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THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS OF THE R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE MALE FUND.

The annual elections of candidates on the two Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are appointed to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 16th May, when, considering the very large number of applicants, and the paucity of the vacancies to be filled, a more than usually keen contest may be anticipated, especially among the Widows, who are more formidable in point of numbers than the men, and have fewer vacancies to compete for. For the Male Fund the number of candidates was declared in February as 68, and the number of vacancies as 14, namely, 11 immediate and three deferred; but since then five deaths have been reported, and as the vacancies thus caused are certain to be filled up as well as any which may occur in the interval that remains, and as one if not two candidates have died since the list was made, the probabilities are in favour of the ratio of competitors to vacancies being as about three to one. Of the 68 candidates on the list, 21 hail from London, while there are six others in which London has an interest conjointly with one or more Provinces. The Provincial and District candidates are 41 in number. Of the 21 London candidates, No. 5 brings forward 93 votes as the result of four previous trials, while No. 7, whose name has been on the list for the same number of years, has 676 votes in hand. Nos. 16, 17, 19, 21, and 22 have been candidates at two previous elections, No. 16 having the goodly score of 1778 votes to his credit; No. 17, 1241 votes; No. 19, only 43 votes; No. 21, 108 votes; and No. 22, but 47 votes. No. 24, with 177 votes to his credit; No. 31, with 1745 votes; No. 32, with 630 votes; No. 34, with 239 votes; and No. 38, with 765 votes to the good, were candidates for the first time in May, 1889; and Nos. 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 62, 64, and 67 are new applicants, whose petitions have been accepted since the last election. The half-dozen cases in which London has only a part interest are No. 13, who belonged to lodges situated in London, Surrey, and Warwickshire, and brings forward 1361 votes from two previous attempts; No. 30 (London and Hampshire and Isle of Wight), with 1717 votes to the good from last election; and No. 36 (London and Kent), with 736 votes; and No. 44 (London and Durham), No. 45 (Lincolnshire, London, and Middlesex), and No. 57 (Kent, London, and Surrey), all of whom are new cases.

Of the 41 Provincial candidates, there are as many as seven from Devonshire, namely, No. 4, who has stood five elections already, and has only 117 votes in hand; No. 14, who brings forward seven votes from his two previous attempts; No. 18, who has 86 votes to his credit, as the result of the same number of trials; No. 26, who has five votes in hand; No. 37, who has none at all from the election in May, 1889; and Nos. 42 and 43, who are both on the point of making their first attempt. North and East Yorkshire and West Yorkshire are both of them responsible for five candidates, those from the former Province being No. 2 with 60 votes, resulting from seven previous trials; No. 6, with 35 votes, from four; No. 9, with 17 votes, from three; No. 11, with 47 votes, from two; and No. 25, with none from last year. The West Yorkshire five are Nos. 27, 28, 29 (with 1808 votes in hand), who were candidates last year, and Nos. 40 and 56, who are fresh cases. There are half-a-dozen Provinces which send up each two applicants, namely: Hants and I. of W., which is responsible for No. 1, whose name has been on the list since some time previous to the 1881 election, and who brings forward 646 votes, and No. 8, who started as a candidate in 1887, and has 884 votes to his credit. Northumberland sends up No. 3, who has 226 votes in hand from six previous elections, and No. 59, a new applicant; Berks and Bucks, No. 10, who has 38 from three, and No. 15, who has 557 votes from two previous elections; East Lancashire, No. 12, with three votes brought forward from 1888 and 1889, and No. 68; Kent, No. 20, who was a candidate for the first time in 1888, and has 43 votes,

and No. 66, a new case; and West Lancashire, from which we have Nos. 58 and 63, both of whom will try their fortune for the first time on this occasion. The remaining candidates under this head are from Essex (No. 23, with 411 votes from last year), Lincolnshire (No. 33, with 6 votes in hand), and Bengal (No. 39), Shropshire (No. 41), Durham (No. 46), Cheshire (No. 52), Oxfordshire (No. 60), together with the following, which have claims on more than one Province, that is to say, No. 35 on Cheshire and East Lancashire; No. 50 on Gloucestershire and Berks and Bucks; No. 53 on Cambridgeshire and Northants and Hunts; No. 56 on West Yorkshire and East Lancashire; and No. 61 from Guernsey and Devonshire.

The above is a brief sketch of the manner in which the 68 cases on the list are distributed, and, as we have said, there is every chance of close on one-third of them being among the successful, the number of appointments, including the three deferred, being already 19. Here, of course, there are no last cases, as at the School elections, but we trust those Governors and Subscribers who have not yet promised their votes will do something to clear the list of those approved candidates who have already been upwards of four years before the public, and who, to judge from the votes which most of them have succeeded in obtaining, appear to have but little prospect of securing any of the prizes.

THE WIDOWS' FUND.

The widow candidates have almost invariably mustered in greater force than the men, but this year they are more numerous than—if our memory serves us rightly—they ever were before. The list contains 84 names, but we believe one has died, so that there will actually be 83 widows competing for the 10 vacancies—seven immediate and three deferred—which were declared in February, and which, as no deaths have occurred in the interim, remain unaltered. Thus the proportion of candidates to vacancies will be between $8\frac{1}{2}$ and $8\frac{1}{4}$ to one, or considerably worse than the proportion of last year, when the candidates were 81, and the number elected 13.

As to the distribution of the candidates, London furnishes 31, and has an interest in five other cases, while the Provinces make up a total of 48. Taking the London candidates, we find that Nos. 2 and 3 have been trying to obtain admission, one since 1881, and the other since 1883, and that the former has 94 votes to her credit, and the latter 972 votes. No. 11, who will make her sixth attempt in May next, brings forward 992 votes, while No. 12, after a similar experience, has only 376 on account. No. 16, who made her *début* in 1887, brings forward 206 votes; while No. 19, who has been a competitor at three previous elections, starts with a substantial array of 2396 votes in her favour. Nos. 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, and 30 began their careers as candidates in 1888, No. 21 bringing forward 1960 votes; No. 23, 1263 votes; No. 25, no less than 2443 votes; No. 26, 975 votes; No. 28, 1090 votes; and No. 30, only 97 votes. The following were candidates in May, 1889, namely: No. 35, No. 36 (with 241 votes in hand), No. 37 (with 76 votes), No. 40 (with 215 votes), No. 41 (with 520 votes), No. 43 (with 272 votes), No. 44 (with 1305 votes), No. 47 (with 1070 votes), No. 48 and No. 52 (with 523 votes); and Nos. 65, 66, 67, 70, 71, 74, 75, 79, and 83 are new candidates, whose claims to the benefits of the Institution were recognised some time during the past year. Of the five part London and part Provincial applicants, No. 46, hailing from Cheshire and London, starts with 543 votes in hand; No. 54, from London and West Lancashire, has 116 votes to the good; No. 56, from London and Essex, has 231 votes; while No. 64, from Wiltshire, Berks and Bucks, London, &c., &c., and No. 76, from London and North and East Yorkshire, are new candidates.

Turning to the Provincial candidates, we find Kent responsible for nine, namely: No. 5, who has 83 votes from six previous elections; No. 9, who has 2100 votes, and No. 10, 575

votes from five previous applications; No. 27, with 31 votes in hand, who is now about making a third attempt; No. 45, with 147 votes from last year; Nos. 49, 50, and 53, with lesser credits brought forward; and No. 73, a new candidate. Devonshire sends up eight candidates, No. 13, with 121 votes; No. 15, with 170 votes; No. 18, with 29 votes; No. 33, with 59 votes; Nos. 34 and 59; No. 61, with 1132 votes; and No. 80, a new case. Essex and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight each send up three candidates, the former being responsible for No. 20, who has 978 votes brought forward from the 1888 and 1889 elections; No. 57, with 182 votes from last year; and No. 81, a new candidate; while the latter sends up No. 4, with 325 votes, who has made seven previous attempts; No. 8, with 1198 votes from five elections; and No. 31, who has 73 votes brought forward from 1888 and 1889. Two candidates hail from Lincolnshire, East Lancashire, Cornwall, West Yorkshire, and from Durham and Northumberland, No. 1, with 455 votes from nine previous elections, and No. 55, being from Lincolnshire; No. 7, with 125 votes, and No. 68 from East Lancashire; Nos. 17 and 63, from Cornwall; Nos. 42 and 60, from West Yorkshire; and Nos. 14 and 72, with claims upon Durham and Northumberland. As regards the remaining cases they come from Cumberland and Westmorland (No. 6), Bristol (No. 22), West Lancashire and Kent (No. 24, with 2347 votes in hand), Durham (No. 29), Warwickshire (No. 32), Dorsetshire and North and East Yorkshire (No. 38), Staffordshire (No. 39), South Wales, West Division (No. 51), Suffolk (No. 58), Turkey (No. 62), Dorsetshire (No. 69), Norfolk (No. 77), Oxfordshire (No. 78), Gloucestershire (No. 82), and Wiltshire (No. 84).

Here then we have 83 candidates for 10 vacancies, and, as in the case of the Male Fund, we trust that efforts will be made to secure the success of some of the widows who have been waiting and hoping for success for four years and upwards.

MASONIC ORATIONS.*

Bro. Chapman has just rendered an important service to Masonry, having collected and published, in an interesting and very useful work, the Masonic Orations delivered by Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D., on various occasions, such as the consecration of a lodge, installation of officers, Jubilee celebration, &c.

This work, beautifully bound, and unique of its kind, is well worthy of attention, the first edition being already almost exhausted.

In his preface, the editor states that the idea suggested itself to him to publish these Orations, not only because they would be appreciated by the brethren who may have had the pleasure of hearing the distinguished orator, but that they would also form a valuable addition to Masonic literature, becoming an important finger-post to the brethren to guide them safely in the ancient landmarks of the Order, and so help to unfold the spirit of true Freemasonry.

The editor considers these Orations indicate how much the orator loved the Fraternity, for, whilst he gave a judicious counsel, he pointed out the dangers and difficulties that accompany those un-Masonic elements that sometimes intrude themselves into our Institution. He also mentions the vicissitudes through which the Order has passed, and especially urges upon the rulers of the Craft the desirability of preventing the admission of candidates who are unworthy of the Masonic Temple.

The introduction has been written by the gifted Masonic Historian, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, &c., and, in addition to the biography of Dr. Metham, it contains a clear and succinct history of Freemasonry in the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall. Until now it has never been possible to obtain a condensed history of these provinces, and therefore this contribution considerably increases the value of this work.

On reading the Orations, the first thing we notice is the clearness and beauty of the eloquent expressions, and also the sublime thoughts which have animated the orator.

The first oration shows us the just and upright Mason, led by prudence, chastened by temperance, aided by fortitude, and guided by justice, exercising Charity—the greatest of all virtues—not merely the Charity of Relief, but Charity which comforts and supports those afflicted or distressed whether in mind, body, or estate.

In other orations Dr. Metham shows the objects of Masonry and its fundamental principles. He says that every good Mason ought to be diligent, cultivating and studying the talents with which he has been endowed by the Great Architect of the Universe. He likewise suggests that Freemasonry desires the emancipation of mankind from ignorance and error, and that Masonry has resolved to make of humanity one sole family, and so form a universal brotherhood. Such is the work to which

every Mason is obliged to add a stone to make that perfect temple.

Finally, we do not hesitate a moment in stating that the circulation of this work of Bro. Chapman's will have very beneficial effects upon the Craft, and we therefore recommend it to all those brethren who appreciate and love our Order. We trust that its illustrious editor will meet with the greatest success in its sale, and we have the more pleasure in wishing this, when we see that Bro. Chapman, with laudable generosity, has promised to give the whole of the profits to the "Royal British Female Orphan Asylum," of which institution Bro. Metham has been honorary Secretary for more than 50 years.

(Bro. Eduardo Contreras, in "Cádiz Másónico"—*Translated*).

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

On Monday last this new lodge was consecrated at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. James Peters, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; Hy. Lynn, P.M.; Dr. F. Taylor Simpson, 2024; C. Reeves, 902; J. Balcombe, 975; E. J. Bell, 1319; Sexton, 1321; H. Wright, W.M. 1928; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314, P.P. G.D.C. Kent; F. Cozens, 907; Caink, P.M. 1056; R. C. Davies, S.W. 2266; L. King, 2190; R. La Feuillade, P.M. 1381, 2348; Kerry, P.M. 1963; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Webber, Sandgate Lodge; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; J. Lyell, J. Gilbert, A. Robertson, R. Steele, T. Morris, J. Andrews, Rev. Baker, J. W. Folkard, H. Mitchell, E. Daoust, C. Woods, J. Mitchell, C. J. F. Shannaw, A. Harvey, S. Rashleigh, C. H. Merrett, E. Beaven, J. Langdon, and G. Winny.

Bros. J. H. Matthews acted as S.W.; Col. Peters, as J.W.; Frank Richardson, as D.C.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, as Chap.; and J. L. Mather, as I.G.

After a lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in opening the proceedings, said the occasion on which they were met that day was one of those which were always interesting, and certainly always most important among the various Masonic proceedings in which they were from time to time engaged, viz., that of consecrating and constituting a new lodge under the Grand Lodge of England. There were now a very large number of lodges in London, and, therefore, it was no easy matter in the present day to give reasons good and sufficient to satisfy the M.W.G.M. for granting a warrant for a new lodge. In that case he was glad to say the founders had made out a sufficient case, and, therefore, his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to accede to the request of the brethren and to grant their request, and, as a result, the brethren were assembled that day to consecrate and constitute the new lodge at the Alexandra Hotel. It happened that 11 years ago there was a lodge held in that very house, but there were reasons which it was not now necessary to go into that led to the removal of the lodge, and it now met elsewhere in London. There were a large number of brethren living in the locality of Clapham who wished to get up a local lodge, and they found there was no local lodge in the district, and they presented a petition. They had found a very zealous Mason in the Craft to preside over them, and he was sure the lodge would be a success, as the whole of the founders were good working Masons. He would repeat what he had often said at consecrations, and what might appear stale, that the brethren would be careful whom they admitted, and that it was far more important that their members should be good men than that the number of members should be large. It was very easy to get a man into a lodge, but very difficult to get him out. If a member proved himself undesirable, the lodge might find itself in a dilemma. He, therefore, hoped that they would carefully inquire into the antecedents of candidates before submitting them to the ballot.

After this preliminary address, the opening portion of the ceremony of consecration and dedication were performed, and Col. SHADWELL CLERKE called upon the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., for the oration.

The various details of consecration were afterwards executed, the musical portion being rendered by Bros. E. J. Bell, W. Sexton, and Lovett King, under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens. Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 1056, and I.P.M. 3, was then installed W.M., and the following brethren were invested as his officers:—Bros. George Everett, as I.P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M. 186, and W.M. 1381, S.W.; J. W. Folkard, J.W. 1963; R. Steele, S.W. 172 Treasurer *pro tem.*; Charlie Woods, 1869, Secretary; J. Andrews, J.W. 1936, S.D.; A. Harvey, S.D. 1963, J.D.; E. Beaven, J.W. 1963, I.G.; J. Langdon, 1598, Stwd.; and G. Winny, Org. 1963, Organist.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE afterwards delivered the address, and subsequently all the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge. The names of four candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded, and a long list of candidates for joining was read by the Secretary, and the lodge was then closed, and adjourned till next Monday. One of the choicest of banquets followed, and the toasts customary at consecrations were proposed and honoured.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the health of Her Majesty was always drunk first whenever Freemasons met, and wherever Englishmen met. It was always honoured, and none the less by Freemasons than others of her Majesty's subjects. Long might the Queen live.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which was met with cheers, said the mention of H.R.H.'s name was quite enough for it to be met with a round of applause. His Royal Highness was a prince among Masons, and by his Grand Mastership he had elevated the Craft above any other institution in the world.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, in proposing the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he was deeply sensible of the honour, and he was very glad to avail himself of the privilege it afforded him, because the toast was a highly popular and a time-honoured one, and, in addition, it needed no recommendation at the hands of its proposer. It also brought with it a special fitness and significance that evening on account of the great and active part the Grand Officers had had to perform in the day's ceremony. With regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, he might say that those brethren who had had the opportunity of attending Grand Lodge were able to bear testimony to the fact that whenever anything of

* Geo. Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.; 5s. each, cloth.

more than usual importance was to be considered in Grand Lodge the Pro Grand Master was always at his post, and the applause with which he was invariably greeted was evidence of the esteem in which he was held. This remark equally applied to the Deputy Grand Master, who was looked up to with every possible respect by all the members of Grand Lodge. Regarding the Grand Officers who had honoured them with their presence that evening, as the mouthpiece of the members generally, he begged to sincerely thank them for their kindness in coming to assist at the birth of their new lodge. Especially he desired to thank Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, and at the same time to congratulate him on having so far recovered from his late indisposition as to be able to attend and perform the consecration ceremony. It would have been a sore disappointment to all the brethren if Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had been absent. Many of the brethren present had never before attended a consecration ceremony, and he felt sure that they had been more than delighted at the beautiful working of the ceremony by the Grand Secretary and his very able assistants. They owed a debt of gratitude to Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., for his impressive oration, and their best thanks were due to Bros. Matthews, Col. Peters, Frank Richardson, and J. L. Mather for the assistance they had rendered the Grand Secretary. They were also proud to see among them such eminent brethren as Bros. Cama and Eve, P.G. Treasurers; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Pendlebury, Asst. G. Secretary; and Sadler, Grand Tyler. That lodge ought to feel very proud at its start to have so many distinguished brethren among them. Brethren who sought information at Grand Secretary's office were always treated most courteously, and they found Bro. Pendlebury most obliging. It was rather *apropos* of that Duke of Fife Lodge that it should be consecrated at the Alexandra Hotel, and he thought the brethren would agree that they had made a very good start. He hoped that start augured well for the success of the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., who was called upon to respond, said that for himself and the other Grand Officers he had to thank the brethren for the compliments paid them, for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained, and for their election as honorary members of the lodge, which he trusted would be among the distinguished lodges of the Craft. He had already taxed their kindness and patience in giving the oration, which, however, had lasted only seven and a half minutes, according to the Grand Secretary. Had the Grand Secretary been in at all an obstinate humour, which he very seldom was, he (Bro. Simpson) would have been inclined to inflict 15 minutes, but as it was he was only too happy to give a short space. There had been one compliment paid him which he must not pass over, though at the risk of being egotistical. The printer of the programme was good enough to credit him with being able to add to the Sacred Volume, and had put down the 62nd Psalm as containing 16 verses instead of 12. Well, he could not originate four more verses, and he hoped that hiatus in the ceremony would not be put down to his (Bro. Simpson's) account. In conclusion he again thanked the brethren most heartily for the reception they had given to the Grand Officers, who wished with all their hearts that the Duke of Fife Lodge might have a long and prosperous career.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving "The Health of the Consecrating Master, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke," said the brethren all knew the trouble and the pain caused to the very worshipful brother to come to Clapham for some hours and consecrate that lodge. He was very glad he came, for the other night he received a note from Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in which he stated he was not sure he would be able to be present. The downcast looks and almost tears in the eyes of some of the brethren told the sorrow with which they received the news. One brother said the consecrating ceremony would be like playing "Hamlet" with the Prince of Denmark absent. However, he was pleased to say Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was sufficiently recovered now to be present, and the brethren hoped he would be spared many years to rule the affairs of the Craft in the excellent way that he had done in the years that had passed. It was useless for him (the W.M.) to stand talking to the brethren of the merits of the Grand Secretary; the character he had was not a character of to-day or to-morrow; it was a character of many years, and the longer the brethren knew him the more they looked with respect and gratitude to him.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., in reply, said he was very grateful indeed to the W.M. for the far too kind and flattering way in which he had introduced that toast. It had been a great pleasure to him to find that he was sufficiently recovered from a recent attack of illness he unfortunately had had to be able to be now with the brethren. Three days ago he felt a little doubt on the subject, but he determined that if he possibly could he would do the ceremony. Although he was not quite up to running a race at Epsom, he hoped he was sufficiently well to get through the ceremony satisfactorily to the brethren. It had been a great pleasure to him to come to the lodge, and especially as he had been so well supported by the Grand Officers who had been referred to by Bro. Everett, because with their very excellent aid and assistance his small efforts had been successful, and between them they had been able to start the lodge on a career which he hoped would be one of Masonic influence and usefulness in the future. He thanked the brethren again for the kind way in which he had been received. He would now propose "The Health of the W.M." The position was one of great honour and certainly of very great difficulty, because in the hands of a Master for the first year of a new lodge lay really the fact whether a lodge should be a success or otherwise. It was for the first Master to mould the new vessel into shape, to build up all the officers in the way they should go, and to direct the whole position and affairs of the lodge, and he was to all intents and purposes its father. The excellent brother whom the brethren had selected unanimously to fill the position was one who was capable of carrying out the onerous position in which he had been placed. There was luck it was said in odd numbers. This was the third chair Bro. Cochrane had filled in the Craft. He had just come from the chair of No. 3, and he was also Master of 1056 many years ago. He was therefore well skilled in all the mysteries, usages, and customs of the Craft, and in his capable and able hands the lodge would be brought on in an excellent manner, and at the end of his year of office he would hand it over to his successor ready equipped for the great Masonic struggle. They were starting under good auspices; they had succeeded in obtaining an honourable and illustrious name, one connected with the Throne, one associated with Scottish Freemasonry, and he was sure the brethren would make the lodge worthy of it. The Duke of Fife would have been present that night if his engagements would allow him, but no doubt he would hear of the consecration, and he would take an interest in the lodge which was associated with his name. He asked the brethren to drink "The Health of the W.M.," and to wish him all health and prosperity.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in responding to the toast, said he was only a youngster among the brethren of that lodge and he presided over them for the first time. He would, therefore, rather ask them to wait till the end of his year of office before they flattered him. Suppose that it was found at the end of his year of office that he had failed, what then? He did not anticipate it. He was sure the ritual portion would be done, as far as the W.M. and his officers were concerned, with very good effect. He had three Preceptors among the officers, and there was not one that night appointed who could not do the three Degrees intelligently and in first class way. Consequently the working of the Duke of Fife Lodge would not be slipshod, because the lodge had been formed out of a lodge of instruction, and those brethren would not disgrace the lodge. He desired to thank the brethren, but he would not ask their opinion of him till the end of his year of office.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Visitors," and remarked that one of the great charms of Freemasonry was that it made brethren who were totally unknown to each other perfectly at home with each other. They might go

into a lodge at home or abroad, and they were not there two minutes before they were as familiar with the brethren as if they had known them 20 years. As an instance of the fact, he would mention that he was told by Bro. Westley when they wanted a lodge to recommend the petition for the Duke of Fife Lodge that if he went to a brother in Chancery-lane he would get the recommendation of the Gallery Lodge. Well, he went to that brother, a brother whom he had never seen before, and found he was at the Law Courts. He went to the Law Courts, and introduced himself to that brother, and asked him if he could arrange with the W.M. and officers of the Gallery Lodge to recommend the petition. The brother said he should be delighted to do so, and he was sure the brethren of the Gallery Lodge would be most happy to recommend it. After that he thought there was something to be proud of in being a Freemason, and when he came out of the Law Courts he thought what a fine thing it was to be received in such a manner, and he was glad he was a Freemason, and that while that sort of feeling existed among Freemasons so would it exist till the end of time, while they stuck together and determined to assist each other. Two soldiers, it was related—a Scotchman and an Irishman—in the Peninsular War agreed to stick by each other. The poor Scotchman got his leg shot off and fell, and the Irishman lifted him, threw him across his shoulders, and ran off with him towards the hospital. On his way a cannon ball shot off the Scotchman's head. An officer asked him where he was going, and when he told him, the officer said "Why his head is shot off," when the Irishman said "Upon my conscience, your honour, he told me it was his leg." As those two poor soldiers stuck together, so let brethren stick together, when in lodge or out of lodge, at banquet or away from banquet, and in ordinary life. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Wyer, a Past Grand Officer of Kent, and Bro. La Feuillade, of the Lombardian Lodge, at the consecration of which he (the W.M.) was a visitor, and where he was treated most hospitably.

