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RESULT OF THE BOYS' ELECTION.

Our anticipation that the contest at the Boys' Election on the 25th ult. would be a keen one has been realised. Of the 59,651 votes issued for this particular election, 54,745 were accepted by the Scrutineers, the unused votes, together with the smaller number that were rejected for some fault of omission or commission on the part of the voters, being 4906, or about one in every 12 issued. Moreover, with the exception of No. 1, whose friends seem to have been determined there should be no doubt about his obtaining a place, there appears to have been a tolerably close poll, beginning with 2847, obtained by No. 2, and gradually diminishing to 1905, which were obtained for No. 30. As to the distribution of success, London was able to carry nine out of its 17 candidates, while of the four cases in which it was interested conjointly with one or more Provinces, two had the satisfaction of obtaining places. Of the 47 applicants from the Provinces 19 were successful, the Unsuccessful List being composed of eight London, two partly London and partly Provincial, and 28 Provincial. Of these, however, one London and two Provincial will have their names struck from the roll, as they will have attained the age of 11 years before the October election comes round.

The highest on the roll was a candidate from London and Middlesex, who had 177 votes in hand at starting, and for whom his friends and supporters polled a further 3077 votes, making his total 3254. Nos. 2 and 3 were both from London, and would undoubtedly have succeeded even if not a single additional vote had been polled for either at this election, No. 2, who started with 2374 votes to his credit, obtaining altogether 2847, while No. 3, with 2591 votes, increased them to 2700. No. 4, hailing from London, Kent, and Sussex, scored 2639, of which 1081 were brought forward from October, 1889; and then followed two more London candidates, No. 5, with 1625 votes in hand, obtaining a further 937, making together 2562, while No. 6—a new case entirely—polled 2552 votes. The first purely Provincial candidate, with claims on Durham and N. and E. Yorkshire, secured the seventh place with 2517, of which 1990 were brought forward, and then followed two more London cases, No. 8, who had 1558 votes in hand, concluding the day with 2510, and nine, who by a rare coincidence, stood No. 9 on the Approved List, obtaining 2487, of which 1354 were votes in hand, and 1133 were votes polled at this contest. No. 10 was one of two candidates from Shropshire, and, having but this one chance left him, his friends made strenuous efforts to carry him in, and had the satisfaction of doing so, his final return being 2445, of which all but 78 were polled on the 25th ult. No. 11 from Surrey started with 961 votes and finished with a total of 2422, one of the two Jersey candidates with 1950 votes to the good increasing his poll to 2374 votes, being next in order, and then a seventh London candidate, who had 2326 votes in hand, and for whom his friends wisely restricted their further endeavours to polling only 11 additional votes, making together 2337. One of two candidates from the District of Madras, whose name would otherwise have been struck from the list, stood 14th with 2265 votes, of which 1680 votes were brought forward, while the second Jersey candidate increased his total from 1831 votes to 2251 votes, and thus secured his election into the School just a short time before completing his 11th year. The East Lancashire candidate, who also had no other chance left, secured the 16th place with 2219 votes, and the Bristol one, who was in the same position as regards chances, was next with 2185, of which only 69 were brought forward. The Norfolk candidate, with 1590 votes to his credit, polled 2178, and was placed at No. 18, the first of the two West Yorkshire candidates—a new case—being 19th with 2120 votes, and then another London boy, who polled 2114, and the Leicestershire and Rutland youngster with 2095 votes, both these being new cases. One of three Warwickshire candidates, whose only chance this was of obtaining admission, was placed at No. 22, his poll, made up of 462 votes brought forward and 1612 votes polled at this contest, being 2074. The Northumbrian lad, who

brought forward 1524 votes, obtained 2067 votes, and with them the 23rd place, and a London candidate the 24th with 2022 votes, of which 979 were from the last October election. Hants and the Isle of Wight placed one of its two candidates at No. 25, the total poll being 2009 votes, of which 165 were in hand when the contest began. No. 26—a new candidate—from Cheshire, obtained 1978 votes, and one of the two Somersetshire boys stood next with 1974 votes, of which only six were brought forward. Worcestershire and Warwickshire together obtained for their representative the 28th place with 1946 votes, and West Yorkshire carried its second candidate, who was placed No. 29, both these having a few votes in hand from the previous contest. The youth from Suffolk brought up the rear of the successful candidates, his votes brought forward being 1080, and those polled at this election 825. Of the 38 unsuccessful candidates, as many as eight obtained upwards of 1000 votes, the Lincolnshire lad being at the head of them with 1779, of which 1307 remained over from last October, while next in order stood one of the three Cumberland and Westmorland candidates with 1768 votes. With this candidate we greatly sympathise. It was his last chance, and it only needed 150 more votes to have secured his admission. A London candidate was at No. 33 with 1697 votes, then one of the three Derbyshire boys with 1498 votes, and then four, hailing from London, or with claims on London and a Province. The last seven candidates polled under 10 votes each, among them being two from London and Somersetshire respectively, who polled each two votes. As these were both last cases, it seems to us that it was a mere farce to have sent in petitions on their behalf.

The total of the votes brought forward from October, 1889, was 32,049, and the total of those issued for this election was 59,651, amounting together to 91,700. The total poll amounted to 86,794, the balance or difference being, as we said at the outset, 4906 votes, which were either spoiled or unused.

RESULT OF THE GIRLS' ELECTION.

Keener still was the election of 22 from an approved list of 43 candidates for the Girls' School at the Quarterly General Court on Saturday last. Nearly as many votes were brought forward from October last, as in the case of the Boys' Election, and more were issued for this occasion; and as the number of candidates was considerably smaller, there were some 30 of the children who polled from 1000 upwards. Again, 11 girls polled upwards of 3000 votes, the first on the list obtaining 3404, while the last who succeeded polled 2795, the difference between the highest and lowest successful being only 609. As to the distribution of success we find that of the 12 London candidates, seven obtained places among the elected 22, while out of the 31 Provincial 15 were successful. The honour of heading the poll was secured by a London girl, who had 3285 votes to her credit from October last, her final poll being, as we have said, 3404. No. 2, who increased her 801 in hand to 3341, and No. 3, starting with 869 votes and finishing up with 3267 votes, were also from London. The next in order from Turkey had 3067 votes to her credit and polling 199 additional votes, compiled in all 3266; No. 5, from Wiltshire, who brought forward 3136 votes, increased them to 3201, while No. 6—one of four girls from Devonshire—polled 3172, of which 2220 already stood to her credit from last October. No. 7, from East Lancashire, raised her total of 1713 by 1451 additional votes to 3164, while Nos. 8 and 9 were both of them new cases from South Wales, the former from the Eastern Division, having 3120 votes, and the latter from the Western Division, 3115 votes. A London girl stood next with 3014 votes, of which 215 remained over from October, 1889, and one of the two Durham girls was only six votes behind, her score from the previous election being 709 and her total score 3008. No. 12, one of three hailing from West Yorkshire, and an entirely new case, polled 2993 votes, the Derbyshire case, with 1023 votes in hand, being next with 2977. No. 14, with claims on Essex and Kent, raised her total from 723 to 2957 votes, and No. 15, London,

from 1779 to 2934 votes; No. 16, Punjab and Somersetshire, and a new case, being close at her heels with 2925 votes. The next stood No. 1 on the approved List and having 2735 votes in hand, had no difficulty in obtaining further support to the extent of 184 votes, and so improving her total to 2919. No. 18, whose father was initiated in a lodge in New Brunswick when under the Grand Lodge of England, and afterwards joined lodges in Kent and Suffolk, increased her credit of 2283 to 2889 votes, and No. 19, one of two candidates from Lincolnshire, obtained 2842 votes, 111 of them being brought forward. No. 20, one of two Staffordshire girls polled 2814 and obtained the twentieth place, while Nos. 21 and 22, both of whom derived their claims from London and were new cases, polled 2807 and 2795 votes respectively.

As to the unsuccessful candidates, a N. and E. Yorkshire girl who had 1173 to the good at starting, and polled in all 2593 votes, headed the list, a West Yorkshire candidate being next with 2470 votes and then two from Norfolk with 2273 votes and 2141 votes respectively. The next, but following at a long interval, scored 1542, which she obtained from her Province of Warwickshire, but unfortunately her name will be removed from the list in accordance with the law which limits the maximum age for admission to candidates under 11 years. No. 30 on the approved List, and hailing from London, obtained 1531 votes, and No. 6 from Malta, 1517 votes, another London girl, with 1124 votes, bringing up the rear of those who polled over 1000. Out of the seven cases who had only this one chance of success allowed to them, we are glad to see that six have gained admission, the girl we have mentioned above as having 1542 votes being the only absolute failure.

The total number of votes polled was 86,774, of which 31,844 were brought forward from the last election, the number of unused and spoilt votes being 5081.

GRAND LODGE AND GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening last, at Freemasons' Tavern, and was very numerous attended. But previously a Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the installation of the M.W.G.M. and the investiture of his officers for the year. The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., was to have presided, but his lordship was unavoidably prevented from attending. In his absence the chair was occupied by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex. Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. for Norths and Hunts, acted as D.G.M.; Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, Past Dist. G.M. of Bengal, as P.G.M.; Bro. the Earl of Milltown, P.S.G.W., as S.G.W.; Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.J.G.W., as J.G.W.; and numerous other Grand and Past Grand Officers were present.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, so far as related to the election of the M.W.G.M. and the Grand Treasurer, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proclaimed by Bro. THOMAS FENN to be again duly installed M.W.G.M.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT announced that his Royal Highness had again appointed the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master and the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master.

The other brethren appointed as Grand Officers for the year were—

Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B.	...	...	S.G.W.
" Lord Alfred Churchill	...	...	J.G.W.
" The Rev. Dr. Currie (Dean of Battle, Sussex)	...	...	} G. Chaplains.
" The Rev. Dr. Randall (Warwickshire)	...	...
" Augustus Harris	...	...	G. Treasurer.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	...	G. Registrar.
" Thomas Fenn	...	...	Pres. B. of G.P.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	G. Secretary.
" Dr. E. E. Wendt	...	...	G. Sec. for Ger. Cor.
" Robert Grey	...	...	Pres. Bd. of Ben.
" Sir George Harris	...	...	} S.G. Deacons.
" R. Loveland Loveland (Hants)	...	...
" Sir J. R. Somers Vine	...	...	} J.G. Deacons.
" W. F. Smithson (Leeds)	...	...
" Weaver Barry	...	...	G. Supt. of Works.
" Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter)	...	...	G.D. of C.
" Sheriff Harris	...	...	D.G.D. of C.
" W. G. Lemon	...	...	A.G.D. of C.
" T. B. Whytehead (York)	...	...	G.S.B.
" R. J. Emmerson (Kent)	...	...	} G. Std. Brs.
" R. Clay Sudlow	...	...
" Herr Meyer Lutz	...	...	G. Org.
" A. A. Pendlebury	...	...	A.G. Sec.
" D. D. Mercer	...	...	G. Purst.
" S. Valentine	...	...	A.G. Purst.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Tyler.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT made a further announcement to the effect that the Grand Master had been pleased to confer the rank of P.J.G.W. on Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, and Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, and that of P.D.G.D. of C. upon Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then read the following list of brethren who had been nominated as Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. J. C. Dimsdale, 1; Capt. Francis Dale Tagart, 2; Herbert de Stern, 4; Fredk. Pattison, 5; Wm. Wightman Wood, 6; Ed. Ernest Cooper, 8; Walter J. Ebbetts, 14; H. O. Brunning, 21; Ernest M. Money, 23; Malcolm A. Morris, 26; Henry Langridge, 29; George Haydon, 46; Ernest J. Humphery, 58; Horace Slade, 60; Thos. G. Nicholson, 91; Walter Hughes, 99; Chas. H. Mason, 197; and Chas. Jas. Lucas, 259.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE informed the Acting Grand Master and the brethren that he had received a letter from Bro. Sir Albert Woods, asking him to express to Grand Lodge his great regret, that, owing to illness, he was unable to be present, and stating that that was only the second time he had been absent from his post at Grand Festival for the last 39 years.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to Freemasons' Tavern, where a splendid banquet, provided by the Grand Stewards, awaited them. Bro. Francis Burdett presided, having on his right Bro. the Earl of Euston, and on his left Bro. Sandeman.

During the banquet a beautiful programme of music was performed by the London Military Band, president, Sir A. Sullivan, conductor, Bro. Dan Godfrey, R.C.M. (Licentiate, R.A.M.)

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, in proposing "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," said it was with the greatest pleasure, when Masons were assembled together, to drink the health of the Queen. During the time that her Majesty had been the reigning Sovereign of Great Britain she had performed the duties of a Sovereign with the deepest sense of her responsibilities as a Sovereign. For the last 50 years she had been the reigning Sovereign of the country, and he trusted that they might all look forward to her reign for many years to come.

Bro. Sir F. BURDETT, in proposing "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," said her Royal Highness had now been for several years among the English people, and she had endeared herself to all those people by her kindness of disposition and her condescension. She was enthroned in the hearts of the English people, and he trusted she might long be with them. All the brethren, in drinking her health, would feel that as the wife of the Heir Apparent she was a fit consort for the M.W.G.M. With that toast he associated the other members of the Royal Family.

Bro. Sir F. BURDETT, in proposing the toast of "His Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M.," said that was a toast which concerned all Masons. The Prince of Wales had for a great number of years been connected with the Freemasons of England, and had become their Grand Master. His Royal Highness was not only a Prince in himself, but he was a Prince in Masonry. He was thoroughly informed of everything which concerned the Craft, and made himself entirely acquainted with the duties of a Freemason. The Prince of Wales was a thorough Mason. He had endeared himself to the whole Craft, and he would continue to do so and to propagate the principles of Freemasonry throughout the United Kingdom.

In proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Sir F. BURDETT said that although the Prince of Wales was so highly appreciated by all the brethren, he was not one who secured all the honours and glory of Freemasonry. His Royal Highness was truly at the head of the Order, but still there were others associated with him who assisted in the grand work of Freemasonry. It was almost impossible for one individual to carry out the whole of the duties of the head of so large a body as that of Freemasons, and, therefore, his Royal Highness was very ably and properly supported by a large body of brethren, many of whom were now present. The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who was a host in himself, had done much for the ancient Order, and was always ready, whenever he was able, to come to Grand Lodge to preside over their meetings in Grand Lodge. The noble earl would have been present on that occasion, but he was away in the country, and was not able to attend. The Pro Grand Master was ably assisted by a nobleman who was to have presided over the brethren on the present occasion—the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom was always anxious to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, but his lordship had not been able to be present that night. He was a Provincial Grand Master of a very large province, and he was thoroughly up to all the work of Freemasonry. He need not say more about the Earl of Lathom, but he would go to the other Grand Officers. The Grand Officers were always anxious to promote the good of Freemasonry, both those who were Present Grand Officers and those who were Past Grand Officers. The Past Grand Officers had done the work faithfully and honestly, and to the satisfaction of the brethren at large. He was quite sure that the Present Grand Officers would do the same, and, fully conscious of that fact, he proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

Bro. Lord ALFRED CHURCHILL, J.G.W., in responding, said he had hoped that the arduous duty of responding to that toast would have devolved upon the Senior Grand Warden, Lord Alcester, but his lordship had not been able to stop to the banquet. It was an unfortunate circumstance for the brethren generally, more especially as he (Lord A. Churchill) had been called upon at so short a notice to respond. Nevertheless, it was with the greatest possible pleasure that he did respond, although it was difficult for him to reply in suitable terms. It was but a week ago he became aware he was to be a Grand Officer; he had not the slightest idea of it before he received a letter from the Grand Secretary that the Prince of Wales had selected him for the high and distinguished office. On behalf of himself and his colleagues, he begged to return his best thanks for the toast they had so kindly drunk.

The Earl of EUSTON, in proposing "The Chairman," said the toast was one which he was certain they would welcome most heartily, because Masons always welcomed a man who had proved himself one who throughout his life did everything with his heart and soul. When he mentioned the name of Sir Francis Burdett, the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, it needed no words to obtain from the brethren their hearty approval. All that Sir Francis Burdett had done during his long career of office, whether as a Past Grand Officer, or as Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, or in any other Degree in Freemasonry, the brethren knew he had done his work with the sincerest desire to perform his duty. Everything that Sir Francis Burdett had done he had done well, and therefore the brethren could not pass over a toast such as that without giving it their most hearty approval. Sir Francis Burdett had been connected with Masonry for very many years, and that evening they were very glad to find him presiding over them.

Bro. Sir F. BURDETT, in reply, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to find himself that evening among such a large number of very old Masons. He had been with them many years, and his being there that evening revived a great many old recollections—remembrances of times which he had spent among Freemasons in this part of England. It had been his lot during the last few years to be located in various parts of the country, but as far as he was able whenever he could come to this locality it was his wish to do all in his power to support the interests of Freemasonry in it. All the brethren were aware that his time was very much occupied in the country; but still at the same time he did not forget the many happy days he had spent in the Grand Hall of the Grand Lodge. He could not forget the many kindnesses he had received from members of lodges in the London district and from all the brethren he saw around him. He was now advancing in age, and he might not be able to go on much longer, but he could say this, that as long as he was able to struggle to do his duty he would always be willing to do what he could for the interests of Freemasonry. He was happy to be present that night because on many occasions he was obliged to be away. Still he hoped to live long enough to see many occasions of that sort. The brethren would perhaps allow him to trespass a little longer on their attention, because he wished to state that at the next Festival of the Girls' School he had consented to take the chair, and he felt very proud of having the opportunity of holding so distinguished a position. He looked upon the Girls' School as one of the most elegant and useful of all the Institutions that there were in the whole country. He had been associated with a great many institutions and schools, but he did not think there was one institution in the whole land which would come up to the Masonic Girls' School at Battersea-rise. It was one he was very proud of. He had long been associated with it; he was connected with it officially and personally, and it would afford him a great deal of pleasure to see it supported on the occasion of its festival by a great many friends. The festival would be held on the 20th May, and they hoped to see not only a very strong body of Stewards, but to see a subscription list which would be an honour to Freemasons, and show that they felt a deep interest in that Institution.

