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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

It is about time we again drew attention to the circumstances connected with the 102nd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 20th May next, under the presidency of Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. As the training and management at the Institution are admitted by all to be of the highest character, there is no reason why we should say more in relation to these matters than that they furnish the best of all reasons why the support that is needed for its maintenance should always be forthcoming. The chief cause of our anxiety at the present time will be found in the fact that if the strength of the Board of Stewards is a criterion—and we do not know of any better criterion to go by—there is at present but little chance of the donations and subscriptions amounting to anything like £10,000. Our latest inquiries show that the brethren who have volunteered their services as Stewards are 182 in number. There still remain rather more than five weeks to the day appointed for the Festival, and we are not without hope that, in the course of this interval, the list may be considerably strengthened, nor should we be greatly surprised if, on the appointed day, the Board mustered some 220 members. But we can hardly expect that the average of about £42 per list which Bro. TERRY succeeded in obtaining will be surpassed on this occasion; and, therefore, taking the Board as it is now constituted, and allowing for a reasonable increase between now and the 20th May, we shall be surprised if the total which it will be Bro. HEDGES'S duty to announce will be much in excess of £9000. Such a Return will be a great advance on last year, when there were only 156 Stewards and the total was a fraction within £5355; but it is very far short of what is required for the current requirements of the Charity. In the first place, when the cost of the Centenary Memorial Scheme has been defrayed, and the ordinary expenses of the last two years provided for out of the Centenary and last year's receipts, there will remain in hand very little beyond the permanent income on which to rely for meeting the disbursements of the current year. Again, 20 additional children were placed on the establishment in April, 1889, and this necessitates an addition to the year's expenditure of about £800. Therefore, the sum actually required to cover the entire cost of the Institution cannot be less than about £11,000, and as there is no knowing when a serious contingency may arise, necessitating a still heavier outlay, we think the least the Craft should do at the anniversary celebrations is to contribute from £11,000 to £12,000, so that (1) the year's expenses may be defrayed, and (2) a small addition be made annually to the invested funds, and the permanent income slowly but surely increased. There is, however, as we have said, no chance of this year's Board of Stewards obtaining at the very outside much more than £9000, and considering that those brethren who give their services at the last moment will have had no time for canvassing, it would not surprise us if the total were considerably less. But our readers must not labour under the impression that the £51,600 obtained at the Centenary Festival two years ago is inexhaustible. On the contrary, it is practically exhausted already, the Memorial Scheme and the expenses of ventilating, etc., etc., etc., having absorbed £35,000, while the balance, together with the proceeds of last year's Festival, has provided the cost of maintenance for the last two years. It is just possible, therefore, that the governing body may have some difficulty this year in making both ends meet, unless, indeed, the coming Festival should prove more productive than we have grounds for expecting.

There is one weak point in the constitution of the Board of Stewards which there is still time to remedy. From what we hear the Chairman's Province of Middlesex is very feebly represented, there being only some 15 lodges who have sent up Stewards out of the 39 lodges on the provincial roll. Moreover,

though there are some excellent men among those who have volunteered their services, we do not see included in the list such important officials as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary, who, if they can spare the time, should certainly be among the first to support their chief on such an occasion as this, and especially as it is the first time that the Province of Middlesex has been honoured with the rôle of "Chairman's Province." It is natural that the presence of these important officers on the list should attract others to follow their example, while their absence is pretty certain to exercise a discouraging influence on the brethren in the province, who naturally ask themselves why they should undertake a duty which is avoided by their superiors. There may, of course, be good and sufficient reasons why these lights of Middlesex may not be able to give forth any of their splendour in support of their chief. In any circumstances, however, we trust the bulk of the Middlesex lodges, and more of its chapters also, will be represented, and to very good purpose, at the celebration of the Anniversary on the 20th May next.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL PENSION INDEMNITY FUND.

At length we seem to be within easy distance of having the arrangements proposed in connection with Bro. BINCKES' retirement from the office of Secretary brought to a satisfactory conclusion. At the meeting of the General Committee, on Saturday last, certain recommendations made by the Provisional Management Committee were submitted and adopted. The result will be that on the 30th June next Bro. F. BINCKES will vacate the post he will then have held for upwards of 29 years, and will receive from the Provisional Committee a sum of £2500 in lieu of the pension it was originally proposed to grant him. The payment will be made in the first instance out of the Indemnity Fund, and in the extremely probable event of the sum raised in respect of the said fund being short of the full amount required, the balance will be borrowed from the funds of the Institution, and recouped out of the further moneys subscribed towards the Indemnity Fund. It has also been determined that the necessary arrangements shall be undertaken with a view to the election of a new Secretary, who, we presume, will be ready to enter upon his duties immediately after Bro. BINCKES'S retirement. Thus, the most important step in the re-organisation of the Institution is in a fair way of being effected. A new Matron and new Medical Officer were appointed in the autumn of last year, and after Christmas the new Head Master and an entirely new staff of under masters and governesses entered upon their duties, while on the 1st July next there will be a new Secretary, so that by that date the recommendations of the Investigation Committee that there should be an entire change in the administration, and a complete breaking off from the ways and traditions of the past, will have been carried out. But the greatest of all the changes is that which will be effected last of all. We have written so often and so strongly of the important services rendered by Bro. BINCKES to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys that we shall run no risk of being misunderstood when we congratulate both him and the Institution on the forthcoming settlement of the difficulties which have been pending for so long a time. The determination of the Provisional Committee that Bro. BINCKES should retire on a pension was arrived at in the month of September last. Therefore, ever since then he has been somewhat in the position of a minister who has been called upon to resign, and was only holding office till a successor was appointed. He could preside in his office, but he must have felt during the whole of this long period that he could hardly advise or suggest anything of importance; while the Provisional Committee, with an honorary Secretary of its own, must have hardly felt at liberty to consult one whose advice would be worth following only during the period he remained at his post. Now, at all events, this state of uncertainty will be speedily brought to a

close, and the Provisional Committee, the General Committee, the General Court and their officers, both principal and subordinate, will be in a position to work harmoniously together for the general good of the Institution. For these reasons we are glad that steps were taken on Saturday last, as will be seen from the full report we publish in another part of our columns, which will determine once for all the present state of deadlock.

THE BENGAL MASONIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

This Institution was established in 1869, and the Report of the Committee of Management for the half year to the 31st December, 1889, shows not only that exceptionally good progress was made during that period, but also that financially it is in a sound and prosperous condition. The receipts from all sources amounted to upwards of 3767 rupees, of which over 1418 rupees, came in the shape of interest on securities, 1040 rupees as capitation assessment from the lodges in the district, and 1309 rupees, being the amount collected by the Stewards of the Charity. To this must be added a further sum of 2304 rupees, collected by the Stewards as donations to capital account for permanent investment, and of this 2000 rupees has been invested in 5 per Cent. Calcutta Municipal Debentures, the result being that the permanently invested fund of the Association now stands at 72,500 rupees, while over 1000 rupees remains to the credit of the same account for investment during the half year now current. On the revenue account there is shown to be a small deficit of 148 rupees, but the Report states that this has been more than covered by subscriptions received from the Stewards subsequently to the 31st December, and, therefore, too late to be included in the half year's account. The number of children borne on the establishment of the Association is 30, four children having been elected at the half-yearly meeting on the 23rd January last, instead of three, in consequence of the receipts having been so satisfactory, and the sum expended on the education of an equal number of children during the period of this account is stated as over 5321 rupees, while the working expenses amount to only a fraction in excess of 176 rupees. It is evident, therefore, that the affairs of the Association must be administered in such a manner as to effect the greatest amount of good at the least possible cost. It is worthy of mention that the Association has lost the services of Bro. JAMES MUMFORD, who had performed the duties of Honorary Treasurer for the three preceding years, and under whose able management the invested capital of the Association increased from 59,500 rupees to 72,500 rupees, while the number of children provided for had been proportionately augmented. Such services as these deserve the encomiums paid to Bro. MUMFORD by the Hon. H. T. PRINSEP, Dist. G. Master, and President of the Association, and Bro. J. LOUIS, one of the Honorary Secretaries, and we both hope and believe that under the management of Bro. A. B. WESTERHOUT, his successor in office, the prosperous state of the funds will be equally well maintained. We congratulate our Bengal brethren on their success in organising an Association which has been productive of so much good to the children of their deceased and indigent members.

THE CRAFT IN NEW ZEALAND.

It appears from a circular dated the 3rd February last, and addressed to sundry lodges scattered about New Zealand, that, though the brethren in that distant colony are very far from displaying anything like unanimity in the movement for establishing a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, those who have signified their assent to the proposal are determined on pressing it forward. They already speak of the lodges assembled at a certain convention held on the 11th September, 1889, as having constituted such Grand Lodge from and after the 9th November. A postponement for three months of the day fixed was made at the instance of one or two of the English District Grand Masters in order to ascertain if it might not be possible to bring about practical unanimity in favour of the scheme. However, this most desirable consummation does not seem to have been arrived at, and in the circular we have referred to it is announced that a first communication of the new Grand Lodge was to be held on Monday, the 10th March, when a resolution would be laid before the brethren relating to the election of a Grand Master. Therefore, by this time, we must assume that this Grand Lodge of New Zealand has started on its career, or is preparing to do so very shortly, though the body so constituted will consist of only 89 lodges out of the 154 established in the colony; while the distinguished brother—the Right Hon. the Earl of ONSLOW, Past S.G.W. of England—who is the Governor of the colony, and was, in the first instance, invited to become Grand Master, having undertaken to do so only in the event of the brethren being practically unanimous, will not be elected to preside over its fortunes. Thus

the case of New Zealand stands on quite a different footing from those of South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. The brethren in those three colonies were, with only a few exceptions, unanimous in their desire to have each of them a separate and independent Grand Lodge. And they have them, and the Grand Lodge of England has most cordially recognised the three new bodies conditionally that they allow lodges to remain in their old allegiance which may be desirous of so remaining. But as regards New Zealand, we gather from this circular that only 73 lodges—namely, 39 English, 26 Scotch, and eight Irish—committed themselves by their delegates to the declaration of the 11th September in favour of establishing a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and that the resolution in favour of the movement by 16 other lodges—eight English, six Scotch, and two Irish—arrived too late for them to be represented at the convention. Thus, there are altogether 89 lodges favourable to a Grand Lodge, of which 47 are English, 32 Scotch, and 10 Irish, out of a total of 154 lodges, of which 89 are English, 50 Scotch, and 15 Irish. Therefore there remained unfavourable to the movement at the date of this circular—3rd February last—42 English, 18 Scotch, and five Irish lodges, or, taking them together, 65 lodges. We presume these figures will not be accepted as representative of anything like practical unanimity on the part of the Craft in New Zealand in favour of a local Grand Lodge. There is a majority of a little more than four to three in favour of the change, but unless a good many more of the outstanding lodges give in their adhesion to the proposed change, it is very clear that the establishment of a new Grand Lodge will have no other effect than that of making what the colonists appear to regard as confusion still worse confounded, and of embittering the relations between the very strong minority which remains faithful to its allegiance and the majority which has resolved on going forward with the new movement. There will be—indeed, there may already be—four concurrent jurisdictions instead of three, and what that means to the well-being of Freemasonry we have already heard from the Pro Grand Master when he visited New South Wales. We presume our New Zealand brethren do not desire that the interests of Freemasonry should suffer merely because a considerable number—but by no means a considerable majority—of their lodges desire to live independently of the Grand Lodges which granted them life. The resolution of Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW to decline the office of Grand Master unless the brethren were practically unanimous should have induced the Committee or convention to spare no effort to bring about such a result, and in the event of their efforts proving unsuccessful, to lay aside their project until the times were more propitious and the feeling in favour of an independent Grand Lodge more general. However, we suppose the Committee of delegates, being an ambitious body, will pursue the course they have entered upon and prefer their own aggrandisement to the welfare of the Craft. In that case, we hope the Grand Lodge in the Old Country will decline to recognise the new body.

CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CHAPTER, No. 2191.

It was in the natural order of things that, after the success which has attended the Anglo-American Lodge, the members should desire to have a chapter attached. A charter was applied for, and, in course of time, granted by H.R.H. the Grand Z. of the Order, and a chapter, styled the Anglo-American Chapter, No. 2191, was duly consecrated on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. In the regrettable absence of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., through indisposition, the ceremony was performed by Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D. of C., assisted by Comps. Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G. Chap., as H.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, as J.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.D. of C., as D.C.; and George Cooper, as S.N. It must be a matter for sincere congratulation amongst Royal Arch Masons that two companions—each holding the rank of G.D. of C. in the Grand Chapter—could be found to perform this important ceremony at a moment's notice, and carry it through with such conspicuous success.

The founders present were Comps. Major Geo. Lambert, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; Brackstone Baker, P.A.G.S.; Adolphus Clark, P.Z., M.E.Z. designate; J. J. Woolley, H. designate; Capt. H. C. Lambert, P.Z., J. designate; E. Stimson, J. B. Cumming, Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, and Major F. W. Frigout.

The visitors present included Comps. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer; Gilead Smith, 2, New York; H. W. Schartau; Dr. I. Zacharie, P.Z., California; H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; S. Jacobs, F. Bevan, E. L. Horne, P.Z. 7; J. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.J.; R. L. Verley, 63; H. W. Roberts, P.G. Reg. Middx.; T. G. Nicholson, P.S. 91; C. James, 1624; W. J. Towers, 1275; A. Kenningham, 19; H. Carter, P.Z. 92; H. Wilkie Jones, 890; C. L. Walford, 227; J. Castello, P.S. 227; John C. New, Consul-General U.S.A.; A. A. Frigout, S.W. 25; T. Bugler, 1572; W. H. Kempster, P.Z. 766; E. Candlerie, C. R. J. Evans, M.E.Z. 1269; G. Winch, 2182; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The chapter having been opened, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL, addressing the companions, said: Before commencing the consecration of a chapter it is usual for the Consecrating Officer to make some observations on the nature of the meeting, but before doing so I am satisfied you will bear with me when I express the great regret that I have personally for being in this chair, not because I do not feel proud of it, but from the cause, namely, the illness of our esteemed companion the G.S.E. So late as Friday last I had a letter from him asking me to assist in the consecration of a lodge, and making the final arrangements for to-day, and it is most unexpected that he should have been struck down, for he intended being here almost to the last moment. I would suggest that we should express our great regret, and if, when the consecration is over, we send him a telegram, it might soothe him in the pains he is enduring, and if that meets with your wishes, I will do it. It is necessary I should say something about the new Masonic child

we have to bring into existence. Some three years ago it was thought by many brethren of our own race hailing from the other side of the Atlantic, that they should have a home in London where they could meet each other on mutual ground, and a lodge was granted and brought into existence. So successful is that lodge that I understand it musters nearly 100 members, which is sufficient to show that it was advisable that there should be a chapter. That has been applied for and granted in the same liberal spirit, and I am glad to be here to assist in bringing that chapter into existence, and I am sure it will take as high a place amongst chapters as the lodge does amongst lodges. I have always heard the G.S.E. warn members, and therefore, I think I ought perhaps to copy his example, against being in a hurry to have a large chapter, for quality is always better than quantity; for it is an easy thing to get a candidate into a lodge or chapter, but a most difficult thing to get rid of an objectionable member. You should make strict enquiries into every candidate's Masonic qualifications and character, and better lose one or two candidates than accept one who would upset the general harmony of the meetings. I will ask the D.C. to state the wishes of the companions and proceed with the consecration.