Bro. WYER, replying, said it had been quite a treat to see the consecration so beautifully performed. Started in such a way and with such a Master at the head, and with such officers, the lodge ought to be a great success. He thanked Bro. Shannaw for proposing him, and he would be most willing and happy to assist the brethren, among whom he hoped to spend many happy evenings. The lodge was started in a neighbourhood in which it was sure to be successful, and he hoped it would be one of the most successful lodges in South London.

Bro. LA FEUILLADE said the W.M. had been pleased to mention the entertainment he received at a consecration in which he was very much interested a short time ago. He could only say that at that lodge they only did what the brethren of the Duke of Fife Lodge had done—they did their best to entertain their visitors; and although in point of numbers they exceeded the Duke of Fife, the entertainment did not. He felt perfectly convinced, knowing many of the founders of the lodge, that it would be one of the best working lodges in London. It was officered by some of the most efficient workers in the South of London. He sincerely trusted he should have the pleasure of visiting the lodge again, and he was sure after the reception that had been accorded to the visitors they would all be only too delighted, if circumstances permitted, to avail themselves of every opportunity of doing so.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Officers," and said there was not one amongst them but could work the Three Degrees excellently. That was not only true of the officers but of the founders and the joining members. That arose from the lodge of instruction at the Gauden Hotel, of which Bro. Westley was the honoured Preceptor, a man who had done so much for Freemasonry as well in the north, east, and west of London. He (the W.M.) was also assisted by the J.W., Bro. Folkard, not so old a Mason as the S.W., but he could do the ceremonies splendidly. Then there was Bro. Andrews, S.D., the Preceptor of the Domestic Lodge; so he thought they would not go short of ritual.

Bro. WESTLEY said the most difficult part of the ritual of Freemasonry was making a speech, he never could do it, and he never should, and he gave it up as a bad job. But whatever work the W.M. called upon the officers to do they would try to do it to the utmost of their ability. They would leave it to the end of the year for the W.M. to say how the work was done. The W.M. had been kind enough to say that the lodge sprang from a lodge of instruction. The founders were all good workmen. From what he knew of them he could say that if they did not do their best they would try to do their best.

Bro. FOLKARD was sure from the very successful start the lodge had made that the work would be carried out well throughout this year and in future years. Although the present moment was a proud moment for him, he looked forward to a prouder moment. He hoped at the end of the year the W.M. would be able to congratulate the brethren on the manner in which they had worked.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he had one other toast which was not on the programme—that of "The Worthy Secretary"—and with that he should couple the name of another brother who had lent a hand and done his level best for them—Bro. G. Everett. He did not know whether those brethren took it all the worse or all the better that the toast was not in the list. Some brethren had said do not put the Secretary down; he has done nothing, and so they thought they would not put it down in the programme; but he would propose it, because in the formation of the lodge the great bulk of the work had been done by Bro. Charlie Wood. That brother had borne the brunt uncomplainingly, and had been quite willing to do his own part, and what he had done he had done well. He (the W.M.) and other brethren thanked him for what he had done. He had worked day and night sending out notices, so that they could be received the first thing the following morning. Bro. George Everett had also worked hard, and had gone frequently to Grand Lodge, and he also had done his level best. Those brethren deserved the heartiest thanks of the lodge, and the heartiest good wishes. For himself he thanked them very heartily.

Bro. C. WOOD hoped he would have escaped. He thought he had done his share of talking in the past, perhaps too much, and so he thought he might be let off. Very often he had been on his legs in past times, when it would have been better if the W.M. had made him sit down. But that was all over. It was true that he had worked a little, but he felt quite satisfied with the position the W.M. gave him. There was no position he felt more pleased to hold. He liked writing letters and running about; he did not want peace. He hoped the W.M. would find any amount of work for him, find fault with him, and give him plenty of jacketings, and after that to say he was a good fellow. At the same time he thanked the W.M. very much for proposing that toast.

Bro. G. EVERETT also replied, and made some amusing remarks on the energy and activity of the Secretary, and his study of the Book of Constitutions.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated, after cordially thanking Bro. Shannaw, the proprietor of the hotel, for his successful efforts to make the brethren happy and comfortable.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

L. A. MURATORI.—Born in 1672, he died in 1750. A learned Italian professor—or, as the French say, a "savant"—well known by several important archaeological and historical works, e.g., "Rerum Italicarum Scriptores," 1725; "Antiquitates Italicae medii ævi" 1738; "Novus Thesaurus Veterum Inscriptionum," 1739; "Annali d'Italia," 1744. In 1740, for some reason, the Roman Catholic authorities and the Jesuits commenced a violent attack on Muratori by preaching and otherwise, though why we know not, and they even said, in their extreme folly, that from his name the "Liberi Muratori," or travelling Muratori, were derived. The swallow of the Ultramontanes is often very large. Muratori, however, found a friend and protector in Pope Benedict XIV.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

HOW AND WHEN I BECAME A MASON.

It was my fortune to be appointed to a regiment which had, for a great many years, a Freemasons' lodge warrant, bearing date 1756, and during my early years of a subaltern's service, it was always a mystery to see certain brother officers wending their ways towards a building which stood at the back of my garden. (The regiment was in India, and the majority of the officers were house-proprietors; my house and garden was my own.) The building in question was "The Serjeants' Mess House," and under its roof "the lodge" was held periodically.

I had a great wish to become a Freemason, but the idea would constantly take possession of me to wait until I got back to England, and then probably obtain the privilege of membership in a more genuine way than by becoming a Mason in India—so far away from "home."

Much sooner than I could then have looked forward to, my return to England came about. I need not here enter into all the details of that return further than to say I had been transferred to another regiment, before joining which I had the honour of being returned in dispatches as having been "very severely wounded," this latter being mainly the cause of my returning to England.

After some little period of idleness I received an appointment which necessitated my moving to the good old town of Leicester, where I soon made the acquaintance of some members of a Freemasons' lodge, then not long constituted, and I had then the long hoped for opportunity of becoming a member of the Craft under the best auspices.

I gladly embraced this, and in the month of July, 1847, I first "saw the light." The W.M. at whose hands I received this privilege is still living, and is beloved and respected, not only in his own town and province, over which he eventually ruled as Provincial Grand Master, but universally hailed as a father in Masonry in all parts of the Masonic world.

On returning to India in the year 1849, I eventually arrived at the same station in the upper provinces where I had left my regiment nearly four years before, and, shortly after re-joining, the local Freemasons gave a ball, to which I had an invitation. I put on my apron with much pride to show I was one of the brotherhood, and this led to my being asked to join a lodge in that station. This I was very glad to do, and became in time its J.W. The Freemasons' lodge in India is called by the natives Tadu Ghur (magician's house).

The time, however, came round when my regiment was ordered to another station, where was a Freemasons' lodge in great want of a W.M. Having served my time as a J.W. I was considered eligible, and a deputation having made the proposal, I accepted the responsible post thus so opportunely vacant. I could not, however, be installed, owing to the want of seniors to form "a Board."

I therefore "ruled" during the stay of the regiment at that station without being a regularly installed W.M.; such cases are not uncommon in these far away possessions of ours. And what would be considered quite irregular in a home lodge is a necessity away from home.

One of my successors in that station lodge was murdered by his own men during the Sepoy Mutiny, leaving another gap in the continuity of the chair until some months afterwards.

On being ordered away from this station with a wing of my regiment to Fort William, en route to Burmah, as at first supposed, during the 1852 war in that country, but eventually to Maulmain in the Tenasserin Provinces, we were for a time detained in Fort William. This gave me the opportunity of being installed, although I had left the station and lodge a W.M., and with the installation I was presented with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel by request of the lodge I had ruled.

On arrival subsequently at Maulmain, no sooner had the steamer come to anchor than a letter was received from the local lodge, "Philanthropy," requesting the Freemasons of the regiment to attend a lodge at the Masonic Hall (our good report as a regiment of many Masons having gone before us). A very small party accepted the invitation, and a most hospitable greeting awaited us. Flambeaux being at the lodge entrance and of course a banquet afterwards. Here another surprise awaited me. I was duly elected to the vacant chair of this lodge, and during the stay of the regiment I was the installed W.M. of that lodge, and, after having received the gratifying announcement of being unanimously appointed "P.M. for life" of that lodge, with a very handsome silver service, voted for what the brethren were pleased to consider my useful services, I was, in addition, appointed P.D.G. Deacon of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal.

My love for the Craft and its grand and ruling principles thus being fostered and encouraged, not only by the fraternal kindness of the many Masons met with, but as regards a military Mason, more especially was Masonic zeal stored up. My commanding officer, himself a Mason, had approved of the revival of a lodge long dormant which was attached to the regiment, and allowed his name to appear as the first W.M. of the revived lodge, my name as S.W., and another as J.W. The new warrant was in time received, and, as the original warrant had never been surrendered, it was so frail and dilapidated, that a new one was necessary, but the old number was retained. The lodge dated 1759.

In consequence of the commanding officer's absence, he requested me to be the W.M. in his room, and made over to me the lodge chest, "firing glasses," and old aprons, &c., which on seeing the light of day after years of seclusion were—together with the Volume of Sacred Law—found to be eaten with insects, white ants, and others. The cover of the Sacred Law alone remained. This was carefully kept by me for years. All the other remnants were made up into a parcel, and respectfully buried in the river Ganges, whose sacred waters closed over the same in presence of three Master Masons, of whom I alone survive to tell the tale.

Not much opportunity was given for the meeting of the regimental lodge, and as the Constitutions of Masonry are very strict in forbidding the initiation of civilians when a civil lodge already exists by the members of a military lodge, it was not until some time after the regiment arrived in British Burmah that our regimental lodge really became "alive."

The whole regiment having been united, the Maulmain wing re-joining headquarters at a frontier station, the business of opening our own lodge was undertaken by me and other equally zealous Craftsmen. Everything had to be made, even to pedestals, carpets, V.S.L. purchased, &c., and to be so constituted as to be easily packed up for marching times. This necessitated the pedestals being made telescopic, i.e., J.W.'s pedestal fitted into that of S.W., and the two Wardens' pedestals then put into the W.M.'s pedestal. Cloth covers, with emblems, covered these pedestals. The carpet, with blue and white squares, was made by the women of the regiment, and when all was laid out a very imposing lodge room was the result.

There being no civil lodge at our station we worked well and independently, but under the full sanction and approbation of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, then having Masonic sway in British Burmah.

We soon had many members, not only of our own regiment, but from the

other regiments (native and European) of the station. We also had visitors from the Naval Brigade, then in the Irrawaddi River. So much had we to do that the District Grand Lodge advanced my honorary rank from P.D.G. Deacon to P.D. J.G.W., and a very voluminous correspondence was carried on with the indefatigable Bro. Hoff, then the ruling genius of the District Grand Lodge, first as District Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master N.W. Provinces, a man dearly beloved as a Mason in Bengal, but long since gone to the Grand Lodge above. His correspondence, however, is still with me, to be read again, perhaps, by younger eyes hereafter.

So successful were we in our working at this frontier station that it was proposed to found a civil lodge at the station, so that on the departure of the regiment the good work should not disappear. This met the hearty approval of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, and before the regiment left we had the great satisfaction and fraternal pride of planting an *English* lodge—"Astræa"—out of our regimental lodge (one under the Irish Constitution).

Lodge Astræa, I imagine, became afterwards dormant, and again revived, as it is still on the List of Lodges, but of a much later date than when first planted by us.

Of course our position as a lodge on the establishment of Lodge Astræa became once again purely military, and for our own people only. Most beneficial to a regiment is a Masonic lodge. The good tone such a teaching inculcates is very marked, and the good feeling which Masonry instills never dwindles down to familiarity, which would breed contempt; but, on the contrary, inspires even greater respect from the lower ranks, if "degree of respect" can be considered as a possibility.

The old regimental lodge, during its 100 years of existence, held its meetings in all parts of the world, and had many eminent Masons within its walls, either as members or visiting brethren. I had the pleasure of giving extracts from its records, published in the *first series* of a Masonic magazine called "The Indian Freemasons' Friend," but with the exception of a copy of that magazine left by me in the lodge chest when last it passed out of my hands, I have never seen a copy since.

On the regiment leaving India, the lodge of necessity became again dormant for some time, but eventually revived again and again, and I trust is still carrying on its good work where its destiny now finds it.

Since my retirement as a military Mason, my civil connection with the Craft has only revived with increased heat.

I became W.M. in the town in the West of England which was my place of residence for many years. A second time I was elected, and through the hearty co-operation of my brethren I obtained provincial rank. Was first Z. of a chapter created, and eventually a member of the provincial chapter. An honorary member of a London lodge through my Indian connection, and although getting well up in years still rejoice most sincerely in my long and happy life as a

MASON.

SOCIAL PLEASURES OF FREEMASONRY.

Among the manifold enjoyments which are incident to a connection with the Masonic Fraternity, there is none which is more apparent, or pleasurable, than that which flows out of the fraternal intercourse of Craftsmen, both in and out of the lodge. When we meet a Freemason we meet a brother, in all that the name implies. In him we may repose confidence, with him we may journey safely, from him we may expect sympathy in our grief, congratulation in our joy, and aid in our distress. He is our other self. Wherever we may be, in the lodge or in the world, we find in him a friend that sticketh as close as a brother in blood. This principle of kinship constitutes the strength of the mystic tie which binds members of the Craft together into one family. There is no other family in the world, social or religious, which is so wide-spread, or so closely knit together, as the Masonic family, and hence the peculiarity of the social tie which unites its members.

Every time a brother enters his own lodge, he realises the pleasure of socially meeting his fellow-members "on the level." There is a heartiness, a sincerity in Masonic greetings which is rarely matched elsewhere. The place contributes to this. We are within the tyled lodge. We are for the time being separated from the world, and from all anxiety concerning its strifes and disappointments. We are under two eyes which watch over our welfare, the All-seeing Eye of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and the eye of the Master of the lodge. We are in the house of our friends. There is nothing to make us afraid, and everything to assure us. No hand is withheld from us, no eye is averted, and no heart refuses us a welcome. Where else can you find such perfect sympathy, or minds and hearts more perfectly attuned to your own? There is genuineness in every word spoken. We are glad to meet and be met by every brother. Always we are "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again." We appreciate mutually witnessing or sharing in the performance of Masonic work. We enjoy the sociability which precedes and follows the labours of the evening. And then when the lodge is closed, and actual refreshment follows labour, who can measure the enjoyment which is connected with the fraternal board?—*Keystone*.

PLANTING THE SPRIG OF ACACIA.

The lesson taught in the planting of the sprig of acacia lasts with the life of a thoughtful Craftsman, and its moral imprint is associated with every act of his eventful life. The revelations and the beauties of Freemasonry are gifts to man from his Creator, and the green sprig typifies the existence of an immortal soul. In this view, Free and Accepted Masons greet the sprig as a constant reminder, so to speak, of man's grave responsibilities to the Author of his being, whose watchful, All-seeing Eye is never closed. To follow this line of thought is but to be led by the hand of divine mercy toward the treasures that are to be found in the little symbol we are wont to call a green sprig. To the human eye it is bright in colour, and of trifling value, save to answer the purposes of sorrow—then its plaintive story is told in a melody that inclines our hearts to the great unknown hereafter. From time immemorial this sprig has associated with the labours of Masons, and, when following the remains of a departed brother to the silent grave, we display it on our bodies, and to the dust we consign it with an exclamation of sorrow. The profane world can, if so inclined, witness the performance of this sad duty, but of the hallowed associations clinging to that ceremony they are ignorant; and so, too, are other men ignorant who have learned of the lesson taught by the little green sprig, but refuse to make a timely application of its teachings to their perverse hearts. By the act of depositing the sprig in the grave of a deceased brother, the living Mason bears witness to his faith in the immortality of the human soul, the power of the Creator, and man's dependency upon His divine will. So, too, does this little green sprig guide the Mason into a re-birth. It takes him from the darkness of ignorance into the light of a pure life, and when mortal cares beset our path it whispers sweet consolation to us, and tells us of the glories of another world. Yes, the green sprig from a Masonic standpoint is very precious. It never leaves us. In joy or sorrow, it is at our side and in our hearts. It sings songs of pleasure in the haunts of grief, and when man has served his stewardship on earth, it returns with him to the dust, to share in the joys that are only found at the home of our Creator.—*Liberal Freemason*.

DUBLIN MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

The Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School of Ireland feel that in issuing their report for the year 1889 they have to record their deep sense of the progress which has in various ways been vouchsafed to the Institution during the year.

In the matter of education the results attained, not merely at the annual School examination, but at the examinations conducted by the Board of Intermediate Education, show how sound has been the instruction imparted to our pupils, and how zealously and well the instructors of the boys have discharged their important duties.

The number of the pupils at present make a total of 60, the full capacity of the new School premises, which have been found most suitable, but they are still burdened with a building debt of about £500. The Honorary Secretaries of both Schools have made a joint appeal to the Freemasons of the Irish Constitution to clear off this small capital liability before the end of the current year, which will certainly be responded to as Irish Masons respond to all such calls.

The health, too, of the pupils has been excellent, and it has been a matter of great thankfulness that there has not been amongst the large number of inmates in the School any serious illness whatever, so much so that it was not found necessary upon any occasion during the year to make use of the Infirmary attached to the Institution.

The account of receipts and expenditure of the trustees for 1889 shows the income £2105 os. 4d., and an expenditure of £2069 3s. 1d., carrying a balance of £35 17s. 3d. to next account. All Governors, whether Life or Annual, are entitled to attend the monthly meetings of the Board at Richview, and are invited to do so.

Officers of the Institution—President, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M.; Senior Vice-Patron, R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M.; and Hon. Secretary, Oliver Fry.

Officers of the Institution—President, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M.; Senior Vice-Patron, Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M.; and Hon. Sec., Graves S. Eves. The Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School of Ireland have thankfully to report that the Institution has been successfully maintained, and its usefulness has been further extended during the year 1889. The number of pupils on the roll at the beginning of the year was 72; 10 vacancies occurred, and 14 candidates were admitted during the year, and on December 31st, 1889, the number of resident pupils was 76. Sixteen outgoing or former pupils received outfits, fees, or other assistance, and thus 92 orphans were benefited during 1889.

The amount of the subscriptions and donations for 1889 was £1964 6s. 9d., being the largest since 1876, and that economy has continued to characterise the management of the Institution will be shown when we compare the total expenditure of 1889—£2462 13s. 1d. for keeping 74 girls—with that of any of the preceding 10 years.

The annual income for the year, exclusive of the purchase-money of the Burlington-road property and legacies, amounted to £2890 12s. 4d.

Looking carefully into these figures, we find that the general average is £26 15s. for each orphan receiving benefit. The average expenditure upon each of the outgoing and former pupils, for outfits, fees, travelling expenses, and other assistance, was £9 6s. 3d. The expenditure for board, lodging, clothing, and education, with the maintenance of the premises and resident staff, for each pupil in the School throughout the year was £27 13s. The Governors believe that, as compared with the expenditure in other charitable and public institutions, this outlay is exceptionally small, and they are glad to believe that it affords a convincing proof of the excellence of the management.

The Girls' School is now completely equipped for the reception of 80 pupils. It is the absolute property of the Governors, and is free from debt.

The income of the Charities during the past 10 years has steadily kept pace with their efficiency, and the Governors have every reason to feel grateful confidence in their future.

The educational progress of the pupils during the year has been, on the whole, satisfactory, and the answering at the annual School examinations was good.