Bro. Sir H. A. ISAACS, P.J.G.W., Lord Mayor of London, proposed the next

toast—"The Provincial and District Grand Masters." He said in relation to the request that had been made to him to propose that toast he had asked himself a question why he had been requested to propose it. It could not be for his services as a Grand Officer, because, although he was a Past Grand Officer, he was invested only that evening, and it could not be because he was Lord Mayor of London, inasmuch as the Lord Mayor of London claimed no precedence in Grand Lodge by virtue of his office. But he took it that those who directed the proceedings on that occasion thought it an act of charity to give a man who had so little opportunity of addressing a public body as the Lord Mayor an opportunity of proposing a toast. (Laughter.) He could only assure the brethren that he appreciated the Masonic feeling which had prompted the suggestion. Here he was, entrusted with the duty of proposing the health of the R.W. the District Grand Masters and the Provincial Grand Masters, and he need scarcely tell the brethren that, while they had one square in Freemasonry, they had many circles, and that the points of attraction were the centres of those particular circles, the circles being the provinces and districts that the R.W. the Provincial and District Grand Masters governed. He would ask the brethren to associate with that toast the name of the R.W. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, who had occupied that distinguished position for no less than thirteen years. By right that toast should have been responded to by Bro. the Earl of Euston but he apprehended that the same Masonic consideration which suggested that he (the Lord Mayor) should have the privilege of proposing that toast, suggested to Lord Euston that he should not rise twice, but that he should give a young brother in Masonry the opportunity of making a speech. (Laughter.) As an old Mason, although a young Grand Officer, he liked to take advantage of an opportunity when it presented itself, and he asked if he might take advantage of that opportunity to express his regret to the members of Grand Lodge generally, and to such of his brethren who were assembled on that occasion to assist him when he was to have presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, that he was not able to be present when the Festival was held. Before that Festival was held he had for some months looked forward with great pleasure to occupying the position of Chairman. He now thanked Lord Euston most heartily for the truly fraternal feeling which he exhibited, when at the shortest possible moment he undertook the duties of Chairman, which would have been much less ably performed by him (the Lord Mayor). The duties of Chairman were performed most ably by Lord Euston, and to the perfect satisfaction of all those who attended the Festival. He asked Lord Euston to accept on that occasion his heartiest thanks for the kindness with which he performed the duties of Chairman, and he could assure his lordship that if on any occasion he should be temporarily prevented from being in his place, he (the Lord Mayor) would, however poorly, be prepared to do for him that which he so kindly and so effectually did for him (the Lord Mayor). To return to the toast he had to propose, he might say that all the brethren were deeply indebted to those brethren who were included in the toast.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, P.D.G.M. Bengal, replying, said although he had been referred to by the Lord Mayor as a young Mason, he was afraid he was now becoming an old Mason. If he was a young Mason he might claim to have some diffidence; and he felt some kind of diffidence after the admirable terms in which the toast had been proposed by the Chief Magistrate of the City of London. He would not enter into any details so late in the evening as to the duties which fell upon the Provincial and District Grand Masters, but would simply go upon the old saying that they had attempted to do their duties, and hoped that those who came after them would look back upon them with some little kind feeling of affection, and say that they had done their duty to the best of their ability, although their successors must try to exceed them in their performance.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said that in an assembly like that the toast of the Masonic Charities was emphatically the toast of the evening. All Masons knew that Masonry without the grand profession of Charity would be but a very poor thing, comparatively speaking. It was one of the grand dicta laid down by the Prince of Wales when he was installed for the first time as Grand Master in 1875, that Loyalty and Charity were the two grand words by which Masons were always to be governed. He would ask the brethren to drink to the Masonic Charities, and would refer them to that which, after all, was one of the greatest things by which they were able to impress on those outside the Order when they came to them from time to time and said, "What is it you Masons profess to follow and believe in?" They could point them to those magnificent Charities of Freemasonry and say there, at all events, you could see something of their work. He wished to say one word with respect to the magnificent success which attended the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he would hope also that a similar success might attend the Girls' Festival. Over the Festival of the Girls' School he himself had the honour to preside only last year, and he would also hope that a great Masonic success might attend the Festival of the Boys' School. They all knew that during the past few months there had been somewhat of a cloud over that Institution, but he hoped and believed that the Masons of England would rally round their grand Charities, and would never allow the Boys' School in any way or shape to suffer because certain occurrences had taken place. The present was neither the time nor the place to say a word about that, and therefore he hoped that every Mason would deem it his duty to be in his place and not make any difference in his support to the Boys' School. It was always the custom on those occasions to couple with that toast the name of the brother who was Secretary of the Institution the festival of which would take place nearest to that meeting, and therefore he should ask Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, to respond to that toast. He might inform the brethren that at the last Cambridge examination 18 candidates were sent up from the Girls' School for the most difficult examination. Every one of those candidates passed that examination. Ten of those candidates passed it with honours, and four were especially commended. He believed that was actually without precedent in any school in England, and he might say that all the brethren ought to be proud of their Charities and wish them success. Not only should they wish them every success—they could all do that—but what he wanted them to do was to put their wishes into practice. It was all very well when they saw a man down to say, "Well, my good fellow, I am very sorry to see you in that position;" but, practically, to show that they were sorry he was in that position they should help as much as they could. Apply that to the Charities of the Order. He would say help those Institutions as much as they could.

Bro. HEDGES, Secretary of the Girls' School, responded, and while thanking the brethren for what they had done in the past, trusted that they would not relax in their efforts on behalf of the Masonic Institutions in the future.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. RANDALL, G. Chap., proposed "The Grand Stewards." He said that why it was reserved for a parson to propose the toast he could hardly understand, except that in the Craft parsons were supposed to be connected with the loaves and fishes. It had been his good fortune for 46 years to be connected with Masonry and with Stewards in various lodges, and therefore he spoke from a very long experience when he said he thought Grand Lodge of England would be a very flat affair if it were not for the excellent conduct of the Grand Stewards. Most heartily, therefore, did he propose their health, and he was quite sure the company present had felt the benefit of having Grand Stewards. The company gave evidence of it, and it was so always in their Masonic meetings. With very many outsiders and, he was afraid, with some good ladies, such as those who were now occupying the gallery, Masons were supposed to have nothing whatever to do but to indulge in those festival gatherings in which the Stewards took so large a part. He only hoped they had extended their good offices to the ladies in the gallery, and that the ladies when looking on with longing eyes on the good fare of the brethren below

were not forgotten. He had no doubt the Stewards had taken good care of the ladies. He never feared the taunts that were uttered against Masons with regard to the Fourth Degree. He had never known the Stewards to fail in their duties. He felt deeply grateful to the Stewards, and he felt also deeply grateful for having been admitted to Freemasonry. He had heard a good deal of its advantages from men of different views in politics and different walks in life, and he felt that no man, whether as a statesman or as a professor of religion, could ever express the great benefit that Freemasonry had done to the world at large or in our own country. They all owed a debt to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, who had given a great impetus to Freemasonry by becoming Grand Master of English Freemasons, and extending the influence of the great Order throughout the world. It was his (Dr. Randall's) privilege to be initiated in a lodge to which his (the Grand Master's) Royal father gave his own autograph that they should call it by his name, and he promised that when he became a Mason he would enter it through that lodge. However, he never did become a Mason, but they found that three of his sons had become eminent Masons, and had done not only honour to the Craft, but a greater honour to themselves in becoming Masons. The Grand Stewards had a very arduous duty to perform, but he felt he need only refer to the transactions of that one night in Grand Lodge for the toast to be commended to the most hearty reception of the brethren. He wished to say one word with regard to the Charities. He hoped that on the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School there would be gathered together a large number of brethren to promote the interests of that noble Institution.

Bro. REID TAYLOR, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, responded, and expressed the regret of the President that he was not able to be present. He added that the great burden of the work of the Grand Stewards fell upon the Honorary Secretary, and Bro. Arthur Ball, who had performed the duties of Honorary Secretary, had performed those duties in a most exemplary manner.

The brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a grand concert took place, under the direction of Bro. Michael Maybrick, Past Grand Organist, the artistes being Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Alice Gomez, Mdle. Antoinette Trebelli, and Bros. Hodges, Frost, Fryer, Hanson, De Lacy, and Shipley, and Mr. Durward Lely, M. Hollman, and Signor Foli. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., presided at the piano.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Lord ALCESTER is best known to the public at large as a naval officer of great distinction, who, having rendered signal services afloat in the second Burmese War and on other occasions, was in command of the Mediterranean Fleet when it bombarded Alexandria in 1882, and otherwise assisted the Khedive in putting down the revolt of Arabi Pasha. The very fact, however, of his lordship having been so frequently engaged in his naval duties has prevented him from distinguishing himself, as otherwise he doubtless would have done, in the quieter sphere of Masonry, and we have but little to record of him beyond the fact of his having been initiated in the year 1879.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Lord ALFRED CHURCHILL, a younger brother of the late Bro. the Duke of Marlborough and uncle of Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., both of whom were members of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, was initiated in No. 37 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in 1847-8. He joined the Lodge of Equality, No. 1145, Accrington, in 1880, and was elected and installed W.M. in 1882.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. ISAACS, Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, on whom the M.W.G. Master has been pleased to confer the brevet rank of J.G. Warden of England, was initiated, in 1853, in the Lodge of Israel, and became Junior Warden in 1855, and W.M. 1856. He founded the Benevolent Fund for the lodge, which soon accumulated upwards of £1000. In commemoration of this the lodge commissioned Mr. Solomon, R.A., to paint his portrait (life-size) for the lodge room, where it now is. He served Stewardships for the Boys' and Girls' Institutions in the same year. He was Lecture Master of the Lodge of Prosperity in 1857, and was presented with a service of plate and a jewel by its members upon his retirement. He was appointed Prov. Grand Organist Herts, 1858. Subsequently he was elected W.M. of the Lodge of Tranquillity, and, having served the various Royal Arch offices, was elected M.E.Z. in the Joppa Chapter. Last year he was appointed S.W. and early this year was elected W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, the installation ceremony connected with which was, by special dispensation of the M.W.G.M., performed in the Old Ball Room of the Mansion House.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. E. R. CURRIE, Dean of Battle, was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester, on the 18th July, 1882, and later in the same year joined the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle, Sussex, having the good fortune of being elected its W.M. in 1885. In 1887 he joined the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Brighton. He served the office of Provincial Grand Chaplain in the years 1883, 1884, 1885, 1888, and 1889. He was exalted in 1884 in the Chapter of Emulation, No. 40, Hastings. In the Mark Degree he served as Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1884, and is a member of the Albion Chapter of Rose Croix, at St. Leonard's, and ranking as No. 54 on the roll of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Lastly, in 1885, he served the office of Steward, and qualified as Life-Governor of the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. the Rev. WILLIAM RANDALL, D.D., is a Mason of very long standing, having been initiated in Lodge No. 100 on the roll of Grand Lodge of Ireland as far back as 1844. Thirty years later he joined the Lodge of Light, No. 468, Birmingham, and the following year was elected its W.M. In 1876 he joined the St. James's, No. 482, Handsworth, in the Province of Staffordshire, and in 1885 was for the second time placed in the chair of K.S. He was also in 1876 one of the founders and first acting P.M. of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1644, Birmingham, so that it is not surprising we should find him appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Warwickshire in 1875, and to the same office in the adjoining Province of Staffordshire in 1879. At the present time he is the S.G.W. of the latter province. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 43, Birmingham, and was elected and re-elected M.E.Z. in 1878 and 1883. He is also a member of the St James's Chapter, No. 482, Handsworth, and here also has twice filled the chair of Z., namely, in 1878 and 1879. In the Mark Degree he was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge in 1882, and was appointed Deputy Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire in 1885. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a Past M.W.S. of the Vernon Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 5, Birmingham. As regards our Charitable Institutions, he has been an efficient supporter of the three, having been a Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 15 years, and having acted as Steward twice for the Girls' School, and three times for the Boys' School, in addition to qualifying as Life-Governor of them both.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, who, as the only candidate nominated for election to the Grand Treasurership in December last, was duly elected at the March Quarterly

Communication, was initiated under the Scotch Constitutions some years ago, but his fame dates from the constitution of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, the meetings of which he allowed to be held within the walls of Old Drury, and which is undoubtedly one of the most successful lodges of our day. Bro. Harris was its first S.W. and the second W.M., the first having been the Earl of Lonsborough, a recognised patron of the arts and literature, while the third was Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C. Bro. Harris has also joined other branches of Masonry. He has been exalted to the Royal Arch in the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59, is a Mark Mason, E. Preceptor of the Bard of Avon and Drury Lane Preceptory, K.T., and Sword Bearer in Great Priory, member of the Rose and Lily Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 97, Ancient and Accepted Rite, W.M. of the Steward Council, No. 16, Allied Masonic Degrees, and a Life Governor of all our Institutions, as well as Steward at one of the Girls' School Festivals and for the R.M.B.I.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Sir GEORGE DAVID HARRIS has also enjoyed a long acquaintance with Freemasonry, and at the same time has acquitted himself most meritoriously in the various bodies with which he has been connected. He started in 1851, when he was initiated in the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 649—now No. 443—New Providence, Bahamas, and in 1853 had the honour of being elected its W.M. In 1885 he joined the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, meeting in Golden-square, and was its W.M. last year, when he became a joining member of the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, Taplow, Bucks, and the Friends in Council, No. 1383. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Royal Victoria, No. 649—now No. 443—in 1853, and having a few years since joined the Friends in Council Chapter, was elected to fill the chair of First Principal in 1888. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 45, and has taken the 30°. Last year he served the office of Steward, and made himself Vice-President of the two Schools, while in February last he acted in the same capacity at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., and qualified as Vice-President. On one who has seen so much service, and done so much in aid of our Institutions, the honour of a Grand Deaconship is worthily conferred.

BRO. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND well deserves the honour of the much-coveted purple. Indeed, there are few brethren who appear to have been more closely and continuously engaged in various Masonic pursuits during the last 20 years, the chief scene of his labours having been the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He was initiated in 1867, in the Ryde Lodge, No. 698, Ryde, and is a P.M. of it, as well as of the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, Sandown, Isle of Wight, and the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1090, Portsmouth. In 1873 he was appointed Prov. Grand Registrar, and in 1886 was advanced to the still higher office of Prov. S.G.W. He was exalted in 1871, in the Phoenix Chapter, of which he is a P.Z., as well as of the East Medina Chapter, No. 175, Ryde, and having been Prov. G. Scribe N. in 1878, was appointed Prov. Grand Third Principal in 1887. He is a Past Master of the St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 63, Southampton, was founder and first W.M. of the William Hickman Mark Lodge, No. 320, Sandown, was appointed Prov. S.G.W. in 1883, having previously held the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer from 1879 to 1882, and in 1885 received the still more responsible honour of being chosen as Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Hants and Isle of Wight. But his services have been by no means confined to Constitutional and Mark Masonry. For instance, he is a Knight Templar and Sub-Prior of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight; in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he is a P.M.W.S. of the Vectis Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 99, Ryde, and has taken the 31°. In the Allied Masonic Degrees he is P.M. of the Metropolitan Council, and in the Royal and Select Masters T.I.M. of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, and doubtless, if we had time to carry further our researches, we should find the above represent by no means all the chief distinctions which Bro. Loveland has from time to time had the satisfaction of receiving during the 20 years and upwards in which he has been a member of our Society. We must not, however, omit to mention that he has qualified as a Life Governor of all our three Charitable Institutions, and has served one Stewardship for the Boys' School, one for the Girls' School, and three for the R.M.B.I., and that at the same time he has taken an active part in promoting the success of the Educational and Benevolent Masonic Association which was started in his province three or four years ago, and which has already succeeded in establishing itself on a pretty firm footing.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Sir J. SOMERS VINE, F.R.G.S., &c., made his *début* as a Freemason under the auspices of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, in which he was initiated in 1873. The next year he joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and the Domatic, No. 177, and in 1875 the Alexandra Palace. He likewise joined the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, and served the office of J.W., while in 1886 he took part in founding the highly popular Savage Club Lodge, of which he has since filled the Master's chair. He has served no Stewardships for our Institutions, his time being fully occupied with his duties in connection with the Imperial Institute. He has, however, at different times and in different ways subscribed generously towards their support and maintenance.