The D.C. read the petition and charter, the companions of the new chapter signifying their approval of the officers named therein to preside over them.

Comp. Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., acting Chap., delivered an excellent oration, which was followed by the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," and the ceremony was proceeded with, the chapter being dedicated and constituted in ancient form and with the customary solemnity.

The installation of Principals was next proceeded with, and the following companions were duly installed into their respective chairs: Comps. Adolphus Clark, M.E.Z.; J. J. Woolley, H.; and Capt. H. C. Lambert, J. The other officers having been duly elected, were invested, viz.: Comps. Major Lambert, P.G.D.C., acting I.P.Z.; J. B. Cumming, S.E.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, S.N.; E. Stimson, Treas.; and Major F. W. Frigout, P.S.

On the motion of Comp. Major LAMBERT, seconded by Comp. BAKER, the Consecrating Officers and Comps. Consul-General J. C. New and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., were unanimously elected honorary members.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D.C., on behalf of those who assisted in the ceremony, returned thanks for that mark of favour. It would afford them pleasure to have the opportunity of visiting the chapter and seeing how the work was done, and he was certain that in the hands of the companions it would be found in a satisfactory state.

Comp. Consul-General J. C. NEW also returned thanks.

Three companions were proposed as joining members and six brethren for exaltation, and a Committee, consisting of the officers and the I.P.Z., was appointed to frame the by-laws.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. Major Lambert for providing the charter with his customary generosity.

The chapter was closed, and a banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

"The Queen and R.A. Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z.," were first cordially given and received.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said they had now come to the working Grand Officers of the Order. They had a few present that evening, and he was sure they were grateful to them for their presence, and for assisting in the consecration of the chapter. He did not propose to detain them in expatiating upon their merits, for they knew he was not capable of making a speech. In proposing that toast, which was an important one, he should couple the name of Comp. R. W. M. POPE, who would respond.

Comp. R. W. M. POPE, P.G. Chap., said he desired, on behalf of the G. Officers, to return their most hearty and sincere thanks for the very kind words the M.E.Z. had used in proposing the toast, and for the kind manner in which it had been received. There could be no more delightful occasions to the hearts of the Grand Officers than to perform a duty calculated to teach such excellent lessons as he trusted that chapter would do. He was certain the chapter over which the M.E.Z. presided so well and worthily would rank amongst the first, and the greatest in this land of Great Britain. He did not like in any way to be personal, but yet would they allow him to say that to him, however unworthy, it was a special and singular pleasure to be present. He took great pleasure in attending the consecration of the Anglo-American Lodge and he might say that that lived in his memory as one of the best and most illustrious ceremonies at which he had had the pleasure of being present. The honour of the purple of England had not then fallen upon his unworthy shoulders, but he was there as the W.M. of a lodge not entirely unconnected with America—the University Lodge at Oxford—between which and America there was a strong bond. Although not a Grand Officer then, through the kindness of Comp. Baker—whose name was known so far and wide—he was asked to assist by saying grace. That might seem a small detail, but it did not appear so to him, and was written on his heart, and he trusted that in future ages—and he said it not only on behalf of his own University, but for the great body of Grand Officers—the bond of fraternity between English and American Freemasons might ever abound. The few words he had spoken were spoken from the bottom of his heart.

Comp. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.A.G.S., in proposing "The President of the United States," said it was extremely unjust to have selected him to propose such an important and essential toast to the well-being of the United States as that of the President. He had hoped the M.E.Z. would have put him down for an inferior toast. It was for one of two reasons that he had been selected. He had the honour of representing 22 out of 48 States, and being their representative in Masonry in this country, the M.E.Z. possibly thought he ought also to represent the civil government; or else it was in the M.E.Z.'s knowledge of things that he was a citizen of the world, and upon the axiom that the greater included the smaller, he must, therefore, be a citizen of the United States. It was a very important toast, and one they should receive with respect and reverence—the first magistrate of the first country of the Western World. If he were not an Englishman he would wish to be an American. There were two or three epochs in English history. The first was that the Romans came and colonised this country. The next was that William the Conqueror came here and conquered us, and introduced the arts and sciences, and generally established a reputation they had got for civilisation, and they ought, therefore, to be thankful to him for having conquered them, and for having introduced the civilisation of the Gauls and Normans. One of the duties they owed as Royal Arch Masons was respect to the authorities, and therefore they approached the toast with reverence and respect—respect for the representative of those who were their good friends, and respect as members of their chapter, having had the good fortune to have Bro. Waller, the late Consul-General, as a member and officer in the lodge, and whom the eventualities of politics—he put it in the easiest language—had arranged that he should retire into his own home. His successor, Consul-General New, who was present, was a personal friend of the President's, and therefore they were speaking to the President, or his *alter ego*, and all the advantages their lodge could offer to America they offered to him if he would only avail himself of it. He had had so many opportunities of exhausting adjectives and superlatives that he would simply say that blood was thicker than water, and that the same blood flowed in their veins although separated by water. He proposed health and prosperity to the President of the United States, coupling with it the name of Comp. New.

Comp. Consul-General J. C. NEW said that, apart from the aversion he had to making a speech, it afforded him pleasure that night to respond for the toast of the President of the United States. Personally, the President of the United States was his boyhood friend, his young-man companion, and his friend of maturer years. The President was a man equal in every respect to any man who had

occupied the position,—a man of honour, education, and liberal minded views, who represented his country as well as any other man did. He was a Christian, a gentleman, a scholar, and a soldier, and was a good soldier in the time when they needed soldiers, for there was none better. Though that was not a personal toast, it was the health of the President of 65 millions of people—a country born out of the side, a rib taken from Great Britain. If it was grand in population—greater than that of the British Isles, still it was in every respect they claimed to be equal. They claimed to be their friend, and the President of the United States was endowed with more power than the Queen, for there was no civilised country where greater powers were given in military or other respects during a brief term of years. The President's family was a distinguished one in England three centuries ago, notwithstanding some differences with the reigning powers, for they were on the side of the people, and they claimed he was on the side of the people now. If England ever got into trouble her first born would rally to the support of the old Mother Country. There was not in the United States a well thinking man who did not believe in the integrity of Great Britain, and who was not in favour of maintaining the ascendancy of Great Britain in those parts she claimed. The English had been a civilising people, for they civilised America to a certain extent, and if their laws were not exactly the same, they were a commercial people. When that toast was proposed, it was coupled in every American's heart equal with that of the Queen and the Royal Family and the government of Great Britain.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Consecrating Officers" and remarked that they had been a little disappointed in not having Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to perform the ceremony, but they had, he was pleased to state, a very good substitute in Comp. Frank Richardson, and those assisting him. He understood that those companions were nearly all their time doing that kind of work. The companions hoped the Consecrating Officers believed them when they returned thanks for the services rendered, and trusted they would come again among them.

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, G.D. of C. said he rose at once to return thanks for those members of Grand Chapter who had consecrated that chapter that afternoon, for the very kind way the M.E.Z. had proposed the toast of their health. He confessed at being a little non-plussed when he received a letter at lunch-time from his friend the Grand Scribe E., giving him notice to consecrate the chapter, but as Masons to some extent were like soldiers, he at once threw himself into the breach and prepared to perform his duty. He might say that this was the first Royal Arch Chapter he had ever had the honour of consecrating. If the Companions were satisfied with his performance he was doubly satisfied, but he felt he could not have performed the duty had it not been for the excellent assistance he received from the other companions. He was especially fortunate in having two distinguished Grand Chaplains in the other two chairs, which was a very rare thing, because, generally speaking, they had one Grand Chaplain. Comp. Rev. Simpson was well known in the Royal Arch, and had performed the ceremony before, and he was particularly obliged to Comp. Rev. Pope that night for the first time for the services rendered. He had an excellent companion in Comp. Cooper, and without his good friend Comp. Matthews he was afraid he should have gone aground. It had been to them all a labour of love, for it was a great pleasure for any Grand Officer to be able to perform any work they were called upon to do. They were glad to see new lodges and chapters started, for, as they were sure to get new blood, their excellent Order greatly increased. He thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers assisting for the way their health had been received. He had now a more pleasing duty to perform, if they would allow him, to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z." It was a special honour for any Mason to be selected as the W.M. or the head of any organisation to which he belonged, but it was a double honour for a brother or companion to be selected as the head of a new lodge or chapter, because it showed that amongst the founders he was reputed to be the most competent for the work. On that occasion he was satisfied that the founders had exercised a wise discretion in selecting Comp. Clark, as he had been through the work before, and was perfectly capable of taking the management of a new vessel. Although they had done so well in the lodge, there was still room to do better in the chapter. It was a higher branch of the Craft, and, therefore, one that called for greater energy, and, certainly, a greater amount of work. He was satisfied that at the end of the year the M.E.Z. would leave the chair with the regret of all, but at the same time with their thanks for the way he had managed their affairs and upheld the honour and dignity, not only of the Order, but of that chapter. He asked the companions, with all sincerity and heartiness, to drink to the health of the M.E.Z.

Comp. ADOLPHUS CLARK, M.E.Z., in reply, said Comp. Richardson had explained why he thought the founders had selected him as their M.E.Z. He did not know that Comp. Richardson was exactly correct. He really did not know why he had been selected, but supposed it was because he was always willing to perform the duties assigned to him to the best of his ability. He was obliged to the founders for having selected him, and he would do what he could to promote the interests of the chapter. He hoped they would not expect too much, for they might be disappointed, but he would endeavour to do the work to their satisfaction. He had been through the chair before, but some years ago, and it would, therefore, require a little working up. At the same time, however, nothing would keep him away from the chapter save sickness or unavoidable circumstances over which he had no control. He should ask no one to do his work while able to fill the chair, and should endeavour to give satisfaction to the members. He thanked them one and all.

Comp. Major Geo. LAMBERT, acting I.P.Z., gave "The Visitors" in his usual cordial and genial manner. On behalf of the members, he thanked the visitors for the honour done them in coming amongst them, and if they had been pleased in what they had seen, he was confident that those placed in the chairs that evening would not disappoint them should they honour them again with their presence. As an old worker, having had 36 years in Masonry, and having been the Installing Master on many occasions, he hoped his younger friends would not disgrace their chapter by being faulty in the work. They were launching their new ship, and he apprehended they had some screws behind to propel her, and he thought they would carry on the work to the best of their ability, for he was sure they would not let the ship be shipwrecked for want of work. That that might be another link to join them most entirely to the great American nation, and that they might be able to receive those from the other side of the water when they arrived—with the same open hand of friendship and welcome as had been extended in the lodge—was their earnest wish and desire. It was with those sentiments he proposed the health of the visitors, coupling with it the name of Comp. Pendlebury.

Comp. A. A. PENDLEBURY, A.G.S.E., returned hearty and sincere thanks. It had been to him a great source of regret that Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke should feel unable to be present and perform the duties, and he had no doubt the G.S.E. had been very anxious and troubled concerning it. It would, however, afford him great pleasure and gladness when he heard how well the ceremony had been performed by Comp. Richardson and those assisting him. He wished the chapter every success, and as he had had the opportunity of visiting the lodge, hoped he should be a visitor to the chapter.

"The Second and Third Principals" was given, and responded to by Comps. J. WOOLLEY, H., and H. C. LAMBERT, J.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

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Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Some weeks since an appeal was addressed to the different lodges from the office of this Paper setting forth the claims of the *Freemason* for the support of lodges, chapters, &c., in their corporate capacity. It was endeavoured to show that it was to the interest and advantage of the lodge that the Master for the time being should be informed as to what was taking place in the world of Masonry. We are much encouraged by the responses that have been made to that communication; resolutions have been passed in many lodges that the "*Freemason*" be subscribed for, and we have received instructions to post the same to the private address of the Worshipful Master, who will, doubtless, at the proper time, transfer the privilege to his successor.

Bro. Richard Clowes, of Clayton Wickham, Hants, has been appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Sussex in succession to the late Bro. Crawford J. Pocock. Bro. Clowes has been a Past Master for many years, and was appointed by Bro. Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, to the office of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. He went to live in Sussex about five years ago, and joined the Southdown Lodge, No. 1797, at Hurstpierpoint, also the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, at Brighton. He was one of the founders and first J.W. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, which was consecrated at Brighton in 1867 by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, being the first W.M., the present Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, was the second W.M., and now Bro. Clowes fills the chair as third W.M. We feel sure from the great interest he has taken in the Craft since he took up his residence in Sussex that his appointment will give general satisfaction to the brethren in the province.

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It is now definitely stated that the Prince and Princess of Wales will be present at the opening, in June next, of the Royal Agricultural Society's Exhibition at Plymouth, and that they will be entertained by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, her Majesty's Lord Steward and the Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall. The Freemasons will also hold a special Grand Lodge, which shall comprise all the Freemasons in Devon and Cornwall, for the purpose of giving a welcome to the Prince as Grand Master. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, will take a special interest in this part of the many receptions in connection with the Prince's visit to the West.

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A few days ago Bro. Bernhard Kauffman, P.M. 1732, &c., celebrated the 50th anniversary of his birthday, and a few of his more intimate friends took the opportunity of showing their kindly feelings for him by presenting him with a handsome silver cup, bearing the inscription, "Presented to Bernhard Kauffman by a few friends on the anniversary of his 50th birthday. April 7th, 1890." The cup was accompanied by a very kind letter of congratulation signed by the donors, among whom we notice Bros. G. R. Bolton, A. N. Clemow, James Hemming, Lewis and Saul Solomon, W. M. Stiles, and Edwin Storr. We heartily congratulate Bro. Kauffman on this mark of esteem in which he is held by his more immediate friends.

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The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has had a piece of good fortune befall it recently in the shape of a bequest of one-third of the residue of the estate of the late Bro. Dr. Morris Wilson. The residue represents a sum of about £11,000, so that the piece of good fortune we speak of will not be very far short of £4000. We should like to see a few more such come in the way of this Institution, which, having regard to its formidable lists of candidates, needs more support than it gets.

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We are glad to note that Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson has been delivering his interesting lecture on "The Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry" before the Liverpool Masonic Literary Society. His work on the same subject is known to many of our readers, and Bro. Finlayson's well-known ability as a lecturer will, we feel sure, enable him to present the subject-matter of that book very clearly and attractively to his hearers.