The Matron and Governesses have continued to deserve the gratitude and confidence of the Governors, and to promote the welfare of the children in their charge by their unwearied attention.

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

According to a custom which has prevailed and been highly appreciated in this lodge for some years, ladies were invited to share in its hospitality. The members, however, met at an early hour to carry out a tolerably well-filled agenda of work before they enjoyed the company of the fair sex at the festive board. The meeting under notice took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 12th inst., when the W.M., Bro. W. Smith, was supported by numerous members and visitors. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Ballot was unanimously taken in favour of Messrs. A. E. Leins and E. A. Pettit as candidates for initiation, and the father of the lodge, Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M., Treas., impressively

initiated them into Freemasonry, the former gentleman being his son, and the W.M. kindly vacating the chair for the purpose. The by-laws were read, and the elections were proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. C. J. Fox, W.M.; L. A. Leins, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); and Lane, Tyler (re-elected). A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., on the proposition of the Treasurer, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had presided during the year.

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

An excellent banquet, served under the personal supervision of Bro. A. Clemow, having been thoroughly enjoyed, a brief toast list was carried out, the speeches being interspersed with a selection of music rendered by Madame Isabel George, Miss Louie France, Bros. Packer, Robt. George Pritchard, and Sackville Evans.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. KEARNEY, P.M., who said that no words from him could commend that toast with greater force to their notice. He was quite sure they all appreciated their W.M., for he had shown during his year that his heart was in his work. They had had a year of work which had been well and satisfactorily done. He could not on the present occasion go into details, but he could assure those who were not members that the W.M., Bro. Smith, was held in high esteem, having done everything he could to promote the interests of the lodge.

Bro. W. SMITH, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Perhaps he might say that his health might be somewhat better, but he had every hope of shortly being restored to the health he should wish to enjoy. He thought that the event of the evening should not suffer, as far as he was concerned, and he therefore made an effort to attend, believing that the man who attended to the discharge of his duties came to no harm. It was that spirit that brought him there, otherwise he should have delivered his duties over to his esteemed P.M. and father of the lodge—Bro. Leins. Bro. Kearney in proposing the toast had used some very kind remarks, for which he heartily thanked him. He would only say that what he had done in the past had been done sincerely and with great pleasure, and his efforts in the future would be carried out in the same spirit.

"The Initiates" was given in cordial terms by the W.M., who said he had no doubt that the ceremony had in both cases impressed the candidates. He heartily welcomed the son of Bro. Leins into the lodge, and trusted he would prove a worthy successor to his father.

Bros. PETTIT and LEINS responded.

Bro. FOX, in response to the toast of "The W.M. elect," said he felt considerably gratified at the feeling displayed in his unanimous election to the chair for the year ensuing. He trusted to have a successful year of office, and that when his term expired he should see a gathering such as the present. They had only to look round to be convinced that all were enjoying themselves thoroughly. He should like to make one remark, which was that those brethren who saw the grand work of Masonry who had not yet taken their wives and sisters to the Masonic Institutions should pay a visit to the Girls' School, where they would be highly gratified. He felt he must not take up their time on the present occasion, especially as modesty was one of his principal virtues.

"The Ladies" was submitted by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and responded to by Bro. TIMME.

Dancing was then enjoyed to the excellent music of F. Bradsell's quadrille band, and the company separated at midnight, thoroughly well pleased at the evening's entertainment.

The members present included Bros. W. Smith, W.M.; C. J. Fox, S.W.; C. Salter, J.W.; L. A. Leins, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Ferry, P.M., Sec.; T. Lovell, S.D.; W. J. Squires, J.D.; J. Hart, I.G.; W. J. Wall, Stwd.; F. Kearney, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. S. H. Nichols, 1714; W. J. Cattle, 1361; J. W. Birtcliffe, 2206; A. Burn, 72; J. W. Martindale, 1685; A. Schneider, 157; C. Gammon, 704; W. Hacker, P.M. 1571; F. R. Kinnee, 1319; A. G. Pritchard, J.D. 9; W. W. Lee, 1897; and many others, including nearly 50 ladies.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT WEYMOUTH.

The high esteem in which Bro. Zillwood Milledge is held by the members of the Fraternity, and their appreciation of his invaluable services to the Dorset Masonic Charity and the Craft generally, found expression on Friday night, when at a meeting of All Souls Lodge he was the recipient of his portrait, beautifully painted in oils by Mr. T. Wallis. There were present on the occasion Bros. W. Smith, W.M.; H. Jesty, S.W.; W. B. Morgan, P.M., acting J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Chap.; Reynolds, S.D.; F. Hetley, J.D.; J. E. Crickmay, I.G.; J. T. Whetham, Org.; Sir R. N. Howard, P.M., P.J.G.D. England; Z. Milledge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Graham, P.M.; T. R. Charles, P.M.; T. Pritchard; Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. E. Stroud, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; H. Bowring, J. H. Bowen, F. W. Padgett, R. C. Bennett, E. Newman, S.W.; H. A. Huxtable, Sec.; F. T. Maltby, Org.; F. Shackleton, Domville, and others.

In the course of the evening, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in calling upon Bro. Sir R. Howard to make the presentation, bore testimony to Bro. Milledge's unflinching devotion to the lodge and the Craft.

Bro. SMITH said: The next business on the agenda is one of a very pleasing character, to make such slight recognition of the services which Bro. Milledge had rendered to that lodge. We have long felt that he has devoted a great deal of time and attention to the duties and welfare of the lodge, and it was considered by many brethren that some recognition of his services might not be out of place at this particular time. The matter was brought forward at the last lodge, and a Sub-Committee was formed for the purpose of arranging for the presentation. I will not now enter into any particulars as to Bro. Milledge's merits, but shall have very great pleasure in asking Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, as the representative here of the Grand Lodge of England, to make the presentation.

Bro. Sir R. N. HOWARD said: Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the All Souls Lodge,—I thank the Worshipful Master for having given me the honour and privilege of carrying out your wishes on this occasion. I do so thank him for more reasons than one, not only because I have been asked to make the presentation as one holding rank in the Grand Lodge of England, but also because I stand in the position of being one of the oldest members of All Souls Lodge, whose memory carries him back for a number of years. I have been thrown in contact with the father of Bro. Milledge, and I do not think, if you will allow me to say so, there is a family who can boast a Masonic history as that of the Milledge family. I have taken pains to correct some facts with reference to this family, which may be of interest to you. I had the pleasure of knowing Bro. James Milledge, the father of our Bro. Zillwood Milledge, for a number of years. He was initiated in All Souls Lodge in June, 1823. He was very soon advanced to the positions of I.G., Sec., and to the office of J.W. in 1825 and S.W. in 1826. I think the latter was the year (if I mistake not) in which the present lodge was built on the spot where it now stands, and, holding the position he did, Bro. James Milledge must have taken a very active part in building the lodge. He was made P.S.G.W. in 1842, and he remained in connection with this lodge until 1860. That is a long Masonic history, and shows the interest which the father took in Masonic matters. Then there were two uncles of Bro. Milledge, viz., Bros. W. D. Milledge and R. O. Milledge, also members of the lodge, and following them we find the son walking in the footsteps of his sire. Our Bro. Zillwood Milledge was initiated into All Souls Lodge in 1875. I do not think I need go step by step into the various Masonic offices filled by him in the All Souls Lodge, nor into the various provincial ranks conferred upon him for hard work and close attention paid in Masonic matters. I personally owe him a debt of gratitude, because he has been at all times most willing to assist me in the lodge at Portland in which I take particular interest. Whenever a Principal was wanted to take part in a ceremony, he was always ready to help in every way, and he has carried out the various Masonic duties which he has been called upon to perform with great ability. It is somewhat awkward to speak about a brother to his face, but he must take this expression of feeling as from one brother to another, and also as an expression of our goodwill towards him. When he became W.M. of the lodge, he was fortunate in having good officers, and with them he turned his attention to altering and beautifying the lodge.

In acknowledging the gift, Bro. MILLEDGE said: To say that the presentation just made takes me by surprise would be untrue, because in the notice calling me to the lodge the fact that a presentation would be made to me was stated; but I can, and do say, I am deeply grateful for the kindness which prompted the action. I am in no way worthy so great a distinction as this confers on me. As you all know my love of Masonry in general is great, my love of Masonry in All Souls Lodge is greater. Ever since I was initiated, in 1875, my best attention has been given in order to endeavour to perfect myself in the ritual of the lodge, and to get an intelligent conception of the sublimity of the teachings of the Craft, wrapt up as they are in symbols and metaphors. I suppose, brethren, it is because I have partially succeeded in this endeavour that you wish to show your appreciation of it, and of the fact that the internal arrangements of this beautiful Masonic Temple were perfected during my second Mastership in 1888, and that the practical expression of your kindly feeling is contained in this excellent portrait, which I most gladly accept, and think it most suitable that I should receive it at the hands of Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, the senior member of the lodge, and the brother who most kindly proposed me for initiation, and through whom I duly appreciate the honour done me. I thank you, brethren, for giving me this tangible proof of your regard, and you, Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, for so kindly attending and presenting it. I ask that the picture may be allowed to hang on the walls of my mother lodge, and I cannot sit down without thanking those who have specially attended lodge to-night in order to do me honour. Brethren, I thank you.

A resolution was passed accepting the portrait.

Bro. Alderman T. Eccleston Gibb, L.C.C., has obtained leave of absence from St. Pancras Vestry, of which he is clerk, for a journey to South America for the benefit of his health.

Prince and Princess Christian, with Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, arrived at Cumberland Lodge from Wiesbaden on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness is in greatly improved health, and in honour of her return the Corporation banner of Windsor was flying from the Guildhall, and many of the houses were decorated.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of APRIL, 1890, for the transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution:—

To Elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To Elect as Members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notice of Motion—

By W. Bro. W. Masters, on behalf of the Sanitary Subcommittee: "That a Sum not exceeding £3000 be expended in erecting Class-Rooms, and altering Dining Hall so that one Kitchen may be sufficient for the whole Establishment."

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The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will be open at One o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock precisely.

N.B.—In addition to those cases described on the Voting Paper, the case of No. 58—LEEMING, Charles Irvine—is a "Last Application."

By Order,

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

12th April, 1890.

** THE NINETY - SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at the end of June. The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are—UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES—most earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

THE friends of Bro. EDWIN STORR,

P.M., &c., will kindly note that upon the approaching retirement of Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., &c., he will duly present his credentials and offer himself as a Candidate for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, 25th APRIL, 1890, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider recommendation of General Committee as under, and to elect 21, or in the event of such recommendation being adopted, 22 Girls into the School from a list of 43 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at 1 o'clock, or after the usual business is over.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE—
"That the temporary vacancy caused by the absence of Ida E. Strathern through ill health be filled at the forthcoming Election, making 22 vacancies in all."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

5, Freemasons' Hall, Secretary.

Great Queen-street, W.C.,

April 19th, 1890.

** THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, on TUESDAY, 20th MAY, under the distinguished Presidency of Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex.

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ENQUIRER.—The only business that can be transacted at an emergency is the business mentioned in the summons, and it was in our opinion a mistake to have inserted a notice that the minutes of the previous meeting would be read. The W.M. should not rise, as at a regular lodge, before closing, and the Secretary should hold over all official communications until the next regular meeting.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

A great advance has been made since last week, and the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School now numbers 202 brethren, of whom 22 hail from the Chairman's Province of Middlesex. As there is yet a full month between now and the day—20th May—fixed for the celebration, we may hope to see the number still further increased to about 240 or 250. If Middlesex in particular, and others of the provinces put their best foot foremost, there should be little difficulty about this, though the last comers will have little time to do more than arrange for their own personal donations.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire is to assemble at Stafford on the 8th of May, under the presidency of its active and popular Grand Master Col. Foster Gough. A very full agenda is printed, and amongst other notices of motion is one by the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Bodenham, for the consideration of a new code of by-laws. The report of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to consider the best means of keeping the Prov. Grand Lodge Registers, &c., will also be presented.

The volume of Masonic reprints just issued by the Lodge Quatuor Coronati is an excellent fac-simile reproduction in photo-litho of the rare Book of Constitutions of 1738, with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, which exhibits that well-known writer's critical acumen at its best, as might be expected from one who has made that department of Masonic study his own. We shall, at the earliest possible date, attempt to give such a notice of this production as its importance demands.

A beautiful painted window has just been placed in the parish Church of Burghclere, near Newbury, as a memorial to its late rector, Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past G. Chaplain, and Past G. Master of the Grand Mark Lodge. There is also in course of erection near the church, on a site presented by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., as a further memorial to our late brother, a handsome and spacious room for the use of the parishioners, to whom he had so greatly endeared himself.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., whose funeral took place on Thursday, played a very conspicuous part in Freemasonry till within the last few years, when health failed him, and he was but seldom seen at the Hall. He was a most strenuous supporter of our Institutions. He was a trustee of the Boys' School, and had served many Stewardships for all the Charities.

In Grand Lodge, too, he did all in his power to promote their interests. It was he who proposed that the annual grant to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be increased from £800 to £1600, the additional payment, however, being made from the Fund of General Purposes, while the first £800 came and comes out of the Fund of Benevolence. It was he, also, who generally moved the grant of £70 towards providing the inmates of the Institution with coals during the winter. Lastly, it was he who moved the grant of £2000 to each of the three Institutions by way of commemorating the Queen's Jubilee. We shall have more to say of our deceased brother's career on another occasion, but what we have said will serve to show that he was a good working Mason, who had achieved in his day many things of which even the best among us would have good reason to be proud.

An open-air service for the West London Volunteer Brigade was held on Easter Sunday in Fort Grange field, Gosport, Lord Abinger and his staff attending. The service was conducted and the sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Kingston, R.N., P. Prov. G.C. for Dorsetshire, Chaplain of the 3rd V.B. Royal Fusiliers, the music being rendered by the band of that regiment.

Arrangements are being made by the members of Lodge 25 (I.C.) to give a ball during Punchestown week in aid of the funds of the Masonic Orphan Schools. Friday, the 25th inst., has now been fixed for the event, which will come off in the Leinster Hall, under the patronage of the Lord Lieutenant, who is Provincial Grand Master of North Yorkshire, and the Countess of Zetland, their Serene Highnesses Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, their Graces the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master of Ireland, and the Duchess of Abercorn, and the Lord Chancellor, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, and Lady Ashbourne. The decorations of the hall will be on a very grand scale, and the members of the Order attending the ball will wear their full Masonic insignia; naval, military, and constabulary officers will appear in their uniforms, so that the scene will be a very brilliant one.

"Mems. for Masons," which appears in the *Glasgow Evening News* weekly, is a very readable column, and the writer presents a marked contrast to many contributors of Masonic news to the non-Masonic press on this side of the Tweed, whose knowledge of the subjects they profess to enlighten their readers on, is of the crudest.

Last week's issue contains some remarks on the advantage of Masonic libraries in connection with Provincial Grand Lodges, which are as applicable to us as to Scottish Masons. He says: "There is much

more to be learned of Masonry than that taught in the Degrees, beautiful and powerful as a monitor though they be, and information beyond that can only be gained from the writings of the learned brethren who have given the result of their study of the origin, history, and legends, and who have elucidated the deep and hidden meanings of the symbols of Masonry. Indeed, I am of opinion that the Craft is guilty of a serious dereliction of duty in this matter. The Master Mason is informed that he is only on the threshold of Masonic knowledge, but how can he peruse the subject without that Masonic book-lore which should form part of the 'effects,' if not of every lodge, at least of every Provincial Grand Lodge.

"If Glasgow possessed a Masonic Temple, no doubt a library would form one of its departments, but there is no reason why we should continue to lack both. However essential a recognised Masonic centre would be to the growth of a library and as an aid to its usefulness, they are not necessarily co-existent. The nucleus of a library might be formed if our Provincial Grand Master and those acting with him could make arrangements to receive contributions in books, for I have every confidence that the more fortunate of our brethren, if appealed to, would be ready to share with their less opulent brethren the possibilities of research. A collection of books is a thing which grows, and, however small the beginning, a beginning should be made, and at once."

Bro. Wallace, W.M. of Lodge St. James, Newton-on-Ayr, 125 (S.C.), on his retirement from the chair, has presented the lodge with a massive gold signet ring in token of his appreciation of the kindness he had experienced while in office. The ring is to be worn by each successive Master of the lodge in all time coming. It bears a suitable inscription, and has the Wallace coat-of-arms, which the donor inherits from his illustrious ancestor, Sir William Wallace.

The *New Zealand Craftsman* for February contains some interesting particulars relating to the conference of the Provincial and District Grand Masters under the three Constitutions in New Zealand, at the Masonic Hall, Dunedin. It seems that Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M. (E.C.) Auckland, presided, and there were present Bros. Pierce, P.G.M. (E.C.) New Zealand; Thompson, D.G.M. (E.C.) Canterbury; Bevan, D.G.M. (E.C.) Westland; J. Gore, D.G.M. (S.C.) New Zealand South; and T. S. Graham, D.G.M. (E.C.) Otago and Southland. Bros. Sir Harry Atkinson, D.G.M. (E.C.) Wellington; Sir F. Whitaker, D.G.M. (S.C.) North Island; and Chas. Louisson, D.G.M. (S.C.) Canterbury, were unable to attend, but Bro. Sir F. Whitaker authorised Bro. E. T. Gillon, his Dep. D.G.M., to attend, but the latter declined.

The following resolution was adopted: "That this conference of Provincial and District Grand Masters commend the action of the Masonic Union in postponing their proceedings, and consider that in the best interests of Freemasonry, and with the view of preserving harmony in the Craft, it is not desirable to form a Grand Lodge of New Zealand at present, so that time may be allowed for a little understanding between the various lodges of the several Constitutions, and a greater unanimity arrived at upon such a vital question to Freemasonry in New Zealand."

We think this was a wise resolution to come to, and after the figures we gave last week, in which we showed that, while there are 89 lodges in favour of the movement, there is the very formidable minority of 65 lodges against it, it will be still more difficult to gainsay its wisdom. It does not deny that the time may come when it will be decidedly for the interest of Freemasonry that the lodges under the several Constitutions should combine together to form one Grand Lodge for the whole Colony, but it points out that until there is a nearer approach to practical unanimity among the lodges, the immediate formation of a Grand Lodge will be a mistake and calculated to cause great injury to the Craft.

This is certainly a reasonable proposition in the face of existing circumstances. Out of 89 English lodges, 47 are in favour of the change, while 42 have not given in their adhesion to it. Of the 50 lodges under the Scottish Constitution, 32 are for and 18 against, while of the 15 Irish lodges 10 are in favour and 5 against. Thus, close on half of the English lodges, with one-third of the Scotch and one-third of the Irish lodges stand out. Why cannot the leaders of the movement wait till the time for a change is ripe? Will it injure their cause?

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.]

THE CLAPHAM MS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly allow me to correct a small error in Bro. Watson's description of the means by which the Clapham MS. came into the possession of the Province of West Yorkshire.

When the discoverer, Bro. Clapham, of Austwick Hall, sent me the MS., I saw that it was of great interest, and determined that it should be preserved.

On casually mentioning this to Bro. Tomlinson, he promised to hand the MS. forward to the Librarian, and see that a copy was taken and published.

What I wish to make quite clear is that I did not think so lightly of Bro. Clapham's MS. as to give it away to anyone.

I considered myself as a trustee, whose duty it was to see it placed with other ancient documents of the Order, and it was to this end I sent it to Bro. Tomlinson, who expressed a desire to see it, and to transmit it to Bro. Watson, with whom he was personally acquainted.

There was no "generosity" in the matter.

I may say that Bro. Clapham has promised to make further search for the missing portions and for any other Masonic documents, so that we may hope to have the find supplemented and completed.—Yours fraternally,

ALLAN E. KERSHAW,

April 10.

P.M. 1522.

UNION LODGE, EXETER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Vernon might have added that Trewman's book of 1777 contains an engraved frontispiece of the medal of the Union Lodge, Exeter, with the date 1766 on the reverse; but Bro. Lane's work states that the lodge was not named till 1770.

Trewman's work was exhibited by Bro. Lane and myself at Shanklin under the Nos. 48 and 1378.

How is it that Bro. Vernon has not shown his books at any of the recent exhibitions? It is well to know what books are in existence, and where they are.

The lines about a fig-leaf apron have nothing to do with Eve; they will be found in most of the old books. The song is No. 13 in "Ahiman Rezon, 1764," and commences—

"You people who laugh at Masons draw near."

Verse 4 runs—

"Our first father Adam, deny it who can,
A Mason was made as soon as a man;
And a fig-leaf apron at first wore he
In token of his love to Masonry."

—Yours fraternally,

FLEJ.



MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE, 1890.

This neat publication, brimful of information, is edited by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles Bullock, of Great Berkhamstead. There are now 19 lodges in the province, being an increase of two since last year's issue. The number of members has also advanced from 571 to 629. The chapters now number five, with 100 members, the proportion being lower than usual, and as there are four Mark lodges, with 64 members, and one Knight Templar preceptory, it would appear that the Hautes Grades, &c., are more supported in London by the Herts brethren than in their own province. For the "Charities" the record is an especially creditable one, over 15 pages being taken up with the lists of subscribers to the Central Masonic Institutions. "Little Herts" has a big heart, and does its part nobly and most generously as respects the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason." According to the roll of Provincial Grand Masters, the province began in 1798, but the senior lodge at the present time is No. 403, of the year 1829. The next lodge is 404, of the same year, followed by No. 409 of A.D. 1831. No. 449 is dated 1838, and then all the remaining lodges have been constituted within the last 50 years, two being of 1889. The province is well managed in every respect, and must be a source of great pleasure to the esteemed Prov. G.M., Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., who has an able supporter in his respected Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. George E. Lake, of Watford.

