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THE BOYS' SCHOOL QUARTERLY COURT,

There was a very full attendance of Governors and Subscribers at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Friday, the 25th ult., and, considering the excited state of feeling which has prevailed for many months past among the supporters of the School in connection with the changes which are being made, and are likely to be made, in the *personnel* of its administration, the proceedings, thanks to the tact and judgment exhibited by the Chairman, Bro. EDWARD TERRY, Grand Treasurer, passed off more quietly than might have been expected. It is true there were every now and then considerable manifestations of impatience on the part of a section of those present when statements were made by this or that brother which in their opinion were objectionable; but having made due allowance for the excitement which some of the resolutions to be dealt with was calculated to raise, we are fain to admit that the business of the Court was completed with reasonable dispatch and with less turbulence than we have seen at other Courts and Committee meetings of this Institution.

After a preliminary difference of opinion as to what was done at the General Committee on the 5th ult., in reference to the retirement of the Head Master, the Court addressed itself to the duty of electing a Medical Officer, and when Bro. EVE, P.G. Treasurer, had fully explained what the Provisional Management Committee had done in the matter, and sundry brethren had failed to excite any enthusiasm for a proposal that the Court should spend several days in doing over again what it was contended the Provisional Management Committee had done irregularly, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously resolved that the vacant office be conferred on Mr. PORTER, the nominee of the said Provisional Committee. Then came the tug of war over the recommendation of the same Committee, to the effect that Bro. BINCKES, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, after upwards of 28 years' service, should receive for life a pension of £350 per annum. To this resolution, which was moved on behalf of the Committee by Bro. EVE, a most strenuous opposition was offered, and, as will be seen from our full report elsewhere, more than one amendment was put and defeated. At length the Chairman, interposing with the remark that he would submit no further amendments to the Court, put the main question, which, after a division, was declared to be carried by 220 votes to 213, or a bare majority of seven votes. The other business was then dealt with, and the Court adjourned.

As the question of Bro. BINCKES'S pension will come up again in January next, when the proceedings of the recent Court are put for confirmation, it is unnecessary we should say much on the subject just now. We must point out, however, firstly, that the largeness of the minority which voted against the pension is not surprising if we bear in mind that it included not only those who objected to the particular recommendation, but likewise all who were opposed to any pension at all being granted, as well as those who considered £200, £250, or any lesser sum than £350 sufficient. As to the opposition itself, we object to it on two grounds principally. In the first place, the recommendation of a Committee, which was appointed with full powers to do or to recommend what the members, in the exercise of their judgment, considered just or expedient in the interests of the Institution, and in which the body that appointed it expressed entire confidence, deserved a better fate than to be carried by a bare majority of some half-dozen voices. In the next place, it evidenced a considerable malignity of feeling towards Bro. BINCKES, whose services, even if the sins of omission and commission charged against him had been really formidable, deserve a far greater amount of consideration than they have received or seem ever likely to receive from a section of the governors and subscribers.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The autumn School elections are now over. The polls have declared what boys and girls shall be admitted into the two Institutions after the Christmas holidays, and what names must be removed from the lists; while the hopes and fears of those among the unsuccessful candidates who are still eligible for admission will remain at rest for, at all events, a further six months. The contest on both days was keen, especially in the case of the Girls' School, for which the proportion between the vacancies to be filled and the candidates to be chosen from was the less favourable. The Boys' election, however, necessitated a good deal of hard work on the part of the friends and supporters of the children—hard work which was cheerfully borne—and in the case of some of the higher unsuccessful candidates we fear the disappointment of the managers when the numbers were made known must have been very great.

For the Boys' election, which took place at the Quarterly General Court on the 25th ult., the number of candidates was 70, the number of *last* cases being 10, and the number to be elected was 16. A London boy, who brought forward 1758 votes from his previous attempt in April, headed the list with 3198 votes, the Suffolk youngster, who started with 1888 votes from the two preceding elections, being a good second with 3143 votes. Nos. 3 and 4, the former of whom hails from Gloucestershire, but brought forward no votes, while the latter was a first case with claims on the Provinces of East Lancashire and West Yorkshire, obtained 3063 and 3051 votes respectively, one of the three West Yorkshire lads being close at the heels of the latter with 3050 votes, and the Kent boy sixth with 3046 votes, of which 1720 votes were the result of four previous attempts. The boy from Northumberland, though having only 176 votes in hand, received so large a measure of support that he secured the seventh place with a total of 3030 votes, while a second West Yorkshire case stood next with 3028 votes. One of the two West Lancashire boys was ninth with 3012 votes, and he was followed immediately by one hailing from London and Surrey with 2943 votes, and then by one of the two candidates with claims on London and Kent, who increased his previous total of 1834 votes to 2758 votes. A purely London candidate stood 12th with 2747 votes, of which 702 votes were brought forward from April, and then came the lad from the Isle of Man, who had fared indifferently at his two previous trials, but made up for his ill-luck then by polling 2731 votes. The boy from Cornwall, with 1386 votes to the good from four previous elections, was placed 14th with 2661 votes, the boy from Hertfordshire, who started with 1614 votes to his credit, was next in order with 2623 votes, and a third purely London candidate, whose name would otherwise have been struck off the list, completed the tale of 16 to be elected, by securing 2601 votes, 1014 of which already stood to his credit from the two last elections. Thus, the "Successful" list is made up of three out of 17 purely London candidates, two out of six of partly London and partly Provincial origin, and 11 out of 47 purely Provincial, and we are pleased to see that six out of the 10 reported as *last* cases are in this section of the Returns.

As regards the "Unsuccessful" list, of whom the four highest polled upwards of 2150 votes, and the next 12 upwards of 1000, but less than 2000 votes, there are, happily, only four lads whose chances of admission are gone entirely. To judge, however, from the figures recorded against the highest in this list, there must have been a considerable amount of miscalculation on the part of the managers. At least, it is only in this way that we can account for three London candidates heading the array, the first of whom, with 1125 votes in hand, only increased his score to 2591 votes, and the next, with a start of 811 votes, to 2374 votes, while the third, who had 1815 votes to the good, only succeeded in polling a further 511 votes. We could have wished also that a greater effort had been made in behalf of the boy JONES, seeing that it was his last chance and that he had the advantage of 592 votes in hand. The Durham and West Yorkshire candidate raised his total to 1990, and then followed the two Jersey cases,

which started with 1279 votes and 1629 votes respectively, but only succeeded in reaching the one 1950 votes and the other 1831 votes. One of the Madras candidates, with 1384 votes at starting, scored 1680, and then in regular succession were four boys with totals of over 1500 votes, two with upwards of 1300 votes, and two with over 1000 votes. All these, however, are eligible to try again in April next, and so are the last eight candidates, who polled from six votes downwards or received no support whatever.

The number of votes brought forward from April was 25,943 and the number issued for this election 60,281, making a highest possible poll, amounting to 86,224. The new votes polled, however, reached only 55,315, so that the unused and spoiled votes were 4966, which is by no means excessive, if we consider how wide is the area over which the votes have to be distributed.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The election of children to fill the vacancies in the Girls' School took place on Saturday last, the number of vacancies being nine, and the number of candidates 49, and it is certainly a very long time since we have known so massive a poll as was recorded on this occasion. The lowest of the nine successful girls obtained nearly 400 votes more than the highest successful boy at the election the day previous, while the list of unsuccessful was headed by three girls who scored *each* of them over 3000 votes, the next three polling over 2000 votes, and the eight that followed upwards of 1000 votes.

One of the 15 London candidates headed the poll with 4466, and was closely followed by a girl hailing from the Provinces of Warwickshire and Worcestershire with 4456, both these being girls whose names had been placed on the list some time between the last January and July Courts. No. 3, a London candidate, who started with 1138 votes and had only this one chance left her of securing admission, was fortunate enough to increase her total to 4278 votes, while No. 4, also of London, carried her election at this her first attempt with 4269 votes, the next in order being a girl with claims on the Provinces of Staffordshire and Cheshire who had 1521 votes already to her credit, and increased her total to 4220 votes. Nos. 6 and 7 were close together, the former with the interest of London and Surrey at her back, obtaining 4195 votes, of which 1481 votes were brought forward from the election in April last, while the latter, from Suffolk and West Yorkshire, scored 4153 votes right off, and is thus comfortably provided for. The last two of the successful girls obtained 3738 and 3585 votes respectively. No. 8 (London) having 1355 votes at starting, and No. 9 (Essex) 1451 votes. Thus, London fared better than at the Boys' election, by carrying four out of its 15 candidates, and sharing with Surrey the honour of securing a place for a fifth, the other four cases being of Provincial origin.

The highest Unsuccessful girl hailed from London, and scored 3285 votes, of which 1281 votes were brought forward. The next was a North Wales candidate with 3136 votes, and the third, from Turkey, who started with 1214 votes, raised this figure to 3067 votes. The girl next in order hailed from Kent, and polled 2735 votes, of which 1449 votes were in hand at starting, a London girl with 2287 votes including 1175 brought forward, and one of the five Devonshire girls with 914 votes, increased on this occasion to 2220 votes, being in the same batch. There were likewise two who polled 1779 votes and 1713 votes, and one who scored 1510, the whole of these nine children being eligible to make one or more further trials. Not so, however, E. M. Poore and M. E. Warren who obtained 1483 and 1311 votes respectively, and E. F. Griffiths and A. P. Parnell who scored 89 and 90 votes respectively, and will have their names removed from the list.

As regards the votes brought forward and those issued for this election, there were 18,488 of the former and 59,424 of the latter, making a total available amounting to 77,912. The aggregate polled reached 72,970, so that the number unused or spoiled was 4942 votes, or within two dozen of the unused votes at the Boys' election. The result is that of five *last* cases only one succeeded in obtaining a place entitling her to admission after Christmas, so that the number of those who carry forward their present poll, if any, and will, if their circumstances remain unchanged, and their parents or guardians desire it, make further attempts to be elected is 36, a truly formidable list in itself with which to start the coming half-year.

BERKELEY HOTEL (late St. James's), 1, Berkeley-street, and 77, Piccadilly, London, W. First-class accommodation for residents, with a restaurant newly-attached for high class luncheons and dinners, at fixed prices and à la carte.—C. DIETTE, Manager.—[ADVT.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, the 25th ult., in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Treasurer, presiding. There was a very large gathering of the brethren, somewhere about 500 being present.

The following report of the Provisional Management Committee was laid before the meeting:

"The Committee has since its appointment on 6th June, 1889, held Twenty-two Meetings, several of these at Wood Green.

"In accordance with instructions given to the Committee at the Quarterly Court held on Friday, 26th July last, an efficient Matron has been appointed.

"With regard to the Medical Officer, Thirty-seven applications were received, and the Committee carefully considered and examined into the qualifications of the several candidates. At a subsequent meeting the number of candidates was reduced to fifteen, then to ten, and afterwards to six, as those from whom a final selection should be made. On the 20th September, the six gentlemen attended the Committee at the Institution, when it was unanimously resolved that Mr. W. E. Porter, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Lon., should be recommended for the appointment at a salary of £80 per annum.

"The Committee, acting upon the authority given to it at the last Quarterly Court to confer with the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, *as to the terms of his retirement and to arrange them, if possible*," has, after deliberation, arranged with him that he shall retire from the office of Secretary at the end of the present year, 1889, upon a retiring allowance of £350 per annum for life. This arrangement received the almost unanimous approval of the General Committee on 10th August last, and this Committee now asks the General Court to sanction and confirm the same.

"A Sub-Committee has been appointed to consider a general revision of the Laws of the Institution. The report will be presented in due course to a Quarterly General Court.

"The General Committee having on the 5th inst. resolved to terminate the engagement of the present Head Master, this Committee has under consideration the course most advisable for the appointment of a successor.

"This Committee, since its formation, has added to its number, now comprising Thirty-two members.

"A Sanitary Sub-Committee has been nominated, which is zealously pursuing its important investigations.

"By order of the Provisional Management Committee.

"EDWARD TERRY (Grand Treasurer),

"23rd October, 1889."

"Chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the July Court having been read and confirmed, the minutes of other subsequent Committees were read for information, and the next business was to elect a medical officer; but a dispute first arose as to the correctness of the minutes of the General Committee of October, in that they recorded that in the motion as to the Rev. Dr. Morris's retirement his pension should be £200 a year.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, G.P., said his recollection was that the amount named was allowed to be withdrawn.

Bro. SMITH and others thought this was so, and

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND was perfectly clear about it, and said that, at the suggestion of the Chairman (Bro. Richard Eve), a reference was made to the Committee, who were to report to another meeting.

Bro. PLUCKNETT, P.G.D. (Treasurer of the Institution), said that his recollection was that the motion as proposed was carried.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., stated that he was Chairman of the meeting in question, and he put the motion as proposed and seconded, and it was carried. (Hear, hear.) There was a good deal of talking at the time, but he believed that it was the understanding that the amount should be left. But these minutes were really not for confirmation to-day; they would have to be confirmed at the next meeting of the General Committee. Formally the motion was put and carried, but it was understood that the amount should not be insisted upon.

Bro. Major DURRANT begged to state that the resolution as recorded on the minutes was correct; it was in writing, and there was and could be no question about it; and it was put and carried almost unanimously. He committed it to writing, and handed the written paper himself to the Chairman.

Another BROTHER insisted that the amount was left out.

Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH (West Yorkshire) suggested that the time of the meeting was being wasted, as the Quarterly Court had no power to alter the minutes of the General Committee.

The subject then dropped, and the Committee proceeded with the next business on the paper—the election of a medical officer to the Institution.

Bro. BEVIR said that in consequence of the report made to the General Committee, that Committee entrusted to the General Management Committee the affairs of the Institution, and the Provisional Management Committee terminated the engagement of the medical officer. But the Provisional Management Committee had been very fortunate in securing the eminent services of Mr. J. J. Lough, who had taken charge of the boys of the Institution, and had treated them and the Committee with every consideration. The Committee, he need scarcely say, thoroughly appreciated his great services and attention. There were now a large number of candidates for the post of medical officer, which was temporarily filled by Mr. Lough. The number was 37. All these gentlemen had sent in their testimonials, and the testimonials had been carefully considered by the Committee, and the Committee's report was in the hands of the brethren. They were all agreed that it was a difficult matter to consider applications and testimonials, and that it would not be possible for any of the brethren in the room to form a judgment as to these 37 gentlemen, and as to which of them was best qualified for appointment. The laws of the Institution expressly provided, although they left the appointment actually in the hands of the Quarterly Court, that the Committee should enquire into the qualifications and testimonials of candidates for any vacant paid office of the Institution. The resolution he had to submit to the meeting, and which he hoped would meet with general acceptance, was "That the election of a medical officer be referred to the Provisional Committee."

Bro. LE FEUVRE seconded the resolution.

Bro. SCURRAH wished to know whether the Provisional Committee had the power to select one gentleman and submit him for election.

The CHAIRMAN said the Provisional Management Committee had power to select.

Bro. BEVIR said that by the 45th Law of the Institution, under the head of "House Committee," whose duties the Provisional Committee were empowered to discharge, it was provided that the House Committee should inquire into the character and qualifications, and examine the testimonials of candidates for any election to office, and report thereon to the General Committee. They had examined, and had reported to the General Committee. But Law 30 actually vested in the Quarterly General Court the appointment of a medical officer, and it was necessary that the resolution that he had moved, or any similar resolution, should be approved by the present Court.

Bro. SCURRAH said the Provisional Committee had only to see what candidates came up, examine their testimonials, and present a report upon them to the Committee. They had no right to recommend six, or three, or one. All of them should be presented to this Court, and it was this Court that had to elect. He thoroughly objected to it being referred back to the Provisional Committee to inquire and report. The election ought to be by the Quarterly Court.

Bro. SMITH said that at the last monthly meeting of the General Committee there was a discussion on this question of the election of medical officer, and the Provisional Committee brought up the report recommending only one gentleman for election to that office, and Bro. Eve said on that occasion that it would be only for the Quarterly Court to elect. He certainly objected to this question going back to the Provisional Committee. They ought to have made arrangements by which the Quarterly Court should elect from the body of gentlemen. He objected to the Provisional Committee shelving this important question.

Bro. N. B. HEADON said that, according to the agenda paper, they were called upon that day to elect a medical officer.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., observed that they had already agreed that the Committee should present a report to the General Committee. That Committee had presented this report. But now some brethren were not satisfied or contented with that, and wanted the matter referred back. If they were true to themselves, they would reduce the number of candidates to three or four, or some other number, and let the Quarterly Court elect.

Bro. BEVIR then rose, and said he should withdraw his motion.

Another BROTHER asked whether it was possible that the present Court could go through the testimonials of all these candidates, and thoroughly sift the question.

Bro. BEVIR then said that to save the time of the brethren he would at once, with the approval of the Chairman and the seconder of his motion, test the feeling of the Court, and see whether they had confidence in the Provisional Committee. (Cries of "No, no!") He should at once propose that this Court do elect Mr. Porter.

The motion was seconded by Bro. LE FEUVRE.

Bro. N. B. HEADON proposed that the Provisional Committee reduce the number to six, and that those six be put for election.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said he had to propose another gentleman.

The CHAIRMAN was sure the meeting would feel that it was impossible to go through the whole of the testimonials. The Committee had examined all the testimonials, and they reduced the number of candidates from one number to another, and after they had reduced it to six they reduced that number to one.

Bro. SCURRAH nominated, Bro. Sidney L. Smith, of Argyle-square, King's Cross.

Bro. KNIGHTLEY seconded.

A BROTHER desired to know whether this gentleman was a candidate?

The CHAIRMAN replied that he was not; he had been a candidate, but he afterwards withdrew his candidature.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS nominated Mr. R. F. Tomlin, M.R.C.S., England, Richmond Villa, Lordship-lane, Wood Green, who resided within some score of houses from the Institution.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, G.P., seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that if they were going to elect they had better first negative the proposition which Bro. Beaver had first proposed. It was utterly impossible for the Court to go through the whole of the testimonials. The Committee had taken the very, very greatest trouble in the matter, and they would feel it very seriously if the Court threw over the whole of the recommendations. They had, to the best of their ability, selected a proper candidate, and it would be showing a want of confidence in the Committee if they rejected their recommendation. (Cries of "No, no," and confusion.) If any brother moved as an amendment that Dr. Porter be elected, and that motion was not carried, then the Committee might recommend others.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH said the question before the Court was the election of a medical officer, and every brother had a right to nominate some one.

The Chairman, on the suggestion of Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., put the motion of Bro. Bevir, "That Mr. W. E. Porter," whose testimonials they had seen, and who had been recommended by the Committee, "be appointed."

The motion was carried almost unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN said the next business was to consider the motion of Bro. Richard Eve: "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."

A BROTHER desired to know what funded property the Institution had out of which an expenditure of this kind could be made?

Bro. BINCKES requested that as this motion was one thoroughly personal to himself, and would better be discussed in his absence, that he might be allowed to retire from the room. He had no desire to be present while attacks were made upon him, nor did he wish to hear what his good friends might say in his favour. (Cheers and cries of "Oh, oh.") It was not consonant with his own feelings that he should be present while this matter was being discussed. (Cheers, amidst which Bro. Binckes left the hall.)

The CHAIRMAN said, in answer to the question as to what the funded property of the Institution was, he could inform the meeting that it was £17,000.

Another BROTHER desired to know what pensions were already granted.

The CHAIRMAN did not think that that had anything to do with the present question. (Cries of "Oh, oh!" and cheers.) If it had, it should come later on, and not at the present time. (Great confusion.) The Chairman called upon Bro. Eve to move his proposition, at which announcement there was general applause.

Bro. EVE, in moving the resolution above-mentioned, said he approached this motion with a great amount of diffidence, but he was standing there as the Deputy Chairman of the Committee who recommended the resolution, for Lord Euston was absent, and Bro. Philbrick was away attending to the many duties that devolved upon him, and therefore the proposition fell to his (Bro. Eve's) hands. The brethren must understand that he made the proposition in the character of Deputy Chairman of the Committee which recommended it, and not as an individual. The Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Court after the reception of the long report which had been made by the Investigation Committee, and which came to the conclusion that there should be a change in the staff of the Boys' Institution, entered into the question of the retirement of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, which position he had held for about 30 years. They therefore approached Bro. Binckes with the view of his retiring honourably and voluntarily. It was suggested that a lump sum should be given him on his retirement. That, however, was not decided or agreed upon by both sides, and therefore it was proposed that a sum should be paid him annually for life. After some conferences, that course was approved of by Bro. Binckes, and the sum named was £350 a year. (Hear, hear, and cheers, mingled with cries of "Shame.") The shame, then, lay with the Committee which the brethren had appointed to deal with this matter, among others. The Committee considered the point; they had considered on the one hand the duties of the Secretary, duties which he had performed for many years, and without fault being found. (Cries of "No, no," cheers, and hear, hear.) He was not going to take up the time of the brethren by making a speech on this topic. The Committee made the proposition. They had considered the question in all its bearings; they knew the services of Bro. Binckes—(hear, hear, and "Oh, Oh!")—they, as a rule, had all known the Institution since the time Bro. Binckes first took upon himself the office of Secretary, and they were of opinion that no one would say that he had not done his duty well. (A BROTHER: He was well paid for it.) When Bro. Binckes first became Secretary, the income of the Institution was about £2000 a year; now it was £13,000 or £14,000—on one occasion it was £26,000. (Cheers.) There was no question on the part of the Committee that during 30 years of his life he had worked hard for the Institution, and that he

had loved the Institution. (Interruption, cheers, and cries of "Oh, oh!") He (Bro. Eve) simply made the proposition; it was for the meeting to consider it. They all knew the facts of the case, and he wished now to read to the brethren a letter from one who was a member of the Investigation Committee, namely, Bro. Pope.

"38, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.,

"17th October, 1889.

"Dear Bro. Eve,—I shall be detained in Lancashire on official duty over 25th inst., and shall therefore be unable to be present at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School. If I could have been there I should earnestly have supported the resolution of which you have given notice. I have not in any way consulted my colleagues in the Investigation Committee, but so far as my individual opinion is of any consequence, I should desire it to be known that, in arriving at the conclusion that under existing circumstances a change was desirable, I entirely relied on the generosity of the Craft to recognise the undoubted services of Bro. Binckes, and to provide some such means of honourable or voluntary retirement as is contemplated in your resolution. It could answer no good end to express in detail the reasons which induce me to acquiesce in the conclusions unanimously arrived at, but there is nothing in those conclusions or in the Report of the Committee inconsistent with an acknowledgment of the vigour, the pluck, or the success with which Bro. Binckes has served the Institution. I hope your resolution will be overwhelmingly carried. I write this in order that you may make any use of it which in your absolute discretion you may think desirable.—Yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed)

"SAML. POPE, P.G.D.

"Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treasurer."

He now moved the resolution which stood in his name.

Bro. Col. BRISBANE had the greatest pleasure in seconding the motion, but wished the Committee had seen their way to make the recommendation £500 a year. (Cries of "Oh, oh!" cheers, and laughter.) Those who had known Bro. Binckes for a number of years had seen the energy, the pluck, the perseverance with which he had carried on his duties, and, although it might be for the good of the Institution that there should be a change, it would be derogatory to the Craft if he were allowed to retire without some recognition of his past services. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that the brethren would unanimously pass the resolution.

The CHAIRMAN, after a pause, said as there was no amendment proposed he would put the resolution to the vote.

A BROTHER: Put the question now.

The CHAIRMAN: Is any brother going to move an amendment?

A BROTHER: Yes. (Cries of "Vote.")

Bro. GOSSET protested against the lavish way in which the money of the Institution was being spent, and against the large disposal of money during the time that Bro. Binckes had been Secretary. (Confusion. Renewed interruption, and cries of "Vote.")

The CHAIRMAN asked Bro. Gosset to be kind enough to tell the meeting what his amendment was if he was going to move an amendment.

Bro. GOSSET said he should move as an amendment that the pension should be £200 a year. (Great confusion.)

Another BROTHER asserted that the brethren were dealing fairly with the Institution by granting a pension for life to a gentleman who had done as Bro. Binckes had done. (Renewed interruption, during which no consecutive remarks of any speaker could be gathered.)

Bro. E. CHAMBERLAIN, 387, moved that Bro. Binckes be called upon to retire with no pension. If he had performed his duties satisfactorily the Investigation Committee would not have reported as they had reported. (Further interruption.) The Committee had acknowledged that Bro. Binckes had been overpaid. (Cries of "No, no!" and hear, hear.) He thought that it was a scandal that Bro. Binckes should be paid £350 a year.

Bro. E. W. STAMP seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply to Bro. Mercer, said that he could not accept the second amendment until the first had been disposed of.

A BROTHER inquired whether it was a fact that Bro. Binckes, when appointed, was appointed Secretary for life. (Several brethren—"No.")

The BROTHER asked the same question again, and also inquired whether it was a fact that if the meeting did not vote a retiring pension to Bro. Binckes he would refuse to resign. (Cries of "No" and "Yes," and general confusion.)

The CHAIRMAN said as a fact he believed that Bro. Binckes was appointed during the favour of the body of the Masons—(hear, hear)—and it was in the power of this body to remove him—it was in the power of the body of Masons to elect during good behaviour or to dismiss, and he might resign. (Cries of "Hear, hear.") He understood that Bro. Binckes had tendered his resignation, and it was accepted. (Cries of "No, no.")

Bro. RICHARD EVE: I told you that Bro. Binckes had agreed to retire on condition that he had £350 a year. (Cries of "Oh, oh!")

Great confusion again arose, and at length the CHAIRMAN said he must call upon the brethren to support the chair.

The CHAIRMAN subsequently put the amendment that the pension be £200 a year, but the amendment was lost by an overwhelming majority amidst great uproar.

The Chairman then received the amendment of Bro. Chamberlain, seconded by Bro. Stamp, "That Bro. Binckes be called upon to resign without a pension."

A brother rose to express his ideas on the subject, but was met with cries of "Time," "Sit down," and "Vote." A scene of great uproar ensued.

The brethren then voted, and, on a show of hands, the CHAIRMAN declared the amendment lost.

Bro. CHAMBERLAIN demanded a division, which the Chairman granted, but on the "Ayes" going to the left of the Chairman, and the "Noes" to his right, the disparity of size between the two bodies was so marked, that the Chairman immediately declared the amendment lost by about two to one. The Chairman then declined to receive any other amendments, and put the original motion, with this result that the number of hands held up was so evenly balanced, that he declared it necessary to have a division. On a division, the original motion was carried by 220 to 213.

A BROTHER entered a protest on the ground that the Chairman refused to receive further amendments.

Another BROTHER protested against the vote, alleging that the meeting had no power to vote the money.

Bro. HAWKINS called upon the brethren to subscribe to a fund of £500 to carry the question to the Chancery Division of the High Court. (Renewed interruption.)

Bro. W. MASTERS, L.G., moved, 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." He said that this motion was brought forward on account of the report of the Investigation Committee that the baths were not large enough for the necessities of the School.

Bro. F. W. SMITHSON (West Yorks) seconded the motion. At the present time the bathing accommodation was wholly insufficient, and a swimming bath was very much needed.

A BROTHER proposed that the subject be referred back to the Committee.

Another BROTHER wanted to know what they would have to do if they went on

spending all this money. He protested against the outlay, and moved an amendment to that effect.

Another BROTHER seconded the amendment, on the ground that the plan ought to be a perfectly comprehensive one, but there was nothing at all comprehensive in the present proposition. There should be an exhaustive report brought up by a competent man.

Bro. MASTERS said that none of the money asked would be spent unless proper plans and estimates were placed before the Quarterly Court. If the motion was not carried that day they would not be able to do anything till next January, and even then it would have to be brought before the succeeding Quarterly Court. It was necessary to get things in proper order. With 250 boys in the School, it was positively essential that this work should be put in hand as soon as possible.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., said there was no doubt about the desirability of having these new improvements. It was necessary that these sanitary arrangements should be looked into, but he thought in the first place they should enquire where were the funds to come from. He thought they were not in a position to go to that large expense of £3500, and he would like the Chairman to give, if he could, the answer to the question, where the funds were to come from?

Bro. J. M. KLENCK suggested that the words "subject to proper plans and specifications being prepared for the same" should be added to the motion.

Bro. JAMES MOTION, 453, said they had already voted £350 for nothing, and now the question was where was the money to come from, even for necessary works? If any one referred to the report of the Inquiry Committee, he would see the necessity for better sanitary arrangements.

Bro. W. HARRIS SAUNDERS thought it was better to lay out £500 or £1000 than run the risk of having an epidemic in the School.

Bro. HENRY LOVEGROVE did not approve of an honorary architect; he never knew of the duties of honorary office being performed in the best manner.

The amendment was withdrawn, and the motion carried, with the addition of the words, "subject to the proper plans and specifications being prepared and submitted for the approval of the Committee."

Bro. W. HARRIS SAUNDERS, after a few remarks, withdrew the following motions which stood in his name on Bro. Beaver undertaking that they should be considered by the Committee who had to revise the laws of the Institution:

- "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."
- "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."
- "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."
- "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."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the business.

While the above proceedings were taking place, the election of 16 out of a list of 70 candidates was held, under the Chairmanship of Bro. John Glass.

At the declaration of the poll, the following was found to be the result:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
John Hillam Bedford ...	3198	Robert Rae Jewitt ...	3012
Lewis Gordon C. Swornsbourne ...	3143	Thomas Charles Wilson Bolton ...	2943
William Joseph Williams ...	3063	Harry Vernon Moreton ...	2758
George Lofthouse ...	3051	Stanley Narborough Ravenscroft ...	2747
Mark Somers ...	3050	Basil Glover Wood ...	2731
William John Jennings ...	3046	A. Sydenham Sherriff Clunes ...	2661
Arthur Stanley Hill ...	3030	Miller Bassett Lumsden ...	2623
James Alane Coupland ...	3028	Benjamin Henry Tiedeman ...	2601
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
William John Harrison ...	2591	William Robson Binks ...	146
William Augustine Spain ...	2374	Richard William Levey ...	146
George Wilkinson ...	2326	Harold Streeter Goldsmith ...	145
James Arthur Herbert Jones ...	2154	John Crossman ...	112
Hugh Hanley Thompson ...	1990	Walter Lowther Kemp ...	93
Alfred William Clarke ...	1950	William Renell Seward ...	79
Stanley Edmund Rolls Pratt ...	1831	Herbert Cecil Bartholomew ...	78
Edward George Jarman ...	1680	William Puce Hutton ...	76
Frederick Eden Walter Cooper ...	1625	George Frederick Bullivant ...	75
Walter Woolcomb Bloomfield ...	1590	Charles Wilfred Peters ...	69
John Francis Besly ...	1558	Matthew Golightly ...	37
Percy Kilburn Tyson ...	1524	Hereward Stanley ...	33
Arthur Thomas Browne ...	1354	Frederick Bristowe Whitehall ...	28
Ernest James Brown ...	1307	James Carruthers ...	27
Henry Charles Pownall ...	1081	Wilfred John Atley ...	27
Herbert Walter Brereton ...	1080	James Frederick Fowke ...	18
Ralph Oldacre Dickens ...	979	Herbert John Drewitt ...	11
William Mitchell Andrews ...	961	Edmund Bernard Wilson Appleby ...	11
William Arthur Mears ...	790	Benjamin Lamplough ...	10
Horace James Murrell Aldous ...	768	Reginald George Eastment ...	6
Ernest Charles George Mountford ...	462	Bernard Brockas Howell ...	5
William James Smith ...	355	John Heap Rangeley ...	2
Frank Maiden ...	314	Alfred Ernest Perkins ...	1
Archibald Wallace Campbell ...	232	William Ralph Pugh ...	1
Redfern Edward Gee ...	216	Richard Henry Pettie ...	1
Lionel Arthur Forde Thomas ...	177	Charles Lind Lamont Young ...	—
Ernest Edward Whale ...	165	Francis Charles Hodge ...	—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, objected to the arrangement of the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Hitherto the much more convenient system had been adopted of placing them according to the seniority of their candidature. He was quite sure the scrutineers of votes would experience great difficulty in the new system, and these brethren should have every facility afforded them. A change ought not to have been made without some good reason.

Bro. HEDGES, Secretary, read a minute of the General Committee of 26th July, under which the change had been made.

On the motion of Bro. HENRY SMITH, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, it was resolved to revert to the old system.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, G.P., moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Frank Richardson for his exertions in the case of "Lord Leigh and others v. the Vestry of St. Mary, Battersea," which had preserved the property of the Institution from the encroachments by the vestry. Bro. Richardson had taken a great deal of trouble in the matter, and had succeeded in keeping the vestry back.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously amidst applause.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON thanked the brethren very sincerely for the recognition of his poor services to the Institution. They all knew he had his heart there, and what he did was a matter of love to the Institution. The proceedings were quite necessary to be taken. Two or three years ago a Quarterly Court sanctioned an agreement with the vestry as to the making of a road, and the first thing the vestry did, for their own benefit, was to block up the gates of the Institution. He told them they must not go beyond the agreement. There was no power to prevent the vestry from raising the road, but for the encroachments on the Institution's property there was a remedy, and it was enforced. In addition to that, the Institution got £50 from the vestry as compensation for keeping the Institution's road down, and the vestry paid the costs of the legal proceedings. (Cheers.)

The election of candidates resulted as follows:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Edith May Roberts ...	4466	Eleanor Faith Groombridge ...	4195
Edith Amy Buck ...	4456	Annabella Rose M. Fearnside ...	4153
Isabella Mildred Tomlinson Lane ...	4278	Nellie Burgess ...	3738
Alice Truine ...	4269	Ruby Blanch Loetchen Butcher ...	3585
Dorothy Janet Wood ...	4220		
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Mabel Ann Bohli ...	3285	Eveleen Margaret Mary Whitefoord ...	499
Florence Louise Gauntlett ...	3136	Mary Glover Wood ...	403
Ethel Sylvia Mountain ...	3067	Maud Katherine Payne ...	377
Alice Winifred Bingham ...	2735	Mary Ellen Morris ...	372
Alice Louise McCue ...	2287	Mabel Kathleen O'Meara ...	364
Alberta Dale ...	2220	Harriet Fitzwater ...	215
Ethel Mansfield Boyd ...	1779	Elsie Marian Gardner ...	171
Arline Hall ...	1713	Agnes Le Gros ...	152
Mary Maud Watson ...	1510	Elizabeth Lamplough ...	111
Ethel Mary Poore ...	1483	Frances Emma Hooke ...	107
Mabel Elizabeth Warren ...	1311	Dorothy Parnell Anthony ...	90
Anne Elizabeth Smith ...	1173	Emily Frances Griffiths ...	89
Ada Haylett ...	1126	Susan Ellen Constable ...	70
Clara Maria Jacobs ...	1023	Annie Lydia Blackler ...	36
Ada Florence May ...	869	Mary Beatrice Woodroffe Scholes ...	19
Helen Maud England ...	813	Alice Katie Beatrice Prout ...	11
Annie Wilson ...	801	Jane Troop ...	7
Mary Gwendoline Robson ...	750	Lizzie Simcock ...	4
Florence Ethel G. Dickson ...	723	Dorothy Mary Besley ...	—
Bertha Johnston ...	709	Selina Walker Booth ...	—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

By command of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Harlech, the above Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at Barmouth, at Tuesday, the 22nd ult., a large number of members and brethren being present. The brethren met in the tastefully-decorated Masonic Temple of the Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988, where Prov. Grand Lodge was opened. Bros. Lord Harlech, Col. Henry Platt, D.P.G.M., and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the lodge room. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. J. L. Griffith, P.M. 597, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. T. Hughes, P.M. 998, Prov. G.C.; J. Salmon, P.M. 1477, Prov. G. Treas.; T. E. Harris, P.M. 384 and 1488, Prov. G. Sec.; R. H. Pritchard, P.M. 384, Prov. G. Reg.; Dr. Wynn Williams, P.M., Sec. 384, P.P.G.D.C., Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. Pritchard, P.M. 384, Prov. G.D.; R. Owen, P.M. 384, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. R. Hughes, P.M. 1369, Prov. G.S.B.; R. Jones, Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. W. Thomas, P.M. 1369, Prov. G. Organist; J. Wells and H. Hardman, P.M. 606, Prov. G. Stwds.; and H. B. Stubbington, 384 and 1349, Prov. G. Tyler. Among the Past Provincial Grand Officers were Bros. Donald Cameron, P.M. 384, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. Hugh Thomas, P.M. 1849, P.P.G.C.; J. G. Tuxford, P.Z., P.M. 1509, P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1988, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. Thomas Edwards, P.Z. 1583, P.P.G. Chap.; W. R. Davies, P.M. 1583 and 1988, P.P.G. Purst.; W. L. Banks, P.M. 755, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. C. Logan, W.M. 1988, P.P.A.G.D.C.; N. Bunnell, P.M. 606, P.P.G.S.; R. Jones, P.M. 1988, P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. W. Jones Morris, P.Z., P.M. 1509 and 1350, P.P.J.G.D.; R. H. Hughes, P.M. 597 and 1113, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Parry Jones, P.M. 1143, P.P. S.G.D.; R. M. Greaves, P.M. 1849, P.P.J.G.W.; J. T. Edisbury, P.M. 1336, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Owen, P.P.G.S.; R. J. Sisson, P.P.G. Reg.; and others. The visiting Provincial Grand Officers included Bros. the Hon. Colonel W. E. Sackville West, 357, P.G.W. Eng., and G. A. Tavener, P.M. 353, P.P.J.G.D. Amongst others present were the following officers of lodges in the province: Bros. J. R. Dix, P.M. 1583; T. E. Kirt, S.W. 1988; H. J. Lloyd, J.W. 1988; E. G. Humphreys, W.M. 1113; Rev. E. Hughes, Chap. 1988; T. Mills, W.M. 384; Caradoc Rowland, W.M. 606; W. Jones, W.M. 1509; J. Hall, W.M. 597; H. Evans, P.M. 1988; J. Sheriff Roberts, W.M. 425; Harold T. Hart, P.M. 1988; Llewelyn J. Cox, S.W. 1143; G. Catherall, S.W. 1336; G. E. Lowe, P.M. 755; R. G. Thomas, S.W. 1113; J. Pritchard, I.P.M. 1509; E. Staples, Asst. Sec. 1988; R. Jones-Griffith, Stwd. 1988; R. R. Stevenson, Sec. 1988; B. Arthur Hughes, S.D. 1988; R. Newall, J.D. 1988; A. Bromwich, S.D. 1509; J. R. Richards, Stwd. 1509; J. Smith, P.M. 1336; E. R. Jenkins, P.M. 1369; D. Davies, I.P.M. 1369; W. Williams, Org. 1509; Rev. Llewelyn Jones, Chap. 998 and 1143; Arthur Robey, Sec. 1583; J. Freme Clement, P.M. 1477; J. R. Davies, S.D. 755 and 1583; J. Jones-Morris, J.W. 1509; H. Daniel, J.W. 1583; W. Jones, P.M. 597; and Dr. W. Francis Jones, J.D. 1113.

After the usual formalities, the minutes of the Prov. G. Lodge held at Carnarvon were read and confirmed. The roll-call of lodges showed that two were unrepresented.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read a report showing that there was a marked improvement in the manner in which the minute books of lodges in the provinces were kept. More uniformity, however, was needed, and it was his intention to submit a scheme on the subject.

Bros. Corbet, Edisbury, and Benson were re-elected to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts.

Bro. SALMON was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and submitted a statement showing that the funds in hand to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge amounted to £90 3s. 5d. On the "B" fund of the North Wales Charitable Association there was in hand a balance of £251, after relieving the several cases submitted last year. This fund was really the nursery of the other funds, and ought to be better supported by the lodges, only one-third of which subscribed towards it at present.

The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. the Hon. Col. West ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ Dr. Jones-Morris ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. J. Morgan ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Salmon ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ W. L. Banks ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ T. E. Harris ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ D. Wynn Williams ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.

Bro. Dr. A. E. Turnour	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. Cameron	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. M. M. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" S. F. Clement	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" N. Bunnell	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Powell	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" D. Davies	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" H. J. Hart	...	...	...	
" E. W. Thomas	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Jones	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" E. G. Humphreys	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Mills	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Edward Roberts	...	...	...	
" Dr. Henry Evans	...	...	...	
" J. Burton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. B. Stubbington	...	...	...	

The DEPUTY P.G.M. said it was with feelings of pleasure that he was able to announce that his scheme for a life presentation to the Girls' Masonic School had been completed. It now remained for the P.G.L. to arrange as to the proper mode in which the Charity should be managed. In the individual subscriptions received were the P.G.M., £25; the D.P.G.M., £25; the Masonic Hall, Bangor, £22; Bro. S. Pope, £20; with other special lodge and individual subscriptions making a total of £163 4s. The full sum collected when the promises were paid up would exceed £25. He asked for £27 17s. 6d. to complete the presentation.

Bro. SALMON proposed that the amount should be voted, with a hearty vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for the trouble he had taken.

Bro. EDISBURY seconded the proposal, which was agreed to.

A long discussion followed as to the mode in which the Charity should be managed.

The P.G.M. proposed, and Bro. EDISBURY seconded, the appointment of a Committee, composed of the D.P.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, and P.G. Secretary, to make arrangements as to the most deserving cases for consideration and submission to the North Wales Charitable Association.

Bro. Dr. JONES-MORRIS pointed out that the lodges, having contributed largely towards the funds, were specially debarred from partaking in its administration, and urged that this should be remedied.

Bro. SALMON remarked that lodges should subscribe specially each year before their representatives could have a voice in the disposal of the Charities.

Bro. JONES-MORRIS said that last year some of the lodges had made a special effort to provide a sum of money required by the D.P.G.M. towards the fund, and he did not see why they should now be debarred from having a voice in its administration.

Bro. SALMON, as Prov. G. Treas., said that the Association could not go beyond its by-laws. The only way out of the difficulty was that each lodge should subscribe a guinea in the name of the W.M. for the time being.

The D.P.G.M. thought it would be only courteous towards the subscribing lodges that when the selection of first candidates came forward, the W.M. of each should be asked to attend.

Bro. SALMON agreed with the suggestion.

The PROV. G. TREASURER called attention to the fact that two lodges were not represented at the Provincial Grand Lodge.

On the motion of Bro. TUXFORD, it was decided that the Prov. Grand Secretary should by circular call the attention of the lodges to the by-law on the point, and the penalty attendant upon infringement.

The P.G.M. read a circular from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, with reference to the management of the Boys' School, and enclosing certain recommendations.

The D.P.G.M. proposed the adoption of the same, which was agreed to.

On the motion of Bro. SALMON, seconded by Bro. JONES-MORRIS, a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against any excessive grant being allowed to the Secretary of the Boys' School upon his retirement.

The banquet was served at the Corsygodol Hotel.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th July to the 15th October, 1889, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£175	3	7	By Disbursements during			
" " Unappropriated				the Quarter	£310	7	4
Account - -	195	7	1	" Balance - - - -	150	8	4
" Subsequent Receipts -	281	3	1	" " Unappropriated			
				Account - - - -	190	18	1
	£651	13	9		£651	13	9

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, meeting at the Albion Tavern, London, praying to be detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and to be attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London, to which all their present members belong. Both lodges having given their consent, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, Australia, reporting that they have been regularly established, in March, 1889, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Victoria has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Chapter of Victoria be also recognised.

The Committee have further to report that they have received the following petitions for new chapters:—

1st. From Comps. Samuel Valentine, as Z.; Lewis Walter Harvey, as H.; William Henry Holroyd, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Albion Lodge, No. 9, to be called the Albion Chapter, and to meet at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, in the City of London, should the prayer of the memorial for the Moriah Chapter being detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9, and attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, London, be granted.

2nd. From Comps. Thomas Thornton Davis, as Z.; John Mackrall, as H.; William Woodall, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull, to be called the Wilberforce Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Hull, Yorkshire (North and East Division).

3rd. From Comps. Tom Nuwsun Turner, as Z.; Edgar Horne, as H.; Thomas Edward Yeomans, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley Gate, to be called the Mundy Grove Chapter, and to meet at the Boat Inn, Shipley Gate, Derbyshire.

4th. From Comps. Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, as Z.; Henry Holmes, as H.; Nathaniel Goodchild, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the

Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, East Molesey, to be called The Cyclist Chapter, and to meet at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, in the county of Surrey.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers therefor be respectively granted, subject to the Mount Moriah Chapter being detached from the Albion Lodge, No. 9.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Principals and members of the Abbey Chapter, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original being lost; and they recommend that a Charter of Confirmation for this chapter be granted.

