portion of the evening's work by delivering the addresses with his usual ability. Two resignations having been accepted with regret, and several propositions for new members received, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet, for which this establishment is so well noted, was served in the Victoria Hall, at which the W. Master presided in a genial and kindly manner, and subsequently gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in his happiest style.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, replying for "The Grand Officers," said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to respond for the toast. It was not alone by the attendance of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom at G. Lodge that their services should be judged, for they were at all times at the disposal of the Craft. On their behalf, he returned sincere thanks. That was his first visit to the lodge, but he had found so many old friends, in the persons of the W.M., P.M.'s, and others, that he felt quite at home, and was obliged to Bro. Warner for the invitation. Knowing the W.M. had provided some talent to amuse the brethren, he would not detain them, but simply thank them.

Bro. W. Madge, I.P.M., said he wished he could emulate the celerity with which the W.M. had got through the previous toasts, but he felt he had come to the toast of the evening. It would be indecent were he to hurry such an important toast. He looked upon that toast, having regard to all the associations, as the most important, it being "The Health of the W. Master of the Strand Lodge." He therefore felt considerable gratification in proposing it, because not only was he the I.P.M., but he felt that in taking the step which he did, and asking Bro. Stiles to give up the Secretaryship, he had done that which was for the welfare of the lodge, and enhanced its reputation for good working. Although that was, perhaps, drawing a comparison between himself and the W.M., he was only too pleased to be the means of placing Bro. Stiles in the position which he now holds, and which he would fill with honour to himself, and to the advantage and strengthening of Masonry in general and of this lodge in particular. He would conclude by asking the brethren to drink, with the utmost cordiality, to the health of the W.M., wishing him a successful year.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M., in response, said he could only say how deeply sensible he was of the kind manner in which his health had been proposed by the I.P.M. and received by the brethren. He was not going to detain them with a long speech as there was some good intellectual talent and some excellent harmony to follow, but he would say he appreciated the fact of the brethren of the Strand Lodge having placed him in his present position, and having received him with such cordiality. He was pleased to be the W.M. of the Strand Lodge, and he sincerely thanked them for placing him in the chair. He hoped when he was leaving the chair, some 12 months hence, they would appreciate him as kindly as they had that night.

"The Initiate" was next honoured, and replied to in an appropriate manner by Bro. Warman.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was then proposed by the W. Master. He said that the Installing Master—Bro. Stacey, P.M.—having left, he could say what he thought of that brother. Bro. Stacey, P.M., had done his duty very ably, and had his best and hearty thanks. Their esteemed P.M. was a great Preceptor in Freemasonry, and took a deep interest in the lodge. Coming to the Past Masters, they would take first the "baby" P.M., Bro. Madge, the I.P.M., who, during the past year had discharged his duty very ably, and had, since the conception of the lodge, assisted them very materially. He had left to the last the mention of their first W.M., Bro. Jas. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas., who had done a very great deal for the lodge, and had, in fact, managed to convince the Grand Secretary of the necessity for the lodge. Their existence had been more than justified, as they numbered nearly 100. About 12 months ago they regretted Bro. Willing's ill-health, but they now rejoiced to find him so much better.

Bro. Madge, I.P.M., returned hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. Jas. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas., on behalf of the Installing Master, Bro. Stacey, P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, for if he had done his duty to their satisfaction he was satisfied. They were delighted to see Bro. Stiles in the chair, and from his vast experience—and he was a tower of strength in Masonry—the lodge would go

on very satisfactorily. With regard to Bro. Madge, there were few who had worked harder to do their best, and none more successfully, he having taken a hearty interest in the work. They could now congratulate the I.P.M. on his success, and the handsome jewel presented to him was but a small mark of their gratitude. He thanked the W.M. heartily for his kind expressions of goodwill, and anything he could do in the future for the lodge he should be happy to do.

The W. Master, in proposing "The Visitors," gave them a very hearty welcome. There were 26 present, and he hoped to see them all for many years in that lodge. There were present Bros. Mote and W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx. With regard to Bro. Storr, he would say that many of them were personally interested in that brother. Bro. Storr had been the Secretary for many years of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, and had worked hard. Should there be a vacancy in the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, Bro. Storr would offer himself as a candidate, and knowing as they did his thorough acquaintance with commercial life for years past, they would consider him the right man in the right place. There were also Bros. Edmonds, P.M.; Fry, P.M.; and Purkiss.

Bro. Mote, W.M. 1732, responded, and having returned thanks, said he was very much indebted to the W.M. for his presence that evening. It was his first visit, but he had been exceedingly pleased, having watched the good working, and he did not think if they searched the world over they could find a better W.M. than the Strand Lodge now possessed.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, having also replied,

Bro. E. Storr, P.M., returned hearty thanks for the kind reception given him as a visitor for the first time to that lodge. He would only briefly refer to what had been said as to his candidature for the Boys' School. All those who were Life Governors of that School had read his address, and he sincerely hoped were friends of his. He had no wish to trespass upon the present government in any shape or form, but if a vacancy must occur, he thought he was as well known as any, and he only said "Place my credentials with others, and if you think I am a fit man for the post, well and good." He had the interest of the Boys' School at heart, and, if he were successful, nothing should be wanting on his part to perform the duties to the general satisfaction of the brethren.

Bros. Fry, P.M.; Edmonds, P.M.; Purkiss, P.M.; and Motion also replied.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bros. Curtis D'Alton, Mote, and others, rendered several excellent songs, by which the enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced.

Abbey Lodge (No. 2030).—A regular meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday, the 14th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. Robert E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572, Prov. G.D. of C. Surrey, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Gibson, I.P.M., Treas.; H. Mainwaring Dunstan, S.W.; C. C. Peper, J.W.; Jno. E. Shand, P.M.; F. J. Smart, S.D.; W. Bonwick, J.D.; T. Bull, P.M., D.C.; Hy. Hambling, I.G.; Jno. Bartlett, Org.; Jno. Hayler and R. Smith, Stewards; Wm. Sugg, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; W. H. Baker, P.M.; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec.; and 47 lay members. Visitors: Bros. A. Greenwood, P.A.G. Sec. Surrey; G. Evans, W.M. 172; Louis Lewis, 1563; R. Bradley, 1694; E. J. Badderley, 1624; E. D. F. Rymer, 1663; C. Parsons, I.P.M. 1637; Bruce Smith, 858; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; H. G. Holland, 1624; W. F. Manners, 859; J. A. Armour, J.W. 172; Hy. Sherras, 1744; J. Ashton, 372; W. Bellamy, 1627; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Pinto and Louis Lewis, of the City of Westminster Lodge, were raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. E. T. Morgan, W. J. Dyer, and W. C. Leete were initiated into Freemasonry. The beauties of the ritual in the Third and First Degrees found an able exponent in the W.M., whose working deeply impressed not only the candidates, but also the brethren present. The W.M. concluded the initiation ceremony by an impressive rendering of the ancient charge. Several propositions were received and resignations accepted. Letters were announced from several brethren—including Bro. W. Burdett Coutts, P.M., P.S.G.D.—expressing their inability to attend.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet followed, admirably supplied by Bro. Cloots.

The toast list was commenced by "The Queen and the Craft" being heartily honoured.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given by the W.M., who said H.R.H. had shown himself in all branches of Freemasonry, in his civil duties, and in the domestic circle to be a model prince—a model man, a loving father, and dutiful husband.

"The Grand Officers" having been toasted,

Bro. Gibson, P.M., Treasurer, proposed "The W.M.," whom they entrusted, some months ago, to take charge of the lodge. They had heard that evening the splendid and admirable manner in which Bro. Goffin, their W.M., performed his duties. He was sure the initiates were very impressed, and had had instilled into their minds the grand work of Freemasonry. The W.M. had undertaken the duties, and would carry them out in the same admirable manner in which he had performed them that night.

Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, W.M., said those tasks of responding to toasts were much more difficult than proposing them, because they could say more of another man than they could of themselves. First, he would thank the I.P.M. for the very hearty manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the way they had accepted it. There were not many members in the Abbey Lodge who did not know him, and they knew, too, that Masonry to him had a great charm. He did not believe in the Masonry that was performed only in the "Fourth" Degree, but he believed in the real and true principles inculcated in their beautiful and excellent ceremonies. He believed in it, because he always held that it tended to elevate a man, and make him a better man, a better friend, a better companion, a better father, and a better husband. A man who carried it out so far as in his power lay must, of necessity, be a kind man, and a conscientious man, and would generally be a happy man—happy, because he felt that if he carried out the principles in which he had sworn

to believe, whatever happened to himself or family, they would be taken care of as far as possible. Those principles tended to make one happier, for a man could look death in the face if he believed in them. Those who could lay their hands upon their hearts and say, "I have done my duty as a man, and as a Mason, and to those in distress, and can leave the world better than I found it, and those connected with me rejoicing in the fact that I was a Mason, and not rejoicing in the fact that I was never one." If they endeavoured to act upon the principles, they had done their duty, and could not fail to reap at last some reward. In undertaking the duties of W. Master of that lodge, he felt—as the I.P.M. felt during his year—a very great responsibility, which would not leave him as long as he was in the chair. He wished, as others wished, to do his duty, and to show, at any rate, that the lodge was not retrograding. The brethren had not had placed before them so pretentious a repast as on some occasions, but they would see how far they could promote the support of those crying for help. He had often felt keenly how much good might be done by relinquishing one evening of personal enjoyment to enhance the welfare and comfort of others. Others were satisfied with a very plain fare, and that, to his mind, was the principle upon which Freemasons should act, and whilst he was Master those principles should be carried out. In conclusion, he thanked them for their very kind acceptance of the toast.

The W.M., in felicitous terms, next gave "The Initiates," observing that he knew them to be good men and true. He had known Bro. Morgan for a considerable number of years—15 or more—and had been in monthly communication with him, and knew him to be one of the most upright, honourable, and affectionate of men, and a kind-hearted friend.

Bro. E. T. Morgan said he took it as a high honour that the W.M. should propose the health of the initiates. He thought with regard to himself that the W.M. had spoken far too flatteringly, but he regarded it as a high honour that his health should have been proposed by one he esteemed so highly as the W.M. For many years he had desired to become a Freemason, especially since his friend had become the W. Master of the Abbey Lodge. He had watched the foundation of the lodge and its progress, and had always desired to be a member of it, having resided more than half his life in Westminster. He was proud to say they had received him with open arms, and he thanked them very much. As an initiate, he knew nothing but what he had heard and seen—even his own brother having never told him anything of Masonry. What he had heard he should try to remember, and what he had seen would remain in his mind until the latest day of his life. He had been impressed by the glorious, beautiful, and impressive service, and felt charmed to think that he had been received into the lodge. The light he had received he hoped would be carried out in the deeds of social life, and in the deeds of brotherly love, which they had that evening so well exemplified.

Bros. Dyer and Leete also responded.

The S.W. having to fulfil another engagement, the W. Master next proposed "The S.W. and J.W.," remarking that Bro. Dunstan, S.W., was the first initiate of the lodge, and had always done his work in the most admirable manner. Bro. Peper, the J.W., worked well, and was to be seen in lodges of instruction performing his duties with remarkable precision and exactness.

Bro. Mainwaring Dunstan, S.W., said he had been inspired by his predecessors with a desire to do his work well, and it was to him a peculiar gratification to hear the W.M. say he had earned their good opinion in the discharge of his duties. He promised them that he would continue to perform whatever duties fell to his share in the same way. In that lodge they had always had a reputation for performing their work in a manner that commanded the approval of those who visited them. He would do all he could to enhance the usefulness of the lodge.

Bro. Peper, J.W., also replied.

The W. Master, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," referred to the pleasure it had afforded him that evening to raise a brother from the City of Westminster Lodge. That lodge and their own lodge had visited each other officially, and regarded each other as Westminster lodges. He was, therefore, delighted to raise Bro. Lewis, and trusted he had lost nothing by being so raised. Amongst the visitors was Bro. Alfred Greenwood, a brother whose name he was pleased to introduce to the Abbey Lodge as a candidate for an office that would be declared vacant shortly, and of which they would hear more. He had known Bro. Alfred Greenwood for a number of years, his brother, and also his father, who was for 30 years Prov. G. Sec. of Surrey, and when the Dep. Grand Master emigrated was appointed to the post, which he held until his death. There was, therefore, a continuous record for at least 40 years in favour of Bro. Greenwood, whose name he coupled with the toast, with Bros. Evans, Brindley, and Manners.