At the recent annual festival, at the Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association, in the course of the evening the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. W. T. Rickwood, was presented with a testimonial consisting of a bronze and marble clock, with a pair of tazzas to match, and a pair of bronze vases, in recognition of his valuable services. The number of porters subscribing to the testimonial was 2000.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

878] ANOTHER OLD MASONIC JUG.

The interesting account you published last week of an old Masonic jug induces me to say a word or two about one in my possession. It was given to me by the widow of the late owner some five years ago, and the only information regarding its history I could gather was that it was certainly over a 100 years old, and that it had formerly been used in a country lodge for making "punch" in. It is 12 inches high, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide at mouth, and 7 inches at widest part, and is decorated with Masonic emblems in various combinations, interwound with foliage and ribbon ornaments. Under the lip is a group of geometrical figures, one upon the top of another, beginning with a square frame, upon which is a heptagonal figure, then a seven-pointed star, on which are the words *PHISIQUE PHILOSOPHIQUE MORAL*. In the centre of the star is an E, from which diverge rays of light. The next figure is a circular hoop, bearing the words *JERUSALEM SOLIS COLEG^N VIRTUTE ET SILENTIA*, 1122, 1314, 471. Enclosed in the circle is a triangle, on which are the words *CHRIST^N RT GE VINCIT IMPERAT IN HOC SIGNO VINCES TRIA JUNGTA IN UNO*. On one side of this group is a pillar covered with hieroglyphic characters, out of the top is a flame, and behind is a house with castellated parapet. On the other side is an upright ladder of seven rungs, with the following letters and figures between them, beginning at the top is *nee plus ultra*—

SBT SA H E M SC S
8K; 34A; 27D; 90; 7S; 5H; 3S.

Alongside the ladder in the same upright position, beginning at the top, are the letters *TEMPLAR*. Below is a figured scale, with the words *T.P.K. INITIUM SAPIENTIE AMOR DOMINI*, and on either side are three banners, a mace, and an axe. On one side of the jug are the "two pillars" standing on a squared pavement, round them are the words *VIDE AUDE TACE* and *SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT*. Between the pillars are the working tools of the Three Degrees, the emblems of mortality, the cock, bee-hive, and the eye. Above are three female figures representing Faith, Hope, and Charity. On the other side of the jug is a verse of doggerel, enclosed in a wreath of foliage, and surmounted by a graceful drawing of a child sitting on a level and holding a festoon of garlands. The ornament is carefully drawn, and painted in black on a yellowish-white ground.

GODFREY W. FERGUSON,
P.M., Sec. 10. (I.C.)

P.S.—In several cases the words are wrongly spelt, but I have given them as they are. The verse alluded to is the second in a song I have found in a history of Freemasonry dated 1772, and is as follows:

The world is in pain
Our secrets to gain,
But still let them wonder and gaze on;
For they ne'er can divine
The word nor the sign
Of a Free and an Accepted Mason.

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EARLY USE OF THE NAME "UNION LODGE."

One is thankful for anything that assists in making our history more complete. Bro. Hughan's "Note" in the *Freemason* of 5th inst., alluded to an earlier use of the name "Union" than I had recorded in relation to a lodge at Gateshead, which was not described in the engraved or other official list as the "Union Lodge" until 1785. A very much earlier use of that name, however, is found than that cited by Bro. Vernon in the *Freemason*, of 12th inst., namely the "Union Lodge," held at the Devil Tavern within Temple Bar, as early as 1734. (Vide "Masonic Records," p. 12).

JNO. LANE.

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LODGES AT WOOLER AND FORD.

Replying to Bro. Vernon's enquiry, I can assist him to some information about these old lodges. "All Saints' Lodge," Wooler, constituted under the "Premier" Grand Lodge as No. 268, of 1st January, 1762, was erased on 28th April, 1775 ("Masonic Records," p. 80). Another "All Saints' Lodge" was warranted by the "Athol" Grand Lodge at the same town on 13th December, 1802. It became No. 231 at the Union, and was erased 7th May, 1866 ("Masonic Records," p. 94). The lodge at Ford was also of "Athol" origin, No. 140, of 24th June, 1766, and known as "Lord Delaval's Lodge." It was numbered 169 at the Union, and erased 5th December, 1827 ("Masonic Records," p. 77).

JNO. LANE.

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VALUABLE PAMPHLETS.

My friend, Bro. Vernon, of Kelso, misses the point as to the *Union Lodge*, Gateshead. I did not refer to the first time we meet with the title *Union* in connection with a lodge, but in relation to the lodge noted. "Trewman's Principles" is a very interesting work of 1777, but not so rare and valuable as a previous book of his, of A.D. 1767, containing a list of lodges, of which Bro. John Lane has a copy, duly described in his invaluable "Handy Book to the study of the Lists."

Finch, the Masonic charlatan, wrote some curious books one time and another, any of which are scarce at the present time, if complete. The author of the "Apprentice Song," is described as "the late Bro. Matthew Birkhead," in 1723, "Book of Constitutions," and as he was doubtless dead in 1722, or earlier, we do not know to what lodge he belonged. It is considered by some authorities that he was an actor. Bro. Vernon's queries, No. 3 and 4, are duly answered in "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," by Bro. John Lane. I am very glad to see Bro. Vernon's name again in the *Freemason*, for he did such good service in relation to his old lodge at Kelso, and a still older lodge at Melrose, that we are all anxious as Masonic students to read more from his facile pen.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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ALL SAINTS LODGE.

In reply to Bro. F. Vernon's query 3, upon referring to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," I find that the charter for All Saints Lodge, at Wooler, was granted on the 1st of January, 1762, being numbered 268 on the Register of Grand Lodge. It was re-numbered 212 in 1770, and was erased 28th April, 1775. A fresh warrant was granted to a lodge under the same name on the 13th December, 1802, being numbered successively 189a, 231, 168, and 138, at first holding its meetings at the "Black Bull Inn," moving to the "Blue Bell" in 1806, and returning to the "Black Bull" in the same year, thence in 1812 to the "Anchor Inn," and finally, in 1833, to the "Sun Inn," where the lodge remained till it was erased on the 7th May, 1866. There does not appear to be any record of the place of meeting of the lodge that was formed in 1762.

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THE LODGE AT FORD.

In reply to query 4, the warrant for the above lodge was granted 24th June, 1766, under the title of Lord Delaval's Lodge, and meeting at the "Delaval Arms," remaining there till 1802, when they migrated to the "Masons' Arms" in the same town, where they continued till the date of erasure—5th December, 1827.

F. W. HALLIWELL (York),
Associate Quatuor Coronati.

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THE ENTERED APPRENTICE'S SONG.

Matthew Burkhead, the author of the "Entered Apprentice's Song," was an actor of no particular note at Drury Lane Theatre in Queen Anne's time. His signature, among many others, was appended to a petition to the Queen in 1709, with reference to the regulation of the theatres.

WM. DOUGLAS, P.M. 1745.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett road, Limehouse, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when the following brethren, among others, were present: Bros. A. H. Shepherd, W.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; T. B. Daniells, P.M.; S. T. Timson, S.W.; F. Robinson, P.M.; C. Breden, P.M.; J. W. Reeves, P.M.; A. Scheerboom, P.M.; G. Palmer, P.M.; R. K. Bull, P.M.; R. C. Passfield, S.D.; S. Hayward, Stwd.; F. Varcoe, F. Gooch, F. Tarriff, G. Anderson, G. Seige, G. Burgess, H. Lancett, J. Grout, P. Saville, W. A. Patrick, S. Wiseman, J. Mathias, E. Martin, J. J. Smetton, and several other brethren of the lodge, also the following visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B. England, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Geo. Wetton, 1161; H. Whiter, 1421; C. Wakefield, 1259; F. Hall, 174; and C. Johnson, 1716.

The lodge was opened by Bro A. H. Shepherd, W.M., and after the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. H. Pringle, P.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. S. T. Timson, the W.M. elect, in such a manner as to fully deserve the special vote of thanks which was unanimously accorded him. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Varcoe, S.W.; R. C. Passfield, J.W.; F. Gooch, S.D.; F. Tarriff, J.D.; G. Anderson, I.G.; S. Hayward, D.C.; G. Seige and G. Burgess, Stwds.; H. Lancett, Asst. Sec.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, Sec.; and J. Grout, Org. The W.M. having presented the Past Master's jewel to Bro. A. H. Shepherd, I.P.M., added some words of commendation for his conduct of the lodge, and congratulated him on the support he had received from his officers, and his success on behalf of the Charities during his term of office. Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., then presented Bro. Daniell, P.M., with a Charity jewel with two clasps, in the name of the Grand Lodge, as an acknowledgment of his services in the cause of the Masonic Charities during the course of 30 years, he having gone forward as Steward five times.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent and well-served banquet. The loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were received with the usual honours, and those to "The W.M.," "The Visitors," &c., were suitably proposed and responded to.

Bro. J. Terry, being called upon to reply for "The Masonic Institutions," he rejoined in an eloquent speech. He said that the East-end was noted for the good example its lodges set in granting help and relief to the poor and needy. The last Steward representing the Merchant Navy

Lodge brought to the Festival of the Old People £202 7s., being the second highest amount on the list, the Sincerity Lodge heading it with £215. The Merchant Navy Lodge, however, had been the highest for the two previous years. The feeling throughout the East-end was to do the best they could for the relief of the poor. Although it was his own Committee day, he could not resist coming down to visit the lodge. He felt proud to be their honorary member. He then referred to the presentation of the Charity jewel to Bro. Daniell, to whom he alluded as a "grand chevalier of the order of Charity." After a generous compliment to Bro. Pringle for the admirable way in which he had gone through the installation ceremony, and his striking manner of delivering the addresses, Bro. Terry concluded by wishing continued prosperity to the lodge.

Responding as Treasurer, Bro. Daniell thanked the brethren for their further proof of confidence and satisfaction in re-electing him.

Bro. Breden, Secretary, spoke in a similar spirit.

The Worshipful Master noted that, in consequence of the growth of the lodge, he had proposed the appointment of Bro. Lancett as Assistant Secretary.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end.

Bro. J. Grout presided at the harmonium, and the musical arrangements were successfully carried out by Bros. Palmer, P.M.; Anderson, Burgess, A. E. Shepherd, Robinson, P.M.; Wiseman, Whiter, Hammond, and Gooch.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—The installation meeting of this lodge held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; Edwin Lucas, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; H. Purdue, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; H. F. Williams, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; E. Newland, D.C.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; H. Scharien and C. J. Chambers, Stwds.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; C. Barker, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; H. W. Blake, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; Geo. Read, P.M. (Hon.); T. Jobson, H. J. Inderwick, J. Stehr, J. Banks, Hardwick, Herbert, Abrahamus, Stokes, R. Shaw, Southwood, H. S. May, Richards, Boyes, H. Spencer, Segar, Pauchin, Heinemann, Phillips, Iredale, Bowles, J. C. Morgan, Hewett, Curtis, W. Icton, Cartwright, Pullen, Collins, R. Gerbert, H. W. Dyne, and G. E. White. Visitors: Bros. Sydney Page, 2182; J. Davies, W.M. 169; J. Warner, P.M., P.G.S.; S. T. Lucas, P.M. 192; R. H. Williams, P.M. 865; W. Hillier, D.C. 1366; H. P. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; G. Gardner, W.M. 2309; W. F. Tollett, 1624; J. Jones, 1624; W. Pike, 1984; W. Jones, W.M. 511; H. G. Rennington, 1052; R. Bennetts, 2309; C. James, P.M. 15; S. Hewett, W.M. 1614; and W. Poupert, I.P.M. 9.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. W. Dyne was raised, and Bro. Jean Stehr was passed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. W. Pulham, M. Hamley, and R. F. Collins, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Jas. Sims, P.M., then installed Bro. Edwin Lucas as W.M. for the ensuing year in his usual impressive manner. Bro. Shaw, P.M., then presented the following brethren to the W.M. for investiture: Bro. W. J. Coplestone, I.P.M. (who received from the W.M. a very handsome Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge in recognition of his valued services as W. Master, for which he thanked the brethren in a most suitable and feeling manner). Bro. F. Craggs was invested as S.W.; and Bro. H. F. Williams, J.W. Bro. G. F. Brett, P.M., Treasurer, sent a letter of regret at his inability to attend through absence from London. Bro. H. Purdue, P.M., P.Z., was again appointed Hon. Sec., the W.M. speaking in a most kind and grateful manner of the past services he had rendered during the last three years as Hon. Sec. of the lodge. The following were also invested: Bros. A. Williams, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; E. Newland, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; H. Scharien, D.C.; C. Southwood and Hewett, Stewards; and A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The investiture was performed by Bro. E. Lucas, W.M., in a most able manner. Bro. Jas. Sims, P.M. and Installing Master, then gave the three addresses in a most feeling and able manner, although he was very far from well, he stating that nothing but his promise to perform the duties of Installing Master would have brought him from his much needed rest at home. Messrs. Pullen and Collins were then initiated by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Lucas, in a most satisfactory manner, proving to the brethren that they had made a most excellent choice in the person of their new W.M. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. J. Sims for his valued services as Installing Master, to which Bro. Sims responded in a most grateful manner. A sum of money was voted to the "Bro. Binckes Indemnity Fund."

At the close of the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the able direction of their esteemed manager, Bro. Bertini, who is always so anxious to study the wishes and comfort of the brethren and guests of the lodge.

Some very excellent singing and recitations were given by numerous members and visitors. A song, entitled "Saved by a child," was most admirably rendered by Bro. V. Bennetts, 2309. Great regret was felt that time would not permit of an encore from Bro. Bennetts, owing to the length of programme to be got through.

One of the most enjoyable evenings of this highly prosperous lodge was spent under the guidance of the new and most esteemed W.M., Bro. Edwin Lucas.

John Hervey Lodge (No. 1260).—This lodge celebrated its 21st anniversary on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a large gathering of brethren. Among those who were present were Bros. W. Henry, W.M.; F. Dangerfield, S.W.; W. Potter, J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Treas.; O. Latreille, Sec.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, Chap.; W. S. Harris, S.D.; W. C. Fox, J.D.; F. Varley, I.G.; Major John Heaton, P.M., D.C.; E. G. Packman, A.D.C.; H. Evans, P.M.; F. Taylor, P.M.; S. H. Baker, P.M.; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M.; Gifford; T. Salmon, P.M.; R. H. Hughes, J. Lethbridge, John R. Reep, J. Manger, E. Hankin, W. Lamb, J. Evans, C. Kefford, C. Palmer, J. R. Cox, E. T. Pearce, C. H. Cox, H. V. Cherry, Ben Hooker, J. H. Haines, and G. Coulthurst. The visitors were Bros. J. F. Haskins, Org. 1364; F. Korb, 1706; W. E. Marples, J.W. 2263; E. Booth, S.D. 1493; H. Jones, 193; J. Hassall, P.M. 779 and 1739; Ben Johnson,

S.W. 1805; S. Smither, I.P.M. 193; R. Murffrey, I.P.M. 957; John E. Reaney, 139; F. Cleaves, P.M. 904; P.G.D. West Yorks; E. Thomassit, W.M. 1861; T. de B. Holmes, S.W. 1319; W. T. P. Montgomery, P.M. 1475; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Gehlkerd, 72; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; T. G. Scott, 933; W. J. E. Cloar, 1718; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; T. S. Dickie, 860; T. K. Davies, 87; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; E. Bartholomew, 79; A. Gibson, 1572; Geo. T. Cooper, 1572; Conrad Turner, 1303; S. Gondall, 754; G. Heavens, 95; A. Cherry, 1507; George Pearce, 766; W. Wharton, 47; Alfred Moore, 91; W. H. Harris, 1728; John Drewett, P.M. 889; Thomas A. Blyth, 1804; Edwin J. Dodd, P.M. 1209; Alfred D. Cohen, 1017; W. Harris, S.W. 1662; F. C. Ahlfeldt, 88; G. S. Beeching, 1604; W. Drewett, W.M. 1638, P.M. 889; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, and 1928.

The W.M. initiated Messrs. Thomas Thornber, Fred. J. Warr, Frederick Brough Cameron, and Geo. William Smith. Afterwards the W.M. installed Bro. Frederick Dangerfield S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The proclamations were given by Bro. Major Joseph Heaton, P.M. The new W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Henry, I.P.M.; Walter F. Potter, S.W.; Walter Symes Harris, J.W.; Rev. R. C. Lewis, P.M. Chaplain; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Treas., P.G.D.; O. L. M. Latrielle, P.M., Sec.; Walter C. Fox, S.D.; F. Varley, J.D.; J. Evans, I.G.; Major Heaton, P.M., D.C.; E. G. Packman, A.D.C.; J. R. Reep, Stwd.; J. A. Manger, Stwd.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M., the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. A handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented to the out-going Master, Bro. Henry.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet was served, and the brethren, after partaking of the same, honoured the usual toasts.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was, as usual, most heartily drunk, as was also the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," whom the W.M. described as not only a most sincere Mason, and devoting immense attention to the interests of the Craft, but as the most hard-worked man in England.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In doing so he said the brethren were honoured that evening with the presence of several Grand Officers, Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; and Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., a member of the John Hervey Lodge, and its Treasurer, and he would call on Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., to respond.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding, said that if the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom knew thoroughly the effectual work which was done for Freemasonry by the Grand Officers who were present in the John Hervey Lodge that night, they would say as readily as he did that these brethren were not a whit behind the chiefest Masons in the Order, and that, after all, Masonic work must not be weighed merely by the eminence of the person, but by the work they had done, by the assiduity and zeal which they had shown, and by, above all, the geniality and kindness they had shown to their brother Masons. He had had many attractions to that old lodge—old, he said, inasmuch as the lodge had attained its majority; but he confessed that among those attractions one of the greatest was that the lodge had been associated with his dear old friend and brother now departed, Bro. John Hervey. He was associated with Bro. Hervey in many a consecration, and with him he had felt strongly that brotherly love and kind feeling which should exist among all Freemasons. He regarded Bro. Hervey's memory with affection, and therefore he could not but feel that that law of association which bound them to places, and persons, and bodies, bound them to that lodge and was associated with that name which must ever be regarded with affection by Freemasons. He was also attracted to the lodge by one who was not dead, who had shown that he was not only a true Mason but a true friend to the John Hervey Lodge, Dr. Hogg, whose genial face showed that he was happy himself and had pleasure in communicating happiness to others. Dr. Hogg's disinterested labours on behalf of that lodge, which had already attained 21 years of age, had obtained for him the affection of the brethren. In the outer world, beyond the margin of Freemasonry, Dr. Hogg was as much distinguished as a true kind man of the world, as in Masonry he was a true brother Mason in the lodge. He (Bro. Simpson) valued most deeply the honour he had received by being invited to be present on that occasion, and the other Grand Officers would echo that feeling. One of the blessings of the Order was, and it could not be too often repeated, that it tended to rub off the corners, and do away with the asperities, and soften down the difficulties of human life, pour oil upon the troubled waters, which, alas, with such diversities of minds and temperaments, must ever be the case. There was no influence more powerful than Masonry in bringing together Masons, in taking away those dreadful and terrible animosities which, more or less, whether in social, business, domestic, or ecclesiastical life separated them. He would recommend to the perusal of the brethren a little book by Professor Drummond on the greatest thing in life, that is Charity in life; that book would lead them to the same conclusion as his (Bro. Simpson's) own, viz., that Masonry prompted as much if not more than any agency to Charity, because it was under the ægis of Masonry that diverse feelings were forgotten, whether in politics, religion, or business.

Bro. Henry, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and, in so doing, said he was very proud of now occupying the position of P.M., which, by the kindness and suffrages of the brethren, he had attained to. In leaving the chair, he committed it to worthy hands, and what more need he say? The brethren knew how the present W.M. could do his work, and they knew also that he was a Mason at heart. He had no doubt the brethren would find in the W.M. a brother who would do credit to the John Hervey Lodge, and he wished him a very happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had the extra onus cast upon him that evening of responding as Master of the lodge on its attaining its 21st year. In three or four days it would complete its 21st year. It was a matter of chance as far as he was concerned. The lodge was conse-

crated on the 15th April, 1869, at the Swan Hotel, Walham Green, Fulham. Of the members who were then present there were now only two remaining, and only one of those was now present—Bro. Dr. Hogg. The other brother was Bro. Cazarkie. From what he knew of the history of the lodge—more from hearsay than from personal knowledge—it had passed through many vicissitudes. The lodge had had its troubles, but it had come out of them all safely, and it was now full blown and of manly health. He thanked the brethren heartily for having elected him as W.M., and he also thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way he had spoken of him. He hoped his year of office would be one of prosperity and happiness to every one connected with the lodge, and that the visitors now round the table might continue to come every evening the lodge met, and that through the lodge there might be a constant bond of union, happiness, and prosperity to all concerned.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiates," all of whom he heartily greeted, as he knew they would be an honour to the lodge.

All the initiates responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said there were 43 of those brethren present, and the members of the lodge were much pleased to see so many.

Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C., assured the W.M. and brethren, for himself and the other visitors, that they received with the greatest satisfaction the invitation to be present on that interesting occasion. It was with the liveliest feelings of gratification that they witnessed the work of the lodge, and that which supplemented it—the great hospitality concluding the ceremonies of the day. The present occasion afforded him an opportunity for acknowledging the kind way in which visitors had always been received in that lodge. If they were fortunate enough on future occasions to obtain an invitation most assuredly they would accept it.

Several other visitors also responded.

The W.M. proposed "The I.P.M. and the Past Masters," complimenting all those brethren on what they had done for the lodge, and assuring the brethren that anything those brethren could do to assist the members in learning the working of Masonry, so as to render them efficient as officers, would be done by them. He named particularly in that relation Bros. Heaton and Sorrell.