The Committee have received a memorial, with copy of minutes, on the removal of the following chapter:—

The Moravian Chapter, No. 387, for permission to remove from the Masonic Hall, Shipley, to the Saltaire Institute, Shipley, Yorkshire (West Division).

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of this request, recommend that the removal of the above-named chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th October, 1889.

CONSECRATION OF LA FRANCE CHAPTER, No. 2060.

The unqualified success attending the establishment of "Loge La France," some five years ago, has produced its natural consequence in the formation of "Chapitre La France," which was consecrated at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 21st ult., and which most interesting and unique event was the means of attracting within the walls of the pretty little Masonic Temple a body of representative Masons, which gave the meeting an appropriately cosmopolitan character. Whether it is that the French language lends itself more gracefully to the beautiful and impressive ritual of the Royal Arch, or that our neighbours are more to the manner born in all that relates to ornate ceremonial we cannot say, but certain it is that although this was probably the first occasion in the history of Royal Arch Masonry on which the French language was wholly used, all went as smoothly as though the ceremony were indigenous and not an exotic. English companions vied with their French confrères in delivering the addresses and other portions of the ceremony, and, of course, Companion T. Fenn, who had already distinguished himself by rendering the lodge ceremonies in French, was *facile princeps* on this occasion. Indeed, we have it on the authority of a very accomplished French scholar, that not only was he perfect in the ceremony, but that his accent and diction would have done credit to a professor of the language. Col. Clerke also, and the other assistant officers, all performed their allotted parts with praiseworthy care. But to proceed, in due order the ceremony of consecration was performed by E. Comp. T. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as Z., assisted by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as H., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Sup. Essex, as J., Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S., as P.S., Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, as S.N., and Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C. The musical arrangements were undertaken by Comp. E. M. Lott, P.G.O., and Comps. Maybrick and C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C., assisted in the singing.

The Founders were: Comps. Eugène Monteuis, Henri Bué, Ernest St. Clair, G. Hopkinson, Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, T. Fenn, P. Saillard, F. Richardson, E. H. Thiellay, and R. Grey.

The visitors present were Bros. Lord Euston, G. Supt. Norths and Hunts; H. D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal; Capt. Phillips, P.P.G.S.; Sir Geo. Elliot, P.P.G.S.; Sir John Monckton, P.P.G.S.; Peter de L. Long, P.P.G.S.; Merton, P.A.G.S.; Rev. T. Robinson, P.A.G.S.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.A.G.S.; Clutton, P.A.G.S.; Dumas, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.B.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Stewart, P.G.S.B.; Beaumont, P.G.S.B.; Col. Cook, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. Haldane, P.G. Std. Br.; Major Lambert, P.G.D.C.; W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; Maybrick, G.O.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G.O.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor. Gen. Laurie, Grand Supt. Nova Scotia; Rev. Harrison, P.Z.; Fenner, P.Z.; Honey, P.Z.; Masters, P.Z.; Valeriani, P.Z.; A. Tanqueray; J. T. Tanqueray; Shaw, P.Z.; Bishop; Rev. Saunders, P.P.G.C.; Toulmin; Mead; Hallows; Rev. Hosken, Z.; Sudlow, P.Z.; Browning; Laurence, P.Z.; Williams; Stephens; Letord, P.Z.; Wilkinson, P.Z.; M. G. Harris, P.Z.; Thomas; Townsend; Baume; Perken; T. C. Walls, P.Z., etc.; W. Lake, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall; Lister, P.Z.; Dawson, P.Z.; Crawford, P.Z.; W. Denne, P.Z.; Wootton, Surgeon, T. Denne, and Sugg.

After the chapter had been opened, and the usual formalities had been observed, the Consecrating Officer delivered the following address:

Nous nous sommes réunis aujourd'hui pour constituer et consacrer un nouveau chapitre. C'est toujours un événement d'un grand intérêt quand un chapitre de plus vient d'être ajouté à la liste parcequ'il indique les progrès qu'ont faits les cérémonies de l'A.R. dans l'estime de nos F.F. les M.M. pendant ces dernières années. Mais celle ci est une occasion particulièrement intéressante parceque c'est la première fois dans les annales de la M. qu'un Ch. de l'A.R. ait été constitué sous l'obédience du Sup. Gr. Ch. d'Angleterre pour travailler dans la langue française d'après les formes anglaises. Le succès remarquable qu'a obtenu la Loge La France sous les auspices de ces habiles Maçons les F.F. Monteuis, Bué, et St. Clair nous donne bon espoir que ce Ch. sous la direction de ces mêmes frères (on peut même dire à cette heure comp) qui en ont été nommés les trois Principaux, aura un succès au moins égal à celui de la loge. Croyez bien mes Comp. que j'estime comme un grand honneur d'avoir été choisi officier consacrateur en cette occasion; je serai en effet le premier qui aurai rendu en français, les cérémonies de la consécration d'un chapitre et l'installation des trois Principaux. Je dois ma connaissance de la traduction de ces cérémonies à l'instruction de notre bon Comp. Monteuis. Cette traduction dont vous aurez tout à l'heure l'occasion de juger le mérite, a été pour lui une œuvre très laborieuse et je désire lui rendre hautement justice, mais je dois vous prier de vous souvenir que je n'ai pas eu l'avantage d'apprendre le français ni en France, ni parmi les Français et de pardonner ma témérité d'entreprendre une pareille tâche. N'oubliez pas que quoique parlant une langue que j'aime, elle est néanmoins pour moi une langue étrangère.

The ceremony was then proceeded with. The D. of C. stated the wishes of the companions and the proceedings they had taken in respect of the chapter. The petition and charter were read, and the officers named therein confirmed.

The Consecrating Officer then called on the Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, acting as S.N., who delivered the following oration:

T.E.C. et C.—Un proverbe qui sera compris par tous les Anglais et les Français ici présents, dit—"Brevity is the soul of wit." Je chercherai donc à être bref plutôt qu'à faire de l'esprit. Aujourd'hui c.c. nous nous réunissons pour consacrer un Temple à la G. du G.A. de l'U. Toute consécration est en elle même, une chose très-solennelle mais les auspices sous lesquels celle ci a lieu, auspices qui n'ont peut-être pas de parallèles dans l'histoire de la F.M. ajoutent encore à la solennité de cette cérémonie et en font une circonstance unique. Je crois en effet ne pas exagérer en disant qu'il n'existe pas dans tout l'Univers un temple de la M. de l'A. R. sous l'obédience du Gr. Ch. de l'Angleterre où les travaux soient faits en français. Tous les compagnons qui sont ici ont un sujet commun de reconnaissance. Tous sont heureux d'être M., tous sont heureux d'être M. de l'A. R. Mais nous français nous nous réjouissons surtout d'être M. sous

l'Obedience de la G.L. d'Angleterre et de pouvoir fonder ce Ch. sous les auspices bienveillants du Gr. Ch. de l'Angleterre. Et pourquoi? c'est parce que dans tous les grades, depuis le premier jusqu'au dernier, la F.M. nous enseigne à admirer, à révéler et à aimer le G.A. del'U. c'est là la plus grande gloire de la F.M. . . . c'est avec un regret profond que nous avons vu les liens qui nous rattachaient aux M. du G.O. de France se détacher d'une manière qui ne promet aucun espoir de retour. C'est avec une tristesse plus profonde encore que nous avons vu ce G.O. omettre des cérémonies le nom qui nous est le plus cher, le Nom qui pour tous les vrais Maçons "est au-dessus de tout Nom." . . . J'ai dit que la plus grande gloire de la F.M. dans tous les degrés est de nous enseigner à connaître l'être suprême à l'existence duquel nous qui sommes ici réunis croyons tous. En effet la contemplation du G.A. de l'U. tel qu'il nous est révélé dans le vol. de la Loi Sacrée nous apprend à connaître les attributs de Dieu et en les connaissant à les imiter. . . . Aussi longtemps que la F.M. nous enseignera à connaître le G.A. de l'U. elle répondra aux besoins les plus intimes du cœur de l'homme. Si elle reste fidèle à ses principes nous n'avons à craindre ni l'idolâtrie ni l'incrédulité. Si elle cesse d'y être fidèle la F.M. tombera comme il sera juste qu'elle tombe. Voici donc où nous Français nous trouvons la cause de la grande joie que nous éprouvons en ce moment. . . . Sous des auspices aussi favorables que ceux sous lesquels nous commençons aujourd'hui nous avons le droit d'espérer que ce Chapitre fleurira, qu'il grandira et qu'il deviendra une puissance pour le bien dans la F.M. Déjà les résultats dépassent notre attente—cette cérémonie resserre les liens qui existaient entre nous et nos frères anglais. La consécration de ce chapitre est un pas en avant dans l'extension de la F.M., extension qui continuera jusqu'à ce que tous les peuples et toutes les nations se soient rangés sous sa bannière. Commencé ici bas ce développement aura son couronnement lorsque nous nous trouverons réunis pour toujours dans le Gr. Ch. au haut des cieux. Ce jour là nous serons en présence de notre Grand Maître dans cet édifice éternel qui n'a point été fait par la main des hommes, dans les Hauts Lieux—Aujourd'hui nous voyons confusément et comme dans un miroir, mais alors nous le verrons face à face et nous serons semblables à Lui car nous Le verrons tel qu'Il est. O, Eternel, nous verrons ta face et nous serons rassasiés de ta ressemblance! Qu'il en soit ainsi. Amen.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the installation of the three Principals was conducted, Comp. Fenn performing these ceremonies from beginning to end with the same excellence as he had the consecration.

The M.E.Z. said that he felt it his first duty to thank Comp. Fenn and those who had assisted him on that occasion. As he would have later on another opportunity of referring to the subject, he would not make a long speech then. He would simply ask the consecrating officer and those who had assisted him to accept the jewel of the chapter, as a small souvenir of that great ceremony.

Comps. Fenn, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Philbrick, Sir J. Monckton, and Lott were then presented with a jewel, designed by Comp. St. Clair, which consists of the French and English flags crossed, on a five-pointed star within a circle.

The M.E.Z. then proposed that the above companions and Comps. Maybrick and Matier, who had kindly assisted Comp. Lott in the music, should be elected Membres d'Honneur. Comp. Bué seconded, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

The officers of the chapter are as follows: Comps. Eugène Monteuis, P.Z. No. 8, Dep. G.D.C., M.E.Z.; E. H. Thiellay, as I.P.Z.; Henri Bué, H.; Ernest St. Clair, J.; G. Hopkinson, Treas.; Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, S.E.; T. Fenn, P. Soj.; P. Saillard, 1st Asst. Soj.; and F. Richardson, D.C.

A Committee, consisting of the Three Principals and Comp. Fenn, was then appointed to draw up the by-laws.

Several candidates were proposed for exaltation and joining.

Letters of regret at being unable to attend were read from Comps. Col. Malet de Carteret, G. Supt. Jersey; J. P. Montague, G. Supt. Dorset; Baron de Ferrières, Lord Brooke, Monsieur Bué, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the magnificent banquetting room of the Café Royal, where a dinner of the most recherché description was placed before the companions, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Delacoste. The quality of the wines fully sustained the great reputation of this establishment.

After dinner, Comp. MONTEUIS, First Principal, rose and said—

Chers Compagnons, la première Santé d'obligation que j'ai la faveur de vous présenter est celle de la Reine et de la Maçonnerie de l'Arche Royale. E. C. je bois à la Reine d'Angleterre et je désire ici réitérer ce qui a été dit maintes fois dans la Loge La France, c'est que la Reine d'Angleterre ne compte pas parmi ses sujets d'homme plus fidèles à la couronne, plus soumis à ses lois que les Maçons de la Loge La France. Nous sommes heureux de reconnaître ainsi cette grande hospitalité, je dirai même cette hospitalité Maçonnique sans le savoir, qui tend une main fraternelle à tous ceux que des circonstances heureuses ou malheureuses, volontaires ou forcées ont amenés dans ce pays. Nous espérons tous qu'il plaira au G. A. del'U. de conserver encore sur le trône pendant de nombreuses années S. M. la R. d'Angleterre.

Je bois aussi à la M. del'A. R.—Une nouvelle faveur vient de nous être accordée. Il y a cinq ans la Gr. L. Unie d'Angleterre nous octroyait une charte, avec la permission, je crois même plutôt que c'était à condition, de célébrer nos cérémonies en français. Aujourd'hui nous célébrons la consécration d'un nouveau chapitre dans des circonstances semblables. Au nom des F.F. et des CC. de "la France" je viens renouveler nos serments de fidélité aux anciennes constitutions, us & coutumes de l'Ordre.

Comp. à la Reine, à l'Ordre de l'A.R.

This toast having been duly honoured, and a verse of "God save the Queen" sung, Comp. BUE rose to propose the second toast, and said—

E. C. Notre cher Principal avec la gracieuseté qui le caractérise n'a pas voulu accaparer pour lui, toutes les santés et il m'a donné la plus précieuse de toutes celle de la Mairie de notre chapitre c.a.d. La France, notre chère patrie. Dans cette même enceinte, il y a plusieurs mois, notre Comp. St. Clair prédisait à notre Exposition nationale un grand succès. La prophétie a été pleinement réalisée. Je n'ai pas besoin de réveiller le patriotisme dans vos cœurs, ni de faire de l'éloquence. Je me bornerai à proposer la santé de notre chère patrie et à lui souhaiter Union, Sagesse et Prospérité. A la France, à son représentant M. le Président Carnot.

This toast was received with acclamation, and the whole company joined in a verse of "The Marseillaise."

E. Comp. ST. CLAIR, J., then proposed "The Health of the M.E. Grand Z." as follows:—

Ex. Comp., je suis chargé de porter la santé suivante, qui est celle du T.E.G.Z. de l'Ordre, S.A.R. le Prince de Galles: Je le fais avec d'autant plus de plaisir que depuis deux ans environ, dans la Loge La France, j'ai l'honneur de proposer la santé du Prince de Galles en sa qualité de Grand Maître de la Grand Loge d'Angleterre et en présence de cette assemblée maçonnique si distinguée, je suis heureux de pouvoir témoigner de l'accueil très chaleureux qui à toujours été réservé à ce toast. Je suis encore plus heureux de pouvoir affirmer, que le Prince de Galles comme Grand Maître, n'a pas d'adhérents plus dévoués que les membres de notre loge Française et comme G.Z. de l'A.R. il n'aura pas sous ses ordres de comp. plus zélés et plus fidèles que les membres de ce Chapitre La France qui à été consacré ce soir d'une manière si éclatante. Comp., cette langue Française dont nous nous servons officiellement ce soir grâce à la bienveillante attention de notre Grand Chef, je devrais peut-être l'utiliser pour chanter les louanges du G.Z., mais vraiment le Prince de Galles est au-dessus de toute élogé et je suis convaincu que la déclaration formelle, de respect, de loyauté et de fidélité

maçonnique que je fais en ce moment au nom des maçons Français de Londres, lui sera plus agréable que tous les compliments que je pourrais lui adresser. Comp., buvons à la santé de notre G.Z. et souhaitons que le G.A.D. l'U., lui accorde pendant de longues années la santé et la force nécessaires pour remplir à la satisfaction de tous la haute mission qui lui a été assignée sur cette terre.

Bro. BUE, in proposing the next toast, that of "The Pro G.Z., the Earl of Carnarvon; the G.H., the Earl of Lathom; the G.J., Lord Leigh, et les autres Grands Officiers en exercice ainsi que les Anciens Grand Officiers," alluded to the great services which this illustrious body of officers rendered to the Order. He was quite overwhelmed by the great number who had honoured the chapter with their presence, no less than 30 being then present in the room. In the name of the chapter he thanked them all very much, and he would couple with the toast the name of Comp. Lord Euston, Grand Superintendent of Norths and Hunts.

Comp. Lord EUSTON, in returning thanks in French, claimed the indulgence of the companions, as it was the first time that he had ever addressed a quasi-public assembly in that language. He had felt very much interested in the proceedings of the evening, and he and all the Grand Officers would join in wishing success to the Chapitre La France. He thanked them all very much.

The gavel then passed into the hands of Comp. T. FENN the Consecrating Officer to propose "The Health of the Three Principals," and he thus addressed the companions—

Je m'approche de la partie la plus difficile de la tâche que j'ai entreprise ce soir mais cependant si elle n'était pas si difficile, elle serait la partie la plus agréable.

C'est toujours le privilège de l'Officier Consecrateur en ces occasions de proposer la santé des trois Principaux représentés par le T. Ex. et je voudrais bien avoir les connaissances nécessaires de la langue pour exprimer tout ce que je désire vous dire, à l'égard de cette santé. La traduction des cérémonies, que vous avez entendue ce soir et qui est comme je vous l'ai déjà dit l'œuvre seule de notre T. Ex. vous a donné un échantillon de ce que vous avez à attendre de sa part lorsque l'occasion se présentera pour lui d'exalter un compagnon ou d'installer son successeur. Les autres Princ. le suivront à leur tour et de ce que nous avons vu et entendu de leurs travaux dans la loge, nous pouvons bien croire qu'il le serreront de près; et notre Comp. d'Auquier après qu'il aura été installé dans la chaire de La Loge, ce que nous espérons voir arriver avant peu, sera prêt à entrer dans la 3me chaire du ch. Ainsi vous voyez que nous sommes pourvus de bons ouvriers pour quelques années et après que ces bons ouvriers français nous auront montré comment les travaux doivent se faire, peut-être nous autres anglais aurons nous le courage de les entreprendre. Je crois donc qu'il y a très peu de chapitres qui aient commencé leur existence avec un T. Ex., aussi habile et avec autant de promesse pour l'avenir que celui-ci. J'espère bien et je suis sûr que tous les comp. présents joindront leur espoir au mien que le T.H. continue à notre T. Ex. la Santé pour rendre ces services au chapitre que nous attendons de à part. Comp. sa La Santé du T.E. et des autres Principaux.

Comp. MONTEUIS was very soon on his legs again to propose the next toast—

Ex. Comp. La Santé que j'ai maintenant la faveur de vous présenter est celle du T.E. Comp. T. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., qui a pris une part si importante à la formation de ce Ch. et qui a consacré aujourd'hui notre édifice à la Gloire du T.H. Les paroles me manquent pour vous exprimer mon admiration pour cet homme extraordinaire qui comme il vous l'a dit lui-même, sans jamais avoir dans sa jeunesse fait d'études sérieuses en français, est arrivé, plus tard par ses capacités naturelles, sa Persévérance et son énergie à la connaissance complète de toutes les cérémonies du Rituel en notre langue. Nous l'avons vu à l'œuvre dans la Loge La France ou il daigne honorer nos travaux de son concours. Vous avez tous été à même tout à l'heure d'apprécier la perfection de son savoir. Nous autres de la loge & du Chapitre La France nous devons courber la tête devant lui il en sait plus que nous. Quoique ceci soit le tôte de l'Officier Consécrateur, je suis bien sûr que le Comp. Fenn ne m'en voudra pas si j'exprime quelques paroles de remerciements aux Grands Officiers qui ont bien voulu lui prêter leur concours; les Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., qui a rempli les fonctions de H.; et F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Sur d'Essex, celles de J.; ainsi que le Comp. Sir J. Monckton, notre P.S. de ce soir, sans oublier notre Ex. Comp. Frank Richardson, G. Dir des Cér du G. Ch., qui a rempli ces mêmes fonctions pendant le courant de la cérémonie et les Comp. Lott, P.G. Org., Maybrick, G. Org., & Matier, P.D.G.D.C., qui ont bien voulu aider au succès de cette fête par leurs talents.

Ex. C. je vous prie de boire avec enthousiasme à la Santé du T.E. Comp. Fenn et à celle de ses officiers.

This toast was received with acclamation, and Comp. FENN made the following reply:

T. Ex. Comp.: En portant la Santé du T.E. je disais que je m'approchais de la partie la plus difficile de ma tâche de ce soir, j'oubliais peut-être pour le moment que j'aurais à répondre à ma propre Santé comme officier Cons. ce qui est en effet encore plus difficile et je prierai les Comp. de me pardonner si je réponds en très-peu de mots. Il va sans dire que je suis très-heureux d'entendre que j'ai rempli ma tâche à votre satisfaction—Si j'ai eu du succès, je dois ce succès à notre T. Ex. Comp. Monteuis. Il a été mon instructeur, j'ai été son élève; c'est lui qui m'a enseigné la traduction de ces cérémonies et si j'ai réussi à lui rendre justice je suis plus que content. Je crois devoir saisir cette occasion pour reconnaître les grands services que la pratique du Rituel dans la Loge La France m'a rendus dans la prononciation du Français, grâce aux bons conseils des F.F. Bué et Monteuis; et je ne saurais trop recommander aux membres anglais qui ont joint ou qui vont joindre ce chapitre de profiter des grands avantages qui leur sont offerts pour se perfectionner dans la connaissance du français. Je vous remercie tous de vos bons souhaits et je vous félicite ou pour mieux je nous félicite d'avoir commencé ce chapitre sous des auspices aussi favorables.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Chapter," the M.E.Z. could not help remarking how very fortunate they were. The Treasurer, Comp. Hopkinson, was a banker; the Scribe E. was the Rev. d'Auquier, and had already that evening well expounded on the Scriptures; the duty of Prin. Soj. could not have fallen on better shoulders than those of Bro. Fenn; and when he finished up by saying that they had as D. of C. Comp. Frank Richardson, who was Grand D.C. of Grand Chapter, they would agree that no chapter ever had the opportunity of making such a fit and proper selection. The M.E.Z. was very happy to find himself so well backed up, and would propose their health, and couple with it the name of the Treasurer. Comp. E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., would act as I.P.Z.

Comp. HOPKINSON replied as follows:

T.E. and Comp.: Je suis Anglais jusqu'au bout des ongles par conséquent il m'est très difficile de vous répondre dans votre belle langue à la santé des officiers que le T.E. vient de proposer. De la part des officiers, je puis vous assurer que nous sommes fiers d'être les premiers qui aient été élus officiers du chapitre et nous tâcherons de toutes nos forces de mériter votre approbation. Quant à moi, comme trésorier, j'espère que vos coffres seront toujours pleins ce qui veut dire que j'espère que nous aurons beaucoup de candidats et que le chapitre aura un succès égal à celui de la loge. En conclusion, je vous remercie, T.E. et comp., de la réception que vous avez accordée à la Santé des officiers.