BRO. W. F. SMITHSON, whose name is prominently known in the Province of West Yorkshire and in London Masonic circles likewise, has been a member of our Society for close on 23 years, having been initiated in the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate, in 1867 and in 1872 had the satisfaction of being elected to preside over it as W.M. In 1868 he took part in the formation of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds, and became its W.M. in 1888, while in 1885, he assisted in establishing the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, of which two years later he was installed W.M. In 1869 he was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds, and gradually rose to be M.E.Z. in 1875. As regards Provincial honours, he is a P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire, and P.A.G.D. of C. (Arch.). He is the Secretary of the Masonic Charity Organisation of his province, and in that capacity has done signal service in promoting the success of the candidates for the different Charities, and in raising contributions towards their support. He has served at different times no less than 13 different Stewardships in their behalf, namely, for the Boys' School in 1880, 1883, 1887, and 1889; for the Girls' School in 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884, and 1888; and for the Benevolent Institution in 1881, 1887, 1889, and 1890. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and a Vice-President of the other two Institutions. Lastly, it is to Bro. Smithson that we are indebted for the working out of the scheme which has been adopted for providing Bro. Binckes with an honorarium on his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Boys' School, and the honour he has just received is a just recognition of these many, varied, and important services.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

BRO. CHARLES BARRY, who succeeds Bro. Col. R. W. Edis as G. Superintendent of Works, was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, in 1877, and having represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1885, he became the year following its W.M. In 1882 he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and has taken the Rose Croix Degree, No. 18 in the Ancient and Accepted Rite system, in the celebrated Baldwyn Chapter of Rose Croix. He has served as Steward for all our Institutions, and has contributed to their funds either as annual or Life-Subscriber.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

BRO. SHERIFF HARRIS had the honour of being introduced into Freemasonry under the wing of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, the year of his initiation being 1877, and after passing with credit through the minor offices he was elected to fill the Master's chair in 1882. In 1885 he joined the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, a Red Apron Lodge, on the roll of whose members his name is still borne. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted to that Degree in the chapter attached to his mother lodge, No. 857, and bearing the same name. He served as Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and has constituted himself a Life Governor of all three Charities. Bro. Harris, who is for this year filling the high office of Sheriff of London, is exceedingly popular among his many friends.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

BRO. W. G. LEMON is another instance of a brother having sought and won distinction in nearly every branch or offshoot of Freemasonry into which it was possible to obtain admission. He began his career in 1867, when he was initiated in the Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165, and ultimately won his way through the main offices to its chair in 1874. He is also a founder and P.M. of the Ravensbourne, No. 1601, and was a member of the Saye and Sele, No. 1973, and University of London, No. 2033. He was exalted in the Union Chapter, No. 414, Reading, and elected M.E.Z. in 1876. While in the Mark Degree he was W.M. of the Bon Accord Lodge in 1886, and is the present S.G. Overseer in the Mark Grand Lodge. He is also a Past M.W.S. of the Invicta Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 10, and has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is Grand Historiographer in the Grand Imperial Council of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, Torchbearer in the Patriarchal Council, K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist, and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor. Lastly, he has done good service to our Institutions, being a Life-Governor, and having served two Stewardships for the Girls' School, a Life-Governor and having acted once as Steward for the Boys' School, and a Life-Governor and once Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. These services fully merit the reward which has been bestowed upon them.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

BRO. T. BOWMAN WHYTEHEAD well deserves to be enrolled among the Grand Officers of England. There are many who have been active members of the Craft a longer period than he, but there are few who have taken a kindlier interest in its duties, and fewer still who have exhibited anything like the same aptitude for studying the more abstruse of our mysteries or the same success in mastering their difficulties. Having been initiated in the year 1872 he settled some time after in the ancient city of York, the earliest known home of Masonry in England, where he has continued to reside ever since, and in 1874 was accepted as a joining member of the York Lodge, No. 236, then known as the Lodge of Union. In 1876 he assisted in founding the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, meeting in the same city, while subsequent to this he joined the Lodge of Agricola, No. 1991, York, in 1883, the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, in 1886, and other lodges. He has more than once occupied the chair of W.M., notably in the Eboracum, in 1887, and in consideration of his services in Craft Masonry, has had the collar of a Prov. Grand Warden of his Province of North and East Yorkshire conferred upon him. In Royal Arch Masonry his part has been almost as conspicuous. He was exalted in the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, in 1874, and is a joining member of Eboracum, No. 1611; he has filled the chair of M.E.Z. in both chapters, and in 1885 was appointed Prov. G.H. But this is far from representing the full extent of his labours. He was made a Past Grand M.O. in the Mark Grand Lodge in 1881, has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is Past M.W.S. and Recorder of the Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 23, York, and Deputy P.G.M. for Yorkshire of the Royal Order of Scotland, while in the Rosicrucian Society he is Chief Adept, and Hon. 9° of the York College, and a member of the High Council. The articles and essays he has from time to time written in connection with Freemasonry have also had the effect of materially enhancing his fame, while as regards the work he has done for our Charitable Institutions, he is a Life-Governor and has served two Stewardships for the Boys' School, a Life Subscriber and Steward for the Girls' School, and Life Governor and Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We may venture to assert that there is no branch or offshoot of Freemasonry with which Bro. Whythead has been associated which has not been bettered in some way or other by his connection, and we trust he may enjoy for many years the honours he has so well won, and the respect in which he has been held everywhere during the whole of his long and useful career.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

BRO. R. JOYNES EMMERSON hails from the Province of Kent, in which his claims to distinction have been frequently recognised, and the many and great services he has rendered to Freemasonry and its Institutions are most warmly appreciated. He was initiated more than 20 years ago in the Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 1206, and is a Past Master of it, as well as a Past Prov. J.G.W. of Kent. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Wellington Chapter, No. 784, Deal, was M.E.Z. in 1877 and 1882, and in 1880 was invested as Prov. G.J. In the Mark Degree he has won still higher distinction, having been appointed Grand M.O. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in 1887. In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters he was in February of last year appointed and invested as Grand Principal C. of W.; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, of which he is likewise a member, he has taken the 31°, and is Past M.W.S. of the Ethelbert Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 82, Canterbury. As for our Charitable Institutions, he has missed few opportunities of helping them during the latter years, having not only made himself Vice-President of all three, but having likewise served not far short of 25 Stewardships, namely, eight Stewardships for the Girls' School, seven for the Boys' School, and nine for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. These undoubtedly constitute a formidable array of claims to Grand Lodge honours, and we warmly congratulate Bro. Emmerson on his merits having been so considerably recognised.

BRO. R. CLAY SUDLOW is known far and wide as one of the most capable instructors in the ritual of Masonry in connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and considering the valuable services he must have rendered in imparting to others the knowledge necessary to constitute a good working Mason, none will envy him the honour he has just received. He was initiated in 1877 in the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon. He joined the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, in 1881, and was elected and re-elected W.M. in 1885 and 1886, and in 1882 was founder and first W.M. of the Eastes No. 1965, Bromley, Kent, and for his services in connection with this lodge was appointed Prov. S.G.W. Kent. In 1883 he was exalted in the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Hampton Court, and was elected M.E.Z. in 1886, being in the course of the same year invested as Prov. G. Scribe N., while last year he was accepted as a joining member of the Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28. He has been advanced to the Mark Degree, and is on the point of being elected to the chair in Hiram Lodge, No. 13. He has served four Stewardships, one each for the Boys' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and two for the Girls' School, and has qualified as a Life-Governor of all three Institutions.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. MEYER LUTZ, like the majority of those who have adopted his profession, sought admission into the ranks of the Freemasons through the portals of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, the year of his introduction being 1874, and the year in which he was installed as Worshipful Master 1881. In 1886 he joined that highly distinguished lodge, the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Asaph Chapter; a member of the Orpheus Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 79, on the roll of the Antient and Accepted Rite; and an Annual Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. DAVID D. MERCER, promoted from Assistant Grand Pursuivant, whose Masonic services we described at some length in our account of the new Grand Officers for 1889.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. S. VALLENTINE is a veteran brother of considerable repute who has occasionally made known his past experiences in Masonry through the medium of the Masonic Press. He was initiated in the Albion Lodge, No. 9, in the year 1849, and, working his way rapidly upward, had the satisfaction of being elected to preside over the lodge in 1853. During the last few years his interest in the proceedings of our Craft appears to have been re-awakened, and in 1884 we find him elected a joining member of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, and the year following of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706. Three years later he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, and last year, on the transfer of the old No. 9 Chapter, to be attached to another lodge, and the foundation of a new chapter connected with the Albion Lodge and bearing its name, Comp. Vallentine was installed in the chair of First Principal. He has served once as Festival Steward for our two Masonic Schools, and has qualified as Life Governor of them both. We trust Bro. Vallentine may live to enjoy his Masonic honours for many years.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

QUARTERLY COURT.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, was voted to the chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the January Court,

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., said he thought the meeting ought not to proceed to further business without previous reference to the death of their old friend, Bro. John Anthony Rucker. For many years past no one had been a more prominent supporter of the School, and no one was more generally known, beloved, and respected than Bro. Rucker. His death would leave a gap in Masonry which would not be easily filled up. As far as the Girls' School was concerned, he had been an active member of the House Committee, and he had been Trustee of the Institution. At the School he was looked upon with the greatest affection. He had seen in the course of many years not only all the children educated in the Institution, but by far the larger part of the Governesses. The present Matron was the leader of the calisthenics when Bro. Rucker first joined the House Committee 18 years ago. With such a brother, who had no enemies in the world, they ought not to part on this occasion without some notice of his decease and his works. He therefore hoped that a vote of condolence with the deceased brother's family would be moved.

The minutes were then confirmed.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Chairman, next said that he fully sympathised with the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Frank Richardson. No Mason was more beloved than their good friend the late Bro. J. A. Rucker. He (Bro. Smith) had known him for a great many years, and he was known and respected by every one. With a charming manner, a disposition which all might envy, he was ever ready to assist this Institution. He had now passed away, and it would be most agreeable to the feelings of all Masons that they should carry a vote of condolence with Bro. Rucker's family in the terms which Bro. Richardson so well and ably put. Therefore, he would now move that a vote of condolence be conveyed to the family of the late Bro. Rucker, expressing the great regret of this Court at his death.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the motion.

The motion was put, and carried *nem. con.*

The minutes of the Special Court of the 11th April were read, authorising the conclusion of the agreement with the Brighton Railway, and recording the deep sense entertained by the Court of the admirable and successful manner in which the best interests of the Institution had been advocated and maintained by Bro. Frank Richardson throughout this very important business.

These minutes were verified.

Bro. VASSAR-SMITH, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, proposed Bro. Henry Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, as Treasurer of the Institution. The Province of West Yorkshire had been large subscribers to the Charity, and many members of the province had taken great interest in the Institution, and no one had taken greater interest in it than Bro. Henry Smith.

Bro. FRANK SPAULL seconded.

Bro. C. SHEPPARD proposed the re-election of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer.

Bro. GEORGE BOLTON seconded.

On being put to the vote Bro. Smith was declared duly elected.

Bro. HENRY SMITH said he was taken completely by surprise. Bro. Vassar-Smith was well calculated to be a Freemason for the excellent manner in which he had kept the secret. Until Bro. Vassar-Smith rose, he (Bro. Henry Smith) did not know that any one had any thought of proposing him as Treasurer. It would have given him great pleasure to support Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, but he could not, on account of the honour done to the Province of West Yorkshire, refuse to accept the office.

The following brethren were elected the General Committee: Bros. E. J. Anning, E. Almack, J. W. Berrie, C. H. W. Biggs, J. J. Coney, Col. Wolseley-Cox, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrill, R. C. Green, J. R. Harnell, H. Nicholls, and F. W. Smith.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. Col. PERKINS, it was resolved that the temporary vacancy caused by the absence of Ida E. Strathearn through ill-health be filled at the forthcoming election, making 22 vacancies in all. The girl mentioned, when in the School, had spent the greater part of her time in the infirmary; consequently, there was a vacant bed. Since Christmas she had not been back on account of her illness, and the House Committee thought that steps should be taken to have the bed filled up. He understood she would be withdrawn from the School, and that a petition would be lodged on behalf of a younger sister. It was a very great loss that while so many were knocking at the door for admission a bed should be vacant.

Bro. HENRY SMITH said he knew it was a very popular thing to increase the number of girls in the School if it could be done judiciously.

Scrutineers of votes for the election were then chosen.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said, with respect to the agreement with the Brighton

Railway, if the brethren would like to see the details of it, he would be happy to show the plans and give explanations.

Bro. COUSENS (Lincoln), with reference to the subscriptions for the memorial windows, said it was understood that the £13 subscribed by provinces for placing a memorial window in the hall of the School would not be allowed to be put on the Stewards' lists. He would suggest that it should be allowed to go on the list, but not to carry a vote.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON said the subject had been discussed, and it was thought unwise to put the money on the list.

Bro. COUSENS could not see any objection to the money being put on the list, if it was to carry no votes.

Bro. HAMMERTON said it would be for the Court to decide, and he thought it would be well that it should decide.

Bro. HY. SMITH said he did not see any objection to the proposition.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON took the same view.

Bro. RUSSELL, Prov. G. Treasurer Kent, saw some objection, although it was a trifling one. The funds that went on the lists were supposed to go for education. This subscription of £13 did not go for education. If the proposition was agreed to the money would be muddled up. It would be much better to leave it alone. Education and ornamentation should be kept separate.

Bro. RICHARDSON said it would not appear in the accounts for education; there would be a separate account—so much for the purposes of the Institution, so much for the windows.

Bro. RUSSELL had no objection if the moneys were not mixed up.

Bro. HARVEY saw no objection to the money being put on the Stewards' lists.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., could not see what good end would be served. The money had nothing to do with the education of the children.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, said he listened always with great respect to the remarks of the brethren; but he thought if the money appeared on the lists it would act as an incentive to the promises to subscribe.

Bro. JAMES BRETT observed that the provinces did not require any incentive; they worked very hard for the Institutions.

Bro. COUSENS' proposition was put and lost.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, F.G.T., for his services as Treasurer of the Institution was then carried unanimously, on the motion of Bro. HAMMERTON, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT.

The election of 22 out of a list of 43 candidates for admission to the School was afterwards proceeded with.

For list of names see advertisement columns.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

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

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th January to the 15th April, 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter	£239 12 0	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter	£329 15 6
Account	188 11 7	„ Balance	359 0 7
„ Subsequent Receipts...	443 16 1	„ „ Unappropriated	
		Account	183 3 7
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. John Paterson, as Z.; David Reece, as H.; Joseph Clifton Thompson, as J.; and 14 others for a chapter to be attached to the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, to be called the Sun and Sector Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Portland-square, Workington, Cumberland.

2nd. From Comps. Major James Tascher Ritchie, as Z.; William Alexander Weston, as H.; William Richard Arnold, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, London, to be called the Ubique Chapter, and to meet at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London.

3rd. From Comps. Samuel Hewett, as Z.; Simeon Jacobs, as H.; Frederick Kedge, as J.; and 16 others for a chapter to be attached to the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, London, to be called the Covent Garden Chapter, and to meet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials from the undermentioned chapters praying for charters of confirmation, the original charters being lost:

The Bective Chapter, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

The Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, London.

The Committee recommend that charters of confirmation be granted for the above-named chapters.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Devonshire Chapter, No. 625, Glossop, from the Norfolk Arms to the new Masonic Hall, Glossop.

The Canonbury Chapter, No. 657, London, from Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, to the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, in the City of London.

The Guy's Chapter, No. 395, Leamington, from the Crown Hotel, to the Masonic Rooms, Holly Walk, Leamington.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have further received the following appeal of Comp. Albert Walsh, P.Z. Chapter No. 711, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (E.D.), against a decision of the Grand Superintendent of the District, appointing Comp. Darley Hartley as District Second Grand Principal at the meeting of the District Grand Chapter in June, 1888, the said Comp. Darley Hartley not being then qualified for the office under Article 37, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee submit this appeal for the consideration of Grand Chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th April, 1890.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

“That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Comp. Robert Grey for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year.”

(Signed) L. GORDON ROBBINS.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

THE EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M., AND PROV. G.M. WEST LANCASHIRE.

The Right Hon. Edward Bootle-Wilbraham, first Earl of Lathom and second Baron Skelmersdale, was born 12th December, 1837, and while in his 16th year succeeded his grandfather as Lord Skelmersdale. A few years later, while a member of Christ Church, Oxford, and being still a minor, he was initiated in 1856 into the mysteries of Antient Free and Accepted Masonry in the famous Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and was appointed Prov. G. Steward of Oxfordshire the following year, among his Oxford contemporaries being Bros. the Rev. C. F. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, and D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.S.G.W. England, Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire; Sir E. Baldwin Malet, our present Ambassador at Berlin, the Hon. Auberon Herbert, brother of the Earl of Carnarvon, R. Jasper More, M.P., the Earl of Carnarvon, who had been initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge in 1856, and joined the Apollo Lodge in 1857, and the late Theodore Mansel Talbot, Provincial Grand Master South Wales, East Division. On leaving Oxford, Lord Skelmersdale appears to have joined the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, Ormskirk, and in 1862 was elected to the chair of W.M., having in the meantime been appointed Prov. S.G.D. West Lancashire, and Prov. S.G.W. in 1861, to which latter office he was re-appointed in 1862 and 1863. In 1863 the late Earl of Zetland, then M.W.G.M., conferred on his lordship the post of S.G.W. In 1867 he became Dep. P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and in 1872 received his patent of P.G.M., in succession to the late Bro. Sir Thomas J. Hesketh, Bt., his installation in that office being carried out with more than the customary pomp and circumstance on the 27th January, 1873, and in that of Grand Superintendent of the same province on the 5th April following. In 1872 he was founder and installed first W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, Liverpool, and on retiring from the chair was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in token of the many important

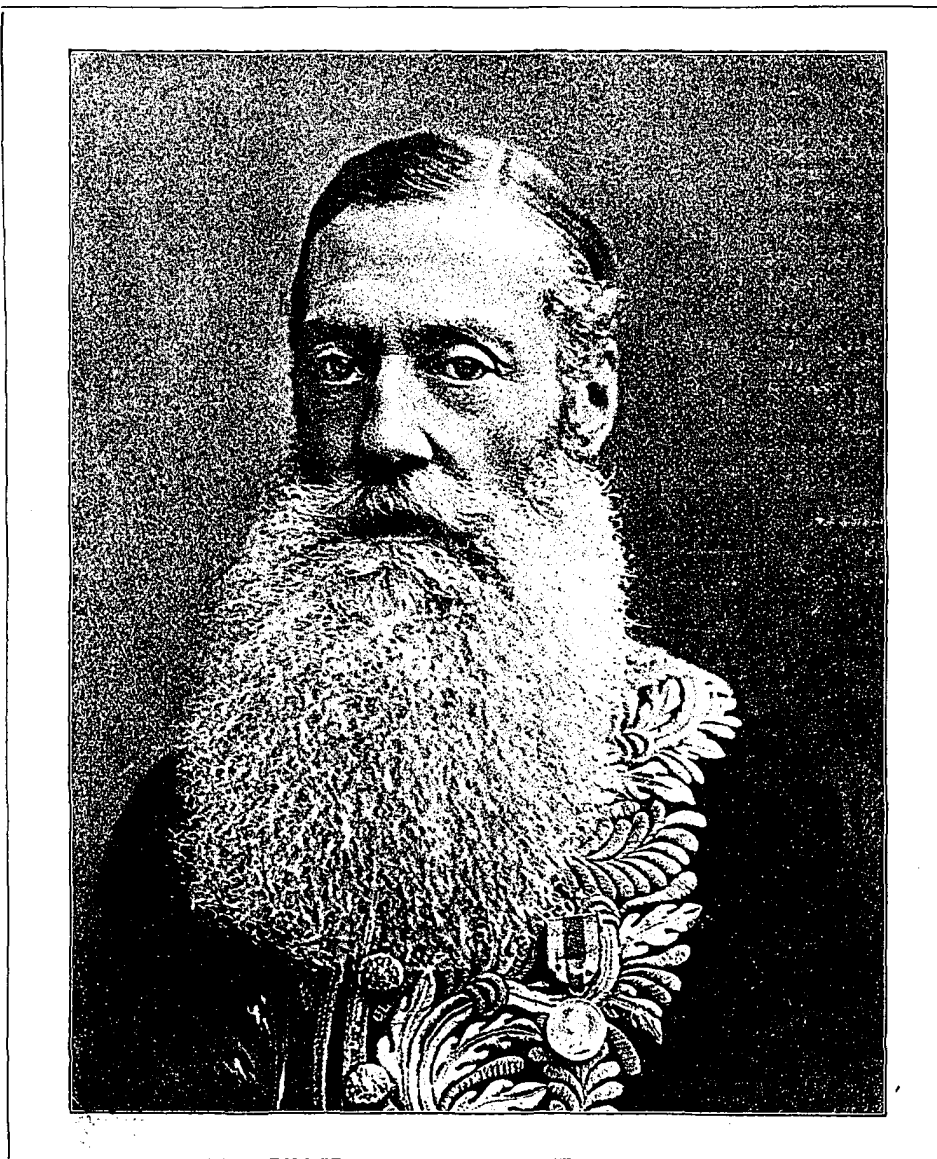
services he had rendered to the lodge during the most critical period of its existence. In the year of his installation as P.G.M. he signalled his appointment to that office by kindly undertaking the post of Chairman at the 85th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and had the satisfaction of hearing that the donations and subscriptions obtained on that occasion reached close on £7500. In 1875, on the installation of the Prince of Wales, firstly as M.W.G.M. in the Royal Albert Hall, and then as Grand Z. of Supreme Grand Chapter in Freemasons' Hall, his lordship was pleased to appoint Lord Skelmersdale to be his Deputy Grand Master in Craft Masonry and Grand H. in the Royal Arch Degree, and in both these exalted offices, which his lordship still continues to fill, he has made himself beloved by the Craft generally on account of his uniform kindness and geniality towards all he is brought in contact with, while he is esteemed and respected by reason of his strict and conscientious performance of his duty. In 1876 he succeeded the late Bro. W. Romaine Callender as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lancashire, and at the same time became Deputy Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge. It was also in this year that he presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when the proceeds were announced by Bro. Terry, the Secretary, as amounting to £9380. In 1880 he pre-

sided at the Boys' School Festival held at the Crystal Palace, when the proceeds amounted to £14,002.

