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APPROACHING GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The Spring half-yearly election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday, the 26th inst., the poll opening immediately the general business of the Quarterly Court is concluded, and closing precisely at 3 p.m. There are 21 vacancies to be filled, and these will be competed for by 43 candidates, of whom 31 remain over from the last October election and the other 12 are new candidates. The metropolis furnishes 12 applicants, of whom the girl standing No. 2 on the list has 1779 votes to her credit from three previous attempts, and if her case is well managed, should stand an excellent chance of being elected. Nos. 7 and 11 have 215 votes and 152 votes respectively in hand from the three previous elections, while No. 14 brings forward 3285 votes, No. 15, 499 votes, and No. 16, 801 votes from the two elections of last year. Nos. 21, 24, and 30 were candidates for the first time in October last, and scored 171 votes, 869 votes, and 377 votes respectively, while Nos. 35, 37, and 39 are new candidates. Of the foregoing 12 girls, Nos. 16 and 24, are "last" cases and must be successful on this occasion or lose all chance of being elected. The remaining 31 children hail from the Provinces and Districts abroad, the Province of Devonshire furnishing No. 18, with 2220 votes to her credit, who has a proportionately good chance of being successful, and Nos. 20, 22, and 38 (new case). W. Yorkshire sends three candidates, namely, Nos. 19, 23, and 43 (new case). Durham, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and Staffordshire send each of them two; No. 3, with 709 votes in hand, and No. 9, with 750 votes being from Durham; No. 5, with 111 votes, and No. 26, with 314 votes from Lincolnshire; No. 4, with 1126 votes, and No. 41 (new case) from Norfolk; and Nos. 27 and 32 (new case) from Staffordshire. The others are distributed as follows: No. 42 (new case), Cornwall; No. 31, with 1023 votes, Derbyshire; No. 36 (new case), Dorsetshire; No. 1, with 2735 votes from four previous elections, Kent; No. 29, with 1713 votes in hand, East Lancashire; No. 34, South Wales, East Division; No. 35, South Wales, West Division; No. 12, with 1510 votes to her credit, Warwickshire; No. 25, with 3136 votes in hand, Wiltshire; No. 28, with 1173 votes, North and East Yorkshire; No. 6, with 813 votes, Malta; No. 8, with 107 votes, New Brunswick; No. 17, with 3067 votes from last year's election, Turkey; No. 10, with 723 votes, from Essex and Kent; No. 13, with 2287 votes to her credit, from New Brunswick, Suffolk, and Kent; and No. 40 (new case) from the Punjab and Somersetshire. Of these Nos. 10, 12, 29, 33, and 43 are "last" cases, making the total number of those who will have their names struck off the list of unsuccessful this time seven. Of the whole 43 cases one has both parents living, and two have lost both parents, while the rest are fatherless. In 10 cases the father was a supporter of, or had acted as Festival Steward for one or more of our Institutions, while in several he was a Past Master, and in some few instances had had Provincial honours conferred upon him. In one case (No. 17) the father was a subscribing member 31 years, while in that of No. 19 he has subscribed 26 years and is still living. We have no special interest in the success of one child over another. We know they are all worthy of admission or their names would not have been placed on the list; but we do most sincerely trust that every effort will be made to win success for those children—Nos. 10, 12, 16, 24, 29, 33, and 43—who, if they fail at the approaching contest, will be excluded from all further chance of being admitted. They have been accepted as candidates, and no effort should be spared in order to win them places among the successful.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL INDEMNITY FUND.

Every one must very greatly regret that the necessity should have arisen for issuing the circular address to lodges and brethren which appeared in our columns last week. That circular shows that, while in the early part of the year every one was in raptures over the scheme propounded by a "distinguished brother" and so relieving the authorities of that School from the necessity of retiring him on a pension, only a very small number of our lodges have given a practical turn to their rapture by subscribing their proposed quotas. The idea involved in the scheme was to raise within a period of six months a capital sum of £2500 by contributions of £2 10s. per lodge. Three months have elapsed since the proposal was made public, and two months since the Quarterly General Court determined, amid loud acclamations, that it should be acted upon. Yet the result thus far is the receipt of subscriptions amounting to a little over £400, and if we assume that as much more has been promised or in course of being raised, we shall still be only one-third part of our way on the road to completing the scheme. Under these circumstances, it of course becomes the duty of the Provisional Management Committee to issue such an appeal as we published last week, and we trust that in the course of the next three months a more energetic and at the same time a more successful attempt will be made to accumulate the necessary amount. As regards the statements contained in that appeal of Bro. PHILBRICK on behalf of himself and the Provisional Committee, it is quite enough for us to point out that they are quite unanswerable. Thus, if the required sum is raised in the manner proposed, "it will secure the great object of enabling the management to start with an entire change of the administration, and to break completely away from the past," while, at the same time, "it will preclude all question of devoting subscriptions given for the School to retiring allowances and pensions." This latter reason is indeed the most important. It is pretty generally admitted that it would be an eternal disgrace to the whole body of the English Craft if a man who has achieved so much as Bro. BINCKES has done for one of our three cherished Institutions were called upon or allowed to vacate an office which he has filled so successfully for upwards of 28 years without something in the way of a pension, or the equivalent of a pension. He has given to the Boys' School the best of his ability and energy during the best years of his life, and to what purpose he has given them is shown by the fact that during his Secretaryship the School has increased in numbers from 70 to 263. It is the duty of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution to see that the comforts of such an officer during the declining years of his life are becomingly provided for, and there are, so far as we can see, but two ways of doing this, namely, either (1) by raising this proposed Indemnity Fund of £2500 by voluntary contribution among the lodges and brethren in the manner already proposed; or (2), by voting Bro. BINCKES a pension of, say, £250 out of the funds of the Institution. Hence we most cordially support the appeal of the Provisional Management Committee that the lodges and brethren will set speedily to work to raise the further £2100 which is required to complete the £2500. By doing this they will make it clear that they recognise the important services which Bro. BINCKES has rendered to the Boys' School, and enable him to retire from his post with credit and a proper provision for the rest of his days; and at the same time they will render it unnecessary for the Governors and Subscribers to appropriate for his retiring pension any of the moneys contributed towards the support of the School. We trust, therefore, that this earnest appeal from Bro. PHILBRICK, which appeared in our last week's issue, will have the desired effect of completing the £2500 and enabling the Committee to carry out those changes in the administration of the Institution which they consider necessary for its welfare.

THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The Spring election of candidates into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Quarterly General Court appointed to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 25th inst., the poll opening immediately on the termination of the ordinary business, and closing precisely at 3 p.m. The number of vacancies to be filled is 30, and the number of approved candidates 68, of whom 17 hail from London, and four are partly of London and partly of Provincial origin, while the remaining 47 are Provincial or from Districts abroad. We note further that 50 of the boys remain over from the election in October last, two of them having already stood five elections, eight four elections, and as many three elections, while 12 became candidates for the first time at the election in April, 1889, and 20 at that of the October following; the number of new candidates being 18. Five of the children have lost both parents, and five have both living, 55 are fatherless, and three are motherless. In 14 cases the father had rendered services to one or more of the Institutions, either by contributing to their funds or acting as Steward at one or more of their Anniversary Festivals, while a considerable number of them were P.M.'s, and in cases hailing from the Provinces or Abroad Past Prov. or Dist. G. Officers. Of the 17 London boys, No. 6 brings forward 2326 votes from four previous elections; No. 9 has 1354 votes in hand from the same number of attempts; Nos. 17 and 18 have 790 votes and 2591 votes respectively to their credit; and No. 20 only 146 votes. No. 23 has 1625 votes, and No. 24 none, while No. 29 brings forward 2374 votes. No. 37 has 1558 votes to the good; No. 41 has 314 votes; No. 44 has 93 votes; and Nos. 47 and 48 have 979 votes and 768 votes respectively. Nos. 53, 54, 57, and 68 are candidates for the first time. The four partly London and partly Provincial cases are No. 42, from Kent, London, and Sussex, with 1081 votes to the good; No. 46, from Kent and London, with 145 votes; No. 49, London and Middlesex, with 177 votes; and No. 62, a new case. As regards the 47 Provincial and District cases, Cumberland and Westmorland, Derbyshire, Durham, and Warwickshire are responsible for three each. No. 2, with 27 votes; No. 11 and No. 45, being from Cumberland and Westmorland; No. 34 and Nos. 59 and 61 (new cases), from Derbyshire; No. 12, with 146 votes; No. 14 and No. 64 (new case), from Durham; and Nos. 25, 32, and 40, from Warwickshire. Hants and the Isle of Wight, Kent, West Lancashire, Shropshire, Somersetshire, Sussex, West Yorkshire, Jersey, and Madras furnish two each, namely: Hants and the Isle of Wight, Nos. 10 and 39; Kent, Nos. 56 and 60 (both new cases); W. Lancashire, Nos. 35 and 65; Shropshire, Nos. 16 and 43; Somersetshire, Nos. 21 and 33; Staffordshire, Nos. 22 and 67 (new case); Sussex, Nos. 51 and 66 (both new cases); West Yorkshire, Nos. 31 and 58; Jersey, No. 3, with 1950 votes to the good, and No. 5, with 1831 votes; and Madras, No. 4, with 1680 votes, and No. 28 with 79 votes. As regards the rest, No. 1 has claims on Somerset and Devonshire, and 232 votes in hand, and No. 7 on Jersey, Cheshire, and Staffordshire. No. 8, Lincolnshire, brings forward 1307 votes; No. 13, Norfolk, 1590 votes, and No. 15, from Nottinghamshire, 216 votes. Bristol is responsible for No. 19, Worcestershire and Warwickshire for No. 26, Suffolk for No. 27, with 1080 votes to his credit, and Durham and N. and E. Yorkshire for No. 30, to which 1990 votes are already credited. No. 36, with 961 votes, hails from Surrey, and No. 38, with 1524 votes in hand, from Northumberland, while the other four cases hail from Monmouthshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, East Lancashire, and Cheshire. There are 10 cases in which the children's names will be struck off the list in the event of their failing to obtain places among the successful, namely: No. 2 (Cumberland and Westmorland), No. 4 (Madras), No. 5 (Jersey), No. 19 (Bristol), No. 24 (London), No. 32 (Warwickshire), No. 33 (Somersetshire), No. 43 (Shropshire), No. 49 (London and Middlesex), and No. 55 (East Lancashire); and, for these, as for the similar cases in the Girls' School, we most earnestly appeal to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, if they are not already committed to the support of particular candidates, to give them all their votes and use all their influence to save them, as far as lies in their power, from being unsuccessful. The other candidates can afford to be defeated this time, because one or more chances of election will remain to them, but with the ten we have enumerated it is a case of "now or never." We trust the result of the ballot will declare itself for the former alternative.

THE "CLAPHAM" MS.

I warmly congratulate Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, on the discovery of another copy of the "Old Charges," and especially because it is domiciled in the "W. Yorkshire Masonic Library," for which he has laboured so strenuously from its commencement, and of which the distinguished Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M., is the honoured President.

At the first glance it struck me that the "Clapham MS." was similar to the "Colne MS., No. 1," which I gave in the Christmas *Freemason* for 1887, through the kind offices of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, of Manchester. A careful examination has confirmed my first impression, so that the missing portion, so greedily swallowed by the industrious non-Masonic mice, can be supplied by consulting the rather (possibly) older document.

Dr. Begemann, in his classification, places the "Colne MSS., Nos. 1 and 2," and the "Stanley MS." with the Grand Lodge Family, but as a distinct branch (*e*). To the latter the "Clapham MS." should be added. My impression is that it may fairly be dated *late 17th century*.

Peculiar readings in the "Colne MS." may be noted in the one now under consideration. Bro. Watson has drawn attention to "divers workmen," instead of "wars." There are many more such, of which "Hiram of Tickus" is the most conspicuous.

In the text of both MSS. the name of Edwin is omitted by the scribe, though evidently intended to be written immediately after the introduction of "Athelston that was a worthy King of England."

The "other things singular both for Masters and fellows" which follow the "charges in generall" consist of seventeen clauses. The 1st and 2nd and the 16th and 17th (not the No. 10, as in Bro. Watson's transcript) are preserved.

To my mind, the chief feature, as well as the most important one, of the "Clapham MS." is the code of rules known as the "Apprentices' Charges," which are only to be found in eight other scrolls. These are, according to Bro. Gould's numeration in his able Commentary to the "Regius MS." (Masonic Reprints of Lodge No. 2076) as follows:

8. Harleian MS., No. 1942.
17. Melrose MS., No. 2.
18. Hope MS.
21. Colne MS., No. 1.
25. York MS., No. 4.
35. Gateshead MS.
45. Wren MS.

with the "Watson MS.," which I have numbered 21*b*. The "Clapham MS." will make 21*c*, and form the ninth of this series. Under the "Colne Family," there will now be

21. Colne MS., No. 1.
26. Colne MS., No. 2.
30. Stanley MS.
- 21*c*. Clapham MS.

For the "Tew MS." the number 21*a*. should be noted, which with the "Watson MS.," 21*a*, come properly under the Sloane branch (*a*).

I am waiting now for the next!

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE LOMBARDIAN LODGE, No. 2348.

The large number of Metropolitan lodges was further increased on Friday, the 28th ult., by the consecration of the Lombardian Lodge, No. 2348, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, under circumstances auguring well for its future prosperity. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. George Cooper, P.G.D., as S.W.; Charles Belton, D.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.; and it is therefore unnecessary to say that the beautiful ritual was rendered in the manner it deserves. The founders of the new lodge, all of whom were present, are Bros. S. J. Attenborough, W.M. designate; R. T. Bowman, P.M., S.W. designate; H. J. Tuson, P.M., J.W. designate; R. C. F. La Feuillade, P.M.; W. G. Lowe, H. T. Telling, E. E. Attenborough, W. F. Grimmer, R. I. Tyler, T. C. Thomson, W. Lawley, and G. J. Hanson.

The large number of visitors present included

Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; W. Haydon, S.D. 134; W. Glazier, J.W. 34; A. Norris, W.M. 1997; T. Gordon, J.W. 1769; L. Crick, S.W. 134; W. C. Claridge, P.M. 1962; H. Collings, P.M. 134; F. H. Smyth, 34; W. W. Westley, W.M. 1381; M. Hearn, J.D. 1381; S. Cochrane, P.M. 3; W. Radcliffe, P.M., Sec. 211; E. J. Jones, J. W. S. Kelton, P.M. 1056; G. Roberts, 913; A. Bowman, W.M. 134; J. Hepburn Hastie, P.M. 1216; P. T. Chamberlain, P.M. 134; E. W. Thompson, 55; J. K. Gwyn, I.G. 1426; S. G. Brewett, I.P.M. 1339; P. H. Schweiser, 185; J. M. Cottrell, W.M. 15; W. J. Towers, P.M. 15; W. Eldridge-Johnson, P.M. 134; J. H. Buckeridge, S.W. 15; T. Parkin, 917; G. Everett, P.M. 177; W. Cranford, P.M. 127; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; F. Bevan, I.G. 1706; H. W. Schartau, Prov. G. Org. Middx.; W. Morley, W.M. 1769; F. Flood, P.M. 1149; H. F. Nash, S.W. 1769; H. F. Kimbell, 1541; W. Meeham, I.G. 1381; T. B. Wenley, P.M. 34; T. R. Beaufort, P.M. 217; W. M. Wells, W.M. 34; J. Cooper, P.M. 1769; J. H. Tomlinson, P.M. 1238; A. Rixon, P.M. 34; S. M. Bush, 15; A. Dutton, D.C. 34; J. Carpenter, 15; C. T. Thom, 697; G. Myers, W.M. 1339; J. H. Date, P.M. 34; J. Inguldby, W.M. 1601; R. Perkins, P.M. 34; Millner Jackson, P.M. 95; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128; H. R. Hales, P.M. 34; H. C. Thorpe, I.P.M. 34; E. Richardson, 14; W. W. Davies, 1238; C. J. Perceval, 231; G. Neildson, 1381; J. H. Hawkins, P.M. 65; J. K. Hooper, 1486; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

he assents to the prayer of the petition. In the present case the effort to form a new lodge has been successful, because a certain number of brethren, who are bound together in the outer world by ties of a business nature, have petitioned the Grand Master, and laid before him certain good and sufficient reasons why it should be granted. His Royal Highness has taken the case into his special consideration, and has, I am glad to say, given his consent that a warrant should be issued, and we are here to-day to give effect to that warrant. The lodge has chosen an excellent brother to preside for the first year, and I have no fear, in entrusting the gavel into his hands, that he will rule and govern it as it should be governed. I always feel it necessary to say a word or two of warning to the members of a new lodge—not to be in too great a hurry to become a large lodge, and to assure them that quality is far better than quantity. Be careful to inquire into and weigh the antecedents of every candidate, and make sure he is a good and proper person to be brought into it, and in the course of a few years you will have your reward, for you will have a lodge of which you will be proud. I will commence the work of the day by asking the Grand Chaplain for the benefit of prayer.