The I.P.M., Bro. Henry, having said if he had been remiss in his duty it was not willingly, but that he had endeavoured to fill his office with satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Major Heaton responded, and said that the brethren were expected to continue their duties after they had left the W.M.'s chair. In his position as D.C. he liked to keep up his connection with the John Hervey Lodge. Bro. Sorrell was emphatically the representative of the John Hervey Lodge. For years past he had given tuition. On the present occasion they looked with pride on the working of the lodge. Bro. Sorrell took great interest in all that appertained to Masonry, and especially in the John Hervey Lodge. He exhorted the brethren to take their lessons from Bro. Sorrell.

Bro. Sorrell also replied, and, referring to the W.M., said his knowledge of the ritual was perfect, and he possessed in addition the qualities of a genial, kind gentleman, which made every one comfortable around him. Bro. Henry, I.P.M., was a similar Master. Those brethren had obtained their knowledge of the work of Masonry in the City Masonic Club, and it was there that he became acquainted with the members and officers of the lodge. He asked the brethren to come there and learn the work.

The other toasts were afterwards given, and, replying to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg said the W.M. had observed that there had been many changes in the lodge in 21 years, and among them many P.M.'s had passed away. There were, however, several still among them. The P.M.'s were very earnest, and desired to see the lodge prosperous. He remembered the late Bro. John Hervey consecrating the lodge, and it appeared almost as only the other day when he did it. How much had passed since then only those who had watched it closely could say. They had done some good work, and they had now a bright future before them. He was thankful that he had been spared so many years to perform his duties. Without Bro. Latrielle, the Secretary, he would not be able to get on at all. Bro. Latrielle had lately given him some anxiety, his health not having been good. He had, however, been able to perform his duties satisfactorily.

Bro. Latrielle assured the brethren that his interest in the lodge would not fail. He was only entering on his sixth year as Secretary, and he hoped he would have health and strength to continue his exertions.

The proceedings shortly afterwards closed.

During the evening some beautiful singing was given, under the direction of Bro. James F. Haskins, by Miss Beatrice Case, Miss Millie Vere, Bro. Alfred Moore, and Bro. T. de B. Holmes.

Lodge of St. John (No. 1306).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., Bro. J. Oxley, W.M., presiding. Besides the main business of the evening, the agenda announced the passing of Bro. Capon, and the raising of Bro. Costain. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in the way that all those who have seen his working can appreciate. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and approved of—as it well might be, showing the exceptionally prosperous condition of the lodge, with its balance of nearly £100, after a generous provision had been made towards the Masonic Charities. Bro. Swetman, the W.M. elect, was presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was constituted. Bro. Oxley, acting as Installing Officer, inducted him into the chair of K.S. Bro. Swetman, W.M., proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Hirst, S.W.; A. W. Flack, J.W.; W. Beck, P.M.; Treas.; J. G. Twinn, P.M., Sec.; A. F. Dickson, S.D.; A. Lloyd, J.D.; C. Jenkins, D.C.; and C. Dawe, I.G. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Oxley, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and complimented him on his admirable conduct of the lodge during his term of office, to which Bro. Oxley briefly and suitably responded.

The duties of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, the intervals being spent in harmony and brotherly love.

Besides the above-named brethren mentioned as officers, the following were present: Bros. A. G. Clements, P.M.;

T. Tyer, P.M.; J. Loftus, P.M.; E. J. Capon, R. Cartwright, C. J. Holmes, F. Styles, A. J. Gibbs, F. White, F. P. Wiggins, E. Costain, J. Smith, W. Harper, T. E. Wall, H. A. Craighead, T. W. Wall, F. Wood, E. Cox, J. E. Payne, A. Hockley, H. Parker, J. Beard, J. Terry, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. E. H. Johnson, 69; J. J. Berry, 554; W. J. Upton, 1421; E. J. Cherry, 861; E. Goshon, 193; W. J. Sampson, 1716; J. Swanston, 117; W. J. Bassett, P.M. 212; J. B. Corfield, 1592; T. W. Venner, 901; C. M. Fox, 1349; E. W. Clements, 1816; W. C. Thomas, 65; T. Taylor, 554; B. Wicking, 1076; J. T. Cormer, 1571; and W. W. Morgan, 1107.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHATHAM.

Pentangle Lodge (No. 1174).—It must ever be a source of considerable pleasure to a zealous Mason, after a wandering existence of close on a quarter of a century, and a constant change of lodges in many and far distant lands, to return to England, to visit the lodge with which he was in early days connected as an original member, and to find it flourishing and prosperous, and with a solid and well-earned reputation. It was with such gratifying feelings that we visited the above-named lodge on Monday, the 7th inst., to witness the installation of the W. Master elect. The Pentangle Lodge is a happy example of naval, military, and civilian brethren working steadily and harmoniously together, and the result has been, and continues to be, eminently satisfactory. The lodge has from the first been held at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, a hostelry widely known in the "services," and at present directed by a most able and obliging management.

The retiring Master, Bro. Crichton Walker, opened proceedings in the presence of a goodly array of Past Masters and visitors. The introductory ceremonies accomplished, the W.M. stated that Bro. V. Brown, P.P.G.P. Hants, and Prov. G.S.B., had kindly consented to perform the ceremony of installation. To no more competent hands could this ceremony have been entrusted. Bro. V. Brown is, if we may use the expression, a born Installing Master, with an admirable presence, a courteous manner, a fluent address, and a complete and accurate knowledge of the ritual. The ceremony is conducted by him with an ease and smoothness that leaves nothing to be desired. Long may the Pentangle Lodge retain on their muster roll so accomplished and so energetic a brother as Bro. V. Brown. Bro. St. George Caulfield Reid may be congratulated on having been placed in the chair by so skilled a Past Master. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. R. Pratt Bond, S.W.; W. J. Robinson, J.W.; Robins, Chap.; H. Penfold, Treas.; F. Penfold, Sec.; A. Foulston, J.D.; A. Packman, I.G.; T. C. Price, D. of C.; and F. G. Butter, Steward.

Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. Balfour Cockburn, 84, P.D.S.G.W. Gibraltar; S. Varren, W.M. 1967; W. S. Baldwin, W.M. 184; Geo. R. Cobham, W.M. 20; W. Campbell, 257, P.S.G.W. Hants; H. J. Upton, P.M. 276; R. W. Wilson, 2054; Carruthers Wain, 2256; and others.

We cannot close these few remarks without a word expressive of our extreme gratification at seeing the office of Secretary held by one so efficient and so courteous, an excellent successor and most worthy son of a father who we rejoice to see still holding office, our esteemed friend and brother, Bro. H. Penfold, the present Treasurer.

An excellent banquet terminated the evening's proceedings.

CLEVEDON.

Coleridge Lodge (No. 1750).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., there being present Bros. E. G. Rivers, W.M.; M. H. Clark, I.P.M.; W. Langworthy, P.M.; Dawes, P.M.; Col. Long, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W. Somerset; Col. Perkins, P.M., P.G.D.; T. Barnes, P.P.J.G.W.; Major-General Montague, C.B., A. Hayman, J. Jupp, P.M.; W. C. E. Hunt, G. Will, W. D. Frost, Somerton, A. B. Wickenden, Dr. Sawyer, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. C. E. Hunt was raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Rivers. Bros. R. T. H. Bland and G. Will were then passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Michael H. Clark, I.P.M. Bro. Col. Long proposed that the sum of £2 10s. be subscribed out of the lodge funds towards the fund being raised to provide Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, with a pension. Bro. Col. Perkins explained the position which Bro. Binckes held with regard to the School. After considerable discussion, the resolution of Bro. Col. Long was negatived by a large majority.

CROYDON.

East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Bro. George Price, Prov. G. Treas., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. F. Nicholls, P.M.; Jno. Hooke, P.M.; G. Yardley, P.M.; J. K. Pitt, P.M.; W. G. Nesbitt, P.M.; W. Fox Hawes, S.W., W.M. elect; J. R. Hubbard, J.W.; R. W. Price, Treas.; C. H. Woodward, P.M., Sec.; R. A. Williams, S.D.; T. Griffiths, J.D.; J. R. Moss and J. W. Hellewell, Stewards; F. West, D.P.G.M. in charge; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. F. S. Newcombe, 1706; Dr. S. Parsons Smith, P.P.G.D.; T. G. Edwards, 535; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org.; G. Edwards, P.M. 907; J. W. Dove, P.M. 1983; J. Kilvington, W.M. 1790; H. Thompson, P.P.S.G.W.; H. J. Davis, 1719; H. F. Dorey, 1636; W. Fenn, 1556; P. Joshua, 452; W. Hooke, 538; N. D. Grantham, P.M. 1686; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master said that previous to leaving the chair at the close of the jubilee year, he had a very pleasurable and important duty to perform. It was to present a testimonial, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, to Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M., as a mark of their love and esteem, and in appreciation of his long and valued services to the lodge as Secretary during the past 20 years. In asking Bro. Woodward to accept the cheque, which he had great pleasure in handing him, he assured him that it was accompanied by sincere wishes for his future prosperity. Bro. C. H.

Woodward, P.M., Secretary, returned thanks in an appropriate speech, remarking that what he had done had been a labour of love, and he was extremely gratified by that mark of their appreciation and esteem. The W.M. then proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by the S.W., and heartily carried, to Bro. Dr. Nicholls, the I.P.M., for the valuable assistance rendered by him during the past year. The W.M. further said he desired to link with that his own thanks, and also had to ask the I.P.M.'s acceptance from him of a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Dr. Nicholls, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. sincerely for the kind terms in which he had alluded to him, and for the handsome jewel presented to him. He also thanked the brethren for the unanimous vote of thanks accorded him. Bro. Fox Hawes was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M., who performed the ceremony for the 18th time, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hubbard, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; R. Price, Treas.; C. H. Woodward, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; Griffiths, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Hellewell, I.G.; W. Nicholls, D.C.; Gates and Timson, Stewards; and Lane, Tyler. The addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. C. H. Woodward. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Nicholls, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. George Price for his services as W.M. during the Jubilee year, and also upon his resigning the Treasurership of the lodge, which he had held for 35 years. On the suggestion of Bro. J. Hooke, P.M., the members immediately subscribed sufficient to make Bro. George Price's youngest grandson a Life-Governor of one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. The Secretary presented every member with a neatly bound history of the lodge, compiled by himself, and completed up to the end of the Jubilee year, and received a cordial vote of thanks.

The lodge was closed, and, after an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Frederick West, Dep. Prov. G.M. in charge, responding for "The Grand Officers," said that, as a very small item in a very comprehensive subject, he trusted they would accept from him the very hearty thanks of the Grand Officers whose names were included for the very excellent rendering of the Masonic ceremony they had witnessed and the great cordiality shown that night. Being called upon to respond reminded him of 12 months ago, when they were graced with the presence of a very large number of distinguished Grand Officers, and it then fell to the lot of a very distinguished officer to return thanks for that toast. He naturally felt regret that he should have to respond on the present occasion, but at the same time, being called upon, he replied with the greatest cordiality. They were told that Masonry rested on a sure foundation, and it was a great pleasure for any Grand Officer to be present on the installation night to witness the addition of one more ruler of the Craft, and so taking part in the popular ceremony of making up the old fabric, for however sure and however sound the foundation may be, it was liable to fall into decay for want of repair, and they were only too glad to witness the old building being renovated from time to time, such as on the present occasion. The stone which had been taken up and filled in that day was a stone of a very ancient nature, as they knew, and he supposed they could not select in the province a more distinguished ruler than the brother who filled the office of I.P.M. They had been fortunate in that lodge in having a good number of distinguished brethren as P.M.'s. They had had a very distinguished Secretary for a great many years, one who had worked hard for the Craft at large, and whose duties had been so faithfully fulfilled as to be recognised in the way in which the I.P.M. described in the lodge. He was sure in losing their Bro. George Price from the office of W.M., they were losing one who had done suit and service to the Craft in the Province of Surrey in a way which no one could possibly compete with. If he could find one to follow in his footsteps, he, as an officer of it, should be particularly pleased. He was glad that in the lodge Bro. Price had found somebody bearing his name to take up the office he had filled for nearly 40 years. When they elected Bro. George Price to the office of W.M. for the second time in 50 years, he was sure it was one of the most unanimous appointments that could be made in a lodge, and when he left the chair they could not help feeling, however illustrious his follower might be, there was something wanting in the grand fabric which it would be difficult to replace. They could not help thinking it possible that there was no flock, however cared and tended, but one pet lamb was missing; there was no fireside, however fortunate, but had one vacant chair and the Past Masters of that lodge, in parting with Bro. Price, would feel they had lost a position in it which would be difficult to fill. He was sure that one and all would do their best to support the W.M. during his year, and he was not wrong in saying it was the wish of every Grand Officer that Bro. Fox Hawes would have a prosperous and happy year. There was one topic which was of importance he knew in the Province of Surrey, and he believed as a topic was being discussed now—they would forgive him referring to it—and that was whether it was right and proper for Masons to give "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. They had some antiquarian members in the lodge, notably the Secretary, who had given them a resumé of all the minutes of the lodge in his history, and he was sure the views of that brother, of Bro. George Price, and of those rulers of lodges would be valuable with a view to try and solve the mystery as to whether it was right and proper to give "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. He personally felt it difficult to know what to do and he should like to have some authoritative statement from the Grand Lodge, or the Board of General Purposes, that they might all know what to do, and that there should be no half and half feeling about the matter. It appeared to him that the origin of the matter was somewhat simple. When travelling was not so rapid, and the interchange of ideas between lodges was not so general, it was usual to extend the right hand of fellowship to all those who might be in a similar neighbourhood and it was usual for the invitation to be sent to the W.M. and Wardens, and no doubt the visitors gave wishes which, he believed, in the olden times was a recognised part of the W.M. He thought it should be somebody appointed on behalf of the lodge to give "Hearty good wishes," for he did not think it was competent for any member to give them unless so appointed, especially as in some cases when the W.M. of a lodge was present. He thought the solution of the matter was this—that the W.M. or whoever was appointed to attend was the proper person to convey congratulations to an incoming Master, for he was the person accepting the hospitality of the W.M. and it could not be out of place to wish him "Hearty good wishes." It seemed

to be a simple solution, and if it should be determined to be so he was sure the Province of Surrey would heartily fall in with the suggestion. Personally, as one of the Grand Officers and as the ruler of the province, he should be glad if the point was settled up.

Bro. Hy. Thompson, P.P.S.G.W., replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers," and having returned thanks, said that when he had placed in his hands the record of the lodge he looked for some point which he could choose as a text on which to found his remarks. The first name he saw was that of Bro. Hope, and he thought that a good name to dilate upon. He saw that the first W.M. bore the harmonious name of Hope, and when they started a lodge it was with the hope that it might prosper as time went on. They now found that the hope with regard to that lodge had been raised to perfection in Bro. Price. He hoped it was not the last time he should see their beautiful working. They had all enjoyed themselves that evening, not only with what they had heard, but also with what they had seen. Bro. Woodward had impressed them with his beautiful working, and with the feeling that Masonry was something higher than most people thought it.

Bro. George Price, I.P.M., said the toast which he had the pleasure and honour of submitting was "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Fox Hawes, the W.M., had worked his way up through every office in that lodge up to the S.W.'s chair, and that he occupied for two years in order to permit him (Bro. Price) to go into the chair of the lodge for the second time. At length, after waiting for two years—which was somewhat disappointing to many Masons, but it did not appear to have the slightest effect upon Bro. Fox Hawes—he had attained the summit of his ambition, and was now the W.M. of the lodge. It was a grand thing to be the W.M. of a lodge. It gave power and dignity, and it was true there was much responsibility, but it was a position that almost every Mason desired and coveted. Bro. Fox Hawes deserved their confidence, their best feelings, and their hearty good wishes. He ventured to say that, because as the I.P.M. of that lodge, and lately, of course, their W. Master, he was sure he should be in order, and should not violate any of the edicts of Freemasonry, when he asked them to join him in wishing the W.M. "Hearty good wishes." He could only say that he trusted and hoped, and was, in fact, sure they would join in wishing their W.M. a year of enjoyment and prosperity.

Bro. W. Fox Hawes, W.M., in response, said that from his experience of the lodge the toast of the W.M., especially on the installation night, was always well received. He was diffident in undertaking the duties of W.M., following such an illustrious predecessor as Bro. George Price, and when he remembered the array of Grand Officers present a year ago, he felt he shone with a diminished lustre. However, with their assistance he would use his best endeavours to promote the interests of his mother lodge. He knew all the brethren would look with a favourable eye on his shortcomings, and he trusted his endeavours would be moderately successful, as he should look forward to make them so. As they all knew, last year they celebrated the Jubilee of the lodge, and in the coming year he hoped to work the ceremonies in a quiet way, so that the lodge would make its mark in the province.

Bro. Dr. Parsons Smith, P.P.G.D., replied for "The Visitors," and other toasts given were "The Past Masters" and "The Treasurer," responded to respectively by Bros. George and Robert Price; "The Secretary," replied to by Bro. Woodward; "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

LEEDS.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The last regular meeting of this lodge, which took place on the 11th inst., was a most successful function. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Middleton, occupied the chair of K.S., and he was supported by Bros. Fretwell, S.W.; Atkinson, J.W.; Abbott, Sec.; B. Abbott, Asst. Sec.; Butterworth, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Trevor, P.M., D.C.; Smithson, I.G.; Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; and others. The visiting brethren included several members of Leeds lodges, and also Bro. J. W. Mason, I.P.M. 956, Pietermaritzberg, Natal.

The tracing boards in the two Degrees were given by Bros. Dr. Smyth and C. L. Mason respectively. When "Hearty good wishes" were being exchanged, Bro. Tudor Trevor called attention to the presence of Bro. J. W. Mason, of the Province of Natal, and said how heartily they would all join in welcoming their distinguished colonial brother. Bro. Middleton, in seconding Bro. Trevor's remarks, moved a formal vote of welcome, assuring Bro. Mason that it was a great gratification to all that he had found himself in a position to visit Prudence Lodge, and all hoped that his stay in England might be a happy one, and that his health might be completely restored. Bro. Dr. Smyth seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation. Bro. Mason, in the course of a fitting reply, said how pleased he was to make the acquaintance of those present. He had heard of Prudence Lodge in Natal, and had read with pleasure the reports of the meetings which had appeared in the Masonic journals. Especially had he been struck with an address delivered by Bro. C. L. Mason, and not only his own lodge, but the Durban Lodge had perused it with interest and profit. Speaking of his own lodge, he said it numbered 65 members, and the average attendance was 31. During the year he was W.M., last year, they held 18 meetings, had 16 initiations, 17 passings, and 18 raisings—a fair amount of work. He wore on his breast a handsome jewel presented by his lodge, and he was proud to wear it. He had a telegram that at the last meeting of his lodge they initiated two Wesleyan ministers, rather an unusual thing in the Colonies. He assured all present that he deeply appreciated all that he had seen in the lodge, and he should not forget to carry back home a report of the fraternal feeling he had observed.

TORQUAY.

St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, when there present, with others, Bros. R. D. Renwick, W.M.; T. Beckett, S.W.; Jno. Taylor, S.D., as J.W.; J. Gorwin, as S.D.; H. R. Beer, J.D.; T. Blackler, I.G.; R. L. Mugford, P.M.; Jas. Grant, P.M., Chap.; W. Taylor, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; T. Brooks, Org.; G. Burt, Tyler; W. Knee, W. Bedford, 1881; and Collins, 106.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. Knee was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., in a very able

and creditable manner. Bro. Jno. Chapman, 551, 1402, 1884, P.P.G.D. Devon, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge, together with Bro. W. P. Roberts, 1358. The lodge voted a contribution of £2 10s. to the "Binckes' Annuity Fund," and disposed of a variety of miscellaneous business, after which the lodge was closed.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when there were present, with others, Bros. T. H. Wills, W.M.; J. McKellar, S.W.; Jno. Taylor, J.W.; T. Prust, P.M., Chap.; J. Dodge, P.M., P.P. G. Treas.; Treas.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; S. Wills, J.D.; W. Hersey, I.G.; T. Brooks, Org.; Geo. West, Steward; T. W. Morgan, I.P.M.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. Hill, E. J. Pratt, J. G. Turle, Nosworthy, Morton, P.M. 1248, P.P.G.D.C. N. and E. Yorkshire; and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A donation was voted by the lodge to the R.M.I. for Girls, to be placed on Bro. Lane's list, who is acting as Steward at the next annual Festival in May. Bro. J. G. Turle was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very able and lucid manner, Bro. J. Taylor delivering the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Lane reported having been successful in placing upon the "Devon Masonic Educational Fund" the child of a deceased brother of the lodge, and then proceeded to give a lucid and interesting account of the working of the Third Degree in the Province of Bristol, comparing it with some very old workings, as well as with that in use at the present time, noting the chief points in the beautiful ceremony. As our distinguished Bro. Lane is a specialist in the department of Masonic rituals, the brethren highly appreciated his instructive account. Bro. J. Chapman also gave an account of the part he took in working the Third Degree in Bristol some 15 years since.

The lodge then proceeded to dispose of a considerable amount of general business, after which the lodge was closed.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Lodge (No. 946).—The installation meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. A. Machin, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect; W. J. Lyons, J.W.; W. Beard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Sec.; G. W. Brown, S.D.; H. E. Gomme, J.D.; F. R. Robinson, I.G.; H. Barton, D.C.; T. Inglis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Geo. Mayor Cooke, P.M.; Rohrs, P.M.; A. Loft, P.M.; J. Auton, P.M.; and F. De Groot; also as visitors Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. Grand Master; Wilson, P.J.G.W. Berks and Bucks; E. W. Warner, P.M. 1793, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Carter, P.M. 141; Ransford, I.P.M. 1512; Langdale, 141; Oliver, 902; Wilson, 1228; and R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.