It was now, according to the division of labour agreed to by the three Principals, the turn of Comp. St. Clair to propose the next toast.

Comp. ST. CLAIR, J., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," thanked them most cordially for having so readily accepted the invitation of the founders, and he offered them the most fraternal and hearty welcome in "Chapitre La France." As the restriction respecting absolute French nationality which existed in Lodge La France was not insisted upon in the chapter, he trusted that many of the visitors present that night would little by little help to swell the ranks of the members, and he was pleased to find that the Huguenots were foremost amongst

the proposed members both for joining and exaltation. There were so many visitors present, that he (Comp. St. Clair) begged to be excused from reading the names, but he asked them all, from the Grand Superintendents and Grand Officers to the ordinary companions, to accept the chapter's welcome, and assured them of the pleasure and pride which the founders felt that so many distinguished Masons had given a token of their interest to the French chapters.

Comps. Gen. LAURIE (Nova Scotia), Wm. SUGG, WILKINSON, and H. DUMAS replied.

As we have quoted so much French, we will finish with the Tyler's toast as given by Comp. Oberdoerffer, Tyler of Lodge La France:

A tous les Maçons pauvres et malheureux distribués sur la surface de la terre et de la mer, leur souhaitant un prompt secours dans leurs peines et un prochain retour dans leur patrie, s'ils le désirent.

The large furniture was kindly lent by the Castle of Harmony Chapter, and the Rev. R. Milner, Z., and Comp. W. C. Beaumont, P.G.S.B., &c., S.E. of the chapter, were thanked for their kindness. The remainder was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

Comp. the Rev. E. C. d'Auquier presented the Bible, and Comp. F. Richardson the scroll of parchment, which was quite a work of art.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire was held at Tavistock, on the 23rd ult., under the banner of Lodge Russell, No. 23. A meeting of the Provincial Committee was held first in the lodge room at the Abbey. There were present Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 33°, 35, P.P.G.C., P.G.C. Eng., and P.S.G.W. in charge of the province; J. Lane, P.G.O. Eng.; F. Crouch, 383, P.G.D. Eng.; G. R. Barrett, 383, P.J.G.W.; J. T. Bond, 83, P.G. Treas.; E. Aitken-Davies, 96, P.P.G.D.; and H. Stocker, 15, P.G. Sec. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £29 4s. It was resolved to recommend the grant of £20 to the widow of a distinguished brother in very distressing circumstances, and to hold the rest of the balance to provide for any further expenses in connection with the memorial to be erected to the memory of the late Prov. Grand Master, Col. J. Tanner Davy, in Rose Ash Church. The Committee then adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where the ball room had been tastefully fitted up as a lodge room. There was a large attendance of brethren.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presided, supported by the following officers and acting officers for the year: Bros. J. Lane, D.P.G.M., *pro tem.*; J. Stocker, 15, P.S.G.W., *pro tem.*; G. R. Barrett, P.J.G.W.; Capt. G. Strode-Lowe, 50, D.P.G.M.O.; G. Merrifield, 23, P.P.S.G.O., P.S.G.O., *pro tem.*; W. Allsford, 16, P.P.J.G.O., P.J.G.O., *pro tem.*; J. T. Bond, P.G. Treas.; J. Drew, 23, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Hunt, 91, P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Selleck, 50, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Gidley, 169, P.G. Tyler; J. Bray, 16; H. W. Michelmores, 15; F. R. Thomas, 35; and W. M. Robins, 35, P.G. Stwds. Among the brethren present were also Bros. J. Matthews, 23, P.P.G.W.; J. Du Pre, 50, P.P.G.S.B. England; J. R. Harris, 91, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Moysiey, 76, P.P.G.I. of W.; W. Hannaford, 76, P.P.J.G.D.; F. B. Westlake, 30°, 50, P.P.G.R.; D. Cross, 169, P.P.G.S.B., P.G. Stwd. Eng.; J. B. Gover, 50, 66, Past Prov. G.M.O.; A. Trout, 76, 169, P.P.G.D.C.; H. R. Langmead, 16, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Holland, 76, 169, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; F. Sharpe, 169, P.P.J.G.D.; S. T. Nicholls, 23, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Leonard, 16, P.P.G.D.C.; R. M. W. Webb, 23, P.P.G.S.B.; E. J. Knight, 16, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Maddock, 91, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Lewarn, 76, P.P.J.G.D.; B. Richards, 23, P.P.S.G.W.; I. Roskilly, 23, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Sampson, 15, P.P.G.O.; J. H. Blacker, P.M. 96; W. Lavers, 91, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Alwain, W.M. 362; J. Chapman, P.M. 35, 319; J. Taylor, Chap. 319; T. Worledge, W.M. 48; C. Taylor, Chap. 16; A. H. Bates, W.M. 23; G. E. Wilson, W.M. 169; W. Routledge, M.O. 91; M. Durbin, S.W. 91; H. C. Escott, Sec. 23; W. H. Comer, P.M. 91; W. R. Velvin, P.M. 50; G. W. Hancock, J.O. 16; M. Axworthy, S.O. 16; C. Coombes, S.W. 64; E. Coppin, P.M. 50; F. Henwood, P.M. 100; J. J. Tracey, I.P.M. 169; G. Gurney, S.W. 169; W. Stenlake, W.M. 76; W. T. Hocking, I.P.M. 50; W. H. Dillon, S.W. 50, J.W. 76; W. Powe, I.G. 15; W. Blight, 35; and W. H. Tucker, 16.

Bro. H. STOCKER, P.G. Sec., reported that the present membership was 471, against 455 of last year—an increase of 16.

The Treasurer's report accorded the same balance as arrived at by the Committee. Those reports and that of the Provincial Committee were adopted.

The election for the recommendation of a brother to the M.W. the Grand Master of England for the office of Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire for the ensuing three years then took place. A strong desire was expressed for Bro. Lemon to allow himself to be nominated, but he firmly declined the office, having already much Masonic work on hand.

Bros. H. M. Imbert-Terry, 15, P.P.G. Std. Br., and Capt. G. S. Strode-Lowe were nominated.

From the general preference expressed for the latter, the nomination of Bro. Imbert-Terry was withdrawn, and Bro. Strode-Lowe elected.

Bro. John Leonard was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested by Bro. Lemon, the acting P.G.M., as follows:

Bro. E. Aitken-Davies, 96	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Chapman, 35	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" E. C. Coppin, 66	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" B. Knight, 319	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. T. Warner, 215	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. P. L. Maurice, 372	...	...	...	...	
" J. Leonard, 16	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Stocker, 15	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Bray, 16	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. R. Velvin, 100	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Stenlake, 76	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. H. Blacker, 96	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" A. H. Bates, 23	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.G.
" W. M. Robins, 35	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. J. Facey, 169	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. T. Hocking, 50	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Holman, 16	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Dillon, 96	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. Coombes, 64	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" M. Durbin, 91	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Powe, 15	...	...	...	...	
" F. J. Prize, 48	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. G. Withell, 383	...	...	...	...	
" J. Gidley, 169	...	...	...	...	

A vote of condolence was accorded and directed to be sent to the widow and family of the late much respected Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. Spence Bate.

Bro. STRODE-LOWE returned thanks for his recommendation to the office of P.G.M., and said if appointed he would do his best to carry out the duties of that office.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the Bedford Hotel. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon presided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles J. Smith, presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Rev. W. A. Tooth, Prov. G. Chap.; H. W. G. Abell, Prov. G.M.O.; S. R. Legg, Prov. G. Treas.; J. C. Buckwell, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Belcher, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. J. Abell, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; C. H. Haine, Prov. G.I.G.; J. Adames, W. E. Morrison, and J. T. Musson, Prov. G. Stewards; and H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler. The following were also present: Bros. C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; R. Berridge, G. Dir. of Cers.; T. Trollope, P.P.G.M.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.R.; Seymour Burrows, P.P.G. Sec.; A. F. Lamette, R. Willard, C. Lewis, W. Welling, G. Cole, G. Holman, J. Ridge, C. F. Goode, T. Tomes, Wright, Wickham, Fitch, and Bullock.

On the motion of Bro. T. TROLLOPE, P.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. C. J. SMITH, D.P.G.M., it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Gerard Ford.

Bro. H. W. G. ABELL, Prov. G.M.O., nominated H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to the post of Prov. G.M., and the proposition was received with acclamation.

On behalf of the brethren, Bro. T. TROLLOPE presented Bro. C. J. Smith (who, but for the lamented death of Bro. Gerard Ford, would have retired from office) with a handsome gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Master during the last six years. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented, with fraternal good wishes, to Bro. Charles John Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, 1883-1889, by brethren in Sussex." Bro. Trollope bore testimony to the energy with which Bro. Smith had presided over the province in the absence of Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Prov. G.M.

Bro. C. J. SMITH made a suitable response, thanking the brethren for their mark of confidence.

A jewel had also been subscribed for by the brethren for presentation to Bro. Lord Arthur Hill.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. E. Booth's restaurant, East-street, and in the private dining-room, admirably adapted to the purpose, sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Smith, D.P.G.M.

The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The P.G. Mark Masters and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." The Past Grand Officers, he said, fully merited the gratitude and encomiums of all Mark Master Masons. He expressed the pleasure he felt that the gathering was honoured by the presence of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and eulogised those brethren for the energetic and zealous manner in which they had promulgated the principles of Mark Masonry.

Bro. MATIER, in responding, thanked Bro. Smith for the kind and eloquent terms in which he had proposed the toast. The duties of the Grand Officers were, he said, onerous and honourable. They all worked with one thought—the consolidation of the Order and the success of Mark Masonry. Under the Duke of Connaught the province would, he believed, make great and prosperous strides in Mark Masonry.

Bro. BERRIDGE also responded, remarking that for 14 years he had assisted Bro. Matier in the consecration of lodges, and was pleased to say that all the Grand Officers worked harmoniously together.

Bro. MATIER then proposed "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. C. J. Smith; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." All present knew, he said, as much about Bro. Lord Arthur Hill as he did. He asked them to drink a bumper to their Chairman, Bro. C. J. Smith, who had combined the *suaviter in modo* with the *fortiter in re* in carrying out the duties of his office, and had proved himself the best Deputy P.G.M. they had ever had. With the Duke of Connaught's acceptance of the post of Prov. G.M., he believed the province would receive such an impetus that Mark Masonry would be sure to advance. Bro. Smith had, for many years, been prominent in the Craft and other degrees, but his achievements in Mark Masonry had transcended his work in those.

Bro. C. J. SMITH, in acknowledging the toast, said that Bro. Lord Arthur Hill had been prevented by his many duties from being often present with them. They all felt his absence, but not more keenly than did the Prov. G.M. himself. His influence had, however, effected much good in the province. Speaking for himself, he said his work was a labour of love. He had had much to do, but he always endeavoured to rise to the requirements of his position. He felt grateful to the brethren for the manner in which they had appreciated his services, and hoped that his ruling had not been unpleasant. He had been assisted by earnest officers, and they might all congratulate themselves upon the success of Mark Masonry in the province. He thanked them for the jewel, and especially for the kind sympathy they had shown to him during the recent illness of his son.

Bro. R. PIDCOCK proposed "The W. Masters and Past Masters of the Province of Sussex." They had, he said, worked zealously, and he was desirous of paying honour where honour was due.

Bro. C. J. BUCKWELL responded, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the eminent services rendered to Mark Masonry by Bro. H. W. G. Abell. He was glad to see the Order flourishing, and believed a brighter future was in store for it.

Bro. H. W. G. ABELL also acknowledged the toast, and remarked that he was always pleased to further the interests of the Mark Degree. He had had the honour of nominating H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Prov. G.M., and felt assured that if such a popular Grand Master presided over the province Mark Masonry in Sussex would largely increase in prosperity.

Bro. S. R. LEGG likewise responded, and expressed his belief that the province would achieve every prosperity possible.

The CHAIRMAN begged to interpolate a toast. He said it was possibly the last occasion on which he should officially address them, and he wished to propose "The Healths of Bros. H. W. G. Abell, J. C. Buckwell, A. F. Lamette, and J. Slingsby Roberts," for the great support they had given him, and the energetic manner in which they had worked in the revival of Mark Masonry in Sussex.

After responses from these brethren,

Bro. J. BELCHER gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. G. COLE and MATIER responded. The latter asked the brethren to send a Steward for the Mark Masters' Benevolent Fund.

Bro. J. C. SMITH readily accepted the office, and received several promises of substantial support from the brethren.

Bros. J. C. BUCKWELL and H. W. G. ABELL said the Sussex lodges had been greatly assisted by the fund when applications were made on behalf of deserving cases, and the Benevolent Fund was one which deserved their cordial support.

The Tyler's toast completed a very enjoyable evening.

The Bishop of Oxford on Wednesday opened the new chancel aisle and vestry of Winslow Parish Church. In the evening a presentation of a silver tea and breakfast service was made by the churchwardens and parishioners to the vicar, the Rev. H. A. Douglas-Hamilton, who has accepted the living of Latimer, in the gift of Lord Chesham.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1889, V.W. Bro. EDWARD TERRY, Grand Treasurer, Trustee, in the chair, a ballot took place for the election of 16 boys from an approved list of 70 CANDIDATES, when the following were declared to be SUCCESSFUL:

No. on Poll.	Votes.
1. Bedford, J. H.	3198
2. Swornsbourne, L. G. C....	3143
3. Williams, W. J.	3063
4. Lofthouse, G.	3051
5. Somers, M.	3050
6. Jennings, W. J.	3046
7. Hill, A. S.	3030
8. Coupland, J. A.	3028
9. Jewitt, R. R.	3012
10. Bolton, T. C. W....	2943
11. Moreton, H. V.	2758
12. Ravenscroft, S. N.	2747
13. Wood, B. G.	2731
14. Clunes, A. S. S.	2661
15. Lumsden, M. B.	2623
16. Tiedeman, B. H.	2601

Lists of candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the office.

Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April, 1890.

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Office—6, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st., W.C.,
Oct. 25, 1889.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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AND LIFE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A., in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885.) Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar in 1881, since when I have practised up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300, and £1400, will in 4 years have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1889, H. B. Marshall, Esq., J.P., Treasurer, in the chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by ballot of Nine Girls into the Institution from a list of 48 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly elected:

No. on List.	Votes.	No. on Poll.
37. Roberts, E. M.	4466	1
8. Buck, E. A.	4456	2
27. Lane, J. M. T.	4278	3
43. Truine, Alice	4269	4
48. Wood, D. J.	4220	5
20. Groombridge, E. F. ...	4195	6
15. Fearnside, A. R. M. ...	4153	7
9. Burgess, Nellie	3738	8
10. Butcher, R. B. L.	3585	9

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

To Correspondents.

In consequence of pressure on our space, we are reluctantly compelled to hold over until next week the important transcript of the Old Masonic Charges, the introduction to which, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, appeared in our last issue; also the following notices of lodge meetings, &c.

CRAFT LODGES—Isaac Newton, No. 859; Eclectic, No. 1201; Victoria Park, No. 1816; Horsa, No. 2208; St. Mark's College, No. 2157; and Powell, No. 2257.

INSTRUCTION—Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.

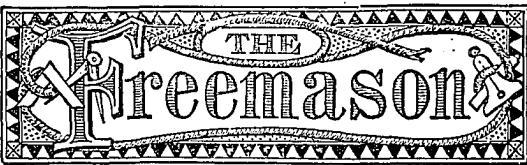
ROYAL ARCH—Islington Chapter, No. 1471.

A. AND A. RITE—Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 69.

SECRET MONITOR—Horatio Shirley Conclave.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire—Laying Foundation Stone.

Masonic Sermon at Marple, Cheshire.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

It is satisfactory to know that the Sub-Committee which has been told off to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has undertaken to consider the several propositions which Bro. W. H. Saunders placed on the agenda paper for the Quarterly General Court on the 25th ult. We have already, in the case of two of them, pointed out that, in our opinion, they are unnecessary, as the Rules already provide for doing what he proposes should be done. But his suggestions as to *last* cases and the appointment of a Petitions Sub-Committee are well worthy of adoption. Thus, as regards the former, there were five *last* cases at the recent Girls' School election and ten at that of the Boys' School. In every one of these 15 cases it had been decided that the child was a fit and proper person to be admitted to the benefits of the Institution to which he or she was desirous of being admitted. One, however, out of the five girls was elected, while four out of the 10 boys failed. Thus, eight children who had been declared eligible are now turned adrift, because their friends had not influence enough to command the necessary amount of support.

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The case of the boy Crossman seems a particularly hard one. We know nothing whatever of the circumstances beyond what are disclosed in the approved list of candidates. But his name had been on this list for three and a half years; he was a candidate at no less than *seven* elections, and yet the total of the votes he obtained up to the close of the poll at the recent Quarterly Court was only 112, of which 17 votes were brought forward from his *six* previous attempts.

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We must also express our sympathy with the boy B. Lamplough. Last week he made his third attempt to obtain admission into the School for which the General Committee had declared him eligible; but not a single vote was polled for him, and all he could boast of in the way of support was the 10 votes he brought forward from his two previous trials.

Two almost precisely similar cases will be found in the Girls' list of candidates, both of whom have failed entirely after three attempts. One of them—D. P. Anthony—obtained 90 votes, and the other—E. F. Griffiths—89 votes. Yet both of them had been pronounced eligible.

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We are not so simple-minded as to expect that the friends of candidates who have interest will sacrifice part of it in behalf of those who have little or none to help them. But at all elections there is always a considerable number of voters who have no special claims on their support, and if steps were suggested for giving greater prominence to these unfortunate cases, perhaps fewer of them might, after years of waiting, be sent empty away.

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We remember a case almost precisely similar to that of the boy Crossman which occurred some few years ago. He had been a candidate many times, and had only some dozen votes to his credit, when, in due course, his last chance presented itself, much sympathy was felt for the lad, and almost at the last moment a brother—we think it was Bro. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D.—made an appeal for support to the Craft generally through the columns of this journal, with the result that the boy was triumphantly returned either at the top or near the top of the poll. This, at all events, shows what can be done by giving prominence to this class of cases.

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We imagine that very little, if any, sympathy whatever will be shown towards the monstrous suggestion which was made at the recent Boys' School Quarterly Court, and has since been reprinted in the advertisement columns of the daily press, that application should be made to the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice to restrain the Governors of the Institution from appropriating any portion of its funds as a pension to Bro. Binckes on his retirement from the Secretaryship.

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Every brother is entitled to his opinion as to the propriety or otherwise of voting a pension to Bro. Binckes for his services. We see, indeed, no objection to his opposing the pension, if he so chooses, on the ground that Bro. Binckes has never rendered any services whatever. He will have some difficulty in reconciling his declaration with the facts as they are recorded in the official minutes of the Institution—that is a matter he must settle with his own conscience. But if we Masons cannot settle our differences of opinion without appealing to a court of law, the sooner we give up humbugging other people about our "brotherly love" the better.

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The attribute which has been commonly ascribed to the English people that they never know when they are beaten is a valuable one, and there is no doubt that we have often come off victorious in our wars with other nations, where others with less of our bull-dogged courage would have been ignominiously beaten. But the praise we have earned on account of this attribute was never intended to act as an incitement to bodies and individuals, when they have been vanquished in a fair stand-up battle, to go on fighting until, as in the celebrated case of the Kilkenny cats, there is nothing left of either of them.

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The battle over Bro. Binckes's pension has been fought and won by the party in favour of it. We suppose the struggle will be renewed in January next, when the question of confirming or non-confirming the proceedings of the recent Court will be submitted to the brethren present at the Court then appointed to be held. Then, if those in favour of the pension are again victorious, whether by a majority of 50 or 5 voices, let the question be written off as finally decided. It is certain that if the suggestion that the matter be carried to a court of law be acted upon, the work of the Institution will be seriously impeded for many years to come, if not determined altogether, and the victorious governors, as well as the vanquished, will disappear from the scene of their insane squabbles, leaving nothing to mark their existence but the memory of a Charity that was ruined by law costs.

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However, we believe there is sufficient common-sense, if not of "brotherly love," still left among us to prevent this insane proposal to get ourselves into Chancery from being carried out, and that when the heat of the present battle is over, we shall apply ourselves with greater zeal and energy than ever to restoring our Institution for Boys to its old footing of prosperity.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held on Wednesday next, the 6th instant, when business of the usual character will be transacted. From the report of the Committee of General Purposes, we learn that the present Mount Moriah Chapter attached to the Albion Lodge, No. 9, has memorialised Grand Chapter to be henceforth attached to the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, to which all its members belong, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be adopted.

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They also recommend the issue of warrants for four new chapters, of which one will be attached to the Albion Lodge, No. 9, in the event of the memorial of the Mount Moriah companions being acceded to, while the other three will help to strengthen R.A. Masonry in the Provinces of North and East Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Surrey respectively.

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It is also proposed that as the United Grand Lodge of England has recognised the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the memorial from the Supreme Grand Chapter in the same colony, which was established at the same time as the latter, for recognition, should be acceded to. As, however, this and the rest of the business to be dealt with is of a formal character, the meeting will occupy no great length of time.

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The triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in the United States, which was held in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, in the earlier half of last month, appears to have been the most successful Templar display which has ever been known in the United States. It was decidedly a "big" thing, that is to say, about 15,000 Templars and about the same number of ladies were congregated in Washington during the meeting, and the residents in the capital, from the President downwards, appear to have kept open house, and otherwise to have laid themselves out generally to make the Templar pilgrims and their fair visitors as happy as possible.

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Indeed, if receptions, parades, and banquets combined, on this particular occasion, with visits to the lions of the capital, and excursions into the adjoining country constitute the main object of Templar Masonry among our American cousins, then the recent triennial makes it clear that Templarism is among the greatest and most successful of the institutions which flourish under the Stars and Stripes.

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From what we have read about it in the *Keystone* and elsewhere, the main streets of Washington must have been almost impassable during its progress, and the presence of so many thousands of sir knights perambulating the thoroughfares with their bands and banners and gorgeous paraphernalia must have given "the City of magnificent distances" the appearance of a warrior town of the middle ages. Well, these things seem to delight our friends on the other side of the Atlantic, but we fancy they have very little to do with Masonry, which is naturally modest and retiring, and, though it fears not the light of day, prefers doing what it has to do quietly and without show.