The petition and warrant were read, the founders signifying their approval of the officers named therein, and an excellent oration was then delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. POPE, P.G. Chap., Acting Chap.

An anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was sung, and the ceremony proceeded with the customary formalities and solemnity, the lodge being duly dedicated and constituted as a working body.

The Grand Secretary then installed Bro. S. J. Attenborough as the first W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bro. R. T. Bowman, P.M., S.W.; H. J. Tuson, P.M., J.W.; R. C. F. La Feuillade, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Lowe, S.D.; H. T. Telling, J.D.; E. E. Attenborough, I.G.; W. F. Grimmett, P.M., Stwd.; and R. I. Tyler, D.C.

The customary addresses concluded the labours of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the G. Sec.

On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members, and heartily thanked for their services.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in acknowledging the compliment, said those services had been rendered with very great pleasure, and the Consecrating Officers hoped to be able to take advantage of the kindness of the members at a future date, and witness the work and success of the lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Grand Lodge, on the motion of the W.M., for the use of the consecrating vessels.

Two joining members and 15 candidates for initiation were proposed, and letters of regret for non-attendance read from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Sir A. Woods, and many others.

A Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws, and the lodge was then closed.

A *recherche* banquet was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Ashby, the courteous manager, which fully sustained the well deserved reputation of the house.

The first toasts given after the banquet were, as usual, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," said they all knew what the members of that body did in the Order and the amount of labour and energy they expended, and they, therefore, deserved their thanks and best wishes.

Bro. Rev. R. W. M. POPE, P.G. Chap., returned thanks for the kind proposition and reception of the toast. It was sometimes thought that the Grand Officers were purely ornamental and perhaps not so useful. On behalf of those Grand Officers, while he had no intention of disclaiming their being ornamental, he would say they did their best to be useful, and one thing was certain—that they all felt and took a proper interest in the welfare of the Craft. It only remained for him to thank the brethren from the bottom of his heart for their kindness.

"The Consecrating Officers" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said it was the most important toast of the evening. They must have all been greatly impressed with the splendid working heard upstairs, and he was sure that greater exponents of their beautiful ritual did not exist. He did not want it to go forth that he was guilty of flattery, but he was speaking from the bottom of his heart. They were indebted to the Grand Secretary for bringing the lodge into existence, and they would not forget it in a hurry. There was another qualification, which was that that was the Grand Secretary's birthday, and he was thoroughly glad it had fallen to that lodge to have the honour of entertaining that excellent brother on the present occasion. Col. Clerke had endeared himself to their hearts, and more especially to those younger members like himself by his very kindly manner in helping a young Mason. They need never be afraid of going to the Grand Secretary and asking him for advice. It had been a memorable occasion to unite in drinking the health of the Grand Secretary in a hearty manner, and convey their thanks to the excellent brethren who had assisted him that evening.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Sec., said he thanked them very exceedingly and gratefully for the kind way in which they had just received the toast of his health coupled with that of his colleagues. As far as he was concerned, he could assure them that he was very grateful for the mark of their fraternal feeling, and especially for the kind mention of the W.M. about the fact that that was his birthday. He could not help saying he felt it a great pleasure to have had the opportunity on that particular day of launching another boat into existence, one he had no doubt would bear a useful name, and be a power and strength when he had passed away. It had been a pleasure to him to perform the duty he had, not only in furthering the interest of a lodge, but in taking the part of the leading official at the consecration of a lodge. He felt that the lodge was wanting, and although he would not go into the details of the application he thought the case was a fair one, and was glad the M.W. Grand Master was good enough to take the view he did. They had started the lodge in their own business, and had a large field for working, so that it would be their own fault if they did not make it the success they all desired. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and he must, before sitting down, thank the excellent brethren, the Grand Officers, who had assisted him in the performance of the work, for without them he could not have been able to carry out the work he had. He had most excellent brethren to assist him—towers of strength—who were all distinguished men and Masons, who had played their parts exceedingly well, and he hoped that with their assistance they had brought this new child into existence properly. He would now go on to speak of a toast which was more important and which must be of far greater interest to the members, and that was the health and prosperity of the worthy brother whom the founders had unanimously agreed to be the best man amongst them to take the chair during the first year. There were many of the founders who had already filled the chair. The Worshipful Master had not gone through that position, but it was quite evident his merits and qualifications were well known, because he was selected to preside at that the most important part of their career. From what he knew of the Worshipful Master that confidence was well founded, and he was sure that brother would prove all the founders thought of him and would carry out the work of the lodge skilfully, so that they would all say, "We have made no mistake, but have put the right man in the right place, for he has brought the lodge into that perfection we thought he would." He would ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge," wishing him the success and prosperity he so thoroughly deserves.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, W.M., thanked the Grand Secretary for the kind and more than kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren

for the hearty reception with which they had greeted it. He assured them he esteemed it a high honour to be placed in the first chair of that lodge. It was an honour that any Mason might be proud of, and particularly a very young Mason like himself. As he had just interrupted a song—"The boys of England"—he would simply say, as one of the boys of Masonry, that he begged to thank them most heartily for their kind reception. That lodge would always have his best attention. It was a lodge in which he took a great interest, and had taken since it was first proposed, and as long as he was able to assist in the working he trusted their assistance would be such as would commend itself to their esteem. He was a man of few words, and thanked them again for the hearty reception, and whatever work he might be called upon to do, he should do with kindly feeling and to the best of his ability.

Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treasurer, in replying for "The Visitors," said he felt a deep responsibility lay upon his shoulders, as every one of the large number of visitors was more able to return thanks. He was delighted to be present at the consecration of that lodge, and thought it augured well from the manner in which it had been consecrated by one of the most distinguished officers they had in the Masonic world, and also as the founders had chosen a brother to preside who, although never in the chair, had made himself felt in Masonry. The W.M. had at heart the desire to further the lodge to the best of his ability, and that ability was of no mean order. He had the pleasure of consecrating a lodge some 25 years ago, but had never had the privilege of assisting in the consecration of a London lodge. He always looked upon it as one of the greatest events of a Masonic career. They would no doubt find the lodge would be a great credit to the Craft and useful in all Masonic work.

Bro. BLANCO WHITE said that any words he might add would be superfluous after those of the worthy brother who had responded. He would only remark on what the W.M. had already done. Bro. S. J. Attenborough had been a founder of the St. Andrew's Chapter, the London Scottish Lodge, and the Mount Moriah Chapter, and now came for the fourth time as a founder, and entered the chair in the most important time possible for a brother to enter it.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next said he was about to ask them to drink the health of the brother who had been the life and strength of that new lodge—"The Secretary." Bro. La Feuillade had worked night and day to carry out the idea to a successful issue. He tendered warm thanks to that brother on behalf of himself and the founders, for they were fortunate in having a P.M. to be the Secretary.

Bro. R. LA FEUILLADE, Secretary, thanked the W.M. for the kind appreciation of his services, and the brethren for the hearty reception given the toast. One of the visitors had remarked upon the excessive modesty of the W.M., and he would also remark upon it. He could assure the brethren that notwithstanding the fact that the W.M. had not occupied that proud position before, he had afforded a very great amount of assistance in bringing together that large assemblage and getting together the Lombardian Lodge. The W.M. was, no doubt, the moving spirit in getting the warrant. He could tell them that some two or three years ago that lodge was spoken of, and the matter remained in abeyance, but Bro. Attenborough and he met, and the W.M. readily entered into the idea, and no time had been lost since. The work done had been a very great deal, as those who had assisted in the formation of new lodges knew. The larger portion of the work necessary the W.M. had fully taken as his share, and the rest had fallen upon the Secretary. He took a great interest in the lodge, thinking it of great importance to bring the members of their trade together. It seemed to him that if he was introduced to a gentleman whom he did not know was a Mason, he treated it as a matter of course, but directly he heard he was a brother the feeling altogether was different. He thought the lodge was started on a good basis, and it had been a successful evening—far more successful than had been anticipated—owing to a great extent to the energy and perseverance of the W.M.

"The Officers" was given, and responded to by Bro. BOWMAN, P.M., S.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded what all agreed to be a very successful and interesting occasion.

The musical arrangements during the ceremony and in the banquet room were carried out in an excellent manner, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, assisted by Bros. Hy. Guy, P.M.; Wm. Coates, Fred. Bevan, and J. Hawkins, P.M. Bro. Mackney also kindly rendered two songs in his well-known inimitable style.

CONSECRATION OF THE EASTERFORD LODGE AT KELVEDON.

On Wednesday, the 16th ult., a further addition was made to the list of lodges in Essex by the consecration of the Easterford Lodge at Kelvedon, the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Recorder of Colchester, in the much-regretted absence, through continued indisposition, of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, M.P.

The event had been looked forward to with much interest, the result being a very large gathering of Masons from every part of the province, and when all were assembled in full regalia in the Public Hall, where the ceremony of the day took place, the scene was a brilliant one. The hall itself was tastefully adorned with flags lent by friends from Maldon and Tollesbury, while on the dais were some handsome flowers and ornamental plants sent by Mrs. Watson, from Felix Hall, and Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise, from Durwards, Mr. Hill, gardener to the latter gentleman, arranging the same most tastefully.

The proceedings commenced at two o'clock, the D.P.G.M. presiding, and the other offices were occupied as follows: Bros. Lennox Browne, P.S.G.W., S.W.; E. H. Baily, P.J.G.W., J.W.; the Rev. W. Quennell, Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. Grand Sec., Secretary; A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., Prov. G.D.C.; and Richard Clowes, P.P.S.G.W., I.G.

The lodge having been duly opened, and a hymn, "Hail Eternal, by whose aid," having been sung.

The D.P.G.M. briefly addressed the brethren on the object of their being gathered together. He said they were met on a very interesting occasion, as it must be of a real interest to all true brethren to be gathered upon an occasion of that kind, when a new lodge was about to be added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and also to the banner of their beloved and esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke. Generally speaking, occasions of that kind were comparatively rare, for although some new warrants had of late been granted, he could, from personal knowledge, testify to the difficulty there is now-a-days in obtaining a warrant, owing to the natural reluctance of the M.W.G.M. to increase the number of lodges, unless they are likely to obtain adequate support, without weakening lodges already established; and where they would form rallying points for Freemasons residing in a district already insufficiently supplied. These remarks might appear somewhat singular in the face of the fact that only that day week they were assembled, in a neighbouring part of the Province, consecrating a new lodge, viz., the Mistle. But those two warrants would not have been granted had not the M.W.G.M., on the recommendation of the P.G.M., felt that a need existed. Unhappily, he had again on that occasion, in the much-to-be-regretted absence of the P.G.M., to act as his deputy. He held in his hand a letter from his lordship, in which, after mentioning that he had been sent by his medical adviser to the seaside, that he was only able to crawl out a little while each day, and could therefore hardly yet feel much better, his lordship added, "Tell the Kelvedon brethren how disappointed I am, as there are many of my

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees,

The CONSECrating OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: We are met here to-day to perform a duty which is not only a very agreeable, but also a very important one. We are met to consecrate and constitute a new lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. You are aware that we have a large number of lodges already in London—something like 370—and, therefore, it is a difficult matter to obtain a new one, as the M.W.G.M. always requires good reasons before friends amongst them." Personally, it was to him (Bro. Philbrick) a great disappointment, as he was sure it was also to the promoters of the lodge and the visitors present, but as all the arrangements had been made it was not right that those proceedings should be postponed. They were met in a district where there had never yet been a Freemasons' lodge. There were, however, in Kelvedon and neighbourhood some energetic and good Masons, and they having reported to the Prov. Grand Master, and his lordship in turn to the M.W. Grand Master, their desire to form a lodge, the warrant had been granted. For the W.M. designate they had Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, who had obtained high honours in another province—Staffordshire; for Senior Warden they had Bro. Dr. Salter, a Mason of long standing; and there were among those who had undertaken the arduous duties of founders brethren who were well known in society in that neighbourhood. In behalf of those charged with the government of the province, he wished the Easterford Lodge every possible success. He need hardly add that they felt and believed there was room for that lodge. They trusted the founders would remember the great importance of the trust placed in their hands. To them was given to illustrate to the outside world (so far as they were permitted to see) what the true principles of Freemasonry were. Let the brethren now belonging to the lodge, and those who might be enrolled amongst its members, hold their banner high—to let it be seen that Freemasonry is a living power for good.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY then read the petition and warrant, and the petitioners signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

An eloquent address on the nature and principles of the Institution by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. QUENNEL, followed.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro. Lennox Browne installed Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire, as the first W.M., who in his turn invested his officers for the ensuing year as under: Bros. J. H. Salter, J.P., S.W.; J. L. Ogier, J.W.; Robt. Curzon, J.P., Treas.; Mark W. Meade, I.P.M. 1977, Sec.; R. B. Colvin, J.P., S.D.; W. Strutt, J.D.; Geo. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; C. T. Thorn, I.G.; F. C. Herbert, Stwd.; and James Inifer, Tyler.

The musical portions of the ceremony were ably carried out by Bros. Osmond, Gowers, Sparling, Coombs, and Motum.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the D.P.G.M. and other Consecrating Officers for their assistance, and together with the P.G.M. they were elected honorary members of the lodge. Thanks were also accorded to Miss Philbrick for preparing a large number of "button-holes" from orchids supplied by Bro. F. Horsman, W.M. 51.

The W.M. was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and the names of several local gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation or joining members.

Between 70 and 80 brethren afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Messrs. Wright and Son. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M. and the other distinguished brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE OLD CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 172.

Quite a number of old lodges have only comparatively recently had Royal Arch chapters attached to them. This was further verified on Tuesday, the 25th ult., by the consecration of the Old Concord Chapter, No. 172, at the Holborn Restaurant. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. J. H. Matthews, P.A.G.D. of C., as H.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as J.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C.; and C. F. Matier, P.G.D.C., as S.N.

The others present were—

Comps. Carl T. Fleck, M.E.Z. designate; C. Meierhoff, H. designate; J. Cooper, J. designate; G. King, Scribe E. (*pro tem.*); G. Couchman, Janitor; G. H. Foes, F. Hilton, T. Hamp, and H. R. Cope. Visitors: Comps. A. E. Austin, 1381; E. Verner, 79; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; W. Cowley, P.Z. 1275; F. Williams, 657; R. J. Voisey, P.Z. 1329; C. Daniel, P.Z. 65; J. Roberts, P.Z. 65; W. W. Arter, 1381; G. T. Browne, P.Z. 65; W. H. Wingfield, 1851; W. Robertson, 65; C. H. Stone, 1275; H. J. Gardner, P.Z. 3; H. Mayer, 65; W. Price, 2182; T. C. Walls, P.Z., &c., 3; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.Z. 10; G. Gardner, Z. 1381; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, G. Janitor; J. H. Hawkins, P.Z. 569; W. Iron, Z. 1365; H. G. Martin, 1275; G. L. Moore, 2169; and F. M. Noakes, 1624.

The Principals having entered the chapter room in procession, the chapter was duly opened. The Consecrating Principal, addressing the companions, said they had met that day for the purpose of constituting and establishing another Royal Arch Chapter on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England. The lodge dated as far back as 1764, and considering the years which had elapsed, it was rather surprising that they had not thought of having a chapter before, but now that they had seen fit to have one he congratulated the lodge. They were present that day to give effect to the charter, and he felt sure that under the auspices under which the chapter was started, and under the guidance of such worthy companions as the Three Principals designate, it would before long take a distinguished position among the chapters of the Order. He would commence the ceremony of the day by asking the Director of Ceremonies to make the usual announcement.