Bro. Alfred Greenwood, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Surrey, thanked them most heartily and sincerely for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The W.M. had been good enough to refer to the fact that he was a candidate, should a vacancy occur, for the Secretaryship of the Boys' School. Before that idea was suggested to him he never knew the real meaning of Masonic good fellowship and brotherly love, but since that some hundreds had come forward from all parts extending the right hand of fellowship and promising their support. Amongst that number he was proud to include the W.M., his staunch friend and an old friend of the family. He was a young Mason himself and his Masonic career had been of necessity short, but he thought he should say he had been exceedingly fortunate. It was not often that it fell to the lot of so young a Mason to hold the post of Asst. Prov. Grand Secretary. They would say it did not require much explanation, but was owing to his late lamented father, who was so respected. That post was no sinecure in a large province, and his chief, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, had been good enough to express his satisfaction with the manner in which the duties had been performed, and he therefore felt he had not altogether abused the confidence reposed in him. He was proud of bearing a name not altogether unknown in Freemasonry, and there was no wish dearer to his heart than at some future time it might be said he was "a chip of the old block." If they were good enough to honour him with their suffrages, and he was fortunate enough to secure the position, he solemnly pledged himself that nothing should be left undone on his part, and that he would strain every nerve to win the confidence of the Craft towards the best interests

of that splendid Institution which should take its place in the foremost rank of Benevolent Institutions of this country.

Bros. Evans, W.M. 172, Brindley, and Manners also replied, returning hearty thanks for the kind hospitality shown them, and expressing their appreciation of the admirable working witnessed.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," eulogising the excellent services rendered by those distinguished brethren to the lodge.

Bro. Sugg, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Surrey, replied, and after returning thanks, said the P.M.'s desired not to be heard in the lodge, but that their influence should be felt.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant and instructive meeting closed with the Tyler's toast.

Bros. Bruce Smith, Bartlett, Montague, and W. H. Baker, P.M., contributed some excellent musical selections during the evening.

Provincial Meetings.

CAMBORNE.

Mount Edgcombe Lodge (No. 1544).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Jas. Pengelly, W.M.; Thos. Burge, S.W.; Richard Rowe, J.W.; R. Bute, Chap.; E. Lakey, Treas.; Hugh P. Vivian, Sec.; J. Newland, S.D.; W. Vial, J.D.; T. W. Trowson, D.C.; Wm. Trevithick, I.G.; J. Whitworth, Asst. Sec.; F. Gardener and R. Taylor, Stwds.; J. Nicholas, Tyler; W. A. Thomas, A. Dunkin, N. Temby, R. S. Behenna, J. C. Polmear, J. W. T. Jackson, F. W. Thomas, W.M. 450, T. Bennalack, S. J. T. Stuthridge, Joseph Clifton, John Adams, James Pengelly, I.P.M.; and J. T. Rodda, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Turner, P.M. 1006; and E. T. Sara, 1006.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. T. Burge was elected W.M., Bro. E. Lakey, Treas., and Bro. J. Nicholas, Tyler, for the ensuing year, and the lodge was closed.

CARNARVON.

Segontium Lodge (No. 606).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. in the lodge room, within the walls of Carnarvon Castle, when Bro. Caradoc Rowland was installed W.M. for the coming year. To mark the loss which the lodge had recently sustained by the death of Bros. A. Hussey de Burgh, P.M., and James Covell, the members appeared in Masonic mourning. The lodge having been opened, the following officers occupied their respective seats: Bros. E. Roberts, B.A., the retiring W.M.; Caradoc Rowland, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. Jones, J.W.; Rev. W. Morgan, B.A., Chap.; R. W. Newton, S.D.; J. Williams, J.D.; Cornelius Davies, P.M., P.G.W., &c., D.C.; C. H. Rees, P.M., Treas.; Dr. W. G. Owen, Org.; G. Challinor, Stwd.; D. H. Williams, Sec.; and W. Watkins, Tyler. The members present included Bros. J. W. Poole, P.M.; N. Bunnell, P.M.; H. Hardman, P.M.; D. W. Davies, W. Farren, Hugh Williams, R. J. Thomas, J. O. Morris, W. H. Evans, O. Jones, and others.

There was a good attendance of visiting brethren, including Bros. D. Wynn Williams, P.M. and Sec. 384, P.P.G. D.C., P.A.G. Sec.; R. H. Hughes, P.M. 597 and 1113, P.P.G.S.B.; James Lloyd, P.M. and Sec. 597, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hall, W.M. 597; R. Martin, S.W. 597; James Wells, J.W. 597, and 1113; E. G. Humphreys, W.M. 1113; R. G. Thomas, S.W. 1113; Dr. W. Francis Jones, J.W. 1113; T. Mills, W.M. 384; H. G. Hughes, I.G. 597; and J. Jones Morris, J.W. 1509.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Caradoc Rowlands was impressively performed by Bros. E. Roberts and Cornelius Davies. Having taken the chair, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Roberts, I.P.M.; W. Jones, S.W.; R. W. Newton, J.W.; Rev. J. Fairchild, M.A., Chap.; C. H. Rees, Treas.; D. H. Williams, Sec.; Cornelius Davies, D.C.; J. Williams, S.D.; W. C. Whiskin, J.D.; George Challinor, I.G.; W. G. Owen, Org.; W. Hamer and G. F. Humphreys, Stewards; and W. Watkins, Tyler. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in presenting Bro. E. Roberts, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. In returning thanks for the gift, Bro. Roberts said that whatever efficiency he had displayed was altogether due to the example which had always been set by the P.M.'s of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. Hardman, seconded by Bro. Roberts, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Bros. A. Hussey de Burgh and J. Covell was adopted.

Other formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Sportsman Hotel.

CHEETHAM.

Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The installation of Bro. C. Bagot, Past S.W., W.M. elect, took place at the Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, on Thursday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. Thos. E. Rigby, W.M.; C. Smith, S.W.; J. Challender, J.W.; G. W. Williams, Treas.; J. Heywood, Sec.; J. W. Hallam, S.D.; J. B. Peace, J.D.; C. R. Hardman, I.G.; W. O. Pettitt, P.M., P.P.G.O.; E. G. Hughes, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Snape, P.M.; C. Bagot, Thos. Nesbitt, H. Grimshaw, J. Hilton, Thos. Smith, J. M. Gregson, J. Haworth, R. Kitching, W. A. Brown, H. F. Newman, R. D. Olhmus, and J. Featherston, Visitors: Bros. J. H. Brooks, P.M. 295 and 1134; T. B. Welch, 992; H. J. Holdsum, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. Jaffron, P.M., P.P.G.D.; N. A. Earle, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Wardle, I.P.M. 1534; J. O. Hind, W.M. 1011; J. B. Kendale, P.M. 1077; H. Moxon, 897; J. Leigh, P.M. 287; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; C. Turner, P.M.; and N. Dumville.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Thos. E. Rigby, P.M., W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There was an initiation performed by the W.M. Bro. Bagot was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Rigby, by Bro. J. E. Hughes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and after the usual formula, was inducted into the chair of K.S. Bro. J. Snape, P.M., invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Thos. E. Rigby, I.P.M.; Chas. Smith, S.W.; J. Challender, J.W.;

Geo. W. Williams, Treas.; J. W. Hallam, Sec.; J. Peace, S.D.; Chas. R. Hardman, J.D.; Robt. Leech, P.M., D.C.; J. Heywood, I.G.; and H. Grimshaw, Org. The working tools in each Degree were presented by Bro. Hughes, and the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren respectively were given by Bro. Snape.

The installation ceremony being completed, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John. During the evening a photograph was presented to Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., along with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, to mark the esteem and respect in which he was held, and for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties.

Bro. T. E. Rigby responded in graceful terms.

The jewel was much admired by all present, being a handsomely engraved square and problem, with three bars of frosted gold, relieved with burnished edges and letters, and was specially manufactured for the occasion by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and London.

FELTHAM.

Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The final meeting of the session of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the Railway Hotel. Present: Bros. Charles William Baker, W.M.; James Laurence, P.M., P.G.D.C., as S.W.; J. C. Goslin, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; S. Wheeler, S.D.; F. Dunstan, J.D.; J. Amey, Org.; A. Robertson, D.C.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.D. Br.; D. Moss, P. Lodge, J. W. Kingston, S. Platten, H. Davey, T. A. Lineker, W. H. Davey, B. J. Andrews, W. J. Babb, and others. The visitors were Bros. R. Pasco, 27; John Davies, P.M., Sec. 1309, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The only work was passing Bro. Thomas Alexander Lineker, which the W.M. performed very satisfactorily. We were pleased to notice that the lodge summons contained 12 names of brethren representing the lodge as Stewards for the Masonic Charities, showing another 120 guineas would find their way into the Charities from Stewards' donations alone, besides which 12 more Life Governors would be added to the Charities from the lodge. We missed Bro. Frederick Walters, who through continued ill-health was unable to attend, but his notice of motion to relieve a member from the lodge benevolent fund with five guineas was unanimously agreed to. The other—to vote 10 guineas to the Boys' School to complete purchase of Life-Governorship in name of Secretary pro tem., was deferred for further consideration at next lodge meeting. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. The Secretary, in answer to very many anxious inquiries, expressed it as his opinion that, unless a very great and decided change for the better took place in Bro. Frederick Walters' health, they could not hope his ever being able to attend any more lodge meetings.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The usual banquet followed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—The autumn meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hicklin, W.M.; C. E. Cassal, S.W.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; F. W. Levander, Sec.; G. E. Lewis, J.D.; J. G. L. Stephenson, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; H. Pritchard, P.M.; R. M. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Hutchison, P.M.; Joseph, Gerrard, Russell, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1987; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Sargeant, 1261; W. J. Foot, P.M. 3; R. S. Ellis, 2242; A. H. Scurrah, S.W. 2206; H. W. Parker, 2048; and E. L. Horne, P.M. 227.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting verified, Bro. Russell was raised to the Third Degree in a most able and impressive manner. Various routine business having been transacted, and propositions for initiations made, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The customary toasts were proposed in the W.M.'s well-known felicitous manner, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

HARRINGTON.

Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when, in the presence of a Board of 18 Past Masters, Bro. J. Morton, W.M. elect, was duly installed, and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Ward, I.P.M.; J. Kerley, S.W.; F. Appleyard, J.W.; Wm. Carlyle, P.M., P.J.G.W., Treas.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. Wynn, P.M., Sec.; C. Nicholson, S.D.; J. Rimmer, J.D.; W. Jackson, D.C.; J. Ferguson, I.G.; J. Bedford and G. H. S. Smith, Stewards; and T. B. Roxby, Tyler. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P.G.D.C., performed the ceremony of installation.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. Dr. Jas. Dick, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.P.G.C.; Capt. Paisley, J. Tolson, P.M. 119, P.G.P.; H. Wood, P.M. 1989, P.A.G.P.; C. Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Rothery, J. H. Dudgeon, J. Dickinson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Brakenridge, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Isaac Dickinson, W.M. 962; J. Lewthwaite, P.M.; G. B. McMullin, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. McGill, H. Hartley, W.M. 1660; W. Heathcote, B. A. Bedford, P.M.; G. B. McKay, and J. McHarry, W.M. 1989.

Telegrams were read from Bros. J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, P.P.G.R.; J. Thompson, W.M. 2285, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. Gregson, conveying "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M.

With the usual compliments from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and with toast and song, a very pleasant evening was spent.

LEEDS.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—On the 12th inst. one of the largest and most successful gatherings yet held under the auspices of this popular lodge took place, to mark the retirement of Bro. W. Watson, P.M., the outgoing W.M. Bro. Watson was supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. Chas. Middleton, S.W.; J. J. Fretwell, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Evans, Chap.; R. Abbott, Treas.; Tom Atkinson, Sec.; Robert Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D., Preceptor; A. Butterworth, S.D.; B. S. Bailey, J.D.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., I.P.M., D.C.; L.