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The 27th annual festival of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., passed off most satisfactory. Bro. Higerty, P.M. and Sec. No. 1044, P.M. No. 1714, Past Prov. G.D. Surrey, presided in lodge, when the seven sections of the First Lecture were very ably worked by Bros. A. Grundy, 1585; T. W. Foddy and R. R. Monger, 1044; J. M. Parsons, 1564; W. D. Jesseman and J. Mortimer, 1044; and H. Baker, 1360. The duties of the lodge being over, the members and their many guests sat down to an excellent menu, provided by mine host of the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, and afterwards a limited number of toasts were honoured, interspersed with a capital programme of songs. In short, the evening was a most enjoyable one, and we trust the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction will live to celebrate many, many more such annual festivals.

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.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The proceedings of the Committee of Management of the above Institution, held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., as reported in your issue of the 29th ult., which has only just reached me, have been to me very sorry reading. For I have observed with much concern the growing tendency of late years amongst the wire-pullers to convert our great Masonic Charities into common benefit societies, where a *quid* is exacted for every *quo*! The amendments of the rules for the admission of candidates to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution seem to me to all lie in this direction—that the proposed "new law" is simply monstrous, and with you I hope it may meet with most successful opposition.

Indeed, I think the time has come when the members of the Craft generally should interest themselves in the active management of our Institutions, and not leave them to be so entirely handled by a selected few. At any rate, I shall be glad to assist in the organisation of an opposition Committee to this proposed obnoxious change in the qualifications for candidates for admission to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.—Yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M. 2069, P.Z., &c.,

A Life Governor R.M.B.I.

April 9th.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some letters have recently been inserted in the *Freemason* upon the subject of "Hearty good wishes" being tendered by visitors from the lodges of which they are members to the lodge visited. The idea of the writers of the letters which I have read (I may not have seen all) is, that Grand Lodge has expressed an opinion adverse to the old custom. This is not the fact by any means. It seems that the opinion of the then Grand Registrar, the late Bro. McIntyre, was asked upon the subject, and he replied that "No brother had the right to offer 'Hearty good wishes' from his lodge without the permission of the Master."

The foregoing inquiry, and the opinion in reply, constitute the whole that has actually taken place. Grand Lodge has never discussed the subject; and however highly we may value the opinion of the late Grand Registrar, it is only the opinion of one man, a trained lawyer, who might probably have viewed the subject as a question of abstract right, and would therefore give his opinion according to the strict letter of the law.

An old Latin proverb runs thus—*Summum lex est summa injuria* (extreme law is extreme injustice), that which may be a right in law may become a great wrong in practice.

We have in favour of the ancient custom the "Lex non scripta," the unwritten law, sanctioned by precedent, and by immemorial usage. I speak with the experience of close upon half a century (fully 49 years) in Freemasonry, during which period I have visited lodges in very many provinces, and I have found no difference in this practice, no break in its continuity, no exception to its universality; it was an *old custom* when I was initiated; like a vigorous forest-tree it has struck its roots deep; it has spread its branches wide, and the good old tree should not, and it will not, be uprooted, upon no stronger grounds than the opinion of one man, however eminent and however worthy of respect and reverence he may have been.

De minimis non curat lex (the law does not concern itself with trifles), and we may rest assured that Grand Lodge will never take this *small matter* into serious consideration. We have heard of late—in some debates in the House of Commons—of "grandmotherly legislation;" this well describes the character of the attempt to put a stop to our time-honoured custom of each visiting brother tendering, on behalf of his lodge and for himself, "Hearty good wishes" to the lodge in which he is a guest at the time.

That the late Grand Registrar used the words imputed to him there can be no doubt; but we may well doubt that he uttered those words without any modification or qualification of any kind. He was a practical man and a good Freemason, and it is quite possible that he might have taken a practical common-sense view of the question. In that case, his answer to his interviewers would probably be, "Well, if you ask me if a brother has the right to speak on behalf of his lodge, I reply that by law he has no such right; nevertheless, it is a very ancient custom, kindly, genial, fraternal, perfectly harmless in itself, and genuinely Masonic; it existed before we were born, it will endure long after we are buried; you had better leave it alone."

This is not the first occasion (it will probably not be the last) upon which members of Grand Lodge have expressed opinions which, gathering strength as they have been passed from one to another, have at length been taken for the opinions of Grand Lodge itself. Brethren should not be so ready to take these things

from hearsay, because, in the great majority of cases, they will find that (as in this case) Grand Lodge as a body has never heard of the question; and nothing short of a resolution of Grand Lodge should cause any brother to forego the time-honoured custom of offering "Hearty good wishes" whenever and wherever he visits a lodge.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

AN OLD PAST MASTER.

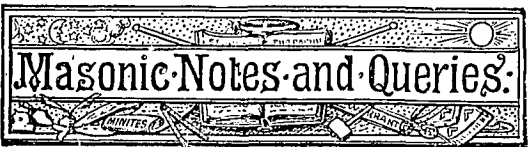


FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM, 1890.

Bro. Hudson, the energetic and courteous Prov. Grand Secretary of Durham, has again placed the brethren of that province under a deep obligation by the issue of another edition of his excellent directory. It is as good as ever and a *multum in parvo*. Why does not our Brother Hudson give his name on the title page? Certainly he has been so long to the fore, and has discharged his secretarial and editorial functions so ably, that if he considers it the right thing to issue such a wonderful compilation anonymously, much smaller productions may well be published in like manner. We venture, however, to differ from our brother, and hope he will fall into line in A.D. 1891. There are 32 lodges, 12 chapters, 11 mark lodges, three preceptories and two Rose Croix chapters in Durham County, for which the days of meeting, installation, dates of warrants, names of Prov. G. Lodge Officers, &c., from earliest records to 1890, and of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, &c., are given as far as possible, and well arranged. An index is a feature also of this publication, which is so complete and perfect as to leave nothing to be desired. The "Knights Grand Cross of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem," held at Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle, is, we believe, a body peculiar to the province, and represents there, the chief supporters of the K.T. The presiding officer is called "Illustrious Grand Master," the next two officials being termed "First and Second Assistants." The "Knights Grand Cross" are selected from those who have served as Preceptors of the "Royal Kent Preceptory," or are Preceptors in that body connected with the Province of Northumberland and Durham. Cheering reports are published relative to the Masonic Charities, and locally 17 children are being educated at a cost of about £90 per annum. The province is evidently fully alive to all present wants of the Craft.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE.

We are very glad to find that the "mantle" of the late Bro. William Nott has fallen on the able Craftsman Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., &c., as editor of the "Masonic Directory," so long efficiently conducted by the former brother, who originated that capital annual. Bro. Goldney makes his *debut* in a neat preface, which deals with the progress of the province during 1889-90, and has done his work so well that it appears to us that he is already established in that office. Our brother is well known locally and generally as the historian of Masonic Wilts, and a member of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W., the D. Prov. G.M. of the province, is the father, and Bro. G. P. Goldney, P.G.D., is a brother of the editor, so that Bro. F. H. Goldney belongs to a distinguished Masonic family. There are but 11 lodges and six chapters in Wilts, so that although the particulars given respecting these and other bodies in the province are all that can possibly be desired, the enumeration is not such heavy work as in our larger provinces. The table of the Stewards from 1870 is an interesting and suggestive compilation, alike honourable to the brethren and the province they so efficiently represent. For the three Institutions nearly £5000 have been raised in the 20 years, so that the average is most creditable. Bro. Nott, so sincerely lamented, was always to the fore in this direction, and will long be missed by the province he served so faithfully. The list of votes held and summary, showing a total of over 1200 votes, proves that the strength of the province in this direction is much beyond their numbers as compared with several provinces, and, of course, is due to the members so generously aiding the Masonic Charities. We say, well done, Bro. Goldney, and "thank you for the next."



877] VALUABLE PAMPHLETS.

Under the above heading I note Bro. W. J. Hughan's note in your last issue concerning three old pamphlets belonging to Bro. Bain, of Sunderland, in which the name "Union" occurs in No. 1, of date 1779. It struck me I could supply an earlier instance, and, turning to the Masonic section of my book-case, I turned up a volume entitled "The Principles of Free-masonry Delineated," published in Exeter in 1777. The dedication is as follows: "To Sir Charles Warwick Bampfylde, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient & Honourable Society of Free & Accepted Masons for the county of Devon & city & county of Exeter, these

principles of Free-masonry delineated are with the greatest respect, inscribed; by, his most obedient servant and brother Robert Trewman." It contains various charges, ceremonies, addresses, odes, anthems, songs, prologues, and epilogues, and I find that in a prologue of the date January 31st, 1772, the following:

Speakers { A Father.
A Mother.
A Daughter about ten years old.

The curtain draws up, and discovers the mother sitting at a table knitting, upon which lies a play-bill; the daughter enters and takes it up.

DAUGHTER.

By desire of the Union Lodge! What's this?

This Union Lodge, Mamma?

MOTHER.

Freemasons, Miss.

DAUGHTER.

Freemasons, my good Madam! Lack-a-day,

What sort of things (I long to know) are they?

This clearly shows the use of the name "Union" seven years anterior to that of the Newcastle pamphlet. The work referred to also contains the ceremony observed at laying the foundation-stone of Freemasons' Hall on the 1st of May, 1775, and the ceremony observed at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, 23rd May, 1776, with the oration delivered by William Dodd, LL.D., G.C., who, by the way, was executed at Tyburn the following year for forging the name of the Earl of Chesterfield, his former pupil and patron, on a bond for £4200. I have also bound up in the same volume "A Masonic Key, with an elucidation on the Religious and Moral Beauties of Freemasonry,"

Ziydvjxyjpx, Zqjisgstin, Wxstxjin, &c.,

for the use of Lodges and Brothers in general. Dedicated, by permission, to William Perfect, Esqre., Provincial Grand Master for the County of Kent, by W. Finch, Canterbury. Please to observe that every Book has here on the Title Page ty Qxzf, and Oivjxg Qvwgjpix. Printed by W. Bristow, Canterbury, 1801. The cipher is a very easy one, and, as the preface says, there are "various *vacuums* that frequently occur throughout the book that render the far greater part unintelligible to all but *Masons*, which *vacuums* are to be supplied by various *characters* and *hieroglyphics*, which the well-informed Mason is fully competent to refer to." Are these works scarce? Any information on the subject will be welcomed by

W. FRED. VERNON (Kelso),
Associate Quatuor Coronati.

Query 1.—I find I have made a note that the well-known Masonic song, frequently called the E.A. song:

"Come let us prepare,
We Brothers that are," &c.,

is by Matthew Burkhead, a brother I presume. When did he flourish, and of what lodge was he a member?

2.—Can any brother supply me with a copy of an old Masonic song about Adam and Eve, to lines of which I can only remember:

"The fig leaf aprons' they put on
To show their Masonrie."

3.—In Dec., 1761, a large deputation went from Kelso to Wooler to assist in forming a lodge there. On 25th July, 1765, a deputation went from here to assist at the laying of the foundation stone of Wooler Church at the request of *All Saints' Lodge* there. When did this lodge cease to exist?

4.—There was a lodge at Ford about the same time, is there any memento of it extant? Bro. the Rev. G. Marsh was rector there in 1763.

Any information on the above will greatly oblige,
W. FRED. VERNON (Kelso).



Craft Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—The 115th regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. The brethren present included Bros. J. S. Webb, P.P.J.G.W., W.M.; C. Toleman, I.P.M.; R. R. Samson, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting J.D.; C. G. Purkiss, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; W. Oxley, I.G.; H. A. P. Genge, acting I.G.; J. Keech, Tyler; and S. Cox, P.P.G. Stwd. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the resignation of Bro. R. Smith through ill-health was communicated to the lodge. Several new members were proposed for the ballot at the next meeting. Bro. S. R. Baskett then read a paper written by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, on "Women and Freemasonry," illustrating it from Picart's "Rites and Ceremonies," and an old ritual (1775) "L'Adoption ou la Maçonnerie des Femmes," both of which he produced for the inspection of the brethren. On the proposition of Bros. R. and C. Toleman, the W.M., S.W., J.W., Sec., and P.M.'s of the lodge were appointed to act as a Reception Committee on the occasion of the approaching visit of Prov. Grand Lodge to Beaminster in the course of the ensuing summer. Bro. R. Toleman gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the sum of five guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the funds of the R.M.I.B., the same to be placed on Bro. Baskett's list. The customary adjournment took place at a later hour than usual.

CARLISLE.

Bective Lodge (No. 1532).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the rooms, English-street, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors to witness the installation of Bro. W. P. Gibbings as W.M. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Cook, I.P.M., supported by Bros. J. C. Nanson, P.M.; G. Potter, P.M.; Thos. J. Richardson, Sec.; G. Long, S.D.; C. Newby, J.D.; E. Blackburn, I.G.; J. Clifton Thompson, P.M. 2285, P.P.G.R.; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G.D.C.; Sergeant-Major Lockyer, W.M. 310; and others.

Bro. J. Clifton Thompson then took the chair, and duly installed Bro. W. P. Gibbings as Master for the ensuing year. The following brethren were then invested as officers by the W.M.: Bros. G. Long, S.W.; T. J. Richardson, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, Treas.; J. Cook, Sec.; C. Newby, S.D.; E. Blackburn, J.D.; R. Westlake, I.G.; and J. Graham, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where the brethren partook of a *recherche* repast, under the superintendence of Bro. Koster, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

CHELMSFORD.

Lodge of Good Fellowship (No. 276).—The centenary of the above lodge was celebrated on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. Rymer Jarvis, W.M., when the charter and centenary jewels were presented by the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., who was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M.; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; Sadler, P.G. Treas.; and many other distinguished Provincial Grand Officers.

The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel.