The founders of the new chapter signified their approval of the officers nominated in the charter to preside over them.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., as J., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Rev. Thomas Cochrane delivered an address to the companions.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the chapter duly dedicated and constituted.

The installation ceremonies were next performed, and the Principals designate duly placed in their respective chairs by the Grand Scribe E. as follows: Comps. Carl T. Fleck, M.E.Z.; C. Meierhoff, H.; and J. Cooper, J. The other officers were then invested by the M.E.Z., viz.: Comps. G. King, Scribe E.; F. Hilton, Scribe N.; G. H. Foes, Treas.; H. R. Cope, P.S.; J. Whaley, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. J. Hamp, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and C. Couchman, Janitor.

The Consecrating Officers were then unanimously elected honorary members. A compliment for which Comp. COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., returned thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues.

Propositions were received, and the chapter was duly closed.

The Companions then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given and duly honoured.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., in responding for "The Grand Officers," said: Very hoarse and very unmusical are my words, after the musical sonnets we have just heard, but I trust none the less sincere. As Grand Officers of the Royal Arch, we are glad to see the progress of the Order by the consecration of this chapter. With regard to the Grand Scribe E., as they say of him in another place, his praise is in all the chapters, and no doubt he will later on speak for himself. To be associated with such officers was a very proud and honourable distinction. There were two of them parsons, one who had preached a sermon, which was not

written, and the other had written a sermon, but had not preached it, and he felt sure they would much rather have heard the sermon that was written than the one that was preached. He trusted the new venture which they had launched, the old lodge that had been rejuvenated that evening, might prove the concord of a happy career.

In proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officer," the M.E.Z. said he was sure the companions were most pleased and gratified at the excellent manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been performed, and he was sure they would be as pleased to join him in that toast as they had been to assist at the consecration.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said it was very pleasing indeed to find one's small services so appreciated. It was a special pleasure to him to perform the initiatory services at the starting of that chapter. They had assisted to launch that adjunct to their old lodge, and it now remained in their own hands to make it a success. He should be very ungrateful indeed if he did not recognise the services rendered by his assistants, especially his assistant curate, and the valuable services rendered by his D. of C., Comp. Frank Richardson, who had unfortunately been obliged to leave. He begged to thank them for the kind way in which the toast had been drunk, and wished the chapter every success.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." The companion whom they had chosen for the peculiar honour of being placed in the First Principal's chair was a very young Mason. He had arrived at the position of W.M. of his lodge after about seven years, and it showed that he must have done good suit and service to arrive at such a position. He trusted they would endorse the conclusion they had arrived at, that he was the right man in the right place, and that, assisted by excellent Second and Third Principals, he would, at the end of his year of office, leave the chapter in a most satisfactory and sound condition.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said after the eloquent manner in which Col. Clerke had proposed his health he could scarcely find words to thank him. With regard to the remarks of the Grand Scribe E., that the success of the chapter depended on themselves, he could assure him that they meant it to be a success, the two first exaltees were old Past Masters of the Old Concord Lodge, which he thought was a very good beginning, and if they acted up to their professions the chapter would rank as one of the best on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. said they were always welcome. He was sure they were pleased at the interesting ceremony they had taken part in, and he trusted they had enjoyed themselves at the banquet table, and when the chapter was thoroughly established he trusted they would come again.

The toast was responded to by Comps. Hawkins, Grummant, and G. Gardner.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," said very few were so fortunate as he was in having two of his dear friends beside him. Comp. Meierhoff assisted him materially when he went up as Steward to the Masonic Charities, and did his work thoroughly and well. Comp. Cooper was a good Mason in many ways, and so, altogether, he looked forward to a very pleasant year of office, and when he had passed the chair he should have great pleasure in looking after them.

Comp. MEIERHOFF, in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank him for the very kind way in which he had spoken of his work, and he trusted he would speak as well of him when he went to another place.

Comp. COOPER referred to the splendid advice they had received from Comp. Philbrick, and said he hoped to do his work in an efficient manner. He trusted they would have good Masons as members of the chapter, which he hoped would have prosperous times and a successful career.

Comp. KING, Scribe E., in reply to the toast of "The Officers of the Chapter," thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind remarks he had made, and if he had, as he said, done good suit and service in the lodge as Secretary, he hoped to do so in the chapter, and carry out his duties to the entire satisfaction of every companion.

Comp. HILTON, Scribe N., thanked the companions for the very hearty way in which the toast had been responded to, and said that from the comparatively short time Comp. Fleck had been a Mason, it showed he must have had excellent qualities to enable him to arrive at his present position. Referring to the kind remarks he had made with regard to the assistance he had received from members of the Star Chapter of Improvement, he could assure him that they were always willing to do all they could to assist him, and, if at any time he wished to rehearse a ceremony, they would be only too pleased to allow him to do it.

The M.E.Z., in a special toast, thanked Comp. Voisey for the very excellent manner in which he had conducted the musical arrangements at the consecration ceremony, which gave to all the greatest satisfaction.

Comp. VOISEY, in a few well-chosen remarks, returned thanks.

An excellent programme of music was carried out, under the direction of Comp. W. Price.

MARK MASONRY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL.

There will be a large gathering of the Mark brethren at Exeter on the occasion of the installation of Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., as Prov. G.M.M. for Devon, on Wednesday, May 28th. The patent has been signed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and countersigned by Bros. Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar, and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary. Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote was advanced as a Mark Master Mason in St. George's Mark Lodge, No. 15, Exeter, which is the oldest active organisation of the kind in Devon and Cornwall.

The province of Devon is the second oldest in England, having been constituted on 11th December, 1857, with the late Bro. Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., as Prov. G.M. He was succeeded by the late Bro. Col. J. Tanner Davy on 1st January, 1873, and on his decease the province was for a short while under the rule of Bro. C. Spence Bate, F.R.S., &c., as D. Prov. G.M., who died quite recently. It is one of the largest provinces in England in the Mark Degree, just as in the Craft and Royal Arch, there being 23 lodges in the county, which are thus distributed: one each at Southmolton, Exeter, Tavistock, Totnes, First Devon Militia, Barnstaple, Ivybridge, Tiverton, Newton Abbot, Teignmouth, Torquay, and Seaton. One or two of these, however, are dormant, which is much to be regretted, as they have high numbers. In the Three Towns there are 11 lodges, viz., three at Plymouth, two at Devonport, five at East Stonehouse, and one at Stoke.

In Cornwall the Degree is also most prosperous, there being 11 lodges domiciled at Redruth, Truro, Hayle, Falmouth, Chacewater, Helston, St. Columb, St. Austell, Fowey, Liskeard, and Penzance, under the genial rule of Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., as Prov. G.M.

The Earl of Euston, president of the Board of General Purposes, who is to be the Installing Master on the 28th May, will be assisted by several other Grand Officers on the interesting occasion.—*Western Morning News*.

The third annual musical festival in aid of the Tower Hamlets Mission commences in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End-road, on Good Friday, with Handel's "Messiah." On Saturday there will be a miscellaneous concert; on Easter Monday, Mendelssohn's "Elijah"; and on Tuesday, Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Golden Legend."

Mark Masonry.

EAST GREENWICH.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 332).—The installation meeting of the above select lodge took place on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the William IV. Hotel, Bro. George Burney's comfortable hostelry, when Bro. W. T. Hunt, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of A., and saluted. The following officers were appointed, viz.: Bros. Dr. W. C. S. Burney, I.P.M.; W. H. Burney, S.W.; J. G. Thomas, J.W.; S. J. Gore, M.O.; G. P. Carter, S.O.; E. W. Carpenter, J.O.; F. Couldry, P.M., Treas.; G. P. Carter, acting Sec.; T. Newton, R. of M.; C. Kedgley, S.D.; H. T. Fryer, J.D.; T. J. Cracknell, I.G.; and J. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.M., and P.M. Bon Accord Lodge, (T.I.), and P.J.G.O. England, was the Installing Officer, and carried out the duty in that magnificently eloquent and impressive manner which characterises all the Masonic work he does. He was accorded an unanimous vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, for which he returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to one of the worthy host's elegantly appointed and served banquets, for which he was complimented on all sides.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.J.G.O. Kent; H. W. Partridge, P.M., P.G. M.O. Kent; T. Morgan, G. Burney, and C. Jolly, M.O. 226, P.P.G.O. Kent.

The toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "The M.W. Grand Mark Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been drunk with much enthusiasm, that of "The Pro Grand Mark Master, the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was honoured, and, in responding,

Bro. Gooding said that, in returning thanks for their cordial reception of a toast that included in its scope some of the grandest gentlemen of England, he supposed that he ought to be very serious; but, whether serious or gay, he responded to it with a great deal of pleasure. Of the Prince of Wales it would be unnecessary to say much, because they all knew the great interest his Royal Highness always took, and had taken, not only in the Mark, but in Craft Masonry. Lord Egerton of Tatton had been before them in every capacity as a Freemason, and not only that lodge, but every lodge, fully appreciated his quality as a guardian of the principles, and a thorough good worker for the success of the Mark Degree. For those officers holding humbler rank, including himself, he thanked them most cordially. The officers of Grand Mark Lodge had been selected for their services to the M.W.G.M., and they duly appreciated the honour, especially when they came into such assemblies as the present one, because they felt that the selection made met with the approbation of the great majority of the brethren of the Degree. For himself, he could say that he had always taken a great interest in that lodge, and it struck him that they should have, and ought to have, more members than they had at present, and he felt sure if the brethren of the Craft in the district knew more of the Degree they would join it. They had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at their head; they had the most distinguished noblemen and excellent gentlemen for their senior Grand Officers; while the rest of the Grand Officers and Grand Lodge itself were worthy of their pride and admiration. Then they had their own Charities, and plenty of money in their funds, and he could not help thinking that in that district, where there were so many good Craft Masons, if the advantages of the Degree were known there would be a much larger increase to the strength of that which was such an excellent and well placed lodge. With respect to their new grand hall, it would be when finished one of the best in London, equal to every call that might be required of it. Then, in conclusion, he would say again that he should very much like to see the lodge increase in numbers; they had plenty of quality, and if they could get a greater quantity with an equal amount of quality, he saw no reason why the lodge should not be one of the most flourishing in the province of Kent. As the first Past Master of the lodge, he thanked them for their cordial reception, and wished the Master a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Partridge, in responding for "The R.W.P.G.M.M., the D.G.M.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," thanked them, and felt proud of being that year P.G.O. of such a province as that of the Province of Kent. He looked upon it not so much an honour to himself, but to the Borough of Greenwich Lodge. He considered himself a lucky fellow, and hoped to see Bro. Burney a P.G. Officer next year.

Bro. Kipps spoke highly of their P.G.M., and said it was only two years ago they all thought they were going to lose him. In the person of Bro. Cummings, their esteemed D.P.G.M., they had a most energetic and hard working Mason, and one who had been most kind to that lodge. He was pleased to see the father of the lodge present, in Bro. Gooding, and thanked him for coming amongst them and installing their W.M. in such a splendid manner, and trusted that for many years, whether the Masters installed their successors or not, they might always have him amongst them, at least at their annual festival.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he had had the pleasure of Bro. Hunt's acquaintance for many years, both in the Craft, the Royal Arch, and in that lodge, and hoped that acquaintance might long continue. He was exceedingly glad to see him in the chair, and trusted he would have a good year of office.

Bro. Hunt, in response, thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast. He had arrived at the chair much sooner than he expected when he joined the lodge. He hoped to have a good number of initiates, and, if so, he would not be found wanting in carrying out the work. He thought, and indeed trusted, now they had such a prosperous Craft lodge as the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, held at that house, that at least five or six of its members would join theirs—the Borough of Greenwich Mark Lodge—and if they did he should leave the chair with the satisfaction of having done something to increase its strength.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and, in putting it, the W.M. spoke highly of the valuable services rendered the lodge by its Past Master, and especially by Bros. Gooding, Kipps, Couldry, and Burney, who were also deserving of their gratitude. He presented Bro. Burney with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and wished him many years of health and happiness to wear it.

Bros. Burney, Kipps, and Couldry severally eloquently responded.

The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," for which Bro. Gooding feelingly returned thanks.

Bro. Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Thomas, Gore, Couldry, Carter, and Kedgley responded for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent singing and reciting, Bro. Kipps presiding at the piano with marked ability.

Straits Settlements.

SINGAPORE.

Abdullam Conclave (No. 17).—This conclave of Secret Monitor was constituted and consecrated by Bro. F. H. Gottlieb on the 17th February. The following are the officers: Bros. G. Thompson, S.R.; W. Porteous, Con.; E. J. Khory, Guide; W. Makepeace, Treas.; R. O. Morris, Sec.; J. P. Joaquim, S.V.D.; G. A. Derrick, J.V.D.; J. S. Robertson, Org.; and S. R. Robinson, Guard.

New South Wales.

LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

On the 17th January the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of St. Paul's Church, Stockton, New South Wales, was carried out with great *éclat*. Large numbers assembled, it being understood that the Fraternity had interested themselves in the affair, and that the Bishop of Bathurst would take a prominent part in the ceremony.

The proceedings were commenced by the Harmony Lodge, No. 15, assisted by representatives from numerous lodges.

The brethren were received with the usual ceremonies. A Masonic procession was then formed, which moved towards the scene of laying the foundation stone, where a great crowd had assembled. The stone was laid with all Masonic ceremony by Bro. Camidge, Bishop of Bathurst. Upwards of £250 was laid upon the stone.

After the ceremony Bishop CAMIDGE delivered a very stirring address upon Masonry and the usefulness of architecture. He maintained that such a style of architecture was indicative of the character of the age in which the buildings were erected. He insisted, however, above all, in the principle of acoustics being considered in preference to anything. He concluded by appealing to Masons to attend St. Paul's Church when it was completed.

The Vicar-General of the diocese, the Rev. Canon SELWYN, replied, thanking his brother members of the Craft for their attendance that afternoon, and the influence they exercised on behalf of the Building Fund of St. Paul's Church, Stockton.

The Eisteddfodd choir then sang "Worthy is the Lamb," and the ceremonies closed with the National Anthem. The whole proceedings were highly successful.

On the following day a Masonic festival was held at the Pro Cathedral in aid of the same purpose. The Rev. Dr. Camidge preached the sermon, and all the lodges were well represented. The Vicar-General, Canon Selwyn, and the Rev. S. C. Grime assisted at the service. The collection was a good one.

Australia.

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

A special communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 29th January. The meeting was convened for the especial purpose of discussing the new Book of Constitutions or code of law.

The Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George Baker, P.G.M., who occupied the chair during the whole of the proceedings.

The seven first clauses were passed after much discussion, and with several amendments.

At this stage, the adjournment of the debate was proposed, and negatived.

Clauses 8 to 14 were then carried.

On clause 15, "the Grand Master, if the Governor of Victoria, may appoint a Pro Grand Master," a lengthy and animated debate arose, which re-opened the question of appointment or election, and which turned upon the point whether the present meeting, convened for the purpose of framing new laws, should be bound by any previous decision of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Registrar, Bro. I. A. ISAACS, P.M., spoke at length upon this point.

No settlement having been arrived at at a late hour, Bro. J. COPELAND, P.G.S.B., proposed, and Bro. H. L. BATTEN, P.J.G.D., seconded the adjournment of the debate, after which the Grand Lodge was closed.

FREEMASONS' DINNER AND TEA TO POOR PEOPLE.

On Thursday, the 20th ult., the members of the Union Lodge No. 127, according to their annual custom, invited about 250 of the respected aged poor to dinner and tea at the Foresters' Hall, Margate. An excellent

dinner was provided by Mr. J. Hume, of High-street, consisting of roast beef, haunches of mutton, roast veal, hams, Masonic pudding, and mince pies. After which an entertainment—referred to below—was given; then followed oranges, light refreshments, tobacco, &c., tea, and cake, and bread and butter, and, on leaving, each person received one pound of tea.