Howarth, I.G.; R. A. Smithson, Assistant Sec.; Chas. Cryer and Edward Bentley, Stewards; H. B. Abbott, Assist. Steward and Musical Librarian; Jas. Buckley, Org.; S. Barrand, P.G. Tyler, Tyler; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.G.C. England; C. L. Mason, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas.; J. T. Jones, Ingamells, F. G. Dimery, P.M.; J. P. Robinson, G. W. Pratt, and Storey. There was an extremely large assembly of visitors, including Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, brethren from Leeds, and distant lodges. Amongst others—there were close upon 100 in the lodge—we noticed Bros. H. Smith, P.M., D.P.G.M.; J. Cooper Malcolm, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. Allison, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Bedford, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee; W. Fitton, P.P.A.G.D.C.; N. W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Charles Middleton was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably acknowledged the honour paid to him. Bro. Robert Abbott was, for the fifth time, elected Treasurer, and Bro. Barrand was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Trevor and Fretwell were elected Auditors. The lodge then unanimously voted Bro. Watson a founder's jewel in acknowledgment of the manner in which he had ruled the lodge for the past 12 months.

This business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the most interesting item on the programme, and the one which was responsible for that splendid gathering, was proceeded with, namely, the reading of a paper by Bro. Dr. Smyth, entitled "Personal reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny." For upwards of an hour the doctor held his large audience spell-bound by his eloquent recital of the many dangers through which he passed at that most trying time in the nation's history. He related how the mutiny first came to a head at Meerut on the 10th of May, 1857, a station at which he was then residing as chaplain to the forces. The dreadful scenes that were enacted under his eyes were treated with an eloquence, and yet with a modesty which charmed all hearers. Nor was the story merely a recital of horrors, for the relation was interspersed with many amusing episodes which occurred at that time, and which, as the doctor stated, served somewhat to draw their minds away from the unparalleled barbarities which were daily being committed in their midst. Dr. Smyth touched but lightly on his own share in the heroism displayed by all grades of Europeans at that time, but it was plain to see that, try as he would to minimise his own exploits, they were differently regarded both by his comrades and the Government, who, at the conclusion of the mutiny, rewarded him with the chaplaincy of Singapore.

One of the most interesting incidents took place at the conclusion of the lecture. Amongst his delighted audience were half-a-dozen non-commissioned officers of the Sixth Carabineers, who are at present stationed in Leeds. These men marched in a body to the dais to shake hands with the doctor, and it then transpired that this regiment was at Meerut during the mutiny, and that the doctor had ministered to their spiritual wants in such a manner as to endear him to the memories of all, from the commanding officer downward. When the doctor left the station the regiment turned out in review order, and saluted him, an honour which rarely falls to the lot of anyone but a distinguished military commander. In the records of the regiment mention is made of Dr. Smyth, and his goodness, and the military brethren felt that they were greeting an old comrade, and one to whom the honour of the Queen's troops was as precious as it was to themselves. Needless to say this pleasing and unique incident called forth the loud applause of all the assembled brethren. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Tudor Trevor, who is himself an old Indian Civil servant, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Smyth, and the lodge was thereafter closed.

An admirably served banquet was enjoyed by all, and the rest of the evening was spent in that happy and fraternal manner for which the lodge is so celebrated.

MOLD.

Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—The annual Festival of St. John took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. D. Bolton, W.M.; J. E. Davies, I.P.M.; T. S. Adams, S.W.; W. P. Jones, J.W.; J. Corbell, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Rev. W. L. Brotheroe, P.P.G.C., Chap.; D. Roberts, P.P.G.S., Sec.; S. Beresford, S.D.; S. Edwards, J.D.; W. N. Bellamy, I.G.; O. Ellwood and H. Bradley, Stewards; and Smith, Tyler.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Black Lion Hotel, and a large number of brethren were present.

SEACOMBE.

Egerton Lodge (No. 2132).—On the 10th inst., at the Seacombe Hotel, Bro. E. King-Ellison was duly installed as W.M. of this lodge. The members of the lodge present were Bros. Charles Leighton, W.M.; E. King-Ellison, S.W.; Dr. W. A. Napier, J.W.; W. F. Robinson, Sec.; Edwin Roberts, J.D.; Samuel King, Stwd.; C. S. Dean, P.M., P.J.G.D.; Henry B. Browne, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and T. Dilcock, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Norris Jones, W.M. 1350; Alfred Jay, W.M. 1276; F. N. Stevenson, P.M. 537, P.G.S.B.; J. Roberts, S.D. 1713; and T. Williams, J.D. 1356.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. C. G. Parker, P.M., and H. B. Brown. After his installation Bro. E. King-Ellison proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Charles Leighton, I.P.M.; Dr. Napier, S.W.; W. F. Robinson, J.W.; H. B. Browne, Treas.; Edwin Roberts, Sec.; John Simpson, S.D.; S. King, J.D.; Charles Jones, I.G.; John H. Crellin, Stwd.; and C. S. Dean, P.M., D.C.

SHOREHAM.

Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd instant, at the Buckingham Arms Hotel. The W.M., Bro. R. B. Higham, presided, and was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. W. Gidd, S.W.; H. Packham, J.W.; E. New, Sec.; B. Mollyneux, Ffennell, D. of C.; A. Carpenter, S.D.; J. Flinn, J.D.; T. Surivell and J. Penfold, Stwds.; and W. Stanton, Tyler.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Gill. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. B. Higham, the charges

being delivered by Bro. T. Hardy, P.M. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. R. B. Higham, I.P.M.; H. Packham, S.W.; E. New, J.W.; T. Packham, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Carpenter, Sec.; J. Flinn, S.D.; H. E. M. Ffennell, J.D.; J. Hughes, D.C.; H. Dyer, Org.; T. Shrivell, I.G.; J. W. Penfold and E. Lodder, Stwds.; and W. Stanton, Tyler. Bros. E. A. Buchanan, W. Insell, and E. Watts were elected on the General Purposes Committee, and Bro. A. J. Carpenter was elected to represent the lodge on the Charities Committee.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Bridge Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by the hostess, Mrs. Cox, whose catering gave great satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. Gill, presided.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and the toast of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

In submitting "The Right Worshipful H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. said Sussex was honoured in being the only province presided over by one of the Royal Princes. The Duke of Connaught, he remarked, was a zealous Mason, and, though absent from England, took great interest in the province. Sussex Masons looked forward to the time when he would again be amongst them and visiting the various lodges. An enthusiastic reception would be accorded him if he visited the Burrell Lodge. Making allusion to the great loss the province had sustained by the death of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, he spoke of the great interest that brother had taken in the province. He was glad to see several of the Provincial Grand Officers present. He coupled the toast with the names of Bro. W. A. Tooth, P.P.G. Chaplain, and Bro. G. Cole, P.G. Org.

Bro. Tooth, in responding, made kindly allusion to the death of Bro. Gerard Ford, and, in graceful terms, spoke of the tender sympathy with which Mrs. Ford had supported her husband in his earnest solicitude for the welfare of the Sussex Province during his recent illness.

Bro. G. Cole also acknowledged the toast, thanking the brethren for their hearty welcome to the Provincial Grand Officers and endorsing the able remarks of Bro. Tooth.

The I.P.M., Bro. R. B. Higham, in proposing "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge," said it would be unnecessary for him to speak in laudatory terms of Bro. Gill, for they all knew his great ability in Freemasonry. He alluded to the support Bro. Gill had given him in founding the lodge, and to that brother's excellent work as Secretary and Warden. The lodge had done wisely in electing Bro. Gill as their W.M. He himself had not met a more honourable Freemason, and he believed the lodge would flourish under his rule.

Bro. Gill, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He thanked the I.P.M. for proposing the toast in so laudatory a manner, and the brethren for receiving him so kindly. He could scarcely find words to adequately express his feelings. When initiated 10 years ago, he was ambitious to occupy the proud position in which they had placed him that evening. The lodge was in a very flourishing condition—in fact, he believed it had made more progress than any other lodge in the province during the past century. It would, he said, be his constant study to discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren, and he thought that, with the able assistance of his officers, a successful year was before them. One of their Grand Masters, King Solomon, had said there was a "time for everything," and he hoped in the Burrell Lodge they would never have to say to an initiate that "should time permit they would carry out the ceremonies in their full integrity." He hoped to always retain their esteem.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters of the Lodge," said that of their 10 Past Masters seven had secured provincial honours. There were few lodges in which the work had been better done. Of their I.P.M. he said he could not speak too highly. Under his rule during the past year the lodge had increased by seven members, and his own family had also increased. They had no silver cradle to present to Bro. Higham, but the brethren, desirous of showing him some mark of their favour, had subscribed a purse of gold, which he had great pleasure in handing him, together with an illuminated address.

The address, which was admirably executed, was as follows: "Burrell Lodge, No. 1829. Presented to Bro. R. B. Higham, of Shoreham, together with a purse of money, by the members of the above lodge, as a token of fraternal regard, and record of his services to Freemasonry as one of the founders of the lodge, his subsequent efforts for its success, and the admirable manner in which he discharged his duties as W.M. during the year 1888-9."

The gifts were, Bro. Gill said, "ornamental and useful," and he hoped Bro. Higham would long live to enjoy both.

Bro. Higham, in responding, said the presentation was unexpected, and that he had no idea that his humble services would be so appreciated. He felt that he could not thank them sufficiently for their generosity. From the brethren of the lodge, and from Masons in the province generally, he had experienced so much kindness, that, though he felt grateful, he could not trust himself to speak as he would wish.

Bros. Brazier and Hardy also responded to the toast.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bro. L. R. Styer, and "The Officers of the Lodge."

As the majority of the brethren had to leave by train, no time was left for responses to the latter toast.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. A. Brazier, R. Smith, H. Dyer, and H. R. Edwards, and a recitation was given by Bro. F. W. Hollands. The pianoforte accompaniments were ably given by Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P. G. Org.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—There was a large gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., on the occasion of a visit to the lodge of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers. The P.G.M. was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and Bros. the Rev. Dr. Burton, P.G. Chap.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; J. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; C. G. Beaumont, P.G. Reg.; G. Davies, P.S.G.D.; Sharland,

W.M. 76, P.A.G.P.; J. D. Blackman, P.G. Steward; and R. Eames, P.A.G. Tyler; many Past Provincial Grand Officers being also in attendance.

The work of the lodge was conducted by the W.M., Bro. J. Fewings, and included the First and Second Lectures, which were well given by the W.M. and Bro. J. Cole, Sec.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served by Bro. Biggs, one feature connected with which was a very quaint programme worded in old English, printed in old-face type.

In responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. E. Goble, P.G. Secretary, announced that Provincial Grand Chapter would meet in Southampton in February next.

"The Health of the P.G.M." was cordially drunk, and, in responding,

Bro. Beach justified the existence of the Order on several grounds, and referred to the rapid progress it was making, not only in England, but throughout all parts of the British Empire.

The D.P.G.M., in responding for "The P.G. Officers," said the province numbered nearly 50 lodges. It had not added to its number during the past year, but not much regret could be felt at that, because there was hardly a place in the province which had not a lodge well within reach. Speaking of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, he reminded the brethren of the successful celebration of the centenary in 1872, under the old warrant. The lodge possessed two warrants, the second being granted under the Modern Constitution in 1792. He hinted it was within the minds of the Past Masters of the lodge to arrange, if possible, to hold another centenary celebration in 1892, and if it should be decided to hold it, an endeavour would be made to secure the presence of Masons very high in office. The brethren would remember that in 1872 Lord Ripon, then Grand Master of England, and his officers, visited the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Burton, Prov. Grand Chaplain, also responded.

"The Health of Bro. Fewings" was proposed by the P.G.M., and cordially honoured.

Several other toasts were given.

