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## THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School will be held at Freemasons' Tavern to-day (Friday), when, after the conclusion of the ordinary business, there will be an election of 30 out of an approved list of 68 candidates, the poll closing precisely at 3 p.m. We have already given a full account of the distribution of these latter and the more salient features of their candidature, and therefore we shall content ourselves with reiterating the hope we have already expressed that Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of any particular case or cases will give their votes and exert their influence in behalf of the children whose names will be struck off the roll when the election is over, if they do not succeed in obtaining places among the 30. There are ten such children on the list, namely: No. 2 (Cumberland and Westmorland), No. 4 (Madras), No. 5 (Jersey), No. 19 (Bristol), No. 24 (London), No. 32 (Warwickshire), No. 33 (Somersetshire), No. 43 (Shropshire), No. 49 (London and Middlesex), and No. 55 (East Lancashire). As we said in our former article, "The other candidates can afford to be defeated this time, because one or more chances of election will remain to them," but with these "it is a case of 'now or never,'" and "we trust the result of the ballot will declare itself for the former alternative."

The Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School will be held in the same place to-morrow (Saturday). The chair will be taken at noon, as in the case of the Boys' School, and when the ordinary business is concluded, there will be an election of 21 from an approved list of 43 candidates. Here, too, as we have already described the more important features of the several cases, it is unnecessary we should do more than draw attention to the following seven candidates, who must win places this time or fail altogether, namely: No. 10 (Essex and Kent), No. 12 (Warwickshire), Nos. 16 and 24 (London), No. 29 (East Lancashire), No. 33 (London), and No. 43 (West Yorkshire). In the case of these seven, as in that of the ten "last" chances, we think it is the duty of those who have votes unpromised to give them all the assistance they can; the justice of their claims to be admitted into our Schools has been recognised, and it seems to us to be the duty of the electors to help them.

## DUBLIN MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

It will be seen from the reports we laid before our readers last week that the Charitable Institutions fostered by the Craft in Ireland, though on a smaller scale than in this country, and devoted only to educational purposes, are both well organised, and, in respect of the work they do, most creditable to their patrons and supporters. The building in which the Schools are housed is, we believe, in the neighbourhood of Ball's Bridge, and has often been described as one of the most substantial and attractive of its kind in Dublin and its vicinity. As regards the Schools themselves, the Reports of the progress made during the past are in all respects most gratifying. The Boys' School now contains 60 pupils, the full number for which the premises were built, and the statement of accounts shows that the income for the past year was £2105 os. 4d., while the expenditure reached £2069 3s. 1d., leaving a small balance of £35 17s. 3d. to be carried forward to the next account. Educationally, the boys seem to have made very considerable progress, the results of the annual School examination, as well as at those conducted by the Board of Intermediate Education, showing that a wise system of instruction was in force, and that the tutors had zealously and faithfully performed their important duties. In the matter of health, the tenour of the Report is all that could be wished, there having been no serious illness of any kind whatever among the inmates, and on no occasion was it found necessary to use the infirmary attached to the School. The only drawback to the gratification afforded by this Report is that the School is still burdened with a debt of about £500 in respect of the building, and an earnest hope is expressed—a hope which we have no doubt

will be in great part, if not wholly, realised—that this small liability will be cleared off before the close of the current year.

The Report of the Female Orphan School is still more favourable, it being described as "now completely equipped for the reception of 80 pupils," and as being "the absolute property of the Governors," and "free from debt." There is not, however, as yet the full complement of 80 girls, the number at the beginning of 1889 having been 72, and at the close, 76, four additional children having been placed on the establishment, in addition to 10 that were elected to fill vacancies. In addition to these, there were 16 outgoing or former pupils to whom outfits or other form of assistance was granted, so that the number benefited during the year was 92. The amount received in the shape of donations and subscriptions—£1964 6s. 9d.—is described as having been the largest since 1876, the annual income from all sources, exclusive of the purchase money of the Burlington-road property and legacies, being returned as £2890 12s. 4d. On the other hand, the total expenditure for keeping 74 girls is set down as £2462 13s. 1d., the result being that the average per child receiving benefit was £26 15s., while the average expenditure for outgoing and former pupils was £9 6s. 3d. "The expenditure for board, lodging, clothing, and educating, with the maintenance of the premises and resident staff, for each pupil in the School during the year was £27 13s." After this, we are not surprised to find the Governors expressing their belief that this outlay, as compared with that of other similar Institutions, "is exceptionally small," and affords "a convincing proof of the excellence of the management." The educational progress of the pupils, we are told, was "on the whole satisfactory," a form of statement which looks very much as if it were intended to convey the idea that the progress made during the year might well have been more satisfactory. However, if our surmise is correct that the progress might have been greater, this is clearly not due to any shortcoming on the part of the Matron and Governesses, who, as the Report tells us, "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." What pleases us most, however, is the evidence we glean from these Reports that the condition the Schools are in is not the result of a mere spasmodic effort, but that there is every likelihood that their efficiency both financial and educational, will be well maintained. The income of the last 10 years has, it is said, "steadily kept pace with their efficiency," and the Governors look forward with the utmost confidence to an equally prosperous future.

## MASONIC REPRINTS OF LODGE, No. 2076.

The reproduction of the rare and valuable "Book of Constitutions" of A.D. 1738, leaves nothing to be desired, and is a real treasure. There has never before been such a faithful and exact reproduction of any work of the kind, and I venture to predict for it such a warm welcome that the edition of 250 copies will be exhausted in a week or two. It is sure to be at a heavy premium in May, and then keen will be the disappointments on finding the splendid volume wholly subscribed for. The circular respecting its publication states "It is one of the rarest, and, to the student, one of the most important books in the whole range of Masonic literature, giving as it does, the earliest account of the first 21 years of the Grand Lodge of England. A copy has been sold for £20, and even at that price it is seldom to be procured."

This statement is within the mark, for the rarity and importance of the volume cannot be over estimated. Sometimes a copy has been sold for about half the sum specified, but then it lacked the frontispiece. I know of one just now for sale of this kind, but only one. The value being so great and the book so rare, few libraries contain originals, but this facsimile issued at such a low figure, will enable collectors to delight in the possession of what, for all practical purposes, is equal to the volume of 1738.



Mr. Charles Praetorius has "surpassed himself" almost, in this handsome facsimile, the frontispiece, title page, and arms plate of the Prince of Wales, with dedication, &c., looking equal to the originals. The plate also, which faces the text (which may be termed a second frontispiece) "Frater J. Thornhill, inv. and J. Pine, Sculp.," is a marvellous reproduction, and as the work is completely as the original of 1738, even to the songs and advertisements, it will be found that Bro. Speth offers his numerous friends and admirers a wonderful souvenir of the "olden tyme," and in the Volume VII. of the "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," he has fully demonstrated the great value of the Lodge No. 2076 in relation to the literature of the Craft.

My introduction will, I hope, be found useful, and as it has already received the approval of such experts as Bros. Gould, Rylands, Speth, and Lane, it would appear likely that my efforts in this direction will be accepted as a needful and trustworthy account of the "Book of Constitutions" of A.D. 1838, by Dr. Anderson, which of all books is sought after, studied and valued by Masonic students wherever located. Only one thing disappoints and surprises me, and that is the smallness of the edition.

W. J. H.

## OLD WARRANTS.

No. 72. FORMERLY AT SHEFFIELD.

Athol Grand Master

Seal.

Willm. Tindall, S.G.W. Lau. Dermott, D.G.M. Thos. Carter, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern

We the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince, John the third Duke and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask, Heritable Captain of the Castle of Kinleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland and in that part of Great Britain and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott Esqr., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Tindall Esqr., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter Esqr., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz. The Worshipful William Cuttler one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Daniel Plowman his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Edward Wainwright his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at their Hall in Paradise Square (or elsewhere) in the Town of Sheffield in the County of York upon the second and last Wednesday of each Kalander Month and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren William Cuttler, Daniel Plowman and Edward Wainwright (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate chuse and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Sixth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred seventy six, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred seventy and six.

Seal.

Wm. Dickey, Grand Secretary.

Note. This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge Vol. Letter

A renewal bearing Date

The foregoing is taken from a photograph of the original warrant kindly lent me by Bro. John Gard, P.M. and Treasurer of No. 68 (formerly No. 72), Bristol. The original warrant (now in the possession of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield) is printed from an engraved plate, the blanks being filled up by the Grand Secretary, and which are indicated in the above copy by being printed in italics. It will be noticed that the words "called England," which usually follow after "Great Britain" in the Athol warrants ["In that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging"] are omitted apparently by accident.

No. 72 was originally granted in 1758 to a lodge in the 11th Regiment of Foot, which lapsed about 1767. Another Warrant, bearing the same number, was issued to a new lodge at Sheffield on 23rd September, 1772. Evidently this Warrant was lost or mislaid, hence the foregoing, of 6th September, 1776, was issued as a Renewal or Confirmation of that of 1772, although singularly enough, there is no record in Grand Lodge Register of any payment for the same, and consequently it is not noted either in Bro. Gould's "Athol Lodges" or in my "Masonic Records." Bro. H. Sadler having kindly supplied me with a list of the members of No. 72, it is evident therefrom that the above warrant was not issued to a new lodge, as the brethren named in it had been registered for several years previously.

JNO. LANE.

## CONSECRATION OF THE WARRANT OFFICERS' LODGE, No. 2346.

This lodge was consecrated on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary, assisted by Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as S.W.; W. H. Hutton, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Montreal, as J.W.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G.C., as Chaplain; and F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and, in his address to the brethren on the motive of the meeting, said: We are assembled here on a very interesting occasion—for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge. It is a very difficult matter to get a new warrant, as the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, will not sign new warrants, except for some very good reason. Amongst the various lodges in London we have several connected with military brethren. There is one I would specially mention that meets in this room, and that is the Wanderers; if you only follow their example, you will become a very flourishing lodge. Various members who either are on active service or have served as warrant officers have petitioned for this lodge as a means of coming together to keep up those brotherly feelings which have been made in different parts of the world, and under very varied circumstances. On their petition the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant this warrant, and I feel sure that they will all be as zealous in the performance of their Masonic duties in this lodge as they have hitherto performed those duties of their profession. I would warn you to be careful about the admission of new members. You should make the most careful inquiry, so that you may be enabled to find out if a man is a fit and proper person to be a Mason.

The CHAPLAIN then delivered the following oration:

It is always a most pleasant duty to me to have the opportunity of addressing soldiers. I feel proud of the honourable calling that connects you with arms. I sometimes think of the number of military lodges there are in connection with Freemasonry, and ask myself why this is so? I find a key to the answer when I think of some of the virtues of Freemasonry that are inherent in the members of your profession. "Secrecy"—What army on active service could successfully compete with an enemy without secrecy. With regard to "Fidelity," I have only to mention that you are English soldiers, and "Obedience" we all know is the first duty of an English soldier, and a duty which he cheerfully learns. Then, again—"Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." Brotherly love is one of the chief virtues we can conceive, and where is it more felt than when fighting side by side. Where, again, can we see a better example of relief than sometimes happens on the battle field. If there is one decoration more coveted than another, it is that of the Victoria Cross, and how is it sometimes gained but by a man placing his own life in the most extreme peril to afford relief to a comrade. I will now pass from the thoughts of brotherly love, relief, and truth to those of duty. As Masons, we are reminded of our duty towards our Queen, our country, and our God. Throughout the world, an Englishman's first thought is of his Queen, his country, and his God. In conclusion, I trust that in this lodge you will have an illustrious roll of names who will be true soldiers, honest men, and faithful Masons, and, above all, put their trust in God.

Bro. M. A. McInerney having been installed W.M., appointed the officers as follows: Bros. Sergeant-Major H. Gardiner, S.W.; A. Moloney, J.W.; F. Cheesman, Sec.; Lewis, Treas.; Menzies, S.D.; Hitching, J.D.; Fraying, I.G.; Pugh, D.C.; Scott, Steward; and Hazard, Org.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

Two propositions for initiation were then received, as well as five for joining.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern for the banquet.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in response to the toast of his health, said: In rising to respond to the toast of my health, which has been so kindly proposed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, I beg most heartily to thank him for the honour he has conferred upon me to-night, and to the brethren for the cordial way in which they responded to that toast. I hope I need not say that I feel proud of the high post I now fill, and grateful to you, brethren, for placing me in this honourable position. I assure you I will always endeavour to fulfil the duties of this high office, and do everything that lies in my power to further the interests of this infant lodge. My Masonic career has been a wandering one. I have belonged, and still belong, to several lodges, but my energies shall be devoted to furthering the interests of this new lodge, and, through it, of Masonry in general. It is with very great pleasure, in drawing these few remarks to an end, that I thank the Grand Secretary and the other Grand Officers who attended here this evening for their kindness in attending, as it has given us an opportunity of witnessing the performance of our Masonic ceremonies in such a grand style as we have seen to-night. It has been a source of gratification to me, as W.M. of the Warrant Officers' Lodge, and to you, as its members, to be so highly honoured. Again thanking you for the kind way in which I have been received, I conclude these few remarks.

Among the visitors present were Bros. J. McQueen, P.M. 1422, P.D.G.S.B. Bengal; Simpson, W.M. 907; P. L. Blackmore, W.M. 1327; T. G. Hodges, W.M. 1695; G. Cook, S.W. 820; J. Glover, S.W. 1604; S. Walker, W.M. 1174; and W. R. Arnold, W.M. 1789.

The first meeting of the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 18th inst., when Messrs. Sogartz and Watson were initiated, and Bros. Coombes, 223 (S.C.); Cook, 820; Harvey, 1604; Barker, 723; and Sanders, 1394, were affiliated.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 16th inst., the chief feature of the business being the installation of Comp. Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph as Grand Superintendent. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Installing Officer, Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., Acting Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. the Rev. H. M. Davey, P.Z. 38, Prov. G.H., and Joseph Farncombe, P.Z. 311, Prov. G.J.

The other officers present were—

Comps. V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732, Prov. G.S.E.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.Z. 40, Prov. G.S.N.; R. Pidcock, P.Z. 916, Prov. G. Registrar; W. A. Cardwell, P.Z. 916, Prov. G.P. Soj.; J. M. Reed, P.Z. 732, Prov. 2nd Asst. G. Soj.; C. Briscoe, P.Z. 311, Prov. G.S.B.; S. Peters, P.Z. 811, Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. E. Price, P.Z. 1466; Prov. G.D. of C.; A. King, P.Z. 271, Prov. G. Org.; H. Kent, P.Z. 315, Prov. G. Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Prov. G. Janitor; and numerous visitors.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll of chapters was called, each being represented.

The INSTALLING OFFICER, having examined the patent of the Grand Superintendent designate, expressed the regret that owing to the deaths of the late Comps. Sir Walter Burrell and Gerard Ford he was present that afternoon to install, for the third time, a Grand Superintendent. The choice of the Grand Z., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, had fallen upon Comp. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, and he (the Installing Officer) believed the selection was one which would be conducive to the best interests of the province.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT having been duly installed and invested, addressed the companions. He thanked them for their cordial support, and was



grateful to his Royal Highness for placing him in the chair. When he reflected that he was following such companions as Sir Walter Burrell, John Henderson Scott, and Gerard Ford, he felt that he had an uphill task before him. He was deeply sensible of the responsibility of the high station, and wished to assure the companions of the province that he would do his utmost to promote the welfare of the chapters in Sussex.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed the other Principals and officers as follows:

Comp.	Col. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox	...	...	Prov. G.H.
"	Bransby Roberts, M.D.	...	...	Prov. G.J.
"	V. P. Freeman	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
"	H. E. Price, M.D.	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
"	J. M. Reed	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
"	R. Pidcock	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
"	T. C. Woodman	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
"	H. Kent	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
"	T. H. Crouch	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
"	W. H. Russell	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
"	G. E. Chapman	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
"	Mortimer Hancock	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
"	A. King	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
"	W. H. Barrett	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
"	T. Hardy	...	...	
"	H. H. Hughes	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, served in elegant style by Comp. J. Sayers.

The Grand Superintendent presided.

The customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

A very pleasing programme of vocal music was sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Maud Bond, and Mr. C. T. West, under the direction of Comp. Alfred King, P.Z., Prov. G.O.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ECLECTIC MARK LODGE, No. 410.

The progress of Mark Masonry was further marked on Friday, the 18th inst., by the consecration of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 410, which promises to be a valuable addition to the roll. For the first time on record, the ceremony took place at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. R. Eve, P.G.M.O., as S.W.; C. H. Driver, as J.W.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, Prov. G.C., as Chap.; R. Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C., as D.C.; A. R. Carter, G. Std. Br., as I.G.; and F. H. Cozens, P.G. Organist, as Organist.

Previous to the consecration, a lodge was opened by Bro. R. Glasspool, P.G. Steward, and, by dispensation of the M.W.G.M., the following brethren were advanced to the Degree: Bros. R. Pittam Stevens, P.M. 901; W. Surridge, J.W. 1201; Le V. D. Anley, S.D. 1201; J. H. Haworth, J.D. 1201; A. T. Foreman, P.M. 1201; W. H. Munday, P.M. 1201; H. Anley, I.G. 1201; J. White, 29; R. Jourden, 1201; S. E. Stanbridge, 2205; G. Mullin, 332 (I.C.); F. J. Ingram, S.D. 742; P. Healy, 858; H. J. Pellatt, 1194; C. J. Richardson, 1210; and F. G. Hughes, 2266.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER having taken the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, addressing the brethren, said they were met to witness one of the most interesting ceremonies that could possibly take place in any Degree—the consecration of a new body. On the present occasion it was of even more interest than ordinarily, and he flattered himself that every one who would assist at the ceremony of consecrating that lodge—whether as a Consecrating Officer or simply as a spectator—would remember it so long as he continued his connection with Freemasonry. That was the first consecration of any description held in that building, and they were not only that night about to consecrate a new lodge in the service of the Mark Degree, but they were also about to consecrate the hall to the use of their Order. For many years the Province of Middlesex and Surrey had ruled the whole of the lodges in the London district, with the exception of a few "time immemorial" lodges, who at the formation of the province asked to be relieved from allegiance, and it was only on the most rare occasions that the M.W.G.M. would allow a lodge to be in the London district, and not under the provincial rule. Very good reasons having been shown in the present case, his Royal Highness had been pleased to permit that lodge to work without being under the control of the Provincial Grand Master, and they were met to consecrate and dedicate the lodge. As was customary in all Masonic assemblies, they would seek guidance and assistance, and for that purpose he would ask the Grand Chaplain for the benefit of prayer.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and, an oration having been delivered by Bro. Rev. A. W. Oxford, the Eclectic Lodge was solemnly consecrated and dedicated with the customary formalities.

Bro. J. A. Gartley, S.W. 144, the W.M. designate, was next installed as the Master for the ensuing year by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec. The Treasurer and Tyler were elected, and the following officers invested: Bros. C. H. Chauffourier, S.W. 238, S.W.; R. H. Lyon, 377, J.W.; R. Glasspool, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M. and Treas.; A. T. Foreman, Sec.; R. Pittam Stevens, M.O.; W. Surridge, S.O.; Le V. D. Anley, J.O.; J. H. Haworth, Reg. of Mks.; W. H. Munday, S.D.; H. Anley, J.D.; J. White, I.G.; R. Jourden, D.C.; G. Mullin and F. J. Ingram, Stwds.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler.

A Committee was elected to frame the by-laws, and Bro. Glasspool was unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the Benevolent Fund Festival.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members, the compliment being appropriately acknowledged.

Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.M.O., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that as Bro. Matier was reserved for another toast, he was sorry a senior officer to himself was not present, but he had pleasure in thanking the brethren for the way the toast had been proposed and received. They felt it was a great honour to be present at the consecration of the first Mark lodge in the new building, for it marked an era which would be felt for many years. It had been said there was no room for Mark Masonry, but he thought the fact that they had succeeded in making 410 lodges showed there was plenty of room for it. It now had a habitation of its own—a building vieing with the best in London—and a home worthy of the Order to which they belonged. With such distinguished officers as the Marquis of Hertford and Lord Egerton of Tatton, they should not fail in discharging the duties appertaining to the Grand Officers. As the W.M. had set an example of short speeches, they would excuse him if he did not prolong his remarks. They trusted the lodge which had been consecrated under such excellent auspices would last long, and that there would be a continuation of W.M.'s to maintain the credit of the lodge. The Grand Officers wished them great success, and trusted the lodge would rank with the best in Mark Masonry.

Bro. C. H. DRIVER, having been called upon, said he attended as a spectator, but was pleased to have been able to assist in the work. Bro. Eve had been told

there was no room for Mark Masonry, but they would agree with him that they now had several rooms for that Order, and he trusted they would be filled, and give good returns for the expense incurred. He trusted brethren would find the advantage, and that they would consider their wants had been adequately attended to. He congratulated the lodge on the very happy meeting, and hoped it would have a long and prosperous career.

Bros. BERRIDGE and CARTER also replied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in submitting "The Consecrating Officers," said he would not attempt to dilate upon the excellent qualities of Bro. Matier, as he was sure they were well known to all present. They were all greatly indebted to him for the kind manner in which he had consecrated the lodge, and the brethren would heartily drink his health in conjunction with the excellent brethren who had assisted him.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., returned thanks to the W.M. for the very graceful manner in which he had proposed the health of himself and of those brethren who had so ungrudgingly assisted. It had been to them all a labour of love to attend and consecrate that lodge within what he hoped would be some hundred years hence the time-honoured walls of Mark Masons' Hall. They could not talk about their antiquity; they could not talk of their ancestors, but they would talk of posterity. As an old Lancashire man had remarked—posterity would not do anything for them; but they would do something that 49 years hence, when the lease was up, would induce the Grand Lodge of the Craft to give their successors a renewal of that lease, so that they might carry on the business of the Mark Degree, as he trusted the brethren thought it was now being carried on. That evening he had been exceedingly fortunate. He had been assisted by a band of brethren who were willing to go anywhere and able to do anything, and he trusted they would be called upon to perform the same duties many times in the future. For the manner in which the W.M. had mentioned his services he thanked him heartily. He now came to a toast which it was his privilege to propose, and he would, therefore, ask the principal officers to be upstanding. The toast he had to propose for the first time it had ever been given in that lodge was "The Health of the W. Master." Bro. Gartley, the W.M., must have been well known and greatly endeared to the brethren or else he would not have been placed in the proud position he now occupied. The W.M. must have occupied principal chairs in Masonry, otherwise he would not be eligible for the office, and he must possess a large amount of the suffrages of the hearts of his brethren or he would not have been chosen to preside for the first year. They knew their W.M. far better than he, and he need not, therefore, tell them his good qualities. He asked them heartily, cordially, and enthusiastically to drink to the health of the W.M.