The Mayor (Bro. W. L. Lewis) presided, supported by Bro. B. L. Moor, W.M., and the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, Chaplain; and among the members of the lodge and others present were Bros. F. Stanley, S.W.; J. Brighurst, J.W.; Bamber, S.D.; Fagg, J.D.; W. J. Clarke, W.M. 133 D.C.; J. Moore, A.D.C.; H. Manning, Stwd.; H. Wootton, Sec.; A. Wootton, P.P.G.S.; C. J. Buck, Akhurst, W. Crawford, Watt, Rayner, F. T. Perry, Morley, J. Roach, Gurton, Goodyear, F. W. Willett, Phipps, J. W. Simpson, J. L. Hume, F. Pointer, J. Healing, I.P.M., Hon. Sec. and Treasurer; H. Toohey, and others, many of whom acted as Stewards, and, assisted by their wives and other lady friends, attended to the wants of the guests. The Vicar of Margate and the Rev. D. Lloyd were present during a portion of the afternoon. Grace was said by the Chaplain, and a band, under the direction of Bro. J. Moore, performed during the dinner.

After the dinner, the MAYOR said that, dinner being over, and as they had done all things decently and in order, as all good Masons desired to do, the Committee had provided a programme for the recreation of the ladies and gentlemen present.

The first part of the programme was an overture by the band; songs by Bros. J. G. Henning, H. Wootton, and J. L. Hume, and Mrs. J. A. Fagg, and Miss Simpson; and a recitation by Mr. Hodges.

In the interval, the CHAPLAIN said it was very kind of his Worship the Mayor to ask him to say a few words to them; but he thought they had an evidence before them that the Freemasons were better at doing than at talking. It gave him great pleasure to see them there that day, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves. The principles of Freemasonry were brotherly love, relief, and truth. He thought they had a proof that brotherly love existed among the Margate Freemasons; and he was sure nothing pleased them better than to see their poor brethren enjoying themselves, as he trusted they were doing that day. They knew one was expected to give good advice on spiritual welfare; but good advice, accompanied by the best advice in action, often went straight and best to the heart.

Mr. RICHARD OVENDEN, one of the guests, in response to a call from the chair, said he was thankful that they had people on the face of the earth called Freemasons, who filled hungry brothers. Might they all feel gratitude to the ladies and gentlemen for their kindness and attention to the poor of Margate.

A vote having been carried, a selection was played by the band; Misses Healing and Ethel M. Buck performed a piano duet; Miss Maud M. Willett gave a recitation with excellent effect, eliciting a demand for a second piece, which was given; Mr. Tomlin sang a comic song, which was encored; Mr. Hodges gave a recitation; Bro. F. Stanley sang; and the Mayor gave a pathetic reading entitled "Called on." The piano was kindly lent by Bro. Brighurst, and the accompaniments were by Mrs. W. Jones Lane and others.

Tea was then provided, and, at the close, the MAYOR proposed a vote of thanks to the donors, and also to the ladies and their children, for the assistance they had so kindly rendered.

The motion having been carried unanimously,

The respected WORSHIPFUL MASTER responded, and thanked the Mayor for the kindness and ability with which he had presided. He also stated that the Union Lodge was established in Margate in 1763, and was numbered 127 on the Grand Register. It was, he added, a curious coincidence that the lodge was exactly 127 years old that very day.

Bro. A. WOOTTON, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., seconded, and it was carried; and the MAYOR suitably responded.

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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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2nd April, 1890.

To Correspondents.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, APRIL, 5, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Lady Monckton, with the help of several kind-hearted and talented friends, gave the children of our Girls' School a great treat on Saturday afternoon last. Her ladyship recited in her own inimitable manner, drawing laughter and tears alternately. Miss Rosa Leo sang charmingly, Bro. "Leslie Mayne" accompanying her, and in a composition of his own—"Pack clouds away"—evoking rapturous applause. Miss Angela Vanbrugh, a very young lady, proved herself a thorough mistress of the art of violin playing, and Mr. Morten Cotton, a prince among amateur buffo singers, made the little folks laugh till they cried by his clever and comic effusions.

The programme proper over, the children sang three part songs in the most delightful manner, ably conducted by Mrs. Rowarth, their Singing Mistress, and then, under Miss Davies, went through their calisthenic drill with wonderful precision. A most agreeable two hours was spent. Among those present were Bros. Sir John Monckton, Frank Richardson, Edward Letchworth, Robert Grey, J. H. Matthews, and Charles Hammerton (members of the House Committee), Sir Polydore and Lady De Keyser, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brand, Bro. H. C. Knott (W.M. Isaac Newton Lodge) and Miss Knott, Bros. Register (W.M. Tuscan Lodge), E. Monteuis, and Gordon Smith, and Miss Beatrice Grey, and Mrs. Leo.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the coming Festival of the Girls' School was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., occupied the chair. The usual preliminary business was transacted. Bro. Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B., and P.S.G.W. of the Province of Middlesex, was elected as President of the Board; Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.W. Herts, the Treasurer; Bro. E. Luxmore Marshall, P.M. 235, Nine Muses, Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards; and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Hon. Secretary. The usual Sub-Committees were also appointed.

As Bro. Col. Peters is President of the Board, and is a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Middlesex, we suggest that he should bring some of the charm of his influence and eloquence to bear on the brethren of the Province, so that it may be well and effectively represented. We have not heard that the number of Middlesex Stewards has been increased, since our report of last week, though the Board itself has been enlarged from 163 to 174. This is fair progress, but we hope more will be made in the course of the next 10 days, or a fortnight, that is, while there is a fair amount of time in which to do good work.

The Confidence Lodge, No. 193, which was warranted by the "Ancients" in 1790, and has been able to show a career of uninterrupted working ever since, has been granted a Centenary Warrant and celebrated the auspicious event by a grand banquet, at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday, when it is needless to say the members mustered in great force, while the gathering of visitors was unusually numerous and distinguished. The meeting passed off admirably, and we sincerely trust the career of this ancient lodge may be as prosperous in the future as it has been in the past.

We learn that the W.M. and Officers of Lodge No. 25, Dublin, Sir C. A. Cameron, M.D., Secretary, will give a Masonic Ball in the Leinster Hall, Dublin, on Friday, 25th inst., in aid of the funds of the Masonic Orphan Schools, under the patronage of their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Zetland; their Serene Highnesses Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar; their Graces the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M., and the Duchess of Abercorn; and the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor and Lady Ashbourne.

The very successful results of the ball given by this lodge in 1888, lead us to hope the present one will be even more successful. So charitable an object appeals with more than ordinary force to every Masonic heart, and we hope the present effort of the worthy officers and brethren of Lodge No. 25 will be supported, as it so well deserves to be, by Freemasons throughout the four provinces, and that the effort will prove worthy of the best traditions of the Irish Craft.

In our issue of 16th November, 1889, we made some sharp comments in reference to a case as described by the *Australasian Keystone*, in which a prominent brother, who was said to have held the office of Prov. G. Registrar of an English province, intervened on a particular occasion in the United Grand Lodge of Victoria "in order to test the right of every Past Grand Lodge Officer to enter with the Grand Master." We said that we did not see in what way a prominent brother, on the strength of having been a Prov. G. Registrar of an English province, was justified in intervening in any way in a question concerning the precedence of Grand Lodge Officers. We said at the same time that our contemporary's account of the matter was somewhat obscure.

It now appears, from a letter with which we have been favoured from the prominent brother in question, that he intervened in the matter in his capacity of a Past S.G. Warden of Victoria, that to the best of his knowledge and belief he has never made reference to his Past Provincial rank during the time he has resided in the colony, and that it was our contemporary who was at fault by introducing the brother's English Provincial rank into its account of the incident, and thus misleading us.

It appears also that the prominent brother succeeded in carrying his point, and that for the future, under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, as under the United Grand Lodge of England, Past Grand Officers will have places assigned to them in the Grand Master's procession according to the table of precedence set forth in our Book of Constitutions, which, for the time being, is that of Victoria likewise.

The mistake into which we were led, and which will now have still greater prominence, will not, however, have been made in vain if it induces the Grand Master of Victoria to be still more careful in future in his selection of brethren for Grand Office, and especially for the important office of Grand Director of Ceremonies. A brother who is not well posted in the table of precedence is clearly not a suitable brother for this post, and especially one who might be disposed to place the Deputy Grand Master in front of the Pro Grand Master and Past Grand Masters. However, we daresay a proper knowledge of these important matters will be acquired some time or other, and it is satisfactory to know that there is already one who, as a Past Prov. G. Registrar of England, and at the same time a Past S.G. Warden of Victoria, has the requisite knowledge and is in a position to be able to intervene and set right an errant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We have much pleasure in announcing, in accordance with the request of our esteemed correspondent, that there is an English branch of the Lodge "Les Elèves des Thémis" located at Antwerp, and working under the authority of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

This section or branch of the lodge meets every Thursday, at 8 p.m., at No. 35, Rue Van Maerlant, its installation being on the first Thursday in May. The present W.M. is Bro. S. Dutton, and the Secretary Bro. D. Dewar, to whom brethren intending to visit the ancient Flemish city would do well to address their communications should they be desirous of visiting the lodge.

The consecration of the West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349, will take place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at South Shore, Blackpool.

Correspondence.

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

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

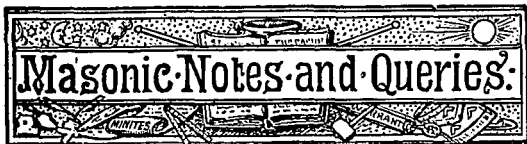
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I agree with your correspondent (P.M.) it would be convenient to know if Grand Lodge objects to the familiar "Hearty good wishes" so often heard from the visitor. I hear that at a recent installation meeting, and in presence of the Grand Secretary, the newly-installed W.M. told the visitors, in reply to their "Hearty good wishes," that they were "out of order," and, in contradistinction, I was present at an installation meeting the other day when a distinguished P.G. Treasurer was one of the first to wish the W. Master "Hearty good wishes." When doctors differ, who shall decide?—Yours fraternally,

PUZZLED P.M.

March 29.



873] VALUABLE PAMPHLETS.

Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland, has lately secured three valuable pamphlets, possibly unique. At all events, I have not seen them before, and my researches extend over many years of a diligent Masonic life. I think the "Notes and Queries" (Masonic) might be more utilized than customary, so as to make known all such curios as the following. The first pamphlet supplies an earlier use of the name "Union" than will be found in Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records." All are of special interest.

W. J. HUGHAN.

No. 1, OF A.D. 1779.

A Short Address delivered to the Master and Brethren of the Union Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Dedication of their New Room in Gateshead, April 5, 1779, by J. ROTHERAM, M.D. Newcastle: Printed by Brother August and Sold by Brother Chalmers, in Gateshead, for the Benefit of the Fund of Charity, belonging to the said Lodge, 1779. (Price 4d.)

[Then follows]

Union Lodge, April 5, 1779.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Society be given to Brother Rotheram for his excellent Discourse delivered this Morning and that he be desired to allow the same to be printed.

John Bocolt, Master.
Edw. Smith } Wardens.
John Cowl }

No. 2, OF A.D. 1796.

An Oration delivered at the Opening of the Iron Bridge at Wearmouth, August 9, 1796, by WILLIAM NESFIELD, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain Durham. And a Sermon preached in the Chapel at Sunderland on the same occasion by JOHN BREWSTER, M.A., Chaplain of the Lodge of Philanthropy, Stockton, No. 19. To which is added an Appendix containing an Account of the order of the Procession, Ceremonies used on that occasion, &c. Stockton: Printed by Christopher and Jennett. Anno 1796.

No. 3, OF A.D. 1777.

An Oration delivered at the dedication of the New Free Masons Hall erected by the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 184, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Thursday, Oct. 16th, 1777, by JAMES SCOTT, D.D., G.C.P.T. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Printed by Brother T. Robson & Co., and sold by Brother E. Humble in Newcastle and by E. and C. Dilly in the Poultry, London.

874] AN OLD MASONIC JUG.

The jug which Bro. J. L. Carson has so fortunately acquired is, possibly, of late last century date, and represents the regular or "Modern" Grand Lodge. I should not like to venture any very positive opinion about the matter until I have seen a photo of the designs, &c. Bro. Watson, of Leeds, has a fine specimen of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Grand Lodge; photographs of the two designs on the jug, which he kindly sent me, are now in my hands for examination. Bro. Carson should have his treasure photographed in like manner.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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Some years ago I was an enthusiastic student of the ceramic art, not to say a chinamania, and expended considerable time and a little money in securing specimens of rare English pottery and porcelain. In reply to Bro. J. L. Carson, in your last issue, I have to state that his Masonic jug is by no means scarce, nor is it particularly valuable. He does not, however, state whether it is of pottery or china, simply describing it prosaically as "crockery." If it is porcelain, its value would be greater than if made of pottery. Now, as to its probable parentage. There are existing specimens of pottery with Masonic emblems that were manufactured in Liverpool, Leeds, and Staffordshire in the last century. The colour of the pottery being cream of various shades. The porcelain factory at Worcester also produced specimens of jugs, cups, bowls, &c., Masonically adorned, but they were white. In 1887, the collection of the late Dr. Diamond, F.S.A., was

sold by Messrs. Sotheby, at their rooms in Wellington-street, Strand, and in the collection was one of the finest specimens of transfer printing on a porcelain mug I have ever seen. It was, to the best of my recollection, about six inches high, and was shaped like a barrel. The Freemasons' arms were in the centre, and the rest of its surface was covered with emblematical Masonic designs and figures in scrolls. The engraving was so beautifully executed that it bore the test of a powerful magnifying glass. What made the specimen more valuable and interesting was the circumstance that it bore the inscription, "Sadler, Enl. Livl." I was desirous of securing it, but it fetched more money than I was disposed to give, viz., £5. Mr. John Sadler, of Liverpool, was a celebrated enameller and engraver of that port, and claimed to be the inventor of printing upon pottery and china, and, together with a Mr. Guy Green, carried on business from 1750. The secret of transferring designs to pottery, &c., from copper plates, did not remain with those artists long, as in 1755 the old gossip Horace Walpole, writes to his crony, Richard Bentley, the dramatist, as follows: "I send you a trifling snuff-box, only as a sample of the new manufacture at Battersea, which is done with copper plates." The china factory at Bow, in the county of Middlesex, also produced china printed with designs about the same period. Dr. Wall, the first proprietor of the "Worcester Porcelain Company," at that time likewise employed three good engravers, viz., Richard Holdship, Josiah Holdship, and Robert Hancock. So clever were they that there are verses extant in connection with them, of which the following lines will suffice:

"Hancock, my friend, don't grieve,
Though Holdship has the praise;
'Tis yours to execute,
'Tis his to wear the bays."

In the Schreiber collection at South Kensington there was, and may be still, a specimen of china engraved with the Freemasons' arms and other Masonic designs. In the Royal Porcelain Works Museum at Worcester are two jugs with the arms of the old Worcester lodge. I should be inclined to think that Bro. Carson's jug is of Liverpool decoration, not because it is said "to have come into this country (Ireland) with a family from Liverpool over a 100 years ago," but in consequence of there being a specimen in the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn-street, London, with similar emblems. It is a teapot and cover in cream-coloured ware, supposed to be Wedgwood, and ornamented in red transfer-printing. On one side Masonic designs inscribed *Deum time et Regem honora*, and on the other certain heraldic devices inscribed *Amor, Honor, et Justitia*, and *Sit Lux et Lux fuit*. From records still in possession of the present firm of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and Sons, it is known that the celebrated Josiah Wedgwood used to send loads of cream-coloured ware to Sadler and Green, at Liverpool, to be decorated with designs in transfer. Although I have seen many specimens of Masonic pottery, &c., I have not yet seen any with figures "in clothing, such as one sees on men in Ben Johnson's time." This is rather vague, because "Rare Ben" flourished between 1574 and 1637, during the reigns of three sovereigns, when masculine costume underwent many changes. Are the figures clothed in doublets, trunk-hose, and ruffs? or doublets, breeches, high boots, and falling collars? In conclusion, I may also mention that there was a well-known china factory at Lowestoft A.D. 1756—1803, which also sent out punch bowls and mugs bearing Masonic designs, &c., in colours. Dr. Diamond had a china punch bowl with Freemasons' emblems, inscribed "Dundee Lodge, Wapping, Date 13. 7. 5803." What became of this interesting specimen I know not. It was not in the catalogue of the sale already referred to; it may have been destroyed in the great fire, in 1873, at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, where many of the doctor's curios were on view. The host of the "Dock-ray Hall" Inn, at Penrith, once showed me a Leeds ware jug covered with Masonic devices, in black transfer, that had belonged to his deceased father, who was a Mason. In the small museum of an old castle built by the Scrope, mentioned by Shakespeare, near Leyburn, Yorks, there are several very fine Masonic jugs, in excellent preservation, which I judge to be of old Leeds manufacture. In the present low state of the antique china and pottery market, I should say that £2 would be a fair price for a jug of the type described by your correspondent, unless specially marked, as was the case with the one sold by the Messrs. Sotheby. Marked specimens of the ceramic art even now, fetch sums far in excess of their merit as artistic productions. Apologising for the length of this communication, but which I trust will be interesting to Bro. Carson and other readers of your paper.