The lodge was opened, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and other business of minor importance transacted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Inglis, P.M., who duly installed Bro. Hopwood, the addresses being briefly and impressively rendered. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Lyons, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Beard, Sec.; H. E. Gomme, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Barton, I.G.; De Groot, D.C.; and A. Walkley, Tyler. Bro. Wohlgenuth, P.M., Treas., was, in consequence of illness, unable to attend, but the W.M., in feeling terms, alluded to his absence, and expressed the wish that he might soon be restored to health.

The lodge was closed, after which the brethren retired to banquet at the King's Head Hotel, which was served in Bro. Barton's usual efficient style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and the handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge presented to the I.P.M., Bro. A. Machin.

A very pleasant evening was spent, Bros. Langdale, Warner, Inglis, and Ransford contributing greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren.

WALTON-ON-NAZE.

Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Clifton Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, W.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; E. Grocock, J.W.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., Sec.; W. E. Sutton, S.D.; C. P. King, J.D.; James Andrews, D.C.; T. H. Harman, I.G.; W. Wright, Stwd.; J. James, Tyler; G. Canler, I.P.M.; Rickarby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Dorling, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; W. Finer, P.M.; H. Finer, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Suffolk; Loomes, Purvis, Swoffer, W. Wright, Dunn, Schofield, Randall, and Daniel. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, 51, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Sec.; A. Welch, 51, P.P.J.G.W.; J. F. Haskins, Org. 1364; and M. Page, 2063.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. A. Purvis was raised to the Degree of M.M., the W.M. giving the working tools. The ballot proving unanimous, Messrs. R. Scarlett and C. Dowra were duly initiated. Election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. H. Wilkinson, S.W., was declared elected and congratulated. Bro. E. Osmond was again elected Treas., and Bro. James, Tyler. Bros. Randall, King, and Wright were appointed Auditors.

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

The usual toasts were loyally given and received, and the lodge congratulated by Bros. Ralling and Welch on the excellent working of its W.M. Bro. Ralling, P.G. Sec., also informed the brethren that Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M., had appointed Saturday, July 26th, as the day on which he intended holding Provincial Grand Lodge at Walton-on-Naze under the banner of the Arnold Lodge.

Some excellent songs and selections of music were given by the W.M., and Bros. Sutton, Purvis, R. Scarlett, and others, under the able direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Organist to Lodges 194, 212, &c.

WOOLWICH.

Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge, took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall

Mount Pleasant, Bros. H. Grice, W.M. occupied the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and visiting brethren: Bros. W. Tailby, I.P.M.; G. H. Davies, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M.; Treas.: N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Moore, P.M.; W. Akers, P.M.; A. Cleal, P.M.; J. G. Milbourne, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. F. Bell, S.W.; A. Deans, J.D.; Barnes, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; J. Warren, P.M. 700; S. E. Southgate, J.W. 700; G. J. Taylor, S.D. 700; H. Tufnell, I.G. 700; A. J. Spencer, 915; J. Hammond, 481; J. Smith, 1000; J. Bailey, 829; B. Gliddon, 1099; and J. B. Cox, 1326.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. W. R. Shairp and F. Thomas; and proving unanimous, they were initiated into Masonry. The sum of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Warren's list for the Boys' Festival, and then the lodge was closed.

After refreshments the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were received with acclamation. The I.P.M., Bro. Tailby, having briefly proposed the toast of "The W.M.,"

Bro. Grice, in response, thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many Past Masters of the lodge present.

"The Initiates" having been toasted, "The Visitors" were accorded a bumper, and in response, Bro. Southgate congratulated the W.M. upon his restoration to health, and promised to attend the next meeting of the lodge and see the working.

Bro. Warren also returned thanks, and was glad to be present, not only as a near neighbour, but because of the close and harmonious connection which existed between that and the Nelson Lodge through their united lodges of instruction, by which means they got to know one another socially, and at the same time brought their working into one system. They were going to assist each other in working the Fifteen Sections, and he sincerely trusted the union between the Nelson and Union Waterloo Lodges would never be broken. He thanked them for their gift of 10 guineas to his list, and promised that, should any brother of that lodge go up next year for either of the Charities, he would give him that hearty support which he (Bro. Warren) had that night received at their hands.

Bro. Spencer, in responding, said he was glad to be present, and always felt a spirit of reverence whenever he entered the lodge because of its antiquity, while the very presence of Bros. Davies and Milbourne was like a benediction. He congratulated the W.M. upon his excellent working and also upon being supported by such a grand array of Past Masters.

Bro. Hammond said as a stranger to them from Newcastle-on-Tyne, he was thankful for the opportunity of being present and witnessing the working, which he must confess was rather different to that of the lodges in the north. He spoke highly of the working of the W.M. and his officers, and concluded by hoping the initiates felt the importance of the step they had taken, and assured them that the further they went into Masonry the better they would like it.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The singing and reciting were excellent, and the whole affair most enjoyable.

Royal Arch.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Comps. R. Whitfield, Z.; J. Wood, P.Z., as H.; Wm. Brown, J.; W. M. Pybus, S.E.; R. H. Holme, as S.N.; T. R. Jobson, P.S.; R. Stewart, 1st A.S.; J. Shaw, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Janitor; J. Boazman, W. J. Pattison, 481; T. R. Short, 481; J. A. Stelling, 481; and others.

The following were balloted for and elected: Bros. H. Thomas, 1342, and M. R. Wright, 48. Bro. Edwin Perry (previously elected), being in attendance, was duly exalted into the Supreme Degree by Comp. R. Whitfield, Z. The election of Principals and officers was then proceeded with for the ensuing year as follows: Comp. R. Whitfield re-elected as Z., owing to the removal of Comp. J. McCulloch, H., from this district to Glasgow; Comps. W. Brown, H.; W. M. Pybus, J.; M. Corbett, P.Z., Treas.; W. Richardson, S.E.; T. R. Jobson, S.N.; R. Stewart, P.S.; R. H. Holme, 1st A.S.; W. Dalrymple, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and J. Curry, Janitor.

A candidate for exaltation was proposed, and after other business had been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the refreshment board.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. W. T. Dillon, W.M.; J. Rogers, S.W.; M. Bush, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; S. Stretch, S.D.; A. Pozzati, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, Treas., I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 1608, W.M. 511; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. Page, W.M. 753; H. J. Thomas, J. Mason, R. E. Cursons, and J. R. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Page candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Cursons having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cursons candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cursons gave notice of motion to alter By-laws 2 and 3. The Treasurer, Bro. W. J. Stratton, and the Secretary, Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.M., were re-elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for their services during the past session. Bros. Dillon and Turner were elected Auditors. Bro. Rogers was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, 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 10th inst. Present: Bros. H. J. Shelley, W.M. 1081, W.M.; Wade, S.W.; Porter, J.W.; Wingfield, P.M. Sec.; G. March, P.M. acting Preceptor; Rayner, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Cooke, I.G.; J. O'Connell, P.M., P.G.O. Surrey; V. Wing, W.M. 1585; Houghton, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Houghton offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and was duly examined, entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Wade 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 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. O. W. Battley, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; J. W. Belcham, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141, S.D.; C. A. Milnes, J.D.; J. Chaundler, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, S.W. 60, 1642, G.S. England; J. W. Cuff, I.P.M. 511; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543; W. Jackman, W. Chapple.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. G. Read, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Jackman being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The votes of the lodge of instruction were given to Bro. Ferris. Business of an important nature was transacted and concluded in a satisfactory manner, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, 15th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Speller, W.M.; J. Duncan, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., Treas., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; C. Isler, A. Wolter, and J. M. Scarlett.

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. Isler answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Isler being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Duncan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Antonovich, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.; Saunior, J.W.; Ives, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Sec.; Meadows, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; Pitt, P.M.; Williams, Langford, Buckmaster, R. D. Smith, Miller, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Langford personating the candidate. Bro. Smith having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Smith was then passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Ives, P.M., then occupied the chair as W.M., and Bro. Buckmaster having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Buckmaster was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rising for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Dormer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Hoggins, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. Rotter, S.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; R. Griffiths, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Groves, G. Millican, H. Budd, C. W. Frommholz, A. Cogliati, R. Kirk, A. L. Bullen, F. W. Buxton, C. O. Burgess, J. Gluckstein, and J. Rowe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Dep. Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. G. Harvett having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The Dep. Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. H. Budd, 1604, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, announcing his intention of working the Third Degree. On rising for the third time, Bro. T. C. Seary, Org., said that with the permission of the lodge he wished to make the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction a recognised musical lodge, if suitable accommodation be forthcoming as regards the use of an organ. It is proposed to organise a choir, and that the first Thursday in each month be specially devoted to musical ceremonies, and any brother wishing to assist will kindly communicate with the Secretary. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Woodard, W.M.; W. Jennings, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. Stanley, S.D.; G. Higginson, J.D.; H. Cotton, I.G.; T. Stevens, Stwd.; J. J. Cantle, P.M.; L. Cox, A. Love, W. Hillier, and F. Craggs. Visitor: Bro. Jno. Brown, 2012.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hillier candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Brown, 2012, was elected a joining member. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. Jos. Cox, W.M.; W. E. Macey, S.W.; J. H. Morrish, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; H. Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; R. Ambler, S.D.; C. E. Everett, J.D.; C. Barber, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremonies of the First and Second Degrees were rehearsed. Bro. Harris tendered his resignation as Treasurer, owing to his ill-health and inability to attend the meetings, which resignation was accepted with great regret, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Harris for the services he had rendered to the lodge as its Treasurer for the past nine years. Bro. Macey was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; M. Speigel, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Biggs, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. Pine, I.G.; T. Willcox, Stwd.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. H. Cumming, P.M.; F. Walden, and J. Cox.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Willcox answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. T. Willcox being candidate. Bro. J. Cox answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. J. Cox acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, on the usual rising, Bro. Speigel, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was resolved that the lodge should adjourn for a fortnight. It was also resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked on Saturday, May 3rd. The W.M. was complimented by the brethren for his admirable and effective manner in working the ceremonies. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, the 12th inst.

TORQUAY.—**JORDAN LODGE** (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. Pratt, as W.M.; W. J. Nosworthy, as S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; John Dodge, Preceptor; John Taylor, Sec.; C. Hill, S.D.; J. W. Beer, as J.D.; John Lane, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. Prust, T. H. Wills, Willie Thomas, G. West, and Dr. Cook.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. W. Thomas offering himself as a candidate, he was initiated as E.A., the ceremony being ably worked by Bro. Pratt. Bro. C. Hill delivering the charge in a highly creditable manner. The Preceptor complimented the brethren on the work of the lodge, and appointed the work for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, J. elect 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, J.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.N. 862, S.E.; G. Gregory, 862, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, P.S.; O. W. Battley, 2246, and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Battley being candidate, the addresses being very ably given by the Three Principals. Business of an important nature was transacted, and concluded in a satisfactory manner, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., instead of the previous day, owing to the Easter holiday intervening. The W.M., Bro. W. Brown, presided, and he was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. R. Whitfield, I.P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; J. Wood, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; R. W. Klyne, S.W., John Page, P.M., D.C., as J.W.; W. Richardson, M.O.; A. Simpson, as S.O.; T. R. Short, as J.O.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; C. P. Laidler, J.D.; W. Stafford, I.G.; T. Cheg-widden, I. Taylor, and W. J. Jobson. The following visitors were present: Bros. J. A. S. Scott, I.G., and W. T. Hall, Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed Lodge (T.I.).

The ballot was taken for a candidate, after which Bros. Rev. P. W. Clarke and Hugh Jackson (previously elected) were advanced to the Honourable Degree by the W.M., who explained the working tools and gave the address incidental to the ritual.

Bros. Samuel White and F. P. Alliston, C.C., have been re-elected churchwardens for the Parish of St. Margaret Moses.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

Metropolitan College.—The annual convocation was held on the 10th inst. at the Masonic Hall, 16A, Great Queen-street, W.C. R.W. Frater Dr. Wm. Wynn Westcott, M.B., occupied the chair as M. of the T. The M.C. was duly formed, and the minutes confirmed. There were present a large number of members, among whom we may mention the Supreme Magus, Dr. W. Robert Woodman, 9°; R.W. Frater James Lewis Thomas, 9°; W. J. Ferguson, 8°; T. C. Walls, Hon. 8°; S. L. MacGregor Mathers, 8°; H. J. Lardner, Dr. T. W. Coffin, Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Frye, Gregory, Goodchild, Prower, Gowan, Higgins, and Hay.

A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring Master, Frater Dr. Westcott. Bros. C. Gross and C. Cooper were admitted to the grade of Zelator by the M. of the T., and the lecture was delivered by W. Frater Lardner. The resignation of R.W. Frater Eugene Thiellay was accepted with the deepest regret, the M. of the T. speaking of him as "most genial in manner, competent in his work, and regular in his attendance." The Audit Committee produced the report and balance-sheet, which showed a considerable balance in hand. The report was adopted. R.W. Frater Frederick Holland, 8°, the lecturer appointed for the day, was unavoidably absent, owing to illness in his family. W. Frater Lardner was then elected Master for the ensuing year, and was duly installed by the Supreme Magus, who was subsequently re-elected Treasurer. The Master then appointed R.W. Frater MacGregor Mathers, 8°, as his deputy, and R.W. Frater Dr. Westcott, Hon. 9°, as the Secretary, and the other officers according to merit and attendance. It was announced that the S.M. had raised R.W. Frater Robert Roy to the 8° and membership of the High Council.

The M.C. having been dissolved, the fratres assembled to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, where the feast was enlivened by Rosicrucian discussion.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

University of London Conclave (No. 2).—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. Present: Bros. Charles Gross, M.D., S.R.; W. G. Lemon, LL.B., G.; A. E. Sansom, M.D., Treas.; F. E. Lemon, M.A., Sec.; H. W. Kiallmark, Stwd.; W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., V.D.; H. E. Juler, F.R.C.S., D.C.; C. Couper Cripps, M.D.; and W. Stephens. Visitors: Bros. A. F. Lamette, C. 10; N. Brokenshire, C. 11; and J. J. Thomas, C. 5.

The following brethren were raised to the Second Degree (Prince of the Order): Bros. C. Couper Cripps and Wm. Stephens; also by request of the S.R. of the Royal Sussex Conclave, No. 10—Bro. A. F. Lamette; and, by request of the S.R. of the George Andrews Conclave, No. 11—Bro. N. Brokenshire.

Scotland.

The regular quarterly communication of the E. Grand Encampment of Knight Templars in and for the Kingdom of Scotland was held in the Sun Inn Hall, Kilmarnock, on Saturday, the 29th ult. Ten encampments were represented. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, Sir Knight Major John Crombie, the Past Grand Master and Grand Representative presided, assisted by Sir Knight T. Davies, Grand Marshal. The usual routine of business having been transacted, amongst other matters which engaged the attention of the Grand Encampment was the nomination of Sir Knights T. L. Shaw, of Aberdeen, John Liddle and James M'LAY, of Glasgow, to the dignity of Knights Grand Cross, in recognition of their zeal for the Order. The Grand Encampment also conferred honorary membership and the dignity of Knights Grand Cross on Sir Knights Dr. D. Wilson, of Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, and F. J. W. Crowe, Airlburton, England, in recognition of their merits as Masons and Knight Templars. After Grand Encampment was closed, a chapter of Knights Grand Cross was held, when the newly-elected Grand Crosses who were present were duly installed.

Ireland.

ENNISKILLEN.

St. John's Lodge (No. 891).—The regular monthly meeting of this successful lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., when there was a good average attendance of the brethren, including Bros. W. Ritchie, W.M.; W. Teele, J.P., S.W.; Joe. L. Carson, J.W.; W. Purdon, C.E., I.P.M.; Geo. B. White, T.G.; R. J. Moore, S.D.; Thos. Gamble, J.D.; and W. F. Jones, P.M., Sec.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which a brother was passed to the Degree of F.C., and another brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The faultless manner in which Bro. Jones performed these ceremonies commended itself to every brother, and as is usual when Degrees are being conferred by him in this lodge, there were visitors from other sister lodges. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

India.

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT BOMBAY.

A farewell entertainment was given to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, as District Grand Master of Bombay, on Friday, the 7th ult., by the District Grand Lodge of Bombay and the private lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England.

The entertainment was in the form of a conversation. It was held at the Government Secretariat,

the Council Chamber and a suite of rooms adjoining having been kindly placed at the disposal of District Grand Lodge for the purpose by his Excellency Lord Reay, the Governor.

The grounds of the building were brilliantly and artistically illuminated, the interior was furnished and decorated exquisitely, and illuminated with the electric light. In one of the rooms a phonograph was exhibited, and the company had the pleasure of hearing from that wonderful instrument, besides other sounds, a speech from the lips of Lord Harris, the Governor designate of Bombay.

Refreshment buffets were laid in one of the halls, where all sorts of delicacies were provided.

The band of the 2nd Gloucestershire Regiment was in attendance, and played a selection of music.

A large number of guests were present, including Bro. Sir Henry Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, together with his Grand Officers; the R.W. Masters of lodges under the S.C., with their wives and daughters; and many other ladies and gentlemen.

Brethren wore their Masonic regalia, and the lodge banners were displayed around the Council Hall, at one end of which was a dais.

The company began to arrive at 9.0 p.m., and shortly after that hour the halls were crowded. At 9.50 p.m. a fanfare of trumpets announced the arrival of their Royal Highnesses the District Grand Master and the Duchess of Connaught, attended by Bro. Col. Cavaye, Military Secretary, Bro. Col. Becher, Equerry, and Capt. Ferguson, Aide-de-Camp.

The Royal party was received by Bro. Harold R. King, Deputy District Grand Master; Sir Henry Morland, J. W. Smith, and W. H. Hussey, Past Deputy District Grand Masters, and the other District Grand Officers.

H.R.H. the Duchess was conducted to the Council Hall by Bro. Harold King. The Grand Officers formed a procession, and escorted H.R.H. the District Grand Master to the dais.

The Grand Officers and guests stood opposite to the dais while Bro. HAROLD KING read the following address:

Lieutenant-General His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., C.B., A.D.C.; Past Grand Warden of England; Provincial Grand Master of Sussex; &c., &c., &c., Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Bombay and its Dependencies.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the Deputy District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, under the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, on behalf of the brethren under your jurisdiction in India, beg permission to tender, for your acceptance, the expression of our sincere regret, that the time has arrived for your departure from our midst, entailing the severance of those personal relations which have subsisted so happily between your Royal Highness and the brethren we represent.

First of the Princes of your Royal House, who have resided in and taken part in the government of this country, your Royal Highness, by becoming our District Grand Master, has shown that no rank is too exalted, and no office too high, to prevent a recognition of our brotherhood, and the discharge of the most important duties connected with its government. We are fully aware that the smallest details which have come before you in this capacity have received your most careful consideration.

We trust that, as District Grand Master at Bombay, you have realised the accuracy of the forecast which you made on the occasion of your Royal Highness' installation, namely, that there is probably no more unique district than that of Bombay, comprising, as it does among its brethren, men of so many nationalities and creeds, but all imbued with the same true spirit of devotion to the Craft and of loyalty to our beloved Sovereign. On the same occasion, you were pleased to add that if during the tenure of your office, you succeeded in keeping the brethren up to the mark, in increasing their numbers, and stimulating their enthusiasm, you would feel amply rewarded. And now that you are leaving us, we feel assured that your Royal Highness will not consider you have laboured in vain, for not only has the former standard of Masonic work been fully maintained, but the devotion of the brethren has become strengthened by the example you have set them in aiding and encouraging every object tending to the advancement and good of the Craft. But believe us, sir, when we assure you that the benefits which have followed your rule will not cease with your departure.

The bright light which has shone on Masonry in this district during the period that you have ruled over us so wisely and so well, will, we trust, continue to shine for many years to come, to enlighten the brethren in the path of duty; and we doubt not but that, though separated from us, you will still continue to take an interest in our welfare and progress.

It is now nearly six and-a-half years since your Royal Highness landed in India with H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, and during half of that period you have held the distinguished office of Commander-in-Chief of her Majesty's Bombay forces, in the discharge of the important duties of which post, no less than in your position as a leader of society, you have won the highest respect and goodwill of all classes. And we rejoice to think that the wide experience which your Royal Highness has acquired during your command in Bengal, and afterwards in Bombay, of the many varied races of this vast continent, will, from the exalted position you hold be of signal advantage hereafter no less in the interests of the Government of the British Empire than in the interests of India.

The princely courtesy with which you have moved amongst us—"modest, kindly, all-accomplished, wise"—has won for your Royal Highness a degree of affection on the part of those far removed from you in position, such as rarely falls to the lot of man; but widespread and general as is this feeling of affection, we assure you that by none is your Royal Highness held in more affectionate respect and warm regard than by the Masonic Fraternity.

Out of the many recollections which you will carry with

you connected with your stay in this country, we trust that those associated with your rule over us will be some of the pleasantest. May we, in conclusion, express to your Royal Highness our gratitude that, in spite of the numerous and important demands on your time which your departure from India necessarily entails, you have afforded us this opportunity of once more meeting you as our District Grand Master, and of endeavouring to assure you of our loyal devotion to her Majesty, to your illustrious brother the Grand Master, and to yourself, our appreciation of what we owe to you in the past, and our earnest hope that you may long be spared to devote those qualities and abilities which we have witnessed in this Presidency, to the interests of the empire and the Craft.

And wishing your Royal Highness and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught a prosperous voyage to England, we subscribe ourselves your dutiful brethren in the bonds of Masonry.