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But pleasure did not constitute the whole of the appointed programme. The Grand Encampment sat in solemn conclave on certain days and dealt with the ritual and other questions. It also appointed new Grand Officers for the ensuing three years, Sir Knight John P. S. Gobin, of Pennsylvania, being the new Grand Master, and Sir Knight Hugh McGurdy, of Michigan, the new Deputy Grand Master, while we rejoice to see that the veteran Sir Knight William B. Isaacs, of Virginia, retains his old position of Grand Recorder.

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The next triennial will be held at Denver, Colorado, on the second Tuesday in August, 1892, so that until then the American Templars must content themselves with the ordinary displays at the annual meetings of their Grand Commanderies.

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It is announced by the management of the Alhambra that there will be an entire change of performance on and after Monday next, and that, in order to meet the convenience of a large number of patrons resident in the suburbs, the management has arranged to alter the times of performance of the two ballets. Accordingly, on and after Monday, the 4th inst., "Our Army and Navy" will commence at 8.30 o'clock, and the grand ballet, "Astrea," will be presented at 10.20.

Correspondence.

THE CHURCH TIMES AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I note the following in last week's *Church Times*, which, I think, will be of interest to your readers, as showing the changed attitude of the High Church party towards the Craft. The note is in answer to a correspondent:

"The supposition that Freemasonry is opposed to Christianity is entirely erroneous, and is due to the hostile attitude adopted by the Roman authorities towards the continental societies. Here in England the Craft is distinctly an assistance to religion."

As a Masonic enthusiast, I am glad to cordially agree with the *Church Times*, and here in Ireland I think the Craft has a great future before it in trying to put down religious animosities and drawing good men of all parties into our bond of Brotherhood.

EMRA HOLMES, 31st,
K.C.T.

THE PROPOSED WHITEHALL LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to the notes in the *Freemason* of the 12th ult., as a member of the National Liberal Club, it seems to me that it would be a very good idea if the founders of the Whitehall Lodge in connection with this club were to send out the fraternal olive branch to the Masonic members of the Constitutional Club hard by, and ask them to join in founding the new lodge. Were it to be the joint lodge of the two opposite clubs it would get rid of the objection which may be raised to establishing a lodge in connection with a particular political party. There are several reasons why such a lodge should be founded. The National Liberal and the Constitutional Clubs were brought into existence almost at the same time. The latter being in manner the outcome of the former, though for the other party in politics. The club houses are almost adjoining, and both in numbers of members and sites of buildings are, I suppose, the largest and finest clubs in the world. They each have taken up the same aggressive attitude in political life on the two sides. Their members are recruited from the same social classes, and apart from their political tenets have much in common with one another. As the Whitehall Lodge is to be held at the Hotel Victoria, exactly opposite the Constitutional Club, the members would meet on neutral ground. It might be arranged that each political party should be represented in the chair in alternate years. As Bro. Viscount Oxenbridge is selected to be first Master, it would be the turn of the Constitutional Club to nominate the W.M. for the following year.

I have spoken to a well-known and ardent Mason of that club who, though he hates my politics, warmly agrees with the idea of a lodge in common. It is often said, with much truth, that politics and religion cause men to differ, but the establishment of a Masonic lodge of Liberals and Conservatives would prove to the world the happy and beneficial effects of Freemasonry, and that when brethren are inside the door of the lodge, as well as at the Masonic banquet table, those differences have been left outside. and that merit has been their title to Masonic privileges, and that upon them those favours have not been unworthily bestowed.

—Yours fraternally,

HENRY WRIGHT.



Craft Masonry.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This old and distinguished lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present we noticed Bros. Albert Altman, C.C., P.G.S., W.M.; E. Rogers, G.S., S.W.; Slade, J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Kempster, M.D., P.M., S.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middlesex, I.G.; Masters, P.M., Steward; Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; Josling, P.M., P.G.S.; Layton, J.P., P.M., P.G.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; G. H. Kenning, W. H. Kempster, jun., E. J. Altman, J. T. Cotton, O. Polen, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Smith, D.P.G. Master North and East Yorks, P.G.D.; T. Simpson, P.M. 1745; Hills, P.M.; Jones, 1623; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. H. A. Slade and F. T. Slade, and it proving to be unanimous, those gentlemen were ably initiated, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., by the I.P.M.

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

The usual toasts having been honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was eloquently proposed by the I.P.M., who duly acknowledged the compliment.

In giving "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. congratulated them upon the honour that had been conferred upon them that day. The Peace and Harmony was a lodge possessing peculiar privileges, and was of undoubted antiquity, and therefore to be enrolled under its banner was a distinction of no common order.

The Brothers Slade having briefly replied, the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Smith, P.G.D., and Hills, followed.

The toast of "The Past Masters" drew from Bro. R. G. Barton an excellent speech in acknowledgment.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. expressed his gratification that Bro. Henry Young was present that day. In order to discharge his responsibilities as Treasurer, that brother had travelled from South Devon, and he (the W.M.) hoped that for many years to come Bro. Young would continue to fill the important post of Treasurer of No. 60, the duties of which he understood so well. In speaking of the Secretary, the W.M. congratulated Bro. Binckes upon the hearty support he had received that day, particularly from the members of the Peace and Harmony Lodge who were entitled to be present and vote at the Quarterly General Court. It appeared to him a gross act of injustice on the part of a number of the brethren who were striving to reward a service of upwards of 28 years by dismissal or enforced retirement without an atom of compensation. Bro. Binckes, he was pleased to say, had, and would continue to have, not only the sympathy, but the hearty support of those who were eminently qualified to judge of his manifold good qualities. In concluding, he wished the brethren to honour the toast with more than their usual heartiness.

Bro. Young having briefly replied,

Bro. Binckes, who, upon rising to respond, was cheered again and again, made an excellent speech, which our space will not allow us to give at length. In the course of his remarks, he expressed his acknowledgments to the W.M. and to the brethren of No. 60 for attending the Quarterly Court that day. During his long connection with the Masonic Institution for Boys he had endeavoured to do his duty fearlessly, zealously, and honestly. Under those circumstances, he was quite at a loss to understand why he had been assailed with so much obloquy. His detractors had gone out of their way to hurl upon his devoted head every term of vituperation. In concluding his remarks, he thanked most gratefully those influential brethren who had supported so strongly and successfully the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Rogers, S.W., and Slade, J.W., terminated the proceedings.

Orpheus Lodge (No. 1706).—The outgoing W.M. of this lodge relinquished office last Saturday with *éclat*, for he finished up his year with a display of excellent working, which covered his retirement with the highest credit. But this is not meant to convey that Bro. Dr. W. Little had not signalled his tenure of the chair by correct rendering of the ceremonies previously; far from it, for he had shown such great attention to the subordinate offices in the lodge, and, further, had proved that he could rule a lodge by filling the chair of K.S. in the Sterndale Bennett Lodge with marked ability, that he was armed at all points. The work set for Bro. Little's last occupancy of the chair included the working of the three established Degrees and the installation of his successor.

An emergency meeting was held at the Holborn Restaurant, the lodge being opened by the W.M., supported by a good attendance of officers and members. Messrs. A. E. Sowerbutts and D. M. Crabbe having been elected, were initiated, and Bro. Sadler was raised to the Third Degree. There was a candidate for the F.C. Degree, but he was unable to attend, and thus the W.M.'s labours were slightly relieved. After a short recess, the brethren resumed labour, by which time many more visitors and brethren had arrived, after which the report of the Audit Committee, which had been sent to each member, was adopted, and all that need be said of it was that the balances in favour of the general account and also of the Benevolent Fund were very satisfactory. Bro. Hoyte, P.M., then presented Bro. Henry Parker to the W.M. to be installed as his successor, and the ceremony was performed in an admirable manner. Bro. Hoyte acted as D.C., and was of material assistance in that capacity. After the newly-installed W.M. had been saluted, he invested his officers, viz.: Bros. F. Cambridge, P.M. 2006, P.P.G.O. Surrey, S.W.; F. S. Newcombe, J.W.; Clifford, P.M., Sec.; S. G. Vaughan, S.D.; C. J. Frost, Mus. Doc., J.D.; the Rev. W. Stainer, P.M., Chap.; F. Beavan, I.G.; G. F. Smith, jun., P.M., D.C.; R. A. Kemp, Organist; M. Hubbard, Steward; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. That worthy brother, R. Clowes, Past Master, had again been elected Treasurer, but as he was away at Brighton, being installed as W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, his investiture had to stand over. A telegram was sent to Bro. Clowes congratulating him on his preferment, and wishing him a happy year of office with his Sussex brethren. The charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given with marked eloquence and feeling by the Installing Master, who, as a visiting brother said later on, spoke from his heart, and did not merely repeat the formulas like a parrot.

One proposition for election was put in, and then the W. Master closed the lodge, and the brethren, numbering 50, adjourned to the banqueting hall to partake of and enjoy the hospitality and harmony of the lodge.

Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. M. Maybrick, P.M. 1700, G.O.; Edwin Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G.O.; and Dr. Gordon Brown, G.S.

After the banquet came the toasts, but the speeches were all of the briefest, and happily so, for the programme put before the guests by the musical director (Bro. J. Hodges, P.M.) was rich in promise.

In responding for "The Grand Lodge Officers," Bro. Maybrick remarked that the position he held as G. Org., reflected honour upon the lodge, because he believed that he owed his office to the fact of his being a Past Master of the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Lott also responded, and thought it was most fitting that in a lodge which numbered so many organists among its members, the chair should be filled by an organist.

Bro. Little, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure that Bro. Parker would do his best to fill the chair of K.S. with credit to the lodge, and that he would

perform the work which they knew he had before him efficiently. The I.P.M. called for "fire"—*Presto Agitato*—and was strictly obeyed.

("Orpheus fire" bids fair to become a term which must be included in the musical dictionaries of the future.)

The W.M. thanked Bro. Little and the brethren for the kindness extended to him, and promised that every effort should be forthcoming on his part to uphold the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," and, after referring to the excellent working exhibited in the year of his office, and especially in the installation ceremony, he presented Bro. Little with the jewel voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his services.

The I.P.M. duly acknowledged the gift, and said he should be proud to wear it.

After the initiates had been called upon for their maiden speech in Masonry, and, judging from which, they are not at all likely by their "much-speaking" ever to hinder harmony, "The Visitors" was given by the W.M., who created some amusement at the expense of those who had signed the book in a style of calligraphy which the subscribers alone could decipher.

Bros. Dr. Gordon Brown and Perkins made effective replies for the visitors, who were in strong force.

Bro. Clifford, the courteous and able Secretary, had to reply for himself and also for Bro. Clowes, whose absence has already been referred to, and explained how high both the Secretary and Treasurer stood in the estimation of the brethren was clearly shown by the reception of the toast with which their names were coupled.

The commendably short speeches were interspersed with music, which demands a word. Bro. Maybrick sang the solos in the National Anthem, thus giving a good start. With one exception, the programme was made up of glees, vocal only, and accompanied. Sung as they were by the pick of London choirs a rich treat was afforded the company. Bishop's ever popular "Foresters, sound the cheerful horn" was a grand performance, and so was Walmisley's "I wish to tune my quivering lyre," in which the lead assigned to the first tenor was splendidly sung by Bro. Kenningham. The only instrumental music was contributed by the W.M. himself, and it goes without saying that so talented an exponent of the art, both in theory and practice, gave the brethren something worthy of his fame. His pianoforte solo consisted of an "Impromptu," by Chopin, and then "Mignonne" *entr'acte*, his own composition. This last was given without a note before the player, and was a really marvellous performance. The applause which greeted the executant at the close was such that he kindly accepted the compliment, and repeated a portion of his own piece, amid even a more profound silence than had been kept before, if that were possible. True, indeed, are the words of Kirke White, which Bro. Hodges had selected for the motto on his book of words—

"Music, all powerful o'er the human mind,
Can still each mental storm, each tumult calm;
Soothe anxious care on sleepless couch reclin'd,
And e'en fierce anger's furious rage disarm!"

And few happier ways of closing the week can be found than spending a Saturday night with the musical brethren assembled under the banner of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The last meeting of the session of this popular and progressive lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Fred. Kedge, W.M.; Adolphus Clark, I.P.M.; J. J. Woolley, acting as S.W.; John Skinner, acting as J.W.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Walter Hancock, S.D.; Frank Jackson, J.D.; James Woodward, I.G.; H. W. Schartau, Org.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., P.M.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; Charles O. Burgess, H. Vilian, Curtis D'Alton, C. Hirsch, Victor Le Huray, H. F. Dessen, Elias Jessarun, E. A. Ronaasen, W. J. Thrussell, Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, Francis W. Frigout, Dr. I. Zacharie, B. R. Paul, A. Mella, J. Coltart, W. Donald, Stanley Spooner, Henry Bagge, Frank D. Clark, C. G. Rotter, J. Williams, W. S. Lincoln, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Allen, J.W. 1056; E. Bree, W.M. 590, P.G.D. Jersey; A. Abraham, 205; G. H. Clark, W.M. 1227; P. Parsons, P.M. and Treas. 749; Thos. Weeks, W.M. 749; T. C. Seary, Org. 1987; G. B. Wheeler, 2032; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the Treasurer reported the state of his account. A ballot was taken for Mr. Vincent Augustin Applin as an initiate, which was declared to be unanimous. Bro. Henry Vilian was passed to the Degree of a F.C., and Bro. Victor Le Huray raised to the Degree of a M.M. Letters of regret were read from Bros. Major George Lambert, P.M.; A. Bergholz, G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; Theodore H. Tilton, S.W.; and many other members of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Princes Room, where a capital dinner was served under the personal superintendence of Mr. Hoogen, the courteous deputy-manager.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the customary honours.

The toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America" was given in felicitous terms, and responded to by Bro. Brackstone Baker.

Bro. A. Clark, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said the W.M. had stated that he had been to Grand Lodge several times without seeing either the Pro or the Deputy Grand Master, but they never came there without seeing their W.M. He was always at his post in good time, and was undoubtedly the right man in the right place. He trusted he would have health and strength to perform his duties in the future as he had done in the past.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had responded to the toast, and said that Bro. Clark had been pleased to indulge in a little flattery with regard to his working. He had always tried to do it to the best of his ability, and if he had given satisfaction he should always endeavour to merit their esteem and regard.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which he said was one that always gave them especial pleasure ever since the lodge had been formed. They had always extended to them a hearty welcome. That being an "off night" they might have expected that there would

not be many present, but he was pleased to say they had a good number. He thanked them for their presence, and trusted they had had an enjoyable evening.

Bro. P. Parsons, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very cordial reception they had had. When he looked around he saw so many of their members whom he had shown the light of Masonry, Bro. Reynolds, their esteemed Secretary, amongst the number, that he felt somewhat in the position of the grandfather of the lodge, a position he was very proud of. He was glad of the opportunity of returning his thanks for the hospitality they had always shown him.

Bros. E. Bree, G. H. Clark, Allen, and T. C. Seary also responded.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." He regretted they were not all present, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in quality. Bro. Brackstone Baker, the senior Past Master, was a host in himself, Bro. Major G. Lambert had done good work as the first acting I.P.M., and Bro. Clark, their I.P.M., was a regular attendant, and did his work to the entire satisfaction of all, and he trusted he would be with them for many years.

Bro. A. Clark, in reply, said he thanked them for the very hearty way in which the toast had been received. He was sorry Bros. Brackstone Baker and Major G. Lambert were not present to respond. He had always tried to do his best for the good of the lodge, which being, as it was an Anglo-American lodge, had always worked well together, and he trusted nothing would occur to mar its prosperity. About a year ago Bro. Brackstone Baker told him that he felt as though he was about to be buried, and that he would be laid on the shelf—that was his feeling that night. Only three more meetings, and he would be laid on the shelf, and other Masters would come on, whom he trusted would uphold and maintain the reputation of the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was next given by the W.M., who said he had been most ably assisted by as good a set of officers as it was possible to have.

Bro. G. Reynolds thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had spoken of him. Bro. Cumming had told them that he had the bulk of the work; if that was so he could assure them it was a labour of love, and if he was spared he would continue to do all he could for the benefit of the lodge. He sometimes thought the Secretary's life was not a pleasant one, but the kindness and consideration he always received at their hands more than amply repaid him.

Bro. Woolley regretted that he had been away the last two meetings; he considered it the duty of all the officers to support the W.M. to the very best of their ability.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close the last meeting of the session.

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. Curtis D'Alton, Bagge, and others, under the direction of Bro. Schartau, the Organist of the lodge.

Provincial Meetings.

BRIGHTON.

Earl of Sussex Lodge (No. 2201).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, and brought together such an assembly of Grand Officers and brethren as is rarely met in a private lodge. A large number of Masons of Essex attended to do honour to the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Clowes, who is a Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden of the province. The W.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G. Stwd., Prov. S.G.W. in charge, presided, supported by Bros. R. Clowes, S.W.; A. King, as J.W.; W. H. Hallett, Treas.; V. P. Freeman, Sec.; H. E. Price, J.D.; C. Bamfylde Warre, D.C.; C. W. Hudson, I.G.; Lockwood Hawken, Stwd.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. Also the following members of the lodge: Bros. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, Major-General Barnett Ford, Lieut.-Colonel Mortimer Hancock, J. P. Slingsby Roberts, and J. P. Knight.

A letter was received from the J.W., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, expressing his regret that he was unable to be present as he was in Switzerland, also from Bros. Pidcock and Saillard.

The following distinguished visitors were present: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., D.P.G. Master, Essex; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; T. J. Ralling, P. Asst. G.D. of C.; Major Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Lucking, P.G. Purst.; H. A. Rigg, P.G. Stwd.; Rowland Plumbe, P.G. Stwd.; T. Billing, W.M. 271, P.J.G.W.; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, P.P.G.W.; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.G.W.; C. J. Pocock, W.M. 811, P.P.G.W.; J. L. Bridgen, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; H. Davey, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Gibson, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.W.; J. Farncombe, P.M. 311, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, W.M. 40, P.G. Chap., P.P. G. Chap.; Rev. E. Walker, P.M. 811, P.P.G. Chap.; F. F. J. Greenfield, P.M. 1401, P.P.G. Chap.; W. S. Burrows, P.M. 811, P.J.G.D.; G. De Paris, P.M. 811, P.G.D.; H. A. Dowell, W.M. 2187, P.P.G.D.; E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.D.; J. M. Reed, P.M. 732, Sec. to Prov. G.L. Charities Committee, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. R. Legg, P.M. 732, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Lanham Thomas, P.M. 1141, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. Burfield, P.M. 1821, P.A.G. Sec.; George Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Org.; W. N. Roe, 1636, P.P.G. Org.; T. Berry, P.M. 1829, P.G.P.; C. R. Smith, P.M. 315, P.P.G.P.; E. T. Cooksey, W.M. 851, W. E. Morrison, W.M. 916, and L. R. Styer, W.M. 315, Prov. G. Stwds.; Smith Stone, W.M. 311; E. M. Jenkins, W.M. 341; S. Denman, W.M. 732; J. H. Wright, W.M. 1110; R. M. Davison, W.M. 1184; W. Wright, W.M. 1303; J. Couldwell, W.M. 1465; W. E. D'Albiac, W.M. 1460; G. Mitchell, W.M. 1619; F. R. Edwards, W.M. 1636; C. F. Hollands, W.M. 1797; W. Gill, W.M. 1829; E. S. Medcalf, W.M. 1947; W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton), 732; A. J. H. Ward, P.M. 650, P.G. Reg. Essex; J. Vaux (Mayor of Harwich), J.W. 650; A. Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; M. L. Sanders, P.M. and Sec. 650; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Org. Essex; J. A. Thornhill, I.G. 1329; F. R. Hales, P.M. 650, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; W. Chudleigh,

1329; Lieut. Giles, R.N., 1906; Montague Pilcher; Dr. Cock, 1597, Prov. S.G.W. Essex; E. Stimson, 2182; G. F. Smith, P.M., 218; A. Philbrick, S.D., 1910; W. P. Collins, 1206; R. Pierpoint, P.M., 177; H. Anscombe, P.M., 1821; Col. H. Tester, 1636; Dr. Cautrell, P.M., 1397; F. C. Parsons, S.W., 271; T. H. Gardiner, P.M., 1150; Rev. Heathcote Smith, Chap., 1388; W. W. D'Albiac, P.M., 1466; R. Willard, P.M., 732; H. Langton, P.M., 271; J. Terry, S.W., 315; E. W. F. Hopewell, 732; A. Du Pont, J.W., 1947; H. S. Tester, 1636; W. H. Cockburn, 1466; Thos. MacQueen, P.M., 916; Turle Lee, 2254; J. A. Browne, 2264; Dr. F. H. Hauxwell, P.M., 732; H. Aguilar, P.M., 135; J. Hinde Crouch, 1664; Gresham Bacon, 271; Freeman Gell, 271; E. C. Musson, 82; W. Fitch, P.M., 1797, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; E. A. Buchanan, 1829; W. B. Isworth, S.W., 1636; A. Olding, 271; J. C. Buckwell, S.W., 2187; F. J. Culley, 1636; F. Hollands, 1 G. 1636; J. Wood, 811; H. G. Collins, D. of C., 1636; C. Wren, 315; W. Bioletti, J.W., 315; B. Drury, 315; G. Rawlinson, P.M., 1797; W. Pratt, 1797; H. Pearce, P.M., 1797; A. F. Lamette, 271; Malcolm Smith, P.M., H. Broad, and H. W. G. Abell, Sec., of 1797; J. Belcher, 315; W. Anderson, P.M., 315; R. Smith, 1797; and Thomas Howell, 1797.

The Secretary read the names of brethren who had been invited, but were unable to be present, among them being Bros. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. Essex; Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk; A. M. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br., Dep. Prov. G.M. Cambridgeshire; W. G. Bell, W.M., and Hamett Knott, W.M. elect, 859.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Lord H. F. Thynn, P.G. Warden, and W. Morshead, as joining members, who were elected. A ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Percy Clowes (a son of the W.M. elect) as a candidate for initiation, which was declared unanimous in his favour. The W.M. then asked the G. Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, to take the chair and perform the ceremony of initiation, and Mr. Richard Percy Clowes was duly initiated. The W.M. again took the chair, and the ordinary business was transacted, after which the G. Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke took the chair, and installed, in an impressive manner, and in the presence of a Board of So Installed Masters, Bro. Richard Clowes, P.M. 650, P. Prov. S.G.W. Essex, as W.M. for the year, who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. the Right Hon. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G. Steward, Prov. S.G. Warden, I.P.M.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, Prov. G. Chap., S.W.; H. E. Price, M.D., P. Prov. G. Warden, J.W.; Major-General Barnett Ford, P. Dist. G. Deacon Bengal, Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P. Prov. G. Sec., Secretary; Dr. A. King, Mus. Bac., P. Prov. G. Org., S.D.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W., J.D.; C. Bamfylde Warre, P. Prov. G. Deacon, D.C.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Org.; J. P. Knight, I.G.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg., Lennox Browne, Prov. S.G.W. Essex, and R. Percy Clowes, Stewards.