T. C. WALLS,
Associate "Quatuor Coronati."

876] SALE OF MSS.

Allow me to thank "Chisholm," through your columns, for his note 872 in your last number. It caused me to at once write to the Rev. Mr. Fenwick, the present owner of the Philipps MSS., and he informs me that there is no intention of parting with the MSS. in question.

G. W. SPETH.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., has returned to England and resumed his Parliamentary duties after having attended the Berlin Labour Conference for the purpose of watching, from a legal point of view, the subjects considered by the delegates.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60.)—

This distinguished lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Holborn, W.C., on the 28th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Altman, C.C., P.G.S., W.M.; E. Rogers, G.S., S.W.; Slade, J.W.; Henry Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Frederick Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Secretary; Dr. Kempster, P.M., S.D.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. G. Masters, P.M., Stwd.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; G. H. Kenning, Balliston, Kempster, jun., and others. Bros. John Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192, and Hudson, 1657, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes, at the request of the W.M., who was indisposed, raised the Brothers Slade to the Third Degree, and most impressively initiated Mr. C. Grogeon. Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., G.S., P.P.G.D., &c., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. Henry Young, P.M., P.G.S., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Dr. Kempster and Capt. Walls were elected Auditors. Bro. Balliston having been elected Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, the sum of five guineas was voted to head his list. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Altman, W.M., in recognition of his past services.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice.

The W.M. presided most ably and genially.

During the proceedings, several of the members vocally and dramatically entertained the brethren.

The members separated at an early hour.

Caledonian Lodge (No. 134).—Any departure from Masonry pure and simple should always be carefully noted and faithfully watched by all brethren.

However, we find it is possible to have departure from ordinary Masonic circumstances without fear, and groundless of any suspicion. Such an innovation took place on Friday, the 21st ult., in one of our oldest City lodges. This time-honoured lodge had a special banquet at the Ship and Turtle, at which the brethren were requested to invite their wives and sweethearts. The working of the lodge, which is in excellent form, had been previously satisfactorily carried through at the usual last gathering, and the ordinary banquet dispensed with, or rather postponed until the 21st ult., when the ladies had an opportunity of testing the fare so bountifully supplied by that ancient hotel.

After the banquet the W.M., Bro. Arthur Bowman, gave the usual Masonic toasts of the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master, after which the able and esteemed Secretary of the lodge, as one of the oldest Past Masters and personal friend of the W.M., in very fitting and affecting terms, gracefully proposed the health of the W.M., in response to which the W.M. replied.

The Worshipful Master: Ladies and Brethren,—The first toast I have the pleasure to propose to you this evening is one that is always well received by Englishmen, especially Masons, for it matters not what part of the world Masons meet, we as Masons are loyal to the Crown. Brethren, this toast needs no more words from me, and therefore I ask you to drink "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft."

The Worshipful Master: Ladies and Brethren,—The next toast I have to present to you is that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." I think very few words are needed from me, as we all honour our Most Worshipful Grand Master. I believe he is devoted to the Craft, and without any further comment I ask you to drink to the health of our beloved Prince.

Bro. J. R. Glanville: Ladies and Brethren,—I have the privilege, by the permission of the I.P.M., to propose the next toast. It is that of "The W.M. of the Caledonian Lodge," and it is appropriate that I should do this to-night, for this is a very special occasion. I have known the W.M. nearly 30 years, and been intimately associated with him all that time—a much longer acquaintance than any other excepting his brother, who is now present. I had the pleasure of introducing him, and have watched his Masonic career with almost parental interest, and complimented you and him on his selection to fill the highest and most honourable position which the lodge can confer. I know that he will perform all his duties with the punctuality and ability which has characterised his conduct throughout. I believe he will have a successful and honourable year of office, and very early you will find it inaugurated by a departure from our traditions by the exceptional presence of ladies at this banquet, an example which I shall hope to hear is being followed in other lodges. It has been urged against Masonry that we are all too selfish, that we meet and dine and forget our wives and daughters. This will not be a complaint in the future. We have for several years had the presence of ladies at our summer banquets in the country, and we determined unanimously that we would devote an evening to work without refreshment, and then have a special evening, when our brethren might have the privilege and pleasure of seeing ladies present. For 130 years this lodge has been established, and this is the first occasion that we have stepped aside from the old routine. We are not going to impart any of our Masonic secrets or divulge the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, but we desire you all to be assured of the purity of our principles and the foundation of our Order as a help-meet to our Christianity, founded on the great principle of "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." It has been our W.M.'s privilege to occupy the chair when the resolution inviting ladies was so agreeably and unanimously carried, and I hope and believe they will be pleased by our welcome at this festive board. I have, ladies and

brethren, known the W.M. and his dear wife, who presides over the domestic affairs of his family with so much grace and kindness, under exceptional circumstances. I met them at London Bridge Station on November 6th, 1877, *en route* from Mrs. Bowman's home in Norfolk to Brighton for the honeymoon. One would have thought I should be a bore on such an occasion, and my presence an intrusion; but I did not have the cold shoulder, or was I shunted off as unwelcome. I begged Mrs. Bowman to come to me on the first occasion that the W.M. ill-used or ill-treated her, but as nearly 13 years has passed since then and several olive branches have sprung up to bless them and as pledges of mutual love, and I have constantly seen Mrs. Bowman since, I firmly believe that he has, during his wedded life, behaved with that strict propriety which has been the spirit of his Masonic life. May they long be spared to each other and their dear children, and our W.M. to the brethren of the Caledonian Lodge, to whom I am sure he has the warmest attachment. Ladies and brethren, I give you an upstanding toast, the health of our W.M., Bro. Arthur Bowman, and his wife.

The Worshipful Master: Ladies and Brethren.—It is with the greatest pleasure I rise to thank my dear friend and Bro. Glanville for the exceedingly kind manner in which he has expressed himself towards my dear wife and myself, and it is with sincere gratitude I tender my thanks to all the brethren for the very kind manner in which they have received the toast. Believe me, brethren, I feel especially honoured by having the presence of so many ladies upon this most important occasion. I believe I am correct in saying that this is the first time in the history of the Caledonian Lodge (which dates back some 130 years) that any of its W.M.'s have enjoyed the same privilege as I do on the present occasion. And now that I have this honoured opportunity I will try and explain some part of Freemasonry, of which, perhaps, some present have not yet heard. Pray do not be alarmed, ladies, I am not going to tell you any of its particular secrets, for it is no use of my denying we have secrets which we cannot share with you. It appears to me that our ancient brethren in their wisdom evidently considered that ladies in those days could not be entrusted with secrets; they doubted their ability to keep them. Of course I am not ungallant enough to say that such a reason would stand good in the present time, but in this respect the laws of Freemasonry are like those of the Medes and Persians unalterable; but, ladies, in order to remove any doubt from your minds, I can assure you that those secrets are of such a nature that they cannot injure anyone, but, on the contrary, exist only for good, and any man who lives up to the principles of Freemasonry must be a good and true man. I know it is the opinion of the outside world, who know nothing of our Craft, that we exist only for the purpose of eating and drinking; well, we do enjoy ourselves at times, and we have a double enjoyment this evening, having the ladies present, and I trust they have enjoyed themselves also. Ladies and brethren, I shall try and show you that something nobler than mere enjoyment is the key-stone of Masonry. The principal rock on which our secrets rest is Charity. I would ask you to take into consideration those noble Institutions which are supported by Masons. One noble Institution is for aged Masons and widows of Masons. This Institution was founded in 1842, and during its existence 730 aged Masons have been relieved with annuities at the rate of £40 per year each as long as they live. After the last election, there were 180 annuitants on the list receiving £40 a year, making a yearly total of £7200. Another branch of this Institution is the Widow's Fund. After the last election, there were 230 widows receiving £32 a year each—some of them are at the home of the Institution—the total amount paid to widows for the year being £7360, to which add £7200, paid to aged Masons, brings the amount paid for relief during the year up to £14,560. Ladies, I will again ask you to take into consideration this grand and noble Institution for the old and infirm, who, when the winter of life comes upon them, and they have not strength to work for themselves or friends who can assist them, they find themselves alone and helpless, with no prospect before them but that of ending their days in a workhouse. It is then this beautiful rock of Charity shows itself. Instead of such an ending of life as that, they are taken by the hand, cared for, and supported in comfort and respectability. I feel sure, ladies, you will agree with me this is a grand object for a secret Society to have in view. Then again, we have those noble Institutions for the relief of orphan boys and girls. The Boys' Institution since 1798 has maintained, clothed, and educated 1905 sons of Freemasons, of which number 263 are now being benefited and are under its care. The Institution at Wood Green cost (including amounts expended thereon from 1873 to 1887) £66,198 9s. 6d. In addition to this, £9013 10s. has been expended in the purchase of land, &c., in connection with the Institution. Another sum of £19,438 15s. has been spent on Preparatory School Buildings, and the whole making the grand total cost of the estate £94,650 15s. At the Cambridge Local Examination December, 1888, 19 candidates were sent up, 14 passed, 6 with honors and 8 satisfied the examiners at the College of Preceptors in June, 1888, 12 passed and no failures; and at Christmas, 1888, 15 passed and only 2 failed.

These returns speak volumes as to the care taken in the education of the boys. The Institution for Girls was instituted on the 25th March, 1788, and since its formation 1591 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls. The Centenary Festival was celebrated in the Royal Albert Hall, on the 7th June, 1888. The amount collected on that occasion resulted in a list amounting to £51,500. At the last Cambridge Local Examination 18 girls competed, all of whom passed, ten with honors and five distinguished in religious knowledge. There are now 264 girls receiving the benefits of the Institution. What a help and comfort it must be for the poor mother who is suddenly deprived of her husband's support and finds herself a widow and helpless, how much her troubles and sorrows are increased when she looks at that bright boy or that intelligent and beautiful girl who have always been the joy and pride of her heart, what a feeling of despair is hers when she considers that upon her rests the sole responsibility of keeping and educating those children so as to fit them for the hard battle of life, but what a relief it must be to her when this beautiful rock of Charity extends its hands and takes care of them, and educates them equal to that of the sons and daughters in more affluent circumstances. I would beg of you, ladies, to use your influence on our behalf. If at any time you hear people, who can know nothing about us, speak slightly of Freemasons, to remember the few facts I have placed before you. If you do

this I am certain you will feel that, although we are a secret Society, we have done great good, and deserve the best wishes of all honest and kind-hearted men and women. Ladies and brethren, before I sit down let me again refer to the exceedingly kind expressions which have fallen from my dear friend and brother's lips, Bro. Glanville, and also allow me, on behalf of my wife and myself, to express our deepest and heartfelt thanks to you all.

The all-important toast of "The Ladies" fell to Bro. Eldridge Johnson, P.M., who attempted, and not in vain, to prove to those present the value of Masonry, having its good deeds from the long past to the present, and imbued all with the grand fact that whilst the oldest Institution in the world it still remained the best.

The several toasts were interspersed with music and songs, in which Miss Alice Ward (who appears next week at the Albert Hall) and Miss Collins took a prominent part.

Lodge of Unity (No. 183).—This lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Monday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. H. Hooper, W.M.; R. Corsham, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. R. Langley, P.M., as J.W.; G. W. Pinnock, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, S.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; S. Richardson, P.M., D.C.; A. Hirsch, P.M.; E. Wareham, W. J. Godwin, J. H. Clemens, T. C. Tassell, A. Cook, W. E. Watson, A. O. Side, W. Newbold, W. J. B. Watts, T. W. Heath, and R. P. Angel; and the following visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; W. Hopekirk, P.G.P.; J. Sugg, W.M., and S. Rushton, Org., of 1366; W. H. Hillman, 569; R. Bird, S.W. 869; W. Blankley, 1298; F. Carr, 1607; S. F. Easton, 765; W. H. Lee, 1529; J. Harling, P.M. 30; T. Saillard, P.M., H. G. Cubitt, J.W., and B. G. Elliott, I.G., of 2020; H. Wilson, I.P.M. 1293; W. A. Brown, P.M. 1567; C. E. Catcheside, 1410; T. Taylor, Sec. 1677; J. Gammon, 2331; and H. J. Wicks, P.M.

The report of the Audit Committee was brought up and adopted. Bro. R. Corsham was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. H. Hooper, the retiring W.M., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Hooper, I.P.M.; J. D. E. Tarr, S.W.; G. H. Lindsey-Renton, J.W.; G. W. Pinnock, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; A. O. Side, S.D.; E. Wareham, J.D.; A. Cook, I.G.; S. Richardson, P.M., D.C.; G. R. Langley, P.M., and W. J. Godwin, Stwds.; and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel in token of the love and esteem of his brethren, and in recognition of his admirable services during his year of office. Bros. W. J. Godwin, T. C. Tassell, and W. J. B. Watts were added to the Permanent Committee of the lodge.

The brethren sat down to the banqueting table to the number of 40, and the proceedings were prolonged beyond the usual hour owing to the very large number of musical brethren present, whose efforts were highly appreciated.

The old lodge enters upon its 121st year with every prospect of continued success and long life.

Stuart Lodge (No. 1632).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 24th ult., when there was a good attendance of members, and especially of visitors, to witness the installation of Bro. C. Fruen. The lodge was opened by Bro. Edward Pettit, W.M., supported by Bros. C. Fruen, J.W.; H. E. Vickers, P.M., Treas.; T. Poore, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Morgan, S.D.; A. J. Crofts, J.D.; R. Barham, P.M., D.C.; W. Cyril Beaumont, A.D.C.; Hy. Muscall and W. Hicks, Stwds.; J. Bolding, I.G.; A. Bannister, P.M.; C. Stuart Barker, P.M.; H. J. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Midx.; J. T. Webb, A. Barient, C. Morrish, T. W. Ferres, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. M. Batten, J.D. 1280; W. Rogers, 1339; J. H. Nicholls, J.W. 1280; J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; M. Mildred, P.M. 2024; H. R. Hobbs, I.G. 1901; W. Davies, W.M. elect 1901; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457, P.P.G.S. of W. Mon.; W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas. 87; W. H. Dallimore, I.G. 87; D. S. Davis, 141; W. Blenkinsop, 754; Prof. Louis Lee, A.R.A.M., 2309; W. Murrell, 70; A. W. Lane, J.W. 167; H. J. Tallentire, 1320; J. Hearsum, S.W. 167; Hy. Burgess, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; W. S. Dunkley, P.P.G.P. Midx.; A. J. Martin, P.M. 188, 1320; Trees, P.M. 720; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes having been confirmed, the audit report, showing a satisfactory balance in hand, was received and adopted. Bro. Ferres was raised to the Third Degree in an able manner by the W.M., after which Bro. Flower was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Vickers, P.M., Treas. The W.M. again resumed the chair, and impressively installed his successor, Bro. Charles Fruen, as the Master for the ensuing year. The following brethren were selected and invested as officers: Bros. G. H. Morgan, S.W.; Jas. Bolding, J.W.; Hy. E. Vickers, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Vickers, S.D.; W. H. Beaumont, J.D.; H. Muscall, I.G.; Richard Barham, D.C.; A. J. Crofts, A.D.C.; Caleb Morrish, Org.; T. W. A. Ferres and Frank Flower, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. E. Pettit, I.P.M., delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and members. The resignation of Bro. Lindsay was announced, and a brother of the newly-installed W.M. was proposed for initiation. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Pettit, I.P.M., who suitably acknowledged the gift.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherche* repast, which reflected great credit on the establishment.