STOCKTON.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 2104).—On the 8th inst. the annual ceremony of installation in connection with the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. J. F. Craggs installed Bro. John Craddock Bage in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. J. Seaman, S.W.; H. Gaston, J.W.; G. D. Leng, Treas.; John Broome, Sec.; John Harrison, S.D.; S. Appleton, J.D.; T. M. Taylor, I.G.; John Wilks and D. McNaughton, Stewards; and Bedford R. Smith, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren and their lady friends dined together in the banqueting hall. A dance was held afterwards.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular ordinary meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. T. H. Wills, W.M.; J. McKellar, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; T. H. Crossman, S.D.; S. Wills, J.D.; W. Hersey, I.G.; W. Winget, D.C.; G. West, Steward; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. W. Morgan, I.P.M.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England; P. S. Hex, P.M.; T. Prust, P.M.; W. Taylor, P.M. and Sec. 328; R. L. Mugford, I.P.M. 328; E. Henley, W. H. Snell, J. W. Beer, E. J. Pratt, V. Lauzell, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 13th ballot of the "Jordan Lodge Benevolent Association" was then taken, when Bro. Chapman was successful in securing another five guineas for one of the Masonic Charities. The librarian then intimated that the following books had been presented to the library by Bro. W. J. Hughan, viz., "The Religion of Freemasonry," by Bro. H. J. Whymper, "The Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Vol. X., 1885-7," "Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1888," "Proceedings of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Columbia, 1888," "Masonic Directory of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, 1889," "Official Directory of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, Vol. 4, 1887-8-9," "Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, Albany, New York," "A Sketch by Bro. Hughan," "The Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, 1889; Bro. L. P. Metham, Secretary." By Bro. John Lane: "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—from its Origin, 1788, to its Centenary, 1888, 1st edition," and "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, containing Centenary Festival, 2nd edition." The thanks of the lodge were given to these brethren for their gifts.

The next business upon the notice paper was of a very pleasant and agreeable nature—namely, that of the presentation to the lodge of a framed photograph of Bro. John Chapman, the originator and founder of the lodge.

Bro. Hughan, on being asked by the W.M. to present the portrait of Bro. Chapman (senior member of the lodge), on behalf of the donor, Bro. T. W. Morgan, I.P.M., said he would do so with very much pleasure, for he and Bro. Chapman had long been intimate friends, and he considered that any compliment that could be paid that brother was well deserved, and had his warm approval.

Bro. Hughan then gave a sketch of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, from its origin, in 1872, to the present time, and pointed out the novelty in its formation, suggested and carried out by its originator and one of the petitioners (Bro. Chapman), viz., that it was to be a Masonic lodge without Masonic banquets. This feature, which was considered by many at the time as a fatal obstacle to its success, had really been the means of its prosperity, and now the founders—Bros. Perry, the first W.M.; Chapman, the first S.W.; and James Murray, the first J.W.—and the others who signed the petition can point with just pride to the conspicuous success of the lodge, especially in relation to its distinctive characteristic. From first to last, not an ordinary banquet had been held under the wing of the Jordan, save once a year, on the installation of the Master, as originally provided by its by-laws, the clause in question being read by the speaker from one of the first copies. This proved that its supporters saw something more in Freemasonry than mere eating and drinking, as in reality there was. Bro. Hughan then gave a number of interesting details, and also noted a number of events, with their exact dates, in relation to Bro. Chapman's Masonic career—all being done without a memorandum before him—and then summarised

the whole by describing that brother as one of the most zealous and enthusiastic Craftsmen he had ever known. From his initiation in the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, Stonehouse, Plymouth, in 1870, his progress had indeed been rapid, and was due to the intelligent interest he took in all that concerned the highest and best features of the Craft. On his installation as W.M. in 1873, the revered Provincial Grand Master of Devon (the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C. of England), was present, as also the Dep. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Dr. Metham), to testify to their appreciation of his efforts; and in 1874 the Prov. G.M. appointed him as one of his Prov. Grand Deacons, so that Bro. Chapman's progress was both rapid and distinguished. Bro. Hughan did not care to mention in Bro. Chapman's presence how generously his friend had aided the Masonic Charities, though he would just state that in 1881 he served as Steward for the three, and qualified as Life-Governor of each, and last year he improved that qualification by serving again for the three, and making himself Vice President of the trio, likewise a similar position was attained in the local and excellent "Devon Masonic Educational Fund." Bro. Hughan, to the evident amusement of the brethren, then pointed out that the "Fortescue Memorial Fund" had not yet been supported by Bro. Chapman, and suggested his doing so shortly, which, no doubt, will be done, as no one can be more ready to aid all such excellent societies to the utmost of his power. The literary services of Bro. Chapman were then referred to, his lectures on Freemasonry and the Great Pyramid (delivered in America and in this country), and especially his editing that remarkable and most useful work, the "Masonic Orations," by Dr. Metham, which should be in the hands of all intelligent and worthy brethren; his warm support of the "Masonic Exhibitions," and also certain lodges which were in want of such an energetic member, were then noticed, and, finally, Bro. Hughan concluded his address by a most appreciative reference to Bro. Morgan, who was presented with a Past Master's jewel when formerly retiring from the chair, and now, on concluding his second Mastership, had determined to give to, instead of receive from, the lodge, and had made an excellent selection in the portrait of the "Originator and Founder of the Lodge." The frame had been made by Bro. Beer, a member of the lodge, and the inscription—so artistic and suitable—was by Bro. Winget, another member; so Bro. Hughan congratulated the brethren on so many pleasing incidents in relation to this most fraternal gift.

After short speeches from Bros. Lane, Dodge, and Chapman, the W.M. formally accepted the picture on behalf of the lodge, and expressed the pride he felt in filling the chair of a lodge possessing, as it did, so many members of literary talent and conspicuous ability, as evidenced by the number of valuable and able Masonic works written by the brethren during the past year or two.

A variety of general lodge matters were then disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

TOTNES.

Pleiades Lodge (No. 710).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 3rd inst. Bro. Dr. Fraser, the W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M., the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Drennan, P.M., P.G.D.C., assisted by the Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. J. Harris, I.P.M.; R. Pearce, S.W.; W. Willcocks, J.W.; the Rev. W. M. Drake, Chaplain; C. Barrett, S.D.; David, J.D.; W. B. Maye, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; G. L. Loam, Org.; W. Darke, I.G.; Drennan, D.C.; A. H. Tanqueraz and Foot, Stewards; and J. Crocker, Tyler. Bro. W. B. Maye was appointed to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. Bro. J. Drennan was appointed Almoner, and Bro. J. Cole, Assistant Almoner.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Darke's, Castle Hotel, where the annual banquet took place.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

Several good songs and recitations were given during the evening.

The banquet reflected great credit on Bro. Darke, and the floral decorations were also much admired.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This very prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Capt. A. Bunn, W.M.; H. Jenkins, S.W.; A. Toulmin, jun., J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Cuming, S.D.; Lieut. Perry, J.D.; Davison, acting I.G.; A. H. Gurney, P.M.; E. W. Jenkins, P.M.; Murphy, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Jenkins was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders having resigned his office of Treasurer, Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously elected in his place. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Capt. A. Bunn, W.M. Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Bennett and Roberts were elected Auditors. A petition to the Provincial Board of Benevolence was duly signed in favour of a distressed member of the lodge. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M.; the Rev. S. Bullen, M.A., the Rev. A. Farrar, M.A., and others.

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

The customary toasts followed.

WAREHAM.

Unity Lodge (No. 386).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The brethren having assembled, the usual business was gone through, which included the raising of a brother to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Rev. W. C. Browne, assisted by Bros. Fookes and Best. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Hobbs, S.W., then took place, the induction being performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Rev. W. C. Browne, P.P.G.C., with the able assistance of Bro. Lawton. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Browne, I.P.M. and Chaplain; G. C. Filiter, S.W.; J. J. Lawrence, J.W.; W. Daniel, S.D.; H. Budden, J.D.; Yearsley, Treas.; Best, Sec.; J. Beer, jun., D.

of C.; G. E. Paul, I.G. and Org.; Page and Pettyfer, Stewards; and S. Vye, Tyler.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Red Lion Hotel, and was of Bro. Yearsley's well-known first-class description. About 40 brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren were present, the inclement weather preventing many others from attending.

WEDNESBURY.

St. Bartholomew's Lodge (No. 696).—The installation meeting of the members of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, at the Anchor Hotel, on the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and also of brethren from neighbouring lodges in the Provinces of Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire. Bro. W. H. Bodin was installed into the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M., Bro. G. Platt, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. G. Platt, I.P.M.; G. Wilson, S.W.; E. M. Scott, J.W.; the Rev. G. Tuthill, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. H. Walton, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; F. W. Hackwood, Sec.; T. Jones, P.M., P.A.G.P., D.C.; A. Horton, S.D.; J. Dicken, J.D.; H. Palethorpe, Org.; S. H. Horton, I.G.; and S. Simpson and A. Frizelle, Stewards.

Amongst those present were Bros. Heelis, Eayres, S. Lees, and S. Wood, of Dartmouth Lodge; G. M. Waring, E. Smith, J. Powell, E. W. Smith, J. Dearing, and W. S. Smith, of Noah's Ark Lodge; J. Bellingham, C. Palethorpe, and J. W. Willshaw, of Royal Standard Lodge; Lees, Longden, Rooker, and others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren were entertained at a banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were observed.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The meeting for the election of Master took place at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; G. Chapman, S.W.; G. Lamb, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; Wm. Storey, S.D.; J. H. Shonksmith, J.D.; J. L. Spetch and F. W. Halliwell, Stwds.; W. S. Child, Org.; P. Pearson, I.G.; A. Bellerby, A. Archer, J. F. Chambers, J. H. Scott, J. Starkey, F. H. Vaughan, W. T. Nance, T. Milner, W. Ream, G. G. Pook, E. Thackray, A. Chapman, and others.

In the absence of the W.M., occasioned by serious illness, the lodge was opened by Bro. W. Brown, P.M., who then proceeded to initiate a candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., and Bro. Pinder was raised. The election of Master was then proceeded with, when Bro. G. Chapman, S.W., received the unanimous vote of the brethren. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., was for the 14th time re-elected Treasurer. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the lodge collection an allegorical Masonic engraving by Bartolozzi.

The hall is now in process of decoration and alteration, and will, when completed, be one of the handsomest Masonic interiors in the North of England. A new organ is also being constructed by Messrs. Denman, of York. With the exception of the organ, which will not be completed until next year, the fittings and decorations are expected to be completed in time for the installation meeting in November next.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren sat down to supper, and enjoyed a social evening.

Royal Arch.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Royal Jubilee Chapter (No. 72).—The election meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. There were present Comps. L. S. Fountaine, M.E.Z.; C. J. Axford, H.; A. Darch, J.; F. Dunn, P.Z., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.Z., S.E.; C. Williams, S.N.; E. Lewcock, 1st A.S.; R. Potter, Janitor; E. Walker, P.Z.; and E. H. Dove.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Comps. Axford, M.E.Z.; Darch, H.; Williams, J.; Dunn, Treas.; Lovegrove, S.E.; Bates, P.S.; Lewcock, 1st A.S.; and Turner, 2nd A.S.

The companions afterwards dined together.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—This old chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 8th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. Best, M.E.Z.; Kempton, H.; Cleghorne, P.Z., acting J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Hardy, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; J. Harris, Principal Soj.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx.; Ellborn, P.Z.; T. Davis, P.Z.; Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor; and others. Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, and T. Simpson, J. 1745, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Tompkins, 860, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly exalted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. N. Moss, P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; E. A. Harris, J.; and others. The convocation was then closed and adjourned.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

The toasts, as given by the M.E.Z., were exceedingly brief, but to the purpose.

Comps. Lardner and Simpson responded on behalf of "The Visitors;" Comps. Walls, Harfeld, and P. Davis for "The Past Principals," "Treasurer and Scribe E.," and Comps. Hardy and J. Harris for "The Officers."

The M.E.Z. provided an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music. His son, Master Best, aged nine, played some brilliant selections on the pianoforte.