Bro. J. A. GARTLEY, W.M., said he was glad to think that short speeches were the order of the evening. He had first to return his very sincere thanks to Bro. Matier for the kind and flattering way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for so cordially receiving it. He felt it a great honour indeed that he should be the first W.M. of that lodge. It might seem strange to those not connected that he should be the first W.M. considering the noble lot of men numbered in the Eclectic Lodge and Chapter. He was at a loss to express his thanks for being placed in the position. When he first entered Masonry he looked upon it as grand, and as he heard the work in the other Degrees the more beautiful it became, and that night he had found it still more beautiful, and in doing so it arose in his heart a stream of vanity. It was a great piece of vanity, but he must express what he felt, which was that there must be a little good about himself, or a noble band of brethren would not have chosen him as the first W.M. of the lodge. He could assure them that it was not real vanity that made him say that, although there was a vain thought passing through him. He was not a member of the Eclectic Lodge, but hoped to be one some day, and was not a companion of the chapter. He had been a visitor to them both so frequently that the members seemed to have found out good qualities that he did not know he possessed until he had that great honour. He sincerely thanked them for that honour, and could assure them that as far as lay in his power he would do justice to the honour conferred upon him. He was not as bright in the work as he hoped to be, but his brother on his left (Bro. Glasspool) would be pleased to give his assistance, and he must not forget the good qualities of the S.W. (Bro. Chauffourier), who first spoke to him of forming that lodge, and who first proposed that he should be the first W.M. He could not let that opportunity go by without expressly thanking the S.W. for that great honour. He hoped to have health and strength, and would then make that lodge shine out as bright as it should in the first year. He must ask the officers to give him all the assistance they could, and he was certain from the eager manner in which they put themselves forward in their anxiety to be advanced, that they would perform their duty to the utmost. He hoped the Eclectic Lodge would go on and prosper, and become one of the brightest of Mark Masons' lodges, and leave its mark as time travelled along. Before resuming his seat he would propose "The Mark Benevolent Fund." The great object of Masonry was Charity, and without Charity they were nothing worth. Their first idea in forming that lodge was to support the Charities, and they had elected their most excellent Bro. Glasspool to go up as Steward. He would ask the brethren to show their appreciation of the Charities by subscribing liberally to his list, and let that lodge be well represented, and make a bright and telling mark in the list of subscriptions.

Bro. R. GLASSPOOL, P.G. Steward, thanked the W.M. and brethren for electing him to represent them at the Festival on the 23rd July next. That lodge had set a good example to others by appointing a Steward almost before it was able to walk itself. He would not go up with a list that he should be ashamed of, and thanked Bro. Matier and the W.M. for their help, and hoped the brethren would assist him to the best of his ability.

Bro. Capt. T. C. WALLS, replying for "The Visitors," said it was an onerous task. He felt great pleasure, indeed, at being present at the inauguration of that lodge, in the first place because the good S.W. and he were members of the Leopold Mark Lodge and kindly invited him, intimating there was work for him to do. He attended and was pleased to contribute his humble mite to the glorious success. He congratulated the members on being advanced in a most admirable manner by Bro. Glasspool. He had had the honour of seeing many work the Degree, and he could say without the fear of contradiction and without flattery, for he did not believe in it, that working was equal to any he had seen. He also congratulated them on having had the opportunity of seeing the consecration ceremony performed, and he might say with regard to the work of the Consecrating Officer—whom he had known for 17 years—that he had that evening surpassed all previous efforts. He believed that that lodge which had been launched would be a very powerful factor in Mark Masonry. That lodge was one of the special lodges under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but not under the Provincial Grand Lodge. The other day he saw the Grand Mark Hall which when properly decorated would surpass many.

Several brethren also replied, and "The I.P.M., Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

Bros. F. Cozens and H. Schartau rendered the musical portions of the ceremony, and several others assisted in a musical programme, which was enjoyed by all. Special mention should be made of a pianoforte solo admirably rendered by the juvenile daughter of the W.M., Miss Gartley, which was thoroughly appreciated.

In addition to the Consecrating Officers the following were present: Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls; Lichtenfeld, Henniker Lodge; A. Mostyn, 400; Nicholls, R. P. Stevens, R. Jourden, J. White, H. Anley, W. H. Munday, A. T. Foreman, J. H. Haworth, W. Surridge, Le V. D. Anley, F. G. Hughes, S. E. Stanbridge, G. Mullin, F. Ingram, H. J. Pellatt, P. Healy, C. J. Richards, and W. W. Lee 400.



## BOYS' SCHOOL PENSION INDEMNITY FUND.

Our readers will remember that at the meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Saturday, the 5th inst., certain resolutions were adopted which will allow of Bro. BINCKES vacating the office of Secretary, on the 30th June, and receiving from the Provisional Management Committee a cheque for £2500. This sum of £2500 is being raised in accordance with a scheme which emanated in the first instance from the Province of West Yorkshire, under the designation of the "Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M. Institution for Boys," the immediate object being "to relieve altogether the Institution from any charge on its funds." The details of this scheme have been already published in our columns, but the moment seems opportune for affording them still further publicity, and we therefore append the original circular. The total sum of £2500 will be paid over to Bro. BINCKES, as we have said, on the 30th June, but from the list of contributions appended below it will be seen that a part only has been received by the Trustees. It is known, however, that a further very considerable sum is promised or will be voted when the question has been submitted to many of the lodges, while the Provisional Committee are sanguine in believing that the whole, and even more than the whole, amount will be forthcoming when all the lodges in town and country have had the opportunity afforded them of making the required grant. Whatever balance may remain unraised on the 30th June will be taken temporarily from the funds of the Institution, and refunded as the contributions are paid over to the Trustees of the Indemnity Fund, and should there be any surplus after the balance of the £2500 has been reimbursed to the Institution it will go towards its general fund for the maintenance, clothing, and education of the children on its establishment. The Table showing the various quotas to be contributed by London and the Provinces appeared in the *Freemason* of the 8th February, but we think it unnecessary to be at the trouble of reproducing it, the calculation on which it was based being that each lodge would willingly contribute the small sum of £2 10s. out of its funds for the very laudable purpose of relieving altogether the Institution from any such charge upon its funds as a pension for life to Bro. BINCKES.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS, DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS, AND THE BRETHREN OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND BRETHREN OF ALL LODGES.

37, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, E.C.,  
20th December, 1889.

### BRETHREN,

In view of the narrow majority by which the Resolution proposing to grant to Bro. Binckes a retiring allowance of £350 per annum was carried at the last General Quarterly Court, the Provisional Management Committee has decided to ask the next Quarterly Court not to confirm or proceed further with that resolution, but to substitute in its place another to grant him £250 per annum.

The Provisional Management Committee has come to this conclusion in the hope that such an arrangement will be satisfactory to all parties, and will tend to allay any excitement and bitterness which may have been unfortunately imported into this question, so opposed to the principles of Freemasonry and imperilling the best interests, if not the very vitality, of the Institution itself.

Whilst asking with confidence for the grant of £250 per annum, the Provisional Management Committee has considered and sanctioned a scheme to raise a fund of £2500 in lieu of granting a pension to Bro. Binckes, styled the "Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M. Institution for Boys," the immediate object of which is to relieve altogether the Institution from any charge on its funds, and at the same time to recognise the services of Bro. Binckes and provide some means for his "honourable retirement" from the office of Secretary, after upwards of 28 years service.

By this scheme it is proposed that every Lodge in London and the Provinces should contribute or grant from its funds a sum of £2 10s., being at the rate of 5s. per Lodge for ten years, so that a Lodge of, say, 40 Members, each Member would be contributing 1½d. per annum, or 1s. 3d. towards the amount required for the Commutation, and from an estimate made on this basis, if all co-operate and heartily support this plan, a large surplus will undoubtedly arise for the benefit of the Institution.

From the many expressions of concurrence which have been received, the Provisional Management Committee is led to believe that the scheme will receive general acceptance. If this should happily be the case, it will at once put an end to the unfortunate condition of affairs which during the past year has operated so prejudicially to the interests of the Institution, and which if not terminated must continue to injure it, to the deep regret of all its friends and supporters.

The Provisional Management Committee has the pleasure to announce that a distinguished Brother, fully believing the generosity of the Craft will support the scheme, has munificently placed at the disposal of the Provisional Management Committee the sum of £2500, to enable it to commute the proposed allowance of £250 per annum and arrange at once with Brother Binckes for his retirement, and to allow six months for the collection of the fund. The attitude Brother Binckes has assumed in this matter is highly gratifying to the Provisional Management Committee, and tends very materially to assist such an amicable and satisfactory settlement.

The fund raised will be quite distinct and altogether apart from the funds of the Institution, and will be placed in the hands of three Trustees, viz., Brothers F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar), Edward Terry (Grand Treasurer), and Richard Eve (P.G. Treasurer), and any surplus that may arise will be paid over to the funds of the Institution.

As the success of the scheme depends on the general concurrence of those interested, the Committee urgently appeal to all members of the Craft and friends of the Institution to contribute to the fund, and thus insure the speedy completion of the scheme.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH D. LANGTON,

Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee.

Cheques or Postal Orders can be sent to the Hon. Sec. at the above address, payable to the order of F. A. PHILBRICK, and crossed "UNION BANK OF LONDON."

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, at the above address:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Province of Essex	10	0	0	Eccleston Lodge, 1624	2	10	0	Lodge of Israel, 205	2	10	0	Sir Watkin Lodge, 1477	2	10	0
Province of Gloucestershire	35	0	0	Caradoc Lodge, 1674	2	10	0	Barnato Lodge, 2265	2	10	0	Royal Denbigh Lodge, 1143	2	10	0
Province of Monmouth	22	10	0	Warner Lodge, 2256	2	10	0	Sphinx Lodge, 1329	2	10	0	Square and Compass Lodge, 1336	2	10	0
Province of Nottinghamshire	9	9	0	St. Matthew's Lodge, 539	2	10	0	East Surrey Lodge of Concord,				Islington Chapter	2	10	0
Province of West Yorkshire	210	0	0	Caterham Lodge, 2095	2	10	0	463	2	10	0	Highbury Lodge, 2192	2	10	0
Percy Lodge, 198	2	10	0	Canterbury Lodge, 1635	2	10	0	Temple Lodge, 558	2	10	0	The Rothesay Lodge, 1687	2	10	0
Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough	10	10	0	Chiswick Lodge, 2012	5	5	0	Hertford Lodge, 403	2	10	0	Montagu Lodge, 665	2	10	0
Castle Lodge of Harmony	2	10	0	Pilgrim Lodge, 238	2	10	0	Hornsey Lodge, 89	2	10	0	St. Andrews Lodge, 1046	2	10	0
Lodge of Antiquity, 178	2	10	0	Phoenix Lodge, 257	2	10	0	St. Mary Abbots Lodge, 1974	2	10	0	Victoria Rifles Lodge, 822	2	10	0
Bro. Edward Hobbs	1	1	0	Jordan Lodge, 1402	2	10	0	St. Cuthbert Lodge, 1902	2	10	0	Union Lodge, 52	2	10	0
Shakespeare Lodge, 284	2	10	0	Drury Lane Lodge, 2127	2	10	0	Lodge Hereward	0	10	0	Wellington Lodge, 548	2	10	0
Peace and Harmony, 60	5	0	0	Royal York Lodge of Persever-				Royal Somerset House and In-				Fidelity Lodge, 269	2	10	0
Sutherland Burslem Lodge, 451	2	10	0	ance, 7	2	10	0	verness Lodge, 4	2	10	0	Tyrian Lodge, 253	2	10	0
Bro. Richard S. Warrington	2	10	0	Lodge of Union, 38	2	10	0	East Surrey Lodge of Concord, 463	2	10	0	Blagdon Lodge, 659	2	10	0
Royal Somerset Lodge, 973	2	10	0	Royal Oak Lodge, 871	2	10	0	Temple Lodge, 558	2	10	0	Alexandra Lodge, 985	1	1	0
Phoenix Lodge, 173	2	10	0	Borough Lodge, 1064	2	10	0	Hertford Lodge, 403	2	10	0	Anchor and Hope Lodge, 37	2	10	0
St. John's Lodge, 104	2	10	0	Benevolent Lodge, 303	2	10	0	Hornsey Lodge, 890	2	10	0	Henry Muggeridge Lodge, 1679	1	1	0
Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., M.R.C.S.	2	10	0	St. Andrew's Lodge, 231	2	10	0	St. Mary Abbots Lodge, 1974	2	10	0	Mechanics Lodge, 245	0	5	0
Felicity Lodge, 58	2	10	0	Fortitude Lodge, 105	2	10	0	St. Cuthbert Lodge, 1902	2	10	0	Royal Alfred Lodge, 877	2	10	0
Bro. Richard Eve	5	5	0	The Lewises Lodge, 1209	2	10	0	Lodge Hereward (first instalment)	0	10	0	Prince of Wales Lodge, 1003	2	10	0
„ Col. Gadsden, No. 1	1	1	0	Bedford Lodge, 925	2	10	0	Royal Somerset House and In-				St. Hilda Lodge, 1887	2	10	0
„ M. Levy, No. 1	1	1	0	Supreme Council, 33	5	0	0	verness Lodge, 4	2	10	0	Yarborough Lodge, 811	2	10	0
Bro. Gordon Brown, No. 1	1	1	0	Islington Lodge, 1471	2	10	0	St. Michael's Lodge, 211	2	10	0	Loyal Lodge, 251	2	10	0
„ Col. Yeatman Biggs	1	1	0	Empire Chapter, 2108	2	10	0	St. Alban's Lodge, 1294	2	10	0	Atlingworth Lodge, 1821	2	10	0
„ Brackstone Baker	1	1	0	Buckingham and Chandos Lodge,				Victoria Lodge, 1056	2	10	0	Fidelity Lodge, 430	2	10	0
St. John's Lodge (Plymouth)	2	10	0	1150	2	10	0	Llanidloes Lodge, 1582	2	10	0	Excelsior Lodge, 1155	2	10	0
Lodge of Concord, 1135	2	10	0	Lindsay Lodge, 1335	2	10	0	Abbey Lodge, 624	2	10	0	Temperance Lodge, 169	2	10	0
Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1	2	10	0	True Love and Unity Lodge, 248	2	2	0	Marmion Lodge, 1060	2	10	0	Montague Guest Lodge, 1900	2	10	0
Shadwell Clerke Lodge, 1910	2	10	0	Middlesex Lodge, 143	2	10	0	Mount Moriah Lodge, 34	5	0	0	Manor Lodge, 1367	2	10	0
Dene Lodge, 2228	2	10	0	St. Mary's Lodge, 63	2	10	0	Zetland Lodge, 561	2	10	0	Shakespeare Lodge, 99	2	10	0
Royal Naval College Lodge, 1693	2	10	0	Unity Lodge, 1868	2	10	0	Lodge of Unanimity, 113	2	10	0	Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, 1159	2	10	0
Southwark Lodge, 879	2	10	0	Mid-Sussex Lodge, 1141	2	10	0	Albert Edward Lodge, 1519	2	10	0	Hammersmith Lodge, 2090	2	10	0
St. Paul's Lodge, 194	2	10	0	Tyne Lodge, 991	2	10	0	Churchill Lodge, 478	2	10	0	Shrewsbury, 1530 Lodge	2	10	0
Globe Lodge, 23	2	10	0	True Love and Unity Lodge, 248				Brent Lodge, 1284	2	10	0	Faith Lodge, 484	2	10	0
Strong Man Lodge, 45	2	10	0	(£2 2s. having been paid)	0	8	0	Virtue and Honor Lodge, 494	2	10	0	The Granite Lodge	2	10	0
Apollo Lodge, Oxford, 357	5	0	0	Domestic Lodge, 177	5	0	0	Enoch Lodge, 11	2	10	0	Lombardian Lodge	2	10	0
Lodge of Harmony, 32	2	10	0	Kennington Lodge, 1381	5	0	0	Pomfret Lodge, 360	2	10	0	Lodge of Honour, 379	2	10	0
Bro. T. B. White	2	2	0	Earl of Sussex Lodge, 2201	2	10	0	Derwent Lodge, 40	2	10	0	Hova Ecclesia Lodge	2	10	0
Amity Lodge, 137	2	10	0	Honor and Generosity Lodge, 165	2	10	0	Beaufort Lodge, 103	2	10	0	Alfred Lodge, 340	2	10	0
Pelham Lodge, 1303	2	10	0	St. Martin's Lodge, 98	2	10	0	Urban Lodge	2	10	0	Cornubian Lodge, 450	2	10	0
Stanford Lodge, 1947	2	10	0	Staffordshire Knot Lodge, 728	2	10	0	Lodge of Loyalty and Charity,				Oakwood Lodge, 1126	2	10	0
Royal Naval Lodge, 429	2	10	0	Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers,				1584	2	10	0	Bowyer Lodge, 1036	2	10	0
St. Leonard's Lodge, 1842	2	10	0	1838	2	10	0	Lodge Progress, 1768	2	10	0	South Saxon Lodge, 311	2	10	0
Tuscan Lodge, 14	2	10	0	Audley Lodge, 1896	2	10	0	Finsbury Lodge, 861	2	10	0	Eclectic Lodge, 1201	2	10	0
St. John the Baptist Lodge, 39	2	10	0	Priory Lodge, 1000	2	10	0	Lodge of the Four Cardinal Vir-							
Friends in Council Lodge, 1383	2	10	0	Empire Lodge, 2108	2	10	0	tues, 979	2	10	0				
Etruscan Lodge, 546	2	10	0	Torbay Lodge, 1358	2	10	0	Doric Lodge, 362	2	10	0				
Combermere Lodge, 605	2	10	0	Gordon Lodge, 2149	2	10	0	Duke of Cornwall Lodge, 1839	2	10	0				

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## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robt. Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chairs assigned to those officers. The other brethren present were—

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee (representing Grand Secretary's office); G. B. Chapman, B. Wilkins, D. D. Mercer, H. Garrod, L. C. Haslip, C. Dairy, J. B. Grieve, W. P. Brown, E. Shedd, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, J. Funker, T. W. Whitmarsh, G. A. Cundy, W. H. Perryman, T. E. Dobson, A. J. Vanderlyn, J. J. Thomas, T. R. S. Champion, C. W. Baker, W. Adams, John A. McQueen, W. Russell, G. Graveley, H. Massey, F. Wood, G. E. Hamilton, E. G. Hooper, C. H. Webb, H. Mayer, H. E. Dehane, F. C. McQueen, J. G. Horsey, T. Weeks, W. Burton, T. S. Hellier, C. J. R. Tijou, G. P. Gillard, C. E. Barnett, W. T. Pink, J. Boulton, T. T. Willcox, S. T. White, R. Forster, V. Wing, T. H. Thompson, G. P. Minett, C. N. McIntyre North, J. Mander, W. Wingham, J. J. Berry, H. Lyon, F. M. Bilby, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. C. Canton, G. M. Thompson, N. Salmon, L. Bryett, L. J. Salmon, H. F. Gilbert, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the March meeting, to the amount of £250. The new list comprised the names of 41 applicants, whose qualifications were for lodges in London, Margate, Skegness, Northampton, Dover, Burslem, Derby, Wakefield, Hyde, Monkwearmouth, Dartford, Newton Abbot, Boston, Yarra Yarra (Victoria), Jhansi, Sydney (N.S.W.), Gibraltar, Tenterden, Enfield, Waltham Cross, Holmfirth, Stockport, Fareham, Sleaford, Warminster, and Secunderabad. In the course of a sitting lasting nearly four hours, 37 of these were relieved with a total sum of £800, composed of two recommendations to the Grand Lodge of £75 each; two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each; and seven of £30 each; 10 grants of £20 each; one of £15; 13 of £10 each; and two of £5 each. The remainder were dismissed.

## MASONIC PRESENTATIONS.

The companions of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement and brethren of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction met at the Porchester Hotel on Friday, the 18th inst., to bid farewell to Comp. John Smith and his wife, the genial host and hostess of the Porchester Hotel, where the meetings of the chapter of improvement and lodge of instruction have been held for the last five years, when Comp. CHALFONT (one of the executive), on behalf of the chapter, presented them with a handsome set of Shakespeare's works in 12 volumes, and wished them every prosperity for the future in their new sphere of life.

Bro. DEHANE, Secretary, on behalf of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, presented Bro. and Mrs. Smith with a handsome cruetstand, and thanking them for their universal kindness and attention to the brethren during the last five years, assured them of the regret felt by all that they had disposed of the Porchester Hotel.

Bro. SMITH, on behalf of his wife and himself, expressed their unbounded thanks for the kindness of the companions and brethren for their handsome presents, assuring them they should always look back to their connection with the Freemasons at their late house with pleasure, and to the handsome presents with pride as long as they lived. They both felt that very gratifying mark of appreciation of their services by the brethren more as it was totally unexpected, as they had always been treated with so much courtesy, good-feeling, and consideration, and concluded by saying that although they left London, he, as a member of the chapter and lodge, should visit both when circumstances would permit.

The companions and brethren then toasted Bro. and Mrs. Smith, and wished them farewell.

## Australia.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The new Grand Lodge of Victoria is busy "putting its house in order." The last meeting was devoted to the discussion of the definition and composition of Masonry as hereafter to be practised by the new body. We extract notice of the proceedings from the Melbourne Evening Standard.