In 1878 he was chosen to succeed the Earl of Limerick as M.W.G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and, after retaining the office for the usual term of three years, was followed by Lord Henniker. In the Order of the Temple he is Great Prior of England and a Knight Grand Cross, while in that of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine he is a Past Grand Viceroy and a Chief Intendant General unattached, as well as a Past Captain of the Guards of the Patriarchal Council of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist. He has been for many years M.P. Sovereign G. Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and an honorary member of the Studholme Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 67.

The occasions on which he has presided at the public ceremony of laying the foundation stone, or consecrating some new hall to the purposes of Freemasonry, or of performing a similar function in connection with buildings devoted to the use of the general public, are numerous, and would occupy too much space in recapitulating, but one of them deserves mention. We allude to his installation, in February, 1876, of the late Prince Leopold, afterwards created Duke of Albany, as Prov. G. Master of

Oxfordshire, the ceremony being performed in the Sheldonian Theatre in the presence of an unusually large gathering of members of the province and distinguished brethren from other parts of the country. He was also President of the Board of Stewards at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was held in the Royal Albert Hall, on Thursday, the 7th June, 1888, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who, in proposing the toast of "Prosperity to the Institution," did the Earl of Lathom the honour of associating with it his name; and, in replying, his lordship gave some interesting particulars relating to the School, and the amount of good it had been the means of achieving. As to the extent of the work that has been done during the 17 years he has presided over Craft and Arch Masonry in the Province of West Lancashire, and the progress by the several branches of Freemasonry in this division of the



THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M., PROV. G.M. WEST LANCASHIRE.

From a Photograph by the London Stereoscopic Co.

great North-Western County Palatine, we note first of all that the number of lodges which have been added to the roll of West Lancashire since 1873 is about 33, while the chapters muster some 40, as compared with some 24 at the close of 1872. But the subject on which he mostly prides himself—as we gather from the speech he made in the Royal Albert Hall at the Girls' Centenary—is the progress made by the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which was only in its early days when he was installed P.G.M., but which now is able to boast of a considerable income usefully employed in the education and advancement in life of a large number of children, the sons and daughters of indigent and deceased West Lancashire brethren, who, but for the help rendered them by this Charity, would have been but indifferently set up to enter, with any fair prospect of success, upon the great battle of life. This West Lancashire Institution, while doing the good we have referred to, has at the same time been able to accumulate a well invested capital of about £20,000. His lordship is also proud of the other two charitable organisations in his province—the Hamer and the Alpass Institutions—which render service to the decayed brother and brother's widow, as the Educational Institute does to the children of deceased and decayed brethren. These two organisations, though of much more recent creation,

are also in a condition of prosperity, such as fully justifies the pride taken in them by our West Lancashire brethren and their respected chief.

As regards our Central Charities, the two Schools and the Benevolent Institution, we have already mentioned that his lordship has acted with marked success as Chairman at one of each of their Festivals, and was President of the Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School—the senior Charity. It should, however, be added that his lordship has qualified as Vice-President of all three, and has served a Stewardship in the ordinary course for each of them, while in the case of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution he has for some years past held the office of Trustee.

As regards his public career, Lord Lathom has played an active part in the political world, having for a long term of years been the chief Conservative Whip in the House of Lords. During the Conservative Ministry of 1866—8 he was a Lord-in-Waiting, and from 1874—80 Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, while during the two administrations of the Marquis of Salisbury he has held the more important office of Lord Chamberlain. While at Oxford he was a prominent oarsman, and but for medical orders might have taken part in the annual contest on the Thames between the representative crews of Oxford and Cambridge. He is also a leading member of the Royal Agricultural Society, and has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of our most successful breeders of Shorthorn stock. In 1860 he married the Lady Alice Villiers, second daughter of the late Earl of Clarendon, K.G., there being issue of the marriage the Hon. Edward George, Lord Skelmersdale, who, like his father, was educated at Eton, and is in the Royal Horse Guards, and three other sons and four daughters. One of the sons, who was a young naval officer of great promise, having, to the deep sorrow of both his parents, died not so very long ago.

Thus briefly have we sketched the Masonic and general career of the Earl of Lathom, our respected D.G.M., and the Prov. G.M. of the large and influential Province of West Lancashire. We have not enumerated the whole details of his life, but we have said enough, however, to show that his lordship well deserves the honours that have been from time to time conferred upon him, and still more the esteem and respect in which he is held by all classes and conditions of men, and especially by his brother Masons throughout the whole country, in whose estimation he is regarded as one of the stoutest pillars of the Craft. In conclusion we can only express the hope that his lordship may be spared for many years, retaining full health and strength to continue in the performance of those duties, be they social, political, or Masonic, which have justly obtained for him so great a reputation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

QUARTERLY COURT.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., in the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren. After the minutes had been read and confirmed,

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary, said he was not sure that the communication he had now to make with very great regret ought not to take precedence of all other business. He had to announce the death of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., one of the trustees of the Institution, which took place on the 13th of April. That sad event left a vacancy in the trusteeship.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., then moved a vote of condolence with the widow of Bro. Stewart, and stated that that brother had always been most energetic, not only on behalf of this Institution, but of both the other Masonic Institutions.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL seconded the motion.

Bro. EVE said that for 30 years Bro. Stewart had been most strenuous in his efforts on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and it was with very great regret the brethren heard of his demise. Bro. Stewart was always a very useful member of the Order—one who had devoted a great deal of time on all occasions to the Institutions, and all the brethren must regret his loss.

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

Bro. BINCKES said it was in the province of the Court now to elect a trustee to fill the vacancy, or it might adjourn it to a future occasion. The law of the Institution on the subject said nothing about notice being given. He then read the law.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Dep. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, said he had much pleasure in proposing Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, as trustee in place of the late Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. A more suitable brother to take that position could not be found in the Craft.

Bro. S. G. HOMFRAY, D.P.G.M. for Monmouth, had much pleasure in seconding the motion. All the brethren knew what services to Masonry Bro. Beach had rendered, and how great was the interest he took in the Craft. Bro. Beach was a Mason in whom every member had the most complete confidence.

The motion was carried.

Bro. SPAULL had much pleasure in proposing Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., for re-election as Treasurer of the Institution. He did not think they could do better than re-elect their old friend, who had done such good service to the Institution.

Bro. J. S. EASTES, D.P.G.M. for Kent, seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were elected on the General Committee: Bros. Geo. Adamson, T. R. Barton, C. W. Bennett, W. B. Blackmur, John French, A. Gravatt, Charles Greenwood, Noah Martin, E. C. Massey, C. H. McKay, John Stock, and H. Wood.

Bro. W. MASTERS then brought forward the following motion on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Committee:

That a sum not exceeding £3000 be expended in erecting class rooms, and altering dining hall so that one kitchen may be sufficient for the whole establishment.

He said this question of class-rooms was mentioned in the report of the Investigation Committee, which stated that the class-rooms in use were very dark, and not at all suitable for the purpose to which they were applied. Very likely some of the brethren thought the Provisional Committee had been very much behind hand in not bringing the subject forward sooner. The Committee's only excuse was that, though they had been nine months in existence as a Provisional Committee, there had been so many things for them to look after in the appointment of a new Head Master and putting the School properly under him that they were obliged to defer some of the matters. That was the reason there had been so much apparent delay. The great question was whether the brethren thought the Committee ought in the present position of affairs to spend money in altering and extending the Boys' School. Six months ago a proposal was passed by the Quarterly Court that the sum of £2500 should be spent in erecting a swimming bath. That was a very popular proposal, and it was passed without any trouble. But when they tried to go further they found difficulties. It was of no use having a swimming bath unless they had water at a cheap rate to put into it. Therefore they found that for the bath to be of any service there would have to be a large expenditure for water, which would have to be changed twice a week. By rights, it ought to be changed three times a week. But they found that the charge of the New River Company would be very high. At the present moment the Committee had under consideration a scheme for finding water, if possible, on the Institution's own property, so as not to incur the cost of water from the New River Company. At present they paid £300 a year to that company for water, and it would be £600 a year if the New River Company supplied the water for the bath in addition. That would be too large a sum for them to expend. The bath had, therefore, not been proceeded with. The reason was that they had not the water. They were not going to proceed with the bath this year at all, or approach the spending of money in that way, and he thought the Court might simply leave the Committee to spend a sum not exceeding £3000 on the class-rooms and altering the dining hall, so that one kitchen might be sufficient for the whole establishment. They were not prepared at present to alter the kitchen arrangements. That must be left till after midsummer; but the cost of altering the class-rooms, including a short corridor connected with the existing building, would be about £2400, and the Committee thought that the other £600 would enable them to alter the dining room entrance and kitchen, so that they might save a large sum of money in the establishment charges, because they would be able to do without some of the servants. They wished to know what the brethren thought of these proposals. They were not afraid of the criticism; they rather wished it. If any of the brethren would take the trouble to go up to the School and see what the Provisional Committee had done and were doing and proposed to do, he thought they would say they were doing their best for the good of the Institution. He hoped if they left the Committee to build these class-rooms that possibly in less than 12 months from the present time they might admit 20, 30, 40, or perhaps 50 more boys into the School, and be able to teach, clothe, and feed them at the same cost as the School was now being maintained at.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, Deputy Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, seconded the motion, and said he wished it to be understood that the sum now asked was not to be added to the £2000 already sanctioned. That expenditure would come before the Court on a further occasion. If the brethren would look at the report of the Investigation Committee they would see that very great stress was laid on the fact of the class-rooms being so ill-adapted to the use of the boys. The boys suffered from complaints of eyesight, and many had to be sent to the infirmary. Certainly, the provision of adequate class-rooms seemed to be the very first consideration for a school. With regard to the alteration of the kitchen arrangements it was contemplated that a very considerable sum of money would be saved in the annual working expenditure by the proposed new arrangements.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN said that Bro. Hobbs, the architect of the alterations, was present, and if any brother wished him to explain the plans or would like to speak upon them, although such subject was not on the agenda paper, and although he did not think it concerned this meeting, yet, perhaps, the brethren might like to hear something about it.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, said he thought it very important if Bro. Hobbs had anything to say on the subject that he should say it now. All the brethren were very much interested in knowing that there appeared to be a prospect of a large saving on former expenditure. It was important, because it would enable them to put more boys into the School. On another point he wished to observe that the scheme propounded by the Provisional Management Committee for getting together a sum of £2500 to be paid to Bro. Binckes on his retirement from the office of Secretary should be actively taken up by the lodges in London and the provinces. There was no reason in the world why the money should not be forthcoming, and he thought it was rather a reflection on the brethren that the scheme had not been carried out at once. They evidently did not understand it. They must remember that those who gave quickly gave twice, and there would be a large saving of money if they adopted the scheme. Out of 75 lodges in West Yorkshire 74 had contributed something like £40 more than the province required. The West Yorkshire quota was £178 10s., and so pleased were the West Yorkshire brethren with the scheme that the lodges had paid £210. The money had been paid to the fund, and they intended to devote £25 to promoting the interests of the boys: £10 for their printing press; £10 for the carpenter's shop; and £5 for the games. He hoped the scheme would be carried out by the lodges in London and the provinces. He asked permission for Bro. Hobbs to explain the plans, if there was anything that required explanation.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said he should not call on Bro. Hobbs to explain the plans, as this business was not on the agenda paper; but he would put it to the Quarterly Court whether the members wished to say anything, or to hear any explanation of the plans from Bro. Hobbs, on the understanding that there was to be no controversy. Was it the view of the meeting that they should hear Bro. Hobbs? (General cries of "No.")

The Court then proceeded to elect 30 boys out of an approved list of 68 candidates.

For result see advertisement columns.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of APRIL, 1890, V.W. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, Patron of the Institution, in the chair. A Ballot took place for the election of 30 Boys from a list of 68 candidates; the following were declared as

SUCCESSFUL:

No. on Poll.	Name	Votes.
1	Thomas, L. A. L.	3254
2	Spain, W. A.	2847
3	Harrison, W. J.	2700
4	Pownall, H. C.	2639
5	Cooper, J. E. W.	2562
6	Coates, E. C.	2552
7	Thompson, H. H.	2517
8	Besly, J. F.	2510
9	Brown, A. T.	2487
10	Bartholomew, H. C.	2445
11	Andrews, W. M.	2422
12	Clarke, A. W.	2374
13	Wilkinson, G.	2337
14	Jarman, E. G.	2265
15	Pratt, S. C. R.	2251
16	Heyworth, H.	2219
17	Peters, C. W.	2185
18	Bloomfield, W. W.	2178
19	Leeming, C. J.	2120
20	Gilbee, E. S.	2114
21	Moore, B.	2095
22	Mountford, E. C. G.	2074
23	Tyson, P. R.	2067
24	Dickens, R. O.	2022
25	Whale, E. C.	2009
26	Burrows, H.	1978
27	Eastment, R. G.	1974
28	Stanley, H.	1946
29	Appleby, E. B. W.	1932
30	Brereton, H. W.	1905

Lists of Candidates (Successful and Unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office, No. 6, Freemasons' Hall.

Votes of Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in October next.

THE

NINETY-SECOND 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 Senior Grand Warden, P.M. No. 2012,
Vice-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.

25th 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,
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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C., on SATURDAY, APRIL, 26, 1890, HENRY SMITH, Esq., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. W. Yorks, Vice-Patron, Treasurer, in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 22 Girls into the Institution from a list of 43 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	Name	Votes.
1	14	Bohli, M. A.	3404
2	16	Wilson, A.	3341
3	24	May, A. F.	3267
4	17	Mountain, E. S.	3266
5	25	Gauntlett, F. L.	3201
6	18	Dale, A.	3172
7	29	Hall, A.	3164
8	34	Dutton, F. M.	3120
9	33	Hopkins, A.	3115
10	7	Fitzwater, H.	3014
11	3	Johnston, B.	3008
12	43	Hinings, M.	2993
13	31	Jacobs, C. M.	2977
14	10	Dixon, F. E. G.	2957
15	2	Boyd, E. M.	2934
16	40	Martin, E. L.	2925
17	1	Bingham, A. W.	2919
18	13	M'Cue, A. L.	2889
19	5	Lamplough, E.	2842
20	27	Simcock, L.	2814
21	35	Gillbee, D. R.	2807
22	37	Glenny, S. G.	2795

The number of Votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

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THE 102nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

of this Institution will take place

ON TUESDAY, THE 20th OF MAY NEXT,

under the Presidency of

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Bro. Col. JAMES PETERS, Patron, Trustee, P.G.S.B.,
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Bro. C. E. KEYSER, Vice-Patron, P.G.W. Herts.

Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards—

Bro. E. LUXMORE MARSHALL, P.M. 235.

Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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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.

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To Correspondents.

SCOTCHMAN.—You are clearly entitled to wear the levels on your apron in English lodges as a P.M. in the lodge.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT—

Staffordshire Knot Lodge.
St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074.
Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201.

INSTRUCTION—

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.
Clarence Lodge, No. 263.
Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.
Consecration of the Ermine Lodge, Staffordshire.
Consecration of the West Lancashire Century Lodge,
No. 2399.

Consecration of the Wigan Lodge.

Masonic lecture by Bro. Carson.

Masonic ball at Leinster.

Opening of a new Masonic Hall at Buckingham.



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The election on Saturday last of Bro. Henry Smith, Dep. G. Master of West Yorkshire, as Treasurer of the Institution for Girls, was in every way a good selection. It was a personal recognition of the services rendered to the Charities for a long series of years, and a fitting compliment to the great province he represents. The honour was unsought, and, indeed, came as a surprise to Bro. Smith, and we believe if he had been consulted in the matter he would have sincerely desired that the then occupant of the office should have remained, but it was thought that, notwithstanding the splendid services of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall for so many years, it was desirable, in pursuance of the custom in practice in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, that the personality should be changed now and again.

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It is fitting in this connection to accord to Bro. Marshall on his retirement the thanks of all supporters of the Institution for the many sacrifices he has made in its behalf, and for the truly philanthropic way in which he has so often used the large numbers of votes at his command to ensure the success of final applications which would otherwise have been shut out from the benefits of the Institution.

The closing meeting for the season of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, of which Bro. Clowes is W.M., took place at Brighton on Saturday last. The two M.P.'s were there as well as a contingent from London, which included the Grand Secretary. There was much work done, and at the subsequent banquet some excellent speech-making, a report of which must stand over till next week.

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A special Convent General of the Orders of the Temple and St. John is announced for Friday, the 9th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, when some very important resolutions are to be submitted to the members, chief among them being the proposals to reduce the fee for inception into the Order from £5 5s. to £3 3s., and to alter the clause requiring a service of two years as a Master Mason to a minimum service of 12 months. A meeting of the National Great Priory is to precede that of the Convent General.