Letters were read from the late D.P.G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford, P.M., one enclosing lithograph of a letter received from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., and another offering for the acceptance of the lodge a portrait of himself in Masonic clothing. A letter was read from Mrs. Ford, informing the brethren that her late husband had by his will bequeathed a sum of £50 to endow the chair of the lodge. Bro. R. Clowes, W.M., expressed his great regret at the loss the lodge had sustained by the death of their P.M., Bro. Gerard Ford. He said he was sure the brethren would all unite with him in acknowledging the fraternal kindness with which Bro. Ford had always treated the members of the lodge, and would desire to join in expressing their respect and esteem for him, and sympathy with Mrs. Ford. He would therefore move that the following address be presented to her:

"To Mrs. Gerard Ford.

"The members of the Earl of Sussex Lodge are deeply moved by the letters which have been read to them from their late loved and respected P.M. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and also have to acknowledge the kind letter which accompanied the notification of the legacy to the lodge.

"They desire to thank Mrs. Ford most sincerely for the touching words with which she has addressed them, and to assure her that the trouble the late Bro. Ford took in arranging, establishing, and acting as first W.M., will never be forgotten by the brethren.

"The wish to express their deep and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Ford in her bereavement, and hope that the Almighty will give her strength to sustain her in her affliction; although it is small consolation, they venture to believe that the affliction and esteem in which he was held, so amply testified by the Masons generally throughout the province, will at all events comfort her in her hour of trial as proving that he who was so much beloved by her was thoroughly understood and appreciated by so many others.

"At this, the first meeting after his death, the brethren wish to place on record a testimony to his worth so that future generations may be able to find particulars of the proceedings, and bear in remembrance Bro. Gerard Ford, who was the originator, principal founder, and during his life a most active member of the Earl of Sussex Lodge.

"R. CLOWES, W.M.

"Royal Pavilion, Brighton,
"October 26th, 1889."

Bro. V. P. Freeman seconded the proposition, and desired to express in open lodge the fraternal regard the late Bro. Ford had shown for the brethren, and his anxiety to gain their affection and esteem, having been associated together for so many years. Many of the acts of kindness which Bro. Ford had done had been known to him, and he could bear testimony to the increase year by year of his popularity.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The newly-elected member for Brighton, Mr. Gerald Walter Erskine Loder, was proposed by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, P.M., as a candidate for initiation.

The W.M., Bro. R. Clowes, seconded the proposition.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The post prandial proceedings were of a thoroughly hearty character.

The W.M., Bro. Richard Clowes, who presided, gave the customary loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In submitting "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," he said that those who had been privileged to attend Grand Lodge must have felt that it was ruled by energetic and zealous officers. He himself regarded it a privilege to have around him so many officers of Grand Lodge, and he heartily thanked them for their kind attendance and support.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in reply, said the officers of Grand Lodge took the greatest interest in the province, and he himself was deeply interested in the success of the lodge. He was glad to see the province and lodge were making satisfactory progress, and said the brethren should feel proud of being presided over by such a Provincial Grand Master as the Duke of Connaught.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, also responded. He said that, though he felt one response was sufficient, he was grateful for the opportunity of speaking. Paying a graceful tribute to the memory of the late Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Prov. G.M., he said he himself was interested in the lodge. He had assisted at its consecration, and had installed their I.P.M., Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, and he had been pleased that day to install the W.M., Bro. Clowes. Referring to the excellent work of the late Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell and J. H. Scott, he said the Province of Sussex was second to none. Their work was admirably done, and, from the reports he received from time to time from their indefatigable Prov. G. Secretary, he saw that an excellent spirit pervaded the province, and while harmony reigned supreme the Charities were well supported.

Bros. J. C. Parkinson, Ralli, and Lamb also acknowledged the toast, the last-named speaking in high terms of the excellent work in the Craft which Bro. Clowes had shown during his residence in the Essex Province. He congratulated the Sussex Freemasons upon having so good a brother among them.

The W.M. then proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Earl of Sussex." The Duke, he said, was expected to return to England early next year, and he was sure no lodge would give him a heartier welcome than the Earl of Sussex Lodge.

In submitting the next toast, "The Provincial Senior Grand Warden in Charge, the Rt. Hon. Sir William T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. said he experienced sorrow in thinking of their late Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Gerard Ford. Fortunately the Provincial Grand Lodge had a popular brother in charge—Sir W. T. Marriott; and, further, all their officers were brethren who could be relied upon in any case of emergency.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. All would agree with the W.M. that in the late Bro. Gerard Ford they had lost one whose whole heart was in Freemasonry. Speaking for himself, he said it was great pleasure, after his recent rough and tumble life, to come within those walls and to be in a haven of rest. Their brotherly love cemented all their differences, and all experienced happiness in doing their duty to each other. He then said he had another pleasant duty to perform—to propose "The Worshipful Master." The chair was, he remarked, adorned by Bro. Clowes, who was imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. During the last two years (the lodge was but a young one), Bro. Clowes had performed his duties with great ability, and he heartily wished him success and happiness during the coming year.

Bro. R. Clowes was received with prolonged and enthusiastic applause on rising to respond. He said he felt proud of the high position in which the brethren, by their unanimous vote, had placed him. He was grateful to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for installing him, and to the many old and new friends who had come from all parts to welcome him in his new position. His pleasure had been further increased by seeing his eldest son initiated. He, however, expressed his sincere regret that the late Bro. Gerard Ford, who had asked him to assist him in founding the lodge, and who had proposed that his (Bro. Clowes') son should be initiated, was no longer with them. He trusted that at the end of the year he should experience the same kind feelings that had been expressed towards him that day.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, next proposed "The Initiate." A good father, he said, ought to make a good son. Speaking as an Essex Freemason, he bore testimony to the very hearty manner in which the W. Master had supported Freemasonry in his mother province, and he believed his son would follow in his footsteps. He himself had a prescriptive right in proposing the toast. Not only had he installed the W.M. in his mother lodge in Essex, but he had the pleasure of proposing the health of his son, Bro. R. Percy Clowes, when he attained his majority. He was his sponsor in the Inns of Court to which he belonged, and had initiated him that day.

The toast was heartily drunk, and

Bro. R. Percy Clowes, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He had been impressed, he said, with the ceremony of his initiation, and felt that Freemasonry was calculated to make each one a better man. He thanked the brethren of the Earl of Sussex Lodge for admitting him into the Fraternity. He had lost a good friend in the late Bro. Ford, who had proposed him. He trusted to merit promotion till he ultimately reached the chair of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. W. Sendall (Mayor of Brighton) responded. He said Bro. Marriott had spoken of the pleasure of coming to the lodge as a haven of rest. But he asked what were his feelings? During the late election excitement, he had endeavoured to tread a bee line and go straight, in spite of the temptation of gas lights, flaming posters, and newspaper reports. He had looked forward to that meeting with pleasure, and had been amply repaid by the hearty good feeling with which he and the other visitors had been received.

Bro. A. Welch, referring to the W.M.'s excellent work in Freemasonry in Essex, said two lodges in that county sent him fraternal greetings. It was without precedent, he thought, that during one afternoon a W.M. should be installed, and his son not only initiated, but immediately honoured with office in the lodge.

Bro. W. E. Morrison (Mayor elect of Eastbourne) also responded. Eastbourne, he said, was interested in the welfare of its sister town, Brighton, copying what was good and endeavouring to profit by shortcomings which arose.

Their Mayor, Aldermen, and Town Clerk were all Freemasons. He said the Freemasons would give the Provincial Grand Lodge a hearty welcome if they held one of their meetings at Eastbourne.

The W.M., in proposing "The Past Master," presented Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott with a Past Master's gold jewel in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

Bro. Marriott, in responding, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for their kindness to him. His year of office had been one of pleasure and good fellowship, and he would do all he could to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties of his office.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. H. E. Prince, J.W., the Secretary, and Bro. J. P. Knight, I.G., responded.

From want of time the W.M. briefly proposed "The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province" and "The Joining Members" without asking for responses.

The Tyler's toast completed the list. The majority of the company then left to catch their respective trains.

During the evening the musical programme, under the direction of Bros. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Organist of the lodge; Dr. Alfred King, P.P.G.O.; and Turle Lee, was ably sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Master C. Steward, Bros. J. Brown, J. Gawthrop, and R. Grice. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. Turle Lee.

CANTERBURY.

Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—The installation of Bro. W. J. Claydon as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, on Monday, the 21st ult., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. H. J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Beckett, S.W.; D. Laing, J.W.; E. Plume, P.M., Treas.; Rev. H. M. Maugham, P.M., Chap.; E. Cockersell, P.M., Sec.; J. Naylor, S.D.; G. Pope, J.D.; J. Plant, P.M., Org.; J. H. Blamiers, P.M., D.C.; Col. W. H. Deedes, I.G.; and R. Blake, P.G.T., Tyler.

Besides a numerous attendance of members of the lodge, there were present Bros. T. W. Porter, W.M. 1915; J. S. White, W.M. 2099; J. T. May, W.M. 429; M. H. Gill, W.M. 1209; S. Saunders, I.P.M. 1915; W. O. Kennett, P.M. 1208; and others.

At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a company of about 50 sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bros. J. Plant, Rhodes, Dewhurst, and W. O. Kennett, assisted by Mr. Kenningham.

DAWLISH.

Salem Lodge (No. 1443).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, on the 21st ult. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. B. Avant, W.M. in 1876-7, was ably installed by Bro. F. C. Hallett, P.M., P.P. G. Std. Br. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. J. S. Whidborne, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Discombe, P.P. D.G.D.C.; H. L. Friend, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Horsham, H. Ruth, and J. Shapter, all of the lodge; J. U. Valentine, 303, P.P.D.G.D.C.; and G. S. Bridgman, 1358.

The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Shapter, I.P.M.; J. F. King, S.W.; E. W. Lock, J.W.; J. S. Whidborne, Treas.; W. H. Discombe, Sec.; J. E. Hearn, S.D.; D. C. Powell, J.D.; A. G. Stevens, Chap.; A. Coles, Org.; John Cole, D.C.; C. Hatcher and R. Williams, Stewards; G. F. Webb, I.G.; and R. G. Underhill, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Shapter with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of appreciation of the lodge of the ability with which he had fulfilled the duties of his office. The visiting brethren, besides those already named, included Bros. S. E. Endacott, Sec. 1138; C. Emmett, D.C., and J. T. Triniman, of 1358; and W. Thomas, 189.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Albert Hotel, where the installation banquet was held, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts observed.

GATESHEAD.

Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., and was one of the biggest nights, both as to work and attendance, that has been the good fortune of this ancient lodge for a considerable period of time. Bro. Wm. Brown, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Rhagg, P.M.; W. Dalrymple, P.M.; T. R. Jobson, as S.W.; W. Richardson, J.W.; M. R. Wright, Sec.; W. J. Jobson, S.D.; G. Craighill, J.D.; W. Stafford, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. H. Denton and A. Dodds, Stwds.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; T. Chegvidden, R. Swanson, G. C. Potts, J. T. Bowman, R. Brason, T. W. Bagnall, H. F. Dryden, W. J. Campbell, R. C. Tate, G. Hibbert, H. Jackson, T. Lambert, W. H. Knowles, A. Simpson, and Wm. Towers. The visitors were numerous and comprised Bros. M. Watson, W.M., E. Turnbull, P.M., T. Dinning, P.M., Jos. Brown, S.D., J. A. Stelling, W. J. Scott, Thomas Purvis, J.W., and J. M. Bruce, J.D., all of 481; Joseph Cook, P.M. 481 and 1342; W. R. Gibson, W.M. 1712; G. N. Patterson, S.W., T. R. Short, J.W., C. Kempson, and R. Stewart, I.G., all of 424; W. C. Foster, W.M., A. T. Atchson, P.M., C. Roope, P.M., G. Fish, S.D., W. E. Harker, J.W., and A. P. Farthing, I.G., all of 241; H. Spittle, P.M., Wm. Cooper, P.M., J. Taylor, J.W., and H. Thomas, all of 1342; G. L. Davis, 406; C. P. Lardler, Stwd. 1664; T. R. Jobson, J.W. 1664; W. Self, 240; W. G. Reynolds, S.W. 2260; J. Lascelles, 541; T. H. Baby, 1676; J. Appleyard, 413; D. Lewars, 541; and others.

The ballot was taken for Mr. J. K. Sinton, who was duly elected, and being in attendance was initiated by the W.M., and the J.W. explained the working tools. Bro. J. J. and Bowman was passed by Bro. Wm. Dalrymple, I.P.M., and the acting S.W. described the tools. Bro. Hugh Jackson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. The proceedings closed after many good wishes from the visiting brethren. An adjournment was made to the refreshment board, and a pleasant evening followed.

Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," treated the brethren to an excellent disquisition on the antiquity and the continuance of the lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge under varied circumstances and changes of enumeration during the period of more than 150 years.

HAMPTON COURT.

Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—This lodge met for the despatch of business at the Mitre Hotel, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. Wilson, W.M.; Tattersall, S.W.; Swain, J.W.; Col. Gordon, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; Orchard, P.M., acting S.D.; Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.W., acting J.D.; Linley, I.G.; Spratling, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Org.; Maple, P.M., P.P.G.D., Stwd.; Tarr, I.P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, 60, P.P.G.W.; Norris, P.M. 21; Stephens, 2165; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Orr was passed to the Second Degree. By the request of the D.D.G.M. of West Australia, Bro. Stephens, of No. 2165, was raised to the Third Degree. The ceremony was carried out by Bro. Spratling, P.M., in a manner that left but little to be desired. The ballot having been taken for Mr. E. A. Thorne, he was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. Tattersall was then unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Col. Gordon re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler for the year ensuing. The Audit Committee having been elected, and arrangements made to hold an emergency meeting in December, to raise Bro. Orr and pass Bro. Thorne, Bro. Pearce moved that the thanks of the lodge be presented to the W.M. for his kind and able services during the past year, and that the usual Past Master's jewel should be presented to him in recognition thereof. This proposition was seconded and carried by acclamation. The W.M. having acknowledged this special mark of esteem, the Secretary read numerous letters of apology from absent members, notably one from Bro. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C., &c.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in the manner which has rendered the Mitre Hotel and its venerable and genial host, Bro. Sadler, famous for miles around.

The W.M. presided, as usual, most ably and pleasantly, and a most agreeable evening was brought to a somewhat early close by the stern exigencies of the train service.

LIVERPOOL.

Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—At a meeting of this lodge held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Bro. John G. Hallwood was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. W. B. Sweetman, W.M.; Albert H. Hallwood, P.M.; Walter Burnett, P.M.; H. H. Smith, P.M.; Peter Thomas, P.M.; J. G. Hallwood, S.W.; J. Worthy, J.W.; Robert Foote, P.P.G.T., Treas.; James Greenlees, Sec.; Eli Brooks, S.D.; F. Simpson, J.D.; R. S. H. Walls, I.G.; W. M. Birkhead, Stwd.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; J. Crossley Pratt, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Edward Pierpoint, P.P.G.W.; John C. Robinson, Prov. A.G.D.C.; D. Jackson, P.P.G.S.B.; F. J. Bailey, P.P.J.G.D.; P. R. Barron, W.M. 1570; J. O. Mallabar, W.M. 241; F. H. Annett, W.M. 758; W. M'Lachlan, W.M. 241; Henry Round, I.P.M. 1609; J. Henderson, P.M. 1620; Joseph Sharples, P.M. 724; W. Lewis, S.W. 2042; H. B. Houghton, S.W. 314; J. M. Hogarth, J.W. 1473; and R. H. Leake, Sec. 1547.

The presenting officers were Bros. H. H. Smith, P.M., and Albert H. Hallwood, P.M., the W.M. being installed by Bro. W. B. Sweetman, the retiring W.M. After his installation, Bro. John G. Hallwood proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. B. Sweetman, I.P.M.; John Worthy, S.W.; James Greenlees, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Robert Foote, P.P.G.T., Treas.; Eli Brooks, Sec.; Francis Simpson, S.D.; Robert H. Wells, J.D.; James T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C.; John C. Pratt, Org.; and William Metcalf, Edwin Eastwood, and John E. Williams, Stewards.

During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with an 18 carat gold jewel, mounted with a diamond, and enamelled in colours, designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning (Liverpool and London), which was very much admired.

SEACOMBE.

Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 15th ult., at the lodge room, Seacombe Hotel, when there was a numerous attendance. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. A. Fay, W.M., and he was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.S.; G. Alister, P.M.; E. G. Mason, P.M., P.D.G.D. of C.; R. Parry, S.W.; W. Cloves, Sec.; W. Ellison, S.D.; W. Davidson, J.D.; S. Jones, I.G.; J. G. Parker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; and other brethren. The visitors included Bros. A. G. Akinson, W.M. 1189; P. Duff, W.M. 605; E. Shields, P.M. 1557; J. Clarke, W.M. 1576; E. Roberts, Sec. 2132; T. Pierpoint, P.M. 1393; J. T. Lee, P.M. 605, P.P.G.S. of W.; Eaton Batty, I.G. 1909; F. K. Stevenson, P.M. 537, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Morris, P.M. 1576; J. Evans, S.D. 1576; J. Gerrish, Stwd. 1576; and E. B. Ironside, Sec. 1264.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M.; Thomas Marwood, P.P.S.G.W.; John Newall, P.P.S.G.W. W. Lanc.; Alfred Cross, P.P.S.G.D. W. Lanc.; and many others. The accounts of the lodge for the year showed the finances were in a very satisfactory condition. Subsequently Bro. R. Parry, W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. T. B. Hughes, P.M., and A. Fay, W.M., for installation, the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. H. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.S. Afterwards the newly elected W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Fay, I.P.M.; W. Cloves, S.W.; W. Ellison, J.W.; E. G. Mason, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; R. Luke, P.M., D.C.; W. Davidson, Sec.; S. Jones, S.D.; F. E. Sharpe, J.D.; H. W. Barlow, I.G.; J. A. Mulholland, A. Taylor, and G. W. Makin, Stwds.; S. A. Seaton, Org.; and F. W. Holtaway, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren dined in the lodge-room, under the chairmanship of Bro. R. Parry, W.M.

During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. Fay, I.P.M., for his services to the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

An excellent musical programme was rendered by Bros. George Barton, Eaton Batty, E. Edwards, N. Bert, J. B. Ironside, and others. Bro. A. J. Phipps, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ with his usual ability.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers (No. 1838).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th ult., and was made memorable from the fact of the lodge having moved to new premises, the Drill Hall, Stafford-street, the Headquarters of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment. It was also the first occasion on which the lodge had used its own furniture, having for the previous ten years rented furniture from the other two lodges in the town. The furniture, supplied by Bro. George Kenning, is made of dark oak, and reflects the greatest credit on that well-known firm. It was keenly criticised by the members and visitors present, and on all sides were heard expressions of approval.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Quartermaster Longden, P.G. Stwd., assisted by his officers, Bros. Capt. A. McBean, S.W., W.M. elect; Capt. J. F. Chapman, J.W.; Sergt.-Major Woods, I.P.M.; F. Wokes, Sec.; H. P. Smith, J.D.; Major F. Walton, P.J.G.D., D.C.; Sergt.-Instructor Grimes, I.G.; Major J. B. Morgan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Major E. H. Thorne, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Major E. Pritchard, P.M.; Major G. W. Walker, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. J. Walker, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Edwardes, J. Clapham, Quartermaster-Sergt. R. Ault, R. E. C. Plumtree, E. Hickman, J. Annan, Capt. Stracey, Deputy Chief Constable; and Sergt.-Instructor J. Ellis. Visitors: Bros. C. A. Newham, P.M. 526, P.P.G.W.; G. H. Stanger, P.M. 419, P.G.D.C.; S. W. Page, W.M. 526; W. Bywater, I.P.M. 419; G. Vaughan, W.M. 419; H. Windle, W.M. 418; Major T. C. Bird, I.P.M. 1896; Capt. H. Bird, 1896; Capt. W. Burrough, W.M. 1792; Capt. T. J. Graham, I.G. 74; Lieut. J. Ryder, 1792, P.P.S.G.D., all belonging to the 1st Royal Warwickshire Volunteer Battalion; Capt. J. H. Smith, W.M. 347; A. W. Sims, I.G. 526; T. J. Barnett, 526, P.P.J.G.W.; J. D. Stern, S.D. 526; J. Rooper, Mus. Bac., Org. 526; Sergt. J. B. Waite, 419; S. H. Morris, 473; and H. Denton, 279. After the adoption of the accounts for the past year, which showed a balance of £180 to the good, the installation of the W.M. elect was proceeded with, and Bro. Capt. McBean was placed in the chair. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., who, by the manner in which he performed the ceremony on that occasion, has placed on record a valuable list of services rendered to the lodge during his year. The new W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren to the number of 40 adjourned to the adjoining Mess room, where a banquet was served by the Mess caterer of the local battalion.

The whole of the arrangements were looked after by the W.M., and Bros. Quartermaster Longden and Major Morgan, P.P.J.G.D., and needless to say in such hands they were faultless.

YORK.

Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Castlegate, the W.M., Bro. John H. Taylor, presided, and was supported by Bros. A. M. White, P.P.G.P., I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. A. H. H. McGachen, P.P.G.P.; George Balmford, P.P.G.O.; Arthur Sample, P.P.G.O.; and W. S. Child, P.P.G.O.; with a full attendance of officers and members, and several visitors.

While the brethren were assembling, a grand Masonic march was played on the organ by Bro. A. Sample, and the Masonic anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," by Atkinson, was sung, the solos being effectively rendered by Bros. Sample and Wilkinson. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the W.M. was elected Charity Representative, on the proposition of Bro. McGachen, P.M., seconded by the I.P.M. The brethren then received and saluted the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, who delivered a lecture on Freemasonry in ancient and modern times, interspersed with anecdotes and illustrations. The lecture was received with marked interest and attention, and at its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., and carried by acclamation.