"One of the most important meetings of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria since its inauguration was held last night, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Baker, P.G.M., Deputy Grand Master. The assembly was what is styled a 'special communication,' and the business the consideration and adoption of the 'Book of Constitutions,' which in future is to be the law of the Fraternity in this colony. The printed draft had been prepared by a Committee, after long and careful deliberation, mainly on the lines of the laws which govern the Grand Lodge of England.

"The first clause, which occasioned considerable controversy, was the definition and composition of Masonry as it is hereafter to be practised and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The Committee put forward the proposition and declaration,

'That *Freemasonry* consists of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, the Master Mason, the Mark Master Mason, and the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.' This was regarded by many old members of the Craft as vague, inconsistent, presumptuous, and incorrect, and, in fact, likely to subject the new Grand Lodge to the ridicule of its compeers. Eventually, however, the English definition of 'Pure Antient Masonry' was allowed to replace *Freemasonry*, and the wrath of those who belong to what are known as the Chivalric, the Cryptic, and other degrees, started long after the five degrees just mentioned, having evaporated, the clause as amended was agreed to.

"Clause by clause was adopted up to 15, when what proved to be a hot, angry, interminable, and decidedly irregular discussion was commenced on the much-debated question whether the Grand Master shall appoint his subordinate officers, or whether they shall be elected every year by the constituent members of the Grand Lodge. The latter custom prevails in New South Wales and South Australia, Ireland, and Scotland—in Scotland in a modified way—and is universal in Canada and the United States of America. In England, on the other hand, it has always been the prerogative of the Grand Master to appoint the whole of his officers, excepting the Grand Treasurer. Bro. Isaacs, the well-known barrister, Grand Registrar, and as such legal adviser of the Grand Lodge, led the way for the elective system. It should here, however, be explained that last June the new Grand Lodge agreed that the question of election or appointment should be delegated to the vote of the private lodges of the colony. This was done in due course, with the result that two-thirds voted for appointment. The question was deemed in some quarters to have been disposed of for all time; but the formulation of the 'Book of Constitutions' gave the advocates of election the opportunity of returning to the charge, and, if possible, carrying the day. They contended, with considerable show of reason, that an important matter of this kind can only be decided on the floor of the Grand Lodge by the votes of its qualified members. And, be it noted, that the electoral partisans were in a majority, and, conscious of their strength, could have carried the point in such a small meeting had the presiding officer not announced his fixed determination not to put the question in view of the resolution of last June, which he considered binding on the Grand Lodge, whatever the opponents of nomination might say or think to the contrary. This deliverance fell like a thunderclap on the meeting, and a dead-lock was the inevitable result, the Grand Lodge being closed when it had reached the length of 15 out of nearly 300 clauses. When the end will come remains to be seen.

"Some of the arguments of the Grand Registrar, in his support of the elective system, may here be alluded to. For instance, he asserted that at one time the Grand Lodge of England elected its officers, and that it was only during the present century that the appointment had been in force. Bro. Isaacs is incorrect. The Grand Lodge of England has always allowed its Grand Master to appoint his own officers, excepting the Treasurer; that is to say, from the formation of the first regular Grand Lodge in 1717, its fusion with the so-called 'Antients,' in 1813, and down to the present day. We know that the nomination system has thus worked admirably for a long period in the old country, which is more than can be said for the elective principle, wherever it has been and is in vogue. As a proof of what might happen in England were election the rule, let us adduce the Grand Treasurership of three years ago, when there was a contest. The successful candidate was cited to appear before Grand Lodge to answer a charge of having entertained some of his country supporters in London on polling day, and the upshot may be guessed. In a general way, the elective system is a most pernicious one—it is corrupt, in that it encourages bribery, lobbying, and dishonesty, and moreover would shut out the chance of worthy brethren in the country lodges from promotion, as it stands to reason that the odds would be 1000 to 1 on a town candidate versus a man a couple of hundred miles away.

"A thought has, however, struck us with respect to the ultimate settlement of this much vexed question. We would strongly suggest that the Grand Master order that election or appointment be decided on the floor of the Grand Lodge—its proper tribunal, and then there can be no heartburnings or reflections about appointment having been smuggled through. We are confident that appointment will be triumphant in the long run; but let the verdict be given fair, square, and above-board, by all means."

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3.)—This old and prosperous chapter met at 33, Golden-square, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Ill. Bros. Major J. E. Anderson, M.W.S.; George Graveley, Prelate; H. J. Lardner, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bro. Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, G.M.; Ex. Bros. Greenwood, Capt. of Gds.; J. H. Hawkins, D.C.; Ill. Bro. Dr. T. W. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; W. Maple, N. Prower, M.A.; T. O. Harding, M.A.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., P.M. 534, and Victor Jagielski, M.D., P.M. 534, and; it being unanimous, they were duly

perfected by Ex. Bro. Capt. Walls. Ill. Bro. G. Graveley was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. W. Paas re-elected Treasurer. A Past Sovereign's jewel having been voted to Ill. Bro. Major Anderson, the Recorder gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of five guineas be voted to the Paas Testimonial Fund." Bro. Brown Kidder having written stating that his wife had died on the previous day, it was unanimously resolved that the Recorder be requested to write a letter of condolence to Bro. Kidder. Letters, &c., pleading inability to attend through illness and other causes were read from Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P.; T. L. Smith, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc.; and Ex. Bros. G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; G. Tayleur, P.M.W.S.; Andrew Pears, H. Hill, W. Hale-Hilton, G. J. Bell, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was served under the careful supervision of Bro. Delacoste.

A few toasts followed.

## Order of the Secret Monitor.

## University of London Conclave (No 2).

—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present R.W. Bros. Charles Gross, M.D., P.G. Gdr., S.R.; W. G. Lemon, B.A., G. Treas., G.; W. Bro. F. E. Lemon, M.A., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; R.W. Bro. W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Grand Recorder, V.D.; W. Bro. A. T. Norton, G. Stwd., V.D.; Bro. H. Juler, D.C.; J. Freeman, Sentinel; M.W. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R. (Hon. Mem.); and Scanes Spicer.

Bro. Scanes Spicer, 2033, was inducted.

## BRIGHTON.

## Royal Sussex Conclave (No. 10.)—A

meeting of this conclave was held on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. A. S. Brown, S.R.; A. F. Lamette, C.; J. C. Buckwell, G.; H. Pearce, Treas.; C. F. Goode, Sec.; J. A. Thilthorpe, V.D.; E. Tebbs, V.D.; H. H. Hughes, Sentinel; W. Wright, Guard; R. Willard, E. Mitchell, and R. Weston. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Spratling, P.T.R., and J. J. Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the following brethren were inducted to the First Degree: Bros. R. Willard, P.M. 732; E. Mitchell, 1636; and R. Weston, 1303. The following brethren were admitted to the Second Degree (Prince of the Order): Bros. J. C. Buckwell, G.; H. Pearce, T.; C. F. Goode, Sec.; W. Wright, Guard; J. A. Thilthorpe, V.D.; E. Tebbs, V.D.; and H. H. Hughes, Sentinel. The S.R. having been installed, appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year. The report of the V.D. having been received and examined, the conclave was closed.

## Obituary.

## BRO. HENRY THOMPSON.

On Saturday, Bro. Henry Thompson, a well-known and respected reporter, died at his residence, Victoria-villas, Robinson-road, Tooting, in the 86th year of his age. The journalistic career of the late Bro. Thompson was a long, varied, and interesting one, his first engagement on the London Press dating so far back as 1829, when he was employed as a Parliamentary reporter on the now long-defunct *Morning Herald*, and for several years after was the gallery colleague of the late Charles Dickens, William Bernard McCabe, and the late Mr. John Byrne, of *The Morning Advertiser*, and Mr. Ross, of *The Times*. Bro. Thompson, as a Press representative, was a well-known figure at the annual Wimbledon Rifle Volunteer gatherings, and at the meeting of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes. In addition to his other engagements, he represented several of the morning papers at the Middlesex Sessions, now known as the London County Sessions, held in the Court on Clerkenwell Green, and was for some time on the reporting staff of the *Freemason*. He was a very old member of the Masonic body, being for several years connected with the Great City Lodge, and was one of the founders of the Southern Star Lodge.

## BRO. ALFRED WILLIAMSON.

The remains of Bro. Alfred Williamson, whose death took place last week, were interred in Headingley Churchyard on Saturday, the 19th inst., in the presence of a numerous gathering of relatives and Masonic and other friends. Service was held in St. Michael's Church, and was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Abbott, where the deceased was churchwarden for many years. The choir of St. Mark's attended, heralded by their organist and choir master, Mr. A. Ward, and, accompanied by Dr. Spark, who presided at the organ and played appropriate voluntaries, rendered the musical portion of the service with much effect. The Lodge of Fidelity—the oldest in Leeds—of which Bro. Williamson was a respected Past Master and Charities Steward, held a special meeting in the afternoon at their hall, Carlton Hill, and, under the guidance of the W.M., Bro. E. Wales Smith, the proceedings were very impressive. Many of the brethren bore testimony to the character and services of the deceased brother, among those who took part being Bros. Dr. Smyth, Dr. Spark, Canon Bullock, Richard Jackson, Dr. Dobson, D. W. Glover, and Scarth.

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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,

Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall,  
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.

Names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are greatly needed and earnestly solicited.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.**

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GRAND PATRON—  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT—  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

**THE 92nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL**  
will be held

ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY, 1890,  
under the Presidency of the

RT. HON. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P.,  
First Lord of the Admiralty, R.W. Past Grand Senior Warden, P.M. No. 2012, V.-President of the Institution.

Locality and other particulars will be announced in due course.

The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges or Provinces are—UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES—most earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

By Order,

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

24th April, 1890.

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.

Robey Villa, Hornsey, N.

April 10, 1890.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND LIFE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Brethren desirous of assisting and supporting Bro. GORDON SMITH (M.A.), P.G.S. Eng., P.M. 14 and 2041, Member of the Board of General Purposes, &c., &c., in his Candidature for the Secretaryship of the Institution, are requested to kindly send their names to Bro. EUGENE MONTEUUIS, P.M. 14, 2060, 2243, P.G.S., G. Swd. B. Eng., &c., &c., Hon. Sec. to the Committee,

2, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.

11th April, 1890.

TO ESTATE AGENTS, GENTLEMEN, &c.—WANTED by a BROTHER and MARK MASON a SITUATION as Estate Agent or Assistant to a gentleman managing his own property; well experienced in book-keeping, surveying, general estate work (both agricultural and building); upwards of five years' experience as underagent on a large property; good references.—Address, J. P., care of J. H. Venables, Addington, Croydon, London.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

MAY ELECTION, 1890.

Bro. Rev. J. JACKSON, Vicar of Southall, London, W., earnestly solicits proxies on behalf of

MRS. EMMA PAICE BIGGS,

Aged 76, widow of late Bro. WILLIAM BIGGS, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, P.P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Life Governor of Boys' and Girls' Schools, &c., &c., who for 35 years "rendered faithful and distinguished service to the Order."—Freemason.

Candidate and five children Life Governors of Boys' School. Case strongly recommended by many eminent Brethren.

CAN ANY BROTHER OFFER ADVERTISER, aged 26, a RESPONSIBLE POSITION in London—Outdoor or Indoor. Certificated Book-Keeper, and of business aptitude, and who holds Exemplary Testimonials.—Address BROTHER, care of Freemason.

TO FREEMASON PATRONS and the Craft in general.—A P. Prov. G.C., K.T., 18<sup>o</sup>, retired from H.M.S.; formerly benefited; highest references and testimonials; great experience; views moderate; health good; voice strong; extempore preacher; earnestly desires, and would be very grateful for, a Living, Chaplaincy, or any other suitable post.—Address, "CHAPLAIN," Downton's, 50, Great Southsea-street, Southsea.

**To Correspondents.**

Hy. ST. LARDNER, Manchester.—You must qualify as a Life Governor by a contribution of not less than £10 10s. to two of the three Institutions to be entitled to wear the Charity jewel; no other qualification is necessary. The jewel can only be obtained through the Grand Secretary on presentation of a certificate from the Secretaries of the Institutions.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1890.

**Masonic Notes.**

The members of the Aldersgate Lodge, in pursuance of their annual custom, have unanimously agreed to invite the I.P.M., Bro. Alderman Renals, and Mrs. Renals to a complimentary banquet, at which visitors (ladies and gentlemen) may be introduced. These reunions are much enjoyed, and we think might, with advantage, be more generally adopted by other lodges.

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The scheme for relieving the funds of the Boys' School from the payment of the pension to Bro. Binckes is not making such rapid progress as the friends of the Institution could wish, but we have faith in its speedy completion as soon as the lodges fully realise the advantages that will accrue to the Institution directly it is relieved from the dead-lock that has existed for some time.

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The West Yorkshire brethren have shown what can be done by prompt and energetic action. Not only have they obtained the full quota asked from 74 out of the 75 lodges in the province, but an excess of £40 13s. 6d. has been forthcoming, £20 of which they have determined to devote to a fund for providing practical instruction in the arts of printing and carpentry at Wood Green. We shall have something more to say on this subject next week, in the meantime we would urge the friends of the Institution to take this matter up with a will, so that nothing may stand in the way of the full success of the coming Festival.

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The meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex is fixed for Saturday, the 21st June, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.

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The consecration of the Ermine Lodge, at Lincoln, on Monday, was a very successful affair. The Grand Secretary was in good form, and, with his experienced lieutenant, Bro. Frank Richardson, as Director of Ceremonies, and Bros. Captain Philips and J. H. Matthews as Wardens, the ceremony went as smoothly as could be desired. Bro. Cousins, as W.M., has added another to his already long list of Masonic honours, and we congratulate him heartily on the excellent start the lodge has made.



Comp. Horatio Ward, has done much for Masonry, not only in Kent, but in Dorset, Wilts, and other fields of Masonic labour, and the presentation to him of a Past Principal's jewel on the termination of his year of office as first M.E.Z. of the St. George's Chapter, No. 2099, was not by any means a mere formal compliment, but a genuine acknowledgment of the exceptional services rendered to the chapter in its formation and during the first year of its existence. Comp. Ward has laboured in many ways to diffuse Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent, where he has been the founder of several chapters, and now fills the position of Third Grand Principal.

Further satisfactory progress in strengthening the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School has been made since our last report, the number of brethren who have given their services in aid of the Chairman being now 217. This is most encouraging, and we have every reason to believe that we shall not be far out in our reckoning in fixing the ultimate strength of the Board at about 250 members.

In the "Notes and Queries" department will be found a series of curious and valuable extracts from Cheshire newspapers, extending from 1761 to 1785, fraternally sent by Bro. C. W. Robinson, who, when resident in England, was frequently a contributor to the *Freemason*, and did much to unravel the past history of his province. We hope that Bro. Hughan will kindly supply a few particulars of the lodges enumerated, so that our numerous readers may be enabled to identify them in due course.

Sir Archibald and Lady Campbell have, during the last fortnight, had meetings in Edinburgh with ladies and gentlemen interested in the grand bazaar to be held in the Waverly Market during the first week in December with the object of raising £10,000 in aid of the Annuity Branch of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. A plan was submitted showing the disposition of the stalls in the Waverly Market, and matters of detail as to costume, &c., were discussed. Sir Archibald Campbell presided at a meeting of the Executive Committee in the afternoon. Matters of finance were disposed of, and considerable progress was made as to the organisation of other Sub-Committees. Contributions in kind are being daily received from the colonial and foreign lodges, and from reports which have reached the Secretary, there is every prospect that the bazaar will be a success. The Grand Master, who has taken a deep interest in the movement, is about to make a special appeal to the Craft in its favour. Arrangements have been made with all the shipping companies, who have generously agreed to carry packages for the bazaar free of freight.

The Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on Thursday, when the Earl of Haddington, assisted by several of the Grand Office bearers, installed Bro. Dalrymple Duncan as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland for Lanarkshire and the adjacent counties. The Royal Order is not (as the name would seem to imply) specially confined to Scotland. Lodges of the Order exist in London, Manchester, and York, and it has also branches in America, India, the Colonies, and several Continental countries. The legend of the Order ascribes its foundation to Robert the Bruce after his victory at Bannockburn, and at all banquets of the brethren the first toast is dedicated to the memory of the great Scottish king.

According to some statistics furnished by the *Brisbane News*, of the 5th Dec., 1889, the movement to establish a Grand Lodge composed of the lodges of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions has not been attended with success. Meetings have been held, and speakers have been eloquent in setting forth the advantages of independence, but as regards the English section of the Masonic community, which is about equal to the Irish and Scotch sections taken together, they are by no means favourable to the proposed change. Circulars were addressed to the 33 lodges, and, out of the 28 that sent replies, 24 have determined to remain in their present allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, and only four have announced their readiness to cast in their lot with the promoters of the Queensland Grand Lodge. If it be true that the five lodges which had not at the time sent answers are likely to remain faithful to the existing Constitution, the disparity is still more marked between those which desire a change and those which do not, the proportion of the former to the latter being as four to 33.

## Correspondence.

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

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the controversy that has arisen upon the accounts in the pages of a contemporary of yours, I am requested to ask you to be good enough to notify that directions have been given that all the books and documents relating to the accounts of the half-year ending 31st December last will be laid upon the table at the Quarterly General Court on Friday next. This will enable any one to prove or disprove the accuracy of your contemporary's assertions. No one is more fully aware than I am of the misleading effects of discussing figures and accounts apart from the books and accounts themselves.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

EDWD. HOBBS, F.C.A.

April 22nd.

### LIFE SAVED THROUGH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention has been called to an article in your valuable Journal of March 1st, page 133. The article purports to have been written by one William Wilson, who gives a thrilling account of his adventures in the West India Islands, and how his life was saved through the interposition of one Dolores Torros, a female Mason, &c.

But what I wish to call your attention to especially is the further statement of Wilson, that his guide had told him "he had ascertained that Dolores Torros had been made a Mason in Texas, in the United States, where it is possible for a lady to enter the Craft."

Allow me to inform the readers of the *Freemason*, and William Wilson in particular, that there are no female Masons in Texas, nor is it possible for a lady to enter the Craft in Texas, or in any of the United States.—Yours fraternally,

WM. F. SWAIN, Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Texas.

### LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I received the other day a most valuable portfolio of Masonic historic documents relating to the laying of the foundation stone of the new building for the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle-on-Tyne by the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., 2nd Sept., 1822. Among the varied contents are two fine P.G.L. summonses, printed on R.A. certificates, that appear to have been struck for the use of the P.G. Chapter of Northumberland by the eminent firm of T. Bewick and Son, and adapted for the occasion.

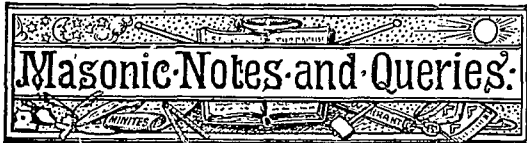
Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, the great authority on such documents, considers them close copies of the "Ancients'" Arch certificates (very slightly smaller), and points out a peculiarity in them by having E and and N engraved on them, these letters being absent on the "Ancients'" certificate.

Bro. Riley conjectures that the Bewick's engraved from a certificate in use by a private chapter at that time.

It is a matter of very great regret that the fine old copper plates of private lodges and chapters of last century are nearly all missing in this north country.—Yours fraternally,

G. W. BAIN.

Sunderland, April 22.



### 885] FREEMASONRY LAST CENTURY.

Bro. J. C. Robinson, formerly of Chester (England), but now of U.S.A., has kindly sent me a number of extracts relating chiefly to Freemasonry in the Province of Cheshire, and, by his consent, they are appended. I number them consecutively for subsequent reference and explanation, and I hope their publication will lead to more of the kind being traced. Bro. Robinson is a diligent and accurate Masonic student, and has set an excellent example to be followed.

W. J. HUGHAN.

1.—*Chronicle*, 8 August, 1777.

They write from Holywell, in the County of Flint, that on Tuesday last the Provincial Grand Master of Masons for the County Palatine of Lancaster, Representative for that purpose of the Provincial Grand Master of North Wales, constituted a new Lodge of Free-masons in that Town; on which occasion there was a very handsome Procession of the members in their proper Clothing, and being a Sight entirely new there, afforded great Pleasure to a Number of Spectators.

2.—*Courant*, 2 June, 1761.

On Tuesday last the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy and Wardens of the most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons assembled at the Star Inn in Watergate-street in this City, where they constituted a Lodge (under his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master), to be held at the Swan in Great Neston, near Parkgate; and which 'tis hoped by that Ancient and Honourable Fraternity will be a means of reforming many abuses lately practised on the aforesaid Society for want of a regular constituted and well-governed Lodge.

3.—*Courant*, 24 January, 1769.

Yesterday being St. John's Day the four respective Lodges in this City of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons assembled at the Exchange, pursuant to proper Summonses from the Provincial Grand Master, all in their proper Cloathing and Ensigns of their Order, and then walked in Procession to St. John's Church, where they heard a most excellent Sermon preached by the Revd. Theophilus Meredith (Brother to the patriotic Sir William Meredith, Member of Parliament for Liverpool), from the 28th Chapter of the Apostles and the latter end of Ver. 22. For as concerning this Sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against; which Discourse being delivered in a very pathetic manner, and sufficiently explaining what Man ought to be, gave entire Satisfaction to a numerous Congregation who attended on the Occasion. After which they proceeded with the same regularity to the place where they assembled and then adjourned to their respective Lodges, where elegant Entertainments were provided, and the whole was conducted with the greatest regularity.

4.—*Courant*, 21 January, 1772.

At the Grand Feast of the Ancient and Hon. Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at Merchant Taylors' Hall, on Monday se'nnight, the Duke of Beaufort, Lord Petre, Lord Dudley Ward, the Hon. Charles Howard (Heir to the Duke of Norfolk), and many other persons of Distinction were present, besides near 700 of the Brotherhood, when the Duke of Beaufort invested Lord Petre with the Ensigns of the Office of Grand Master, who appointed Mr. Dillon his Deputy. It is remarkable that a great Number of Ladies were in the Gallery on the above Occasion.

5.—*Courant*, 19 May, 1772.