After the preliminary toasts had been disposed of, Bro. Pettit, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W. Master," and said that the members of the lodge had noticed Bro. Fruen's working in the various offices he had filled, and knew him to be ambitious to aspire to the high position of the chair. They would therefore one and all congratulate Bro. Fruen on having been installed that evening. He had known their W.M. some five or six years, and was certain he was conscientious and straightforward, and would worthily uphold his position in every way. As far as the reputation of the Stuart Lodge was concerned during the forthcoming year, they had no two opinions. Bro. Fruen had closely followed him in their progress to the chair, and the brethren were fully convinced he would fill his present office with the greatest credit possible to the lodge and the Craft, and with every degree of satisfaction to the members.

Bro. Charles Fruen, W.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that that was a proud moment in his life. He was initiated some nine years ago in the lodge, had seen it

in its difficulties, and now saw it in what he considered its brightest days. They had made grand progress in the lodge, and he hoped it would always continue. As far as he had seen it, there had always been brotherly love and true Masonic feeling existing in the lodge, and their present position scarcely showed what they were in Masonry. The members having elected him as W.M. of their lodge, he could assure them it would lose none of its lustre by his attempt to fill the chair to their satisfaction. He hoped the attempt would result in credit to the Craft and honour to himself. In conclusion, he again thanked them for electing him to the honourable position.

Bro. W. S. Dunkley, P.P.G.P. Midx., replying for "The Visitors," said if those brethren felt as delighted as he did, they must indeed be pleased. That was the second time he had had the extreme pleasure of attending that lodge, and he could only say that if it progressed in the future as it had done since his last visit, he should be unable to respond in adequate terms. There was no lodge he had visited where the visitors had been received with so much hearty cordiality and hospitality as there. It was gratifying to find so pleasant a feeling pervading all the brethren, and he thanked them sincerely for the enjoyable evening he had spent.

Bro. Powell, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Mon., said he did not feel at all like a visitor, having known the W.M. for 15 years. He wished the W.M. a successful year of office and the lodge every success.

Bro. Davies, W.M. elect 1901, also replied, and after returning thanks, said he could see from the able manner in which the W.M. invested his officers, and from the knowledge displayed by those officers, that the lodge had a bright prospect and a great future before it.

The W.M. next gave "The Installing and I.P. Master," and said that Bro. Pettit, I.P.M., was an earnest and hard working Mason who tried to promote the interests of that lodge and of Masonry in general. The I.P.M. had taken a great interest in the ritual and in the welfare and promotion of the Stuart Lodge, and to him and others the members had to be thankful for the position they were in.

Bro. Edward Pettit, I.P.M., in response, said the proudest moment for a Past Master was to respond to that toast when he left the chair with any amount of success. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1885 at the instigation of their most esteemed P.M., Bro. Bannister. From that time he took almost every office except S.W., and it was his proud privilege to be elected from J.W. to fill the chair of K.S. He held an enviable position as I.P.M. of their lodge, and very pleased he was to hold it. He might say that he never experienced anything like unanimity, good will, and kindly feeling and affection more prominently existing in any community than there had been in their lodge. It was truly a lodge of brotherly love and affection, for from the highest to the lowest they had had that one principle in view, and he trusted it might ever characterise them as men and Masons. He retired from the chair feeling sure he had the good will of every member, and trusted his successor would command the confidence of the brethren. He thanked them for the heartiness with which he had been received, and also for the handsome jewel which he should be pleased to wear as a reminder of his year of office.

"The Masonic Institutions" having been given, and responded to by Bro. W. W. Lee,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," and alluded to the excellent services rendered by that body to the lodge.

Several Past Masters returned thanks, and "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were cordially given, and duly acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. Bannister, P.M., and carried out by Bros. Vickers, P.M.; W. C. Beaumont, A. W. Lane, J. Bolding, H. R. Hobbs, and W. Rogers. Bro. Louis Lee, A.R.A.M., presided at the pianoforte with his usual brilliancy, and delighted the brethren by rendering a solo of his own composition—"Theme Militaire."

Clapham Lodge (No. 1818).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Criterion Restaurant. Present: Bros. James W. Goodinge, W.M.; Louis Hirsch, P.M., Treas.; Howard Smith, P.M., Sec.; Frank Manby, S.W.; J. Liscombe, J.W.; C. E. G. Dodd, S.D.; A. C. Goodinge, I.G. (pro tem.); E. Gabriel, Stwd.; Robt. Norton, I.P.M.; G. T. Goodinge, P.M.; D. Harrison, P.M.; Lewis Evans, P.M.; A. P. Dale, Zeder, and S. G. Budd. Visitors: Bros. Henry Garrod, P.M., P.G.P.; J. Russell, J.W. 1671; W. T. Snell, 1329; Ansted, P.M. 67; F. A. Guimarens, P.M. 416; G. A. Phillips, 198; B. Duke, 118; and Bowler, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Frank Manby was unanimously elected. The election was also taken for Treasurer, Tyler, and the Audit Committee. Bro. Louis Hirsch was proposed for Treasurer, and was again elected to the position which he has so ably filled since the formation of the lodge, Bro. Bowler was elected to the post of Tyler, and Bros. Gabriel, A. C. Goodinge, and Dale to the Audit Committee. Bro. Louis Hirsch moved, and Bro. Howard Smith seconded, "That a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. J. W. Goodinge, W.M., as a token of appreciation from the lodge for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the year." The resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. S. G. Budd was impressively raised by the W.M., assisted by Bros. G. T. Goodinge and Louis Hirsch.

The lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned to the Princes Saloon, where an excellent dinner was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Henry Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Guimarens and Ansted on behalf of "The Visitors."

During the evening the Treasurer, Bro. Louis Hirsch, in the name of the members of the lodge, presented a very handsome marble clock and vase to Bro. Howard Smith on the occasion of his marriage, as a mark of great esteem and brotherly love, wishing him health, prosperity, and every happiness in the future.

Bro. Howard Smith gracefully responded to the compliment paid him.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. F. Manby, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. Liscombe, J.W.; and A. C. Goodinge, I.G.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

Highbury Lodge (No. 2192).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station, on Thursday, the 27th ult. The brethren mustered in strong force to witness the completion of Bro. Hastings Miller's term of office and the installation of Bro. John Barnett, jun., as the Master for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G. Org. Middx., W.M.; John Barnett, jun., J.W., W.M. elect; James Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Major W. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Wm. Shurmur, P.M., S.D.; Wm. Maple, P.M., J.D.; A. P. Bowyer, I.G.; G. W. Bowyer, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; H. Sprake and E. S. Crick, Stwds.; T. L. Willis, and others.

The visitors present were Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D. of C.; C. Belton, P.G.D. of C.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; W. C. Smith, 2264; R. Harvey, I.P.M. 177; A. Combes, W.M. 820; F. M. Jonas, 498 (S.C.); H. Campbell, 2127; H. Carman, P.M. 548; T. A. Dennison, S.W. 548; C. Quilter, 51; J. C. Weddell, P.M. 1837; George Everett, P.M. 177, &c.; H. Bird, 1364; S. Stretch, jun., W.M. 1950; A. J. Love, J.W. 1791; W. R. Caldwell Moore, 142; J. W. Townend, P.M. 1426; J. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.W. Middlesex; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; W. T. Farthing, P.M. 55; E. Storr, P.M. 167; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; H. Dickey, P.M. 1744; T. Adams, 181; W. J. Crutch, 1580, P.P.G.D. Herts; G. Henderson, 2319; J. Duncan, 59; F. G. Ivey, J.D. 231; F. Perl, P.M. 813; W. A. Harvey, J.D. 1348; W. F. Hammond, S.D. 569; W. Morgan, 179; A. Clemow, J.W. 2205; H. Warner, 2265; W. W. Brand, 20; T. C. Walls, 60, P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex; J. H. Rose, S.W. 1964; G. Moses, P.M. 1861; C. H. Denny, 1671; G. R. Russell, 9; F. Lloyd, 1287; J. Larkin, W.M. 3; A. Moore, 91; H. E. Pollard, I.P.M. 4; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report received and adopted. Bro. T. A. Dennison, 1837, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Sydney H. Miller was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The principal item on the agenda was then proceeded with, and a numerous attended Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. John Barnett, jun., was duly installed as W. Master with the customary formality. The W.M., in investing the following officers, took occasion to heartily thank Bro. Jas. Terry for allowing him (the W.M.) to attain the chair this year, and also congratulated the various brethren on their selection: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; William Shurmur, P.M. 1471, J.W.; Major W. H. Baker, P.M. 180, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Wm. Maple, P.M. 657, S.D.; G. W. Bowyer, J.D.; A. P. Bowyer, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; H. Sprake, I.G.; and E. S. Crick and T. L. Willis, Stewards. The Installing Master, Bro. Hastings Miller, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and members. The W.M. then rose, and said it was particularly gratifying to find that the first duty he had to perform, as the Master of the lodge, was to present a Past Master's jewel to their esteemed Bro. Hastings Miller. He knew it was no novelty for that brother to have a Past Master's jewel presented to him, but in spite of the many decorations which adorned his breast, and in spite of honours looming in the future, he hoped Bro. Miller would have a kindly recollection of that jewel, which was presented by the members of the lodge. He trusted the I.P.M. would be spared to retain the affection and esteem of every member of the lodge, and of those thousands who knew him in the wide body of the Order. Bro. Hastings Miller, I.P.M., expressed his gratitude to the members for the gift. The W.M. had said it was not the first, but, whether the first or last, it bore with it that kindly feeling which he knew existed between them, and which he should always respect and highly value. So long as he had health and strength his services were at the disposal of the lodge. The sum of £2 10s. was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to the Pension Indemnity Fund R.M.I. for Boys. Bro. R. Baker having proposed his son for initiation, and numerous letters of regret for non-attendance having been announced, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the Deputy Grand Master was a brother whose health they were delighted to heartily drink on any occasion, and he happened fortunately to know a little of his working in the Province of Lancashire. The second part of the toast was one the members would drink with all cordiality, for since the consecration of the lodge there was scarcely a meeting without Grand Officers present, and there were also two of that body amongst their own numbers. On the present occasion they were honoured by the presence of half-a-dozen, of whom he should speak with all respect and admiration. He could claim a considerable number of the body of Grand Officers as his personal friends, and, although they allowed him to make that statement without contradiction, they knew he was always prepared to bow to the purple. On that occasion it was not difficult for any brother to pay that respect which was due to their rank, from the fact that there was no body that possessed more dignity, more integrity of character, or more suavity of manner, and they also claimed respect for the courtesy always shown by them to young Masons. He would call upon Bro. Sir J. Monckton to be good enough to reply, and would also include the name of Bro. Eve, whom he was personally gratified to see present.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., said it was nothing new to the brethren to drink that toast, and it was nothing new to him to be called upon to respond, but yet the toast time honoured and well-worn as it was, he ventured to say came ever fresh and welcome as the flowers in spring. It was welcome to the lodge, who drank it and welcome to those favoured, perhaps from merits, by the powers that be. That lodge was a young one, and that was his first time of visiting it, not however for the want of asking. It was a lodge possessing many features of interest, notably the fact that in it the late lamented Bro. Bowyer initiated two of his sons. The I.P.M. had also initiated a son, whom he had raised that night, as he was told, under circumstances of very considerable ability, which he had always evinced in all Masonic work. He did not think the other member who had been Master, Bro. Savory, initiated a son. A few words had yet to be spoken by Bro. Eve, whom no one more esteemed and respected than he, and he would therefore simply thank the

brethren very heartily in the name of those he saw around him.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., said it was not always usual in proposing that toast to select two brethren to return thanks. The W. Master they knew could not err, and having given the name of Bro. Sir John Monckton to respond, had also called upon him, he took it, to return thanks not for all the Grand Officers, but on behalf of the P.G. Treasurers, who were probably a different kind of G. Officer. Those standing round were eminent brethren, distinguished in all walks of life, and they would not have been selected if they had not distinguished themselves not alone in Masonry, but in having made their mark. The G. Treasurers were a different order of being; they were not appointed but elected, and he would rather be the elected of hundreds than the selected of one. There were only two G. Officers elected in the course of the year, the M.W.G.M. and the G. Treasurer. But whether elected or selected they all had the interests of the grand Craft at heart, for it was one that brought together large numbers of men who would not otherwise be associated.

Bro. Hastings Miller, I.P.M., said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in proposing "The Health of their W. Master. Luckily for him (the I.P.M.) it required no eloquence for any man to propose such a toast. He believed he could say that every brother in the room was well aware of the energy and usefulness displayed by Bro. Barnett for some years past. Their W.M. had been for many years a Mason, but it was only within the last few years that he had crept from his shell and become a useful member. They should be proud of such a W. Master, and need not fear for one moment that the prestige of the lodge would suffer in his hands, and they would find the success of the lodge would be even more than in the past. They wished their W.M. a happy and successful year of office and all would give him assistance during that period.

Bro. John Barnett, jun., W.M., who was very warmly received, said if there was one subject more than another that he did not like speaking about it was himself; not that he was exactly ashamed of himself, but in all probability he knew more about himself than any one else did. He was extremely obliged to the I.P.M. for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and for the Masonic instruction and assistance given during the last few years. He appreciated very highly that friendship which the I.P.M. had allowed him to form. He (the W.M.) was an old Mason, having seen the light a quarter of a century ago, but for reasons, which were partly his own fault, he took no interest in it for 15 years. The interest was brought about through circumstances that all could appreciate who knew the late Bro. Bowyer, for that brother incited him to make himself more useful in the Masonic world. That had been to his own advantage in more ways than one; he did not know he had done anything particularly wonderful, but he had done his best. The position he was placed in was one of which he was proud, though, of course, he was aware of the responsibility attached to it. He did not mean to be carried away by the éclat of that evening's arrangements, for his love for the lodge in the future would be as keen as at the present moment. He did not know whether he should attain the ambition on the lines he had laid down to carry out, but he was following a distinguished Mason, and was surrounded by others also distinguished, and could not go very far wrong. If, however, he had to claim their indulgence, it would not be for want of trying, but for want of a little experience. Through the extreme kindness of Bros. Terry and Hogard he was placed in the chair 12 months before he thought he should. He was willing to be in the chair, and willing to do his best, and, as far as the younger officers were concerned, he should not be satisfied without some effort on their part. The ritual had been rendered in that lodge in the past in a manner that must have gratified every visitor. He should do his best, and was sure the P.M.'s and Wardens would assist him, and he might claim a little assistance from the younger members. They must have continual rehearsals, and, having such a body of distinguished Masons, there ought to be no difficulty about it. He again thanked them sincerely for their kindness. Amongst the many kindnesses that Bro. Terry had shown him was the fact that he had promised to nominate him as a member of the Board of General Purposes. There was nothing like having an ambition. He accepted the proposition from Bro. Terry, and assured them that, as far as he was concerned, consistently with his position, he should be prepared to make a light of it. His I.P.M. was in a distinguished position as the Vice-President of that Board. He was interested in any question tending to increase the usefulness of the members, and in assisting in the objects of the Craft. On the present occasion there was no toast of the Masonic Charities. On this matter he had a friendly discussion with the Secretary. He should like to tell the members why that was so. There was no one who knew him that would say or suppose he should go through the chair and not go up as Steward for one of the Institutions. In three years they had produced a sum of 600 guineas in a lodge of 20 members, and that was satisfactory, although going at a high pace. He did not propose to go up as Steward for the Boys' Institution, having given his contribution on another list, but next February he should go up as Steward for the Old People. He had again to thank the I.P.M. for the cordiality with which the toast had been proposed. He was delighted to see so many personal friends around him, and trusted to have many visitors in the future. He hoped that at the completion of his year he should leave the chair without discredit to himself and with satisfaction to the lodge.