In response to the enthusiastic reception of the toast of "The Health of the P.G.M.," Bro. Lord Brooke, expressed his great pleasure at taking part in the celebration of the centenary of the Lodge of Good Fellowship. It had afforded him great interest to study some of the earlier records of the lodge, and the action of the faithful officers there, and he fully appreciated the assistance which the officers of the lodge still rendered to the province, and, whilst expressing thanks for the hearty welcome accorded to him, he was deeply sensible of the feeling terms in which reference had been made to the illness which had prevented him from taking part in recent important provincial ceremonies.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," remarked that Freemasonry had been practised in Chelmsford for nearly 200 years, and although the present charter only bears date 1789, it was certain that the Lodge of Good Fellowship was a continuation of a much older lodge, and in giving a history of the years 1810 to 1820, a period of Masonic decay throughout the province, the W.M. proved by extracts from the old minute books that it was due to the efforts of certain brethren of the Lodge of Good Fellowship that active provincial organisation was promoted, a Prov. Grand Lodge held at Chelmsford, and the necessary Prov. Grand Officers appointed, especially a capable D.P.G.M., and that later on it was owing to the work of the same brethren that the lodge was rescued from a very low ebb, and started on a new journey of success, which has lasted till the present day. In comparing that period with the present time the W.M. referred to the exceptional talents of the D.P.G.M., and to the efficiency of the P.G. Sec., and the P.G. Treas., and others, and opined that it was owing to the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past, that such great progress had been made in recent years by the Craft in Essex, and referred to the addition to the roll of lodges, the constant increase of members, and the marked success which had attended the efforts of the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, replied in most eloquent terms. He reminded his hearers of another celebration of a centenary which had recently taken place, viz., that of the French Revolution of 1789 (the date of their charter). After referring to the dire and disastrous consequences which followed the Revolution, he traced the peaceful history and happier influence of the lodge during the same period, and pointed out that Masonic precepts, faithfully applied, brought peace and prosperity to lodge, province, and nation.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by the P.G.M., who warmly congratulated Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis upon occupying the chair during a year of such great interest to the Lodge of Good Fellowship. Lord Brooke, in wishing the W.M. a most successful year of office, expressed his approbation of the efficiency of the lodge, and assured the brethren that he should retain a most pleasing recollection of and interest in the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met for the last time this season on the 20th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. Clark, W.M.; A. F. Scholding, S.W.; R. Eales, P.M., acting J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. Smith, J.D.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; E. H. Trotter, A.D.C.; R. Kent, Org.; Harry Wheatley, P.M., and H. Robinson, Stwds.; Gilbert, Tyler; George Ransford, I.P.M.; Plimsaul, P.M.; A. Macchi, H. Bright, P. Cronin, C. F. Davis, R. Carter, J. B. Mella, W. Hill, E. Connell, C. H. H. Boyce, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Macchi was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Ransford. Bro. H. Bright was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. E. E. Davies and A. Z. Schulze, they were impressively initiated by the W.M. into Craft mysteries. Upon the motion of the Secretary, a sum of money was voted to the Woodward Testimonial Fund. In response to Bro. Scholding's appeal, the brethren liberally supported his list as Steward for the R.M.I. for Girls. In the name of the lodge, and by request of the W.M., the Secretary presented and invested Bro. G. Ransford with the collar and jewel of a Past Master, which had been subscribed for by the members. Bro. Ransford having acknowledged the compliment, letters and communications pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; W. Fisher, J.W.; A. Bushell, S.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was capitally served by the host, Bro. Mella, and assistants. The customary toasts received full justice, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

JERSEY.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—A special meeting of this numerous and popular lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, there being present Bros. E. Oldridge, W.M.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., acting I.P.M.; E. J. Dodman, S.W.; P. G. Hamilton, acting J.W.; T. Payn, Sec.; J. W. Hamling, W.M. 245, acting I.G.; Carlos Leslie Devine, and others.

The purpose for which this special meeting had been convened was essentially one of pleasure, being the occasion on which the brethren had invited their wives, sisters, and lady friends to partake of an excellent banquet, which was served in the refreshment room, it being tastefully decorated for the occasion, Bro. Rogers, the custodian of the Temple, catering in his usual well-known style. This, an innovation so far as the Province of Jersey is concerned, met with some little opposition when the genial W.M. first proposed it, but, nevertheless, he has every reason to be proud of the unqualified success which attended this, his initial effort in that direction, a success which we have no hesitation in saying will induce other Worshipful Masters in the province to follow his example, and, as the example is a good one, they can not possibly go wrong in doing so. The W.M. was assisted by a hard-working and energetic Committee, composed of Bros. H. Elliott, P. G. Hamilton, and H. S. Newman, Bro. T. Vincent and several volunteers also giving valuable assistance.

After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, "The Ladies" toast being responded to by Bro. Carlos Leslie Devine, "The Worshipful Master" being proposed by Bro. P. Bois.

Between the toasts, the evening was enlivened with music, both vocal and instrumental, to which the following brethren contributed: Bros. McKee, Fentum, Jones, and Taylor, also Master McKee, and Misses McKee, Hamilton, and Vincent. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the proceedings terminated at about midnight, the ladies uniting in a unanimous expression of thanks to the W.M., to the Committee, and to the brethren of the lodge.

NORTHALLERTON.

Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).—This lodge held their monthly meeting on Thursday, the 27th ult., Bro. C. Waistell, P.P.G.R., W.M., presiding. There was a capital attendance of the officers and brethren, as the agenda paper set forth that Mr. Charles Rowland Waistell, the eldest son of the W.M., was to be initiated. The ceremony of initiation was most ably performed by Bros. T. Russell, I.P.M.; J. S. Winn, P.M.; and Walker Stead, P.M.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room. The W.M. presided, and Bro. W. Bell, S.W., occupied the vice-chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including "The M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The Provincial Grand Officers," were heartily toasted with full Masonic honours.

Bro. J. S. Winn then submitted "The Health of the W.M.," and said he was certain they would agree with him that he was the right man in the right place, and they were very pleased indeed to find that his son was following in his father's footsteps.

After the toast had been drunk with full Masonic honours,

The Worshipful Master replied, and said that his heart was set upon seeing the lodge prosper during his term of office. He had been a member of the lodge for over 20 years, and the present was the second time he had been honoured by being elected W.M., as he was Master in 1874. One of the most pleasing features of his present year of office was the initiation of his eldest son as a member of the Craft, and he trusted that he might become a true Freemason, and in time might be honoured by occupying King Solomon's chair. In conclusion, he thanked them one and all for their hearty good wishes.

Bro. Dr. Tweedy submitted "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. T. Russell," and said he was glad to say that their I.P.M. was not like some brethren who passed the chair, viz., retiring from active participation in the lodge business as soon as they had passed the chair, but was endeavouring to promote its welfare.

Bro. Russell, in response, said he would do all he could to assist in working the lodge in an efficient manner. He had been well supported by the Past Masters during his year of office, and he intended to assist to the utmost of his power their present W.M.

Bro. Dr. J. A. Hutchinson, in felicitous terms, submitted "The Health of the Initiate."

Bro. C. Rowland Waistell appropriately responded. Bro. W. S. Charlton proposed "The Health of Bro. J. S. Winn, P.M.," whom, he was sorry to say, they were about to lose, as he was removing to Bedford. In losing him the Anchor Lodge was sustaining a great loss, while the people of Northallerton lost a worthy townsman. He trusted, however, that Bro. Winn would often come over and see them, for he could assure him of a hearty welcome at all times.

After the toast had been given with full musical and Masonic honours,

Bro. J. Shepard Winn, P.M., responded, and said he was not aware he had so many kind friends in Northallerton, and he greatly regretted leaving them. During the 12 years he had had the privilege of being a member of the Anchor Lodge he had always experienced friendship and brotherly love at their hands, and he would never forget the many happy evenings he spent amongst them, particularly during the time he was Master of the lodge. In taking leave of them he wished the Anchor Lodge increased prosperity and success, and trusted that Bro. Waistell's term of office would be a most successful one, and that he would be well supported, not only by the Past Masters, but by the officers and members of the lodge. He proposed "The Officers of the Anchor Lodge," to which Bros. W. Bell, S.W., and J. Ward, J.W., replied.

Other toasts followed, and the evening closed with songs, recitations, and harmony all round, after which the Tyler's toast was duly honoured.

SALFORD.

St. John's Lodge (No. 325).—This lodge held its 82nd annual festival on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelphi-street. Present: Bros. T. H. Bagshaw, P.M., W.M.; E. Bowler, S.W.; J. Hill, J.W.; H. Lord, P.M., Treas.; T. Powers, P.M., Chap.;

C. G. Pelly, Sec.; E. Meggitt, S.D.; J. B. Jenkinson, J.D.; W. R. Sharp, I.G.; Evan Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; F. Armstrong, P.M.; Wm. Jones, P.M.; J. Ramsbottom, P.M.; J. H. Moore, P.M.; J. Hislop, W. H. Munro, T. Heaton, A. Wheelhouse, A. Hibbert, and C. E. R. Davy. Visitors: Bros. J. Harrop, P.M. 1773, P.P.G.D.; R. Williamson, P.M. 1055, P.P.A. G.P.; E. O. Stuart, P.M. 1345; G. V. Blaikie, P.M. 152; F. W. Roe Rycroft, 1798; C. R. Hardman, 1055; W. E. Marples, 2263; A. Fletcher, 350; W. H. Barrett, 1773; and G. W. Howe, 149.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward Bowler, S.W., was then presented as the W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Fletcher Armstrong, P.M. The W.M. having appointed the following brethren as his officers, they were invested with the insignia of their respective offices by Bro. Thomas Powers, P.M., Chap.; Bros. T. H. Bagshaw, I.P.M.; J. Hill, S.W.; E. Meggitt, J.W.; H. Lord, P.M., Treas.; T. Powers, P.M., Chap.; C. G. Pelly, Sec.; J. B. Jenkinson, S.D.; W. R. Sharp, J.D.; J. Hislop, I.G.; T. Heaton, W. H. Munro, and A. Wheelhouse, Stwds.; and J. H. Moore, P.M., Tyler. The ceremony of installation was concluded by the delivery of the usual addresses by the Installing Master, Bro. Fletcher Armstrong, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most faultless and impressive manner.

"Hearty good wishes" were received, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edward Bowler, in a genial and kindly manner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, Bro. Evan Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., acting as D. of C. in an excellent manner.

The toast of "The Visitors" was well received, and those called upon gave suitable replies.

The speeches were conveniently brief, being interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Rycroft, Hardman, Hill, Barrett, and Pelly.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant evening, which augurs well for the continued success and prosperity of the lodge under the newly-installed W.M., Bro. E. Bowler.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, W.M.; T. Hood, S.W.; B. Thomas, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; A. Vandervord, S.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. of C.; C. H. Bowmaker, as I.G.; E. J. Bowmaker, Steward; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; R. J. Smith, G. F. Vandervord, and B. Fearnside. Visitors: Bros. A. C. Mansfield, 700, and G. Thomas, 1194.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A joining member was elected, and Bro. B. Fearnside passed. The lodge gave its sanction for a Masonic ball, to be held at the Royal Hotel. A joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Arch.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—A convocation of this successful chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st instant. Present: Comps. George Gardner, M.E.Z.; W. W. Westley, H., M.E.Z. elect; H. Salter, J.; W. A. Dowling, S.N.; Hy. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; C. Sims, 1st A.S.; W. Smith, 2nd A.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z.; Kohler, P.Z.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z.; and others. Visitors: Comps. Harry N. Price, J. 177; E. Bellerby, E. H. Cox, and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the Audit Committee's report, showing a very satisfactory balance in the hands of the Treasurer, was received and adopted. The following brethren were unanimously approved by ballot, and were impressively exalted by Comp. H. J. Lardner, P.Z.: Bros. J. Balcombe, 975; C. W. Biggs, 1360; and R. Lingley, P.M. 1381. Comp. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., who consecrated the chapter, and who has installed the Principals, with one exception, every year since that date, again officiated in that capacity, and installed the Principals elect into their respective chairs, viz.: Comps. W. W. Westley, M.E.Z.; H. Salter, H.; and W. A. Dowling, J. The other officers invested were Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Austin, S.N.; Geo. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Sims, P.S.; Smith, 1st A.S.; Dennis, 2nd A.S.; Arter, Org.; and Reinhardt, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. George Gardner, I.P.Z., by the M.E.Z., and appropriately acknowledged. Comp. G. Everett, in proposing that a cordial vote of thanks should be given to Comp. J. Terry, and recorded on the minutes, for his kindness in acting as Installing Principal, said that Comp. Terry had, with one exception, performed that duty every year since he consecrated the chapter 11 years ago, and they all looked forward to the event with great pleasure. Comp. Terry predicted great things for them, and they were proud to know his predictions had been verified, and were grateful to him for coming year after year to perform the installation ceremony. Comp. Terry briefly returned thanks, and the chapter was closed.

Ample justice having been done to the good things provided by the worthy host, Comp. Buxton, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. George Gardner, I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said that from what they knew of Comp. Westley they could rely upon having a pleasant year under his auspices. So well had the M.E.Z. performed his work in the past that they were certain he would carry out the work of the first chair thoroughly well. They knew Comp. Westley to be a very hard-working and zealous Mason, and those who had joined the chapter that evening would not regret having entered it during his year.

Comp. W. W. Westley, M.E.Z., having returned thanks, said it was a great honour to be installed as the First Principal of that prosperous chapter, in which he had spent so

many happy years, for it was a chapter *par excellence*. He had not missed one meeting, and there had been nothing approaching a breeze in relation of the members one to another. He felt very proud to be in his present position, and hoped to give satisfaction during his year. He hoped to have plenty of work, and trusted the chapter would prosper in the future as it had in the past.

"The H. and J." was given in cordial terms by the M.E.Z., and responded to by Comps. Salter, H., and Dowling, J., and was followed by "The Exaltees."

Comp. Lingley, in replying to the latter toast, said he had long had a desire to join Royal Arch Masonry, and also to be exalted in that chapter, knowing and being associated with the members in the mother lodge, and holding them in high esteem and respect.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Installing Principal," and remarked that Comp. Terry had for many years done that chapter the honour of installing its Principals, and the splendid manner in which he performed those ceremonies was a treat to all who had the pleasure and privilege of hearing.

Comp. James Terry, P.G.S.B., in response, said the M.E.Z. made one little mistake, having remarked that he did the chapter the honour of installing the Principals. He regarded it precisely the other way, which was that the chapter honoured him by inviting him to install the Principals. He esteemed it an honour to always be called upon to perform that duty, and knew he was present by the kindness of many of the P.Z.'s, who could install in a manner equal to any in the kingdom. Last year he did not attend, and that was the first time he had missed, but, being then the W.M. of a new lodge, he was unable to be present. They had thought fit to invite him again, and he was there with pleasure, not only to install the M.E.Z., but also the H. and J. The ceremony was a very important and solemn one, and deserved all the impressiveness with which one could render it in order to reach the heart as well as the hearing of those present. In that sense he had endeavoured to discharge the duty, and if he had succeeded he was amply repaid by the attention given him.

Comp. Geo. Gardner, in response to "The Past Principals," thanked the M.E.Z. heartily for the kind manner in which he had alluded to the services rendered by that numerous body.

"The S.E. and the Treasurer" was next proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that most of them knew the abilities of their excellent Treasurer, Comp. Everett, and the great interest he took in the welfare of the chapter. He hoped the companions would all bear in mind that Comp. Everett was a candidate for a very high position for the year 1891, and that they would use the influence they possessed to assist him in attaining the office. They all loved and esteemed Comp. Everett for the kindly interest taken by him in all their doings, and if he was successful it would be an honour conferred on themselves.