HAROLD R. KING (P.G.D.),
Deputy District Grand Master.
W. H. HUSSEY (P.D.D.G.M.),
District Grand Secretary.

R. S. BROWN,
President Board of General Purposes.

His Royal HIGHNESS, in reply, said: Worshipful Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, Deputy District Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—I am indeed deeply sensible for the very kind and flattering words which you have read to me in the address, which I now hold in my hand. I think I need not assure the brethren whom I see around me of the deep interest I take in the Craft. I have had many instances of experiencing the loyal support which I have received from all those over whom it has been my pleasure to hold jurisdiction. It is a source of sincerest regret to myself that I am now standing here for the last time amongst you as your District Grand Master. As I had hoped, when you first gave me the honour of appointing me the District Grand Master, we have all worked together in brotherly love, and in a manner in which we wish all Masons, under whatever jurisdiction they may serve to act. I can only hope that my connection with this Grand Lodge will have been one that may have done much to promote the interest of the Craft which it has been my greatest wish to further, and in so doing to mould together the different parts of which this District Grand Lodge and the lodges under its jurisdiction are maintained. We are in an exceptional position of having amongst us men of all nationalities and all creeds, and I have always felt it to be a very great privilege to be enabled in any way, however small, to help in welding those different elements together in loyalty to our most Gracious Sovereign the Queen-Empress and in devotion to the Craft. When I go home to England it will be my great pleasure to me to report to H.R.H. the Grand Master of all English Freemasonry how loyal you are to him and to the Grand Lodge of India, and how anxious you are to carry out the tenets of our Craft in all its sincerity and in all its strictness. I feel most deeply grateful to you for the very kind support you have given me during the time I have been filling the office of District Grand Master. I thank the District Grand Officers for their loyalty and assistance. I see around me men who have long been connected with the Craft, and who have striven in every way they could to uphold its dignity and its cause. I thank you for the very flattering words in which you have referred to my services in this country. I think you all know it has been to me a source of the greatest pride to have been for the last few years connected with one of the public services which has done so much to maintain our empire in India. I can never forget the six-and-a-half years I have served in India, and especially those last three-and-a-half years during which I have had the honour of commanding the Bombay army. I thank you also for your kindly reference to her Royal Highness the Duchess, and I hope her presence here this evening will show you the interest she takes in the work which I as a Mason have been carrying on in the Presidency. I have nothing further to add except to thank you, one and all, for your kindness and for the good-will you have shown me ever since I have been amongst you; and I can assure you honestly and truly that, although I may be far removed in England from you, it will always be to me a source of the greatest pleasure to hear how you are getting on. I hope the Craft in the Bombay Presidency will go on increasing in numbers and in efficiency, and that you will always be true to the great tenets which we hold so dear.

The brethren then filed past, and H.R.H. graciously bid them individually "good-bye."

About an hour more was happily spent in conversation, introductions, refreshments, and other amusements, after which their Royal Highnesses, having graciously expressed their pleasure at the entertainment, retired, and the company dispersed.

BOMBAY.

St. John's Sovereign Chapter (No. 3, S.C.).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on Tuesday, the 18th February, at which there were present Ill. Bros. Sir Henry Morland, 33°, Sov. G. Inspector-General for India, and Hon. Member of the Supreme Council for Scotland; and F. Burdett, 30°; A. W. Seabrooke, J. A. Yates, C. D. Wise, J. W. Hepworth, F. S. Lamb, E. F. Underwood, B. Bunyer, H. Johnston, and J. H. Burrett. Visitors: Ill. Bros. H. J. Parsons, 32°; J. W. Smith, 31°; and H. W. Barrow, 30°; Ex. rros. H. R. King, J. B. Haworth, F. W. English, and J. J. Green, No. 18 (E.C.); and Ill. Bro. A. Rosenspit, 32°.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, and some formal business transacted. The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing year: Ill. Bros. A. W. Seabrooke, M.W. Sov.; R. V. Reid, High Prelate; F. Burdett, 30°, S.W. and Treas.; J. A.

Yates, J.W.; C. D. Wise, Sec.; J. Young, Director of Ceremonies; J. W. Hepworth, Chancellor; W. H. K. Mathews, Inner Guard; and J. H. Burrett, Equerry. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were offered by Ill. Bros. Parsons and Rosenspitiz. The latter, who hailed from America, also tendered his best thanks for the kindness shown him. Ill. Bro. Sir Henry Morland addressed the chapter, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing the members of the Bombay Chapter, under the Supreme Council of England, present on the occasion. He alluded to the harmony and goodwill prevailing between the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England, which he trusted might long continue.

The chapter was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining room, where an excellent repast was provided, and the customary loyal and other toasts were duly given and honoured.

PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Dist. Grand Master of Bombay and its Territories (E.C.), visited Quetta on the 29th January. It was resolved by the Masonic bodies to present to his Royal Highness addresses of welcome, and deputations consisting of the under-mentioned brethren accordingly waited on his Royal Highness at the residence of General Sir George White, K.C.B., K.C.I.E., V.C., on Friday, the 31st January.

The deputations were received by Col. N. F. Cavaye, Military Secretary, and were ushered into the presence of his Royal Highness, where they were individually presented by Bro. W. A. Murison, holding the dual office of R.W.M. 691 (S.C.), and 2333 (S.C.). On behalf of Bolan Lodge: Bros. W. A. Murison, R.W.M.; Allan Smith, P.M.; B. D. Patal Khan Bahadur, D.M.; Nund Lall, S.M.; R. R. Golwalla, S.W.; J. R. Leadbeter, J.W.; and V. Breakey, Sec.

The following address from the members of Bolan Lodge, No. 691, holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was then read:

"To his Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., C.B., &c., &c."

"Your Royal Highness,—We, the members of Lodge Bolan, are emboldened (by your condescension in having on a previous visit to this district accepted the tribute offered you by this lodge of honorary membership therein) to offer you a hearty Masonic welcome on this your second coming.

"We pray that the indisposition, which prevented her Royal Highness the Duchess from honouring this district by her gracious presence may be brought to an auspicious end, and that her Royal Highness and all your children may long be spared to gladden your home, and to live happy, beautiful, and useful lives.

"In conclusion, we would humbly tender the renewed assurances of our undying loyalty both to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to the energetic patrons of our beloved Institution, of which the Royal Family have ever been such fervent well-wishers, and we would pray that all good may be with you and yours, and that your noble zeal in the arduous duties of your high offices may be blessed from on High.

"Signed on behalf of the members of Lodge Bolan, W. A. Murison, R.W.M.; D. Picton Davies, I.P.M.; Allan Smith, P.M.; B. D. Patal Khan Bahadur, D.M.; Nund Lall, S.M.; R. R. Golwalla, S.W.; J. R. Leadbeter, J.W.; W. Breakey, Sec.

"Dated Lodge Bolan, No. 691 (S.C.), Quetta, the 31st January, 1890."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS replied: Right Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge Bolan,—It gives me very great pleasure to receive this, the second address from Lodge Bolan. I feel very deeply the kind wishes conveyed in it, and as District Grand Master of Bombay, it is, and always has been, my desire to promote fraternal feelings between the sister Constitutions in the district. I also highly appreciate the kindly sentiments expressed towards her Royal Highness the Duchess and the members of our family, which I have no doubt would be equally appreciated by her Royal Highness were she present. In conclusion, I thank you, brethren, for the sentiments of loyalty conveyed in your address, and heartily wish your lodge every success and prosperity.

On behalf of Lodge Quetta were the following: Bros. W. A. Murison, W.M.; S. M. Mercer, I.P.M.; R. Kerr, P.M.; Jno. Jesse Cumming, S.W.; and B. D. Patal Khan Bahadur, J.W.

The address from this lodge ran:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—We, the members of Lodge Quetta No. 2333, under the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, respectfully beg to offer your Royal Highness a hearty Masonic welcome to Baluchistan.

"We regret that we cannot invite your Royal Highness to meet us at a regular meeting of our lodge, owing to our lack of suitable Masonic accommodation.

"We have observed with deep gratitude the gracious interest your Royal Highness has taken in the welfare of the Craft in India, and now, at the close of your residence in this country, we venture to express a hope that your Royal Highness will continue to evince the same tender solicitude on behalf of the fraternity as has been extended to it in the past.

"We also take this opportunity to request your Royal Highness to convey to your Royal and illustrious brother the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England our sincere and grateful thanks for the warrant he has been pleased to grant us to open and constitute this the first English lodge in Baluchistan.

"To commemorate the present auspicious occasion, we shall esteem it an honour to be permitted to elect your Royal Highness an honorary member of our lodge, which according to the latest reports is the infant lodge of England.

"Tendering to your Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught our respectful wishes for a safe return to England's shores, and praying that T.G.A.O.T.U. may preserve you both in health and strength for many years of further usefulness in your high and exalted positions.

"We beg to subscribe ourselves on behalf of the members of Lodge Quetta, your Royal Highness's faithful, obedient servants:—W. A. Murison, Wor. Master; S. Minchin Mercer, I.P.M.; R. Kerr, P.M.; A. Anderson, P.M.; Jno. Jesse Cumming, S.W.; B. D. Patal Khan Bahadur, J.W.; Geo. J. Hocknell, Secretary.

"Dated Lodge Quetta, No. 2333 (E.C.),

"Quetta, the 31st January, 1890."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS replied: Wor. Master and Brethren,—It gives me great pleasure to meet the members of the new Lodge Quetta, and it is very gratifying to me to meet with such a hearty reception. I assure you, brethren, his Royal Highness the Grand Master takes the deepest interest and devotes much of his time to the Craft, and it will afford me great pleasure to convey to his Royal Highness the expressions of thankfulness you have given utterance to this evening, and to acquaint him with the cordial welcome I have received at your hands. I regret very much that your Masonic accommodation will not admit of your inviting me to meet with you in open lodge, but I look forward to doing so as an eventuality of no distant date. I thank you most heartily for the tribute offered me of honorary membership of your lodge, and have much pleasure in accepting the same. It also affords me much pleasure to receive your kind wishes towards her Royal Highness the Duchess, and I trust with God's blessing that Lodge Quetta will prosper and flourish.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS prior to taking leave of the brethren expressed the wish that the proceedings of the evening be recorded in the minutes of the respective lodges.

It is unnecessary to add that the affability and fraternal bearing of his Royal Highness quite carried the deputations by surprise, and Lodge Quetta is very naturally proud of having his Royal Highness, District Grand Master of Bombay, enrolled as an honorary member, an honour which the sister lodge (Bolan) shares, his Royal Highness being an honorary member of it since his first visit to Quetta in 1886.

The addresses, neatly printed on white satin, and enclosed in suitable wrappers, artistically ornamented (the work of a lady friend and consort of one of the brethren), was much admired, and elicited the admiration of all for the unique taste displayed.

The addresses were read and presented to his Royal Highness by Bro. W. A. Murison, whose position as W.M. of both lodges apparently surprised his Royal Highness from the remark that "It is not often we meet a person Master of two lodges under different Constitutions at one and the same time."

South Africa.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

The 15th half-yearly communication of District Grand Lodge of Natal was held at the Masonic Hall, Durban, Natal, on the 14th March, under the presidency of the District Grand Master, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, J.P., and was well attended by Masons from different parts of the district. After reading letters and telegrams of apology from brethren who were unable to be present, calling roll of lodges (now 14 in number), and confirming minutes of last meeting, Bro. Finnemore delivered an address upon the position and progress of the Order in the district, in the course of which he urged upon the brethren the high aims of Freemasonry, and the high vocation of its members, and the necessity of their leading lives in accordance with the noble principles and doctrines of the Order, and congratulated District Grand Lodge upon a net addition of 70 members during the year. Bro. Finnemore deplored the death of several prominent colonial Masons, and impressed upon the brethren the duty of supporting their Craft newspaper. He also suggested the desirability of their individually joining the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, so as to keep pace with Masonic students in other parts of the world.

A report was presented from the Board of General Purposes, and the D.G. Treasurer's report, showing the District Grand Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial position.

A vote was passed for the expenditure of not more than £50 per annum as the travelling expenses of a District Grand Lodge Officer to visit country lodges, and the desirability of such an arrangement was suggested for the consideration of the District Grand Master.

The following appointments for the ensuing year were made:

Bro. J. Crowe	...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" E. S. T. Stantial	...	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Morrison	...	...	Dist. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. Ikin, LL.D., Mus.Doc.)			
" S. Marriott	...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" R. D. Clark, M.A.	...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" G. Russell	...	...	Dist. P.B. of G.P.

Bro. J. B. Cottam	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" R. W. Jackson	...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" A. W. Rowsell	...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" A. R. Payne	...	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" W. Merrick	...	...	Dist. G.D. of C.
" W. H. Harris	...	...	Dist. A.G.D. of C.
" W. H. Nicholas, B.A.	...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" E. A. St. Clair Liston	...	...	Dist. G. Std. Brs.
" A. W. Cooper	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" G. Pullock	...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
" J. Fletcher	...	...	Dist. G. Purst.
" W. J. Hedgcock	...	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
" T. Coulter	...	...	Dist. G. Stewards.
" A. J. Keeler	...	...
" R. Bullen	...	...
" W. Goodwin	...	...
" S. F. McBean	...	...
" D. Carter	...	...
" W. Blake	...	...

DISTRICT GRAND MARK LODGE OF NATAL.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Durban, on the 15th March, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, District Grand Master in the chair. The following officers were appointed:

Bro. J. Crowe	...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" E. S. T. Stantial	...	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" T. Minne	...	...	Dist. G.M.O.
" T. N. Price	...	...	Dist. S.G.O.
" A. J. Keeler	...	...	Dist. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. Oxley Orchard	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" Rev. P. F. Cadman	...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" R. D. Clark, M.A.	...	...	Dist. P.C.G.P.
" B. Ireland	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" G. Leask	...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" H. Rutherford, J.P.	...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" L. Jewitt	...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" A. E. St. Clair Liston	...	...	Dist. G. I. of W.
" R. Hammond	...	...	Dist. G.D. of C.
" J. T. Grainger	...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" J. P. Carter	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" G. P. Pullock	...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
" T. H. Crowder	...	...	Dist. G.I.G.
" D. Crabb	...	...

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

DURBAN.

Prudent Brethren Conclave (No. 15).—A meeting of this conclave, under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore, J.P., P.G.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, on March 15th, Bro. T. Cook acting as Councilor, and Bro. Dr. J. Schule as Guide, when nine Master Masons were duly inducted, viz.: Bros. W. Francis, R. D. Clark, M.A., A. W. Rowsell, E. S. T. Stantial (Mayor of Pietermaritzburg), B. Ireland, W. H. Harris, G. Leask, C. Akehurst, and L. E. S. Torgius. Bro. Leask was appointed Secretary; Bro. Cook, Treasurer (*pro t. m.*); Bro. Akehurst, a Visiting Deacon; and Bros. Finnemore, Cook, and Leask a Committee to frame draft by-laws. Bro. Torgius was also appointed as Guard.

THE HON. MRS. ALDWORTH.

There is very little that is now to be said in reference to the only lady Freemason, but the following, which appeared in last week's "Notes and Queries," may interest our readers:

THE FIRST AND ONLY FEMALE FREEMASON (7th S. ix. 206).—This well-known story has been already printed and discussed in "N. & Q." (see 5th S. iv. 103; v. 157, 311). But I do not remember to have hitherto seen mentioned the authority of "one Richard Hill, who lived to a great age." As Mr. RULE dates from Ashford, where, seemingly, the paper he quotes was published, I would suggest that he should make some attempt to ascertain from the editor and correspondent the source from which the story as it there appears was taken. If I knew the editor's address I would do it myself. Supposing that "Richard Hill's" original version could be discovered, the story might possibly be placed on a more satisfactory footing than it at present holds.

C. F. S. WARREN, M.A.

Longford, Coventry.

My notes remind me that I saw a few years ago, in the south transept of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, a monument erected by Miss St. Leger to the memory of her sister-in-law. The sister-in-law's figure surmounts the monument, and she holds on her lap a medallion, having Miss St. Leger's profile in relief on it; and you read that "Miss St. Leger, sister of.....secreted herself in a clock-case at a Masons' meeting, and being discovered was forced to become a Mason; the only female Mason." This is surely authentic enough.

HAROLD MALET, Colonel.

P.S.—I could find out from Dublin, if my notes or memory are playing me false, should it please Mr. RULE.

The "one slight error" that Mr. RULE points out does not exist. The Hon. Elizabeth Aldworth's father, Arthur St. Leger, was created June 28, 1703, Baron Kilmadown and Viscount Doneraile, which titles became extinct on the death, *s.p.*, of his grandson, the fourth viscount, April 25, 1767. The viscountcy was, however, revived in 1785, in the person of St. Leger Aldworth, our heroine's younger son. The present Lord Doneraile is her great-great-grandson.

C. E. GILDERSOME-DICKINSON.

[R. J. FYNMORE, P.M., and E. S. H. corroborate this information.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, has arrived in London from Castle Hill, his residence at South Molton, Devonshire.

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.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, 463	504	18	0
Temple Lodge, 558	2	10	0
Hertford Lodge, 403	2	10	0
Hornsey Lodge, 590	2	10	0
St. Mary Abbots Lodge, 1974	2	10	0
St. Cuthbert Lodge, 1902	2	10	0
Lodge Hereward (first instalment)	0	10	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, 4	2	10	0
St. Michael's Lodge, 211	2	10	0
St. Alban's Lodge, 1294	2	10	0
Victoria Lodge, 1056	2	10	0
Llandiloed Lodge, 1582	2	10	0
Abbey Lodge, 624	2	10	0
Marmion Lodge, 1060	2	10	0
Mount Moriah Lodge, 34	5	0	0
Zetland Lodge, 561	2	10	0
Lodge of Unanimity, 113	2	10	0
Albert Edward Lodge, 1519	2	10	0
Churchill Lodge, 478	2	10	0
Brent Lodge, 1284	2	10	0
Virtue and Honor Lodge, 494	2	10	0
Enoch Lodge, 11	2	10	0
Pomfret Lodge, 360	2	10	0
Derwent Lodge, 40	2	10	0
Beaufort Lodge, 103	2	10	0
	£567	18	0



Bro. F. H. Macklin, J.D. 1319, must have his hands quite full just now, for in addition to acting at the Gaiety in "Prince and Pauper," he is busy coaching the Rothschild Dramatic Club, which has been his duty for some years, in addition to which he is rehearsing and stage-managing Viscountess Maidstone's company of aristocratic amateurs, who are ambitious enough to attempt to-night, at Westminster Town Hall, Sophocles' Greek play, "Antigone," for which Bro. Barnby provides a full orchestra, the scenery being lent by Bro. Irving, who, it is thought, will, with Miss Ellen Terry, look in through the evening at the budding talent. Bro. Macklin is also organising his wife's (Miss Blanche Henri) matinée at the Avenue Theatre, which is to be held on the 22nd instant. Bro. Geo. Alexander having kindly lent the theatre. "London Assurance" is to be the piece, for which the following artistes have given their services: Bros. Chas. Brookfield (Cool), P. Dodsworth (Martin), Harry Nicholls (Dolly Spanker), Chas. Groves (Max Harkaway), Lestocq, P.M. 1319 (Solomon Isaacs), Miss Kate Rorke (Grace Harkaway), Miss Lottie Venne (Pert), and Mrs. Macklin, (Lady Gay Spanker). Mr. Edward Hastings has kindly undertaken the stage-management. With such a piece and cast, Bro. and Mrs. Macklin may fairly expect a big house.

A second edition of "Ruy Blas," though quite unnecessary—owing to the Gaiety being always full—yet very welcome, was presented on Thursday, the 10th inst. There can be little doubt that the present burlesque is the most successful of all Mr. George Edwardes' pieces. A crowded and enthusiastic audience received their favourites with rapturous applause. Bro. Fred Leslie, who seems nightly to add to his part, and Miss Ellen Farren bear the burden of the burlesque, and never seem to tire of their task. A new song, "Don't know," by Bro. Robert Martin, was sung by Bro. Leslie and Miss Farren; the former also sings "Very extraordinary, isn't it?" also by Bro. Martin, which took the house by storm. Miss Letty Lind is allotted two new dances, which she gives effect to with the best possible taste. Her dresses are indescribable by the male sex, so we give up attempting. They make the ladies in the audience very curious. Miss Sylvia Grey, who, with Miss Lind, may be termed the Kate Vaughan of this generation, is also supplied with a new dance. It is a complete poem, and she trips through this classical dance in the most dreamy, luxurious way. Miss Grey was called upon to repeat it twice. The duet, "I've just had a wire to say so," by Bro. Leslie and Miss Farren, seems even more popular than ever, and the *pas de quatre*, danced by Messrs. Storey, Nathan, Minshall, and Leslie, is still one of the chief features of this popular burlesque. "Ruy Blas" is sure to run through the season, at the end of which the company re-visit America.