The singing of the anthem, "Hail Masonry," closed a very interesting and instructive evening.

Royal Arch.

Provincial Meetings.

HITCHIN.

Cecil Chapter (No. 449).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Sun Hotel, when there were present Comps. John Read, M.E.Z.; C. B. Cooper, H.; H. H. Shirley, J.; James Shilcock, P.Z. 403, Treas.; R. Shillito, S.E.; S. P. Nash, S.N.; W. Weiss, P.S.; J. H. Weiss, 1st A.S.; R. Bannister, 2nd A.S.; G. F. Fuller, D.C.; J. H. Gilbertson, Steward; Geo. Austin, Janitor; T. S. Carter, P.Z. 403, P.P.G.H. (Hon. Mem.); and visitors: Comps. J. B. Cumming, H. 890, and G. S. Ward, P.S. 403.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Woodford, 913, being in attendance, was regularly exalted in the R.A. Degree. A Committee was appointed to consider the by-laws. The name of a brother previously proposed for exaltation, was withdrawn by consent of the chapter. A design for a founder's jewel for the chapter was submitted and approved. The usual routine business having been transacted, and, nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

A supper, at which the M.E.Z. presided, supported by all the officers of the chapter, was subsequently served.

The customary toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z. in an efficient manner.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers" was ably responded to by Comp. E. C. Carter, P.P.G.H.

Comps. Cummings, H. 890, and S. Ward, P.S. 403, replied for "The Visitors."

As the majority of the brethren had to leave by train, the speeches and responses were brief, and the meeting broke up after a very enjoyable and successful evening.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The first sitting of Comp. J. H. Roberts as M.E.Z. of the above chapter was a most successful one, he opening the campaign with two good and true exaltees in the persons of Bros. H. King, P.M. and Sec. 615, and G. Laurance, 913, nor was the above fact the only or most interesting part of the proceedings. It will be remembered that some nine months ago Comp. H. J. Butter, P.Z. and S.E. of the chapter, and P.P.G.P.S., who at that time held, and still holds, the important position of manager of the Carriage Department, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, was run over and sadly mutilated by one of the locomotive engines that travel over and to all parts of the Arsenal, losing thereby a portion of his left arm, and receiving serious wounds about his head and body generally. For many months his life was despaired of, and his sufferings and chances of recovery were constant themes of interest and sympathy in every lodge and chapter meeting in the locality, and at which meetings it was the usual practice for some brother or companion to give an account of the progress the universally beloved and afflicted sufferer was making towards recovery or otherwise. Nor were such enquiries confined alone to the district, for Comp. Butter had a large travelled and travelling acquaintance, both amongst the brotherhood and manufacturing and scientific circles of the kingdom, to whom he had endeared himself by his polished courtesy of manner, as well as his profound knowledge of matters technical and erudite, so that it will be at once seen his recovery from the very brink of the grave, as it were, was watched with unceasing anxiety and solicitude. Well, then, when on Thursday, the 17th ult., the companions of the Pattison Chapter met at their home, the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, and it was told them that Comp. Butter intended to be present, the good news spread so, that on his arrival, accompanied by his esteemed *fidus Achates*, Comp. C. Lawson, S.N. of the chapter, he was met with a perfect torrent of welcomes, his hand being grasped and shaken by all present in a most hearty and enthusiastic manner.

When the exaltation of the candidates was concluded, and we will now say that it was well done for a first attempt, the M.E.Z. proposed "that the congratulations of the companions on having their esteemed Comp. Butter again with them be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter," and in so doing hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would grant him many years of health and strength to be with them, and that in the future, as in the past, he might be enabled to assist them in maintaining the high prestige and prosperity of the Pattison Chapter. Comp. E. Palmer, H., eloquently seconded, and Comp. Lawson—who filled the chair of J., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Clarke, and filled it well, giving the historical lecture faultlessly—supported the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

Comp. Butter briefly responded in that instance, but in responding to an enthusiastic reception of his name, coupled with the toast of "Comp. Eastes, P.G.H., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," he said the toast which had been placed in his hands was a very important one, and one he sincerely wished had been placed in the hands of one of the older officers of the province, especially as he was at the present time, comparatively speaking, only a child, and therefore totally unable as such to do honour to it. Figuratively, and as far as the chapter was concerned, he had been born again, and therefore was not so cheerful that night as at all times. He was grave with sorrow, for he felt like one who had risen from the dead to a new life. He would tell them that at more than one period of his illness he was given up by the doctors and told he must die, and as there were some eight of them altogether who severally and conjointly said so, he supposed he ought to have died, but he and they attributed his recovery from that death which seemed inevitable to the manner in which he had lived during the past 50 years of his existence, and he trusted that his example and the results of it would be beneficial to those who, young now, might, in advanced age, follow him in cases of severe accidents. They must permit him to thank every companion of that chapter most sincerely for their constant and unceasing sympathy. Very few of them had been for five or six months on a bed suffering the most intense agony, but if any of them had, they would feel and understand the great pleasure and solace it afforded him to receive such continued support and sympathy, and the delight it gave him to receive condolence, not only from that chapter, but from the lodges and private friends from far and near, for which he must say he could never sufficiently thank them. At one time, when on the point of death, he received a telegram from two of the companions, which, he believed, saved him, for he felt life was worth living after reading that telegram. It was simply impossible for him to enumerate all his friends, but he must especially thank Comps. Lawson, Hayes, Penfold, and Cook for their unceasing devotion and sympathy, and his gratitude to them would only cease with his life. He would now take the opportunity of telling them that he owed his presence there and his very existence to the untiring devotion of his beloved wife.

But here our esteemed companion broke down; he could say no more, and shortly afterwards retired, accompanied by several of the companions, among the ringing cheers of everyone present, and many a prayer for his complete recovery and future happiness.

"The M.E.Z.'s Health" was drunk heartily, and he responded briefly.

The other toasts were "The Second and Third Principals," responded to by Comps. Palmer and Lawson; "The Past Principals," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast.

Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G. Soj.; Treas.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P. 2nd A.G. Soj.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. J. Cook, I.P.Z.; Dr. H. Bernays, M.E.Z. 1973; C. Jolly (Hon.), M.E.Z. 1472; E. Morris, P.S.; C. Clapham, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. C. Taylor, 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. H. Nichols, Steward; F. Tyler, Org.; J. Lardner, Janitor; D. Campbell, D. C. Capon, G. H. Porter, J. Topp, S. Horton, H. Ough, G. W. Mitchell, and J. Hooton, all of the chapter; A. W. Woodley, J., H. De Gray, W. R. Arnold, and J. Sanderson, of 13; and N. Batchelor, 140.

Some splendid singing by Comps. Batchelor, Sanderson, and Mr. Mason, son of Comp. Mason, was enjoyed during the evening, Comp. Tyler accompanying on the piano. Comp. Horton played a sonata on the violin grandly, "and all went merry as a marriage bell."

Mark Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

FOREST OF DEAN.

Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 340).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Speech House, when there were present Bros. M. F. Carter, P.S.G.W., W.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; E. Milford Cock, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, acting J.W.; J. J. James, M.O.; S. W. Haddingham, S.O.; J. T. Nundy, J.O.; Albert Stephens, Sec.; G. F. Minett, J.D.; G. W. Holmes, I.G.; J. Webb, Tyler; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M.; P.P.G.M.O.; S. W. Woods, and G. F. Washbourn.

The lodge having been opened, the installation of Bro. J. S. Bradstock, S.W., was performed by Bro. J. Shaw Carleton, assisted by Bro. Milford Cock. The new W.M. afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. M. F. Carter, I.P.M.; S. W. Haddingham, S.W.; J. J. James, J.W.; J. T. Nundy, M.O.; A. Stephens, S.O.; J. E. James, J.O.; Rev. W. Lynes, P.M., Chap.; J. Shaw Carleton, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Minett, S.D.; G. W. Holmes, J.D.; W. G. Roberts, I.G.; and Job Webb, Tyler. The lodge was afterwards closed.

TREDEGAR.

Ashlar Lodge (No. 185).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 24th ult., to install Bro. John J. Williams, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Officers were Bro. Nicol Bradley, P.P.J.G.W., and a Board of Installed Masters, among whom were Bros. G. A. Brown, P.P.S.G.W.; John Lewis, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Widdoson, P.P.G.M.O.; G. Gaulding, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Fowlers, P.P.S.G.O.; W. H. Williams, P.P.J.G.O.; B. Phillips, P.J.G.D.; and several others.

The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. Phillips, I.P.M.; F. R. M. Stour, S.W.; W. Griffith, J.W.; W. Charles, M.O.; J. R. Davis, S.O.; James Johnston, J.O.; G. Gaulding, P.M., Treas.; N. Brady, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Williams, P.M., acting I.G.; and E. Barnard, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Taylor, the W.M. presiding.

The usual toast list was gone through, and a very pleasant evening spent.

WHITEHAVEN.

Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult. Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.J.G.W., W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers, viz., Bros. T. Brakenridge, P.S.G.O., I.P.M.; W. D. P. Field, P.J.G.D., S.W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as J.W.; H. Burns, M.O.; D. Atkinson, S.O.; J. Casson, J.O.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., Treas.; W. H. Bewlay, P.G. Stwd., Reg. and Sec.; J. Clarke, S.D.; B. Taylor, J.D.; Thos. Mitchell, I.G.; H. D. Cook, P.G. Org., Org.; R. D. Metcalf, Stwd.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; W. Gaffney, Geo. Starkey, J. Thompson, S. Broadbent, Thomas Blinkinsop, Ed. Pattinson, Jas. Ramsay, and H. Mageen.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. One candidate was balloted for and advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason in a most impressive manner by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Brakenridge, with a full musical accompaniment by the P.G. Org. One candidate was proposed, and with other business the lodge was closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, Treas., S.W.; J. R. Hill, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. T. Manktelow, S.D.; H. J. Thomas, J.D.; F. Devin, I.G.; A. E. Henderson, Stwd.; J. Stephens, 1525, W.M. elect 2150; N. Turner, P.M. 72; C. S. Mote, W.M. 1732; J. M. Chapman, R. E. Cursons, W. Chapple, G. Wood, R. T. Redfearn, A. Pozzati, and A. E. Carter. Visitors: Bros. E. T. Taylor, 1567; W. A. Brown, W.M. 1567; and H. Rankin, 1305.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cursons having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cursons candidate. Bro. Mason then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. A. Brown, W.M. 1567, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and duly installed Bro. J. Stephens into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, and the W.M. invested his officers, after which the Installing Master delivered the three addresses. Bros. Brown, Taylor, Rankin, and Henderson were elected joining members. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Brown for the able manner he worked the ceremony of installation for the first time in this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. J. F. Williams, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; R. Reed, W. W. Williams, and E. Nash.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Jobson having given proof of

his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of officers in a very able and excellent manner. Bro. W. W. Williams worked the 4th Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the Preceptor. On the usual rising, Bro. Lucas was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: J. C. Conway, W.M.; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. elect 141, S.W.; A. Cadbury-Jones, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Corrie, S.D.; A. J. Barradell, J.D.; J. Cruttenden, I.G.; W. Death, W.M. 511, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; C. A. Bond, W.M. 1425; D. Stroud, W.M. 1637, P.M. 2045; O. W. Battley, W. R. Hatton, and J. H. Taylor. Visitor: Bro. John Whitehead, P.M. 1425, 110.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Hatton and Death being candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Wetzlar, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair and invested the officers. Bro. Whitehead was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Wetzlar was elected W.M. for the 4th inst., should the W.M. of the mother lodge not be present. The officers were appointed in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. E. Sheffield, W.M.; C. Hiller, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. Loomes, S.D.; F. M. Sutter, J.D.; E. A. Ronaasen, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, T. Williams, D. C. Ritchie, J. Duncan, J. M. Scarlett, Graham, Kimbell, and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Bro. Sheffield vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coxon, when Bro. Nicole answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Nicole candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Sheffield resumed the chair. Bro. Kimbell was elected a member. Bro. C. Hiller was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Lindsey, S.W.; Fruen, J.W.; Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Gardner, S.D.; Petit, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Baldwin, P.M.; E. Vickers, B. Vickers, Nichols, Leman, Bilby, Prince, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The First and Second Lectures were worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The Second and Third Lectures were worked. Bro. Lindsey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Spiegel announced that he intends to give the lecture in the First Degree on Thursday, the 7th inst., which offer was unanimously accepted. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; W. Middleweek, S.W.; J. Bartlett, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; H. D. Smith, S.D.; J. Powell, J.D.; J. H. Taylor, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; D. Belinfante, P.M.; H. Armfield, H. Foskett, and R. H. Broom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Armfield candidate. Bro. R. H. Broom having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Broom candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Middleweek was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Oliver, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Roberts, S.D.; J. H. Morrish, J.D.; C. G. Hatt, I.G.; G. Read, P.M.; G. A. Knight; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner. The second ceremony was also rehearsed. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Oliver for his able conduct of the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

The election of officers will take place on Tuesday, the 5th inst.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. H. D. Aslett, W.M.; H. D. Gilbert, W.M. elect 1828, S.W.; A. J. Lathbury, P.M., J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Woodard, S.D.; W. Hellier, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; R. H. Rogers, P.M. 1791; G. E. Higginson, L. Cox, J. Arnott, H. Nash, J. Jobson, C. R. Cross, W.M. 1791, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was

opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Arnott candidate. The W.M. gave the charge after initiation in a very excellent manner. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Gilbert was elected W.M. for the 7th instant, and the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. Present: Bros. A. Ashby, 619, W.M.; C. H. Cox, S.W. 1839, S.W.; C. J. Davison, 1897, J.W.; W. Belchamber, 193, Preceptor; G. Scott Miller, 2264, Sec.; A. H. Jakins, W.M. 1839, S.D.; S. Klingenstein, 73, J.D.; Max Mendelssohn, 212, I.G.; W. Martin, P.M. 879; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; W. B. Marcus, P.M. 1839; A. Williams, P.M. 1839; W. Wright, 1839; L. Weil, S.D. 1540; J. Bladon, S.D. 1839; Morris Hart, 73; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ray acting as candidate. Bro. Belchamber, assisted by Bro. Martin, worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; J. W. Ray, W.M. 1624; A. J. Holland, 619; H. Saqui, 2264; and E. A. Smith, 2308, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; T. Wicox, S.W.; Dusterwald, J.W.; J. Davies, Acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; A. Williams, F. Craggs, E. Fox, H. Moyse, R. H. Wimpey, H. Bone, and R. Reed.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. H. Moyse offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Moyse candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. On the usual risings, Bro. Wilcox was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, the offices being filled by Comps. James Sims, W. C. Williams, John Davies, Geo. Read, and F. Craggs.

After the convocation had been declared open, the addresses appertaining to the exaltation ceremony were given, and the chapter adjourned until Wednesday, the 24th inst., Comp. Sims being the M.E.Z. elect.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. C. Williams, H. 733, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, S.N. 733, H.; G. March, J. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. R. Hatton, 1642, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; G. Swann, 2nd A.S. 733, 1st A.S.; G. W. Fisher, H. 862; W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975; M. Spiegel, 834; W. Binns, 448; and P. J. Davies, 834. Visitors: Comps. Charles G. Hatt, 733, and Charles E. Betts, 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Fisher being candidate. Comps. Hatt and Betts were elected members, the ballot having been unanimous in their favour. Both companions were well pleased at the way the ceremony had been rehearsed, and would use their endeavours to attend as regularly as circumstances would allow. A cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously carried for the able and very efficient manner Comp. Williams had presided as M.E.Z. for the first time. Comp. Williams acknowledged the compliment, thanking the executive for the assistance he had received from them, and also for the kindness he had invariably received from the companions. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor and M.E.Z.; Warren, H.; Wingham, J.; Stone, S.E.; J. Hill, S.N.; C. Wilson, P.S.; C. Woods, A.S.; Addington, Eckersall, Eedle, T. Grummant, P.Z.; Millikin, and Barnard, 141.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barnard personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, and Comp. Barnard was elected a joining member. The dues were collected. The M.E.Z. rose for the second time, and Comp. Warren was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose for the third time, and Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, reported that Comp. Capt. Stokoe, M.E.Z. 1329, had sent, apologising for unavoidable absence. The chapter was then closed.

No fewer than 23 matinées are already booked at Terry's Theatre to take place between now and the end of February, and Bro. Brickwell is overwhelmed with applications for more dates.

It is satisfactory to see the steady and encouraging progress which the free library movement is now making throughout the country. Three years ago, when the first edition of "Free Public Libraries" was published, the total number of adoptions of the Acts during 36 years was only 133, and at the present time there are 190. A third edition of this work, by Mr. Thomas Greenwood, is in course of preparation.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Shadwell Clerke Chapter (No. 107).—A meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when the following were present: E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley, 18°, M.W.S.; Ill. Bros. W. A. Scurrah, 30°, 1st Gen.; W. R. Palmer, 30°, 2nd Gen.; Lovegrove, 30°, Treas.; Read, 30°, Recorder; E. and P. Bros. Dr. Goodchild, 18°, Raphael; E. C. Mulvey, 18°, Herald; G. J. Dunkley, 18°, Organist; Cooper, 18°, Stwd.; Austin, Outer Guard; Felix Weiss, 18°; L. M. Biden, 18°; and Pragnell, 18°. Visitors: Ill. Bros. Capt. Walls, 30°; H. J. Lardner, 30°; George Gregory, 30°; W. Woodford, 30°; and E. and P. Bro. Rev. W. H. Fraser, 18°.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the installation of M.W.S. was proceeded with, the ceremony being ably performed by E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley, I.P.M.W.S. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Palmer, Prelate; Lovegrove, Treas.; Read, Recorder; Dorman, 1st Gen.; Dr. Goodchild, 2nd Gen.; Storr, G. Marshal; Mulvey, Raphael; Cooper, D.C.; Pragnell, Herald; Leversedge, Capt. of Guard; Dunkley, Org.; F. Weiss, Steward; and Austin, Outer Guard. Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, P.Z. 1507; Arthur H. Scurrah, S.W. 2206; and C. H. Fry, P.M. 167, were balloted for, and elected candidates, the ceremonies being performed by E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley and the M.W.S. A P.M.W.S.'s jewel was presented by the M.W.S. to E. and P. Bro. H. H. Shirley, I.P.M.W.S., who very suitably replied.

Correspondence having been read, and other business transacted, the chapter was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the Criterion, over which the M.W.S. presided.

The customary toasts were given most ably by the M.W.S., and were all well received. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Provincial Meetings.

LEEDS.

Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Adolph Hess, assisted by his officers, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th ult. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the District, was received under an arch of steel. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. One candidate was perfected by Ill. Bro. Jno. Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. Banister. Bro. W. J. Beck was elected M.W.S., and Bro. Kay re-elected Treasurer. The chapter was visited by Ill. Bros. C. W. Finckin, 30°, 16; A. Gill, 30°; E. and P. Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S., Bros. Hy. Shaw, P.M.W.S., Richard Hodgson, and Thos. Pickles, all of 69. Business of the chapter over, it was closed.

The dinner was held in the banqueting hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. Adolph Hess, having on his right Ill. Bro. Banister, Bros. Monckman, Finckin, A. Gill, H. Shaw, R. Hodgson, and Thos. Pickles, and on his left Ill. Bro. Jno. Barker, 30°; J. W. Fourness, P.M.W.S.; J. R. Hargreaves, P.M.W.S.; Henry Warwick, P.M.W.S.; C. Letch Mason, and others. Bro. M. J. Beck occupied the vice-chair.

After dinner, the M.W.S. proposed "The Health of H.M.G.M. the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family;" "The Supreme Council;" and their dear old friend "Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°," with all the honours, hoping that he might long continue to come amongst them with his cheerful and happy instruction.

Ill. Bro. Banister thanked the M.W.S. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their great kindness to him whenever he came amongst them, and concluded by proposing every happiness to the M.W.S. and prosperity to the chapter, which was thoroughly appreciated.

Other toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a truly happy evening was the result.

Bro. Chas. Letch Mason rendered great assistance.

Knights Templar.

Provincial Meetings.

ALDERSHOT.

William Stuart Preceptory (No. 76).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel. The E.P. Sir Knight A. S. Knight Prescott, P.P.C., was supported by the Sub-Prior of the province, Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.S.B. Eng.; and Sir Knights J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.H. Eng.; Col. Yeatman Biggs, C. W. A. Jellicoe, Prov. C.; Lieut.-Col. R. P. Fitzgerald, P.P.C.; Richard Eve, P.P.C.; W. E. Foster, W. J. Rix, P.P.C. of G.; R. Stone, Lehmann, and others.

The preceptory was opened, and subsequently the E.P. elect, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. R. P. Fitzgerald, was presented for the benefit of installation as E.P. by Sir Knight J. E. Le Feuvre, and installed by the retiring E.P. in a most impressive manner. The following officers were then invested: Sir Knights W. J. Rix, P.P.C. of G., Constable; R. Stone, Marshal; Jas. Taylor, P.P.R., Prelate; Richard Eve, P.P.C., Treas. and Almoner; W. E. Foster, Reg.; A. Savill, Sub-Marshal; Col. Yeatman Biggs, Captain of Lines; J. Miller, Herald; and Wm. Burns, Equerry. A most cordial vote of thanks was passed to Sir Knight A. S. Knight Prescott for his valuable services to the preceptory during the past year, as well as for the excellent manner in which he had always rendered the ritual. The P.E.P. in returning thanks, warmly eulogised his officers who had so ably supported him during his year of office. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland for his services as Treasurer since the resuscitation of the preceptory, and for having brought the financial position of the preceptory to its present satisfactory state. In responding, the retiring Treasurer heartily thanked the members for their kind and unanimous vote, and assured

them that the pressure of professional and Masonic business alone compelled him to refuse the very pressing invitation of the preceptory to be again re-elected.

After the usual business had been disposed of, the E.P. closed the preceptory, and the sir knights repaired to the banquet hall, where the E.P. was well supported by the Grand and Provincial Officers and members of the preceptory, and the loyal and Templar toasts were given and responded to.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The first conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor in South Africa was established at Durban, Natal, on the 26th September last, under the title of the Prudent Brethren Conclave, No. 15, by warrant from the Grand Council of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

Bro. Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, 32°, was installed as Supreme Ruler by Past Grand Councillor Bro. R. I. Finemore, 32°, who accepted the office of Councillor of the conclave, and Bro. Thomas Cook, 31°, was appointed Guide. A number of candidates desirous of being inducted into the Order were proposed for ballot.