Duke of Connaught Chapter (No. 1524).—A convocation of this successful chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., the Principal In chair was taken by Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Middx, Treas., supported by Comps. A. Berry, H. Hoit, J.; Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; W. Simpson, P.S.; J. L. Payne, P.Z.; Funstan, P.Z.; Holden, Lee, jun., and others. Visitor: Comp. Lyons.

The chapter being opened, the minutes were confirmed, and Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, M.D., W.M. United Service Lodge, was duly exalted by the M.E.Z. in the chair. Comp. Funstan, P.Z., was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. Convocation was then closed, and a pleasant evening followed, several companions rendering some excellent musical selections.

Provincial Meetings.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The annual convocation was held on Thursday, the 10th instant, when there was a good gathering of members present. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. John Duckitt, Z., Comp. M. Corbitt, P.Z., presided, supported by Comps. R. Whitfield, H.; J. McCulloch, J.; J. Spearman, P.Z. 481; W. F. Carmon, H. 481; E. Dunford, Z. 406; W. M. Lyon, H. 406; John Nesbit, H. 24; M. H. Dodd, P.Z. 240; W. Brown, S.E.; W. M. Pybus, S.N.; Wm. Richardson, P.S.; T. R. Jobson, 1st A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. Carrick, E. Arkley, R. Stewart, R. H. Holme, and others.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Edwin Perry, 48, who was elected. The installation of the three Principals followed—Comps. R. Whitfield, as Z.; J. McCulloch, H.; and W. Brown, J. The Installing Principals were Comps. M. Corbitt, P.Z.; R. Whitfield, P.Z.; and J. McCulloch, H., after which the investment of the officers was proceeded with as follows: Comps. M. Corbitt, Treasurer; W. M. Pybus, Scribe E.; W. Richardson, S.N.; T. R. Jobson, Prin. Soj.; H. Carrick, 1st Assist. Soj.; R. Stewart, 2nd Assist. Soj.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor. The M.E.Z. appointed Comp. R. H. Holme as Steward for the year. A candidate was proposed for exaltation, and the visitors having tendered their congratulations, the chapter was closed.

The annual banquet was held afterwards, and all the companions attended.

An enjoyable evening was spent, the usual Masonic toast list and the agreeable harmony of the musical portion contributing to the intellectual feast.

WHITEHAVEN.

Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th instant. There were present Comps. J. Paterson, Z.; Chas. Gowan, H.; and W. C. Johns, J.; supported by the officers and members of the chapter. The minutes were read and confirmed, and two candidates were balloted for and exalted. It being also the annual chapter for installing the Principals, Comps. C. Gowan was installed Z.; W. C. Johns, H.; T. Brakenridge, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; G. Starkey, S.N.; Wm. Bewlay, P.Z., Treas.; T. Allinson, P.S.; R. Shepherd, and J. Thompson, A.S.'s; W. J. Tyson and S. Hinde, Stwds.; and J. Casson, Janitor. The Installing Chiefs were Comps. J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H., and Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G.H., and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to them for their services. The following companions were also present, viz.: Comps. Thos. Atkinson, P.Z.; F. Hodgson, P.Z.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, J. S. Moffatt, H. Ward, A. Ashmore, Spencer Broadbent, E. Loach, G. W. Roll, and W. Holloway. Two candidates were proposed. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed, and the companions subsequently dined in the banquet hall.

Mark Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

FRODSHAM.

De Tabley Lodge (No. 396).—On Thursday, the 10th inst., the brethren of the above lodge, which meets at the Commercial Hotel, held their installation gathering. The lodge was formed about 12 months ago to meet the requirements of Mark Masons living in the district, and, considering the difficulties which naturally beset a new undertaking of this sort, it has made surprising progress, owing, in no small degree, to the zeal of Bro. G. H. Danby, the first W.M. There was a good muster of brethren, when Bro. H. E. Heywood was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bros. Ashton and J. K. Digges being respectively invested as Senior and Junior Wardens. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Danby, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. S. W. Ramsden, P.M. of the Earl of Chester lodge.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren dined together, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master.

YORK.

York Lodge (T.I.).—The annual meeting for election of Master took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Col. R. G. Smith, D.P.G.M.; H. C. Pickersgill, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; F. W. Halliwell, as M.O.; G. Lamb, S.O.; Col. McGachen, J.O.; E. W. Purnell, J. Dow, G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; and other brethren.

Bro. H. C. Pickersgill was unanimously elected to the chair, and Bro. T. B. Whythead was re-elected Treasurer. The D.P.G.M. was saluted, and thanked the brethren for their loyal reception of himself.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren met at refreshment, where the usual toasts were drunk.

Lady Willis, wife of Bro. Sir George Willis, lately in command of the southern district, was presented at Portsmouth, on Tuesday afternoon, with a handsome clock in recognition of the grace and courtesy with which she dispensed the hospitality of Government House during the five years of her husband's command. Bro. Sir George Willis was also presented with an illuminated record, on vellum, of the proceedings at the banquet held in his honour at the expiration of his term of office.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; J. Page, W.M. 753, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. H. Dillon, S.D.; A. Pozzati, J.D.; W. T. Manktelow, I.G.; H. J. Thomas, Stwd.; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 753; E. Wehrle, and J. R. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Wehrle having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wehrle candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Mason worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W., Bro. Page, W.M. of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. was passed, and entered on the minutes, for the efficient manner in which he had presided over the lodge for the first time. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked at an early date. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., the brethren of this lodge were participants of an intellectual Masonic banquet. Among those present were Bros. F. Robinson, P.M., W.M.; F. Oxley, W.M. 1306, S.W.; S. W. Bull, J.W.; J. Pringle, P.M., Preceptor; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; F. Lancett, S.D.; E. Seager, J.D.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Cotter, P.M.; Money, P.M.; and many others.

Lodge being opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Pringle, Preceptor, in his highly impressive and lucid manner, gave the Lecture on the third tracing board, and then proceeded to give an exposition of the Masonic alphabet, illustrated by diagrams. Bro. Pringle's graphic and precise mode of explaining to the brethren a matter which is, perhaps, but imperfectly understood among large numbers of the Craft, did not fail to add to the respect in which he is held among Past Masters and other well-instructed brethren who from time to time submit themselves to his guidance.

On Wednesday, the 30th inst., Bro. Oxley, W.M. 1306, will work the installation ceremony.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; H. D. Aslett, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; J. B. Corey, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Cummings, P.M.; W. J. Coplestone, E. F. Nash, G. Stockwin, and H. Oliver.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Stroud having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. D. Stroud, P.M., who proceeded to the investiture of officers. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Coat was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wembleton, when there were present Bros. J. O'Connell, Prov. G.O., W.M.; A. E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; A. Higerty, P.M., P.S. G.D., J.W.; G. King, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Wingfield, P.M., Sec.; March, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Wing, I.G.; G. Moorman, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Magee, P.M.; G. Carter, P.M.; Holland, P.M.; Hoz, P.M.; Cross, P.M.; Salter, Hullett, Wade, Cooke, Wright, Chapman, Morris, Driver, Burges, Shelly, Smart, Britten, Jolliffe, Holmes, Streeter, and Pillinger.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was worked in its entirety, and the officers were appointed. Bro. Shelly was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. returned thanks, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., W.M.; J. Davies, Preceptor 1789, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor 834, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; R. E. Cursons, I.G.; A. Cadbury-Jones, Stwd.; J. J. Thomas, W.M. 753; W. J. Mason, W.M. 1324; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. elect 141; D. Stroud, W.M. 1637, P.M. 2045; W. Death, W.M. 511; J. N. Joseph, A. J. Barradell, J. Van Praag, J. Corrie, E. Coleman, and W. J. Millington. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Thomas, 753, and T. Jobson, 834.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Lecture was worked by the following brethren: Bros. J. N. Joseph, O. W. Battley, E. Coleman, J. Cruttenden, C. G. Wetzlar, J. Davies, and J. Sims. Bros. H. J. Thomas and Jobson were unanimously elected members. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously passed to Bros. Read, Davies, Sims, and the brethren who had worked the sections. The compliment was acknowledged by Bros. Davies and Sims. It was announced that if the sum of £10 10s. was paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution before the end of 1891 the lodge of instruction would become a Vice-President. It was unanimously voted, with considerable applause, that the amount be paid. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The Second and Third Lectures will be worked at the next meeting, the 21st inst., when Bro. Read will be W.M.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. Petch, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; J. E. Sheffield, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; T. Williams, R. W. Nicole, S. Napper, Sutter, C. Isler, and J. M. Scarlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Nicole answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Nicole candidate. Bro. Isler answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Isler candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Isler was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Harding was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Bros. Loomes and Gray were appointed to audit the accounts of the lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. S. Bromley, W.M.; J. Rowe, S.W.; F. W. Buxton, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, acting Secretary; J. D. Graham, S.D.; J. Woodward, J.D.; W. Hoggins, I.G.; T. C. Seary, Org.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. E. Cursons, W. F. Bates, C. Lambert, R. Kirk, W. Hancock, and W. Lincoln.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. R. E. Cursons having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. R. E. Cursons worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. Rowe, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—The first meeting after the vacation and removal of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. Linsey, W.M.; Fruen, S.W.; Prince, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Linsey, Treas.; J. H. G. Morgan, Sec.; Bilby, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Bolding, D.C.; Vickers, sen., Vickers, jun., Petit, and Long.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan as candidate. Bros. Bilby, P.M., Prince, and Smith were elected members of the lodge. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); W. J. Mason, Sec.; W. R. Hatton, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.; T. Treadwell, I.G.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; W. Middlewick, T. Stentiford, H. Armfield, J. Powell, and M. Peters. Visitors: Bros. G. Cranfield and A. Drew.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Chandler having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. F. L. Chandler candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. W. Middlewick candidate. Bros. G. Cranfield, 2045, and A. Drew, 733, were elected members. Bro. J. R. Roberts was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. Present: Bros. Gaze, W.M.; A. Toulmein, S.W.; Southwell, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Dent, S.D.; Balcombe, J.D.; Simmons, I.G.; Burne, C. W. C. Webb, S. L. Smith, Dr. Causton, Marshall, Vaizey, Godfrey, Gordon Smith, and Buckley.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. L. Smith acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. A. Toulmein was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having appointed his officers in rotation, gave notice that the work would be the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the following brethren were elected as the permanent officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Langton, Treas.; Burne, Hobbs, and Marshall, Preceptors; J. D. Langton and C. W. Mapleton, Secretaries; Dr. Causton, Fraser, and Webb, Committee; and S. L. Smith and Toulmein, Auditors. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M., S.W.; Oliver, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Fayers, S.D.; J. Wiggins, J.D.; G. Vickery, I.G.; T. Jobson, and J. H. Morrish.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morrish acting as candidate. Bro. Williams offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a commendable manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 4th Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Williams, the questions being put by Bro. Sims. Bro. S. Cochrane was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Jobson, W.M.; Biggs, S.W.; Aslett, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Jennings, S.D.; Arnott, J.D.; Lathbury, P.M., I.G.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; D. Stroud, P.M.; and Vandyke. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Arnott having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a very perfect manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheap-side, when there were present Bros. W. Wright, 1839, W.M.; A. Ashby, 619, S.W.; C. H. Cox, 1839, J.W.; Walter Martin, 819, Preceptor; G. S. Miller, 2264, Sec.; C. J. Davison, 1897, S.D.; J. Culver, 1839, J.D.; A. Jakins, W.M. 1839, I.G.; W. B. Marcus, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; R. Hunter, J. Perrins, F. Hardinge, and J. N. Joseph.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Joseph acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, Bro. Hunter answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Hunter acting as candidate. Bro. Ashby was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. P. Skar, W.M.; P. P. Perry, S.W.; F. Buxton, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; James Sims, Sec. (pro tem.); W. F. Bates, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; F. W. Barth, and others.