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The Masonic lodges in the Province of Kincardine have unanimously recommended the appointment of Bro. Major Disney Innes, of Cowie, as Provincial Grand Master, in succession to the Earl of Kintore. It is expected that this recommendation will be cordially confirmed by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on 1st May.

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The Order of the Secret Monitor, under the fostering care of its zealous Grand Recorder, Bro. Spratling, appears to be enlarging its borders. A warrant for No. 19 Conclave, "The Watatra," at Pietermaritzburg, is about to be issued, and applications from other districts are pending.

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We reprint in another page the announcement we made last week in connection with the Boys' School Pension Indemnity Fund, with the additional subscriptions received during the week, the total now amounting to £839 3s. This amount does not, of course, include the sums voted by lodges but not yet remitted to Bro. Langton. It should be clearly understood that the Committee will be glad to receive contributions from lodges of smaller sums than £2 10s., that amount being only named as a reasonable average, based on a membership of 40.

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Still further satisfactory progress has been made in strengthening the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School, and the Board which, according to our report of last week, was 217, now numbers 236, the result of the week's work being represented by an addition of 19 Stewards.

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The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Bro. Joseph H. Hough, has entered on his 52nd year of secretarial duty. This is a long spell of work, such as it is given to but few to boast of.

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The Grand Lodge of Michigan, of which Bro. John S. Cross is the newly-elected Grand Master, at its recent communication, at Lansing, voted a sum of \$3000 (£600), as a donation to the Michigan Masonic Home. We heartily congratulate our Michigan brethren on the generous support thus afforded to a Masonic Charitable Institution.

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According to the *Canadian Craftsman*, Bro. J. G. Howard, of Toronto, whose death has occurred recently, offered to the Masonic Fraternity in that city, some years ago, a magnificent site, consisting of 20 acres of High Park overlooking the lake, for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Asylum and Home. The only condition to the offer was that the building should be commenced and the land fenced in within a year. The Masonic Fraternity did not avail themselves of the opportunity thus generously afforded them, and now the property could not be purchased for \$300,000 (£60,000) sterling.

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The increase in the number of Masonic Halls is a marked feature in modern Masonry. Without altogether admitting that the private meeting place is in every instance superior to the hotel or tavern, we think there can be no doubt that as a rule the interests of the Order are best served by the establishment of Masonic Halls in buildings more or less set apart for the purposes of Masonry. The latest addition is the Masonic Hall at Buckingham, which has been erected by the Mayor and present W.M. of No. 1787, and hired to that lodge at a nominal rental. The building is said to be admirably adapted to the purposes of the lodge, and a decided improvement to the town.

Correspondence.

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

THE OLD MASONIANS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

I desire to call your attention to the fact that this association, which is composed entirely of boys who have been educated at the Institution at Wood Green, will hold its fourth annual dinner at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Past G. Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Patron of the Institution, the President of the Association, has kindly consented to take the chair, and I feel sure that I can promise all a very pleasant and interesting evening.

I would point out that this will give many an opportunity, and, I trust, a gratifying one, of personally renewing acquaintance with those who in days gone by received, and still acknowledge their indebtedness for, the benefits of the Institution.

I shall be glad to forward tickets (5s., exclusive of wine) to any of your readers who would wish to be present.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

R. HAROLD WILLIAMS,

Hon. Sec.

7F, Oxford and Cambridge Mansions,
Hyde Park, W.



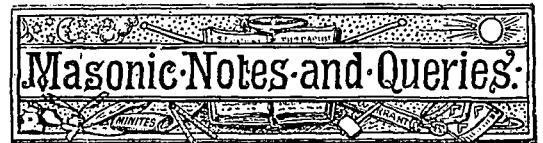
MASONIC CALENDAR FOR WEST LANCASHIRE.

Bro. W. Goodacre, the indefatigable and courteous Provincial Grand Secretary, has edited this very handy publication with his customary skill and thoroughness. West Lancashire is now the largest province in England, and, in fact, of the world, having 103 lodges on its roll and 6096 subscribing members. The last return of the latter exhibited 5751, so the province is still on the increase, the average *per lodge* being unusually large. The growth of lodges has not been at the expense of reducing the average in each, as will be noted from these figures, the average being 50 per cent. higher than in several provinces. East Lancashire has almost the same number of lodges, and was the first to have the 100th existing lodge chartered. Its membership, however, shows a much smaller average per lodge, the total being 4316 for 1888-9. Either of these provinces singly far exceeds in size that of many *Grand Lodges*, and, together, for the whole of Lancashire we have thus over 200 lodges and exceeding 10,000 subscribing members! These figures are surely startling, and reveal an amount of prosperity under the two Provincial Grand Masters (the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and Colonel Le Gendre Starkie) that prove not only the popularity of these two beloved rulers, but demonstrate how able must be the administration of Masonic affairs generally in that truly Masonic county. Bro. Goodacre supplies a list of all the Provincial Grand Officers from 1826 to 1889, thus including the whole of the period of the separate existence as a province of West Lancashire. The names of the officers and Past Masters, &c., of the several lodges, chapters, &c., are all duly detailed, and the days of meetings for all these bodies throughout the year are given in tables, which must have cost considerable patience and labour to compile. Bro. Goodacre has earned the hearty thanks of the brethren for this excellent guide, and he himself is a capital example of what an extent of work can be accomplished by systematic and well-directed efforts, as the trusted Prov. Grand Secretary. But West Lancashire is also the fore in relation to its magnificent local Charities—the largest and most varied of the kind anywhere. The *Honorary Secretaries* of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution (Bros. G. Broadbridge, J. Macnab, and T. H. N. Walker) report 221 children on the funds, several of whom are *being wholly maintained*. All the applicants—34 in number—were placed on the foundation. The Secretaries call attention to "the smallness of the working expenses." These are so small that we almost failed to find them, being a sum for "printing, stationery, and postage," and insurance. *Simply these and nothing more*, and the invested funds are over £20,000. The "Hamer" Benevolent Institution has 12 annuitants of £20 each on its funds, and about £3500 balance in its favour, and the "Alpass" Benevolent Institution has a similar sum in hand (invested, &c.), with nine annuitants on its funds. For the "Hamer" Fund Bros. H. H. Smith and A. J. J. Bamford are the Hon. Secretaries, and Bros. J. H. Barrow, R. Foote, and W. C. Erwin, kindly act in like manner for the "Alpass" Fund, the expenses of management being for pure necessities only.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR PROVINCE OF SOMERSETSHIRE, 1890-91.

The editor, Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, states that, "in compiling this ninth yearly issue, he has followed the lines of last year, but he would gladly receive any suggestions for alterations or improvements." It

would not be easy to ask for more matter when so much is given, and as respects arrangement it would be still more difficult to make any suggestions. We anticipate that his province will gratefully accept his efficient services as editor, without thinking about any possible improvements, feeling assured that all needful and desirable particulars are duly given in this indispensable for Somerset. Last year, a capital portrait of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M. of Somersetshire, was inserted as a frontispiece, and in this issue one of the respected Deputy Prov. G.M. appears, viz., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., who well deserves any compliment that can be paid him for his noble exertions on behalf of the Craft. There are 25 lodges, 10 R.A. chapters, nine Mark lodges, four K.T. preceptories, and four Rose Croix chapters, the names of all the officers, Past Masters, &c., being given, with many other particulars of especial value and interest to the local Fraternity. The charities are also duly detailed in relation to Somerset, and exhibit a total of 2992 votes, the number of members being 1144. This is a larger return, as respects votes, than ever before. Some 130 closely printed pages make up a wonderful compilation of most valuable facts creditable to the province; and all are well digested and arranged by the editor.



889] OLD MASONIC JUGS.

Bro. Captain Walls is evidently learned in all the mysteries and technicalities of the ceramic art. I am not, so can offer no opinion as to the age or value of pottery as such, much as good specimens please me and make me long for a more intimate acquaintance with the subject. As respects, however, the Masonic designs on such, they offer legitimate scope for my examination and knowledge of symbols, figures, &c., in relation to the Craft. In the question at issue, viz., the age and value, Masonically, of Bro. Ferguson's old jug, I entirely fall in with Bro. Walls' views as to its rarity and exceptional importance, so far as respects the design. A similar design is used at the present time on its circulars by the "Royal Kent Preceptory" of Knights Templars, Newcastle, which was not established before 9th October, 1812, so could not have originated it. The dates, or years, 1122, 1314, and 477 (two of which puzzle Bro. Walls), of themselves prove *when* the symbols were so artistically arranged. 1122 apparently is an error for 1118, for the "Anno Ordinis" 1 of the K.T., whilst the year 1314 possibly refers to the period when De Molay, the last G.M. of the ancient Templars, was murdered. As however "Anno Cædis" is often noted on old K.T. documents (or "A.C."), and hence may refer to the Battle of Bannockburn, 1314, as the *year of slaughter*, 1, when the Knights Templars and those of the "Royal Order of Scotland" are supposed to have amalgamated in North Britain, it seems to me more probable that "1314" refers to that event. Either way, 1314 being thus the year 1, of *Anno Cædis*, 477 would mean A.D. 1791 (477 x 1314 = 1791), which gives the date of the design. In that year the Grand Conclave of K.T. was established, with Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master. At that period the Rose Croix and Kadosh Degrees were conferred in Encampments, and all the mottoes, symbols, &c., are connected, directly or indirectly, with the K.T., and not with the "Red Cross of Rome and Constantine," though the latter was worked at the time.

W. J. HUGHAN.

P.S.—Bro. Carson has kindly sent me photos of his handsome Masonic jug. The main features of the design are to be found on a summons issued by the "Patriotic Lodge," Croydon, in 1785, a copy of which (reduced) is given by Bro. John Lees in his "History of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate." Also No. 37, Bolton, uses a similar design.

890] A CURIOUS MEDAL.

I do not consider that the medal noted by "Lex Scripta" (888 N. & Q.) is Masonic, as we understand the term. According to Merzdorf, it has only an apparent connection with the Fraternity, having been struck for some gathering of operative Masons in Paris. It has been rather extensively *muled*, and Bro. Marvin says that in the "Tresor Numismatique Napoleon," Nos. 11 and 12, of plate 46, show these pieces engraved. Marvin, the best living authority on the subject, rejects it as Masonic. Possibly Bro. G. L. Shackles has one in his unrivalled cabinet, or Bro. Geo. Taylor may have secured one for the grand collection in Worcestershire Library and Museum; and I should like the opinion of either of these brethren or that of both on the subject, as they have so long been collectors.

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891] FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE, &c.

The extracts kindly supplied by Bro. J. C. Robinson are numbered 1 to 10, and I note them in order, as follows:

1.—1777 seems to be an error in copying, as the lodge was formed at Flint in the early part of the previous decade.

2.—The year should be 1768 (or 1769) apparently, when a lodge was warranted at the Swan, Neston, but Bro. Lane only gives the year. It was erased in 1811.

3 and 4 need no explanation. The Hon. Charles Dillon is the D.G.M. referred to.

5.—An English imitator of the Irish Sister Freemason.

6 and 7 tell "their own tale."

8.—The "Rev. Mr. Crane" noted, is a familiar name to students of the "Old Charges," as his MS. in part is still preserved.

9.—The "Mora" or "Mona" Lodge was formed in 1768, according to Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" (p. 110), the latter title being used.

10.—The lodge of 1773 at Chester is called "The Rising Sun" by Bro. Lane. Possibly the same as called "Independence" in the extract.

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892] A CURIOUS MEDAL.

On the face of it, Lex Scripta's medal [888] would appear to be Masonic, and yet there are several reasons why I doubt it. The word "Chambre" is unknown to me in French Masonic usage, except as a Committee of Grand Orient, such as the "Chambre des Rites," &c., &c. The date, 13th January, 1810, would be found on a French Masonic medal as 13. 10. 5814; it was very seldom that the vulgar style was used in France for Masonic purposes. And, finally, I have the Grand Orient calendar of 5814, and no such lodge can be found in it. But this is all negative evidence, and the jewel may be Masonic for all that. If so, it would probably be the members' token of a French lodge, and the date would be the date of the inauguration thereof.

G. W. SPETH,
Quatuor Coronati.

893] THE HON. MRS. ALDWORTH.

Referring to the notes on this lady in your issue of the 19th ult., may I suggest that in future she be no longer alluded to as "the only female Freemason," as the title is not consonant with the facts. I can point to at least two other ladies who have been admitted to our mysteries, one in France, at the beginning of this century, and one, a few years back, in Hungary. Besides this there are indications, more or less trustworthy, of other Craftswomen.

G. W. SPETH, Quatuor Coronati.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Temperance Lodge (No. 169).—A meeting of this lodge took place at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. John Davies, W.M.; Geo. L. Moore, P.M., S.W.; Walter Sanderson, P.M., J.W.; George Bolton, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Neeld, P.M., Sec.; Johnson, S.D., Skudder, P.M., J.D.; Ladd, I.G.; J. G. Dale, P.M., Stwd.; Geo. Braun, P.M., D.C.; Jackson, I.P.M.; Rosenstock, P.M.; Pulley, P.M.; Gore, P.M.; Wilton, P.M.; Holmes, Holst, Lawrence, Carpenter, Vint, H. E. Brown, Oliver, Cracknell, Mowbray, Kefford, Moth, and Bear. Visitors: Bros. E. Chatterton, J.W. 1185; H. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; T. Jobson, 834; O. W. Sanderson, P.M. 1609; J. Dixon, W.M. 147; W. Jones, P.M. 548; N. W. Hathersich, S.D. 548; J. Cruttenden, 1425; H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; E. J. Williams, P.M. 1539; and B. M. Chang, 1816.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George Lawrence was passed, and the by-laws read. Two distressed brethren were relieved, and the sum of £2 10s. was voted to Bro. Binckes Pension Indemnity Fund. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The votes of the brethren were requested on behalf of Annie Wilson, who is now a last application.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner in an adjoining room.

The usual Royal and Grand Lodge toasts followed, and were received heartily.

The W.M., Bro. Davies, then gave "The Visitors," according to them a hearty welcome, adding that, although they might think the banquet of not so sumptuous a kind as usual, that had nothing to do with the welcome and heartiness always evinced to them by the lodge, coupling the names of Bros. Dixon, Dehane, and Sanderson with the toast.

Bro. Dixon said it was his first visit, and was heartily pleased, and felt that he was no stranger amongst them.

Bro. Dehane complimented the W.M. on the excellent working of the ceremony so ably performed that evening, but especially as to the musical arrangements, which had added so much to the impressiveness of the evening. The esteem with which the W.M. was held by the brethren must be deeply gratifying to him, and encourage him to keep up the prestige of the lodge as his predecessors had done. But as to perfectness of ritual, the W.M. could not be excelled, and hoped that on his leaving the chair he would enjoy not only the esteem, but the friendship of his brethren for many years. Bro. Dehane concluded by thanking them for their hospitality.

Bro. Sanderson also returned thanks in a few words for his hearty reception.

Bro. Goddard was also called upon to reply, and said that friendship and brotherly feeling among the brethren was a jewel worthy to be worn and treasured.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he could only repeat that which he had said on former occasions, that Bro. John Davies was as able a Master as the lodge had ever possessed, which was saying

a good deal, considering they had their centenary warrant, and so many W.M.'s had preceded him.

After this toast the Charity box, in accordance with old custom, was passed round, and realised a goodly sum.

The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the hearty manner they had responded to the toast, and was pleased that his ruling and working gave them satisfaction. To equal his predecessor was an honour, but to surpass him was impossible. But as far as lay in his power he would do his best to carry out the duties in a proper and efficient manner, and endeavour to merit their esteem. The W.M. was greeted with great applause.

In giving the next toast, "The Past Masters," the W.M. said there were many of the most distinguished P.M.'s in the Craft among them, and he was glad to have their assistance; in fact, they were the backbone of the lodge, always ready to advise, admonish, coach, and render any service they might be called upon to do.

Bro. Jackson, the I.P.M., replied briefly, and

Bro. Bolton (as a veteran of the lodge 40 years, and had only been absent about 10 times during that period) thought a younger P.M. should have been called upon, but said that the P.M.'s reflected wonderfully on the brotherly feeling in the lodge, as it was not often, for many and various reasons, P.M.'s remained long years after passing the chair, as was the case in the Temperance Lodge, and being at all times ready to perform any duty, from the chair down, at any time when called upon.

"The Officers'" toast was responded to by the S.W., who remarked that they always had good officers, and had three P.M.'s among them at the present time, all anxious by merit to arrive at the chair which was soon so ably filled.

The evening's enjoyment was considerably enhanced by either singing or reciting by Bros. Jackson, Moore, Vint, Dale, and Cruttenden. The Organist presided at the piano.

Friars Lodge (No. 1349).—This lodge held its meeting on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Ben. Da Costa into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Harry Marks, P.M., in his own inimitable way; indeed, it would be difficult to imagine this indefatigable worker doing anything connected with Masonic ritual badly. There was a very numerous attendance of the brethren at the opening ceremony, which was the first item on the agenda, and their number was considerably augmented by a large influx of visitors, marking at one and the same time the extreme popularity of the "Friars" gathering, and more especially that of the W.M. elect, Bro. Ben. Da Costa. Among the members present were Bros. L. A. Da Costa, W.M.; W. Musto, P.M., Treas.; R. Durell, P.M.; E. S. Friedeberg, P.M., Sec.; J. De Casseres, J.W.; C. N. Fox, S.D.; and about 45 others. After the installation, and appointment and investiture of officers, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation in a manner which fully justified the lodge in their selection of such an excellent Mason as the Master for the ensuing year. Indeed, it augurs well for the future prosperity of this lodge, and the brethren may certainly look forward to a year of unalloyed pleasure with such a Master in the chair.

A banquet was afterwards provided, about 70 sitting down to enjoy an excellent repast.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the W.M." was drunk in a very enthusiastic manner.

The toast of "The Initiate" was given by Bro. W. Musto, P.M., in his usual vigorous style, and the duty of proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, and of the Installing Master," falling, by command of the W.M., on Bro. Friedeberg, P.M., that brother dwelt on the able services rendered by the I.P.M. during the past year, and he also paid a just tribute to the very excellent rendering of the installation ceremony by Bro. Harry Marks, P.M.

The Worshipful Master then proposed, in very felicitous terms, the toast of "The Visitors," and in his happiest vein spoke of the pleasure always experienced by the Friars Lodge in entertaining brethren of other lodges, and more especially such well-known and respected members of the Craft as Bros. Pierpoint, Sam. Wilkinson, Topping, Geo. Gardner, Wallis, Jacobs, and a host of others, to the number of about 30.