A few Nights ago a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Star, in Watergate-street, in this City, when a woman who was a Lodger in the House, concealed herself in a Press in the Lodge-Room, in order to satisfy a painful Curiosity she had a long time imbibed of discovering the Reason of their secret Meetings; but the ever wary and careful Fraternity making a timely and secret Discovery of the Place of her Concealment, assembled themselves within her Hearing, and after repeating the Punishment which they always inflict on every Person whom they detect prying into their Secrets, opened the Press, and took her out almost dead with the apprehensions of what she was to suffer, which had such an Effect on the Humanity of the Brethren then present, that they unanimously agreed to dismiss her, without doing her any further Injury than that of a severe Reprimand for her Folly.

6.—*Courant*, 17 November, 1772.

Friday last being the Anniversary Festival of St. John Baptist, the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, consisting of four different lodges, by Order of their Provincial Grand Master (the Hon. John Smith Barry, Esq.), assembled at the Exchange Hall in this City, and proceeded in solemn Form to the Parish Church of St. John to hear Divine Service, where a most excellent Sermon was preached by a Reverend Brother suitably adapted to the Occasion. After Service they returned in like Order to the Exchange, and thence the Brethren retired to their respective Lodges, where elegant entertainments were provided, and the evening concluded with loyal toasts, innocent mirth, and social harmony. It would be injustice not to observe that they made a most brilliant and graceful Appearance.

7.—*Courant*, 2 June, 1780.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Holyhead to the Printer of this paper.

"On Saturday last, being St. John's Day, the free and accepted Masons of Holyhead (as is usual in all places where societies of that kind are held) proposed walking to Church in procession in order to attend prayers, which the curate had previously promised he would read; but on a sudden, through whim, prejudice, or ill-nature, he changed his mind, and absolutely refused to read prayers. Another clergyman might have been had, but our curate refused, and would neither officiate himself or suffer anyone else (indeed, the fable of the dog in the manger is very applicable on this occasion). The denial was received by many with indignation; by all with surprise. Now, Mr. Printer, I should be glad to know from some of your worthy correspondents whether a clergyman can or cannot, with propriety, refuse reading prayers on a Saint's day when those prayers are desired by the whole or some part of his parishioners?"

8.—*Courant*, 30 June, 1780. (?)

Tuesday last Pattison Ellames, Esq., Mayor of this City, attended by the Corporation and by the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, went in Procession to the late Gate near the Bridge, where he laid the first Stone of an intended Arch, in



which was sunk a Brass Plate with the following inscription thereon:

PATTISON ELLAMES, Esq., Mayor of this City,  
CHESTER,

Laid this stone in the Year of the Christian Æra,  
MDCCLXXXII.,

As D. Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted  
Masons.

Thomas Cotgrave, } Esqrs., Aldermen and  
And Hen. Hesketh, } Murengers.

Jos. Turner, Architect.

At this time France, Spain, and the States of Holland leagued with the British American Colonies (now in open and ungrateful rebellion) are endeavouring the Destruction of the Empire of Britain! her freedom! her Religion! her Laws! and her Honour! in support of which Blessings her Armies and Navies are bravely contending in every quarter of the Globe. May the God of Armies go with them.

The late Dispatches from Rodney arriving and the above being engraved, the following Words were endorsed on the Plate:

"The great and joyful News was announced this Day of the British Fleet, under the Command of Admirals Rodney, Hood, and Drake, having defeated the French Fleet in the West Indies, taken the French Admiral De Grasse and five ships of the Line and sunk one. The battle continued close and bloody for eleven hours."

The Rev. Mr. Crane opened the Lodge with an excellent Oration on Architecture, and a solemn charge to Masons. Elegant entertainments were provided at the different Lodge Rooms, and the evening was spent with that Harmony and Decorum which on all occasions have distinguished that respectable Body.

9.—*Courant*, 28 May, 1772.

Tuesday, the 24th ult., being the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, the brethren of the Moria lodge, held at Holyhead, marched in solemn processional order to Church, before whom divine service was performed and an excellent sermon delivered on the occasion, by the Revd. Dean Brocus, from Dublin. From Church they returned to the King's Head, where a neat dinner was provided, and several of the inhabitants (not masons) were invited. Decorum and regularity ruled the day. Many masonic and loyal toasts were drunk, and the evening concluded with that vein of social mirth and good harmony, ever characteristic of that noble institution. Several elegant well turn'd Songs were given.

10.—*Chronicle*, 20 June, 1773.

On Tuesday last, being St. John's day, a Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Feathers Inn, in this City, when Sir Robert Salusbury Cotton, Bart., was installed Grand Master for Cheshire, Pattison Ellames, Esq., was continued Deputy Grand Master, James Folliott, Esq., and John Buckley, Esq., were elected Grand Wardens for the year ensuing. After the installation the Worshipful Grand Master constituted in ample form a new Lodge by the name of The Lodge of Independence, to be held at the Castle and Falcon. The new lodge was solemnly consecrated, and an oration pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Crane, Provincial Grand Orator. The brethren made a splendid appearance, and spent the day in that harmony for which this society is ever famous.

11.—*Chronicle*, 30 December, 1785.

The triennial procession of the united lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this City it is expected will be more numerously attended on Monday next than has hitherto been known at any former period, a considerable number of very respectable brethren from different parts of the Country having signified a wish to attend their Provincial Grand Master on the occasion, and to publicly incorporate themselves with that fraternity whose order has for ages been the boast of mankind.

#### 886] ANOTHER OLD MASONIC JUG.

In your issue of the 5th inst. you were good enough to insert a somewhat long letter of mine in reply to one from Bro. Carson (I.C.). Attracted by the description on the 10th inst. of a curious jug in the possession of Bro. Godfrey W. Ferguson, who also hails from the Sister Isle, I have ventured to inflict upon you another epistle. As I stated in my former communication, specimens of pottery with Craft emblems thereon are by no means rare, but Bro. Ferguson, I think, has to be congratulated upon being the fortunate possessor of something unique in the way of Masonic ware. I have never seen in any museum, private collection, or at a public sale anything approaching the ceramic *curio*, as described by your correspondent. With the exception of the Mark Degree the specimen appears to have printed symbols of all the well known Masonic Orders. When it is considered that the Christian grades of Masonry were but little known, and most certainly not generally worked, in the latter half of the eighteenth century, it renders Bro. Ferguson's jug additionally remarkable and interesting. As it is described as being "painted in black, on a yellowish-white ground," I have no doubt whatever that the specimen is of old Leeds manufacture. Josiah Wedgwood, of Staffordshire, also made cream coloured ware, but he was most artistic, and never permitted anything to issue from his works that the most hypercritical could cavil at. He also would not have allowed errors in spelling to have appeared on his wares. Bro. Ferguson states that his jug "had formerly been used in a country lodge for making 'punch' in." There is

every reason to believe that consequent upon the expense and fragility of glass, bowls, jugs, goblets, and mugs of pottery were used instead in the eighteenth century lodges. I have seen many specimens, but they were only decorated with Craft and Royal Arch emblems. Speculative Masonry then, as now, knew no sect, and I am confident that the brethren of the Craft would not have tolerated vessels to have been used at their festive boards bearing designs and mottoes relating to the Knights Templar, Rose Croix, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland Degrees. I do not wish in any way to throw discredit on the statement made by the person who gave Bro. Ferguson the jug; the members of the said lodge were doubtless ignorant of its symbolism. I conjecture that the specimen had been specially made to the order of some enthusiastic Mason who had taken the Christian Degrees. Objects of the ceramic art bearing emblems outside the Craft Degree are very rare. One of the earliest known dated specimens bearing a triangle was produced at the Chelsea factory in 1745. I saw one sold at Sotheby's a few years ago for £5 or so. In Horace Walpole's now scarce "Description of Strawberry Hill" he mentions as possessing "two white salt cellars with crawfish in relief of Chelsea china, a very uncommon design, which I have found only once, viz., at the Earl of Ilchester's, at Melbury, where are four such salt cellars, all marked with a triangle." Curiously enough, those very salt cellars were publicly sold a short time since, and they were examined by me with the greatest curiosity, on account of their historical pedigree. In 1747 a porcelain manufactory was established at Neudech, on the Au, and Nymphenburg. Early specimens of the latter factory are marked with two intersecting triangles, bearing the *aleph*, *beth*, and *lamed*, with other characters. At Doccia, near Florence, a china establishment was working in 1735, and is still in existence. Antique specimens of this factory are to be met with bearing the *double triangle*, with and without a five-pointed star or *mullet*. The latter, however, has no Masonic significance, as the star forms part of the heraldic bearings of the Ginori, an old titled family of Italy, who were the founders and patrons of that *fabrique*. At the commencement of the present century at Korzec, Poland, a porcelain manufactory was established. The directors adopted as their mark the *All-seeing Eye* within a triangle. Some of the early Sevres painters on porcelain also marked their productions with the triangle. With regard to the figures and dates on Bro. Ferguson's jug (with the following exception), I am completely at fault. A.D. 1314 was the year that saw the martyrdom of Molay, the Grand Master of the Templars. Robert Bruce defeated the English at Bannockburn in 1314, and the Royal Order of Scotland is traditionally stated to have taken its rise at that period. The motto of the Order is *Virtute et Silentio*, and this, in conjunction with the "house with castellated parapet," on the jug, has reference, I think, to that interesting chivalric Degree. The other dates, 471 and 1122, I cannot venture to give an opinion upon. The motto, *In hoc signo vinces*, and the figures of Faith, Hope, and Charity, evidently refer to the Degrees of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine and the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. The banners, mace, axe, and cock are ancient emblems of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, &c. The pillar "covered with hieroglyphic characters, out of the top is a flame," may have reference to the occult mysteries of the Rosicrucians. The ladder of seven rungs and the letters K.A.D.O.S.H.S. are connected with the Ancient and Accepted Rite. The star and the Latin quotation at the end of Bro. Ferguson's letter have something to do with a non-working Degree designated the Knight Templar-Priest. The other emblems need no explanation, as they refer to several of the characters, &c., on the three tracing boards of the Craft Degrees. Perhaps some of your readers may be able to explain or hazard a conjecture as to the meaning of the figures 81, 34, 27, 9, 7, 5, 3, and the signification of the "child sitting on a level and holding a festoon of garlands." The latter may, possibly, allude to the generous support afforded by Masons to the distressed orphan. I have but briefly touched upon the emblems of the Christian grades, as I cannot conscientiously fully explain their meaning without betraying "The symbols of hidden truths known only to the perfect Mason." In conclusion, I venture to think that Bros. Hughan, Speth, John Lane, and other clever students and enthusiastic erudite expounders of Masonic lore will agree with me that Bro. Ferguson's piece of pottery is worthy of more than a mere passing notice.

T. C. WALLS (London),  
Associate Quatuor Coronati,  
8° Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia.

#### 887] UNION LODGE, EXETER.

I have to thank Bros. Hughan, Lane, and other brethren who have written to me privately anent my queries in last week's *Freemason*. I hasten to acknowledge that I was in error as to Bro. Hughan's note re the Union Lodge at Gateshead, Bro. Bain, P.G. Reg. Durham, having privately put me right on that point, and answered most of my queries. But I think that he and Bro. "Flej," who quote the same stanza, are not on the same seam that I was trying to work. Here is the first verse as I took it down when ballad-hunting over 17 years ago from the lips of an old woman over 80 years old. Her memory required to be "refreshed"

occasionally, and she had to "croon," i.e., sing in "a still small voice," every fragment of verse or song, and beautifully mixed and muddled they were. But I am prosing while you are waiting, so here is the fragment of the song as I heard it:

Ye brethren, all who wish to know  
How Masonry first began,  
'Twas in the garden of Paradise,  
When Adam first he sprang;  
'Twas in the garden of Paradise,  
As plainly you may see,  
When the fig leaf apron he put on  
To show his Masonrie.

I have other fragments of the same song, which bear the impress of antiquity on the surface to my idea more than the lines quoted by "Flej" in your last issue. And, by the way, while the pen is in my hand, I may as well answer that brother's query—"How is it that Bro. Vernon has not shown his books at any of the recent exhibitions?" Simply because I considered them valueless compared with some other older and much loved volumes, but if any Secretary of any future exhibition will take the trouble to write to me I think I could send him some MSS. of last century which might be of some interest to the brethren. I must thank Bro. Hughan for kind remembrances, and will be happy to number among my correspondents Bro. "Flej." All other brethren who have kindly answered my queries are thanked by theirs fraternally,

W. FRED. VERNON, P.M., &c.

#### 888] A CURIOUS MEDAL.

I have an octagonal bronze medal or token 1½ inches in diameter, and shall be glad if any of your readers can give me any information as to whether it is Masonic or not. Obv.—a beehive on a board; on the right hand of the board a spray of oak, and some other foliage; on the left, from the ground, some plant. To the right of the line two bees, to the left one bee, in front one or two bees. Inscription—"Chambre des Entrepreneurs de Maçonnerie." In the lower left-hand corner "E. Rogat," and on the edge "Guivre." Rev.—Two sprays of oakleaves forming a wreath round a date—  
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1810.

I do not find anything in the chronological table in Thory's "Acta Latomorum" to which this can refer.

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### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Bank of England Lodge (No. 263).—The last meeting of the season was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Bro. Sudlow, P.M., occupied the chair in place of the W.M., Bro. A. D. Parr Dudley, who was unavoidably absent. There were also present Bros. Owen Spearing, S.W.; G. L. Kennaby, J.W.; Col. James Peters, Treas.; Henry Pritchard, Sec.; J. W. J. Kennedy, J.D.; A. Oliver, I.G.; A. Leighton, and G. R. Kennedy.

This was the "close" meeting of the year, i.e., visitors were not admitted. Although visitors were not admissible, we are informed that Bro. Albert Leighton, was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. in Bro. Sudlow's usually able manner. Other business of an important nature was also disposed of amicably, and the lodge was closed.

After the banquet, the Worshipful Master in the chair gave the usual preliminary toasts, and Bro. Col. James Peters, P.G.S., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and, taking charge of the gavel, proposed "The Health of Bro. Sudlow," eulogising his Masonic career and the great interest he took in Masonry in general and that lodge in particular, being always ready to fill a vacant place, and willing and anxious that the lodge should proceed with credit to itself and harmony amongst the members.

Bro. Sudlow in response, said, that he regretted the absence of the W.M., but at the same time was pleased to have had the honour of presiding over that particular happy meeting of the lodge. Particular happy, notwithstanding the absence of visitors, whom at all other meetings they so gladly welcomed. He should at all times take a great interest in the lodge, and with pleasure render any assistance in his power, whether it be in the lodge work proper, or the outside business in connection with the lodge.

"The health of the Treasurer, Bro. Col. James Peters, and the Secretary, Bro. Henry Pritchard," was next proposed, and in proposing the toast, the Worshipful Master congratulated the lodge upon having a Treasurer and a Secretary who had worked so harmoniously together for the good of the lodge, and through that harmonious labour had succeeded in bringing the lodge into such a flourishing financial position as the report of the Audit Committee had that evening shown, viz., a balance of over £100.

Bro. Col. James Peters, in responding as Treasurer, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and said it was indeed a proud moment for him to know that he had, on behalf of the lodge, a good balance in hand. The lodge was in an all round flourishing condition, and it was a pleasure to him to act as Treasurer.

Bro. Pritchard thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received



the toast of his health. He could hardly say that which he really would like to say, but he felt exceedingly grateful at the recognition he had that evening received for whatever services he might have rendered the lodge. He was fully repaid for any difficulties he may have had to encounter, and he should view with some jealousy the time when it pleased a future W.M. to appoint another Secretary in his stead.

The toast of "The Officers" was next proposed, and responded to by Bros. Spearing, S.W.; G. L. Kennaby, J.W.; J. W. J. Kennedy, J.D.; and Oliver, I.G.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful meeting.

**Camden Lodge (No. 707).**—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when, by the courtesy of Bro. A. F. Eyers, W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. Goodchild, Sec., to afford him the opportunity of initiating his second son, who had that day attained his majority, into Freemasonry. There was also initiated the Rev. T. McDougall Mundle, an old friend of many of the members of the lodge. A good muster of members and visitors were present, amongst whom were Bros. A. F. Eyers, W.M.; H. E. Coffin, S.W.; F. Robinson, J.W.; F. Trinder, Treas.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M., Sec.; M. H. Whiting, S.D.; E. Styles, J.D.; D. Ososki, I.G.; W. H. Williams, Stwd.; A. A. Nottingham, D.C.; G. W. Osborn, I.P.M.; W. H. Hehl, P.M.; Dr. N. J. Goodchild, W.M. 2202, Asst. Sec.; J. Thornley, F. V. Mackenzie, C. Robertson, J. Simpson, H. W. Coplestone, H. Banford, R. J. Pakenham, Rev. T. McDougall Mundle, W. H. Goodchild, H. Rose, and C. Gammon. Visitors: Bros. T. Arnold, 737; E. J. Gordon, 2090; C. B. Cooper, 449, P.G.S. of Works Herts; D. Baker, 1743; H. Prickett, 1602; R. George, 167; J. Potter, 167; J. W. Sutcliffe, 2206; G. A. Garratt, 1704; E. Storr, P.M. 167; F. S. Green; W. Coffin, 189; H. H. Shirley, 1491; E. C. Mulvey, 179, P.G. Steward Surrey; S. Spokes, 1470; J. Thompson, 2319; H. Slyman, 753; J. Kew, P.M. 179; J. K. R. Cama, 2202, P.G.R. Surrey; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Dr. N. Goodchild proceeded to initiate his son, Mr. W. H. Goodchild, and the Rev. T. McDougall Mundle. The ceremony, which was performed in a very impressive manner, was rendered more effective by having a musical accompaniment. The closing address and charge after initiation were effectively rendered by Bro. Dr. N. John Goodchild, W.M. 2202, brother of one of the initiates.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in the Pillar Room, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Clemow.

After the various items had been satisfactorily discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in the usual enthusiastic manner.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, had attained that position in four years. They all knew his excellent qualities, which were shown that evening by his willingness to give up the chair to him, for which he begged to thank him most sincerely, and trusted they would drink his health in a bumper.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had great pleasure in vacating the chair in favour of Bro. Dr. Goodchild to initiate his second son, whom, he trusted, would carry out his promises, and make as good a Mason as they all knew his father to be. He was at all times only too pleased to do all he could for the welfare of the lodge, which gave promise, as in the past, of a successful career in the future.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild then gave the toast of "The Initiates," whom he said he had known for many years; one, intimately all his life, the other for over 12 years. They were both good men and true, and he had no doubt they would make equally good Masons. Since he had been a member of that lodge he had always tried to do his very best for it. He had introduced a great many members, and he was proud to say they had all proved good men.

Bro. W. H. Goodchild, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had drunk the health of the initiates. They could all, he was sure, sympathise with candidates. The pathway to Masonry was not covered with roses, but now that all was over he must say he had very much enjoyed the ceremony, especially the musical portion.

Bro. T. McDougall Mundle said he really thought he should have been excused from making a speech after the eloquent words that had been spoken by the other initiate. He could not say that he had any fear before the time; the terror and alarm came upon him suddenly. He was deeply grateful for the great honour they had done him that evening by admitting him a member of the honourable Society. He had only entered on the first stage, but hoped to make some progress. The exhortation that he had heard of temperance, purity, and Charity came quite familiar to him, as he had been endeavouring to teach them best part of his life, and he trusted that they would all carry on those doctrines and so make them wiser, truer, and better men in every sense of the word. All lives have their ideal and it was well that they had such a high ideal.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said there was a good number present, and he trusted they had all been pleased with what they had heard and enjoyed themselves.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, in reply, said it was always a great pleasure to visit the Camden Lodge from the hearty welcome they always received. Bro. Dr. Goodchild must have had a great idea of Freemasonry when he was so willing to bring in his sons; he already had two in, and he believed he had three or five more to bring in. If every Freemason took the same interest in Freemasonry it would shed additional lustre on the glorious Order, to which he was proud to belong. He said he must compliment Bro. Dr. Goodchild on the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony, which was highly creditable both to him and the lodge, and he trusted that his sons would endeavour to, if possible, eclipse him.

Bro. Storr, as a visitor, said he was deeply impressed with the excellent way in which all the officers did their work, and also the music, which he wished was more usual in lodges. Bro. Dr. Goodchild exemplified the solidity of Freemasonry, when he honoured his sons by introducing them into Free-

masonry, and from what he had seen he had no doubt they would follow the good example he had set them. He thanked them for the splendid reception they had given the visitors.

Bros. Coffin, Slyman, Shirley, and Potter also returned thanks.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Past Masters," who he said were all good men and had served the lodge faithfully. They had that night had a sample of what their Secretary was, after which he thought nothing more could be said.

Bro. Dr. Goodchild, P.M., Sec., in reply, said as their W.M. had been kind enough to give way to him during the evening, they must be tired of hearing his voice, he would therefore simply thank them for the very kind way in which the toast had been received.

Bro. F. Trinder, Treasurer, said that he trusted he had been of service to them in the past and hoped to have the pleasure of being so in years to come. Whatever he could do for the benefit of the lodge, he should always be pleased to do.

Bro. Osborn, P.M., said that since Bro. Dr. Goodchild had become a member of the lodge so had it progressed. He hoped to see not only his sons in it, but also his grandsons. He thanked them for the very cordial way in which the toast of the Past Masters was always received.

In reply to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" Bro. H. E. Coffin, S.W., expressed the pleasure he had in being an officer of the lodge. Their visitors had been well received, and he hoped they would come again. He wished the good and prosperity of the Camden Lodge.

Bro. F. Robinson, J.W., also responded.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and brought to a close a most successful meeting.

During the evening some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings, Bro. Styles presiding at the piano. The contributors were Bros. C. Gammon, G. W. Osborn, J. K. R. Cama, A. F. Eyers, F. V. Mackenzie, and H. Rose (recitation).