Comp. George Everett, P.Z., Treas., expressed his sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which the M.E.Z. had submitted the toast of his health and that of his companion the S.E. The M.E.Z., from the kindness of his large heart, had gone out of his way to induce the companions to believe he was a model Treasurer. He did put himself a little out of the way to please them and to do his best for them, and generally succeeded, but to please everybody one must be superhuman. When they showed their appreciation he was more than repaid for any endeavours he had made. The M.E.Z. had made a kindly reference to a matter very dear, indeed, to his (Comp. Everett's) heart—the Grand Treasurership of 1891, so happily named by Comp. James Terry the blue ribbon of the Order. He thought it was very properly named, because it was the one great office that could be attained through the suffrages of the brethren, and was the only elective office beside that of the M.W.G.M. He had already fought a severe election, but was pitted against a very strong and popular brother, and, therefore, it was no disgrace to be beaten. It was his proud boast to say he fought that election on thoroughly Masonic lines, but, although defeated, his opponent and he had been the best of friends. Comp. E. Terry, before leaving England, left a letter addressed to Comp. Gardner, in which he said he would vote for him (Comp. Everett), and very many who supported Comp. Terry on the former occasion, he was pleased to tell them, had promised their support next time. His prospects were really and truly bright indeed. There was a time when it would have been considered a highly improper thing to address them with regard to any elective office in Masonry, but times were altered. The election for Grand Treasurer for several years had been fought on Parliamentary lines, and it had not been thought improper to canvass for support. His excuse for speaking was, as they were aware, that unless a brother was early in the field his prospects were very small. It was a personal matter, but he was sure they would be indulgent, as the chapter did not meet again for some months. He again thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind manner in which he submitted the toast of his health. He was pleased and proud to know the chapter was in its present position. Comp. J. Terry consecrated the chapter 11 years ago, and he was that day looking over an old diary for the 19th January, 1878, in which he had noted that the consecration ceremony passed off with the greatest *eclat*. Comp. Terry, on that occasion, predicted a success, and a great success it had been. He again thanked them, and hoped that on their next meeting they would be the same happy family.

Comp. Higgins, P.Z., S.E., also replied.

Comp. Sims, P.S., responded for "The Officers," and assured the M.E.Z. it was their intention to do their best for the interests of the chapter, and to ensure good working.

The Janitor's toast closed a pleasant meeting.

Mark Masonry.

Grand Master's Lodge.—This distinguished lodge met at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 2nd inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O., Deputy Master, in the chair; Thomas Cubitt, S.W.; the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, P.G.W., W.M. elect; Frank Richardson, G.R., acting J.W.; Charles Driver, P.G.M.O., M.O.; Rev. R. Robinson, Chap.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C., &c., Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G.S., Sec.; S. B. Wilson, R. of M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., S.D.; Dr. Mickley,

I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.D., and Percy Wallis, Stwds.; Capt. N. Phillips, P.D.M.; Major George Lambert, Webster, Sheppard, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Lord Dungarvan, Lennox Browne, A. R. Carter, G. Std. Br.; H. E. Cousins, J.G.D.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Auditors was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bros. Lord Cremorne, S.G.W.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, G.M.O.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; J. Strachan, P.G.O.; F. S. Knyvett, S.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, Asst. G.D.C.; H. E. Cousins, J.G.D.; A. R. Carter, G. Std. Br.; G. P. Airey, G.S.; W. G. Lemon, S.G.O.; and Jabez Church, P.G.S. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston having been presented by Bro. Berridge, P.D.M., he was impressively installed into the chair by Bro. Matier, P.G.W. The following appointments were then made: Bros. T. Cubitt, Deputy Master; Lord Cremorne, S.W.; Charles Driver, J.W.; G. Cooper, M.O.; S. B. Wilson, S.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, J.O.; Rev. R. Robinson, Chap.; R. Berridge, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; G. Miller, R. of M.; Dr. Mickley, S.D.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; Frank Richardson, D.C.; Percy Wallis, I.G.; Sheppard and Webster, Stwds.; and Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Alfred Williams in recognition of his services, the Secretary read a number of apologies received from absent brethren, the most notable being Bros. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, D.G.M., I.P.M.; Lord Cremorne, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Cooper, P.G.D.; and G. Smith. The sum of 25 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund per Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston as Steward from the Grand Master's Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served under the supervision of Bro. Hamp.

A few toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

GRAVESEND.

Gordon Lodge (No. 364).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Old Falcon Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. W. Wallis, W.M.; G. R. Cobham, Prov. G.S., S.W. and W.M. elect; R. J. Beamish, J.W.; Wm. Barlow, P.M., Treas.; Jas. A. Whitfield, Sec.; Chas. Cobham, J.D.; J. E. Shrubsole, Steward; G. Martin, Tyler; F. Mitchell, P.G.R. of M., I.P.M.; T. R. S. Champion, and E. C. Conrad. Visitors: Bros. Dr. J. Call Weddell, P.M. 322, and Dr. Fletcher Beach, M.O. 322.

The W.M., Bro. Wallis, having opened the lodge, proceeded to advance Bro. E. C. Conrad, 813, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting. The next business was the installation of Bro. G. R. Cobham, W.M. elect, which was performed in a most impressive and able manner by Bro. F. Mitchell, P.M. Bro. Cobham then invested the officers as follows: Bros. T. W. Wallis, I.P.M.; R. J. Beamish, S.W.; J. C. Biggs, J.W.; C. R. Gramshaw, M.O.; W. N. Soley, S.O.; C. Stratford, P.P. G.S., I.O.; W. Barlow, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Whitfield, Sec.; R. Pollen, R. of M.; C. Cobham, S.D.; T. T. Hogg, J.D.; J. E. Shrubsole, I.G.; F. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., D.C.; E. C. Conrad, Steward; and G. Martin, Tyler. Bro. Wallis having been presented with a Past Master's jewel as a recognition of his services during his year of office, the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, and the host, Bro. Simpson, fully maintained the reputation of the Old Falcon in this department.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Lucas, W.M.; Long, S.W.; Haylock, J.W.; Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec. (*pro tem.*); Snooks, S.D.; Craggs, J.D.; Blackman, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; H. F. Williams, W. G. Coat, Coplestone, Dyne, H. Wake, and H. Foreman.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dyne having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. A. Williams having offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. A. Williams being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Long was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held, at the above address on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; J. Davies, S.D.; J. Cummings, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; J. Browne, Hillier, and H. Wake.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Craggs presented as W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Williams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Craggs. The proclamations and the working tools were rehearsed, and the lodge resumed respectively in the Second and First Degrees, Bro. Craggs rehearsing the investiture of officers, and Bro. Williams the addresses in a very effective and efficient manner. The W.M. having risen, it was announced that Bro. Long, the Secretary, had been elected W.M. at the previous meeting for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE (No. 1360).—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. A. H. Salter, 1892, W.M.; H. J. Shelley, W.M. 1981, S.W.; G. March, I.P.M. 1360, J.W.; Wingfield, P.M. 1360, Sec. and acting Preceptor; Bond, S.D.; Chapman, J.D.; Mayo, I.G.; V. Wing, W.M. 1585; Porter, Britten, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Britten offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and was duly examined, entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wing candidate. Bro. Shelley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Sec. (*pro tem.*); J. Cruttenden, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D.; W. Jackman, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, G.S. England; E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543; J. W. Belsham, J. W. Cuff, W.M. 511; J. Chaundler, F. Morrell, J. V. Woodman, and T. Middlewick.

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. Chaundler answered the questions leading to the Second and Third Degrees, and, being only a F.C., retired. Bro. Dehane then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. W. Cuff. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree. The candidate, Bro. F. Morrell, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Chaundler admitted. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. G. Read, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for Monday, the 14th instant, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, 25th ult., when there were present Bros. R. W. Nicole, W.M.; C. G. Gray, S.W.; J. Speller, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; H. B. Harding, I.G.; W. Ball, P.M. 45; E. H. Moore, C. Horst, H. J. Kimbell, E. J. Harrison, and J. M. Scarlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Moore being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coxon, who resumed the lodge to the Second Degree, when Bro. Harrison answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. The W.M. again took the chair, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Edward Hector Moore was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Gray was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Nicole for his services in the chair for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Tuesday, 1st inst., when there were present Bros. C. G. Gray, W.M.; J. Speller, S.W.; J. Duncan, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. Loomes, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; E. H. Moore, I.G.; J. M. Scarlett, W. Ball, P.M.; T. B. Smoothy, H. J. Kimbell, and A. Wolter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wolter being the candidate. Bro. Gray vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Scarlett, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Smoothy answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Gray being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. T. B. Smoothy was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Speller was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gray for his services in the chair for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and adjourned until Tuesday, 15th inst.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 27th ult., and, this being the officers' night, the following officers officiated, those appointed last week to stand good for this week: Bros. W. Brindley, Preceptor, W.M.; C. O. Burgess, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; Joseph Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec.; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; John S. Cater, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; G. H. Foan, J. Gluckstein, J. B. Grieve, A. Cogliati, F. W. Buxton, W. J. Thrussell, G. A. Bergholz, E. Jessurun, Dr. R. Millican, and W. Hoggins.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Dep. Preceptor worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Dr. R. Millican having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Dr. R. Millican answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. Bro. W. Hoggings having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. Dr. R. Millican, 1604, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, the W.M. for the ensuing week was elected as on the 20th ult., and who also appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the Third Degree. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; Joseph Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; C. Rotter, J.D.; J. D. Rymer, I.G.; J. Gluckstein, J. Laurence, S. Moss, A. Davis, G. A. Bergholz, T. C. Seary, E. Tooley, and G. H. Reynolds.

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. F. Fort having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the Third Lecture. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. P. Day, 771, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and announcing his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of initiation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. C. Woods, W.M.; E. E. Geflowski, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Hubbard, S.D.; James Wiggins, J.D.; G. Swann, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; G. A. Knight, W. Dresden, and J. H. Morrish.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Knight acting as candidate. The 1st and 4th Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Geflowski was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the meeting was adjourned until the 15th inst.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter met in regular convocation on Saturday, the 20th ult. The following were present: E. and P. Bro. Frank W. Banister, M.W.S.; Ill. Bros. Charles Crabtree, 30°, Past M.W.S., Prelate; Alfred Gill, 30°, 1st General; E. and P. Bros. J. R. Welsman, 2nd General; Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, Grand Marshal; E. A. Beaumont, Raphael; Richard Hodgson, Herald; Thomas Pickles, C. of G.; and Joshua P. Priestley, Org.; Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S., and A. H. J. Fletcher, M.A., of this chapter. Visitor: E. and P. Bro. W. J. Beck, M.W.S. 77.

The chapter having been opened, Ill. Bro. Charles J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, Inspector-General of the North-Eastern District, entered, and was received as became his exalted position. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received on behalf of many distinguished brethren, notably Bros. Major John Woodall Woodall, 32°; Walter Reynolds, 32°; Thomas W. Tew, 31°; John Shaw, 30°; Jack Sutcliffe, 30°; John Barker, 30°; John Marshall, 30°; T. B. Whythead, 30°; Thomas Oates, M.W.S. 68; Major A. H. H. Macgachen, M.W.S. 23; C. L. Mason, F. Whiteley, John Royle, Thomas Norfolk, and Charles J. Schott. The ballot was taken for Bro. George Carbert, which resulted unanimously in his favour, but on account of unforeseen circumstances he could not be present on this occasion, which was much regretted. The balance-sheet having been adopted, the M.W.S. called upon the Recorder to make a presentation to Ill. Bro. Charles J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, on behalf of the members of the chapter.

The Recorder, on rising to discharge that very pleasant duty, expressed his regret that the M.W.S. had decided not to make the presentation himself in accordance with his prerogative. Had the M.W.S. performed that duty in his official capacity, it would have considerably heightened the interest of the proceedings, besides being something uncommon in the annals of Masonry for a son, occupying the highest position as head of the chapter, to make, on behalf of that chapter, a presentation to his father, occupying the still more exalted rank of Inspector-General of the District. The M.W.S., however, most probably felt some delicacy in the matter, and for that reason strenuously urged him to take the duty. The Recorder proceeded to say that he had a very agreeable task to perform, but the pleasure felt by him on that interesting occasion was somewhat alloyed in consequence of knowing his own inability to deal with the subject effectively, and had some more qualified brother been deputed to discharge that duty, the interesting event would have shone forth with greater lustre. However, he hoped the brethren would excuse his defects. More than 12 months ago the question was asked "When will be the golden wedding-day of our Ill. Bro. Banister?" So far back it was arranged when the time came round that some tangible recognition should mark the event. As the wished-for period approached, matters were put into shape, and on the idea being mooted, there was a hearty response, which resulted in the unanimous support of the whole chapter. The Recorder believed he was betraying no secret when he informed the brethren that their illustrious brother was in his 75th year. During a great portion of that time he had laboured hard for the advancement of Freemasonry in its varied branches, and no doubt he had derived much happiness from his lengthened intercourse with the Fraternity. One could not help thinking that the pleasures resulting from the discharge of his arduous duties must have exceeded all others in enjoyment, to say nothing of the thousands upon thousands of miles he had travelled in the interest of Freemasonry. The present month had witnessed the golden wedding celebration. A golden wedding was by no means of common occurrence, but when such an event did happen amongst those who were loved and esteemed, there was a special halo of interest around it. Ill. Bro. Banister

was their chief. By his unwearied zeal in the Masonic cause, and especially in that Order, had he shown unremitting attention to that chapter. He had taught them not only to respect, but to revere him, and they hailed with extreme pleasure that opportunity of showing their appreciation of his many and valued services. The Recorder was not disposed to weaken the effect of the "Address" by any other remark, beyond this—that he believed it expressed fully the feelings and sentiments of the brethren, and, with the permission of the M.W.S., he would read it:

"To Illustrious Bro. Chas. Jas. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, Inspector-General of the North-Eastern District, England.

"We, your brethren of the Prince of Wales Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°, No. 69, Huddersfield, cannot allow the jubilee of your marriage to pass without offering to you and your beloved wife our most hearty congratulations.

"By this auspicious event we are reminded of your long, useful, and honourable career, its beneficial influence being manifest in all your relations of life—public, domestic, or Masonic.

"Your untiring zeal and indomitable perseverance in the interests of the A. and A. Rite are well known, and we owe to you a deep debt of gratitude for your exertions in this chapter.

"As a small acknowledgment in appreciation of your efforts, and as a mark of the high esteem in which you are held, we ask your acceptance of this silver tea and coffee service, and at the same time express the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will continue to bestow His blessings upon yourself and family also that your life may be prolonged many years to preside over us as Inspector-General of this District in the Order of which you have long been so distinguished an ornament.

"We are, Illustrious Brother,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,
Frank Wm. Banister, M.W.S.; Chas. Crabtree, 30°, P.M.W.S., Prelate; Alfred Gill, 30°, 1st General; Jno. R. Welsman, 2nd General; Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas.; H. S. Holdsworth, Gd. Marshal; E. A. Beaumont, Raphael; Fredk. Whiteley, D. of C.; Richd. Hodgson, Herald; Thomas Pickles, Capt. of the G.; Joshua P. Priestley, Organist; John Royle, Outer Guard; Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S.; John Marshall, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S.; C. C. L. Bernin, Hiram Burley, Archibald H. J. Fletcher, Thomas Norfolk, A. F. Fitz-Patric, Aulay Macaulay, C. J. Schott, Charles Greenwood.
"March 29th, 1890."

The Recorder then, in the name of the chapter, presented the service and illuminated address to Ill. Bro. Banister, and desired his acceptance of the same.

Prior to Ill. Bro. Banister replying, the M.W.S. called upon Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, P.M.W.S., to make a few remarks.