In responding for the toast of "The Officers," Bro. De Casseres, S.W., spoke in a very vigorous manner, and feelingly alluded to the great pleasure it would afford him to serve under such an excellent Master as Bro. Ben. Da Costa.

Some excellent singing was provided during the evening, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the whole lodge singing the National Anthem.

Lombardian Lodge (No. 2348).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., there being present Bros. S. J. Attenborough, W.M.; R. T. Bowman, P.M., S.W.; R. C. F. La Feuillade, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. G. Lowe, S.D.; H. S. Selling, J.D.; R. J. Tyler, D.C.; W. F. Grimmett, P.M., Steward; G. J. Hanson, H. J. Kimbell, G. Roberts, C. A. C. Kerson, D. J. Cleary, J. J. Raper, A. M. Raper, and A. Hone. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Dickinson, 913; Palmieri, and Walter, P.M. 865.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and Messrs. E. W. Hone, H. J. Kimbell, jun., W. Knapp, and G. A. Paul were initiated. A draft of the by-laws was read, and, after discussion, they were approved and passed. This concluded the business, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

In the intervals between the customary toasts Bros. Palmieri, Grimmett, Roberts, Lowe, Kerson, Dickinson, Selling, A. Hone, La Feuillade, and S. J. Attenborough contributed some excellent singing, &c.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 25th ult. The early arrival of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Baxter, was prevented by unavoidable circumstances, and until his appearance on the scene the chair was occupied by Bro. T. Martin, I.P.M., among the officers and members present being Bros. J. E. Cursans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., S.W.; S. Tryon, J.W.; R. Fisher Young,

P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; G. B. Abbott, S.D.; F. Thompson, J.D.; Charles Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Oldfield, Stwd.; Goddard, Tyler; J. P. Eucery, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Curnow, Marshall, and Tibbatts. Visitors: Bros. Moore, 2278, and Dr. Haskins.

The minutes of the March meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Curnow, Marshall, and Tibbatts were severally passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. Martin, who shortly afterwards vacated the chair in order that the W.M. might preside. An interesting discussion ensued on a motion brought forward by Bro. Martin to vote the sum of £2 10s. to the Boys' School Pension Indemnity Fund, with the result that the proposal was negated by a majority of one vote.

The brethren afterwards dined together, the usual toasts being interspersed with some excellent songs, well sung by Bros. Gray, Lewis, Moore, Oldfield, and others, Bro. Haskins presiding at the pianoforte.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The first meeting of this lodge under the sway of the new Master was held on Monday, the 28th ult., when there was an excellent gathering of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. F. Raeburn, W.M., supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Wm. Brown, I.P.M.; Wm. Dalrymple, P.M., D.C.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; W. M. Pybus, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; John Patterson, P.M.; T. R. Jobson, as S.W.; M. R. Wright, J.W.; W. J. Jobson, Sec.; G. Craighill, S.D.; W. Stafford, J.D.; A. Dodds, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Rev. W. Bowker, Chap.; H. Jackson, Steward; J. Curry, Tyler; T. Chegwidden, W. H. Denton, G. C. Potts, T. Lambert, W. J. Campbell, J. K. Sinton, R. C. Tate, T. Graham, Wm. Douglass, H. Sugden, and F. Rusden. Amongst the many visitors present were Bros. G. N. Patterson, W.M. 424; J. C. Lawson, P.M. 424; J. Robert, P.M. 424; T. R. Short, S.W. 424; Jas. Shaw, J.W. 424; W. Vincent, Sec. 424; J. Adamson, 424; J. Boazman, 424; R. Stewart, J.D. 424; Isaac Taylor, S.W. 1342; W. Gibson, 1342; W. L. Debenham, Sec. 1342; H. Thomas, 1342; J. Browne, 1613; J. Donkin, 36; A. Lane, 1085; G. R. Harbottle, I.P.M. 406; W. T. Hall, 406; A. Watson, 406; R. Wilson, W.M. 1664; T. R. Jobson, S.W. 1664; J. A. Armstrong, J.W. 1664; C. P. Laidler, I.G. 1664; F. Turnbull, Steward 481; H. Laughlin, 481; J. A. G. Ross, P.M. 481; L. Nixon, 481; and others.

Mr. Joseph Brown was duly elected, and, being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M., the J.W. explaining the working tools and delivering the charge in perfect style. The following were duly passed as F.C.'s by the W.M.: Bros. A. W. Tucker, T. Davidson, and W. J. Satchell, the acting S.W., giving the tools of the Degree. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and, after other business was transacted, the proceedings closed, when the company adjourned for refreshment.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. R. Drummond, W.M.; E. Dare, S.W.; H. Sapsworth, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; T. Grant, S.D.; H. Bond, J.D.; Spooner, I.G.; Figg, Org.; J. Smith, Steward; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.G.P.; R. W. Simpson, T. F. Hight, J. Miles, Gilbert, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Miles was raised, and Bro. F. Figg passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well performed. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., honoured the lodge with his presence, and was saluted in due form. The by-laws having been read, Bro. E. Dare was elected W.M., Bro. J. Featherstone, Treasurer, and J. Gilbert, Tyler, for the year ensuing. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That, as the W.M. has accepted the office of Steward to the R.M.I. for Girls on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Master taking the chair, the sum of five guineas be voted towards his list." A sum of money having been voted to the Woodward Testimonial Fund, letters of apology were received from absent members.

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

Bro. Mella, as usual, catered most handsomely for the brethren.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Ockenden made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He expressed a hope that not only the Wolsey Lodge, but all the lodges in the province would do their utmost to support their revered chief and Chairman, Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett.

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

LANDPORT.

St. Clair Lodge (No. 2074).—The installation of Bro. J. S. Wickens as W.M. of the above lodge, in succession to Bro. F. H. Woodrow, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 21st ult., in the presence of a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge, Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and brethren from neighbouring lodges. The beautiful ritual of the ceremony was efficiently performed by the retiring W.M., who at its close was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and presented by the newly-installed Master, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the zeal and ability he had displayed in the discharge of his duties during his year of office. A special vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. W. C. Webb, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Herbert Bundy, Secretary, for the creditable manner in which they had carried out the duties of their respective offices during the past three years. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. F. H. Woodrow, I.P.M.; E. Boorman, S.W.; H. Bundy, J.W.; W. C. Webb, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Sherman, Sec.; H. R. E. Woodthorpe, S.D.; T. H. Nancarrow, J.D.; E. Stapleford, I.G.; C. V. Birch, P.M., D.C.; C. R. J. Gibbs, Org.; G. Luxton and E. Dommit, Stewards; and T. Bryan, Tyler.

At the close of the formal proceedings in lodge the

brethren adjourned to the hall below, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. Pearce, the steward of the Freemasons' Club.

The W.M. presided, and was supported by a number of Provincial Officers and Installed Masters.

A long list of Masonic toasts were heartily received by the company, the speeches being agreeably interspersed with songs by Bros. G. South, F. Sanders, P.M., and others, sung to accompaniments by Bro. Thomas Hunter.

"The Health of the new W.M." was proposed by Bro. Woodrow, I.P.M., who referred in the highest terms to the zeal displayed by Bro. Wickens in filling all the minor offices of the lodge until he had attained the highest honour his brethren could confer upon him. The selection of Bro. Wickens for the chair of K.S. was fully justified by his punctuality and ability, and he (the speaker) was sure he would not only do credit to the lodge, but advance the interests of Freemasonry in general.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, undertook to do his best to discharge the important duties with which he had been entrusted to the best of his ability, and said he was sure he should receive hearty and loyal assistance at the hands of his officers.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close shortly before midnight.

RHYMNEY.

St. David's Lodge (No. 2226).—The installation meeting in connection with the above lodge was celebrated at the St. Mathew's School Church—kindly lent for the occasion—on Thursday, the 17th ult. There was a very large attendance of brethren. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. W. Jones, W.M., Bro. N. Bradley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., presided. The following were present: J. J. Williams, P.P.G.P., S.W.; D. F. Pritchard, J.W.; Rev. J. Theophilus, Chap.; W. L. Monks, Sec.; R. T. E. Davies, S.D.; I. B. Jones, J.D.; F. C. Williams, I.G.; A. Aish, Tyler; J. H. Phillip, J. Llewellyn, T. Lundale, A. H. Stonell, H. W. Daniels, G. Seaborne, G. T. Evans, E. Jones, T. Acland, T. Jones, G. G. Golding, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; T. Edwards, D. Bevan, J. Jones, sen., and J. Jones, jun. Visitors: Bro. W. Pickford, P.G. Treas., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Col. D. R. Lewis, P.M., W.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.R., T. W. Goodfellow, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., G. F. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., J. E. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Plews, P.M., Dr. E. Jones, S.W., S. Sandbrook, I.P.M., E. B. Nash, J.W., J. L. Dockett, S.D., W. C. Williams, J.D., H. Bailey, I.G., D. Mackdonald, Sec., L. L. Fine and H. M. Bradford, Stwds., W. R. Harris, T. Wake, Dr. Jones, J. S. Jones, J. M. Berry, A. Mackintosh, and D. W. Evans, of 110; J. W. Cross, 37; J. H. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., W.M. 1573; John Lewis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., C. Widdowson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., J. J. Morgan, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., C. L. Phillips, P.M., J. Johnson, R. H. Spencer, J. Samuel, and T. Morgan, Sec., of 1098; G. Fisher, 1258; D. Jones, 1562; T. Rees, 1429; and T. G. Jones, P.M. 683, P.P.G.S.B.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. David Francis Pritchard, J.W., was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Nicholl Bradley, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and after the usual formalities was inducted into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then appointed his officers, who were invested as follows: Bros. R. W. Jones, I.P.M.; J. J. Willis, S.W.; W. Lloyd Monks, J.W.; Rev. T. Theophilus, Chap.; W. Pritchard, Treas.; Rees T. E. Davies, Sec.; Isaac B. Jones, S.D.; Fred. C. Williams, J.D.; G. T. Evans, I.G.; J. Randall, D.C.; Giles G. Golding, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; R. Swedenbuk and J. Llewellyn, Stwds.; and J. Aish, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed to the W.M. by the Grand Lodge of England, and all the other visiting brethren on behalf of their lodges. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then repaired to the Royal Hotel—they were here joined by Bros. W. Pritchard, R. W. Jones, and several others—where a most *recherché* banquet was prepared by the host and Bro. Fred. C. Williams, J.D. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed and responded to.

Bro. John Lewis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The toast of "The W.M." was, in a most neat speech, responded to by Bro. D. F. Pritchard, and the toasts of "The I.P.M." and "Installing Master" by Bros. R. W. Jones, I.P.M., and Nicholl Bradley.

Bros. Col. D. R. Lewis, J. Plews, Sandbrook, and G. F. Harris, of 110; J. W. Cross, 37; J. H. Taylor, 1573; and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bros. W. Pritchard, Treas., and J. J. Williams responded to the toast of "The Officers."

Songs and recitations were given by the following brethren: Bros. J. H. Taylor, W. Lloyd Monks, G. F. Harris, J. H. Phillips, E. Jones, W. R. Harris, and others. Bro. Giles G. Golding, P.M., P.P.G.O., very ably presided at the piano.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, when the brethren separated, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

WISBECH.

United Good Fellowship Lodge (No. 809).—The annual meeting was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Bro. J. Kennerell, W.M., took the chair, and was supported by all his officers. The visiting brethren included Bro. A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England, D.P.G.M., the W.M.'s and some of the brethren of the Cambridge (Scientific), King's Lynn, and Sutton Bridge Lodges. Bro. G. W. Whitehead, S.W., was installed in the chair in a most impressive manner by Bro. H. Thorns, P.M., P.J.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. George W. Whitehead, W.M.; John Kennerell, I.P.M.; Robinson Smith, S.W.; John Grover, J.W.; John Leach, P.M., Treas.; William Bray, P.M., Sec.; William R. Girling, S.D.; Alfred J. Elworthy, J.D.; Ernest E. Girling, Org.; John R. Bambridge, I.G.; Charles Parker, P.M.; James L. Rae, P.M., and John Thomas Hiscox, P.M. 1420, D.C., Stwds.; and A. Bothamley, P.M., Tyler. The lodge is financially in a prosperous condition, and the sum of 25 guineas will be placed on the list of Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., for the R.M.I. for Boys.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

WOOLWICH.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of this powerful lodge was well attended by the brethren and visitors, from far and near. It took place on the 16th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant. Bro. Walter Webber, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and others: Bros. T. But, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); S. Southgate, S.W.; J. McCollough, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Taylor, S.D.; W. Lawson, J.D.; H. Tufnell, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; R. J. Naylor, P.M., G. H. Porter, and H. Pamment, Stwds.; E. Palmer, P.M. 913; G. H. Davies, P.M. 13; H. Syer, P.M. 13; W. F. Crook, P.M. 1275; D. Davies, 913; C. K. Fenton, 1457; G. Wheeler, 1536; G. Fross, 913; R. Wright, 1306; Dr. W. Coleman, 706; R. J. Smith, 1000; E. Petley, 1672; G. H. Ollins, 1047; and F. Tyler, 913.

There was a tremendous amount of work to do, as follows: the initiation of Mr. W. Davies, the passing of Bros. Amos, Folkes, Walklin, and Walster, and the raising of Bros. Valon, Carter, and Punter, but it was got through, and splendidly, by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. C. Jolly, who had at the previous meeting been unanimously elected an honorary member, then returned thanks, and assured the W.M. and brethren of his appreciation of the great honour done him.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Miller, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying he felt sure they were all proud of Bro. Webber, and congratulated him upon being supported by such an array of the brethren as were present.

Bro. Webber, in responding, said he had tried to please the brethren and carry out the ritual to the best of his ability. He had had a pleasant and good year of office. They stood second to none to any lodge in the district, and he trusted it would continue the same during his year of office, and also to those who followed him.

Bros. Davis and Crook responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Miller and Butt for "The Past Masters."

Bro. Roberts, in responding to the toast of "The Health of the Treasurer," said he was the first Steward of that lodge that ever stood for the Charities. He took up £122 for the Girls and £90 for the Old People, and he hoped that a Steward would go up from that lodge every year for one of the Charities.

Bro. Warren, in responding for "The Secretary," said he felt sure that he would have been let off from making a speech that night. Nevertheless, it had given him an opportunity of speaking of his Stewardship for the Boys at the forthcoming Festival, and he was proud to be able to tell them that he should be enabled to take up over £200, a larger sum than ever was yet taken up by a Steward from that district. He thanked the Pattinson and the Union Waterloo Lodges for their gift of 10 guineas each; their own lodge for 20 guineas, also for the 10 guineas voted to himself. Then there was five guineas from the Nelson Lodge of Instruction, while almost every brother of the lodge had contributed handsomely. He concluded by congratulating the W.M. upon the admirable manner in which he had worked the ritual of the Three Degrees that night.

Several other toasts followed, and the whole of the proceedings were most enjoyable.

Royal Arch.

Carnarvon Chapter (No. 1572).—This chapter held a convocation on the 26th ult., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present: Comp. Avery, presiding, with Comps. Briggs, P.Z.; Russell, P.Z.; Pearce, P.Z.; Whitaker, P.Z.; Nelson Reid, P.Z.; and Goffin, P.Z., W.M. 2030. Among other visitors was Comp. Shand, P.Z. 25, Sec. 2030.

After the ceremony of exaltation, which was performed in the same excellent manner for which the Carnarvon Chapter is celebrated, the companions dined together.

After dinner, the usual toasts were submitted, "The Health of the M.E.Z." being given by Comp. Russell, P.Z.

"The Visitors" were toasted, and responded to severally.

The excellent music added to the enjoyment of the companions, and altogether a very happy and pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Comps. Capt. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E., acting M.E.Z.; Farthing, H.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., acting J.; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas.; H. Clemow, P.S.; Gilbert, Janitor; R. Skelton, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. E. Farrington, M.E.Z.; T. A. Woodbridge, J. elect; W. Lake, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Cornwall; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served under the supervision of Comp. A. Clemow and assistants.

HITCHIN.

Cecil Chapter (No. 449).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Sun Hotel, when there were present Comps. John Read, P.Z. 720, M.E.Z.; C. B. Cooper, H.; H. H. Shirley, Z. 2, J.; James Shilcock, P. Prov. G.S.N., Treas.; Richard Shillitoe, S.E.; W. Weiss, P.S.; F. H. Weiss, 1st A.S.; Bannister, 2nd A.S.; Gilbertson, D.C.; Fuller, Stwd.; and Lane, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Swain, P.Z. 404, P. Prov. G.J.; Horne, P.Z. 7; Mulvey, Z. 2246; Storr, P.Z. 749; and Smith Ward, 404.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. T. J. Haughton, 1546, which resulted in his favour, and Bro. Haughton being in attendance, he was regularly exalted to the Degree of a R.A.M. by the M.E.Z. This being the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, a ballot was taken. Two lay members were elected as members of the Audit Committee. A presentation (to be

decided on) was voted to the M.E.Z. on his retiring from the first chair.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the M.E.Z.

The usual toasts were given and acknowledged, and a most agreeable meeting was brought to a close after the Janitor's toast.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 15th ult. Among those present were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., P.J.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., acting S.W.; T. W. Coffin, M.D., P.G.S.B., acting J.W.; Chauffourier, S.W. designate 410; F. Farrington, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Alfred Tisley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; Thomas Poore (Hon. Member), and others. Bros. Dr. Coffin, F. W. Driver, M.A., H. H. Shirley, M.A., John Read, P.M., and Roberts, were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Drew, P.M. 733, was duly and ably advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. Bro. Prower having been again elected W.M. for the year ensuing, was merely re-obligated by the Secretary. The following appointments then took place: Bros. Chauffourier, S.W.; E. Brennelli, J.W.; W. Drew, M.O.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; and Goddard, Tyler. The other investitures were postponed. It has been reported that Bro. T. R. Richnell, P.M. and ex-Treasurer, was seriously ill, a vote of sympathy was passed to him. Apologies for non-attendance were received from absent members.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned. The banquet was well served.

Bros. Capt. Walls and T. Poore responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. W. E. Farrington for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Alfred Tisley replied for "The Past Masters," Bros. Coffin, Driver, Shirley, Read, and Roberts for "The Visitors," and Bros. F. Farrington, Capt. Walls, and Drew acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers."