**New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 11th inst. Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. the Rev. S. B. Bell, acting S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; J. D. Graham, I.P.M.; Rev. J. W. Sturdee, P.M., Chap.; W. Cowley, P.M., Treas.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; R. Borrett, S.D.; H. W. P. Makeham, J.D.; Winsor, acting I.G.; Carlo Grassi, P.M., Steward; F. W. Cash, P.M.; G. Manuel, Leslie Collard, L. Azario, G. Barbagli, W. Menninger, A. Cogliati, H. Tugwell, C. Guffanti, W. D. Meffan, W. R. Walters, C. Bodemer, G. Maunter, A.D.C.; E. Cocciolotti, S. E. Firminger, P. Frenguelli, and J. S. Targett. The visitors were Bros. J. J. Hutchings, P.M. 147; Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; W. Price, I.G. 28; H. Martin, J.W. 1622; and C. C. Barber, 1585.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. L. Azario was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. Bodemer, Meffan, and Menninger were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Grummant, P.M., initiated Mr. Firminger. The W.M., at the conclusion of the initiation, resumed the chair, and delivered a lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree. This was illustrated by two large drawings, which he had prepared in his capacity of M.M. (as the term was understood in more ancient times), the W.M. observing during the lecture that before the eighteenth century it had been customary at the admission of a new brother into their lodges to recite to him "The History of Masonry" from the creation throughout the known earth till the time old architecture was demolished by the Goths and at last revived in Italy, but as the history (which he had before him) extended to something like a hundred pages, he had placed in the background of the illustrations sketches showing the different styles of architecture mentioned in the history for the information of the brethren, and no doubt they would excuse the recitation until time and circumstances would permit. The usual routine business of the lodge was then gone through. A motion proposed by Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, and one proposed by Bro. W. Cowley, as Treasurer—"That a vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for his present of a W.M.'s chair to the lodge," were passed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren sat down to a banquet prepared in Bro. Boncey's best style, and after grace by the Chaplain, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the usual *clat*, and Bro. Grassi favoured the brethren with his well-known vocal ability.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Graham, I.P.M., and briefly responded to.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," had much pleasure in welcoming as a brother a relation of their Secretary. It was by the selection of good and proper initiates that the prosperity and permanency of a lodge was assured, and in the initiate of the evening he believed they had a brother who would worthily maintain the credit of the lodge, and he hoped that at some future time he (the W.M.) would have the pleasure of seeing him in the W.M.'s chair.

The initiate, Bro. Firminger, in a neat and effective reply, said that being very much impressed by the ceremony, the brethren must excuse his brevity. He thanked the W.M. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the flattering manner in which they had received it. It would be always his duty to deserve their esteem, and to be a credit to the lodge into which he had just been received.

Bro. Hutchings, in responding to "The Health of the Visitors," complimented the W.M. on the effective manner in which he had worked the Second and Third Degrees, and the Secretary on his skill in the First Degree. He had enjoyed a thorough Masonic treat that evening. He thought it spoke well for the future of Freemasonry when (in addition to the ordinary ritual and business) a M.M. was able (like the W.M. had done that evening) to impressively deliver the charges in the Second and Third Degrees, and to give so able and instructive a lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree as they had just listened to.

Bro. Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.M., said he would not only endorse the remarks of Bro. J. J. Hutchings by saying that he had thoroughly enjoyed a Masonic treat, but that he also found that his brethren of the New Cross Lodge were able to work the Fourth Degree with a skill and judgement only equalled by that with which they worked the more legitimate, but not more necessary, Degrees, which rendered Masonic meetings so enjoyable.

Bros. H. Martin, J.W., and W. Price, I.G., also responded.

Bro. Barber, as one of the youngest M.M.'s present (having only being raised last week), and an old friend of the W.M., the Treasurer, and other members of the lodge, could only second the opinion expressed by his brother visitors; the more he saw of Freemasonry the more he appreciated its advantages and the good qualities of its professors.

In response to the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," Bro. Grummant said he could only return his sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received; he must admit that the W.M.'s statement that he and Bro. Cowley were known in South London was correct, and he thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had referred to his working of the First Degree, and also for the permission he had given him to initiate his relation, Bro. Firminger. He had not the slightest idea until he received the proposition that his cousin was a candidate. He then asked permission to initiate him, and if in course of time he was spared to initiate his own son in his mother lodge, he would have obtained the summit of his ambition.

The Treasurer gave a very favourable account of the finances of the lodge, and the other Past Masters briefly replied.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said that owing to the absence of the S.W. and I.G., he was at the last moment obliged to call on Bros. Bell and Winsor to fill those offices, and the able manner in which those duties had been performed justified the confidence he had placed in those brethren. Bro. Bell had only been initiated in the lodge last April, and the remarkable progress he had made augured well for his future proficiency. Bros. Faulkner, Borrett, and the other officers showed that in future the work would be carried on as well as it had been in the past.

During the evening Bro. Price favoured the brethren with a fine display of vocal ability, and the W.M., Bro. Bodemer, and others enlivened the meeting in the hearty manner for which the New Cross Lodge is celebrated.

**Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).**—This popular civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Schultz, W.M.; Phillips, P.M., acting S.W.; Webber, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.D.; F. Kent, P.M. 177, I.G.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, D.C.; P. N. Lardner, A.D.C.; H. Bennett, Steward; G. Herbert, I.P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; and others. Bros. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M., and T. O. Harding, M.A., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. H. J. Thomas and G. R. E. McCullough were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. J. M. Murphy and E. B. Brown passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Albert Edward Salt initiated. Bro. Webber was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. H. J. Lardner re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. E. Mallett, Tyler. Bro. H. J. Lardner proposed, and Bro. Capt. Walls seconded, the following resolution, which was carried: "That the sum of £5 be subscribed from the funds of the lodge in aid of the Pension Indemnity Fund, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., Bro. George Herbert, P.M., presented the lodge with a most beautiful banner. It has the arms of the City and Ward of Farringdon Without emblazoned thereon, and also various Masonic emblems, and is inscribed—"Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745; consecrated May, 1878; presented by Bro. George Herbert, P.M." It was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and is quite a work of art. A vote of thanks to Bro. Herbert for his valuable and interesting gift having been passed with acclamation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served.

The W.M., as usual, was a most genial and humorous Chairman.

During the evening Bros. Hedley Carus, J. Young, N. Prower, E. Schultz, and others musically entertained the brethren.

**Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present: Bros. A. H. Jakins, W.M.; C. H. Cox, S.W.; J. T. Williams, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; J. Bladon, S.D.; John Culver, J.D.; W. H. Foot, I.G.; W. H. Lowry, Steward; Bowler, Tyler; H. Cattermole, P.M.; A. W. Humphreys, F. J. Humphreys, Knutt, Lambert, Ayers, Perins, Wright, Davies, Heinckey, Garrett, Baschinski, Ensworth, Bennett, Walker, Simmonds, and Mussared. Visitors: Bros. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Martin, J.W. 1622; Smith, 813; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. F. J. Humphreys was passed to the Second Degree. The election of the W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, which resulted unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. C. H. Cox, Bro. T. C. Corpe, P.M., being re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bowler, Tyler. The usual lodge Past Master's jewel was accorded to the retiring W.M. for the able manner he had presided during the past year. The lodge was then closed.

**Caxton Lodge (No. 1853).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 14th inst. The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, approved, and adopted. Bro. B. Dellagana was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. H. W. Percy, W.M. elect, was presented in that capacity, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. S. Morby, the retiring Master. The following brethren were invested in a very able manner by the newly-installed W. Master: Bros. S. Morby, I.P.M.; B. Wynne, S.W.; R. Q. Moody, J.W.; E. Cole, Treas.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Sec.; J. Black, S.D.; T. C. Thomas, J.D.; J. Buchanan, I.G.; G. F. Norbury, D.C.; H. J. Wicks, P.M., P.Z., Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

The brethren enjoyed a most excellent banquet in the Glee Room, which was tastefully decorated with many choice palms, &c.

The usual toasts having received due notice,

Bro. S. Morby, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a neat and appropriate speech.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren very much



for the honour they had conferred upon him, and said it was his intention to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

Bro. Harry Walter Percy, W.M., then presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said it had been the proud privilege of his predecessors on nights of installation to be honoured with many high and distinguished visitors. It would be within the recollection of many that they had had brethren from India, Cairo, and even from the glorious climate of California. But that night they had brethren from the east, north, south, and west, and he held it to be a high compliment to that lodge to be honoured with the presence of so many distinguished visitors as they had that evening. They had with them Bros. T. Catling, P.M. 2190; H. Osborne, P.M. 1351; W. Groves, P.M. 749; J. Coltart, P.M. 749; W. H. Cate, J.W. 1579; James Dellagana, J.D. 1362; J. Wynne, I.G. 1446; J. Potter, I.G. 1987; T. H. Cheeswright, I.G. 907; F. Kedge, W.M. 2191; A. Proudfoot, W.M. 201; W. Inkery, 219 (I.C.); T. H. Cass, D.C. 1320; T. Vernon, 25; J. J. Mustart, 274; T. W. Price, 1920; W. Porter, P.M. 1269; W. Holmes, 1364; Frank Bridge, 1733; James H. Laing, 1364; J. Northcote, 2190; and Dr. C. Parke, Woodgreen Lodge.

Bros. F. Kedge, Proudfoot, H. Osborne, and F. H. Cheeswright responded.

Bro. H. W. Percy, W.M., next proposed "The Past Masters," and said that toast was to him very difficult, for it was no easy task to speak of those who had so ably borne the burden and heat of the day as the Past Masters of that lodge had done. He regretted the absence of Bro. Richards, P.M., who had made a trip to New Zealand for the benefit of his health; but he was pleased to say he was much better and at that moment upon his homeward way. He would like to speak of each individual P.M., but the task would be too long, so he asked them to drink to those who, having stood the test of ages, deserved that respect and veneration to which no modern Mason could pretend.

Other toasts followed.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Alfred Smythson, were highly appreciated by the brethren.

**Selwyn Lodge (No. 1901).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Edwin Gauntlett, W.M., was supported by Bros. Walter Davies, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Wills, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; Lightfoot, S.D.; Morgan, J.D.; Briant, A.D.C.; Hobbs, I.G.; Gay, Stwd.; Anderson, P.M.; W. H. Hook, P.M.; E. Pettit, P.M.; Powles, P.M.; and others, including the following visitors: Bros. J. Butt, 700; H. Petley, 101; H. Eyre, 101; T. Johnston, 2272; W. Martin, P.M. 879; W. Vail, P.M. 1155; W. H. Tilling, P.M. 765; H. Haywood, 169; W. Sewell, 1329; F. Flood, J.D. 1929; E. J. James, 1722; H. Hooper, P.M. 183; G. R. Langley, P.M. 183; J. Wooster, 15; E. H. Stone, J.D. 607; R. C. Davis, S.W. 2266; H. T. Storm, J.D. 1339; J. A. Thornhill, J.D. 1329; T. Wallis, 901; Rev. H. Graham, D.D., 1604; C. Fruen, W.M. 1632; F. J. Eedle, P.M. 2441; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Audit report received and adopted. The principal item on the agenda was then proceeded with, and Bro. Walter Davies having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed by Bro. Gauntlett as the occupant of the chair for the year ensuing. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Wills, S.W.; J. Lightfoot, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; B. Morgan, S.D.; A. Briant, J.D.; H. R. Hobbs, I.G.; J. W. Gay, A.D.C.; A. H. Fraser and F. E. Pow, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Gauntlett, I.P.M. Mr. Spencer Payne having been duly approved by ballot, was impressively initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who rendered the ceremony in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and which fully justified his selection for the post.

Routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was presided over by the W.M., who was particularly happy in his remarks respecting the toasts which followed, and whose geniality conduced to a pleasant evening.

Bro. Gauntlett, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said he (the I.P.M.) had suffered a considerable loss of dignity that evening, but it would be his pleasure to propose that toast during the coming year. He should do so with sincerity, because he had always felt a great interest in Bro. Davies, the W.M., and had taught him that evening something he did not know before. He should sum up the W.M.'s good qualities by saying he was exemplary in conduct and courteous in manner, and he did not know of any brother who better personified that description. They all knew how proficient Bro. Davies was in his work, and also his extensive knowledge of the ritual. He heartily wished the W.M. a prosperous and happy year, and if the members brought him plenty of work that brother would show them how it should be done.

Bro. Walter Davies, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren from his heart for the kind way in which they had drank his health. He supposed it was the aspiration of every young Mason to reach the honour at which he had arrived. He desired to be W.M. of that lodge, having been the second joining member, and now that he had arrived at the chair he was afraid of it. The chair seemed large, whilst he seemed particularly small, but at the same time during his year he should endeavour to fill it to the best of his ability. He had perfect self-reliance, and was confident he could do anything required of him, but when he was in the chair he felt quite unequal to the task of greeting his visitors. He had been enabled, by the great kindness of Bro. Gauntlett, to initiate his pet candidate, but was afraid he had not done it as well as he ought. It was an attempt, but improvement would follow, and he should be a more worthy Master. He thanked them for the way in which they had drank his health, for it gave him confidence, especially as he was surrounded by so many friends. He knew he could rely upon the Past Masters, and should difficulties arise, he knew that reliance could be extended to every member. He thanked them all from his heart for their kindness.

In giving "The Initiate," the Worshipful Master said the members had been dwellers in a strange house, where

the worthy host did not understand them, but they had that evening given him an opportunity of appreciating them, and had shown him that they appreciated him. Bro. Payne had already been asking him pertinent questions on various matters, and the information he sought would be given him in due course.

Bro. Spencer Payne said he appreciated from his heart the honour conferred upon him, and hoped he should always do everything they could desire.

Bro. J. Butt, 700, in response to "The Visitors," which was given in cordial terms by the W.M., thanked the members for the kindness with which he had been received. He congratulated the W.M. upon his accession to the chair, and was convinced he would do all the work the members could find him.

Bro. W. Martin, P.M. 879, said he was proud to be a guest on the present occasion, as the W.M., he must confess, had been one of his boys, and the members might well congratulate themselves upon having such a W.M. at their head. Bro. Davies would carry on the traditions of Freemasonry and the interests of the lodge, and would retire at the end of the year with credit and honour to himself and the lodge.

Bro. Chas. Fruen, W.M. 1632, also replied, and said he saw the light of Masonry in Dulwich, and had seen great things done in the district. He thought a great deal of the W.M., and Bro. Davies had given him a great deal of instruction that evening.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said they all knew how much depended on the Past Masters of a lodge. Having alluded to the merits of the Past Masters individually, he said he had a pleasant duty to perform, which was to present the jewel to the I.P.M. That jewel had been richly deserved, and if at the end of the year he (the W.M.) should meet with such a recompense for his poor working he should be deeply grateful. He had great pleasure in investing Bro. Gauntlett with the jewel in recognition of the able manner in which he had performed his duties.

Bro. Gauntlett, I.P.M., expressed the gratitude he felt to the members for voting him a Past Master's jewel, which he should wear, he hoped, for many years. He should do all he could to support the W.M. during his year, but thought that brother would require very little help.

Bro. Hook, P.M., on behalf of the Past Masters, said the W.M. had proved himself exactly what he thought. They knew the W. Master's sterling qualities, and were also aware of his ability to render the various ceremonies. The ability which had characterised his work in the lodge, the genial way in which he had presided, and the conviviality of his remarks had caused a great deal of comfort and good feeling amongst all surrounding the table. It augured well for the coming year and for their lodge, which had well retained its position in the locality.

Other toasts were given, the last being the Tyler's toast, which concluded an enjoyable and pleasant meeting.

The speeches were interspersed with portions of a good musical programme, to which numerous brethren contributed. Mention should, however, be made of the excellent singing of Bro. Horace Petley and Mr. Thos. Powley.

**Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).**—The first meeting of the session of this flourishing lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; A. Clark, I.P.M.; J. J. Woolley, acting as S.W.; A. Grieve, acting as J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; W. Hancock, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; J. Skinner, I.G.; J. Woodward, D.C.; A. Harris and F. Jackson, Stwds.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; Victor Le Huray, Jas. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, N. R. Paul, G. A. Bergholz, H. Vilain, H. Bagge, C. G. Rotter, J. J. Wedgwood, W. Donald, E. Jessurun, Curtis D'Alton, G. P. Bertini, C. Hirsch, T. Williams, F. G. Hansen, G. S. Atkinson, J. Coltart, W. T. Thrussell, W. S. Lincoln, T. Elvin, and H. F. Dessen.

Visitors: Bros. W. G. Nottage, 771; A. Cogliati, 1559; C. T. Hills, 15; G. Foan, 1614; E. P. Day, 771; P. L. Bernard, 9; T. C. Seary, 1987; T. Hudson, 2331; W. Ball, 45; W. W. Morgan, 211; R. N. Oakman, jun., Mechanics, Mass., U.S.A.; P. L. Warner, 1987; A. Hamilton, 917; A. L. Bullen, 1614; J. R. Perks, 205; W. L. Croll, 771; W. Norcross, 1505; A. R. Temple, 1614; and F. M. Noakes, 2148.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report having been read and adopted, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Vilain and Bagge, which ceremony was performed in the W.M.'s usual faultless manner. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. G. T. Atkinson and F. J. Hansen, which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in an equally impressive manner.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Princes Room, where a sumptuous banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and received with enthusiasm, the W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America," which he said was a toast peculiar to the Anglo-American Lodge, being introduced by Bro. Brackstone Baker, and since then regularly honoured; it was a toast, he said that was peculiarly fitting in the Anglo-American Lodge, which was established for the purpose of entertaining American Masons on this side of the water. They had amongst them that evening a distinguished American Grand Officer, Bro. Oakman, Past District Grand Master of Massachusetts, whom he could assure was heartily welcome.

Bro. Oakman, in reply, said a Yankee did not feel very much at home on his legs, especially after having sat down to dinner at an English table. He could but thank them most heartily for the pleasure he had experienced in being present that evening. In America they did their work on quite different lines, but he was pleased to see that neither of them lost sight of the landmarks. There might be divergencies in the work, but the basis on which the two systems were established were substantially the same. He had received the various Degrees in the State of Alabama, and he always thought there was no Masonry like the system practised there. Since then he had joined other jurisdictions, and was at present associated with that of Massachusetts, where, if he might say it, there was one point they specially prided themselves upon—that was a careful observance of the ritual and ceremonies of the Order.

They held annual exemplifications of the work and ritual in the several Degrees, and a year since had decided to make their Grand Lecturer a paid official, whose duty it was to go from one lodge to another and correct any slight divergencies. He was sure it would give those present great pleasure to see the work as performed in the States, and he hoped it would be his pleasure to meet some of them there. He could assure them they would get a hearty welcome from their American brethren. In conclusion, he might add a few words taken from their lodge teachings, and impress on them that it was in vain to attempt the vindication of their most excellent Institution if their actions belied their teachings. They should remember they were the associated friends of humanity, and that Charity and its kindest exercise should be their largest consideration. If they had any true love for Freemasonry, and if they had at heart any respect for the Institution, they should be at all times careful to act as true Masons.

Bro. Adolphus Clark, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said it was very difficult to know what to say in praise of Bro. Kedge. He was highly respected by every member of the lodge, and had carried out the duties connected with the office to the satisfaction of every one. He had seldom seen the work done better than he had that day. He strongly exhorted on the officers the necessity of assisting the W.M. to uphold his position, and if all combined the lodge would be most successful.

The Worshipful Master returned thanks for the very kind way in which he had been received that day. He had endeavoured to perform his duties to the best of his ability during the time he had been Master, and so long as he remained in the chair he should fearlessly carry out his duties.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," with whom, he said, the lodge had been favoured in the past, not only in point of numbers, but in quality, and he was sure there was no falling off in either respect that day. He assured them if they persevered they would attain to the position he then occupied.

The Initiates having made a suitable reply, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." He regretted that two of them were absent, not from want of will, as he was sure their good wishes were with the lodge for which they had done so much. He congratulated them on the presence of Bro. Clark, I.P.M., who had only been absent on one occasion. He had supported him during his year of office, for which he was very grateful, and hoped the lodge would long enjoy his support.

Bro. A. Clark, I.P.M., in reply, said he regretted as much as any one that Bros. Brackstone Baker and Major Lambert were not there to respond for the Past Masters. They were both P.G. Officers of England, and worthy brethren, of whom any lodge would be proud. He did not feel that he had achieved much for the lodge, but what he had undertaken had been done conscientiously, and he hoped it had proved beneficial. He should continue to work for the advancement of the lodge. He was one of the founders, and took great interest in its affairs. He hoped it would continue to be successful, and take a prominent position in the Order.

In reply to the toast of "The Officers," Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treasurer, thanked them for the cordial way in which the toast had been received. If they would pour in their cash he should be only too pleased to take care of it. For his part, he would always do his best for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., said so long as they appreciated his duties as Secretary he would do all in his power, and to the best of his ability to promote the best interests of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

During the evening there was some excellent singing by Bros. Norcross, Curtis D'Alton, Bagge, and Thrussell, who also presided at the piano.

**Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at Putney, when there were present Bros. J. F. Savory, W.M.; G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; Eugene Monteuuis, P.M.; G.S.B., D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; C. W. Hughes, H. B. Adcock, F. E. Williams, and H. J. Hill.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. For the first time in the history of the lodge there was no business to be transacted. The lodge was therefore closed, and the brethren adjourned to the usual repast.

**Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).**—The first regular meeting of this young lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, when there were present Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; G. Everett, I.P.M.; W. W. Westley, S.W.; J. W. Folkard, J.W.; R. Steele, Treas.; C. Woods, Sec.; J. Andrews, S.D.; A. Harvey, J.D.; J. Langdon, D.C.; E. Beaven, I.G.; G. Winny, Org.; J. Lyell, Stwd.; Morris, Robertson, Gilbert, Merrett, Calkin, H. Mitchell, Shannaw, Dr. Simson, Lavender, Lawrence, Hadley, Balcombe, and Harrison. Visitors: Bros. Butt, P.M. 700; Luckhurst, I.P.M. 1604; E. Mitchell, 1446; Holmes, S.W. 1319; and Read, S.D. 1910.