Bro. Craven said that, as one of the founders of the chapter, it afforded him special pleasure to witness its present prosperity. He had noticed a steady growth in numbers. The development being gradual indicated health and vitality, and, all considered, the future prospects of the chapter were very encouraging. He looked upon Ill. Bro. Banister—who had by his influence rescued it from almost a forlorn to its present healthy condition—as the main-spring of its existence, and, now that its progress was most apparent, he (Bro. Craven) was convinced that a large debt of gratitude was owing to that illustrious brother for all he had done. Bro. Craven was delighted to have the opportunity of adding his own testimony to the general esteem in which Ill. Bro. Banister was held. Bro. Craven rejoiced in the happy circumstances of the day, and believed himself to be echoing the sentiments of the brethren in stating the personal regard which existed towards their worthy brother to be so great that anything being known to interest him would interest them also. They rejoiced with him in his gladness, and they would grieve with him did grief befall him.

Bro. W. J. Beck, M.W.S. 77, expressed his gratitude for the privilege of being present on that most interesting occasion, and all the more so because he happened to be the only visitor. He was sure more visitors would have attended had they known what was intended to take place. He looked upon the presentation as something quite unique in Freemasonry, occurring as it had during the time that the son of their illustrious brother held the position of M.W.S. of the chapter. The incident was very touching. Ill. Bro. Banister was worthy of the good feeling that had been shown towards him, and he (Bro. Beck) rejoiced to participate in it that day. He could assure the brethren that in his own chapter at Leeds they looked up to Ill. Bro. Banister with feelings of admiration and respect, for they held him in high esteem. He attended their meetings regularly at much personal inconvenience, and was no less a father to the chapter at Leeds than to that one. In fact, Ill. Bro. Banister was the father of all the chapters in his district, being equally beloved by all the brethren composing them.

Bro. Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., who had been a member of the chapter since its formation, also bore testimony to the invaluable exertions of Ill. Bro. Banister, and said he was delighted to share in the enjoyment of that day's work.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, replied as follows: My dear Bro. Atherton, and my dear friends,—Accept my heartfelt thanks for your kindness to me at all times, but more particularly on this auspicious occasion, being that of our "Golden Wedding," which happening during my son's occupancy of the office of M.W.S. of this, the Prince of Wales Chapter, Rose Croix, is a very singular coincidence. I greatly rejoice it is so, as it will afford another incentive to him by reminding him of his obligation, wherein, at his installation, he promised to promote the good of the Order, and of this chapter in particular. This, I am sure, he has endeavoured to carry out to the letter. I must, also, on behalf of my dear wife, return her sincere thanks for the very elegant service of plate which you have just presented to us on behalf of the members of this chapter, together, with the exquisitely worded and beautifully illuminated address, expressive of that affectionate regard and esteem that has existed between each member of the chapter and myself ever since its consecration in 1876, and which I trust will continue to the end of my life. It is now 17 years since I had the honour conferred upon me by the Supreme Council of England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, of being appointed S.G.I.G. of the Northern District of England. In this capacity, I have

during that long time enjoyed thorough happiness, and my official visits have been fraught with the most pleasant remembrances, on all occasions receiving the kindest expressions of love and esteem from every member of the various chapters under my supervision. To live in the hearts and affections of those over whom one has, to a certain extent, to rule, must indeed be an enviable position. My dear friends, I have often told you that age and infirmities suggested retirement from active inspection, and that I should make room for some other worthy brother's advancement to the high position I now fill, but your kindness and that of all the members of this beautiful Christian Degree, have so endeared and cemented us together that I still monopolise the office, and make regular visits to all. Seeing that we have passed the jubilee of our married life, we must prepare to descend the ladder which we have so harmoniously mounted to the top. It is my most earnest hope and desire that you and yours may receive every blessing through life, and that some of you (although very few are privileged), may be permitted to attain a similarly proud position to that which my dear wife and myself have arrived. We have been blessed to each other. We are blessed with our children and grandchildren, and are truly thankful to our Heavenly Father who has preserved us through life.

The M.W.S., Bro. Frank W. Banister, expressed himself quite overjoyed with the event of the day, and the way in which his dear father had been spoken of that day would be a never-to-be-forgotten incident in his life. Having thanked the officers and members for their uniform courtesy, and kindness to him during his term, which he hoped would be continued to his successor, he then requested his illustrious father to install the M.W.S. elect.

Ill. Bro. Gill, 30°, M.W.S. elect, was suitably presented by Bro. J. W. Monckman to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, who most impressively rendered the ceremony of installation. Ill. Bro. Gill having been regularly installed and proclaimed M.W.S. of the chapter, he invested his officers as follows: Ill. Bro. Chas. Crabtree, 30°, P.M.W.S., Prelate; E. and P. Bros. J. R. Welsman, 1st General; H. S. Holdsworth, 2nd General; H. Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. E. A. Beaumont, Gd. Marshal; F. Whiteley, Raphael; R. Hodgson, D.C.; T. Pickles, Herald; J. Royle, Captain of Guards; J. P. Priestley, Org.; and A. H. J. Fletcher, M.A., Outer Guard.

The Recorder drew attention to the fact that the day of meeting—Saturday—was not convenient to several of the members, who, on account of their business, could not possibly attend. He asked if it was possible to change the day, and thought that might be done, as the by-laws of the chapter did not fix for the meetings to be held on one certain day. So long as the meetings were convened any time during the months of March and October the by-laws would be complied with.

Without any formal proposition it was considered advisable to convene a meeting on some other day than Saturday as an experiment, and the matter was left with the M.W.S. to act in accordance with the suggestion.

Bro. Beaumont again introduced the subject as to the advisability of the chapter increasing its number of meetings, and thought it would be more conducive to the interest of the chapter could that be done.

The Recorder reminded Bro. Beaumont that many of the brethren had to travel some distance in order to attend the meetings as it was, and possibly to increase the number at present might result in inconvenience. At any rate, he (the Recorder) had no desire to depreciate the good motives of Bro. Beaumont; on the other hand, he thoroughly appreciated them, but at the present thought that By-law III. lucidly and effectively settled the point, since "the M.W.S. shall have the power of calling chapters of emergency so often as in his judgment the good of the Order shall require."

The subject then dropped. Alms having been collected, and all regular business being at an end, the chapter was closed.

Before the brethren left the chapter a circle was formed, and the loving cup passed round.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous dinner, prepared under the special supervision of Bro. Shaw.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts met with a most hearty response.

"The Health of the Supreme Council and Members of the 33°" was given by the M.W.S., the name of Ill. Bro. Banister being coupled with it.

Ill. Bro. Banister, on rising to respond, was received with the most hearty enthusiasm. On behalf of the Supreme Council, he thanked them, and as for himself he should never forget the proceedings of that day, and the kindness of the whole members of the chapter. The time would come when he should feel himself obliged to resign—he was bound to face the inevitable. Whenever that time should arrive, and he should give place to another who possessed the energy of younger years, he hoped the brethren would accord that kindness and good feeling to his successor that had invariably been displayed towards him. So long as he was able, he should visit the chapters, but his visits might not be so frequent as in the past. He should always love to come amongst them.

Bro. Monckman proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°" in a telling speech, which was afterwards responded to by Bros. Atherton, Crabtree, and Gill.

Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, proposed "The Health of Ill. Bro. Alfred Gill, 30°, M.W.S.," who, he had no doubt, would rule to the advantage of the chapter.

The M.W.S. thanked the brethren for placing him in that high position, and also Ill. Bro. Banister for installing him. Although he might not be able to discharge the duties of M.W.S. as well as his predecessors, he would emulate their example, and endeavour at the end of his term to have the chapter in as satisfactory a condition as he found it.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of the retiring M.W.S.," speaking of his efforts in the most eulogistic manner.

Bro. F. W. Banister, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his regret that he was obliged to leave the chair without having a candidate to perfect during his year. He had fully prepared himself, as indeed had his officers, to discharge that duty before retiring from the high position, but, unfortunately, both candidates were prevented from being present. He should try to serve the best interests of the chapter in the future as in the past.

Bro. W. J. Beck, M.W.S. 77, having responded to the

toast of "The Visitor," and having also spoken in glowing terms of the chapter,

Bro. C. C. L. Bernin proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was most ably replied to by Bro. Welsman in an eloquent speech, wherein he gave the assurance that their chief study would be to give every assistance in their power, and, by discharging the various duties devolving upon them creditably and honourably, to win the esteem of the members of the chapter.

The last toast—"To all Poor and Distressed Rose Croix Masons"—having been given, and responded to by all, brought one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings ever held by this chapter to a close.

CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF CONFIDENCE, No. 193.

An absolute continuity of existence for 100 years is something for any society to be proud of, and no one can begrudge the members of the said lodge so honourable a distinction. Freemasonry has, no doubt, flourished and expanded immensely during the last 20 years, or since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales became the Most Worshipful Grand Master. We should, perhaps, be pleased to see this, as

"There's nought but what's good
To be understood
By Free and Accepted Masons."

The Order itself is certainly, in the highest sense, noble and grand, and must tend to make men better in all respects, if they only act up to the principles taught therein.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the members of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193 on the Register of Grand Lodge, held a special banquet to mark the completion of its 100th year, and, as might be expected, some interesting details of the work of the lodge were forthcoming from those of its members who have shown more than passing interest in the event. In another respect, too, the celebration was unique. We refer to the fact that the Lodge of Confidence has met uninterruptedly at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, since 1851. There may be other lodges which have not changed their quarters for a period of 40 years, but their number is so small as to render any instance of so long an association with one house deserving of special mention. But it is not only in the matter of accommodation that this hotel claims intimate association with the lodge. For nearly the whole period of its meeting there the proprietor of the establishment has been enrolled among its subscribers, the late Bro. Frank Clemow, father of the present proprietor, being referred to on the 2nd inst. by Bro. Webb as one of the most prominent members of 31 years back.

The celebration of the centenary took the form of a special banquet, to which lady friends of the members were invited. It was presided over by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. E. J. Davey, who was supported by a large number of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B. Eagland, Secretary R.M.B.I., &c.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D. of C.; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; John Barnett, jun., Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; H. Lindfield, P.M. 211; T. W. Horan, 1693; H. Balt, S.W. 905; E. Edwards, 1891; F. C. Mander, P.M. 1828; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1107; and others.

At the conclusion of the banquet, an excellent programme of music was gone through, the usual toasts being interspersed, but in view of the special nature of the proceedings, they were not exactly of the same character as generally observed at Masonic gatherings.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Master," the CHAIRMAN referred to the fact that the Prince of Wales had himself signed the centenary warrant of the Confidence Lodge. That was proof that the Grand Master actually took an interest in the affairs of the Craft.

Bros. J. L. MATHER and TERRY responded for "The Grand Officers." Bro. Terry, in happy terms, reviewing the probable condition of the lodge at its consecration as compared with the present time.

Bro. CUBITT, P.M., was entrusted with the special toast, "The Lodge of Confidence," which he proposed in brief and appropriate terms, coupling with it the name of Bro. Samuel Webb, P.M., D.C., and practically the oldest member of the lodge.

Bro. WEBB, in his reply, took the opportunity of tracing the career of the lodge during its 100 years of existence. He could not hope for the opportunity on that occasion of pointing out to the members the many interesting events in the past history of the lodge, but he might venture to tell them of the many changes of residence it had known. Possibly that list would be received with surprise by many of those present; they must not forget, however, that times had very much altered, how much it was almost impossible to imagine, but the list he was about to read would give them some idea to work upon. It might also enable them to form some opinion of what Freemasonry was in days gone by. The earliest records in connection with the lodge took them back to February 15th, 1790, when a warrant was granted by the "Athol" or "Ancient," Grand Lodge for its establishment, the place of meeting then being given as the Dolphin, Red Lion-street, Holborn. Since then it had shifted on 15 occasions, the full list of its places of meeting being as follows: 1790, Dolphin, Red Lion-street, Holborn; 1790, Bell, Battle-bridge; 1793, Old Swan, Butcher-row, Temple Bar; 1797, Sheers, Chequer-alley, Old-street; 1799, Queen's Head, Whitecross-street; 1800, Blue Last, Ludgate Hill; 1801, Horse Shoe and Magpie, Strand; 1802, Coach and Horses, St. Martin's-lane;

1807, Porcupine, Newport-street, Leicester-fields; 1820, Porcupine, Newgate-street; 1829, Bedford Head, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden; 1831, Crown Tavern, Clifford's Inn-passage; 1843, Crown Tavern, Back-hill, Hatton Garden; 1846, Colosseum Hotel, Portland-road, Regent's Park; 1848, White Lion, Brick-lane, St. Luke's; 1851, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. He felt sure that when, 100 years back, their ancient brethren founded their lodge—which, by the way, assumed its present name in 1820—they had little idea that such a meeting would assemble that day to celebrate the centenary of its establishment. He felt that the Great Architect of the Universe had watched over the Lodge of Confidence, which had gone on regularly meeting for a full century without a blemish on its reputation. To show how well their affairs had been managed he had only to point to the fact that the Grand Master had granted their request for a centenary warrant without any demur, although the privileges such a warrant conferred were most jealously guarded and only awarded to those who had an indisputable claim to them. He hoped every member of the lodge would look upon the event they had that night met to celebrate in the same light as he did, and would ever consider it an honour to belong to a lodge that could boast so long and so distinguished a career. Turning to personal matters, Bro. Webb observed that he might, perhaps, be permitted to say a few words in regard to his long association with the lodge. He was proposed as a member by the late Bro. Frank Clemow (the then proprietor of this hotel) in 1859, and was initiated on April 11th of that year. He rose to the dignity of Master of the lodge in 1867, had 13 initiates during his term of office, while, what was quite a novelty at that time, he installed his successor when the time came round for him to vacate the chair. This ceremony had previously been performed—so far as he could discover with but one exception—by a Grand Lodge Officer, or some outside expert. Since then, however, he had had the honour of installing 15 of the Worshipful Masters of the lodge. Bro. Webb also, referred to the Great Northern Lodge as an off shoot of the Lodge of Confidence, which he (in conjunction with some of his initiates in the Confidence), founded in 1870, at the Great Northern Hotel, and was the first W.M. He felt that the members of the parent might be almost as proud of their offspring as of their own career.

Bro. S. SMITHER, I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was duly responded to.

"The Ladies'" toast was entrusted to Bro. J. HART, J.W., to which he did justice in a very humorous speech, causing considerable amusement.

In responding, on behalf of the ladies, Bro. NIGHTINGALE, P.M. (a bachelor), said he was very fond of the fair sex, but thought marriage a great lottery.

"The Visitors" was ably proposed by Bro. CUBITT, P.M., and responded to by Bros. T. B. DODSON, P.M.; E. STORR, P.M.; and H. LINDFIELD, P.M.

"The Past Masters" was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. J. E. FELS, P.M., and W. SAINT, P.M.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the W.M.