The W.M. proved to be an effective and genial Chairman, and Bros. John Read, W. Drew, A. Tisley, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren. Bro. Prower's second year of office is likely to be a most prosperous and brilliant one.

WHITEHAVEN.

Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., Bro. T. Brakenridge, I.P.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. H. Burns, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas., as J.W.; D. Atkinson, M.O.; J. Casson, S.O.; J. Ramsay, J.O.; Geo. Starkey, Reg. and Sec.; W. Gaffney, S.D.; Dr. Muir, J.D.; R. G. Metcalf, I.G.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; Thomas Atkinson, P.M.; A. Fowler, E. Pattinson, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when Bro. Brakenridge said it was with considerable regret that he had to move that a letter be sent to Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, W.M., P.P.G. Chap., to express the sympathy of the members of that lodge on his sad accident, and he sincerely hoped it would not be long until he was able to preside over the Mark Masters of 213. There is no Degree in Masonry that our brother had taken such an interest in as the Mark, and it was his intention to represent this province at the next Festival. Bro. Gaffney heartily supported the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Dalrymple gave notice that five guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge on behalf of Bro. Anderson's Stewardship to the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund. With other general business the lodge was closed.

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PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).

—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. S. Stretch, W.M.; J. Page, W.M. 753, S.W.; E. T. Taylor, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Dillon, S.D.; R. J. Rogers, J.D.; H. J. Thomas, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; N. Turner, P.M. 72; A. E. Carter, W.M. 1423; J. M. Chapman, W.M. 907; R. E. Cursons, J. Mason, M. Bash, W. Chapple, R. T. Redfearn, F. Devin, and A. Pozzati.

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. Pozzati candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Stretch vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. H. Dillon, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters duly formed, when Bro. Stretch was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers, after which the Installing Master delivered the three addresses in an impressive manner. Bro. Page was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

The annual dinner will take place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. J. Page will preside.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; J. Snooks, S.W.; D. T. Haylock, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec. and S.D.; H. Blackman, J.D.; H. Foreman, I.G.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; F. Craggs, H. Wake, T. Jobson, and W. W. Williams.

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. Bro. Jobson, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony re-

heard. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, Bro. Long rendering the 2nd Section of this Lecture, under the direction of the Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. J. Snooks was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. A. Bond, W.M. 1425, W.M.; A. C. Stephens, S.W. 1425, S.W.; C. Coleman, S.D. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; G. Read, Sec. 1425, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, 1425, S.D.; H. Campbell, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; J. Jarvis, 1425, Steward; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425; H. J. Thomas, O. W. Battley, and A. J. Wyndow, D.C. 1425. Visitors: Bros. P. G. Twitchin, 1425, and J. Jarvis, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Allman, at the request of the W.M., then assumed the chair, and the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and in due course resumed to the First. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Wetzlar being candidate, the addresses being very ably rendered. Bros. Twitchin and Jarvis were elected members. A communication was read from Bro. Balsham, who was re-elected W.M. for the next meeting. The officers of the mother lodge were present. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, 29th ult., when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; J. Duncan, S.W.; E. H. Moore, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; G. T. Chretien, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; C. Isler, I.G.; C. Horst, A. Wolter, E. Cressel, J. H. Bridgman, and J. M. Scarlett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cressel being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Bridgman answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bridgman being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Loomes vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Scarlett, who rehearsed a portion of the ceremony of installation. Bro. Duncan 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 24th ult., when the following were present: Bros. Francis, W.M.; Stafford, S.W.; Watts, J.W.; Ives, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Sec.; Langford, S.D.; Gaskell, P.M., J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; Dormer, Meadows, Antunovich, Seagrave, Minett, Larter, Lee, Wood, Hole, and Williams.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Meadows personating the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Dormer having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Dormer was raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and upon the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. R. Lee, of the mother lodge, became a joining member. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Stafford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Ives, P.M., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Francis for his able working in the chair for the first time. This having been seconded by Bro. Minett, was carried unanimously, and Bro. Francis returned thanks. 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 24th ult., when there were present Bros. F. W. Buxton, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; C. O. Burgess, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.D.; W. Groves, J.D.; G. H. Foan, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; E. A. E. Bennett, J. Thrussell, E. Jessurun, J. Skinner, and E. D. F. Rymer.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. D. Rymer having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. E. Jessurun offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down in the Third, and then the Second Degree. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins, S.W., was unanimously elected W. Master for the 8th instant, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the first ceremony. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; G. Swann, S.W.; G. A. Knight, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; J. B. Cory, J.D.; W. T. Marsh, I.G.; S. Cochran, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; E. E. Geflowski, H. Wake, T. Jobson, and Joseph Cox.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a careful manner, Bro. Geflowski acting as candidate. Bro. Stroud offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First

Degree. Bro. Swann was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Cochran on his accession to the chair of W.M. of the Duke of Fife Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. R. Ambler, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. McCrow, S.D.; W. Fayers, J.D.; F. Thomas, I.G.; L. Nathan, and W. E. Macey.

The lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, at the conclusion of which Bro. Collings gave an explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor proposed, and the J.W. seconded, that Bro. Cox, S.W., be elected W.M. for the next meeting, which was carried unanimously. The W.M. presented to the Preceptor, Bro. Jesse Collings, on behalf of the members who belonged to the Royal Commemoration Lodge, a very handsome silver-mounted walking stick in token of their recognition of his efforts on their behalf. Bro. Collings returned thanks in a neat and telling speech. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the creditable manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in this or any other lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Brown (Sec.), W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; T. Willcox, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; Hillier, S.D.; W. Pine, J.D.; Humphrey Bright, I.G.; J. H. Cumming, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; M. Speigel, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; E. Masey, W. S. Whiteley, F. Craggs, E. J. Hiscock, H. W. Dyne, and W. C. Dickey. Visitor: Bro. Kerr, 697 and 2222.

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 resumed to the First. Bro. Speigel, P.M., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Speigel, P.M., being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Masey being the candidate. On the first rising, Bro. Masey was elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On the second rising, Bro. J. Davies was elected W.M. for May 10th. On the third rising, a vote of thanks was given and recorded to Bros. Cummings, P.M., S. Brenner, and W. Innis for their kind and valuable assistance in the Fitzwater case, and also the brethren who assisted with their votes in getting the candidate Harriet Fitzwater into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor, will preside, assisted by the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. J. Sims, P.M., as I.P.M., and Bros. J. Davis and G. Gardner, S. and J. Wardens respectively.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; G. March, H. elect 733, H.; W. C. Williams, M.E.Z. elect 733, J.; J. Davies, J. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 862, S.N.; W. R. Hatton, P.S. 1642, P.S.; W. Hillier, 834, 1st A.S.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975; J. C. Tilt, 862; C. G. Wetzlar, J. 1604; and O. W. Battley, 2206.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Tilt being candidate. The companions expressed their gratification at the restoration to health of Comp. W. C. Williams, and the pleasure they all felt on his return to the chapter of improvement, which compliment Comp. Williams duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1329, P.G.S.B. Middx., M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169, H.; J. Hill, J. 1329, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, Treas.; C. Wilson, S.N. 1329, S.N.; G. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185, P.S.; Dale, 169; Osterstock, A.S. 1185; Grumant, P.Z. 1275; Montgomery, Goodwin, and Pettit.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Dale as candidate. Comps. Dale, Montgomery, and Pettit were elected joining members. Comp. Capt. Vincent specially thanked the chapter for placing the offices at the disposal of the Sphinx Chapter for this meeting. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

Knights Templar.

NEWTON ABBOTT.

Royal Sussex Preceptory (No. 25).—The annual convocation of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 17th ult., when the following fratres were present: Sir Knights John Lane, 18°, P.P.G.R., E.P.; John Chapman, 18°, P.P.G.R., Prov. A.G.D.C., Marshal, as Constable, E.P. elect; W. Taylor, 18°, P.E.P., P.P.G.P.B.B., Treas., as Marshal; W. Bennett Maye, 18°, P.E.P., P.P.G.M., Reg.; E. Aitken-Davies, 18°, P.P.G. Constable, as Prelate; P. B. Clemens, P.E.P., P.P.G.C.L., Capt. of G.; H. Stocker, 18°, Prov. G. Chan.; John Taylor, 18°, Prov. G.P.B.B., Sub-Marshal; and F. C. Frost, P.E.P., P.P.G.W. of R.

The preceptory was opened in due form by the E.P., the muster roll called, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed. Comps. T. Prust, J. elect, and T. J. Crossman, Treas., of St. John's R.A. Chapter,

No. 328, were then installed as Knight Templars, Sir Knight W. Bennett Maye performing the beautiful ceremony in a correct and efficient manner, and he also installed Sir Knight Jno. Chapman as E.P. for the ensuing year. The newly-installed E.P. then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights Jno. Lane, I.P.E.P.; John Taylor, Constable; W. A. Hill, Marshal; P. B. Clemens, Chap.; W. Taylor, Treas.; W. Bennett Maye, Reg.; T. Prust, Sub-Marshal; T. J. Crossman, C.G.; and J. Heywood, G.

The preceptory was then closed, and a Priory of Malta opened, when Sir Knights T. Prust and T. J. Crossman were installed members of the priory, and Sir Knight John Chapman was installed E. Prior for the ensuing year, both of these ceremonies being ably performed by Sir Knight P. B. Clemens.

At the close of the business the fratres adjourned to the banquet hall, and partook of a cold collation, at the invitation of the newly-installed Preceptor, who presided, and in the course of the evening opened a conversation as to the best means for promoting the interests of Templary generally and those of the Royal Sussex Preceptory in particular.

The E.P. reviewed in a few succinct remarks the history of the Royal Sussex Preceptory, and the constitutional changes made in the Order some 17 years since, and, in inviting the expression of the views of the sir knights, he assured them that his best efforts would be devoted to making the year one of the most successful in the history of the Royal Sussex Preceptory.

Fratres Frost, Lane, Clemens, Aitken Davies, and Stocker continued the conversation, when it was thought of making Torquay its head-quarters, where is located the very active R.A. Chapter of St. John, No. 328, with chapters at Newton, Paignton, and the early prospect of the revival of the dormant chapter at Brixham, there would be a wide area for the extension of the preceptory, and Torquay being in the centre of these chapters it would prove beneficial. Its progress would also depend upon the zeal of the present members.

Several distinguished sir knights of the province were prevented from attending, having to proceed to London to be present at a special meeting of the Convent General.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge held its last meeting of the season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 15th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. F. Farrington, W.C.N.; F. W. Driver, M.A., acting J.; F. Farrington, S., W.C.N. elect; Capt. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe; N. Prower, S.D.; Chauffourier, J.D.; Goddard, Warder; T. Poore, (Hon. Mem.); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Drew was impressively elevated to the Degree by Bro. T. Poore. Bro. W. E. Farrington having been duly presented, was ably installed into the chair of W.C.N. also by Bro. Poore. The following institutes then took place: Bros. Nelson Prower, J.; Chauffourier, S.; F. W. Driver, S.D.; G. Graves, J.D.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Scribe; E. Brenelli, Guarder; Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and a vote of sympathy to Bro. T. R. Richnell, who has been seriously ill for some time past. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Vincent, G. Graves, E. Brenelli, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, with the members of the parent Mark lodge. A few toasts were given.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.).—This old council met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, W.M.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., S.W., Master elect; W. G. Lemon, J.W.; George Powell, Treas.; H. J. Lardner, Sec.; Thos. Cubitt, Condr.; A. McDowall, J.D.; Sweeney, acting I.G.; R. Loveland Loveland, I.P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A.; Nelson Prower, M.A.; Sheppard, Mills, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bro. Capt. Williamson was installed as W.M. by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, assisted by Bro. R. L. Loveland. The following appointments then took place: Bros. W. G. Lemon, S.W.; T. Cubitt, J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; Nelson Prower, Sec.; A. McDowall, S.D.; J. Brittain, J.D.; George Graveley, I.G.; Dr. Mickley, D.C.; E. Sheppard, Org.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. The appointment of Conductor was postponed till the next meeting. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to the I.P.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. J. Lardner for his services as Secretary during the past three years. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Sheppard gave a notice of motion as to amending the by-law relating to life members. The resignation of Bro. Pidgeon was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Cubitt, G. Graveley, T. Poore, and others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren dined with the members of the Grand Mark Lodge of Instruction, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G.M. of the Allied Degrees.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Grand Priory of Lancashire of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., in the Athenæum, Bury. The V.E.G. Commander, Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, presided over a large gathering of members of the Orders named, only two preceptories within the province being unrepresented. The sir knights appeared in mourning, *in memoriam* of the late Sir Knight A. Hudson Royds, a former Commander of the priory.

Sir Knight J. H. P. LERESCHE alluded in sympathetic terms to the loss sustained in the province by the death of their eminent brother, and proposed a resolution expressing the deep regret of the priory that he had been removed from their midst, and also a vote of condolence to be written on vellum and forwarded to the bereaved family.

This was seconded by Sir Knight REGINALD YOUNG, P.G.D.C., supported by Sir Knight J. J. MEAKIN, and carried unanimously.

The V.E.G. COMMANDER expressed, with much feeling, his own and his relatives' acknowledgments of the resolution.

After the accounts of the Treasurer had been produced and approved of, and other formal business had been transacted, the G.C. appointed and invested the provincial officers for the ensuing year in the following order:

Sir Knight Henry Thomas	...	Prov. D.G.C.
" Reginald Young	...	Prov. G. Prelate.
" W. Tyrer	...	Prov. G. Chancellor.
" J. Halliwell	...	Prov. G. Constable.
" J. J. Meakin	...	Prov. G. Marshal.
" W. G. Thompson	...	Prov. G. Treasurer.
" F. N. Molesworth	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
" G. J. McKay	...	Prov. G. Vice-Chan.
" E. A. Pike	...	Prov. G. Sub-Marl.
" H. Bridson	...	Prov. G. Almoner.
" W. T. Lean	...	Prov. G.W. of R.
" Alfred Hopkinson		
(Beauceant)	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. W. Pickering, V.B.	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Johnson	...	Prov. G.B.B.
" R. H. Brown	...	Prov. G. Aides de
" S. G. Sinclair	...	Camp.
" J. Clayton	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Booth	...	Prov. G. Chambln.
" W. Bagnall	...	Prov. G.C. of G.
" E. G. Harwood	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Hutchinson	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Butterworth	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Davis	...	Prov. G. Equerry.

A resolution was passed that a petition should be presented to Convent General, asking for the restoration of the privilege of past rank for provincial officers.

The St. George Priory of the Order of Malta was opened later in the day, the V.E.G. Prior, Sir Knight Sir C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, again conducting the proceedings. Several Knight Templars were admitted, and the following sir knights were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight Reginald Young	...	Prov. G. Prelate.
" Henry Thomas	...	Prov. G. Capt.-Gen.
" W. Bourne	...	Prov. G. Lieut.-Gen.
" James M'Laren	...	Prov. G. 1st Lieut.
" Arthur H. Jefferis	...	Prov. G. 2nd Lieut.
" J. H. Kenyon	...	Prov. G. Mareschal.
" F. N. Molesworth	...	Prov. G. Hospitl.
" R. H. W. Seddon	...	Prov. G. Admiral.
" Alfred Hopkinson	...	Prov. G. Conser.
" S. G. Sinclair	...	Prov. G. Baillie.
" W. Hutchinson	...	Prov. G. Tur.
" W. Tyrer	...	Prov. G. Chancellor.
" W. J. Thomson	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Booth	...	Prov. G. Cham.
" J. Butterworth	...	Prov. G.C. of O.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Knowsley Hotel, the head-quarters of the Edward Plantagenet Preceptory, under whose banner the priory gatherings were held.

The following sir knights were present:

Sir Knights R. N. Beswicke-Royds, V.E.P.G.C.; R. Young, P.D.G.C.; J. Clayton, P.G.O.; F. W. Lean, P.G.W. of Reg.; H. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; J. Halliwell, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Hutchinson, P.E.C. and Reg.; A. Hopkinson, P.E.C.; W. J. Thompson, P.G.S.B.; E. A. Barker, P.G.C.; W. Balmer, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Johnson, P.G.C.; L. Rowbottom, P.P.G.M.; G. J. McKay, P.G.A.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.M.; R. W. Bourne, P.G. 1st P.M.; F. N. Mouldsworth, P.G.S.B.; R. W. Pickering, P.E.C.; Thomas Grime, P.E.; E. Pike, P.G.B.S.B., P.E.C.; Capt. J. Booth, P.G.C.; J. H. Leresche, P.P.G.C.; J. G. Similar, P.E.C.; J. W. N. Lero, P.E.C.; E. G. Harwood, P.E.C.; E. Graham, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Butterworth, P.G.C.; A. Clegg, P.P.G.C.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G.C.; J. W. Kenyon, O. E. Crompton, E.C.; T. Varley, E.C.; W. Davies, E.; J. Thorman, E.G.; W. Forrest, J. Gardner, George S. Smith, J. Hitchin, C. Hesketh Knowlys, E.C.; J. W. R. Littledale, J. Blacka, C. of G.; Peter Ratcliff, 2nd P.; H. G. Smith, Marshal; John Milne, J. Ashworth, E. Crossley, E.C.; J. Barret, J. Moores, I. R. Blacka, H. G. Bent, W. Whittaker, E. C. Hindley, C.; J. J. Meakin, E.C.; and K. Ellison.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The second annual supper took place at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, on Friday, 18th ult., under the able presidency of Comp. T. Grummant, P.Z., with Comp. Voisey, P.Z., in the vice-chair. The following companions were present and partook of an excellent supper supplied by the worthy host, Comp. Woodwell, viz.: Comps. Grummant, F. Hilton, Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Voisey, Treas.; Murché, Vincent, Meierhoff, Benedetti, Powell, Addington, Cowley, Kirby, H. Martin, Mussared, Dewsnap, Terry, Davis, Whitehead, Millikin, W. Briant, Hewitt, Osterstock, Goodwin, Patrick, Woodwell, and Frank Williams.

The toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and "The M.E.G.Z., G.H., and G.J.," were drunk with enthusiasm.

"The Health of the President" was given by Comp. HILTON, who stated that there was no more worthy a brother and companion who could fill that position. He had the welfare of Masonry at heart. Although it was the custom to ask the First Principal of the mother chapter to occupy that position, yet on that occasion, he not being a member of the chapter of instruction, there was that departure, and none more honourable could have been selected.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

The PRESIDENT thanked them for the great honour and said he would always do his very utmost for the good of Freemasonry, and support the Star Chapter in particular. He loved the beautiful ceremonies and took great delight in disseminating them, and was one of the founders.