The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Chas. Patrick, P.M., was elected Tyler. The ballot was unanimously in favour of Messrs. Harrison, Hadley, Lavender, and Lawrence, and they were initiated. The following were elected joining members: Bros. Dr. Simson, Balcombe, Wyer, Webber, and Calkin. The report of the By-Laws Committee was read, and the by-laws were passed. It was resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Everett, to record on the minutes the reason for calling the lodge the Duke of Fife Lodge, and it was also resolved to elect his Grace the Duke of Fife an honorary member, as his Grace had kindly consented to so honour the lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, and there partook of an excellent repast, prepared in Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style.

After the banquet, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said the Queen was not only respected but loved by all. She also showed her love and interest in the welfare of her people. She seemed to consider all as her own family, for no sooner did we hear of a calamity in this country than we also heard of her Majesty's kind inquiries for those who were sufferers.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The M.W.G.M.,



H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who, he said, had taken such interest in and done so much for Masonry.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Grand Officers," referred to the grand work done by the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Officers had recently done so much for that lodge. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke had come in spite of much pain to consecrate that lodge, and they all were grateful to them for their work.

Bro. Geo. Everett, I.P.M., said that he rose to perform a most pleasant duty in proposing "The W.M." It needed no recommendation from him; they were all aware of the good qualities of Bro. Cochrane, and entertained the greatest respect for him. With his usual diffidence, he had asked them to wait till the end of the year before they spoke well of him. He was "an old Masonic hand," and performed his duties most efficiently. He believed Bro. Cochrane would make the lodge one of the most important in London.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him, but it was too soon to speak of his work. He did not desire to be flattered, but he should take care to do everything that laid in his power for the lodge, and everything that he could do would be done to further its interests.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Initiates." They had four that night. The number was not large, but the quality was of the best. It augured well for the lodge to begin with such good men, and he trusted they would take good care to keep up to it. Without initiates Masonry could not exist, and besides it was nice to have new faces and new workers to fill up the gaps made by time. There were also more workers for those grand monuments of the Order—the Charities.

Bro. Harrison felt highly indebted to the lodge for the knowledge he had received that night, and deeply regretted that he had not before joined the Order.

Bros. Hadley, Lavender, and Lawrence also responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors." They were not many, but, like the initiates, made up in quality for the lack of quantity. The Duke of Fife Lodge was very glad to have them, and especially as they could tell them their experience in other lodges.

Bro. Butt, P.M. 700, felt greatly indebted to Bro. Shannaw for inviting him to attend. He was delighted with the able administration of the lodge, which must be a success from the first. Bro. Cochrane certainly was Master of the lodge. He was pleased to see Bro. Hadley initiated, as he was one of his neighbours.

Bro. Luckhurst, I.P.M. 1604, expressed great satisfaction at the very efficient working he had witnessed. The harmony was equally good, and he hoped to come again.

Bro. Capt. Holmes, S.W. 1319, said he was not a stranger to the members. He belonged to a lodge that prided itself in its working, but now they would have to look to their laurels. The working was perfect, the harmony and the festive board were equally satisfactory.

Bros. Reed and Mitchell also replied.

In proposing "The Officers," the Worshipful Master said that under the guidance of Bro. Westley, S.W., the members had learnt their ritual. He was one of the best teachers in London. Everyone respected and loved him. The W.M. himself had had some of his rough corners rubbed off by him. The officers were first class ones. He meant that as no idle compliment. They were all intelligent workers, and he was unable to say too much in their favour.

Bro. Westley, S.W., said he felt flattered but wished the W.M.'s words to be taken *cum grano salis*. The lodge of instruction had certainly prospered very much during the past three or four years. He trusted the Duke of Fife Lodge would copy it in the gentlemanly bearing of its members and in its zeal for the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Steele, Treas., said he was highly honoured by the confidence reposed in him, and would take care to justify the selection they had made.

Bro. Woods, Sec., said he did not wish the Duke of Fife Lodge to be one of the best in London, he wanted it to be the best.

Bro. Andrews, S.D., said he felt peculiarly indebted to the brethren for placing him in his position without his doing any preliminary work.

Bro. Harvey, J.D., also responded.

During the evening a very pleasant selection of music was given by Bros. G. Everett, I.P.M.; Harvey, J.D.; Langdon, D.C.; Lyell, Stwd., Calk, and Capt. Holmes, under the direction of Bro. Winny, Org.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BOLTON.

**St. John's Lodge** (No. 221).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Institute-street, when Bro. W. Forrest, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by Bros. Cuerden, I.P.M.; Crompton, P.M.; Hewitt, P.M.; Morris, P.M.; Rutter, P.M., P. Prov. G.R.; Taylor, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; Draycott, S.W.; Halliwell, J.W.; Brown, S.D.; Stevenson, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; Bentley and Dykes, Stwds.; Critchley, Tyler; and a large number of brethren.

After the opening of the lodge by the W.M., Bros. G. Gorton, Hugh White, and J. Thornton were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. and Bro. Crompton, P.M., with faultless accuracy. Mr. Walter Morris, M.D., was balloted for, approved, and initiated by Bro. Forrest, W.M., with telling impressiveness.

The lodge was then closed.

At the subsequent banquet, which was served in admirable style by Bro. Walker, P.M., the usual Masonic toasts were given and honoured, the harmony of the evening being contributed to by Bros. Taylor, Draycott, Brown, Truman, Greenhalgh, Howarth, and Bolton.

Sympathy with Bro. Higson, Tyler, on the death of his wife was unanimously expressed.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D. of C., officiated with commendable spirit and musical taste.

### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge** (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; John Robt. Welsman, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., as S.W.;

Joseph Wilson, P.M., J.W.; John T. Last, Sec.; Thos. Jowett, S.D.; John Niven, J.D.; Samuel A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Thornton, I.G.; A. J. Boyle, Tyler; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Swithenbank, G. Root, Chas. H. Ellis, D. Milner, and J. Morton. Visitors: Bros. Arthur T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D.C. Shropshire; Titus Berry, P.M., Robt. Naylor, P.M., and Geo. Niven, S.W., of 750; A. Swaine, Org. 387; and Charles Dean, J.W. 1034.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Wilson, J.W., initiated Mr. James Banks Fearnley into Freemasonry. The working tools were explained by Bro. Wilson, and the charge given by Bro. Welsman, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. Bro. Morton was then passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft by Bro. Bailey, P.M., D.C., who gave the charge in the Second Degree, the working tools being explained by Bro. Wilson, P.M., J.W. All the ceremonies were most carefully and impressively performed. A resolution was passed that the Secretary send a letter of condolence to Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., S.W., who had that day sustained a domestic bereavement, which prevented his attending the lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors and brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and afterwards spent a pleasant evening.

### CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

**Chorlton Lodge** (No. 1387).—The Festival of St. John and installation meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Chorlton Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst. There was a large and influential assembly of the Fraternity to witness the installation of Bro. C. Martyne, S.W., W.M. elect.—a very deservedly popular member of the lodge. It must have been very gratifying to him to see such a large concourse of brethren rally round him at such an interesting time. The fine lodge room had been specially prepared for the occasion, and presented a very animated appearance at the opening.

There were present Bros. Sam Locke, W.M.; Charles Martyne, S.W.; F. Renshaw, J.W.; J. Chadwick, Treas.; C. Heywood, Sec.; F. S. Bedford, S.D.; A. Pownall, I.G.; F. Pugh, Org.; W. Chesshyre, Tyler; A. E. Pownall, P.M.; J. Crompton, P.M.; J. Schofield, P.M.; J. G. Batty, P.M.; W. Hall, P.M.; H. Nall, J. Chadwick, E. Ireland, J. B. Wolstenholme, J. Travers, W. H. Martyne, W. H. Milner, O. Williams, H. Cooper, G. A. Myers, W.M. 1730; E. Bibby, 1009; J. W. Leathley, W.M. 1126; J. M. Roberts, 2231; R. G. Partington, 2231; J. Beardmore, 852; C. H. Bever, F. G. Griffiths, 645; E. Faulkner, 2231; J. K. Fairclough, 2231; M. Pugh, I.P.M. 1568; J. Wilson, 2231; S. B. Price, W. Simpson, 44; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1170; S. C. Loine, 815; F. G. Goodacre, W.M. 2231; A. S. Shirley, 2231; D. Conway, 152; J. Cantrill, 152; E. Elinger, 1661; J. Roberts, 1583; C. H. Waterhouse, 430; Stephen Jupp, P.M. 1140; John Allen, 2231; William Crompton, J. Southam, 1140; J. Trever Smith, 1417; R. Doltie, P.M. 1161; T. Hopkinson, 1459; J. Tiller, 1375; Charles Mackay, 2231; J. Bowesford, 1773; and E. Hayman, 102.

Bro. Samuel Locke, W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge, and also conducted the installation ceremony in a very able manner indeed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were presented and adopted. Bro. C. Martyne was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. C. Heywood, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, at which there were 18 present. The installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Martyne duly inducted into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted. The working tools in each Degree were presented by the Installing Master.

The following were invested officers for the ensuing year, and were addressed by Bro. Crompton, P.M.: Bros. S. Locke, I.P.M.; F. Renshaw, S.W.; F. S. Bedford, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; Chas. Heywood, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Pownall, S.D.; H. H. Martyne, J.D.; T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; T. M. Ferneley, Org.; J. B. Wolstenholme, I.G.; J. Brotherton and J. Heyman, Stwds.; and W. Chesshyre, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered in a splendid manner by Bro. Charles Heywood, P.M., Sec. In fact, the impressive ceremony was beautifully rendered throughout. After good wishes had been expressed from the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed.

The members of the lodge subsequently dined together, where a most splendid banquet had been prepared by the manager of the club.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were each proposed and responded to in short but capital speeches. Bro. C. Martyn, W.M., presided in a very competent manner.

### LIVERPOOL.

**Temple Lodge** (No. 1094).—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the members of this lodge celebrated the beginning of their 25th year by installing the new W.M. The lodge has had a most prosperous time under the guidance of the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Pye, who leaves the chair with a handsome balance to the credit of the lodge. An unusually large gathering took place, the W.M. being supported by Bros. M. Alexander, P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; R. C. Yelland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. E. Boustead, P.M.; G. Alexander, S.W.; Arthur J. Lett, J.W.; H. B. Jones, P.M., Treas.; Jno. Alexander, P.M., Sec.; W. Sutherland, S.D.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Dodson, I.G.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. G. S. Willings, P.S.G.D.; R. Bethel, P.M. 1094; W. Peters, S.D. 1035; T. P. Hodgson, I.G. 724; T. B. Ironsides, Sec. 1264; John Wylie, I.G. 673; W. Whittingham, 2290; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Alexander, S.W., was presented by Bros. Dr. Kellett Smith and Dr. Johnson, and the installation ceremony was excellently rendered by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G.R., after which the following officers were appointed: Bros. W. Pye, I.P.M.; A. J. Lett, S.W.; W. Sutherland, J.W.; H. B. Jones, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Alexander, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); W. S. Dodson, S.D.; J. R. Day, J.D.; C. Knowles, I.G.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; and C. Scott, R. C. Yelland, jun., and J. Wylie, Stwds. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler for the 25th time. Before the

lodge was closed, a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Pye, on behalf of the lodge, and suitably acknowledged.

The dinner was catered for in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Casey, and, during the subsequent proceedings, a valuable and chaste silver tea and coffee service was given, on behalf of the members, to the I.P.M., in trust for Mrs. Pye, as a recognition of his unusually successful government of the lodge during the past year.

A capital musical programme was admirably rendered by Bros. Kirkham, E. Edwards, J. Heginbotham, N. F. Burt, T. Shaw, A. Neighbour, and H. Whittingham.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

### MANCHESTER.

**St. George Lodge** (No. 1170).—The installation of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. J. Ogden, W.M.; T. Black, S.W.; R. W. Routley, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; G. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Buckley, S.D.; W. C. Royle, J.D.; L. Suthers, I.G.; P. Lawton, P.M.; A. H. Williams, P.M., Org.; Carl Gotz, P.M. 645; J. Sly, Tyler; J. W. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Kidson, P.M., P.G.S.; C. Neale, W.M. 1357; R. Dottie, P.M. 1161; H. Miller, P.P.G.O. Cheshire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England; F. Riddaway, J. Hacking; O. Gagg, 2156; J. Pitt Hardacre, 1868; G. Sam Smith, P.M.; E. W. Irving, P.M.; T. H. Black; E. B. Scott; J. C. W. Latham; W. Leybourn; T. Shorrock, P.M.; Wm. Brookes, W.M. 1009; Wm. Jaffray, P.M. 1170; and R. A. Eldershaw, P.M. 204.

Bro. T. Black, S.W., was duly installed W.M., in succession to Bro. Jas. Ogden. Bro. Geo. Hunt, P.M., Sec., acted as Installing Master, and the ceremony of the investiture of officers for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. W. J. Jaffray, P.M. The following brethren were then appointed: Bros. J. Ogden, I.P.M.; W. Routley, S.W.; W. H. Buckley, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, Treas.; G. Hunt, Sec.; W. C. Royle, S.D.; L. Suthers, J.D.; E. W. Irving, D. of C.; T. H. Black, I.G.; and A. H. Williams, Org. Bro. E. W. Irving, P.M., P.P.G.S., presented the working tools, and Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren.

The meeting was a very successful one, and every part of the ceremony was thoroughly well conducted.

### TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge** (No. 1503).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.W.; Lieut.-Colonel R. Cuming, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; Capt. Perry, S.D.; Roberts, Stwd.; Gurney, P.M.; E. W. Jenkins, P.M.; Harrison, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Davis, late 1381, as a joining member. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, per Bro. H. Jenkins, W.M. It was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by the Treasurer, and carried,—"That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys." The W.M. then presented Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders with the following testimonial on vellum: "Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503. At a meeting of this lodge held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex, on Wednesday, November 13th, 1889. It was proposed by W. Bro. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W., seconded by W. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., and carried unanimously.—That this lodge desires to tender its thanks to W. Bro. the Rev. Silvanus Taylor Hingston Saunders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., for the very careful and efficient manner in which he has carried out the responsible duties of Treasurer during the past four years, as well as for the ability and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of the various offices held by him during his eight years connection with the lodge, including that of W.M. That the above resolution be engrossed on vellum, passed, glazed, signed by the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, and presented to Bro. Saunders." The carrying out of the testimonial had been entrusted to Bro. George Kenning, and it was most beautifully executed. It was emblazoned with the respective arms of Sir Francis Burdett, the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Christ Church, Oxford, the Merchant Taylors' School, Oxford University, and the Berkhamstead Grammar School.

Bro. Saunders having returned thanks in an effective speech, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

### YORK.

**Albert Victor Lodge** (No. 2328).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate. The members met at dinner, and the lodge being afterwards opened, the W.M., Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York in the chair, there being also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., S.W.; H. L. Swift, J.W.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; C. E. L. Wright, Sec.; Wm. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; and P. Pearson, as I.G. The business consisted of the raising of Bros. F. Shaun and J. R. Parker to the Third Degree, which having been accomplished, certain resolutions, of which notice had been given by the S.W., were discussed and passed, and the lodge was closed.

The regular monthly meeting was held on the 22nd inst., there being present Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York in the chair; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., S.W.; H. L. Swift, J.W.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Wright, Sec.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; J. R. Parker, Tyler; and F. Shaun. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, 236, and P. Pearson, 1611.

The brethren partook of dinner, and the lodge was afterwards opened. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. Sir J. Terry and Jas. Melrose of 236, as joining members and for a candidate, after which Col. A. H. Russell, an accepted candidate, was initiated. Bro. C. G. Padel was elected Charity Representative, and the Secretary, Bro. Wright, announced his intention to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Provincial Educational Fund.

The lodge was then closed.



## Royal Arch.

**Britannic Chapter** (No. 33).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. After the usual routine business, the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. A. H. Bateman, assisted by Comp. Sadler, installed the new Principals into the three chairs as follows: Comps. Traill, M.E.Z.; Tanqueray, H.; and Courtney, J. (postponed owing to absence abroad.) The other officers being Comps. Strapp, P.Z., Treas.; Browning, Scribe E.; Fletcher, Scribe N.; Shervinton, P.D.G.M. Japan, P.S.; Charles, 1st Asst. S.; E. P. B. Hallows, 2nd Asst. S.; and Evenden, Janitor. A handsome engraved enamelled clasp was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. A. H. Bateman, as an addition to his P.Z.'s jewel presented last year, that companion having held the office for two years.

At the banquet which followed the M.E.Z. presided, assisted by Comp. Tanqueray, H., and Comp. Ricks, P.Z., as J.

The usual toasts were ably proposed and responded to, and that of "The Visitors" by Comps. Ganz, P.G.O., and Nichols, M.E.Z. 1973.

A most enjoyable musical evening followed by the assistance of Comps. Ganz and Nichols and Misses B. Colnaghi and Crawford; the latter giving "The two Maries" and other songs in excellent style, and the former delighting the companions by her perfect rendering of "Dear heart," "Venetian song," &c. Of Comp. Ganz's playing it is unnecessary to speak, his talents in this direction being so well known.

**Lion and Lamb Chapter** (No. 192).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, when there were present Comps. Holland, M.E.Z.; J. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., H. (pro tem.); Dixon, J.; Arkell, S.E.; Dingle, S.N.; Marsh, Janitor; W. F. Darnell, P.Z.; John Taylor, I.P.Z.; G. J. Potter, Read, Barker, Kent, and Pottin. Visitors: Comps. Gompertz, P.Z. 141; Seddon, M.E.Z. 554; and Cushing, P.S. 1185.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. Baker. There being no other business, the chapter was closed.

**Chapitre La France** (No. 2060).—This chapter had a very successful meeting on Monday, the 21st inst., when no less than six Masons were exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch, the exaltees being Bros. G. A. Shoppee, 2140; L. V. Rousset, V. Benoist, E. Chatrian, and Jules Oppenheim, of 2060; and E. E. Pouard, 1267. Two joining members were also duly elected, namely: Comps. C. Cassal, 1642, and C. Filhon, 1305. The ceremony was most correctly performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. T. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., P.S., and Mead, S.N., and the lectures delivered in a very impressive manner by Comps. E. Monteuuis, Z.; H. Bué, H.; and E. St. Clair, J. Their labours are no means at an end, as there are six candidates for exaltation at the next meeting.

It goes without saying that the refreshments supplied by Bro. Delacoste, after the arduous labours of the evening, were of the usual *recherché* character, for which the Café Royal is so well noted.

## HERNE BAY.

**St. George's Chapter** (No. 2099).—Presentation to Comp. Horatio Ward, P.Z., Prov. G.J.—The annual meeting of this young and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 17th inst. The chapter was opened by Comps. Horatio Ward, Z.; E. C. Fenoulhet, H.; and H. C. Jones, J. Among the visitors were Comps. T. H. Blamiers, Z. 31; J. E. Wiltshier, P.Z. 31; J. Plant, P.Z. 31, P.P.G.O.; C. Eltham, P.Z. 20, Z. 133; H. Iron, Z. 1273; H. Black, P.Z. 1273, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Wallace, P.Z. 214, P.P.G.S. Essex; A. Bassington, P.Z. 733; J. T. Reeves, H. 31; and many other companions.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the installation ceremony was proceeded with by the M.E.Z., Comp. H. Ward, who installed the Three Principals elect—Comps. E. C. Fenoulhet, Z.; H. C. Jones, H.; and S. Saunders, J.—with that solemnity and impressiveness which characterises Comp. Ward's working in all the Degrees. The following officers were invested: Comps. J. Barnwell, S.E.; R. Westwood, S.N.; W. D. Young, P.S.; R. M. Mercer, 1st A.S.; J. S. White, 2nd A.S.; H. Ward, P.Z., Treas.; Wallace, P.Z., D.C.; and Blake, Janitor. Previous to the closing of the chapter, Comp. Fenoulhet, the M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter, presented a very handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to M.E. Comp. H. Ward, P.Z., 3rd Grand Principal Kent, by the companions of the St. George's Chapter in recognition of his most valuable services to the chapter. April, 1890."

In making the presentation, the M.E.Z. dilated on the great advantages the chapter had derived from having at its formation and during the first year of its existence the services of so experienced a Mason as Comp. Ward, who had thought no trouble too great to ensure the establishment of the chapter on a sound basis, and had watched over its interests with the greatest solicitude. It was the earnest hope of the companions that Comp. Ward might long be spared to continue to give the chapter the benefit of his support.

Comp. Horatio Ward, in a few words, expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred upon him, and his hope that he might be enabled still to promote the welfare of the St. George's Chapter.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was provided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the companions separated at an early hour, after a most successful and pleasant meeting.

It may be mentioned that a similar jewel was presented to Comp. Ward by the St. Michael's Chapter, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, some three or four weeks since, on his retirement from the chair of Z. of that chapter, which he had filled for two years in succession. Comp. Ward has laboured in many ways to diffuse Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Kent, where he has been a founder of several chapters, and now fills the distinguished position of Third Grand Principal of the province.

## MARYPORT.

**Nicholson Chapter** (No. 371).—The annual meeting for installing the Principals of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. R. Brown, Z.; E. B. Penrice, H.; E. G. Mitchell, J.; Jas. Dickinson, S.E.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas.; J. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Col. Sewell, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; J. Abbott, J. Kendall, J. Messenger, P.P.G. Janitor, Janitor; S. Bettoney; G. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.; J. Paterson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Loach, 119; J. Dacres, and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Comp. J. Paterson was invited to the chair of Z., when Comp. E. B. Penrice was installed First Principal, and Comp. G. Dalrymple installed Comps. E. G. Mitchell, H., and Jas. Dickinson, J., and the following companions were invested as officers, viz.: Comps. J. Abbott, S.E.; J. Gibson, S.N.; S. Bettoney, P.S.; Thos. Dacres, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Kendall, 2nd Asst. Soj.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., Treas.; J. Smith, Org.; and John Messenger, Janitor. It was moved, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Installing Principals, Comps. Paterson and Dalrymple, for their services. Comp. Collin moved, and Comp. Col. Sewell supported the motion, that one guinea be sent to the Peterborough Cathedral Restoration Fund, which was carried.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions subsequently partook of refreshments in the banquet hall.