"April Showers" was produced at Terry's Theatre more than a year ago, and met with some degree of success, and it was thought that it would be seen in an evening bill, but this has not yet come about. We think we have solved the reason, which is that it has two characters which must be played by very special people. Miss Maude Millett and Miss Annie Hughes have not been both at the same time out of an engagement, and we strongly advise that they and the rest of the company (with one exception) should be engaged, and it should be forthwith put into an evening programme. The authors of "Flirtations," Messrs. Bellamy and Romer—the former of whom is now

dead—have written a most beautiful, if somewhat thin, comedy. Charlie Clincher fancies he loves Queenie Lawrance, whose mother suggests to him that in order to win her daughter's affections he should make her jealous by appearing to like some one else. He asks his friend of childhood, Miss Lacy, to assist him. She consents, but with much bitter feeling, for she loves Charlie herself. It is understood that young Clincher is a suitor for the hand of Queenie. Nevertheless, his old chum, Frank Lacy, falls in love with her, but his sister reprimands him for playing false to his friend, so he makes up his mind to say good-bye and go away, acknowledging to Charlie that he has acted meanly. Frank's father, Lord Lacy, who is a widower, also admires Queenie, and offers her marriage. Mrs. Lawrance, who is a type of many women of this age, who will sell their daughters for money, position, or title, urges her to accept Lord Lacy, as she will soon be without any means, owing to a Chancery suit. The girls tells Lord Lacy that she will accept him if he cares to have her respect without her love, which she can never give. Charlie Clincher has lost all his admiration for Queenie, and finds himself madly in love with Miss Lacy instead of only pretending to be in love. Lord Lacy overhears his son tell Miss Lawrance that he loves her, and, finding it is reciprocated, he nobly looses her from her promise to him, and joins the hands of his son and Queenie. It is the brilliant way in which the comedy is played which makes it so charming. First and foremost, Miss Maude Millett, as Queenie, seemed to excel herself, whether in a mock trial scene, which stopped the action of the play, but was quite excusable, owing to Miss Millett's delightful piece of acting. As the counsel for the defence or in the more pathetic parts she was equally good. We know of no one on the stage at the present time who is more able to portray the character of English girlhood in all its modesty and purity, and freedom from affectation than this lady. She ought to be content to keep to these parts. Miss Annie Hughes, as Miss Lacy, was exquisite, and greatly helped towards the success. Indeed, without these two ladies we do not think "April Showers" would draw. Mr. Nutcombe Gould not only looked but acted as a noble lord. Mr. Lucas Smith was manly and generous as Frank Lacy. Mr. Walter Everard, as Charlie Clincher, had some very smart lines, which he said smartly. His volatile manner is well suited to the comedy. Mrs. Brunton did well what she was required to do as the daughter, selling mother. Mr. Dagnall, as Mr. Clincher, sen., was the round man in the square hole. He never seemed to forget that he was not playing the waiter at Cremorne in "Pink Dominos." It is a low comedy part, but as he represented a solicitor he should have made him a gentleman, instead of which he made him a man of low breed. We shall hope to hear of "April Showers," played by the present company, taking its place in the evening bill. If the manager can get a good strong first piece to put in front of it, so much the better.

We predict a long run of Mr. Sydney Grundy's "A Village Priest," which has not only been adapted from the French, but almost reconstructed. The title might have been "A Noble Sacrifice" or "The Three Self-sacrifices," as there are virtually three men who sacrifice themselves for the good of others. A story like this is sure to appeal to a British audience. An Abbé has for 19 years carried in his heart a dreadful secret revealed to him in the confessional, which if disclosed would free an innocent man from shame and prison. The convict escapes, and flies to the Abbé, who will not allow to him that he is innocent, but when the gendarmes enter to make the arrest, the captain asks if he is shielding a murderer, and the good Abbé replies—No murderer is there. The convict, now that his daughter does not shrink from him, goes back to prison in order not to disturb the peace of mind of an old lady, who is the widow of the really guilty man, since she has been like a mother to his daughter. The infamous judge has died, honoured by all, but his son, when the truth dawns upon him, does not swerve from his duty, and gives up the girl he dearly loves in order to clear the innocent, for it turns out that his father had betrayed the mother and slain the father of his fiancée. The Abbé, who alone can unravel the whole mystery, throws off his orders, and reveals the truth by relating what was told to him in confession. Mr. Grundy has written an intensely dramatic play. We felt spellbound. Its situations are thrilling, for there is a deep vein of human interest all through. But our mind is not clear upon the all-important point. It is a dramatic licence of Mr. Grundy that the Abbé reveals what was confessed to him, or could a priest, by resigning his cure and ceasing to perform clerical duties, divulge such secrets. Would it not be considered just as dishonourable to make any revelation after throwing off parochial work as when acting in the priesthood? We thought once a priest always a priest. We doubt whether in any of the three great branches of the Catholic church a man, after having once taken holy orders, can become a layman. We are aware that Parliament has passed an Act which admits a man to unfrock himself, but that is only because by the law of the land no clergyman of the Church of England can sit in the House of Commons, but we doubt whether the Church *quid* Church recognises this. It is not generally known that the Deputy Grand Master of Sussex, Bro. Sir Wm. T. Marriott (the Judge Advocate General), and Professor Thorold Rogers were in holy orders, and availed themselves of this Act to sit in the Lower House. But

we can hardly believe that it is allowable, even for the purposes of redressing a gross wrong, for a priest to break the seal of confession; surely he takes an oath not to do so. Bro. Tree makes the Abbé a dear old man, and he acts throughout without over-elaboration. Bro. Fernandez, as the convict, is especially good in the first act, when he tells the false judge's son the story of the shameful trial. Mr. Fred Terry, who is fast becoming one of our finest actors, though yet a very young man, as the dead judge's son, excels his previous efforts. He is polished in manners, distinct in pronunciation, and elegant in carriage. He has one fine scene in the third act which he makes the very most of. Mrs. Tree is very nice as the daughter of the murdered man, and shows much sympathy. Her costumes are very fine, in fact Mrs. Tree's dresses are becoming proverbial. Miss Rose Leclercq gives another piece of her careful style of acting in a somewhat difficult part. Mrs. Gaston Murray and Mrs. Brooke each are excellent as old people, and Miss Norreys, of course, does the very best possible in a small part, quite unworthy of her. The scenery is beautiful, and is a great credit to Mr. A. B. Tapping. Mr. Fred Harrison now reigns supreme as manager in place of Bro. Bashford, to whom he is a worthy successor, and we have no doubt he will become as popular. "A Village Priest" is certainly a play to see and enjoy, and we tender our congratulations to Bro. Tree (who took his Second Degree last week) on the achievement of another success.

Miss Annie Irish has been engaged by Bro. Henry Irving for the autumn season at the Lyceum, where she will become, we are sure, as much a favourite as she did recently at the Adelphi, Vaudeville, and Terry's. Bro. Irving having seen her act, recognised her talent, and previous to the regular season, Miss Irish will play in a revival at the Lyceum next month of "Olivia" the part of Sophia. In the meanwhile, Miss Annie Irish will play the leading rôle in Mrs. Oscar Beringer's matinées, supported by little Miss Vera Beringer, in "Prince and Pauper" at the Gaiety.

Since Bro. Sam Adams (who, by-the-by, must be one of the oldest members of the Robert Burns Lodge) took over the Trocadero, and rescued it from its precarious career, he has not only made it a popular public resort, but has raised its tone. Nothing nasty or in the least suggestive is found or allowed at the Trocadero. Bro. Adams knows well from experience at the Royal and Pavilion how to cater for the music hall public, and he has successfully succeeded in so doing since he became a proprietor himself.

The Tivoli will probably be opened in Derby week. Externally it is a grand building, and we have no doubt owing to its directorate that internally it will be equally handsome and comfortable. A full license has been granted. Its position in the Strand is unequalled, and under the management of Bro. J. W. Potter, S.W. and W.M. elect of the Emblematic Lodge, we are convinced that it will become a popular house as a music hall and dining saloon. Bro. Potter's past experience entitles his being engaged by the directors to look after their shareholders' interest, and in doing that Bro. Potter will also look after that of the public, for he well knows that they are identical. We shall hope to say more concerning the Tivoli and its Masonic rooms later on.

Obituary.

BRO. W. SIDE, P.M.

It is with deep regret we have heard of the death of Bro. W. Side, P.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, and P.M., founder and first W. Master of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, and P.Z. of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507. Our deceased brother was in his time a most zealous and worthy Mason, and endeared himself to a large circle of friends by his integrity and independence of character, warmth of heart, and conscientious disciplinarian to duty. Our brother has been a very great sufferer from a painful disease for some months past, but heroically bore with undaunted fortitude, sufferings which those around were conscious would prove fatal. Our brother passed away at his residence at Willesden early on Wednesday morning, the 16th instant. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at three o'clock, at Willesden Parish Church.

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Bro. Lord Herschell, the newly-elected Captain of the Cinque Ports, took up his official residence at Deal Castle on Saturday last.

Bro. General Sir Edward Hamley, M.P., has returned to town from Frampton Court, Dorchester, in order to resume his parliamentary duties.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Countess of Carnarvon will leave their Italian villa at Porto Fino, Genoa, and return to England towards the end of the present month.

Bro. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and Mrs. Childers reached London on the 11th inst. from India, in which they have been making a comprehensive tour, including among other points of interest the Khyber Pass, Quetta, and Candahar.

In response to an appeal by Bro. Sheriff Harris, the Queen has been pleased to send a donation of £50 towards the funds of the City of London Pension Society. Bro. Harris will preside at the annual festival on the 16th May of the Institution, which was founded by her Majesty's father, the Duke of Kent, in 1818.

III. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, and his good lady have been presented with a beautiful gold ring and brooch of artistic and appropriate design by the members of the Antient York Chapter of Redemption (Rose Croix), No. 68, Hull, in commemoration of their celebrating their golden wedding. The ring and brooch were designed by E. and P. Bro. Thomas Oates, M.W.S.

Monday was the anniversary of the birth of four members of the Royal Family, namely, Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg), youngest child of the Queen, who was born at Buckingham Palace on the 14th April, 1857; Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, grandson of the Queen, born at Windsor Castle 14th April, 1867; Prince Alexander of Teck, born 14th April, 1874; and the ex-Queen of Hanover, Dowager Duchess of Cumberland, born on 14th April, 1814.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Zetland, with their suite, were present on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Dublin Spring Cattle Show in the Horse Show Grounds at Ballabridge, and witnessed the procession of prize cattle, &c., &c. Some 5000 people were present, from whom their excellencies received a most hearty welcome. In the evening they paid a state visit to the Gaiety Theatre, where again they met with a most enthusiastic greeting.

Bro. James Stevens, son of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., was passed to the Second Degree in the Bagshaw lodge No. 1457, at Loughton, Essex, on the 10th inst. The W.M., Bro. William James Shadrake, performed the ceremony, and on the same occasion raised Bros. Godfrey Lawford, and Walter Sydney Cuff, and initiated a new member. The lodge working was of the most perfect description, and the subsequent proceedings were enlivened by an excellent musical entertainment.

Bro. Joseph Cox, 213, P.M. 1766, proprietor of the *Hackney Express and Shoreditch Observer*, has again been elected premier member of the Shoreditch Board of Guardians, polling 152 votes beyond any other candidate. Bro. Cox, having conducted the local journal for the past 20 years, and taken a foremost part in social, educational, and parochial movements in the district, is to be honoured with the presentation of a testimonial. J. Beauchamp, Esq., of 15, Sun-street, Finsbury, is Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, and Bro. E. Moffatt, of 53, New North-road, N., the Hon. Sec.

By the kind invitation of the members of Lodge "Carnarvon," a smoking concert was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Havant, when nearly a hundred brethren availed themselves of the pleasure of listening to some of the best talent in the district. The chair was taken by Bro. A. H. Wood, and the vice-chair by Bro. S. E. Spriggings. Bro. T. Hunter, as usual, proved a most efficient accompanist. At the conclusion of the programme the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, who had given their services, and so made the concert the greatest success of any held in that hall.—The compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Hunter, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the concert to a close.

The last mail from the Argentine Republic brings intelligence of the consecration of a new lodge in the city of Buenos Ayres named Victoria, and numbered 2329 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The local interest in this event is that the first W.M. of the lodge is Bro. the Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, son-in-law of Mr. Charles Josselyn, of Colchester, and some time curate of St. Giles in the same town. Bro. Lennox Robertson has for some years taken an active interest in the Craft in the Republic he has made his home, being District Grand Chaplain, Chaplain and P.S.W. Lodge 617 (S.E.), Chapter 617, &c. The inauguration of the Victoria Lodge, and his installation as its first W.M., took place on Bro. Lennox Robertson's birthday.—*Essex Standard*.

The Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, was attended on Sunday by, amongst others, Bro. Earl of Milltown, P.G.W.; Lord Knutsford, Bro. Adml. Lord Alcester, G.C.B.; Viscount Sidmouth, Earl of Meath, Earl of Belmore, Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., Sir Henry Tyler, M.P., Mr. R. K. Causton, M.P., Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Earl of Kilmorey, Mr. C. C. Cotes, Bro. Baskcomb, 2127; and Bro. Capt. Henry Wright. The pew set apart for the officers of the Guard was quite filled by Life and Foot Guardsmen in full uniform. The Royal closet was veiled, owing to the Grand Master being in Paris, and the Princess of Wales at Sandringham. Bro. Iekyll presided at the organ, and one of this distinguished Past Grand Organist's anthems was sung. The service was intoned by Rev. E. W. Kempe, Priest in Ordinary to the Queen, and the sermon at noon was preached by the Archdeacon of Westminster, Dr. Farrar, Chaplain to the Queen. The few seats open to the public with orders were well filled, the Marshalman on duty, in his quaint uniform, having to keep a gangway at the entrance for the regular congregation.

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven has left Adare Manor for Scotland, and will shortly deliver an address at Dundee on the "Sweating System."

Bro. W. J. Spratling, head master of the Haberdashers' Hatcham (Aske's) School for Boys, was on Thursday, the 10th inst., elected a member of the Board of Governors and Directors for the Parish of St. Paul, Deptford.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Harris and Knill were entertained at dinner at Cannon-street Hotel by the Commissioners of Sewers on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. Deputy Frank Green.

The Prince of Wales left Cannes for Paris at 1 p.m. on Saturday last, having previously had an interview with Mr. H. M. Stanley, who reached Cannes shortly before the time fixed for the Prince's departure.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe has been entertaining a number of guests at Mount Edgumbe during the Easter recess. The Prince of Wales will stay with his lordship during the Royal Agricultural Show at Plymouth.

It is expected that the Queen will arrive at Darmstadt sometime during next week, and will remain three or four days, during which she will be visited by the Emperor and Dowager Empress of Germany, and the Princesses Victoria and Margaret.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons on Town Holdings, which has been reconstituted for the present session, will include Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., H. W. Lawson, and Sir W. Marriott, Q.C.

The Duchess of Albany opened a fancy bazaar on Tuesday in aid of the building fund of St. Thomas's Mission Rooms, Stoke Newington. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. Sir Robert and Lady Collins, and was heartily cheered both on her arrival and departure.

Among the friends present at the marriage in the Savoy Chapel, on Saturday last, of Mr. Arthur M. Croome with Miss Hardman, daughter of Bro. Sir William and Lady Hardman, were Lady Puleston, Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Lady Ellis, and Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) and Lady Woods.

The usual Easter banquet at the Mansion House took place on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, the principal guests including H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Milltown, Bro. Sir J. B. and Lady Monckton, and Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.

It is stated that upwards of 1000 ladies and gentlemen have intimated their intention of being present at the banquet which will be given next month at the Crystal Palace in honour of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington. The noble lord is expected to take his seat in the House of Commons for the first time during the present Session on Monday next.

The Duke of Cambridge presided on Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers in the Army. The report was satisfactory, except as regards the important point of income, which showed a deficit of £602, through the falling off in the annual subscriptions. His Royal Highness pointed out the importance of having this difficulty dealt with at once, and suggested that it would be well if the institution were moved from Bath to somewhere nearer London.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) will visit Torquay on the 5th and 6th May, when she will be entertained at the newly-opened theatre with a musically-illustrated lecture on "The Songs of the West," after which she will witness, from the balcony of the Imperial Hotel, a procession of torch-lighted fishing boats. On the second day her Royal Highness will open an Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Bath Saloon.

We learn from the *City Press* that under the will of the late Sir James Tyler, the Merchant Taylors' Company receive in trust for charitable purposes a most munificent sum. It is probable that the bequest will be devoted to the enlargement of the Company's convalescent home. The London Missionary Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society also come in for very handsome legacies under the will of Sir James Tyler.

St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, situated in Leicester-square, was one of the first to open its doors to out-patients in the evening, so as to save artisans, shop assistants, and other wage-earners from the loss involved in attending a hospital in their working hours. An addition to this boon has now been effected by the opening of the out-patient department on Saturdays from 3 to 6 p.m. The necessity for this extension is shown by the fact that on Saturday, the opening day, 87 patients were admitted for treatment.

A smoking concert was held on the evening of the 9th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 14, Bishop-street, Anderson, in connection with Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning, No. 4, on behalf of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. The chair was occupied by Bro. Andrew M'Nair, who, in a few remarks, complimented the Secretary, Bro. P. Larter, on the success which had attended his efforts in organising the concert. An excellent programme was sustained by the Apollo Glee Club, and Bros. J. Gordon, A. B. Thorburn, and others.

Sir Provo W. P. Wallis, G.C.B., senior Admiral of the Fleet, entered on his 100th year on Saturday last, having been born on the 12th April, 1791. He is the only survivor of the famous combat between the Shannon and the American frigate Chesapeake, on the 1st June, 1813, and it was to him that the American captain surrendered, the captain of the Shannon having been dangerously wounded and the first lieutenant killed. The gallant officer was entered on the books of the navy, on the 1st May, 1795, when he was just turned four years old.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for a few minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.—*Advt.*

Bro. Edward Terry has been elected for a seventh year in succession a member of the Board of Guardians for the Parish of Barnes, where he resides.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have promised to attend the Musical Fête in aid of the Morley Convalescent Home for working men, to be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 10th May.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington will arrive in town tomorrow (Saturday) from the South of France. We are glad to hear that his lordship's trip to Egypt, and subsequent sojourning in the Riviera have had the effect of thoroughly restoring his health.

The list of patronesses of the bazaar with which the new Hospital for Women, opposite St. Pancras Church, will be opened on the 29th inst., includes the Princess of Wales, the Duchesses of Buccleuch, Roxburgh, Portland, and others.

Bro. the Duke of Fife, K.T., has consented to open the East Marylebone Free Library on Thursday, the 1st prox. Already £930 out of the £1000 required has been subscribed, and the Committee are confident the balance of £70 will be shortly subscribed.

A second conclave in South Africa will shortly be established at Umzimkulu, Griqualand East, under Bro. Rev. J. Oxley Oxland as Supreme Ruler, and it is in contemplation to establish a third conclave in the city of Pietermaritzburg, under Bro. Wesley Francis, so that the Order seems likely to take firm root in South Africa.

An ancient canoe has been discovered near Partington. It is 10 feet long, and consists of but a single piece of wood, without seats or any other appendages. It was found in a bed of gravel, containing much drift wood and a few hazel nuts, bearing marks of the teeth of squirrels, but with no implements of human manufacture.

Black and White, the new sixpenny weekly on the lines of the *Graphic* and *Illustrated London News*, will soon appear on the bookstalls. The directors believe that a paper better than any hitherto published can be produced at a profit on a weekly circulation of 25,000, or about one-third the circulation of existing journals.

We must remind our readers that the annual festival in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, will take place at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday next, the 22nd instant, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, who will make a most urgent appeal, not only on behalf of the general interests of the Hospital, but also for a special sum of £9000 to enable the governors to complete the building, and to render it capable of still further service.

The subscription list for the forthcoming season of the Seaside Camps for London Working Boys at Deal, under the management of the London Diocesan Council for the Welfare of Young Men, has been opened, and has been headed by the Duke of Westminster with a donation of £100. The Bishop of London has again sent a contribution of 50 guineas from funds at his disposal. Lord Herschell, Warden of Dean Castle, has become a patron and a subscriber of £5.

The report of the Home Hospitals Association, presented at the annual meeting held on Wednesday, at Fitzroy House, showed that the income for the past year had been £4533, which was £125 in excess of the expenses. During the year there were 514 applications for admission, and out of this number 301 were admitted—namely, 255 patients and 46 friends of patients. Of the non-admissions, 13 were unsuitable, in 15 cases there was no room available, and in seven the terms were too high. The establishment of the Nurses' Home, through the instrumentality of Mrs. Bluett, had proved a success.

Bloomsbury and St. Giles is to have its historian in the person of Mr. George Clinch, of the department of books, British Museum. This district is rich in historical and literary associations, and we imagine the author's greatest difficulty will be to keep his matter within the limits of a volume that can be produced at the moderate price named in the prospectus. The British Museum alone, to say nothing of the Inns and the many national institutions comprised in this West End in the last century, would fill a bulky volume; 24 full page illustrations and maps are promised, together with a copious index. The publishers are Messrs. Truslove and Shirley, of St. Paul's Churchyard.

Mr. Henry Blackburn's lecture at the Kensington Town Hall last Monday on "The Art of Illustration" proved extremely interesting. It was a lecture that no black and white artist should have missed. Mr. Blackburn referred to the early days of "Academy Notes," when he was able to reckon on the valuable assistance of Sir James Linton and Mr. Stacy Marks, and threw on the sheet examples of pen-and-ink drawings by those artists, done years ago, in praise of which one could hardly be too extravagant. Examples of that genius Randolph Caldecott were also shown, one done when he was still a bank clerk in Manchester, and others when he had passed through some artistic training, and devoted his days not to considering the lines he should put into a drawing, but to those he could leave out.

The summer season at the Crystal Palace will be inaugurated on May 3rd, when Sir Arthur Sullivan's popular cantata, "The Golden Legend," will be performed in the concert room in the afternoon, and a grand promenade concert will be given in the central transept in the evening. The great musical event of the year, however, will be the performance of Mendelssohn's famous oratorio, "St. Paul," by a chorus and orchestra numbering 3500 performers. Madame Albani, Madame Patey, and Mr. Edward Lloyd have accepted engagements for this concert, and it is confidently expected that Mr. Santley will arrive in London from Australia in time to take part in it. The first performance of this work was conducted by Mendelssohn himself, at Düsseldorf, in May, 1836, when the chorus and orchestra numbered 500. The proposal for the grand choruses in the work to be sung by 3000 voices has met with universal approval.

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