The SECRETARY and WARDENS having responded, a most enjoyable and pleasant evening terminated at rather a late hour.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. J. Aethel Collings, who was assisted by Miss Alice Sugden, Miss Flora Edwards, Mr. W. H. Lloyd, Mr. Barry Linden, and Mr. Arthur Frye. Several of the songs were encored. Mr. Frye's ventriloquial sketch was particularly good.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. George Plucknett, Jno. Master, Stanley J. Attenborough, James Brett, J. Bodenham, John Barnett, jun., George Everett, George Corble, R. W. Bourne, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey, J. Glass, W. A. Scurrah, George R. Langley, Albert Escott, Rev. Harry Hebb (Head Master), C. H. Webb, E. Hobbs, Edwin Storr, James Blyth, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Provisional Management Committee and of the House and Audit Committees were also read.

The report of the Provisional Committee was also read, in which were recommendations with reference to the resignation of Bro. Binckes.

Bro. JOHN GLASS then said that, following on the report of the Provisional Committee respecting the resignation of Bro. Binckes, it was necessary that the General Committee should agree to certain resolutions which would have to be passed on that subject. Without such resolutions the recommendations of the Provisional Committee would be worth nothing. The acceptance of the resignation of the Secretary must be endorsed by the General Committee, approved and received by that Committee, to be of any value. The Provisional Committee thought that certain resolutions which they recommended should be agreed to; but at the same time they considered that these resolutions should emanate from some of the members of the General Committee who were not members of the Provisional Committee. There were three of these reso-

lutions, which were as follows: 1st. That this Committee approve and confirm the arrangements made by the Provisional Committee as to the resignation of Bro. Binckes from the office of Secretary on the 30th of June next upon payment to him of the sum of £2500, pursuant to the recommendation of the Provisional Management Committee. 2nd. That in the event of the whole amount, viz., £2500, of the Pension Indemnity Fund not being collected or paid over by the trustees of that fund on the 30th of June next, the Provisional Management Committee be empowered to make such financial arrangements as may be necessary for providing for payment on that day of the £2500 or any other sum to Bro. Binckes on his vacating the office of Secretary. 3rd. That the Provisional Management Committee be required to take the necessary steps, by advertisements or otherwise for procuring candidates, for the office of Secretary of the Institution, to be elected in accordance with the by-laws of the Institution, and that the Provisional Committee be requested to settle as to the duties of, and the salary to be paid to, the new Secretary.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH moved, and Bro. W. A. SCURRAH seconded, the first resolution.

Bro. LANGLEY enquired whether it was proposed that the sum of £2500 should be handed to Bro. Binckes or invested.

The CHAIRMAN said it would be handed to Bro. Binckes. He might tell the brethren from his own knowledge that the Province of Hampshire had subscribed £117 without any objection. It would take some time to get all the money in which was required.

The motion was carried.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH, with regard to the second resolution, remarked that as the resolution was framed the balance of £2500 was to be paid out of the funds of the Institution. He would suggest that the word "temporarily" be inserted. In that case he would not object to it, but if the payment was to be a permanent charge on the funds he should object. The fund was being raised to provide the £2500. The resolution provided that the £2500 was to be paid on June 30th. If it went forward that it was to be paid out of the funds of the Institution, irrespective of whether it was raised from the Pension Indemnity Fund, there would be great opposition to it.

Bro. SCURRAH, after referring to the laws of the Institution, said he thought it ought to be stated in the resolution whether the money was going to be provided out of the funds of the Institution. The whole of the resolution was very wide upon this point.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said he would propose that the Committee be authorised to pay this £2500 out of the funds of the Institution on the 30th of June, on the understanding that it would not be a charge upon the funds, but that it would be a temporary measure just to tide over the difficulty, and that the Pension Indemnity Fund must repay this £2500. It seemed to him perfectly fair that this understanding had been come to with Bro. Binckes, and that on the 30th June the £2500 should be forthcoming. It might not be forthcoming out of the Pension Indemnity Fund, and it was a reasonable thing that the Provisional Committee should put their hands in their pockets for it, or get it out of the funds of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said the object of the proposition was to complete the vacation of the office of Secretary on June 30th. If £1700 or £1800 only was subscribed by that day, the Committee asked for power to advance the balance out of the funds of the Institution.

Bro. BARNETT, jun., asked who was absolutely responsible for the balance. Was it the members of the Committee? It must come from somewhere. It was not certain that the Indemnity Fund would furnish it all by June 30th. The balance could not be raised without some security.

Bro. C. H. WEBB said he had been given to understand that a cheque had already been handed in as a guarantee for the amount on the faith that it would be recouped by a certain time. As the whole of the lodges would not have had an opportunity of coming to a resolution prior to the date named, he hoped that it would come from the fund provided by the guarantee. He brought it before his lodge some weeks ago, and mentioned that the cheque had been given. His lodge voted its proportion to the Indemnity Fund.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT replied that there had been a good deal of misunderstanding about the £2500 for which a brother of West Yorkshire would be happy to give a cheque, but it resolved itself into this—the brother was prepared to pay the £2500 on condition that the Provisional Management Committee would render themselves liable to repay that amount. There were 30 members on the Committee, all good men and true, and he (Bro. Everett) would be happy to find his £100 towards it to-morrow. Others, however, did not think it a fair thing that the members of the Committee should be asked to make themselves liable, nor did he himself for that matter. He hoped the Committee would carry the resolution now submitted. He felt quite certain that they would get this £2500. The reason they had not already got it was that the thing had not been well managed so far as London was concerned. Many did not understand what it meant, and a good many misrepresented it. For his own part, knowing all about it, he had put it before his own lodges in a proper shape, and they had readily voted double the amount asked. In the autumn session, when the lodges were meeting again for the winter, it would be found to come all right if there was anything like organisation, and every lodge would take a share in the matter. The lodges in the provinces where the subject was thoroughly understood

had come forward nobly, especially West Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Hampshire, and the final result could not be a matter of doubt.

Bro. W. W. MORGAN observed that a great deal of misapprehension had arisen from the fact that many brethren supposed the brother from West Yorkshire had already provided a cheque for the amount. Would the Chairman let the meeting now know that no such cheque had been received as the brethren had been led to believe had been received.

The CHAIRMAN said that no such cheque had been handed over. The brother of West Yorkshire made the offer believing that the amount would be subscribed. The Committee did not think it fair to call upon him for the money, knowing very well that the proposal to raise the money would be carried out. For himself, he thought it would be unfair to call upon a brother to take such a responsibility. They thanked the brother, but they thought it better that their own individual efforts in their lodges and districts should be exerted to raise the amount. The lodges he had had to do with in the provinces had accorded the proposal a very free and open acceptance. The Committee believed now that there would be a balance to hand over to the Institution. On the 30th June, they might be £100 or £200 short of the £2500, but some lodges did not meet till after the summer, in June, July, or August, and in order to give them an opportunity of subscribing, the Provisional Management Committee now asked for authority to draw on the funds of the Institution, for any balance not subscribed to the £2500 Pension Indemnity Fund by the 30th June.

After some discussion as to the form of the motion, so as to guard the funds of the Institution from paying the balance, the motion was altered as follows: "That in the event of the whole amount, viz., £2500, of the Pension Indemnity Fund not being collected or paid over by the trustees of that fund on the 30th June next, the Provisional Management Committee be empowered to provide out of the funds of the Institution the balance required to provide for payment on that day of the £2500 to Bro. Binckes on his vacating the office of Secretary, such balance to be eventually refunded by the Pension Indemnity Fund."

As altered, the motion proposed by Bro. ATTENBOROUGH, and seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, was carried unanimously.

The third resolution was next considered—"That the Provisional Committee be required to take the necessary measures, by advertisements or otherwise, for procuring candidates for the office of Secretary of the Institution, to be elected in accordance with the bye-laws of the Institution, and that the Provisional Committee be requested to settle as to the duties of, and the salary to be paid to, the new Secretary."

The motion having been read by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. SCURRAH desired to know what was the meaning of that—advertising for candidates for the office of Secretary? Were they to be advertised for as Masons only, or was that word not to be inserted? They might have hundreds of applications from the outside world.

The CHAIRMAN said the laws of the Institution would be observed; they must advertise. The brethren might kindly leave this to the Provisional Committee who knew the laws.

Bro. SCURRAH said the Committee should define what the duties were. If not, the General Committee ought to do it.

The CHAIRMAN observed that probably the Provisional Committee as a whole would not do it; they would appoint a Sub-Committee of their number to do it.

Bro. SCURRAH submitted that the Provisional Committee had not the power to decide what the duties and the emoluments of the Secretary should be; they could only recommend, and their recommendation should come up to the General Committee for their approval.

It was pointed out that this would cause delay, as it could not come before the General Committee till the first Saturday in May.

Bro. SCURRAH did not care for that; everything should be done regularly.

The CHAIRMAN said that the salary had already been fixed at a General Court.

Bro. SCURRAH insisted that the Provisional Committee could not legally exceed their powers, and he claimed an observance of the laws, which defined that the powers now proposed to be given to the Provisional Committee could only be exercised by the General Committee.

Bro. GLASS thought if this Committee could now see their way to agree to the resolution, or to a rider to the resolution, saying that the salary should not exceed a certain sum, it would be a great advantage to the Provisional Committee; it would be a guide to the Committee as to what they should offer candidates—say, not to exceed £500 or £400 a year.

Bro. CORBLE remarked that it had already been fixed that it was not to exceed £300 a year.

Bro. SCURRAH again remarked that the Provisional Committee should report to the General Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said he added to the resolution the words, "and report thereon to the next meeting of the General Committee."

The motion as amended was proposed, seconded, put, and carried.

Two petitions of candidates to be placed on the list for the October election were then received. An outfit of £5 was voted to each of two boys who had left the School and obtained situations, and notice of two motions for the next Quarterly Court were given in.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE PENSION INDEMNITY FUND.

The following subscriptions towards the Pension Indemnity Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have been received by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Joseph David Langton, in addition to the amounts already announced, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
Tyne Lodge, 991	2	10	0
True Love and Unity Lodge, 248 (£2 2s. having been paid)	0	8	0
Domestic Lodge, 177	5	0	0
Kennington Lodge, 1381	5	0	0
Earl of Sussex Lodge, 2201	2	10	0
Honor and Generosity Lodge, 165	2	10	0
St. Martin's Lodge, 98	2	10	0
Staffordshire Knot Lodge, 728	2	10	0
Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, 1838	2	10	0
Audley Lodge, 1896	2	10	0
Priory Lodge, 1000	2	10	0
Empire Lodge, 2108	2	10	0
Torbay Lodge, 1358	2	10	0
Province of Gloucestershire	35	0	0
Gordon Lodge, 2149	2	10	0
Lodge of Israel, 205	2	10	0
Highbury Lodge, 2265	2	10	0
Sphinx Lodge, 1329	2	10	0
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, 463	2	10	0
Temple Lodge, 558	2	10	0
Hertford Lodge, 403	2	10	0
Hornsey Lodge, 890	2	10	0
St. Mary Abbots Lodge, 1974	2	10	0
St. Cuthbert Lodge, 1902	2	10	0
Lodge Hereward	0	10	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, 4	2	10	0
	£504	18	0

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., presided, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; T. B. Purchas, C. H. Webb, E. West, W. Smith, L. C. Haslip, David D. Mercer, A.G.P.; Hugh Cotter, Charles G. Hill, Alexander Forsyth, F. Mead, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; F. H. Hubbert, W. H. Perryman, P.G.P.; W. H. Making, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the adjourned meeting on the 25th ult. read for information, the Secretary reported the deaths of four male annuitants. The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and directed to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, and Bros. J. Newton and J. J. Berry were appointed a Committee to prepare the annual report to be submitted at the general meeting in May, and it having been agreed that the Stewards at the recent Festival be invited to visit the Institution at Croydon, a letter was read from a firm of solicitors relating to the bequest of one-third of the residue of the estate of the late Dr. Morris Wilson, and asking for the sanction by the Committee of payment, amounting to £167, which was not bequeathed by will. The request was agreed to, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

The court at their meeting on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, passed, on the proposition of the Master (Gabriel Lindo, C.C.) resolutions, accepting the offer of the Royal Military Exhibition to allot space to the company for exhibiting specimens of work in gold and silver wyre in its various forms. A Committee was appointed to carry out the scheme. It was also decided, in furtherance of the interests of the trade represented by the company, that a sum of £105 should be appropriated for apprenticing, from time to time, boys and girls to the trade of gold and silver wyre drawing, or any trade in connection therewith. It was further agreed that, in consequence of the expenditure necessitated by the above resolutions, the annual banquet for the present year should be abandoned.

At the close of the business the court dined together at the hotel, under the presidency of the Master, several new members of the livery being present.

The Master gave the usual loyal toasts, and in proposing "The Health of Alderman Sir Polydore De Keyser," referred to the valuable services he had rendered to the company that afternoon.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Sir Polydore replied, giving his cordial support to the scheme which had been unanimously voted by the court. He concluded by proposing in most flattering terms "The Health of the Master," which was cordially received and responded to.

Several other toasts followed.

THE ROYAL ALFRED MERCHANT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTION.

There are few institutions which have a greater claim on the generous support of the public than those which have been established for the benefit of our seamen. Their calling is attended by innumerable risks of all kinds, while their pay is such that but few of them are able to lay by a decent provision for sickness or old age. The Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, which was established in 1867, is

intended to supply a means of support for those who, after serving as merchant seamen for 21 years, are no longer able, from age, health, or other cause, to follow their calling. It has already done good service. There is a home at Belvidere, Kent, which is capable of accommodating 102 inmates, and there are close on 200 pensioners—each of whom receive £1 per month—scattered about the country, but mostly residing in our principal ports. But the number of applicants for pensions is 237, and the number of vacancies only 25, and for lack of funds the institution is unable to enlarge the sphere of its benefits. Hence, donations and subscriptions are most urgently needed, and we desire to strongly impress upon our readers that those of them who may lend a helping hand to this most beneficent institution will be doing good service to it and to the State by assisting a brave and hardy body of men, who, in their time, have done their utmost to maintain and extend the honour of our Mercantile Marine. All necessary particulars may be obtained of Mr. W. E. Denny, Secretary, or Bro. W. H. Saunders, Deputation Secretary, at the offices of the institution, 58, Fenchurch-street, E.C.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

There can be no question as to the justice of the claims advanced by the officials and friends of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, W.C., in favour of its being the largest and best conducted of its kind in the whole of the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, like the majority of such institutions, it is compelled to appeal annually to a generous British public for the ways and means to enable it to carry on its good work. Accordingly it is arranged that its annual festival shall be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday, the 22nd instant. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs has kindly undertaken to preside, and among the Stewards will be found Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; S. B. Bancroft, Under-Sheriff Beard, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., Alderman Sir P. De Keyser, Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., George Kenning, Alderman and Sheriff Knill, W. H. Pannell, Alderman Savory, and Sheriff Harris. On this occasion a most urgent appeal will be made to the friends and supporters of the Hospital. The expenditure for 1889 reached £10,000, but the receipts were only £8000, and the deficiency had to be made good out of bequests, which, in the ordinary course, would have been invested and produced income. What is now wanted is £2000 and upwards towards the general expenses, and £9000 to enable the Governors to finish the Hospital, which then will be still more capable of benefiting the class for whom it has been established.

Marriage.