This being officers' night the principal officers of the mother lodge took their respective chairs, and the lodge was opened with the usual formalities. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a careful manner. Bro. Barth offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. W. F. Bates was elected a joining member. Bro. Perry was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Harris, P.M.; J. Collings, P.M., and F. Craggs were elected Treasurer, Preceptor, and Secretary respectively for the ensuing year, and Bros. Skar, Perry, and Buxton were elected Auditors. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. W. G. Coat, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; E. Ayling, Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; T. Willcox, S.D.; F. Dusterwald, J.D.; T. W. Biggs, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; H. Perdue, P.M.; J. Davies, R. H. Wimpey, R. Reed, W. Hyde, E. Fox, W. Hillier, H. M. Moyse, L. Lee, H. Clark, A. C. Hewer, J. Worth, F. Craggs, E. J. Hiscock, and W. Williams. Visitor: Bro. Frank Kemp, of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. Kemp candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Gardner, P.M. Bro. F. Kemp answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. L. Lee answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. W. Hillier candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On the first rising, Bro. F. Kemp was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge of instruction. Bro. T. Jobson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was also proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. J. Sims, P.M., be elected Deputy-Preceptor of this lodge of instruction. There being no further business for the evening, the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. and D. Railway), on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Livett, W.M.; Beaven, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Lyell, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Mitchell, I.G.; S. Cochrane, Luckhurst, C. Woods, Caink, Ellson, Hudson, Steele, J. Wright, Folkard, Winny, King, F. Hill, Boulton, Poole, and Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Caink having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was then ably rehearsed, with Bro. Caink as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, with Bro. Winny as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and received a cordial vote of thanks for the excellent way he had performed the ceremonies and duties of the chair for the first time in his Masonic career. The W.M. suitably responded. Bro. Beaven was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Beaven returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; John Davies, S.N. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; F. M. Noakes, 1624, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; G. Swann, and

A.S. 733; and J. Smith, P.S. 890. Comp. T. W. Heath, 19, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Swann being candidate. A ballot was then taken for Comp. T. W. Heath, which having proved unanimous, he was admitted a member, and made a suitable reply. Notice was given that the clauses would be worked on the following Friday evenings by Comp. Dehane, assisted by Comps. Cruttenden and Davies.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Eedle, H.; J. Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Woods, S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; and J. Addington, M.E.Z. 1275.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Eedle was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and, all Masonic business being ended, the chapter was closed.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD).

The quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire (Middle Ward) was held on the 8th inst. in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton. The R.W. P.G.M., Bro. Col. Clark Forrest of Auchinraith, presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. W. Grant, P.S.G.W.; Major P. Spence, P.J.G.W.; Capt. R. King Stewart of Murdostoun Castle, P.D.G.M.; Colin Spalding, P.S.G.M.; Bailie George Arthur, Sec.; D. Wright, R.W.M. 551; W. M'Murdo, P.M.; Dr. Mackenzie, of Larkhall; and others.

There was a large representation. The report on the provincial visitation showed that the lodges in the province, numbering 20, were all in a satisfactory state.

In response to a communication from Lodge St. Andrew's, No. 544, Coatbridge, it was resolved to ask Grand Lodge to give an opportunity of comparing the rolls of membership in the lodges of the province with that of the registered membership in Grand Lodge.

A Committee, comprising the provincial office-bearers and the R.W.M.'s, or their deputies, of all the lodges in the province—Bro. Capt. R. K. Stewart convenor—was appointed, with full powers to take what action they consider will best aid the grand bazaar to be held next year in Edinburgh.

The SECRETARY reported on the attendance at the P.G. Lodge meetings since last annual meeting—that 11 of the 16 office-bearers had attended all the meetings, two twice, three once, and three had not attended any of the meetings.

The various elective offices were then filled as follows:

Bro. J. Cameron ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Davidson ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Wilson ...	Prov. G.B.B.
" Rankine ...	Prov. G. Marshal.
" Major Ness ...	Prov. D.G.S.
" J. Rodger ...	Prov. S.G.S.
" Superintendent W. Gordon	Prov. J.G.S.
" H. Dyer ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Scott ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The members to act on the P.G. Committee were then elected, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Jamaica.

KINGSTON.

Royal Lodge (No. 207).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on the 2nd ult., the brethren tendered fraternal welcome to Bro. X. Leon, P.M., on his return from his holiday trip to Europe and the United States. Among the brethren present were many Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, also Masters and Past Masters of several lodges in the province.

The minutes having been confirmed, the Committee appointed at the last ordinary meeting came to the pedestal, and through their Chairman, Bro. J. M. Simpson, reported that they were prepared with an address, which the W.M. directed them to present.

The Secretary then read the address as follows:

"Royal Lodge, No. 207, Dist. No. 1,
"Kingston, Jamaica, 2nd Sept., 1889.
"To the Wor. Brother E. X. Leon, P.M. 207, District Grand Treasurer, &c., &c., &c.

"Wor. Sir and Dear Brother,—We, the brethren of the Royal Lodge, desire to extend to you our warm and cordial congratulations on your return to your native land.

"We are sensible of the great services rendered by you to the lodge in connection with the approaching centenary, for which we express our high appreciation and grateful thanks.

"We sincerely trust that improved health and increased prosperity will be the result of your trip abroad; and that the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. will continually abide with you and your loving family, and enable you for many years to grace the meeting of our lodge.

Thos. Briscoe, jun., W.M.; J. M. Simpson, P.M.; G. M. Duff, P.M.; Wm. Duff, P.M.; C. M. Sherlock, P.M.; A. E. Langley, P.M.; C. T. Burton, P.M.; G. E. Burke, P.M.; W. A. Feurtado, P.M.; H. D. Bogle,

S.W.; A. B. Bogle, J.W.; T. F. Sale, Sec.—Committee on behalf of the lodge."

To which Bro. Leon replied as follows:

"Kingston, 2nd September, 1889.
"To the Wor. Master, Past Masters, and brethren of the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Dist. No. 1.

"Wor. Sir and Brethren,—I thank you for the warm and fraternal welcome and congratulations tendered in the address just presented me. You have been good enough to refer to the services rendered to the lodge during my visit to the Mother Country. I assure you that the success that attended my efforts to procure the evidence which proves the continuous working of the lodge from the date of its warrant (10th May, 1794), was a source of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to me.

"I have also to thank you for the kind and friendly sentiments conveyed in the concluding paragraph of your address, and trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will be pleased so to watch over and protect us as to enable us for a long time to meet in brotherly love and harmony under the banners of the Royal, and that we may all be found in our places in 1894 celebrating that centennial to which we now look forward with so much pleasure.—With fraternal regards, I remain, Wor. Sir and brethren, yours faithfully and fraternally,

"E. X. LEON, P.M. 207, District Grand Treasurer."
The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which was handsomely decorated with flowers and evergreens, the head of the table being ornamented with a floral wreath encircling the word "Welcome" and the letters "E. X. L."

The toast of the evening having been proposed and drunk enthusiastically, the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

Metropolitan College.—The quarterly meeting of the above college was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 10th inst. The fratres present were Fras. W. R. Woodman, M.D., 9°, S.M., P.M.G., as M.T.; W. Wynn Westcott, M.D., Hon. 9°, Sec. Gen., M.T., as 2nd A. and Guardian; Robert Roy, Hon. 8°, P.M.T., as D.M.T.; S. L. MacGregor Mathers, 8°, Sec. and 1st A., as C. of N.; Nelson Prower, as 3rd A.; Ferguson, 8°, P.M.T., as 4th A.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., C. of N., Org.; T. C. Walls, Hon. 8°, P.M.T.; E. Thielay, 8°, P.M.T.; Gowan, J. Willmott (Hong Kong), and J. Gilbert, Acolyte.

The M.C. was duly formed, and the chain of union rendered complete. On account of the indisposition of the M.T., the S.M. took the place of Celebrant, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Willmott, 525 (Hong Kong), being in attendance, was duly balloted for and accepted as a candidate, and was impressively advanced to the grade of Zelator. The S.M. conferred the secrets, and Frater Roy gave the lecture on the mystic knowledge in his usual impressive manner. The Secretary performed the mystic conflagration, and gave the final admonition. There being so few present, the Secretary's paper was taken as read. The Secretary then stated he had received letters and post-cards of apology for absence from numerous brethren.

There being no further business, the M.C. was duly dissolved.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR DANIEL GOOCH, BART.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., whose death, which had been expected for some time past, took place at Clewer Park, near Windsor, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. had been a member of our Society for close on 40 years. He was initiated in the St. George's Lodge, No. 112, Exeter, on the 14th February, 1850. In the following May he joined the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355—then No. 453—Swindon, and two years later was elected and installed its W.M. In 1853 he became principal founder and first Master of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 909—now No. 626—Chippenham, and in 1855 he joined the Britannic Lodge, No. 38—now No. 33—and was very speedily elected to its chair. At the installation of Bro. Lord Methuen as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire in 1853 his lordship singled out Bro. Daniel Gooch for the very important post of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and in this capacity he continued to act until the year 1868, when the late Earl of Zetland, who two years previously had invested him as G.S.B. of England, was pleased to confer upon him the still more important office of Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks. On the news of this well-deserved honour being bestowed upon him, their Deputy Prov. G. Master, becoming known among his Wiltshire brethren, the latter held conference together, and determined to present Bro. Sir D. Gooch with a testimonial in recognition of the important services he had rendered to the province during his 15 years' tenure of the post of Deputy, and also of the genial and kindly relations which during the whole of that time had existed between him and the lodges and brethren generally and particularly. It was ultimately resolved that the testimonial should take the form of a complete suit of clothing as Provincial Grand Master, and on the 31st March, 1869, the presentation was made in open Provincial Grand Lodge, at Chippenham, by Bro. Lord Methuen, who spoke in the highest and most laudatory terms of the assistance he had received from Bro. Sir D. Gooch, to whom, indeed, he ascribed the great prosperity which had attended the Province of Wiltshire during the years he had presided over it as its Grand Master. His lordship added, however, that he "rejoiced to think that what was Wiltshire's loss would be the Province of Berks and Bucks's gain," and it was in this spirit that he expressed the earnest hope "that Berks and Bucks would long retain his highly valued services." The hope thus expressed has been fortunately realised, and

it is only now, after upwards of 20 years' labour, in the sphere of duty upon which he was then entering, that our Bro. Sir D. Gooch, at the ripe age of 74, and in the enjoyment of the respect of all his brethren in Masonry, has laid aside the cares of worldly office, and gone to his eternal rest. We must add that Bro. Gooch was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the St. George's Chapter, No. 112, Exeter; was a joining member and P.Z. of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9; and founder and first Z. of the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, Swindon, in 1856, as well as of the Britannic Chapter, No. 33, in 1861. In 1875 his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales appointed him Grand Superintendent of Berks and Bucks, and since then he had in his hands the presidency over both branches of Constitutional Masonry, to their undoubted benefit and the honour of our deceased brother.

BRO. H. R. C. LATIMER.

Bro. Henry Ridley Cranmer Latimer died suddenly at his residence, 23, Marlborough-road, Bradford, on Tuesday night, the 8th inst., from, it is believed, heart disease. Bro. Latimer transacted business as usual during the day, the afternoon of which he spent at Leeds. In the evening he was present at a supper at the Masonic Hall in Rawson-square. While there he complained of a slight pain, and one of his friends offered to accompany him home. Bro. Latimer, however, said he could manage very well, and he accordingly started for home alone. He reached his residence shortly after eleven o'clock, was taken suddenly ill, and died in the course of a few minutes. Medical assistance was summoned, but without avail. Bro. Latimer was in the 65th year of his age. He was a widower, and leaves one married daughter (Madame ter Meer, the contralto vocalist). He came to Bradford upwards of 50 years ago, and in time became well known in various circles in the town. Bro. Latimer was the Bradford agent for Henry Bentley and Co., Limited, Brewers, of Woodlesford, a position which he had held for 23 years. He was also for about 20 years Secretary to the Bradford Licensed Victuallers' Protection and Benevolent Society. Bro. Latimer was a Past Master of the Shakspeare Lodge, and Past Principal of the Chapter of Sincerity. He joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) shortly after its formation in 1859 as the 3rd West York Rifle Volunteers. From the position of private Bro. Latimer rose to that of Quartermaster-Sergeant of the corps, a post which he occupied at the time of his death. In the municipal elections of 1884 Bro. Latimer, as a Conservative, unsuccessfully contested the Bolton Ward against Mr. John Rhodes, of Heaton. The funeral took place on Friday, the 11th inst.

GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

A Quarterly Court of the above Company was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Gabriel Lindo, Master; W. Hays, Alderman Evans, W. A. Higgs, and E. F. B. Fuller, Wardens; H. W. Johnson, P.M.; Geo. Davenport, P.M.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; J. K. A. Knapton, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; H. F. Stewart, P.M.; H. A. Joseph, P.M.; H. W. H. Prance, James Bishop, E. W. Streeter, Edward Turner, Thomas Clarke, Wynne E. Baxter, Clerk and Solicitor; and others.

The minutes of the last court and subsequent meetings were read and approved.

Bro. Lindo, the Master, presented the banner of his arms and a handsome ivory and silver hammer to the Company.

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Knill presented the banner of his arms.

A poor freeman of the Company was relieved with a sum of money.

The Master and Wardens entertained the members of the court with a chop dinner.

MASONIC ORATIONS.

We are under obligations to those immediately interested for a new Masonic book, worthy of a place in every brother's home, and certainly in every Masonic library. The title page shows it to be "Masonic Orations by Brother L. P. Metham, P.G.D. (England) P.D. Prov. G.M. Devon, &c.," delivered in Devon and Cornwall from A.D. 1866, at the dedication of Masonic Halls, consecration of lodges and chapters, installations, &c.

The introduction, of nine pages, is by Brother William J. Hughan, and of itself is sufficient guarantee of the merit of the book. This treats of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall from 1732 to 1889. The number of lodges in these two provinces is 82, and of chapters 42, and Brother Hughan tersely shows their growth, from St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, to Western District United Service, No. 2258; and from St. John's Chapter, No. 70, to St. George's, No. 2025.

The book is edited by Brother John Chapman, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. Devon, author of "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry." The imprint is that of George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C., London.

The editor's preface concludes with the following words, and they appeal to every Freemason: "I trust that the funds of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, Stoke, on whose behalf this work is published, will be substantially aided by its sale."—*Liberal Freemason*, Boston, U.S.A., September, 1889.

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Pearl Life Assurance Company (Limited) was held at the Company's Offices, London Bridge, on Friday, the 27th September, and to judge from the report which was then presented to the shareholders, the past year has been a most successful one. No less than 388,313 policies, representing a new annual premium income of £155,263 19s. 3d., were issued, while the total income, which amounted to £252,935 17s. 8½d., exceeded that of the previous year by £13,522 12s. 9d. The premium income on the policies in force on the Company's books amounted to £279,212 12s. 5½d., and the Directors have every reason to believe that this will be maintained during the year now current. There were paid by the company 14,180 claims and grants amounting to £94,116 5s. 5½d., raising the total sum thus paid since the establishment of the Company to £673,305 11s. The Assurance Fund, with the capital paid up, now amounts to £210,428 5s. 7½d., the increase during the past year having been £32,840, so that under the circumstances the Directors had no hesitation in recommending the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. in two half-yearly instalments, one of which has already been satisfied. We congratulate the Directors on the progress of the Company during the past 12 months, and trust their report may prove equally or even more satisfactory still in the future.



"Sweet Lavender" will reach its 600th performance on the evening of Friday, November 8th.

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Mr. Charles J. Fawcett is busy on a three-act play for that rising young volatile comedian, Mr. Forbes Dawson, which will be produced at a *matinée* during the ensuing season at Terry's Theatre, under the management of Bro. H. T. Brickwell.

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By special request Bro. Edward Terry will give an extra *matinée* of "Sweet Lavender" on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., in addition to the usual Saturday ones.

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Mr. W. Duck having taken the Criterion again, during Mr. Wyndham's absence in America, has arranged with the lessee, who has purchased five years' rights of Robertson's plays, and wisely selected "Caste" for a revival, it being one of the most popular of that distinguished and lamented dramatist's works. First produced at the little Prince of Wales's Theatre in Tottenham Court-road, it was revived by Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft when they had the Haymarket, and has been seen at other times, for "Caste" is an evergreen play written for all times. Notwithstanding that Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft made its name in the parts of Captain Hawtree and Polly Eccles, and though only two—Bro. David James and Mr. Brookfield—of the former company are in the revival, the piece has caught on with the play-going public, and big business is the order of the night. Most people have seen "Caste," and cannot help comparing the new company to the old ones. It would be heresy to say they are as perfect as in former days, but Robertson's work suffers nothing in their hands. Miss Olga Brandon distinctly made a hit as Esther, the unhappy innocent heroine, and must be very glad Mrs. Kendal cancelled her engagement to go to America. Mr. Leonard Boyne, in his quiet unobtrusive, yet manly, George D'Alroy, won the sympathies of all. Mr. Brookfield, as Sam Gerrish, is such an accomplished actor that he could not fail to succeed. Bro. David James once again gives us a treat of his rendering of the bibulous working-man democrat, Eccles. It is a part many would be tempted to overact, but Bro. James never goes off the line. Miss Lottie Venne, Mrs. Bancroft's successor as Polly Eccles, was not so satisfactory. She emphasised her words too much. We all know "Caste" so well that we are ready for the jokes and easily see them. Miss Venne pointed them out to us, and seemed to forget she had left the farcical comedy of "Betsy" for comedy pure and simple. Mr. Elwood, in Bro. Bancroft's part as Hawtree, gives a rendering of his own, for which we think he is to be commended, as had he attempted to imitate Bro. Bancroft he must have failed. We suppose we shall have in due course some other of Robertson's comedies, but judging from the reception of "Caste" on the first night and the full houses since it will be some time before the Criterion requires another change.

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No amount of touching-up will ever make "The Bungalow" an acceptable play. Had it been called "The Bungle" it would have expressed it better, for it is a mass of conglomeration of the most stupid order, with a few double *entendres* interwoven. It may do for French ears and tastes, but we want nothing so devoid of wit and wholesomeness. It contains many risky situations and words, which if taken one way are as dull as ditch water, and if in another are disgusting, without being in the least funny. We sat out "The Bungalow," mis-called a farcical comedy, and never could get the most feeble laugh out of it. As far as plot goes it seems to be about an artist having a studio,

and whose intended father-in-law wants to borrow it for a day to meet his future son-in-law's model, and that on the same day two other friends wish the loan of it as a place of assignation to bring each others' wives. No, Mr. Horner, do not waste your time adapting such French plays, and do not waste your audiences' time witnessing such nasty stuff. Pull down "The Bungalow" at once, and on its site give us something clean and witty, not imbecility and suggestiveness. The three acts are well mounted, and the company engaged are first class, which contains such eminent artistes as Messrs. Charles Glenney, Yorke Stephens, and Kaye, who is a faithful likeness both in voice, height, and acting of Mr. Lewis, of Daly's far-famed company; Misses Vane Featherstone, Cisse Grahame, Cicely Richards, Sallie Turner, and Helen Forsyth, who received a little demonstration on her return to the stage after a lapse of 18 months. Such a cast as above are worthy of a good play to act.

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If all music halls were conducted as is the Royal, which we have visited for the first time, we think that it would not only meet with the approbation of Mr. McDougall, but also that of my Lord Bishop of London, who, with his brother Bishop of Bedford, stated in St. James's Hall that he is in favour of such places of entertainment. We found there an audience for the most part of the middle and lower middle classes, all conducting themselves decently and in order, and on the stage the behaviour was the same. Mr. Abe Daniels gave a very clever imitation on his violin of various musical instruments, animals, birds, and even made the violin repeat the words of his own mouth. Miss Finney, the lady who dived off London Bridge, with her brother, Professor Finney, do some wonderful feats in a tank with a glass front, the most marvellous of all was remaining under water for the space of two minutes. Mr. Rowley, who seems to be a special favourite at the Royal, was well worth hearing in his clear get-up and song of the costermonger driving his donkey to the Derby. Mr. Walter Munroe, a comic singer, and Messrs. Farrell and Willmott, Hibernian artists, are all excellent in their own line of business, and if the amusement be not of the classical it is at any rate of the innocent order. We are going to find but one fault, and that is with the song, not the dance, of the Sisters Bilton, and suggest to Bro. Carlton that it be eliminated from an otherwise thoroughly clean programme. The song is about a lady who sighs because she cannot get a sweetheart, as all the men have wives, and so she would fall in love with a married man. The words are not vulgar, but the morality is bad. We are aware that the Sisters Bilton sing this at other music halls, but we hope a dead set will be made, not at them—for we wish them no harm—but at their song.

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It is often said that the "people" like what is known as low-class music, but the result of the plebiscite at Her Majesty's Promenade Concerts proves quite the contrary. We found on Saturday night a large gathering of different classes of society, all of whom seemed to be intent on the music, which consisted of "Twas in Trafalgar Bay," by Braham; "Il Bacio," by Arditi; "Soldier Jim," sung by Mr. Charles Manners, whose every word could be heard clearly all over the building; a selection from "La Favorita," Sullivan's "Distant Shore," Bucallossi, Wagner, Auber, &c. The management hand papers to each visitor, asking them to put down the music they would like, the result of the sixth plebiscite being—for Bizet's "Carmen," 3842; "Zampa," 3580; Mendelssohn, 3185; Gounod's "Faust," 3759; "Il Trovatore," by Verdi, 2987; "Tannhauser," Wagner, 2967; Beethoven, 2893; Rossini, Meyerbeer, Weber, Haydn, and Schubert following on. Who shall say that we are not becoming a music-loving nation, for whenever good music, well rendered as it is at Her Majesty's, is given, it is warmly appreciated.

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We call attention to the fact that Miss Wallis (Mrs. Lancaster), whose husband is the proprietor of the Shaftesbury Theatre, is announced to play on Monday for two weeks at the Grand in "Ninon," which is a drama dealing, like "The Dead Heart," with the French Revolution. It is by Mr. W. S. Wills, and will draw people from the West-end. Islingtonians have for the last fortnight had amusement of a very different kind provided for them by Messrs. Freeman and Gooch in the shape of Geoffrey Thorne's "Dandy Dick Turpin," called a burlesque, but we prefer to call it an extravaganza. The author is well known to Masons as Bro. Townley, who so frequently delights at after banquets with original songs and his clever skit on "The village blacksmith," which he acts without singing. "Dandy Dick Turpin" is brimful of the latest topical jokes and songs, and those and its somewhat boisterous fun evidently suited the Islington audience, who cheered vociferously. Seeing Miss Florence Dysart's name in the bill, we decided to make a pilgrimage north, for we have always found anything with Miss Dysart in it well worth hearing. We wonder managers ever let her be out of engagement, as she is possessed of such a sweet and gentle voice. Miss Fannie Leslie (Mrs. Gooch) much helped Mr. Thorne's piece with sprightly acting and dancing.

Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith has been unanimously elected Trustee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, vice Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston resigned in consequence of foreign service.



The marriage of the Hon. James McGarel Hogg, eldest son of Bro. Lord Magheramorne, with the Lady Evelyn Ashley will take place on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove, author of "Practical Architecture," has been engaged to edit a price book on a new system, for the use of architects and surveyors. The work will at first appear in the "Architects' Compendium."

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, who sustained severe injuries on board the Umbria prior to landing at Liverpool some days since, is pronounced by his medical advisers to be progressing favourably towards recovery.

The consecration of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, at York, will probably take place towards the end of November. The Dean of York is the first Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., is the first S.W., and Bro. H. L. Swift is the first J.W.

It has been arranged that Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., the G.M. of Scotland, will visit the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh, No. 2, on the evening of Thursday, November 7th. The Grand Master will be accompanied by a deputation from Grand Lodge.

The clauses of the lecture in the R.A. Degree will be worked at the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., on the next two following Friday evenings, by Comp. Dehane, assisted by Comps. Cruttenden and Davies.

THE LORD MAYOR AND FRUIT CULTURE.—In recognition of the interest he is taking in the fruit culture scheme initiated by the Fruiterers' Company, the Lord Mayor was on Tuesday elected on the livery and court of the guild. His lordship has contributed to the fund being raised by the company a donation of 50 guineas.