## NORTH WOOLWICH.

**Henley Chapter** (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above excellent little chapter took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel. Comps. C. Jolly, Z.; S. Hill, H.; and C. H. Canning, J.; assisted by Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 13 and 913, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Kent; and E. West, P.Z., P.Z. and Treas. 13, opened the chapter, and the companions being admitted, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. S. E. Southgate, S.W. 700, and J. S. Simm, 1382, and proved unanimous. Bro. Simm, being in attendance, was admitted, and exalted to the Supreme Degree. The Principals and Comp. Wood, acting P.S., doing the work admirably. Comp. Penfold then, by special request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and with the full ceremonial installed Comps. Hill in the chair of Z.; C. H. Canning in that of H.; and C. T. Lewis in that of J. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. Savage, S.N.; B. B. Brayshaw, S.E.; R. J. Warren, P.Z., P.Z. Francis White Chapter, H. 13, and P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex, Treas.; C. Wood, P.S.; B. Curtis, 1st A.S.; J. Bradford, 2nd A.S.; G. H. Setton, D.C.; and F. Davies and J. S. Simm, Stwds. Comp. Penfold then gave the several addresses most eloquently; in fact, this grand old man surpassed himself in the perfectness and feeling with which he did the ceremony from first to last. He was presented with a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed in the minutes of the chapter, for which he returned thanks. Comp. Jolly was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel of the value of 10 guineas for services rendered the chapter during his year of office, for which he returned thanks, and then the chapter was closed.

The banquet reflected credit upon the taste of Bro. Richardson, the manager of the establishment, and, on the cloth being cleared, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts, which were drunk with enthusiasm.

The I.P.Z., Comp. Jolly, then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and, in response,

Comp. Hill said he was thankful for the kind and eulogistic terms in which Comp. Jolly had proposed the toast, and for the hearty manner in which the companions had received it. He would do his best for the prosperity of the chapter, and if he should break down, he was glad to know that Comp. Jolly would be able, not only to pick him up, but work the ritual for him if necessary. Ever since he had joined the chapter it had been to him one continual enjoyment and real Masonic treat, and he trusted so to carry out his duties that at the end of his year of office he should receive the same reward that Comp. Jolly had that day received at their hands.

Comp. Penfold, in response to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said it had been his proud privilege to install every one of the Principals since the consecration of the chapter. How he had done it he would not say, but at any rate it seemed to meet with their approbation, and that was his greatest reward. He had often thought that it would be as well to have a deputy to follow him in case of accident. He was glad to say that the utmost good feeling existed amongst them, and he could safely say that the harmony of the chapter, and also its excellent working, was not surpassed by any chapter in the district. He looked forward to a great increase in the numbers, and also of the prosperity of the chapter. The M.E.Z. had said that the time must come when they would not have him amongst them. Well, he trusted that time would be long hence, for he could assure them that so long as he had health and strength he should always do his best for its prosperity and continued success.

Comp. Canning, in responding for "The Second and Third Principals," said it would be his study to work most assiduously for the good of the chapter, the same as he had in every office he had hitherto held in it.

Comp. Lewis trusted he would be able to attend to the duties imposed upon him better in the future than in the past. The ordeal he had that day gone through would never be wiped from his memory, and if the chapter only met with the same success as the mother Craft lodge had met with, it would become one of the best in the metropolitan district, and to ensure that success his utmost efforts should be devoted.

In responding for "The Past Principals," Comp. Jolly said he had that day reached the summit of his ambition as a Mason.

Comp. Warren also responded.

Comp. Woodley, in responding for "The Visitors," declared that he had never heard the ceremony of exaltation so ably carried out as it had been that day by Comp. Jolly, who was not only word perfect, but most eloquent and impressive. He heartily thanked them for the treat given him in hearing that ceremony, but also the splendid work of Comp. Penfold in the ceremony of installation.

"The Exalte" responded to his health, and then "The Officers" and Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

## PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Chapter** (No. 913).—The election meeting of the above powerful chapter—the strongest in the province of Kent—took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. J. H. Roberts, as Z.; E. Palmer, H.; S. Clarke, J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; Major Eugene Sweny, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; R. J. Cook, P.Z.; Dr. Bernays, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.); F. Tyler, J. Topp, H. Ough, W. Harris, G. Frost, L. C. Chasteaneuff, G. H. Letton, G. H. Porter, G. Mitchell, G. Laurance, J. H. Porter, J. Hooton, and C. Ellis, all of the chapter; Capt. G. Spinks, P.Z. 13; and G. Bashford, 515.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Davidson, 913, and proved unanimous. The ceremony of exaltation was admirably carried out by the Principals and officers, although Comp. Roberts was evidently troubled with a severe sore throat. The election of Principals and officers then took place, with the following result: Comps. Palmer (being unanimously elected), Z.; S. Clarke, H.; C. H. Lawson, J.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., S.E.; E. Morris, S.N.; W. C. Taylor, P.S.; C. J. Clapham, 1st A.S.; G. Nichols, 2nd A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; and W. J. Lardner, Janitor.

Comp. Roberts was voted a P.Z.'s jewel, and then the chapter was closed, and the companions banqueted.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured,

Comp. Hayes in responding for "Comp. Eastes P.G.H., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past," said he was very pleased to tell them that the Health of their beloved Grand Superintendent, Earl Amherst, had greatly improved, and so much so that he would be able to take the chair at a great meeting coming off on the following Saturday. He well remembered some 14 years ago, seeing his lordship at a meeting at Dover, held for the purpose of establishing a Grand Chapter of the Province of Kent, convened by Comp. the Rev. T. Robinson. There were present beside himself from that district Comps. Coupland and Penfold, and at that meeting his lordship kindly came forward and accepted the office of Grand Superintendent, and their esteemed Comp. Coupland was appointed the first G.P.S. of the province. They started with a very small number, but now he was proud to say they had not only numbers, but the very select among the Masons of the province in their ranks. He thanked them for the toast, and wished the chapter and the province every success.

Comp. Cook, I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and he said it was the last time that he should have the privilege of proposing it, yet he hoped for many years to come the toast of the First Principal of the chapter would always be received with enthusiasm. The First Principal of that chapter was always a most excellent man and a Mason, and not only by profession, but by fact. They all delighted in honouring the First Principal of that chapter, and as that was the last time they would have an opportunity of proposing the health of their excellent Comp. Roberts, he wished they would drink it with additional vigour.

The M.E.Z., in response, said he was getting near the end of his year of office. It had been a most pleasant one, and he would take that opportunity of thanking them all, from the Past Z. to the lay companion, for the great kindness and support they had accorded him during that period. He had that night carried out the work under very great disadvantages, the doctor having actually forbidden him to attend the chapter. He, however, was determined to come, and could only again thank them for their hearty support.

Comp. Palmer, in responding for "The Second and Third Principals," said he had that night arrived at the summit of his Masonic ambition, for he believed no Mason could have a higher ambition than to be elected the First Principal of a chapter. All he could say was that, if he had done his duty in the past to their satisfaction, that was all he desired.

Comp. Clarke said he should be very remiss if he had not done his duty, considering the splendid example set him and every officer of the chapter by those excellent Masons who had preceded him. Should he arrive at the honourable position of Z. of that chapter, they might depend upon it that nothing should be left undone on his part to sustain its unsullied reputation.

The other toasts were "The Past Z's.," "The Visitors," "The Exalte," and "The Masonic Press," and then the proceedings, which were most enjoyable, closed.

## TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Chapter** (No. 1503). The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 16th instant at the Albany Hotel. Among those in attendance were Comps. the Rev. R. Hosken, M.A., M.E.Z.; G. A. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., H., M.E.Z. elect; A. Gurney, J., H. elect; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; E. W. Jenkins, S.N., J. elect; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; H. Jenkins, P.S.; Lambert, P.Z., 1st A.S.; A. Toulmin, jun., 2nd A.S.; and Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Visitors: Comps. J. T. Briggs, P.Z. 177, P.P.G.P.S.; and Treves, M.E.Z. 720.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation of the Three Principals was performed by Comps. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders and J. T. Briggs, assisted by the S.E. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; H. Jenkins, S.N.; W. Taylor, Treas.; Lambert, P.S.; Toulmin, jun., 1st A.S.; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), having been presented to Comp. Rev. R. Hosken, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Treasurer. A vote of thanks was also passed with acclamation to the Installing Principals. A vote of condolence having been passed to the family of the late Comp. Capt. A. Bunn, 1st A.S., the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The M.E.Z. proved a very excellent, genial, and musical chairman.

The customary toasts were given, and before the proceedings terminated the companions wished the M.E.Z., who is about leaving England on a professional tour, a hearty *bon voyage*.



## Mark Masonry.

## COLCHESTER.

**Constantine Lodge (No. 145).**—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., Lord Henniker, as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Masons of East Anglia (which comprises the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire), visited Colchester for the purpose of being present at the installation meeting of the above lodge. His lordship reached Colchester from Thornham Hall, Eye, by the 4.38 train, and was met at Colchester Station by Bros. Welch and Bailey, Past Masters of the lodge, and by them escorted to the lodge room, where his lordship was met by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., and Bro. N. Tracy, P.G. Sec. A large number of brethren were present in the lodge, and Lord Henniker and his Deputy were received with the honours due to their exalted rank.

The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. William Sowman, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Tracy, who was ably assisted by Bro. J. P. Lewin, Treas. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. Geo. A. Eustace, P.M., P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; R. D. Poppleton, S.W.; A. H. Bowles, J.W.; the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.P.G.C., M.O.; H. J. Skingley, S.O.; J. J. C. Turner, Prov. G. Org., J.O.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.G. Stwd. England, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.G.D. England, P.P.G.O., Sec.; T. Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Reg.; J. G. Renshaw, S.D.; S. D. C. Ablitt, J.D.; J. Ashdown, D.C.; Turle Lee, Org.; H. Hills, I.G.; T. J. Grant and H. Becker, Stewards; and Munson and Wright, Tylers. At the conclusion of the lodge business, the Worshipful Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Henniker for his kindness in honouring the lodge by a visit. The motion was seconded by the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Lewin, and carried by acclamation. Lord Henniker, in responding, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. He was glad to have the opportunity of visiting the Constantine Lodge, which, he was happy to know, was one of the strongest and best worked in his province, and he congratulated the Installing Masters upon the ability they had displayed in conducting the ceremony of the day. He was glad to be supported by his dear old friend, Bro. Martyn, and said that their joint aim was to do all they could to promote the good of Mark Masonry in the Province of East Anglia. Thanks were also accorded to Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn for his attendance, and to the Installing Masters for the able manner in which they had carried out their work. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. A. J. H. Ward (Town Clerk of Harwich) presented a petition, for the recommendation of the lodge, for the formation of a Mark lodge at Harwich. This having been signed by the W.M. and principal officers, Lord Henniker attached his signature, saying he should have great pleasure in recommending the petition to the favourable consideration of the M.W.G.M.

Subsequently between 40 and 50 brethren dined together at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by Lord Henniker, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. Tracy, and other distinguished brethren.

In proposing "Lord Henniker's Health," the W.M. alluded to the fact that it was mainly through the good offices of his lordship that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had joined this branch of Freemasonry, and was now the Grand Master.

In responding, Lord Henniker said that, being a resident in the eastern counties, he had, he supposed, passed through Colchester thousands of times, but had only been in the town on two occasions—in 1884, when he held his Provincial Grand Lodge, and on the present occasion. All he could say was that those two visits had been very agreeable ones, and he should always look back on them with great pleasure. At the time that he had the honour of occupying the post of Grand Master of this Degree it progressed by leaps and bounds, and although at the present time they had fallen upon quieter times, still he was happy to know that the Mark Degree was flourishing, and nowhere more than in his Province of East Anglia. He had been particularly pleased that a new Mark lodge at Harwich had been brought forward that day, and he trusted that if H.R.H. was pleased to grant a warrant, the promoters of the lodge would invite himself and Bro. Martyn to the inauguration. His lordship then alluded to the erection of the new Mark Masons' Hall in London, contiguous to Freemasons' Hall—in fact, under the same roof; and concluded by acknowledging the great assistance he received in ruling the province from Bro. Martyn, his Deputy, and Bro. Tracy, the P.G. Sec.

His lordship shortly afterwards left the lodge, amidst the hearty plaudits of the brethren, and proceeded by the 7.50 train to town.

## WOOLWICH.

**Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).**—The installation meeting of the above eminent lodge took place on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. H. Mason, J.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of A. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. E. Birch, P.J.G.D., and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and, in due course, inducted Bro. Mason into the chair. The W.M. appointed and invested such of his officers as were present as follows: Bros. C. E. Birch, I.P.M.; J. H. Roberts, S.W.; W. C. Taylor, P.G.I.G., J.W.; E. Morris, M.O.; E. Palmer, P.M. 226, P.P.S.G.W., S.O.; F. J. Down, J.O.; Major Eugene Sweny, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., Sec.; R. Pidcock, Reg. of Marks; Rev. C. Solbé, Chap.; Capt. Hansard, S.D.; W. E. Soltaw, J.D.; Davies, I.G.; and Baron de Worms, M.P., D.C. Bro. Nichols then delivered the addresses most impressively, and concluded the ceremony, which was faultless in its perfection. He was tendered a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, for which he returned thanks. The lodge was closed, and the brethren banqueted in the hall.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. C. Coupland, P.M. 244, P.G. Stwd. England, and P.P.S.G.W., in responding for "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said they might imagine the pleasure it gave him to be in a position to respond for such an important toast as that of the officers of Grand Lodge. They all knew how hard a worker was Lord Egerton of Tatton, their esteemed Pro G.M., for the good of the Degree, and also the great interest he took as a large landed proprietor in the Province of Cheshire, while in the Marquis of Hertford, their Dep. G.M., they had a most ardent worker and excellent Mason. Now, he thought that the Mark Degree must be a wonderful Degree to attract to its ranks such distinguished noblemen and gentlemen as those who were its rulers, and if it was sufficient to attract them, it ought also to attract more of the brethren of the Craft than it did at present. There was no doubt that the Mark Degree was one of the best Degrees outside the Craft. At the present time it was in an independent position, and must and would take high rank amongst the Masonic Degrees. He congratulated the W. Master upon attaining his present position, and felt sure the brethren could not have elected a more suitable or better Mason for the position.

The Worshipful Master, in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.M.; the Rev. H. Cummings, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said no words of his could do justice to the worth, both as a divine and a Mason, of their esteemed P.G.M., and those who knew Bro. Cummings knew that two more devoted Masons than he and the P.G.M. never existed. The Mark Masons in that district were under a deep debt of gratitude to both, and he asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Birch, in responding, said on behalf of the present officers he thanked them, and might indeed thank them for the proud position he occupied amongst the P.G. Officers. At present he had not done anything for the Province of Kent, but he hoped some day an opportunity would occur, such as the consecration of a new Mark lodge, when he should have the honour of following their P.G.M. and Bro. Cummings, with a gold stick in his hand. At any rate he was quite ready, should he be called upon at any time to prove himself worthy of the position he held amongst the Grand Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Kent.

Bro. Spinks said it was an honour to be associated in any way with their Prov. G.M. and Deputy Prov. G.M., because they had their hearts and souls in Masonry, and it was an honour to serve under their chief. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers present he cordially thanked them.

Bro. Birch then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he had been in a great many lodges, and had always heard the I.P.M. say when he took up the gavel that the brethren all "knew what it meant." Well, he was glad that he was in a position to take up the gavel, because now that he had gone out of the chair, and he was afraid they were rather glad to get rid of him, he knew, and they all knew, what it meant. It simply meant that his successor was a better man than he (Bro. Birch) was. What he meant by that was that Bro. Mason, who resided and was well known and esteemed by every Mason in the neighbourhood, was in a position to do more for the prosperity of the lodge than he had done. Bro. Mason was not only a sound man but a sound Mason. He was not only a Mason by name but a Mason at heart. He was also their W.M., and from what he knew of him he anticipated a good year of office, and a goodly increase to the strength of the lodge. He asked them to drink the toast heartily, and wish Bro. Mason a good year of office.

Bro. Mason, in response, said first of all he must thank the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their kind reception of it. So far as doing better than their I.P.M., no man could do that, for Bro. Birch had done his best, and none could do more. How could he sufficiently thank the brethren for placing him in that chair? He could assure them that during his year of office he intended to do his best for the interests of the lodge, and to make the social board as pleasant as he could. He thanked Bro. Coupland for the high encomiums placed upon him by that esteemed brother, and felt sure that if he were worthy of that brother's praise at the end of his year of office, he should know that he had done his duty, and that the honour of the lodge would leave his hands as pure and unsullied as it was when he received it.

Bro. Sweny, in responding for "The Past Masters," said that as senior Past Master of that lodge it was a great honour to have to respond to the toast, for the cordial reception of which he thanked them. The Past Masters of that lodge were, he believed, no worse than the Past Masters of any other lodge. They had to the best of their abilities, faithfully carried out the duties entrusted to their care, and carefully preserved the prestige of the lodge, and intended ever to do so. He thanked them.

Bro. Birch said he felt it his bounden duty to respond for the many kindnesses he had received from the Past Masters, officers, and indeed every member of the lodge, and also for the handsome jewel presented to him that day.

Bro. Sydney Clark, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and Bro. Nichols also briefly responded.

Bros. Coupland, Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 226, P.P.G. A.D.C., and C. Jolly, M.O. 226, P.P.G.O., responded for "The Visitors," and the latter for a hearty reception of the "Masonic and Local Press."

"The Installing Officer," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were thoroughly enjoyable, thanks to some excellent singing and reciting, Bro. Nichols presiding at the piano.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Hewett, W.M.; Densham, S.W.; Klein, J.W.; Marx, P.M., acting Preceptor; Blundell, P.M., Treas.; Bonham, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Harvey, J.D.; Shales, I.G.; and Robinson, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harvey candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed. Bro. Klein rehearsed the ceremony of in-

stallation, and Bro. Hewett investiture of officers. Bro. Densham, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously. The officers to be in rotation. Proposed by Bro. Marx, P.M., seconded by Bro. Blundell, P.M., and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Klein for the able manner in which he worked the ceremony of installation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. G. A. Knock, W.M.; F. M. Smith, S.W.; D. G. Imlay, J.W.; R. C. Sudlow, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); J. B. Bulling, Treas.; J. W. Freemantle, Sec.; Hastings, S.D.; J. Bulling, J.D.; H. T. Sykes, I.G.; H. Sadler, P.M.; F. Perkins, J. W. Harvey, H. Saunders, H. F. Sykes, F. M. Smith, J. B. Corp, J. Corp, F. Mason, T. Stallabass, Baker, H. Joy, C. Hurst, R. Home, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker being entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing worked, after which Bro. Sudlow, P.M., rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most able manner. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. On the third time of rising, Bro. Imlay presented, in the name of Bro. Fenwick, two columns to the lodge, and the brethren unanimously passed a vote of thanks for the handsome present of Bro. Fenwick's. It was proposed and seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had worked the ceremony for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Sudlow, P.M., was complimented on the effective manner in which the installation was worked. The lodge was then closed.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, S.W.; G. V. Wood, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; W. T. Dillon, J.D.; R. O. Ogilby, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. Tapping, S. Stretch, A. Pozzati, W. Chapple, R. E. Cursons, J. R. Hill, and S. W. Manktelow.

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. Stretch candidate. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stratton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The Secretary read the report and balance-sheet for the past session, which, after subscribing £10 10s. to the R.M.B.I. and paying the small expenses for stationery, &c., shows a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £2 8s. 7d. It was unanimously resolved that a Benevolent Fund be established in connection with this lodge of instruction. The annual dinner will be held on the 13th prox., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, when Bro. Page, W.M. of the mother lodge, will preside. The ceremony of installation will be worked at the next meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; A. Williams, S.W.; J. Snooks, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; D. G. Haylock, S.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; E. Fox, and W. W. Williams.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haylock being the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. A. Williams, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, Bro. A. Williams was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, S.W.; C. G. Wetzelar, W.M. 141, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. H. Taylor, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; H. Campbell, I.G.; W. Jackman, Stwd.; W. Death, I.P.M. 511; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543; J. V. Woodman, John Smith, and O. W. Battley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Wetzelar, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Death being candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. The 21 proxies, in addition to the four last week, were handed to Bro. Ferris, who thanked the brethren for their kindness. Bro. Belsham was elected W.M. for next meeting, the officers to be in rotation, should the officers of the mother lodge not be present. Bro. Smith thanked the brethren for their kind present to himself and wife on the occasion of their giving up the Porchester Hotel, and entering in private life. 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, 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. A. Wolter, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; J. Duncan, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; J. Speller, and J. M. Scarlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Gray answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Speller being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Scarlett, who resumed the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Wolter was presented as W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, and the addresses given by Bro. Scarlett in an excellent manner. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.



**LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).**—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Dormer, W.M.; Meadows, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, P.M., Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Watts, S.D.; Langford, J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Wm. Smith, P.M.; Antunovich, Francis, Saunior, and R. D. Smith.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Antunovich personating the candidate. Bro. Meadows then vacated the S.W.'s chair in favour of Bro. Saunior, and the former having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Meadows was passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degree respectively. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Saunior was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Upon the W.M. rising for the third time he received "Hearty good wishes" from all the brethren present, 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 17th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; F. Buxton, S.W.; C. Rotter, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. C. Bennett, W. Groves, W. E. Cox, R. E. Cursons, H. F. Dessen, W. Hancock, S. Moss, C. W. Frommholz, A. Cogliati, G. A. Berholz, James Rowe, G. H. Reynolds, J. Gluckstein, R. Kirk, and J. Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. F. M. Noakes having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bros. G. W. Cox, 87, W. E. Hoy, 879, and A. E. Bennett, 1987. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. Buxton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation announcing his intention of working the First and Second Degree. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. R. Hatton, W.M.; H. H. Burrington, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; R. H. Broom, S.D.; J. Bartlett, J.D.; G. English, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; G. S.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; J. H. Tomlinson, P.M.; H. Holmes, P.M.; G. Gardner, D. Maurice, J. T. Haly, H. Armfield, T. Treadwell, J. C. Conway, L. Lee, A. F. Scholding, E. Connell, M. Rosenberg, and E. F. Ferris.