LANGTON—CALROW.—April 9, at St. John's, Bayswater, by the Rev. Henry White, M.A., Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, Chaplain to the House of Commons, assisted by the Rev. Prebendary R. Thornton, D.D., Joseph David, son of Joseph Langton, of 37, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., and Cavendish Mansions, Portland-place, W., to Lillian Emily, fourth daughter of the late Frederic Calrow, of Harold Wood Hall, Romford, Essex, and St. Mary-at-Hill, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Harvey A. Browne, late rector of Stow, St. Mary's, Essex.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM MARSTON, P.M., P.Z.

Bro. William Marston, who died on Sunday, the 30th ult., was an old and highly-respected Past Master of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, and was chiefly instrumental in resuscitating the lodge of instruction bearing the same name, and working under its warrant. He was also a founder, P.M., and for many years Treasurer of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, a P.Z. of the Whittington Chapter, and was the means of keeping the Whittington Lodge of Instruction together and making it a great success. In respect of our Charities, he had qualified as Life-Governor of all our Institutions, and had served as Steward at several of their Festivals.

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Prince Albert Victor of Wales reached Aden on the 3rd instant, and after remaining on shore for two hours embarked for Suez on board the P. and O. Company's steamer Oceana.

It is satisfactory to learn that Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. of Scotland, who is cruising in his yacht, the Miranda, off the African coast, has greatly benefited by his winter afloat.

Great regret is felt that owing to the delicate state of health of the Duchess of Fife, neither she nor the Duke of Fife will be able to open the Electrical Exhibition in Edinburgh next month.

The children of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Marseilles on Thursday, the 3rd instant, and at once proceeded to Aix-les-Bains on a visit to her Majesty, with whom they will remain and return to England.

The Duchess of Fife has kindly consented to open a grand fancy bazaar, in aid of the funds of University College Hospital, on the 4th June. The bazaar will be held in the grounds of University College, Gower-street.

The late Sir Charles Alexander Wood, Deputy Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company, was born in 1810, and in 1838 married Sophia, daughter of the late Bro. J. S. Brownrigg, M.P., and sister of the late Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey.

Prince John of Glucksburg, brother of the King of Denmark, who has been very seriously ill, passed a quiet day on Sunday last, and though there was a slight recurrence of the fever, slept well throughout the night. There is, however, a considerable decrease of strength.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived at Cairo from Ismailia at 4 p.m. on Monday, and drove at once to the residence of Sir Evelyn Baring. Later in the day he called on the Khedive, who afterwards returned his visit. His Royal Highness, after a short stay, will leave for Athens to-morrow (Saturday).

The Carl Rosa Opera season at Drury Lane Theatre was commenced on Saturday evening last under highly favourable auspices, the piece chosen for the occasion being Mr. Farnie's English adaptation of Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," the part of Romeo being very successfully undertaken by Bro. Barton McGuckin.

Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., has signified his intention of presenting a large silver challenge cup for competition in swimming among the members of the Household Troops, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and the Metropolitan Police. The cup will have to be won twice by the same man in order to become his absolute property.

Bro. Lord Mayor Isaacs, whose health for some weeks past has been somewhat indifferent, has been taking a holiday in Yorkshire. Consequently, on Easter Tuesday, his lordship was represented at the Spital sermon in Christ Church, Newgate-street, and at the annual reception of the Christ's Hospital boys at the Mansion House by Mr. Alderman Cotton.

The Royal Charities, known as the Royal Maundy, were distributed on Thursday, the 3rd instant, in Whitehall Chapel during divine service, the usual ceremonies being strictly observed, of which the recipients were 71 old men and 71 old women, the number of each sex corresponding with the age of her Majesty. Bro. C. S. Jekyll, Past G. Organist, Organist and Composer to the Chapels Royal, presided at the organ.

Preparations are being made in Windsor Great Park for the erection of the bronze equestrian statue of the late Prince Consort, presented to the Queen as a Jubilee offering by the women of the United Kingdom. The ground around the foundation stone, which was laid by her Majesty on Smith's Lawn, near Virginia Water, has already been excavated and laid with concrete, and on this the base and group, designed by Sir E. Boehm, will be placed. The memorial is expected to be finished about the time the Queen returns from the Continent.

A Masonic Hall is about to be erected in the town of Mohill, County Leitrim, Ireland. For many months past the question of erecting such a hall has been in contemplation, and the Ven. Archdeacon Hunt having taken up the matter very warmly, a subscription list was opened, and several large subscriptions were received by the Archdeacon. A site 60 ft. and 25 ft. has been granted by Mr. George F. Stewart, J.P., agent to the Crofton estate. The building is to commence on 1st May, and the estimated cost is £1000. A portion of the building which of course will be the ground floor, will be devoted to parochial purposes, and has been leased to the incumbent and churchwardens under special agreement investing their rights that they can never be ejected. It is a pity the brethren in Enniskillen could not see their way to such a building, and by some such or a similar scheme sit within the shade of their own Vine and Fig Tree.

The will of Bro. William Alpheus Higgs, Sheriff of London and Middlesex during the Mayoralty of Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser, one of her Majesty's Lieutenants, late of 30, High-street, Islington, tea dealer, who died on December 24th last, at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, was proved on the 1st inst., by Mr. William Norman Higgs, Mr. Stanley Higgs, and Mr. Edwin Higgs, the three eldest sons of the deceased, and Mr. John Edward White, the nephew, four of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £114,000. The testator gives £500 and all the household furniture, plate, pictures, jewellery, books, and effects at his dwelling house and his horses and carriages in private use to his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Higgs; he also gives her the right to occupy during life or widowhood his house at Willenhall Park, and £1000 per annum during the same period; and £100 each to his brother, Lewis Higgs, his sisters, Jane Higgs and Elizabeth Higgs, and his said nephew, Mr. J. E. White. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves to all his children in equal shares. Various provisions are made as to the continuance of his business by his trustees for a time, and as to the purchase thereof by his sons.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief will hold a levée at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, and those desirous of attending should address their applications to the Military Secretary.

Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., commanding the troops at Aldershot, and Major-General Sir D. C. Drury-Lowe, Inspector-General of Cavalry, have been promoted to be Lieutenant-Generals.

Bro. A. Paterson was last week presented with a handsome timepiece by the members of the Coborn Lodge, No. 1804, of which he is Junior Warden, as a mark of their esteem and good wishes on the occasion of his marriage.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., and the Baroness de Worms have left their residence, The Lodge, at Folkestone, for Liverpool, and were to return to-day (Friday) to Folkestone, where they remain till the re-assembling of Parliament.

The Crown Prince of Denmark, who matriculated at Christ Church, and is an honorary D.C.L. of Oxford, has contributed a donation of £15 to the fund that is being raised for the renovation of the premises of the Oxford Union Society.

The preparations for the exhibition of English silk in the great ball-room of the residence of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, in St. James's-square, are progressing rapidly. The exhibits, which will include an old English home and a weaver from Spitalfields, will remain open for a week.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck, accompanied by her daughter the Princess Victoria of Teck, opened the Industrial Exhibition of the Flora-gardens Board School, Hammersmith, on Tuesday, having previously inspected the various classes of exhibits.

The Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction will meet on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when business of an important nature will be brought before the lodge. Brethren are therefore particularly invited to attend on this occasion.

In recognition of his services for many years past as the Secretary of the London General Porters' Benevolent Institution, Bro. W. T. Rickwood, we learn, is to be presented by his friends with a testimonial. The presentation will probably be made at the forthcoming festival of the association at the Hôtel Métropole.

Lady Stanley of Preston, wife of Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of Canada, arrived at Liverpool on board the White Star liner Germania, on the 4th instant. Her ladyship was accompanied by the Hon. Isabel and the Hon. Arthur Stanley and suite, and at once proceeded to Ormskirk on a visit to her sister the Countess of Lathom.

The Prince of Wales unveiled the statue which has been placed in St. George's Memorial Chapel at Cannes in memory of the late Duke of Albany on Sunday, the chapel being crowded to the very doors. The statue represents the late Prince in a recumbent position, and wearing the Highland costume, and the artist has been very successful in his likeness.

The P.G.M. of Middlesex desires to say that he is extremely obliged for the many summonses and invitations from the lodges in the Province, but he hopes the W.M.'s and Secretaries of lodges will not accuse him of discourtesy in not replying to them all, as he has many engagements, and frequently not time to reply to them, and he has a great deal of writing to get through.

The visitors to the Crystal Palace on Good Friday numbered over 27,000, and greatly enjoyed the splendid musical programme which was provided for their delectation. The chief portion consisted of the concert of sacred music, under the direction of Herr Manns. First there was a series of recitals on the great organ, and following it a selection of Morceaux performed by the band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-of-Arms, visited St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Saturday last, for the purpose of placing the banner of Prince Henry of Prussia, the new Knight of the Garter, over his stall, which is on the Prince's side of the chapel, while his Imperial Highness's crested helmet, mantle, and sword were placed on the oaken canopy above. The banners of the lately deceased King of Portugal and Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria, who were also Knights of the Garter, were at the same time removed from their places.

Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.M., P.D.G. Chaplain N.Z., having been obliged to resign his Missionary post in British Columbia in consequence of the serious illness of his wife, is now engaged in giving a series of most interesting lectures on "The Queen's Highway," in which the marvellous development of the North West and British Columbia is shown in connection with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. These lectures are given under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the Missionary work carried on by that society in Canada is prominently brought forward in the lectures.

At the regular meeting of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, Bro. Canning, I.P.M., was presented with a handsomely framed and mounted emblazoned vellum, the inscription on which was a copy of a vote of thanks accorded him at the previous lodge meeting for valuable services rendered to the lodge in installing his successor. Bro. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec., made the presentation, and wished Bro. Canning many years of health and prosperity, so that he might attend the lodge and aid in its progress. Bro. Canning suitably returned thanks, and assured the brethren that he should prize their gift as one of the most precious things in his possession, and ever remember with pleasure the event of that evening.

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Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, O.C., M.P., has been spending his Easter holidays at Lawford House, Manningtree, his country seat in Essex.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, of 4, Queen Victoria-street, has taken into partnership Mr. W. G. Rice, who has been associated with him in the conduct of the business for more than 10 years.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran and Lady Esther Gore, and Bros. Lord H. Thynne and Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., were among the fashionable gathering at the Household Brigade Steeple Chases at Kempton Park on Tuesday.

Among the many receptions that are being organised to welcome Mr. Stanley on his return, one of the most influential and brilliant will be the special reception given by the Royal Geographical Society. The Albert Hall has been secured for the occasion, and on the evening of the 5th May Mr. Stanley will give an address to the society on the Geographical results of the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition.

Those of our readers who are interested in the reports of the consecration of the Lombardian and Easterford Lodges will have discovered an error caused by the introduction of seven lines belonging to the former into the latter report at the top of page 208. We shall probably reprint the erring pages for the benefit of those who bind their copies.

Bro. D. W. Pearse is a candidate for the office of Deputy Registrar of the Mayor's Court. As a solicitor in practice in the City of London for 30 years, he claims to have exceptional experience to fit him for the office, which is increased by the fact that for much of that time he has practised in the Mayor's Court, and has become perfectly familiar with the practice thereof.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Beard was on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, presented with a magnificent pair of silver dining-room lamps as a testimonial from the Local Government and Taxation Committee, of which he was last year Chairman. Mr. Deputy Hammack presided, and amongst the guests were Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Mr. Deputy Halse, Mr. B. W. Levy, and Mr. H. Clarke, C.C. The music was supplied by students of the Guildhall School.

The numerous friends of the late Bro. Delevante will be gratified to learn that the fund promoted for the benefit of the widow has resulted in the collection of a sum of £317 4s. 6d. Of this amount £162 1s. was subscribed by lodges and individuals, and £55 3s. 6d. represents the proceeds of a matinée. The fund originated, and was chiefly supported by the members of the Craft, of which Bro. Delevante was for many years a respected member, and must be very gratifying to his relations and friends.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction will have its annual supper on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at the Mona Hotel, Covent Garden. Bro. J. H. Price, W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge, will be President on the occasion, and Bro. Greenway, Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, will be Vice-President. A special programme of music will be provided, which will be conducted by Bro. T. Menton Clark, and Madame Clark will sing during the evening. Everything promises to be very enjoyable. The tickets are all taken up by the Committee of Management, who will be happy to see Masonic friends at the gathering.

A series of seven lectures on Beethoven's symphonies will be given by Herr Gustav Ernest in the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature, the first being arranged to be given on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., and remainder on the six consecutive Tuesdays following that day. The lecture will take place in No. 9 room, School of Art, and tickets may be had at the rate of 12s. for the whole course, and 2s. for a single lecture; and for students of the School of Art, or of an affiliated school, for the whole course 6s., for a single lecture 1s. 6d. Every lecture will be illustrated by the pianoforte, and will be specially played by the Crystal Palace Orchestra, in the Concert Room on the Wednesday or Friday following the day it is delivered.

The Greymouth correspondent of the *Canterbury Times*, N.Z., of Jan. 30th, 1890, says: "Some few months ago, after three attempts by design, or three accidental events, a curious coincidence, the hall belonging to this Society was burned. In its place has arisen a handsome structure, just out of the hands of architect and builders. This new Masonic Hall is 74 ft. by 28 ft., containing the hall or lodge room, 40 ft. by 28 ft.; two ante rooms, each 13 ft. by 10 ft.; cloak room, 13 ft. by 6 ft.; supper room, 28 ft. by 16 ft.; and other offices. The building has a frontage of most imposing appearance, two Corinthian columns supporting the entablature in good imitation of freestone, giving the hall quite a classic appearance. The District Grand Lodge of Westland will hold their annual meeting in the hall on March 19th. It will then be dedicated, and an unusually large meeting of Masons will take part in the ceremony. A Masonic ball will take place the same evening."

The death of Bro. Sir John Ogilvy, Bart., of Inverquhar, uncle of the Earl of Carnarvon, took place on Saturday, the 29th ult., during a visit to Archinfield, Haddingtonshire, one of the mansions of his daughter-in-law, at the advanced age of 88. In his younger days Sir John was a most enthusiastic Mason. He became a member of the Operative Lodge, No. 47, Dundee, and in 1842 was elected R.W.M. of the lodge, occupying the chair for three years. He was re-instated in 1849, and was in office for two years, and for a third time in 1853 his brethren honoured him by placing him in the chair of the R.W.M. On the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Dundee Royal Infirmary by the Duke of Athole (perhaps the most imposing Masonic ceremony ever witnessed in Dundee) Sir John marched with the brethren and took part in the proceedings. On 24th September, 1886, the brethren of his mother lodge presented Sir John with a portrait of himself in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Craft, and particularly to Lodge Operative. The portrait, which shows Sir John in full Masonic costume, adorns the walls of the Operative Lodge. Sir John identified himself with the Grand Lodge of Scotland during the Grand Mastership of Fox Maule, Earl of Dalhousie. Agreeing to become his lordship's substitute, he was thus Substitute Grand Master for three years. Sir John for seven years held the appointment of Depute Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire during the Earl of Dalhousie's reign as Grand Master of the Province.