In giving "The Visitors" the Worshipful Master said he was told that, excluding Grand Officers, there were 48 visitors present. He was delighted to see a number of personal friends present, amongst whom was his old friend Bro. George Everett, who he hoped and believed would be the next Grand Treasurer of England, for he had learnt from many sources that his prospects were most favourable, and he assured them that their presence had added to his happiness. He would ask Bros. T. C. Walls, Everett, Rose, and Storr to respond.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P. Prov. G.W. Middlesex, in responding, said he was overwhelmed by the fact that the W.M. had been kind and good enough to couple his name first with the visitors. It had afforded him great pleasure to be present, because he took a great interest in that lodge, inasmuch as one of his oldest friends—a brother who had gone from them—was the originator of it. It had also afforded him great pleasure to see he had left two good and worthy sons in the lodge to follow his footsteps. He had

been considerably gratified by the excellent manner in which the ceremony was rendered by the I.P.M., who occupied the high position of V.P. of the Board of General Purposes, of which he was a humble member. He was also pleased to hear the W.M. tell them a short time ago that notwithstanding he was a Mason of 25 years, he had for the last 10 years taken an active part in their councils. He (Bro. Walls) could say that during those 10 years the W.M. had made himself a name, north, south, east, and west of their very large Metropolis; first of all as a genial man, secondly as a thoroughly philanthropic brother, and lastly as one upon whose shoulders the mantle would fall as being an excellent exponent of the Masonic ritual. That lodge was very fortunate in having distinguished and hard-working Masons to back up the exertions of the founders. When he mentioned one name—that of Bro. James Terry—who had kindly retired in favour of a brother who had not attained the chair of K.S., and then they had Bro. Hogard, who had done a great deal for Masonry and for the Charitable Institutions, and Bro. Major Baker, the Treasurer. He hoped the visitors who followed him would have the same meed of attention as had been accorded him.

Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, said he was much obliged to the W.M., and esteemed it a great honour to have his name coupled with that toast. It was, no doubt, because he happened to be one of the oldest Masons in the room, and an old friend of the W.M.'s, and because they were brothers in arms in another distinguished lodge. He congratulated the lodge on the accession to the chair of one so well fitted to adorn that position as their good Bro. Barnett, whose geniality and large heartedness was proverbial. He had been much delighted and impressed with the efficient working of the Third Degree and installation ceremony by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Hastings Miller, the more so that the candidate for raising had been his (Bro. Miller's) own son. It had called to his mind that it was just 15 years since he (Bro. Everett) had raised his son in the old Domestic Lodge, and what a pleasure it had been to him. In conclusion he thanked the W.M. for his kind reference to a matter which was very dear to his heart, and hoped his prediction might be verified.

Bros. Rose and Storr also replied. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing and I.P. Master" in felicitous terms, and said what Bro. Hastings Miller had done would never be forgotten. He trusted the I.P.M. would long remain with them to wear his jewel and render the assistance he was always so capable and willing to give.

Bro. Hastings Miller, I.P.M., returned thanks, after which "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given, and were followed by the Tyler's toast.

Bro. W. Wright, Org., presided with his usual efficiency at the harmonium in the lodge room, and the musical programme after the banquet was in the hands of Bro. Alfred Moore, assisted by Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bro. W. W. Hedgecock.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

DOVER.

Military Jubilee Lodge (No. 2195).—On Thursday, the 27th ult., Bro. Lieutenant and Quartermaster Simpson was installed into the office of W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Major-General T. Cuming. There was a large attendance of brethren, the other local and district lodges being well represented. Amongst those present were Bros. Capt. Watkins, P.M.; W. J. Bussey, P.M. 199; Burkett, W.M. 1208; W. Cessford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. S. Boyton, P.M. 199; Allen, W.M. 784; Bowles, W.M. 1096; Claydon, W.M. 1449; Bent, P.M. 784; W. O. Kennett, P.M. 1208; Capt. Thackwell Saunders, P.M. 1915; G. R. Igglesden, P.M. 1208; and others. Bro. W. A. Smeeth, P.M., officiated as D.C.

The W.M. appointed the following as his officers during the ensuing year: Bros. Major W. P. Thring, S.W.; Battery Sergeant-Major H. G. Drake, J.W.; Surgeon-Major Clement Walker, Treas.; Lieut.-Col. W. K. Westropp, Sec.; Capt. W. L. Forbes, S.D.; Sergeant-Major H. Dockrell, J.D.; W. Pearce, P.M., D. of C.; Sergeant-Major W. A. Barron, P.M., and H. Herbert, Stewards; Staff-Sergeant A. Baring, I.G.; and L. Marsh, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where a capital repast was provided by Bro. Dartnall.

During the evening an excellent programme of toasts and music was carried out.

FOLKESTONE.

Temple Lodge (No. 558).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th ult., and was attended by nearly 75 brethren hailing from various parts of England and also from France. The ceremony of installing the S.W., Bro. G. Spurgeon, as W.M. for the ensuing year was very impressively and ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. F. Francis. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Hall, S.W.; W. Griffin, J.W.; L. Banks, S.D.; J. Sherwood, jun., J.D.; G. L. Hart, P.M., Treas.; W. Francis, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Barton, Asst. Sec.; J. Cheyney, I.G.; H. G. Clements, Org.; F. C. Stevenson, Asst. Org.; C. J. Saunders, R. Pope, and S. J. Petts, Stewards; G. Butcher, Tyler; and Holmes, Asst. Tyler. After the W.M. had duly invested his officers, Bro. G. L. Hart proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. F. Francis, the I.P.M., and, in doing so, he alluded to the very admirable manner in which Bro. Francis had performed the installation ceremony, and paid a high compliment to him for his ability. Bro. H. D. Stock seconded, and also complimented Bro. Francis. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The brethren then adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where 92 brethren sat down to a most sumptuous repast.

A high honour was conferred on the newly-installed W.M. by the attendance of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual Masonic toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were duly honoured.

The next toast, "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl

of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., who alluded to the high honour conferred on the lodge by the presence of one of the most distinguished Masons in the country. It would always be looked back to by him as a red letter day in his life, in having the honour to propose the toast recorded above.

The presence of the Earl of Carnarvon was greeted by the brethren with enthusiastic and prolonged applause, and his rising to respond was greeted with another round of applause.

In replying, the Earl first alluded to the unexampled benefits of Masonry. It gave him great gratification to be present that evening, and he had much pleasure in congratulating the W.M. on the honour which had been conferred upon him in being elected to preside over a lodge which comprised so large a number of brethren. He alluded to his childhood, when he was at Folkestone and was shown over the Pavilion Hotel, and was surprised at its size and the admirable arrangements for the accommodation of visitors, which had been considerably improved in the hands of the present proprietor, their W.M., and he wished him and all the members of the lodge God-speed. The manner in which Masonry had grown and developed in this country, and other countries besides England, showed that it was for the benefit of the community, more especially when they looked at the vast amount of public respect which they had acquired, and which was no doubt due to their motto, "Acts rather than words."

The Earl of Carnarvon, who had travelled a long distance during the day, and who was *en route* to Italy for the benefit of his health, was then conducted to his apartments by the W.M., and the brethren gave him a hearty Masonic farewell.

Upon the return of the W.M. to the lodge, a surprise awaited him, for Bro. Christol, the W.M. of the Lodge l'Amitié of Boulogne, on behalf of himself and the members of his lodge, presented him with a handsome bouquet, and, in a few well-chosen words, he alluded to the general and deserved popularity of Bro. Spurgeon.

The W.M. cordially thanked Bro. Christol for his gift, and requested him to convey his thanks to his French brethren, and express to them how deeply he felt the compliment paid to him.

Bro. H. D. Stock next proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Earl Amherst," and regretted his absence from among them, which was due to his being present at the opening of the Forth Bridge.

"The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was ably proposed by Bro. S. Joseph, and greeted with applause.

The next toast was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. F. Francis, which was "The Worshipful Master." In speaking to the toast he said it needed very few words from him. They all knew the progress he had made in Masonry, and his well-known geniality and popularity were proverbial. He was especially proud to install him that day as their W.M., and he certainly could not refrain from expressing the opinion that it was an instance in which merit had met with its reward, and he was sure he would prove well worthy of the position to which he had been elected.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they received it. Although he occupied the proud position of their W.M., which he did not expect to occupy for very many years when he entered the lodge, he would endeavour to do all in his power to uphold the dignity and honour of the lodge. His term of office had commenced most auspiciously, by the honour of entertaining the Earl of Carnarvon as his guest that evening. He should ever look upon that as a red letter day.

Bro. J. Sherwood, P.M., next proposed "The Masonic Charities," in which he alluded to the large amount of good conferred by the Charities. He gave statistics as to the number of persons benefited by them during the past year, and pointed out the fact that Kent had sent a larger contribution to the Charities than any other province.

Bro. W. L. Earnshaw, P.M., Charity Representative, in a very able speech, responded.

The Charity bag was then passed round and realised the sum of £10 10s.

Bro. A. Hall, S.W., next proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Christol.

Bro. Christol, in a short speech, replied, and sat down amidst loud applause.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M.

Bros. F. Francis, I.P.M., and H. D. Stock, P.M., responded.

The toast of "The Newly-initiated Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Atkinson, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

The musical arrangements of the evening were admirably carried out, Bros. H. G. Clements and Stevenson acting as accompanists, whilst the following brethren sang: Bros. W. Francis, W. G. Prebble, H. G. Clements, W. H. Major, W. Dunk, C. Sheath, G. Peden, W. L. Earnshaw, Dr. Perry, and Dr. F. Eastes.

JERSEY.

Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 491).—The anniversary meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on Monday, the 24th ult., when 50 of the brethren assembled for that purpose.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. W. Richardson, the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. F. Baker then took the chair and installed Bro. E. L. Bisson in the chair of K.S. in such a manner as to fully entitle him to the applause of the brethren, which he received. The W.M. invested Bro. T. Palmer, S.W., and Bro. F. Juhel, J.W., and delivered the address in a very impressive and satisfactory manner. The W.M. invested Bro. G. F. Batter, who had been unanimously elected Treasurer at the last regular meeting of the lodge, after which he invested Bro. J. H. Goldsmith, Secretary, and warmly congratulated him of the zeal, ability, and business-like manner with which he had discharged his duties for some years, and expressed a hope that he would live long to render his valuable services to the lodge. He then invested Bro. George Lyden, S.D.; J. H. D. Podgevin, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Marguerie, Org.; T. Gilley, D. of C.; and G. Rogers, Tyler.

After the "Hearty good wishes" of the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the sister lodges, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where a substantial banquet was provided by Bro. George Rogers.

The musical department was under the able guidance of Bros. A. McKee, Fentum, and Marguerie. Several songs and recitations were given, thus closing a most pleasant evening.

The floral decorations were contributed by Bro. H. Elliott, whose ability in this direction and willingness to beautify the banqueting room is always appreciated by the brethren.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. Dillon, S.D.; W. T. Dillon, J.D.; R. T. Redfern, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246; R. E. Cursons, A. Pozzati, J. Mason, and J. R. Hill.

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. J. Mason 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. J. Mason candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Pozzati candidate. A letter having been read from Bro. Nightingale, stating that he was suffering from a very severe domestic affliction, a resolution of sympathy and condolence with him was unanimously passed by the brethren present. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M. 169, and Preceptor, W.M.; F. Woodard, S.W.; W. Jennings, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. Stonnill, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; Larter, I.G.; W. Stevens, Stwd.; D. Stroud, P.M.; Ferris, Cox, F. Craggs, and Sanson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was to be rehearsed. Bro. Cox having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 2nd Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and also in the Second Degree. Bro. Woodard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

The annual supper will take place on Thursday, the 24th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, at 7.30.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. C. T. Fleck, M.E.Z. 172, J. 1275, M.E.Z.; Meierhoff, H. 172, S.N. 1275, H.; Jackson, J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; Cope, P.S. 172, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; Addington, P.Z. 1275; H. Martin, 1275; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169; and others.

Conclaves of First, Second, and Third Principals respectively, were formed, and the three installation ceremonies were rehearsed. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Meierhoff was heartily congratulated on his able working as H. for the first time in this chapter. The meeting was adjourned until the second Friday in April, when Comp. Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1777, M.E.Z. 1329, P.G.S.B., will be M.E.Z.

Obituary.

BRO. J. A. RUCKER, P.G.D.

Bro. J. Anthony Rucker, whose death it is our painful duty to record, was initiated in the Grenadiers Lodge, No. 66, in the year 1865, and was elected its W.M. in 1870. In April, 1867, he joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, and in 1872—3 represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards, while in the years 1881 and 1882 he served the office of Deputy Master. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter of Prudence on the 21st May, 1866, and occupied the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z. successively in the years 1872, 1873, and 1874, while in 1872 he became a joining member of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259. His greatest honours, however, were obtained in the year 1874, when he was appointed and invested as Senior Grand Deacon in Grand Lodge and Grand Principal Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter. But his chief claims to our respect are derived from the many valuable services he rendered to our Institutions, of all three of which he had qualified as Vice-Patron, while he had served on their behalf no less than 16 Stewardships, namely, eight for the Girls' School, four for the Boys' School, and four for the Benevolent Institution. He was also a Trustee, and in that capacity had acted on the House Committee of the senior Institution, a position which he resigned as recently as the Quarterly General Court on the 1st February last. He may therefore have said to have died in harness, seeing that he surrendered his trust in consequence of ill health, from which he never was able to recover. In fine, Bro. Rucker, though by no means a showy Mason, has done the Craft some excellent service, both at lodge and chapter, on the Board of General Purposes, and to our Institutions, and it needs no spirit

of prophecy to foretell that though he himself has passed away, the memory of these services will be reverently cherished for many a year to come. We offer our respectful sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased brother.

BRO. W. J. VIAN.

We are sorry to record the unexpected death of a very worthy man and a true Mason, Bro. William John Vian, which occurred on Tuesday morning, the 25th ult., at his residence, Fairview, Beckenham, age 63. His name is well known throughout the country as the able Secretary and Manager of the Railway Passengers Accident Assurance Company, with which he has been associated for 40 years past. To his unremitting exertions, aided by a cultivated intelligence of a very high order, the Company to a great extent owes its present prosperous condition. His last illness was but of a few days' duration; an influenza catarrh, followed by acute bronchitis and pneumonia, terminated his useful career. Medical skill and tender care were unavailing. Bro. Vian was initiated in the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, but joined the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, in 1862. He has ever since continued a subscribing member of it, being W.M. and Grand Steward in 1868. Endowed with a clear judgment, upright honest principles, and a warm heart; he was a true sympathetic friend and a wise counsellor to those who enjoyed his friendship or sought his advice; and was universally respected and beloved. His loss will be keenly felt.

EASTER RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and South-Western Railway will keep open their various offices, and will issue cheap tickets to all principal stations from London on Thursday, April 3, and subsequent days, up to and including April 7, available to return up to and including April 9. Cheap excursion on Thursday, April 3, to Plymouth, South and North Devon, &c., will leave London (Waterloo) &c., at 8.40 a.m. To Southampton West, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., at 12.10 p.m., the tickets being available to return on Thursday or Friday, April 10 and 11. Arrangements have been made for an additional late train for the West of England, Plymouth, Devonport, and North Devon, to leave Waterloo at 8.45 p.m. on Thursday, April 3. The 9.45 p.m. mail will convey passengers to Bournemouth East on Thursday, April 3, and to Weymouth on April 3, 5, and 7. A special extra train will leave Waterloo at 5.30 a.m. for Basingstoke, Salisbury, Exeter, &c., on Good Friday. An excursion train from Waterloo at 7 a.m. on Good Friday, at reduced fares, for Portsmouth, Southampton, Romsey, Salisbury, Wilton, &c., at 8.20 a.m., for the New Forest and Bournemouth. A four days' excursion from Waterloo at 1.15 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, for Portsmouth, Southampton, Winchester, Gosport, Salisbury, Romsey, &c., also to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, by fast trains leaving Waterloo at 3.25 p.m. *via* direct line. Day excursions at reduced fares, from Waterloo, at 8.40 a.m. on Easter Sunday, for Portsmouth, Ryde, &c. On Easter Monday, at 7.5 a.m., for Portsmouth, Gosport, Southampton, Winchester, Salisbury, Romsey, &c.; and at 8.30 a.m. for Lyndhurst-road, Brockenhurst (for the New Forest), Lymington, and Bournemouth East; also a fast train for Bournemouth only at 8 a.m. A late train from Devonport at 10 p.m. on Monday, April 7, for London, calling at Plymouth, North-road, at 10.5 p.m., Tavistock 10.45, Ilfracombe 9.20 p.m., Barnstaple Junction 10.35 p.m., and Exeter at 12.10 Tuesday morning, and at other principal stations. Additional facilities are likewise afforded for passengers from London to the Isle of Wight, *via* the direct line, and Portsmouth, *via* Stokes Bay and *via* Southampton and *via* Lymington.