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. A. F. Scholding being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees respectively. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. H. H. Burrington was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. Dent, W.M.; Besant, S.W.; de Paiva, J.W.; Marshall, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Harpourt, S.D.; Hall, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Knight, Mansell, Woodroffe, Hobbs, Lea Smith, Burne, McWebb, Seton, Gordon Smith, and Williams. Visitors: Pros. Stenning and Baines.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Lea Smith gave the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. Bros. Stenning and Barnes were elected members, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to the W.M. for the manner he had filled the chair for the first time in the lodge, which was then closed.

The usual monthly meeting of the Second Langton Benevolent Association was afterwards held.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; F. Stanley, S.W.; T. Bick, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; H. Cotton, S.D.; P. Bick, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; T. S. Stevens, Stwd.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; Arnott, Cox, Ferris, Head, Cory, Tatton, and Stonnill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was to be rehearsed. Bro. Cox having answered the questions was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Stanley was elected W.M. for May 1st. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. W.

E. Macey, W.M.; J. Morrish, S.W.; R. Ambler, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); C. C. Barber, S.D.; J. Cox, J.D.; T. Jobson, I.G.; S. Nathan, G. McCrow, and Buxton.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. L. Nathan being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first and second time. Bro. J. Sims, Preceptor (*pro tem.*), proposed, and Bro. R. Ambler, J.W. seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had conducted his duties for the first time in this or any other lodge; carried unanimously. The W.M. replied in suitable terms. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; J. Brown (Hon. Sec.), S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas., S.D.; A. Williams, P.M., J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; H. Bright, and J. Cox. Visitor: Bro. W. S. Whiteley, 2012.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history, Bro. Bright being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and, on the usual risings, Bro. Whiteley was elected a member, and Bro. J. Brown was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; C. G. Wetzlar, J. 1604, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, J.; John Davies, J. elect 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Davies, 733, S.N.; E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2202, S.N. 179, P.S.; W. Hillier, 834, 1st A.S.; J. W. Cuff, P.Z. 862; 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 officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. J. Davies as M.E.Z. Comp. Cruttenden was complimented for the excellent manner he had rehearsed the duties of First Principal. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WOKING EMULATION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual festival of this lodge, which was presided over by Bro. F. West, acting Provincial Grand Master Surrey, took place on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on which occasion Bro. J. J. Black, Preceptor, acted as W.M.; Bro. Robinson, 1395, S.W.; and Bro. Littleboy, J.W.

The Second Lecture was worked as follows:

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| 1st Section by Bro. R. Mossop, 1395. |
| 2nd " " J. C. Mortimer, 1044.        |
| 3rd " " T. W. Foster, J.W. 1564.     |
| 4th " " J. W. H. Littleboy, 2317.    |
| 5th " " G. H. White, J.D. 1395.      |

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a capital supper, the arrangements for which had been admirably carried out by the Secretary, Bro. Aitken, S.W. 382.

The Prov. G.M., in speaking of the working, said he had never seen work better done in any lodge he had ever visited.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Sudlow, P.M. 263, P.P.S.G.D. Kent, &c.; Rev. J. Cater, W.M. 2317; C. T. Tyler, W.M. 1395; Bidwell, W.M. 2120; J. H. Askham, P.M. 723; and Major Collins, 2317.



"The Middleman" had so well established Bro. Willard's position, both as actor, manager, and a recognised leader of the modern British stage, that it was felt on all hands in his new departure this clever actor would quite sustain the name he has made for himself. In Mr. Arthur Law's new four-act drama, "Dick Venables," which has just been produced at the Shaftesbury, Bro. Willard disappoints no one, for he has been fitted with a part in which he excels, and by which he bids fair to fill his large theatre to overflowing for some time to come. It is the garden of Mrs. Lisle's house near Wildmoor, and we are introduced to the venerable archdeacon and Lady Harriet Jellicoe and their pretty daughter who have come to pay a call, their nephew, Captain Lancaster, who has just been appointed governor of the prison hard by, also calls, and renews an attachment to Mrs. Lisle, which is reciprocated, she believing herself to be a widow by the death of a celebrated convict, Dick Venables, who she has read in the newspaper had broken away and been shot. Suddenly a gun is fired and a horn blown, which are the signals that a prisoner has escaped and that the wardens are in pursuit. When all is quiet Dick Venables is seen in the bushes crawling on his hands and knees towards the house, he having knocked one of the warders insensible. He claims the rights of a husband, and orders his wife to protect him and telegraph to London for clothes to be sent, that he may change the

prison costume. We next became acquainted with Dr. Paganstecher, a believer in phrenology, who has taken into his service a valet without a character, but whom he knows to be honest by his bumps. The doctor has a hobby for collecting precious stones. Venables has taken the name of Captain Kirby, to pass himself off as his wife's brother, in which character he meets the governor of the prison from which he has escaped, and even talks of the convict to Captain Lancaster, and hopes that if the prisoner is still lurking in the neighbourhood he might be the one to find him. His cool effrontery is astounding, betokening that he is a villain of the deepest dye. Mrs. Lisle has now to tell the captain that she must recall her words, and that she can never marry him, though she cannot and dare not tell him the reason. He is equally grieved and so astonished that he tells Captain Kirby that he had a few days ago proposed to and been accepted by his sister, and now she withdraws her promise, and as no reason is assigned, he believes Capt. Kirby has some dislike to him, and begs to know what it is, and asks his influence with his sister. Dick Venables eyes are opened by this confession, for, as he says to himself, it is the first time a man has asked another man to help him to marry his wife. He resolves to leave the place and take his wife with him that night, for he fancies one of the warders suspects him. He is, however, frustrated by Peters, the doctor's valet, who recognises his old accomplice, and, under threats of informing the authorities, makes Venables promise to rob the doctor of his £20,000 worth of precious stones. Capt. Kirby and his sister call on the doctor, who shows him his collection, and in a moment the deed is done. He repairs, as arranged with Peters, to the old mill to hide them, but here the archdeacon is, and he being a kleptomaniac, takes them away to the rectory. Peters not finding his booty at the mill, denounces Capt. Kirby as Dick Venables, who turns on the valet to stab him, but instead receives the wound himself. The real Capt. Kirby having previously turned up, is denounced by the convict, and even his wife disowns her brother at the bidding of her husband, but his personality is made good by Miss Jellicoe, who has been secretly engaged to him. The acting of Bro. Willard is marked with distinction, and his varied manner of acting is portrayed in swift and decisive changes of voice, gesture, and feature. In such characters as these Bro. Willard stands unrivalled. We are reminded of his acting as the Spider in "The Silver King" and in "Jem the Penman." Bro. Alfred Bishop is naturally humorous as the kleptomaniac archdeacon. Miss Annie Rose looks pretty, which is all she has to do, as Miss Jellicoe. Bro. E. W. Garden has made quite a new departure as the German doctor, a character which he fills admirably. Mr. Ellwood, as the prison governor, is manly and handsome, but is weak in his love making. Miss Olga Brandon impersonates the heroine wife with sad, pathetic voice and facial expression. We do not understand why Bro. Willard when he appears in the prison dress has a beard. We thought all convicts were shaven, and why when he appears as Capt. Kirby he is smooth faced, for most seamen have hair on their face.

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Bro. Wyndham, having returned to the Criterion, is giving his admirers—and their name is legion—another opportunity of seeing his rendering of "David Garrick," in which he has been so successful in America, and previously for two years, both here, in Russia, and Berlin. Unlike many actors, Bro. Charles Wyndham seems to improve, instead of getting careless, by playing the part so often. We enjoyed his acting in this famous comedy on a recent visit even more than at previous times. He is still ably supported by pretty Miss Mary Moore, who is so gentle and loving as Miss Ingot. Mr. Giddens is also playing his old part, and Bro. Blakesley humorously represents the alderman's friends. Mr. Farren has succeeded Bro. David James, as Alderman Ingot, which he plays in that careful manner for which he is celebrated. Whenever Bro. Wyndham is in doubt he can with safety put up "David Garrick" as a draw. In a few weeks he announces a reproduction of Goldsmith's evergreen comedy "She Stoops to Conquer." We suppose he will be the young Marlowe, Mr. Giddens the Tony Lumpkin, and Miss Mary Moore, Miss Hardcastle. We await the event with interest.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 3rd prox.

The weekly displays of fireworks by Messrs. Brock at the Crystal Palace commence on Thursday, the 15th prox., and the illuminated garden fêtes, with *al-fresco* ballet, in June.

The Court of Common Council at its meeting on the 17th inst. voted a sum of £2100 towards the Postal Jubilee celebration, which is arranged to be held at the Guildhall on the 19th prox.

By permission of the Duke of Westminster, a morning concert will be held at Grosvenor House on Tuesday next, the 29th inst., in aid of "The Girls' Friendly Society Recreation Rooms for Working Girls in East London."

The Emperor and Empress of Germany entertained the Ambassadors of the Great Powers and their ladies at dinner at the Palace on Saturday last, among the guests being Bro. Sir E. B. Malet and Lady Ermytrude Malet.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Charing Cross from Paris, after a rough passage, at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning last. Later in the day, his Royal Highness, with the Princess and Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House for Sandringham.

The 20th annual ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the evening of the 17th inst., when among those present were Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs, Bros. Harris and Alderman Knill.

On Saturday last, her Majesty reviewed the Alpine Chasseurs at a spot some five miles from Aix-les-Bains, and after slowly riding up and down the lines, expressed her admiration of the troops, and thanked the Colonel, in command of the two battalions, congratulating him on the fine appearance of his men.

Messrs. J. R. Parkington and Co. state that the total quantity of champagne forwarded from the champagne districts for the year ending March 31st amounted to 23,324,571 bottles, being an increase of 766,487 bottles, as compared with 1889. Present stocks in cask and bottles equal about 109,575,750 bottles, or quite five years' consumption.

At a special court of the Governors of the Sons of the Clergy, held on Saturday, at the Corporation House, Bloomsbury-place, the Rev. Sir E. Graham Moon in the chair, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson was unanimously elected a Treasurer of the Corporation, to fill the vacancy amongst the three Treasurers occasioned by the death of Bro. Alderman Stone.

On Saturday last, at Witley Court, Worcestershire, the marriage of Bro. Viscount Weymouth, M.P., eldest son of Bro. the Marquis of Bath, with Miss Violet C. Mordaunt, daughter of Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bath, was celebrated by the Rev. Canon Melville in the presence of a large and fashionable congregation, among whom were the Duchess of Athole and Lady Dorothea Murray, and Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke.

Miss Blanche Grey's fourth annual amateur dramatic performance in aid of the funds of the Norwood Cottage Hospital will take place at the Crystal Palace Opera Theatre on Monday evening, the 28th inst., commencing at 7.30 p.m. "Plot and Passion," Tom Taylor's celebrated drama, will be acted, preceded by "Found in a Four Wheeler." The military band of the Crystal Palace will perform during the evening under the direction of Mr. D. Godfrey, jun.

On Friday, the 18th inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh met in the Town Hall, Enniskillen, Ireland. Bro. Col. John G. Irvine, D.L., Dep. Prov. G.M., in the absence of Bro. Sir J. M. Stewart, Bart., D.L., occupied the chair, and in the various other offices the regular officers (or in their unavoidable absence a substitute) assisted the acting P.G.M. in transacting the usual quarterly business.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. J. L. Carson, Associate Quatuor Coronati, and J.W. 891 (I.C.), delivered a lecture on the history and symbolism of Freemasonry before the brethren of Lodges Nos. 891, 205, and 473, Enniskillen, Ireland. Bro. Obadiah Ternan, M.D., Prov. G. Sec., in his usual felicitous manner, occupied the chair. There was a large and attentive assembly of brethren. The lecture lasted for about an hour and a quarter, after which the usual votes of thanks were passed to the Lecturer and Chairman, and the brethren separated delighted with their evening's entertainment and instruction.

Although it seems that the only gentlemen likely to offer themselves to the Livery for election of Sheriffs of London for next year are Bro. Augustus Harris and Captain Parkington, a very influential Committee, composed of members of the Corporation and others, has been obtained to secure Bro. Harris's election in the event of any other candidate coming forward. Mr. Alderman Tyler, the next alderman for the Shrievalty, has intimated that, in consequence of severe illness in his family, he will not be able to offer himself for election this year. Bro. Harris will then have associated with him as his Under-Sheriff our well-known Bro. Tom Beard.

Thanks to the liberality of the Drapers' Company, the forthcoming Photographic Exhibition in the City of London will find a splendid home in their hall in Throgmorton-street—one of the finest of those "lordly pleasure houses" which the old City Guilds have substituted for their more modest halls mostly within the last half century. It stands on the site of the palace and gardens of Cromwell, Earl of Essex, and is the scene of the curious anecdote of aristocratic spoliation to which Professor Morley's edition of Stow's "Survey" has recently directed attention. It consists of a spacious quadrangular building, with a fountain in the centre court. The exhibition, which has been organised by the Photographic Section of the London Chamber of Commerce, will open on the last day of the present month, and continue open till the 10th of June. It will be entirely free to the public.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn will occupy the chair at the next house dinner of the National Conservative Club, which will be held on the 17th May.

Bro. Dr. W. A. Barrett, who was Grand Organist in 1888, is one of the six candidates for the Gresham Professorship of Music, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Henry Wyld.

The *Germania* states that the Pope, in receiving the deputation of Austrian pilgrims a few days ago, remarked to the editor of a Catholic journal who was among them, "You have a hard battle to fight with the Jewish journalists and the Freemasons."

The grand fancy bazaar in aid of the funds of the University College Hospital, to be held in the grounds of University College, Gower-street, W.C., will be opened by H.R.H. the Duchess of Fife on Thursday, 5th June, at 12 noon, instead of the 4th June, as previously announced.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Israel Lodge of Instruction at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile End, on the evening of the 27th inst., at 6 p.m. precisely. Bro. S. Dancyger, J.W. 205, will preside, with Bros. B. Da Costa, as S.W.; J. Dancyger, as J.W.; and W. Richardson, as I.P.M.

It is officially announced that her Majesty will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 9th May, and Friday, the 16th—instead of 15th—May, while the Prince of Wales will hold a levee at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Tuesday, the 6th prox.

An order from the Admiralty was sent to Sheerness on Saturday last directing the first class composite gun vessel Thrush (G) 805 tons, 1200 horse power, to be commissioned on the 6th prox. by Lieutenant Prince George of Wales, with a complement of 75 officers and men, for service on the North American and West Indies station.

Bro. Charles F. Pardon died on Friday last at the age of 40 years from congestion of the lungs. Bro. Pardon was the President of the Press Club this year, and was to have presided at the annual dinner of the institution on the 26th inst. He was much esteemed in Masonic circles, and his death will be widely regretted.

Bro. Alderman Eccleston Gibb, who has been suffering from prostration, consequent on a severe attack of influenza, left England on Thursday, the 17th inst., for the West Indies. His medical advisers assured him that the sea voyage will thoroughly restore him to health, and that on his return in June he will be able to resume his political and municipal duties with renewed vigour.

The Rev. F. R. Pearson, rector of St. Alban's, Manchester, preached at Holy Trinity, Southport, on Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of a Masonic service in aid of the new church of St. Simon and St. Jude, High Park, Southport, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., with full Masonic ritual in October last. The church was crowded. We hope to give a full report in our next.

Among those present at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on the 17th inst., at the marriage of the Hon. Charles Hardinge, second son of Viscount Hardinge, with the Hon. Winifred Sturt, second daughter of Lord Alington, were the Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Lady Suffield, Lady Wantage, and Sir Oscar Clayton.

The bronze equestrian statue of the late Prince Consort, the Jubilee offering to the Queen by the women of the United Kingdom, will be unveiled in Windsor Great Park on Monday, the 12th May, in the presence of her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family. The front panel of the pedestal will bear a suitable inscription, which will be repeated on the other panels in Latin, Gaelic, and Sanskrit.

A short time ago a controversy arose respecting the age of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven. Owing principally to the researches of Bro. R. W. Moore, P.M., the matter was satisfactorily settled in favour of the Whitehaven lodge, and, at a special meeting of the brethren, a beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Moore as a token of their appreciation of his championship of the lodge. The presentation was made by Bro. J. Barr, P.M.

The Queen left Aix-les-Bains for Darmstadt on Tuesday afternoon, after taking leave of the military and municipal authorities, and making presents to those who had attended on her during her stay. The route from the villa to the station was lined by troops, and the carriage in which her Majesty drove to the station was so full of flowers that it was difficult to catch a sight of her as she passed. On arriving at Darmstadt she will remain the guest of her son-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse, till the 29th inst., and will then leave on her return to England. Her grandson, the Emperor William, will arrive at Darmstadt on a visit to her Majesty on the 25th inst. (to-day).

On Wednesday, Bro. W. A. Baskcomb undertook the somewhat trying task of entertaining, single handed, between 400 and 500 poor people at the All Saints' boys' school-room, Buxton-street, E. The Rev. Hervey A. Mason occupied the chair, and Bro. Baskcomb worked manfully through an excellent programme, which included "The Village Blacksmith," "The Brave Old Oak," "Some Echoes from the Cotton Fields," "The Pilot," and "Our 'Armonic Club," together with some telling readings. At the conclusion the audience, which had frequently given vent to its delight while the songs, &c., were in progress, greeted Bro. Baskcomb with several rounds of applause. A telegram was received in the course of the evening from Bro. Henry Irving, who thus forwarded his hearty good wishes to the All Saints' boys, and to Bro. Baskcomb his congratulations, it being Bro. Baskcomb's birthday, which he had chosen for the performance.

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Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., has sold his place at Wakehurst, Hayward's Heath, Sussex, to Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P.

Bros. R. H. Crowden and W. J. Lavington have been re-elected Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church, Beckenham.

Bro. Lord Brassey, who returned home from his voyage in the Mediterranean last week, has left London for Normanhurst Court, Battle, Sussex.

Bros. Lord Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, and Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty, attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office, on Tuesday.

The Queen has been pleased to approve that the Earl of Kilmorey be invested as a Knight of the most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, in the room of the late Bro. the Duke of Manchester.

Lady Charles Beresford, after spending Easter in Paris, goes on to Gibraltar, where she will meet her husband, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, and will return to England about the middle of next month.

Bros. General Viscount Wolseley, Sir Reginald Welby Justice Mathew, and Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., were among those present at the dinner given in the hall of Lincoln's Inn on Monday (Grand Day).

The 11th triennial festival in aid of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday next, the 30th instant, under the presidency of Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P.

The annual supper in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will take place on Thursday, the 1st May, in the Victoria Hall, Criterion, Piccadilly, W. President—Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, Preceptor; Vice-President—Bro. J. Greenway, J.W. 1310, Deputy-Preceptor; Secretary and Treasurer—Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1614. Advantage will be taken of the occasion to make a presentation to Bro. G. Reynolds for the eminent services he has rendered to the lodge of instruction.

Lady Halsbury, wife of Bro. Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England, has gone to Sidmouth for change of air. Her ladyship has never quite recovered from the recurring attacks of influenza which she had during the spring.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford will take up their residence at their house in Charles-street, St. James's-square, early next month, while Bro. the Earl and Countess of Egmont, after a few days' stay at Folkestone, have come to town for the season.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who since his serious illness has been travelling in Egypt, and ascended the Nile, reached Devonshire House, after a few days' rest in Paris, on Sunday evening. We are glad to learn that his lordship is completely restored to health.

Bro. the Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs presided at the anniversary festival, held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street. In the course of the evening subscriptions amounting to £2500 were announced.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., will have a dinner party in honour of Mr. H. M. Stanley at their residence in Stratton-street, Piccadilly, on Saturday, the 10th prox., and later in the evening there will be a distinguished party invited to meet the great explorer.

Some 400 friends of the Jews' Deaf and Dumb Home at Notting Hill, among whom were Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir H. A. Isaacs, and the Lady Mayoress, attended the triennial ball held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening. It is expected that the institution will benefit substantially.

Viscount Crawley, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Onslow, Governor of New Zealand, has arrived on a visit to this country for the benefit of his health, after a severe attack of typhoid fever, believed to have been brought on by the defective drainage of the Governor's official residence at Wellington.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived at the Piræus on board her Majesty's cruiser Scout, on the 17th inst., and was met on landing by the King of Greece, the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, Bro. Sir E. J. Monson, her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Athens, and the other functionaries of the legation and Consulate General.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Saturday, the 3rd prox., at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Bro. E. Ayling, Preceptor of the lodge, will act as W.M., and the Wardens' chairs will be filled by Bros. J. Davies and G. Gardner respectively. The lodge will open at 6.30.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland) and the Countess of Zetland, with Lady Hilda Dundas, and attended by his lordship's aides-de-camp, were present at Punchestown Meeting on Tuesday, a large and fashionable concourse of spectators being also present, and giving their excellencies a hearty welcome.

Bros. General Goldsworthy, M.P., Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., Stanley-Langton, M.P., and General Sir Edward Hamley, M.P., were guests at the dinner given by Sir H. Havelock Allen, M.P., at the House of Commons on Monday to his cousin, Sir Arthur E. Havelock, on the occasion of the latter's departure for Ceylon, of which he has been appointed Governor.

Bro. Lionel Rignold, whose impersonation of Jack Gong in "The Green Bushes" has set the seal upon his popularity in London as a low comedian, is a cousin of the well-known actors, Bros. William and George Rignold. His father was Mr. Harry Rignold, who in his day was a celebrated delineator of nautical character at East End theatres, and afterwards at Drury Lane under the régime of Mr. Chatterton.

MASONIC BALL AT DARTFORD.—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., the first *soirée dansante* of the Lodge of Emulation was given at the Bull Hotel. The company numbered about 70, and an excellent string band from Bexley performed. The Committee consisted of Bros. T. Jenkins, C. Hind, F. Barton, W. J. Light (the efficient M.C.), J. Brock, C. D. Mears, W. Greig, and T. Wills. The brethren wore their Masonic decorations, conspicuous amongst them being Bro. N. Martin, the oldest P.M. present. The Victoria Assembly Rooms were beautifully decorated, and the catering of Host Startup was elegant and faultless. The success of the ball was brilliant.