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BELFAST.

Ark Lodge (No. 10).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodges premises, No. 16, Alfred-street, on the 11th ult., when a large number of brethren assembled to welcome Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, P.G.M., upon his first appearance in the lodge. Present: Bros. Robert Tennent, W.M.; W. H. H. Lyons, S.W.; Hy. Crawford, J.W., Treas.; Rev. F. M. Graham, S.D.; F. G. Fenton, J.D.; C. B. Brownlow, I.G.; B. W. D. Montgomery, Sec.; C. Bowles, P.M.; G. W. Ferguson, P.M.; G. Johnston, P.M.; Ewart, P.S.G.W.; W. S. Boyd, P.M.; Hy. Boyd, P.M.; Wm. Dobbin, P.M.; F. Kinahan, P.M.; V. W. Grimshaw, P.M.; H. G. S. Alexander, P.M.; H. H. Bottomley, P.M.; C. K. Cordner, P.M.; A. Duffin, P.M.; Pim, Charley, Wallace, Munro, Ross, Crammelin, Dickey, J. S. Flood, R. S. Johnston, Huggins, Morell, Macaulay, Smith, and Barton. Visitors: Bros. F. Rankin, P.G. Treas.; R. J. Hilton, P.G. Sec.; and J. Mackenzie-Shaw, P.P.D.G.M. Queensland.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, J.G.W.; H. D. McMaster, John Kinahan, Viscount Massereene, and Ferrard, P.M. The regular business being ended, at the request of the P.G.M., the W.M. gave instruction to the lodge on various subjects.

Labour being concluded, the lodge was called off for refreshment, and the brethren having ascended to the banqueting hall, dinner was served. The further visiting brethren present thereat were Bros. G. W. Shekleton, O.C., D.G.M.; Thos. Valentine, D.P.G.M.; Carey, P.J.G.W.; and F. Gordon, 349 (E.C.).

The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the lodge was called on for labour, and after a short space of time, was closed. The brethren separated at a later period.

Royal Arch.

ENNISKILLEN.

Enniskillen Chapter (No. 205).—At the regular meeting of this chapter, held in the Town Hall, on the 3rd September, for the election of officers, the following companions were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. C. E. R. A. Irvine, King; J. Bryans, High Priest; C. Hunter, Chief Scribe; Gunning, Captain of the Host; W. Ritchie, Sup. of the Tabernacle; Joe L. Carson, Royal Arch Captain; G. Vanes, Capt. Scarlet Veil; G. E. White, Capt. Purple Veil; Geo. Elliott, Capt. Blue Veil; W. F. Jones (P.K.), Treasurer and Registrar; W. H. Morrison (P.K.), Chaplain; and B. Gamble (I.P.K.), Janitor.

The following sketch of R.A. Masonry in Enniskillen, and the reasons which lead to the founding of Chapter 205 in the town may prove interesting to those who carry on the "Royal Art."

In July, 1838, a warrant of constitution was granted by Grand Chapter establishing Chapter 891, the first we have any knowledge of as existing in Enniskillen, at least subsequent to the separation of the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry from the Craft Grand Lodge, and for years 891 was the only chapter in the town, but early in 1865 another warrant was issued by Grand Chapter empowering the formation of Chapter 473, which soon became a most flourishing chapter, and for several years a spirit of rivalry was maintained between the two chapters. But a time came when it was found that this rivalry was not alone an unhealthy emulation, but was injurious to the best interests of capital Masonry, and it became apparent to both chapters that if Royal Arch Masonry was to flourish this could only be accomplished by the members of the two chapters joining under one warrant and working but one chapter.

It would here be out of place to more than allude to the difficulties which interposed to prevent this desirable amalgamation, but we may say that they were formidable, and for a time apparently insurmountable. In the case of the members of both chapters, old associations and traditions had to be given up, pleasant memories ignored, and the rivalry forgotten. But Masonic loyalty and a whole-hearted desire for the prosperity of the Royal Order outside the limits of mere chapter borders at length prevailed, and on October 26th, 1888, the warrants of both 891 and 473 were surrendered to Grand Chapter, and a new warrant (No. 205) taken out, under which number and the name, "The Enniskillen Chapter," the members of the two joined, and the wisdom of the step was at once apparent, in the large number of brethren of ability and influence who at once came forward and joined the new chapter, and the erewhile divided companions vied with each other to perfect everything which could tend to the prosperous working of the new chapter.

The first officers of the new chapter were chosen unanimously from those of the two old ones, one from each alternately, Comp. O. Ternan being chosen first King in recognition of the great services he had rendered in bringing about the amalgamation.

May we not say that the establishment of this chapter in Enniskillen affords a striking example of the power and good which Freemasonry exercises over the minds of those who learn and lay to heart her principles of fraternity and brotherly love, that abnegation of self, for the sake of the welfare of the common weal, which enables men to cheerfully surrender cherished privileges, it may be, and old associations to merge in a newer Masonic tie, and submit to a younger jurisdiction for the sake of that "peace, love, and harmony," which are the abiding characteristics of the Order. The original members were Comps. Past Kings Geo. Willis, A. Price, and A. Kenny (dead); O. Ternan, William Teele, Wm. Galt, W. G. Ternan, W. H. Morrison, Wm. Purdon, W. F. Jones, and J. W. Dane; and Comps. Irvine, Hunter, Gamble, Bryans, Atthill, and Sproule.

GRAND MASONIC CONCERT.

The above event the first of its kind, took place in the Lodge Rooms, Fisherman's Hall, Kinsale, co. Cork, Ireland, under the patronage of Bro. H. T. Daunt, J.P., W.M., R.A., M.M.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the Kinsale Lodge, No. 234. The room was decorated with the full Masonic insignia by Bros. Ward, P.M.; Jago, I.P.M.; and Orr, S.W. The programme was arranged by Mrs. Pratt, who with her usual kindness selected the choir for the concert from those of St. Multose, Kinsale, Ringcurran, and the Wesleyan Churches; too much cannot be said in praise of the indefatigable way she conducted the whole concert, but the trained style of the singing spoke for itself. In addition to the local talent, the fine voices of Miss Hunt, Bro. Rev. Canon Conolly, and Mr. Thos. Good formed an attraction which the repeated encores proved to have been correctly estimated. At eight o'clock p.m., the brethren in full Masonic dress and regalia, led by Bro. H. T. Daunt, W.M., supported by Bros. Jago, I.P.M., Col. Hawtrey, P.M., P.J.G.D. Munster, the Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren, marched up the hall to the platform, when the W.M. gave out that the concert would open with "God Bless the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," which was sung, all in the hall standing. Among the local performers must be mentioned the name of Miss Emily Daunt, whose song, accompanied by the Misses Orrs, on piano and violin, received a well deserved encore; the piano solo, as also one by Miss M. Orr, was encored to the echo. A quartette by Mrs. McDonnell, Miss Orr, Capt. Pratt, and Mr. McDonnell deserves special notice; but it would be invidious to select any of the other performers, all having done their duty to perfection. The room was full to overflowing with the principal inhabitants of Kinsale, and the proceeds are to be devoted to the Masonic Jubilee Annuity Fund. From the support now given the brethren hope soon to give another treat of the kind to the music-loving public.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE HAMER BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of this Institution was held on Friday evening, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. Foote.

The report for the year was adopted. Bro. G. Morgan was re-appointed Treasurer, and Bros. H. H. Smith and A. J. J. Bamford joint Secretaries. Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, Hall, Christison, and Irvin were unanimously elected honorary medical officers.

Thanks were given to the Auditors, Bros. Turner, Pittaway, and Bottomley, and Bro. H. H. Smith, in moving the customary vote to the Chairman, announced that through Bro. Murray he had received 200 guineas for the funds of the Institution from the executors of the late Bro. Crossley, of Wigan, who, in addition, had left 300 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and 600 guineas to the Alpass Benevolent Fund.

The vote of thanks was cordially carried, and the proceedings then terminated.

Miss Fuller, a lady from America, opened the Globe on Tuesday, last week, for a limited number of weeks; which we think will prove to be extremely limited unless she has other plays better than "Caprice" to present to the public. "Caprice" is a touch of Wm. Taylor's "Unequal Match" and "Caste," and though a squabble is going on about Miss Fuller's rights to it, we venture to remark it is not worth a quarrel over. Its theme is that of an educated man who falls in love with a rustic girl, and who, when he has married her, finds he has made a huge mistake owing to her want of education. The lady then puts herself under teachers, and returning to her husband somewhat confounds him with her high education. Miss Fuller is an American variety artiste, and not suited to comedies. She shows talent, and, being pretty, may yet win the sympathies of English folk if she can put on a play suitable to her style. She has a very good company, whom we pitied, including Bros. Maclean and J. S. Grahame, Mr. A. Boucicault, Mr. Fuller Mellish, Mr. A. Maltby, and Misses Marie Linden and Susie Vaughan. A cow on the stage is something new, even to realistic drama.



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

We greatly regret to hear that the health of Lady Plunket, wife of Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, and G. Chaplain of Ireland, is causing very serious anxiety to the members of her family.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork arrived at Cannes last week, having gone thither for the benefit of their youngest son's health. It is their intention to remain in the south of Europe during the winter months.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, after being on a visit to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mrs. Goschen at Sussex Heath, Sussex, from Saturday last to Monday, have returned to Bestwood Lodge, Notts.

Last Wednesday's matinee of "Sweet Lavender," at "Terry's," was so successful that they will be continued, in addition to the usual Saturday ones, throughout the year. This will make eight performances per week.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will be the guest of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., and Lady Brooke, at Easton Lodge, near Dunmow, Essex, about the second week of December, when his Royal Highness will enjoy some pheasant shooting.

There is said to be no truth in the rumour that Bro. General Lord Wolseley has accepted an invitation from General Fitzhugh Lee, Governor of Virginia, and nephew of the late General Robert E. Lee, to be present at the unveiling of the equestrian statue about to be erected in Richmond, Virginia, to the memory of the great Confederate general.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. the Earl of Kilmorey, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, Bro. Lord Alcester, and Bro. Lord and Lady Magheramorne were among those present at the marriage at St. Mark's Church, North Audley-street, on Tuesday, of Col. C. Wynne-Finch, late of the Scots' Guards, with Maud Emily, youngest daughter of the late Hon. Richard and Lady Margaret Charteris.

All the lodges in Berks and Bucks are to be placed in mourning as a mark of respect for the late Sir Daniel Gooch, who presided over the province for many years. The absence of any centre convenient to the two counties prevents a special Grand Lodge being summoned, but each lodge will adopt an address of condolence to Sir Henry and Lady Gooch, the Dowager Lady Gooch, and other members of the family.

Bro. Grantham Dodd, at the recent Law Congress at Leeds, read a paper on the "Law of Partnership," in which, after fully discussing the present law on that subject, he made several important suggestions for the amendment of it, amongst other things, proposing (1) the registration of trading firms; (2) limited partnership; (3) that it should be illegal (as in America and France) for any one to use the word "Company" after his name unless some person other than himself was interested in the business.

Torquay will soon be distinguished as the abode of Masonic *literati*, for three brothers ranking high in Masonic honours have been industriously adding to their former literary works. Bro. Chapman has rescued from oblivion, and published in book form "Metham's Masonic Orations;" Bro. Jno. Lane has just issued a very painstaking work, entitled "A Study to the Lists of Lodges," which is simply invaluable to the brotherhood; and Bro. W. J. Hugan has followed with an interesting "History of the Apollo Lodge, York."—*Torquay Directory*.

We are pleased to state that Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P.P.G.D. of Devon ("The Lawn," Torquay), has been elected one of the honorary members of Lodge No. 47, Dundalk, in appreciation of his services on behalf of the Craft. This lodge is remarkable for its support of the Irish Masonic Charities, all its members being Governors of the "Masonic Female Orphan School," and it is also widely known for its interest in Masonic literature, having a good library, and lectures are delivered in the season.

At a special meeting of Lodge St. James, Dundee, on the 21st ult., the proposal from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to hold a bazaar at the end of next year to raise £10,000 for the benevolent funds was considered, when the lodge heartily entered into the scheme, and resolved to give it their warmest support. A deputation was also selected to attend a meeting of Forfarshire lodges to be held in Arbroath on the 29th ult. to make arrangements for the province being represented at the bazaar by one or more stalls.

PRESENTATION TO THE LADY MAYORESS.—On Monday afternoon a deputation of Chairmen of Committees of the Corporation waited upon the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Whitehead) at the Mansion House, and, on the part of the members of the Common Council, presented her with a diamond and pearl bracelet and an illuminated album "in token of their grateful appreciation of her ladyship's unflinching courtesy, amiability, and gracious hospitality during the memorable mayoralty of her husband, and as a souvenir of the juvenile fancy dress ball, the especial features of which were originated and designed by her ladyship." The presentation was made by Bro. James Judd, J.P., the chief commoner, in complimentary terms, and acknowledged by the Lord Mayor, who said that he and the Lady Mayoress would look back upon their year of residence at the Mansion House as one of unmixed pleasure and satisfaction, and would especially value the marks of attention and kindness which they had received from those engaged in the work of local government in the City.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.—What is more comforting in cold and damp weather than "Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy?" What is more beneficial to the weak and aged than this wholesome tonic? What do Sportsmen and Travellers find more sustaining than a flask of the "Sportsman's Quality?" What is more disappointing when asking for Grant's to be put off with some inferior make. Sold everywhere. T. Grant and Sons, Maidstone, Makers of the non-Alcoholic Wine "Morella," and of the delicious Morella Marmalade. Sold by Grocers.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., has promised to open a Conservative Working Men's Club at Dartford, on Monday, the 18th inst.

Saturday the 9th inst., will be the 48th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was born on the 9th November, 1841.

Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., presided on the 26th ult. at the biennial banquet of the Brass and Copper Trades' Pension Institution in the Venetian Saloon of the Holborn Restaurant.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has arranged to address political meetings at Bramley Club, Leeds, to-morrow (Saturday), at the Priory Club, Acton, on the 13th inst., at Rhyl on the 18th inst., and at Liverpool on the 27th and 28th inst.

An autumn dog show has been held this week at the Crystal Palace. There were 1520 dogs entered by about 700 exhibitors, and these were arranged in about 186 classes. The value of the prizes awarded amounted in the aggregate to £1000.

The *Sheffield Telegraph* says:—"Our Masonic brethren are moving again. There are to be nine Masonic dances this year—seven short nights (from 7.30 to 11), and two long nights (from 8 to 1). The first is fixed for November 8."

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon gave a musical "At Home" at Highclere Castle to his neighbours on the 25th ult., when an excellent programme of music was carried out. His lordship has also given prizes to a number of cottage tenants on his Highclere estate for well-kept gardens and allotments.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, Past G. Organist, gave the first of his series of grand concerts in the Dome, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday evening, the artists being Madame Albani, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Signor Sarasati (violin), and others. The room was crowded in every part by an enthusiastic audience.

The French Fire Brigade officers have accepted the invitation of Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London to take part in the Lord Mayor's Procession on Saturday, the 9th inst. They will be received on their arrival in London the day previous at the Travellers' Club by Captain Shean, Vice-President of the Fire Brigade Association.

The Chief Commissioner of Police attended at the chief station of the N Division, Stoke Newington, on the 24th ult., for the purpose of presenting Thomas O'Shea, 451 N, with the Royal Humane Society's Certificate which had been awarded him for saving the life of a girl named Lucy Swinton, aged 14, who fell accidentally into Enfield Lock on the 20th August.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead presented the prizes won by the successful competitors in connection with the exhibition held by the Turners' Company at the Mansion House. The presentation, which took place on Friday, the 26th ult., was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators, amongst those present being the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, Master of the Company.

Bro. Alderman Sir Henry Isaacs, Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, accompanied by the Recorder and other civic officials, waited on the Lord Chancellor at the House of Lords, on Thursday, the 24th ult., for the purpose of receiving the Queen's assent to his election. Bro. Lord Halsbury warmly congratulated Bro. Sir H. Isaacs, and the loving-cup, in accordance with custom, was passed round.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor, left Athens on Monday on board the royal yacht Osborne, escorted by the British Squadron. Their Royal Highnesses were accompanied by the Empress Frederick of Germany and the Princess of Wales as far as off Salamis, when the latter were transferred to the Dreadnought, and returned to the Piræus and thence to Athens. The British Fleet afterwards proceeding to its anchorage.

The 100th performance of "Aunt Jack," which is drawing crowded and delighted audiences to the Court Theatre, will be given on Tuesday next. The 300th night of "Paul Jones" at the Prince of Wales's Theatre will be reached on Friday next, when the usual floral *souvenirs* will be distributed. The Comedy Theatre closes on the 9th inst., and re-opens on or about the 23rd, with a revival of "Pink Dominoes." On Wednesday night Miss Virginia Blackwood appeared at Sadler's Wells in "Lost in London" and "Mr. and Mrs. White."

At a meeting of the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, held at the Criterion Restaurant, on the 14th ult., Bro. J. L. Baker, P.M., Sec., which post he has held for eight years, was presented with a gold watch and chain and a purse of gold, subscribed by the brethren, amounting in all to £60. Bro. Bonham presided. In making the presentation, the Chairman said if anyone deserved a testimonial, Bro. Baker was the man. Bro. Baker feelingly returned thanks to the brethren for the great honour which had been paid him, and assured all present that his services to the lodge were at their command at all times. The testimonial was got up by Bros. Draper, Pope, Chaplin, and Ben Phillips, who acted as Secretary. Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, Seager Hunt, M.P., F. Higgins, S. Franks, and W. B. Williams were subscribers, though not present.

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.

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.*

Mr. Robert W. Reid, M.D., has been appointed Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, in the room of Professor Struthers, resigned.

The President of the Board of Agriculture has allotted the dairy grants to the various agricultural schools and societies for the coming year.

A Japanese Consulate is to be established at Odessa on account of the increasing Russian trade with Japanese ports by means of the volunteer fleet.

On Wednesday, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, laid the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall at Henley-on-Thames, in the presence of a large number of officers and brethren of the Order, and a considerable assemblage of the townspeople.

Lady Brooke, the founder of the Essex Needlework Guild, recently appealed in the local papers for assistance, and this week upwards of 4000 garments have been received at the Town Hall, Dunmow, where Lady Brooke, Lady Fitzgerald, and others have been busily superintending the sorting and packing of these welcome winter gifts.

The Council of University College, Dundee, on Wednesday elected Mr. E. Maymouth Reid, B.A., M.B. (Cantab), M.R.C.S., Professor of Physiology. During the past four years Dr. Reid has been engaged in teaching physiology in the medical school of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where he now holds the post of Assistant Lecturer on Physiology.

Mrs. Langtry has received, in reply to an advertisement for a "dresser," a letter in which the writer (who ignores punctuation) says:—"I have not done dresser before but have been actress in a Called back Company which failed I could make you up having done the same for my self I am 302 years of age." Evidently a lady of long experience!—*Globe*.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the Medway Lodge moved to their new quarters, at the Masonic Buildings, near the New Bridge, Sussex. The rooms have been most elegantly furnished. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served by Host Pawley. Bro. W. G. Stidolph, the W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance.

Madame Marie Roze has been the victim of a rather serious accident. She was returning from a concert at Blackheath when, while she was stepping from her carriage, the horses suddenly started, throwing her with some violence on the kerbstone. She was removed to the house in an unconscious condition, and, it being too late to obtain the services of a physician, she was unattended until the next morning. She is now suffering from a severe sprain.

Viscountess Combermere in her will made the following bequests: To the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, £2000; to the Bishop of Cork and the Mayor of Cork, £28,000, to build a new wing to the North Cork Infirmary, to be called the Gibbings Wing; for a column to be built on Mount Pleasant on the Combermere estate, as a memorial of the military successes and private virtues of her husband, £2000; for a memorial of herself at her place of burial, £200; for a monument to her memory in Wrensbury Church, £200; to restore the monument to her father's parents in Kilbogan Church, £200; for the benefit of the aged poor on the Combermere estate, £500; to trustees for the benefit of Wrensbury Church, £1000; and to trustees for St. Nicholas Church, Brighton, £2000.

At Wednesday's proceedings of the Art Congress in Edinburgh, Mr. Philip Rathbone (of Liverpool), speaking in the combined meeting of sculpture and architecture, discussed the political influence of art, claiming for great monumental works a civilising effect on the living which should be transmitted in augmented force to future generations. Mr. W. Holl, R.A., in the section of painting, took a somewhat gloomy view of the relations between art and the people, and regretted that while the poor offended by sins of omission the rich were more to blame by sins of commission—the one neglected the glories of national galleries and the other furnished his house without regard to any of the canons of good taste. Mr. W. F. Yeames, R.A., spoke of the influence of competition and exhibitions on modern art, but frankly confessed that for all the injuries done and being committed he had no remedy to offer.

We have much pleasure in announcing that an anniversary service in behalf of the diocese of New Westminster, British Columbia, of which our respected Bro. Dr. Sillitoe is Bishop, will be held on Thursday, the 14th November, at 11.30 a.m., at All Saints', Margaret-street, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee for the purpose by the vicar, the Rev. W. Allen Whitworth. In the evening, at 7.30 p.m., there will be a conversazione and sale of work at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, and in addition a short lecture on British Columbia will be given and illustrated by lime-light views of some of its most interesting scenery. There will be a series of songs and recitations by various well-known amateurs. It is to be hoped there will be present a large gathering of the friends of the new diocese, and that the result generally will be satisfactory to the committee in charge of the arrangements. Tickets for the Conversazione, price 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Mr. John Hart, 17, Arundel-street, Strand, who will also gladly receive parcels of work for sale (marked "mission") as soon as possible.

Lovers of horses will welcome the latest improvement, and one most important from the standpoint of both humanity and economy, in the Patent Spring Curry Comb, introduced by Spratt's Patent, Limited, of London. Being a coiled steel spring, it combines with the strength of metal all the elasticity of a brush, and fits into every hollow in the horse's body, doing away with the rasping of the old-fashioned curry comb. It is cleaner in use, as dirt, &c., cannot collect in it, and horses can be groomed much quicker. It is cheap, and made in two qualities, nickel-plated or japanned.

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