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On Thursday, April 3, a special cheap excursion to Paris, *via* Dover and Calais, will leave Victoria and Holborn Stations at 9 p.m., by which return tickets to Paris, available for seven days, will be issued at the following cheap fares: 37s. 6d. second-class, and 30s. 3d. third-class. On Easter Monday 2nd and 3rd class excursion tickets to Calais will be issued at Victoria and Holborn Stations by the 8.35 a.m. train, available to return from Calais the same day, or by the 1.30 a.m. boat on Tuesday morning. Return fares, 1st class, 16s. 6d., 3rd class, 11s. 6d. From April 2 to 7, inclusive, special eight day return tickets to Brussels can be obtained at the Victoria and Holborn Stations by the 8.35 a.m. and 6.55 p.m. trains, at the following reduced fares: 1st class 40s. 3d., and 2nd class 31s. In addition to the above, circular tourist tickets through Holland, *via* Queenborough and Flushing, will be issued at all London, Chatham, and Dover Stations during the Easter Holidays. All the above tickets can also be procured at the offices of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son.

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The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 9th inst.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular meeting for the current month at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 5th inst.

The memorial fund for the benefit of the family of the late Chief Inspector Williamson of Scotland Yard, which already amounts to £880, will be kept open till the 1st May next, in the hope that by that time it may have reached £1000.

The Earl of Rosebery presided at a meeting of the National Liberal Club, held at the Conference Hall, on Monday evening, for the purpose of considering the steps to be taken to erect a permanent memorial of the late Bro. J. F. B. Firth.

On Friday evening, the 28th ult., some of the brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, entertained Bro. Louis A. Leins, founder, P.M. and Treasurer, at a complimentary dinner at Anderton's Hotel, as some recognition of his untiring energies in bringing the lodge to its present successful state.

Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs has received a letter from the Viceroy of India in which the latter expresses his readiness to join the Committee of the Napier of Magdala Memorial Fund, and enclosing £50 towards the purpose of the fund. Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts, V.C., G.C.B., the Commander-in-Chief in India, has also joined the Committee and subscribed.

A gentleman, who refused to disclose his identity, called on the Secretary to Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs, at the Mansion House, on Monday, and having inquired if the two Colliery Funds were still open, handed in £400 in bank notes for the Llanerch Relief Fund and £300 for the Morfa Fund, merely stipulating that his donations should be acknowledged as from "A.C.A."

The construction of a large seaport, with three basins, near Brussels, has now been determined upon. The syndicate in London, presided over by Lord Brassey and Lord Sheffield, has resolved to entrust the works to the son of the engineer of the Forth Bridge and M. Verveiz Willebroek. The canal from the Scheldt to Brussels is to be deepened to an extent which will permit of vessels of 1000 tons reaching the Belgian capital.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a number of members of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, Liverpool, and others, met together on Saturday, the 22nd ult., and presented a handsome gold Treasurer's jewel to Bro. S. Chapman, who has been connected with Freemasonry for some 20 years, is a Past Master of Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, and has for some years past been annually elected its Treasurer. Bro. Chapman is very popular in the Craft, and from all we hear most richly deserves the honour thus done him by his friends.

The roll of the Honourable Artillery Company was recently forwarded to Windsor for the purpose of enabling the Queen to affix her signature so that the roll of the Company's Sovereigns might be complete, a respectful request to that effect having been conveyed to her Majesty by Lord Colville of Culross, President of the Company. The roll has since been returned, and was formally handed over to the Court of Assistants at their head-quarters on Monday, by Lieut.-Col. G. A. Raikes.

Bro. J. B. Mella, of the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, appears to be making great efforts not only to keep up with the times, but to be somewhat in advance in his arrangements for promoting the comfort of his guests at this well-known place of resort. Further alterations and improvements have been carried out during the quiet months, and he is now open to receive small or large parties up to 150 for dining in the Grand Saloon—which, by the way, is most delightfully situated, commanding views of the splendid avenue in Bushey Park and the entrance to the Royal Gardens.

At a meeting of the Concord Chapter, No. 394, held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, the 27th ult., Comp. S. Clarke in the chair, a surprise was in store for Comp. J. Cole, P.Z., by the presentation of an exceedingly handsome jewel of fine gold, subscribed for by members of the chapter. The M.E.Z., in making the presentation, heartily congratulated the recipient on the high provincial rank he had attained. The inscription on the jewel is as follows: "Presented to M.E. Comp. Jas. Cole, P.Z., by the companions of the Chapter of Concord, No. 394, on his appointment as Prov. Grand J. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, 1890." Comp. Cole suitably acknowledged the very handsome gift.

On the 20th ult., the members of the F Company of the 7th V.B. King's Royal Rifles, held their annual dinner at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls presided. Among the visitors present were Bros. Lieut.-Col. E. J. Gardiner, P.M. 31°; Nelson Prower, M.A., 18°; and Hedley Carus. The dinner was admirably served by Bro. A. Clemow. Among the numerous apologies received for non-attendance through illness and other unavoidable causes, were communications from Bros. Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, 3rd B. Royal Irish Fusiliers, Capt. F. J. Stohwasser 30°; the Rev. J. H. Rose, M.A., H. J. Lardner, 30°; Quarter-Master W. H. Baker, and Major M. D. Holwell, 2nd, 13, Worcestershire Regt., Majors Byrne, and Gallie, 7th V.B. King's Royal, Capt. the Hon. E. S. St. Aubyn, King's Royals, Lieut. J. Thomson, 4th Queen's, and others.

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The annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, will take place on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

When the Siberian Trans-Asiatic railway from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok and the Pacific is completed, it will be possible to go round the world in sixty days.

The Duke and Duchess of Leeds and Lady Ada Osborne will join the party visiting Lord and Lady Yarborough at Brocklesby Park, Lincolnshire, on Saturday next.

Bro. Major Clifford Probyn has sent to the Llanerch Colliery Explosion Fund a cheque for £93 16s., which he collected among the members of the London County Council.

On Tuesday last, Bro. William Thomas Massey, of 93, Chancery-lane, who was initiated in the Lodge of True Friendship, No. 160, on March 4th, was passed to the Second Degree in the same lodge.

It is announced that there will be an election for two annuities in connection with the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund, in Dublin, in June. We hope this fund will soon be an exceedingly useful one and much enlarged.

The Board of Trade have received through the Foreign Office a silver medal and diploma, awarded by the Spanish Government to Mr. Andrew Hughson, master of the steamship Robert Harrowing, of Whitby, in recognition of his services in rescuing the crew of the Spanish vessel Joven Vicenta, wrecked at Cape Gata on the 23rd June last.

A warrant has just been granted for a new lodge to be held at Dore, in the Province of Derbyshire, to be called the Chantry Lodge, No. 2355. Bro. William Boden, P.M. 353, P.P.J.G.W. of Derbyshire, is to be the first Master of the lodge, which, of course, takes its name from the famous sculptor, Sir Francis Chantrey.

In aid of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic benevolence a smoking concert was held on the 28th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, under the auspices of the Rifle Lodge, No. 405. There was a large attendance. The variety and quality of the entertainment was above the usual average of such concerts. Among those present were Councillors Crichton and D. M. Dunlop.

Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson, in a letter to a friend, gives the following details of his settlement in the island of Samoa: "I've arranged for the purchase of 400 acres of land within a mile or two of Apia, and I hope to have a house there and to make it a home for myself and wife. It's a delightful place, on a piece of rising ground, with a splendid view of the country and the sea beyond. Sydney and Auckland are not far off as things go. As a speculation from a business point of view, the affair would be madness. But it will serve my purpose. Miles away from England or America I certainly shall be, but I shall be secluded, free from visitors, able to please myself, and untroubled by anybody."

The funeral of Bro. Alexander Conacher, who died somewhat suddenly on the 20th ult., took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., in Doune Cemetery. The deceased was a member of Lodge St. James, No. 171, Doune, and the brethren took part in the funeral. They assembled at the lodge, and went in procession to the deceased's house, where the first portion of the burial service was performed. Thereafter they headed the funeral cortege to the cemetery, where the R.W.M., Bro. James A. McLean (in the absence of the lodge Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. George Williams), concluded the funeral service at the grave. The ceremony was a very impressive one.

Our readers generally, but more particularly those who have had business to transact at the offices of our Boys' School, will learn with sincere regret of the death, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. Reilly, who for about 12 years had been chief clerk to Bro. Binckes. Mr. Reilly was not a Mason, but he was a most efficient and courteous officer, competent to do whatever was required of him, and at all times most ready and anxious to oblige the brethren who frequented the offices for business purposes. His death took place on Wednesday morning early, after several weeks' enforced absence from his post, and it will take some time ere his successor will succeed in establishing himself as firmly as he had done in general favour.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Freemasons' Hall Company was held in the lodge room, 79, Commercial-road, Landport, on the 26th ult. The Chairman proposed the payment of a dividend at five per cent. per annum free of income tax. This was carried, and the proposals for the construction of a large billiard room on the ground floor and other improvements were postponed for a month, pending the inspection of plans and alternative suggestions by shareholders as to the most effective way of obtaining the best accommodation with the space at disposal. Messrs. J. H. Corke, C.C., E. Mansbridge, and W. Gunnell were re-elected directors, and Messrs. T. Pratt Wills and T. H. Casey, C.A., were re-elected auditors. The lodge room, which has been re-decorated, presents a very handsome appearance, and was re-opened on Monday, the 24th ult., by the Grand Lodge of the province after its renovation.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The Directors have just issued an outline of the principal arrangements for the summer of 1890. As the Easter holidays will be over before the prospectus is circulated, no particulars are given of the Good Friday and Easter Monday programmes. They will, however, be on the same colossal scale as in former years. The usual Good Friday Great Sacred Concert will take place in the afternoon, when Miss Anna Williams and Miss Macintyre, Madame Patey, Mr. Henry Piercey, Mr. Watkin Mills, and Signor Foli will sing; and in the evening selections of sacred music will be played by the band of the Grenadier Guards. The Easter Monday programme includes a large number of free entertainments, and should attract as many visitors as last Easter Monday, when the turnstiles registered the enormous number of 78,047 visitors—the third highest on record.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Bowels.—A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poisonous taints from ulcers and healing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruptions from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen a rash appears, and as it thickens the alvine irritability subsides. Acting as a derivative, this Ointment draws to the surface, releases the tender intestines from all acrid matters and prevents inflammation, dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-fashioned, though successful, treatment, now from its painfulness fallen into disuse, the discovery of this Ointment having proclaimed a remedy possessing equally derivative, yet perfectly painless, powers.—Advr.

Her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Wednesday, May 21st.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell has been elected president of the Nautilus Swimming Club.

Her Majesty's ship Kingfisher left Zanzibar, on Wednesday, for Mozambique with the consul, Colonel Euan Smith.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., of Bartholomew-close, has been elected vice-president of the Argus Bicycle Club, Greenwich.

The Governors of the Royal Holloway College had a meeting at the Institution on Saturday, amongst those present being Bro. Alderman Savory.

Mr. J. A. Isaacs, the Lord Mayor's eldest son, has published for private circulation a little volume of poetry, entitled "A New Year Reverie, and other Poems."

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H. East Lancashire, installed Comps. Walter Vere Stallon, as Z.; J. Halstead, as H.; and Hamer, as J. of the Chapter of Wisdom, No. 283, at Haslingden, on Monday, the 31st ult.

In the Chancery Division on Wednesday, Mr. Justice Stirling granted an injunction applied for by Madame Tussaud and Sons (Limited), to restrain Louis J. Tussaud from registering a company being formed by him under the name "Louis Tussaud (Limited)."

Bro. John Aird, M.P., has consented to preside at the forthcoming annual festival in aid of the funds of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association. The dinner will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, at the Holborn Restaurant.

The Elocution Class of the Royal College of Music, under Mr. J. Millard, has been examined by Bro. Henry Irving, who was so much pleased with their progress that he voluntarily presented the class (a large one), with stall tickets for the performance of "The Dead Heart," on Saturday evening.

The Marchioness of Bute has erected a handsome chapel to the memory of the late Lord Howard of Glossop, on the remote island of Canna, in the Hebrides. The chapel, erected at a cost of £3000, is intended for the accommodation of the natives, numbering 90, who are engaged in lobster fishing and in keeping their crofts.

A special matinee of "Dr. Bill" will be given at the Avenue on Monday next (Bank Holiday), arrangements have also been made for the company to appear at Portsmouth on April 9th; Brighton, April 24th; Reading, April 30th; Cambridge, May 6th; Ealing, May 8th; and Crystal Palace, May 13th. These matinees will in no way interfere with the usual evening performance in London.

The Anglo-American Chapter was consecrated on Monday, at the Holborn Restaurant. Comps. Adolphus Clark, J. J. Woolley, and Capt. C. Lambert were installed as the first Principals. Among those present was Comp. Consul-General J. C. New, who was elected an honorary member, and responded at the banquet to the toast of "The President of the United States." We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

In connection with the Guild and School of Handicraft in East London, a series of Easter lectures has been arranged for on artistic subjects. The first will be to-morrow evening, when Mr. Henry Holiday will lecture on "Looking backward." The others will be on the 10th, 17th, and 24th of April, and the 1st of May, in the workshop of the School, at 34, Commercial-street, E.

The first-class armoured battle-ship Trafalgar was commissioned, on Wednesday, at Portsmouth by Captain Alan B. Thomas, as the flagship of Rear-Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, second in command of the Mediterranean Squadron, with a complement of 550 officers and men. The Trafalgar will, according to present arrangements, sail for her destination on the 14th inst.

Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., Lord of the Manor of Hackney, is to make the presentation to the Rev. J. B. Podmore on his retirement from St. Michael and All Angels, London Fields, the interesting ceremony being fixed for Wednesday, the 30th inst. It will be remembered that it was in connection with the appointment of Mr. Podmore's successor that "Dogberry" strongly criticised the Bishop of London.

On Wednesday evening Bro. A. J. Altman entertained the members of the General Purposes Committee of the Common Council, of which he is Chairman, and a number of friends, at a banquet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the occasion being the presentation of a token of the esteem of the members of the Committee to their past Chairman, Mr. J. C. Bell. Amongst those present were Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Knill, Alderman Renals, Sir John Monckton, A. Brookman, and others.

On the evening of the 27th ult. the members of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, entertained their lady friends at a banquet at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. F. G. Barns, the Master of the lodge. This lodge is probably the only one of the many meeting in the Metropolis the members of which make a point of including one or more "ladies' nights" among the regular assemblies of the lodge, and so far they have proved most enjoyable. On this occasion there were upwards of 70 present. At the regular meeting of the lodge, held in the afternoon, two ceremonies were worked, and two brethren were received as joining members. After the banquet the Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The close of the Monday Popular Concerts reminds one of the long connection which Signor Piatti has sustained in relation to them. For more than 30 years the figure of Piatti and his violoncello have been familiar objects at these concerts. Signor Piatti is 68 years old, and, like his *confrère*, Herr Joachim, commenced the study of music at an early age. He is a native of Bergamo, a small town in Northern Italy, and came of a musical family. In 1844 he came to London, and at the time when Mendelssohn was giving his celebrated concerts, appeared with the great *maestro*. But, not content with his reputation as principal 'cello player at the opera, when Bro. Sir Michael Costa was "master of the situation," and with his position at the Popular Concerts, Signor Piatti has ventured into the field as a composer. His pianoforte and 'cello sonata in D minor, Op. 39, was composed while the distinguished player was recruiting his health at his charming villa on Lake Como, and has been heard with great satisfaction in London.