Early in his year of office Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, who is interested in several mining enterprises, has promised to preside at a lecture by Bro. Pearce Morrison, C.C., on the Transvaal. The lecture will be illustrated with pannings out on the stage, miniature batteries at work, and photographic views of the principal mining districts.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., the Mayor (Bro. E. H. Cookson) gave a banquet at the Town Hall, Liverpool, to the brethren of the St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, of which he is the Worshipful Master. There was a large gathering, the company also including several Provincial Grand Officers, among them being Bro. Col. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master for East Lancashire.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead and the Lady Mayoress formally opened the International Exhibition of Fine Art Printing in Stationers' Hall, on Monday, when his lordship, in a brief address, pointed out that this country was considerably behind Germany, Austria, and the United States in the encouragement given to typography. The exhibition will remain open till to-morrow (Saturday).

THE LATE BRO. M'INTYRE.—Probate of the will, dated 19th August last, of his Honour the late Bro. Æneas John M'Intyre, O.C., of the Middle Temple, and of the Hagg, Mirfield, Yorks, who died on the 19th ult., aged 68 years, was formerly M.P. for Worcester, and was appointed at the end of last year County Court Judge of Circuit No. 12, has been granted to the executors, his wife, Mrs. Eleanor M'Intyre, and his son, Mr. George Milward M'Intyre, barrister-at-law. The personalty is sworn at £44,785.

A sculling match over the championship course from Putney to the Ship at Mortlake was rowed on Monday, the competitors being George Bubeare, of Hammersmith, and T. N. Matterson, of Clarence River, Sydney, N.S.W. An even start was effected, but in a few strokes the Australian obtained the lead, and, retaining it to the end, passed the winning-post, an easy winner, in the unprecedented time of 22 mins. 2 secs., Bubeare, who ceased rowing and allowed his boat to drift past the post, covering the distance in 22 mins. 21 secs.

A meeting of the supporters of Bro. William Ferguson, candidate for the office of Grand Cashier, was held on the 11th inst. in one of the lesser halls of the Waterloo Rooms, Glasgow. Bro. D. Fortune, Chairman of Committee, introduced the business. Remarks were invited from brethren present, and there responded Bros. A. McConnochie, Sec.; George Fisher, J. Barclay, W. Thom, J. M'N. Campbell, T. Bennet, and others, all the remarks pointing to the same end—namely, suggestive of the best means to assist Bro. Ferguson in his canvass. A Sub-Committee of 15 was afterwards appointed to give personal assistance to Bro. Ferguson.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire will assemble at Seaton, on Wednesday, November 6th, at half-past two, Lord Ebrington, M.P., presiding. The Committee of Petitions will meet at noon at the Masonic Hall of the De La Pole Lodge, No. 1181, warranted in 1867, and now numbering about 50 members. The London and South-Western and Great Western Railway Companies have agreed to issue 1st and 2nd class return tickets at a fare and a quarter, available from the day before to the day after the meeting, but the old plan of single fares for the double journey would prove much more efficacious in securing a good attendance at all such gatherings. The numerical position of the 52 lodges in the county shows an advance of 97 since the last return, making a total of 2841 subscribing members. Financially, the province is equally satisfactory, and a fair amount of prosperity is the experience of the Devonshire Craft at the present time.

Among the latest houses supplied with Austin's Sanitary Cylinders are those of Peers, Judges, Doctors, &c. They are used in Hospitals, Clubs, Hotels. Names will be given on application and Testimonials sent. They are odourless, non-poisonous, and cheap (a Cylinder lasts a year). Used for all household disinfecting purposes, waterclosets (being automatic in action no attention required), for ozonizing baths, &c. Prices: 1s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 9s., and 18s. A. S. Cylinder Company, 181, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Can be obtained of all Chemists.

Major General Sir Francis Grenfell, K.C.B., Sirdar of the Egyptian army, has accepted the post of Honorary Colonel of the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers.

A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. J. F. B. Firth has been passed unanimously by the Executive Committee of the London Liberal and Radical Union.

Bro. Lord and Lady Claude Hamilton are about to make a long tour in India during the coming winter, and will leave England for the purpose to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. Richard Clowes will be installed W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, 2201, on Saturday, the 26th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in succession to Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Past G. Stwd.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) has appointed Thursday next, the 24th inst., at 11.30 a.m., at the House of Lords, for the presentation of Bro. Alderman Sir H. Isaacs, Lord Mayor elect.

At the meeting of the Caveac Lodge, on Saturday last, a vote sympathising with the family of the late Bro. C. T. Dorey, the Secretary, who died a short while ago, was proposed by the W.M. As a mark of respect to the deceased, the brethren adjourned at the termination of business.

The remains of the late Bro. Sir Benjamin Phillips, a former Lord Mayor of London, were consigned to their last resting place in the Jewish cemetery at West Ham, on Sunday morning last, the funeral, in accordance with the wish of the deceased, being of the simplest character.

Lord Rothschild, Messrs. Henry Gibbs, Hambro, and Junius Morgan have made over absolutely as a free gift to the National Pension Fund for Nurses the sum of £20,000, which they originally lent as a deposit. Mr. Junius Morgan has also made a further donation of £5000. The Princess of Wales is President of the Fund, and the Duchess of Beaufort, and Ladies Rosebery, Stafford, and Rothschild are Patronesses.

Bros. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., Sir E. J. Reed, M.P., Sir Charles Mills, T. Sutherland, M.P., and Howard Vincent, M.P., were among the principal guests present at the banquet given to Bro. the Earl of Hopetoun, at the St. George's Club, Hanover-square, on Tuesday evening, previous to his departure for Melbourne as the new Governor of Victoria.

Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, held a sitting in the Westminster Town Hall, on Tuesday, when Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., Bro. R. Littler, Q.C., and others, acting as counsel for various interests, submitted a number of suggestions to his lordship, who announced the course he proposed to follow, and that it was his intention to sit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Her Majesty held a Council at Balmoral, on Tuesday, when Mr. Henry Chaplin was sworn in as the President of the new Board of Agriculture, and kissed hands on appointment to that office. Parliament was further prorogued from the 16th November to the 1st February, when the Houses will meet for the dispatch of business. Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) officiated as Lord President in place of Viscount Cranbrook, absent through indisposition.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the 25th, or silver, concert, which is given annually by our worthy brother professionally known as "Mr. G. S. Graham." Our experience of his past concerts is that they have already deserved and met with success, and, to judge from the brief particulars we have seen of this, we anticipate it will surpass all that have preceded it. The locality chosen is the Parochial Hall, Oldridge-road, Balham Hill, and the day appointed is Thursday next, the 24th inst. We trust our talented brother will have a bumper on the occasion.

On Saturday morning last, the Duke and Duchess of Fife left Mar Lodge, Braemar, for Duff House, posting to Ballater, and proceeding thence by special train to Banff, where they arrived about four o'clock. Here they were met by the sheriffs and provosts of the counties of Banff and Elgin, a guard of honour, under the command of Colonel Marden Campbell, being furnished by the Banffshire Artillery Brigade, of which the Duke is honorary colonel. Despite the unfavourable weather, both the towns of Banff and Macduff, the principal buildings of which were gracefully decked with wreaths, bunting, and evergreens, presented an unusually festive appearance. In various prominent places were to be seen appropriate mottoes, but the bridge crossing the Deveron on the route to Duff House furnished, perhaps, the principal object in the matter of ornamentation; three handsome arches, flanked by Venetian masts and surmounted by the words, "Welcome," "Devoted hearts welcome you," spanning the roadway. The pillars of the gates leading into the avenue of Duff House were draped with the Duff and Victorian tartan, while a scroll bearing the words, "A hearty welcome home," stretched above the carriage. In front of the ancestral home of the Fifies—the approaches to which were kept by tenants, Freemasons, and members of Benefit Societies—numbers of beautiful arches had been erected, while an array of gay flags and banners floated from the roof of the building. As the carriage drove up to the door a Royal salute was fired from a battery of cannon on the bank. In the evening the home-coming was celebrated by the lighting of a number of bonfires.

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

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the Ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.

The Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5 (Order of the Secret Monitor), Bro. George Kenning, S.R., Grand B.B., will meet at the Holborn Restaurant on the 30th instant instead of the 23rd.

The *Athenaeum*, of the 5th inst., contains a somewhat lengthy and highly appreciative notice of Quatuor Coronatorum: Autographic Masonic Reprints of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 31st inst. Bro. Joseph Greenway, W.M.; Bro. J. Hemming, S.W.; Bro. Dr. J. Powdrell, J.W.; and Bro. George Reynolds, W.M. of the mother lodge, Sec.

There has been such a large increase in the flocks of New South Wales this year that the question is what is to be done with the surplus mutton. There must be 50,000,000 sheep in the colony, which is the utmost for which grass is available even in so unusually favourable a season as the present.

Considerable additions have been recently made to the fund now being raised by Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead and the Fruiterers' Company for the encouragement of fruit culture in this country, among the contributors being the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Dartmouth, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Mr. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, and the Duchess of Grafton.

In the year 1839 there were about 90,000 acres of fruit trees growing in this country; now—the *Farmers' Magazine* informs us—there are 214,000 acres. Still, the mere fact that we last year imported 3,800,000 bushels of apples alone, at a cost of £8-0-000, shows there is plenty to do yet to provide for home consumption only.

Twelve competitive designs have been sent in for the statue of Burns, proposed to be erected at Ayr, at a cost of about £1000. These have been examined by Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft, who has recommended for acceptance by the Committee that of Mr. George A. Lawson, of London. The Committee have agreed to accept the design. That by Mr. John Mossman, Glasgow, was placed second in order of merit.

The Saint Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Looe, has received from the Prov. J.G.W. of Devon, Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., a framed photo-lithographic portrait of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. The presentation was made on Bro. Lemon's behalf by Bro. J. C. Henwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., at a meeting on Wednesday, the 9th inst.

Lord Zetland, on Tuesday, received at his Yorkshire seat, Aske, near Richmond, a number of addresses from various political bodies congratulating him upon his appointment to the Irish Viceroyalty. His lordship, in reply, said when he went to Dublin he would endeavour to perform the duties of his post in a manner which he trusted would be conducive to the welfare and prosperity of Ireland.

The funeral of the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch will take place at noon to-morrow (Saturday) at Clewer Churchyard, near Windsor. No invitations will be issued. The deceased will be followed to the grave by his relatives, and probably by many of the officers of the Great Western and other railways, and a number of the Freemasons of the Province of Berks and Bucks, of which he was Provincial Grand Master. The remains will be deposited near those of his first wife, who was interred in the family vault 21 years ago.

Sheriff Gillespie decided a case in Dunfermline Sheriff Court on the 11th inst., in which the management of the St. John Lodge, No. 540, Crossgates, Dunfermline, sued a number of the members of the lodge for delivery of a chest, containing the working tools and paraphernalia of the lodge, which it was alleged had been unlawfully removed in May last. It appears that the members of the lodge are located in two different villages, and a dispute had arisen over the question as to where the tools and paraphernalia should be kept. The Sheriff issued an interlocutor ordaining defenders to deliver up the chest and its contents within six days, and awarding pursuers expenses.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held to-day (Friday) in the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G.D. of England, Prov. G. Master. The programme includes the calling over of the roll of lodges and of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. After the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Leeds, on April 10th last, have been read and confirmed, the Prov. Grand Master will deliver an address. As Chairman of the Charity Committee, Bro. W. F. Smithson will present a report. Bro. A. W. Stanfield, P.M., P.P.G.R., will move the following motion: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge receive and adopt the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it trusts that steps will be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Committee, as stated on pages 46 and 47 of the report, in order that no recurrence of the very serious abuses of the Charity which have existed may be possible in the future." Bro. W. Harrop, P.S.G.W., will propose "That the best thanks of Provincial G. Lodge are due and be given to Bro. John C. Malcolm, P.P.G.R., for his valuable services as a member of the Investigation Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, so efficiently performed at serious inconvenience and cost to himself, and that if Provincial Grand Lodge consider it desirable he be reimbursed his expenses out of pocket." Petitions for relief will be considered and dealt with, and the place for the annual meeting in April will also be decided upon. There is sure to be a large and influential attendance.

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