The next toast was given by the PRESIDENT, which was "The Preceptor and the Star Chapter of Instruction," and he said that since the chapter was founded, two years ago, the worthy Preceptor, Comp. F. Hilton, who was a P.Z. of the mother chapter, had been most unremitting in his attention, and had performed his duties with much honour to himself and satisfaction to R.A. Masonry. He had been most courteous and always present to impart to any companion whatever he desired. Under his able guidance the chapter prided itself on working the beautiful installation ceremonies of the various chairs. He asked the companions to drink to that toast as one most worthy. The toast was drunk with acclamation.

In reply, the PRECEPTOR said that after such a reception he could only thank the companions, and promise them that he should always perform the duties with the greatest skill and attention. His object was to make the chapter second to none, and his ambition was that every companion who was entitled should be able to install his successor in the chair. For that purpose the chapter of instruction was opened earlier, so that any companion might rehearse whatever installation he required. To that end he had been most ably supported by Comps. Grummant, Voisey, Vincent, Addington, G. L. Moore, and others, for which he heartily thanked them. He would say so long as he was so ably supported nothing would keep him away. He would not sit down without stating the very able and hearty support he had received from the indefatigable S.E. of the mother chapter, Comp. Stone. He also said that at any time the sister chapters required an evening for the rehearsal of ceremonies he would always grant one with the permission of the companions.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed, the PRESIDENT stated how pleased they were to welcome the visitors and hoped they would enrol themselves members before the next gathering, as he knew they could not do better than place themselves under so able a Preceptor.

Comp. DEWSNAP replied that he was delighted to meet so many friends and Royal Arch Masons, and the manner he had been entertained and welcomed was very gratifying. He would promise them to become a member before long, and gain what additional instruction he needed from so worthy a chief.

Comp. MUSSARED stated that he remembered the saying that wise men came from the East, but in his idea they came from the South, for he could hear more of the excellent work of Masonry from the latter than the former quarter. He likewise had met many old friends and companions, and, like Comp. Dewsnap, would soon become a member.

Comps. WILLIAMS, HEWITT, and KIRBY also responded.

The next toast was "The Treasurer, Comp. Voisey, and the S.E., Comp. C. H. Stone." Of the Treasurer the PRESIDENT stated that he was a founder and one most careful of the funds. He gave his firm and steady support to the chapter, and though his multifarious duties kept him away, he was present as often as possible. None could better take care of the moneys and disburse them properly than he. Of the S.E. he would state the success of the chapter was due in a great degree, in conjunction with the ex-Preceptor, for the pains and assiduity with which he carried out his duties. None was more energetic; whatever he had to do he did it most readily and most cheerfully. In fact, the more he had to do the better he liked it. None was a more enthusiastic Mason, and nothing seemed a trouble to him.

Comp. VOISEY thanked the companions for the manner they had received the toast, but said it was hardly deserved, as the S.E. almost performed the dual duty, but he stated he had not been able to bestow so much time in the chapter as he wished on account of his many other duties, but that in his mother chapter—No. 1329—of which he was S.E., he always laid the claims of the Star Chapter of Instruction before the members, and would impress upon them the importance of attending. He thanked them likewise for conferring upon him the honour of Vice-President of that evening.

Comp. STONE, S.E., thanked the companions for the honour of coupling his name with that toast, and also for the eulogiums heaped upon him. He might say that he only did his duty, having been elected to fill such a position, and that he would always perform them as ably as long as he had the confidence of the companions. He should like to give a few particulars respecting the chapter. It had been open 37 times in the year, with 375 attendances, giving an average of 10. One noteworthy feature was the 227 attendances made by Principals and Past Principals, giving an average of 6, which showed the splendid support they gave for the benefit of the younger companions. The installation

ceremonies had been worked on 17 evenings, and 16 new members had been elected, which now brought up the number to 72. He was proud to work under such an able Preceptor, so ably supported by such Past Principals, and it would always be his aim to emulate them in every way, specially with respect to the working of the beautiful ceremonies.

The next toast, and one of great importance, was that of "Our Worthy Host, Comp. Woodwell," whom the PRESIDENT stated was one who took a lively interest in Masonry, and specially with regard to the convenience and comfort of all. The splendid suite of rooms were always at the disposal of Masons, and the best thanks of the companions were tendered him for his capital entertainment of them that evening.

Comp. WOODWELL replied, and said he was delighted to do to his utmost anything that might enhance the comfort of the companions, and it would always be his aim so long as the chapter was held at his house. He must give credit to his manager, Bro. Ruff, who was always very attentive to his duties, and ready to promote the comfort and happiness of the companions.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some capital songs from Comps. Voisey, Vincent, Addington, Patrick, and Bro. Horace Petley, while at the piano Comp. Wm. Briant most ably performed.

A MASONIC CONCERT.

An invitation concert was given on Tuesday last, at Bro. George Bussey's handsome Assembly Rooms, East Greenwich, S.E., by the officers of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, of which Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P. for Greenwich, is the first Master.

There was an excellent representative attendance, including many ladies, and the whole affair, thanks to the untiring energy of Bro. A. T. Bateman, I.P.M., was an unqualified success.

The artistes engaged were Misses Bertha Colnaghi and Marie Hooton and Messrs. C. E. Smith and A. Hubbard.

Messrs. Vupps presided at the piano and organ respectively, and Bro. A. T. Bateman conducted.

Bro. Sydney Gore recited two pieces admirably, and at the conclusion of the concert a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bateman for his efforts in carrying out the arrangements, which were perfect.

The success attending the concert under notice will, we are given to understand, lead to other entertainments of the same character, and we can only say that, while they are specially worthy of imitation by other lodges (for the ladies' sake), they will be the means of increasing the already immense popularity of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge.

THE MASONS' JUBILEE, NEW YORK.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York have issued in a jubilee volume the records of their celebration to commemorate the freedom of the Craft from debt. In the solid, modestly bound book of nearly 600 pages are contained all the data and documents which followed the designation by Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence of the 24th day of April, 1889, as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Beginning with the announcement made by Grand Master Lawrence to the Master, Wardens, and brethren of every lodge in the State that the \$500,000 debt had been lifted in three years, the records of the rejoicing that followed are thus historically preserved.

The volume is also a monumental tribute to the executive ability and enthusiasm of the Grand Master, which first made the attempt to pay the debt a success, then the attempted jubilee an affair of grand proportions and the publication of the eloquent addresses of the occasion so creditable a record. From the time that he laid before his brethren the fact that they were half a million dollars in debt, until that debt was paid and every bond which evidenced that debt was paid, Mr. Lawrence, now Past Grand Master, was unwavering in his faith that the task was possible which others deemed beyond the power of the lodges to perform. When the task was complete, and Robert Collyer, the grand old man, was on his feet, the loudest cheers followed this toast—"We drink the wine of joy to-night, thanking God, and call the health as we do it of our Grand Master, Frank R. Lawrence, who has rescued this Temple by his genius and courage, his wisdom and untiring energy. . . . And so we may alter the old chronicle of Edwin Saxon, and make it read now—"When the ancient mystery of Freemasonry had been depressed in New York by reason of great debts, then did the Brotherhood a great helper find in Royal Grand Master, Frank R. Lawrence, who held an assembly in the city, after the manner of Masonry, lifted the great load and set the Temple free for evermore to do its noble work."

Upon the cleverness and faithful exactness of Grand Secretary Ehlers this jubilee volume has been dependent for its sturdy and complete embodiment. With much modesty, however, the gentleman declares in his preface that "as a compiler he has not attempted the work of an editor," and lays all stress upon the untiring fidelity and genius of subordinate officers of every degree which made his work a necessity.—*New York World*.

The Duke of Fife presided at the opening ceremony of the East Marylebone Free Public Library in Mortimer-street on Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance, including Mr. Boulnois, M.P.

MASONIC SERVICE AT SOUTHPORT.

A Masonic service was held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon, the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance of Masons in Craft clothing, and of the general public. Previous to the service being held, the brethren assembled at the schools, and thereafter marched in processional order into church, the choir singing the processional hymn, the banners of the different lodges being carried in front, the clergy assisting at the service following, and behind these the general body of Freemasons. The following being the detailed order of marching: Choir, Tylers, with banners, clergy, Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons, Stewards, Inner Guards, Deacons, Secretaries, Treasurers, and other officers; Wardens, Past Masters, Worshipful Masters of other lodges, and Provincial Officers.

The Scarisbrick Lodge banner, a new and extremely beautiful one, was, it may be mentioned, designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

The service was fully choral, the following being the order:—Voluntary; processional hymn, 390; prayers; Psalms, 15, 24, 133; lesson, 1 Corinthians, xiii chapter; magnificent; creed and prayers to anthem; anthem, "Remember now thy Creator;" prayers to end of evensong; hymn 273; sermon—preacher, Bro. the Rev. F. R. Pearson, Rector of St. Alban's, Manchester; hymn during offertory, 293; benediction; processional hymn, 391. The organist was Mr. Walter Wilkinson, St. Cuthbert's, and the solo portions of the anthem were sung by Miss Hudson.

The clergy present, and assisting at the service, were Bro. the Rev. F. R. Pearson, Chap. 2295; Rev. C. S. Hope and Rev. J. S. Gardner, of 613, P.P.G.C.; Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, Chap. 2325; Rev. W. Marsden, 1070, P.P.G.C. The following lodges were, amongst others, represented: Unity, No. 613; Starkie, No. 1070; Fermor, No. 1313; Scarisbrick, No. 2295; and Rose of Lancaster, No. 2325.

Bro. the Rev. F. R. Pearson preached an eloquent sermon from Isaiah, chap. 28, v. xvi., "Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone elect and precious." In conclusion, the reverend gentleman made an earnest appeal to his hearers, both Masons and others, to contribute liberally to the special collection of the afternoon, viz., the building fund of St. Simon and St. Jude's Church, High Park.

After the Benediction the brethren formed in the same processional order as before, and left the church while the recessional hymn was being sung by the choir.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE EMBLEMATIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The members of the above lodge held their annual supper on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Mona Hotel, Covent Garden, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Price, W.M. 1321. Amongst the numerous friends and visitors present were Bro. W. J. Forrest, P.M. 1321; W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; H. S. Hunter, P.M. 1321; R. A. Kirkcaldie, P.M. 1321; W. Englefield, P.M. 1321; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec. 1321; Ridpath, P.M. 2096, P.G.D. Surrey; W. Hamblyn, P.M.; Rymer, P.M.; Graham, P.M.; F. J. Potter, S.W. 1321; Goode, S.W. 2096; W. G. Kent, J.W. 1321; W. J. Harris, S.D. 1321; G. E. Grimes, J.D. 1321; A. A. Barnes, I.G. 1321; Holden, I.G. 2096; J. Wheatcross, Stwd. 1321; H. Matthews, D.C. 1321; Berry, Bates, Bowers, Carter, Chowles, Hinton, March, Moggridge, T. Price, and Whitford.

The supper, which was very tastefully laid, received the merited approbation of all present.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. ESLING, P.M. 1321, Vice-President, in very eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the President," to whom, he said, not only that lodge was deeply indebted for his able, energetic, and valuable services, but the Craft in general.

Bro. PRICE, in responding, expressed his heartfelt thanks for the very cordial manner in which that toast had been proposed and received, particularly so when he knew he had only done his duty, as every Mason should do. The number of friends around him was extremely gratifying, as he was sure those mutual gatherings tended greatly to strengthen the bonds of friendship, brotherly love, and sympathy.

Bro. PRICE then proposed "The Health of the Vice-President," whose able assistance to himself and the lodge were, he said, invaluable.

The toast having been most heartily received and replied to,

The PRESIDENT thanked the Secretary and Committee for their energetic assistance, to which the great success of the evening was mainly due. He also expressed deep regret for the unavoidable absence of their worthy Preceptor, Bro. Greenway.

An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was arranged and accompanied by Bro. Merton Clark. The following talented artistes took part in the performance: Mdme. Merton Clark, Master Charles Steward, Messrs. Albert James, Tom Shale, Templar Saxe, W. Sargent Lee, M.A., H. Albino, Arthur Fry, W. J. Harris, and E. L. Berry.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the artists and Committee, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

BRO. SPETH IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

The lodges in Lincolnshire have lately been following the excellent example set by those of Yorkshire in arranging for the delivery of a series of lectures by the well-known Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Bro. G. W. Speth. The tour or circuit was commenced on Monday, the 14th ult., in the Doric Lodge, No. 362, Grantham. Tuesday, the Harmony and Franklin Lodges, of Boston jointly welcomed the lecturer. Wednesday it was the turn of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough. Thursday the three lodges of Grimsby convoked a meeting in the Pelham Pillar Lodge room. Saturday the tour was brought to an end by a visit to the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, Louth, where both the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy honoured the proceedings with their presence. The lecture was in each case on the nature of the Degrees and secrets of the Society prior to the era of Grand Lodges (1717), a subject which can only be adequately treated *visu voce*, as it would be obviously impossible to enlarge upon such a theme in print. Bro. Speth has constructed a very plausible theory with regard to the early secrets of the Freemason, which at all the meetings embraced in his tour, and especially at Louth, evoked much interest, and was followed by a discussion. At the last-named place the final lecture was delivered, but as the consecration of the Ermine Lodge, Lincoln, had been fixed for Monday, the 21st ult., Bro. Speth was warmly pressed to prolong his stay in the county, and once more participate in Masonic fellowship with the brethren whom he had amused and instructed during the previous week. Nothing loath, he gratefully accepted the proffered hospitality of Bro. W. H. Smyth, Provincial Grand Master, with whom he journeyed to Lincoln on the Monday, and at the banquet which succeeded the consecration, in replying for "The Visitors," took the opportunity of thanking the province generally for the kindness and truly fraternal feeling which had been everywhere extended to him. How Bro. Speth can manage to give himself from time to time what he speaks of as "a week's holiday," and get through the enormous secretarial and editorial work of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge is a mystery. But that it *can* be done is sufficiently attested by the recent issue of a volume of Reprints and a number of the *Transactions*, one immediately preceding his tour, and the other within three days of his return. Bro. Speth's capacity for work would indeed seem to be infinite, and well it is for the student's lodge that it should be so. We are informed, on good authority, that on taking his seat at his own desk after his "holiday" our brother found a batch of some 200 letters awaiting his attention—and, with this parting anecdote, we bring our notice of Bro. Speth's tour in Lincolnshire to a close.

Ireland.

DEDICATION OF THE LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 495, MOHILL.

The dedication ceremony of this new lodge took place on the 23rd ult., and was attended by a large number of brethren. For a considerable time a want of a Masonic lodge has been largely felt by the members of the Craft in and about the town of Mohill, and having applied to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a warrant, it was granted, bearing the same number as one which existed formerly in Mohill, having been issued so long back as 1772.

Lord Harlech, the Provincial Grand Master, had originally intended to be present and consecrate the lodge in person, but, owing to an engagement in London, found it impossible to attend, and in his absence Bro. Francis E. Clarke, LL.D., M.D., 30, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught, acted as Consecrating Officer, assisted by the following Provincial Grand Lodge Officers: Bro. James Faris, P.S.G.W.; Cairn Cross Church, P.J.G.W.; B. St. George Harrison, P.G. Sec.; Rev. Joseph Mayne, P.G. Chap.; Thomas Corscaden, P.S.G.D.; and W. J. Robinson, P.G. Stwd.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers having entered the lodge in procession, it was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was saluted.

The organ was efficiently played by Bro. Rev. Joseph D. Digges, Chaplain of Abbey Lodge, No. 242, and the principal founder of this new lodge.

The petition and warrant were read by Bro. W. C. Smith, acting Secretary, and the consecration and dedication were duly performed by Bro. Dr. Clarke, the brethren chanting the 133rd Psalm, and the P.G. Chaplain officiating.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then delivered a charge, in which he explained with much regret the absence of the Provincial Grand Master on that auspicious occasion, which no one regretted more than Lord Harlech did himself, who takes such a great interest in the Craft, being Provincial Grand Master of North Wales as well as of North Connaught. He dwelt upon the great objects of Freemasonry, and the high characteristics which should inspire the brethren of the Order in their pursuit of love, relief, and truth, and consequently exhorted great care being taken in the selection of candidates for initiation, and that they should look more to quality than to quantity. He advocated the duty of punctual and regular attendance at lodge, and of liberality to the Charities of the Order. The D.P.G.M. concluded by wishing the new lodge every prosperity.

"Hail, Masonry Divine" having been sung, Bro. R. Devenish, P.M. 242, was installed as W.M., and having been saluted, he installed his officers as follows: Bro. Hugh Ross, P.M., as S.W.; Robert Stratten, J.W.; William C. Smith, Treas.; John Austen, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. G. Digges, S.D.; W. H. Heaney, J.D.; and John H. Soden, I.G.

The brethren were afterwards entertained by the founders at a sumptuous banquet, provided in a most perfect manner by Bro. Soden, Bro. Devenish, W.M., presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been enthusiastically honoured,

The D.P.G.M., in responding for "The Provincial Grand Master" and himself, proposed "The W.M. and Founders of Lodge of Harmony, No. 495," which was responded to by Bro. DEVENISH, DIGGES, ROSS, SMITH, and others.

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Secretary, and other Officers" followed.

Music was rendered by several of the brethren, and a collection made for the Masonic Schools.

The festivities concluded at 12 o'clock, a most enjoyable evening having been spent, and all alike joining in "Hearty good wishes" for the newly-consecrated lodge.



The Brothers Gatti have all along shown much wisdom in that they do not ride a hobby to death. After a run of such dramas as "The Bells of Haslemere," "London Day by Day," and "The Harbour Lights," before producing another melodrama of the same description, they have gone back—not for the first time—to an early success, and now are giving Adelphi audiences a chance of once more seeing "The Green Bushes," which was so popular some 35 years ago and since. Many of our readers can remember seeing Madame Celeste, Mrs. Yates, Paul Bedford, and Henry Wright in it, but the present writer has had to be content with only seeing the present representatives, and very pleased we were to witness the revival a few evenings ago. The peculiarity of "The Green Bushes" is that its hero is killed very early in the play, so that it is unlike melodramas of to-day, where the same personage, though undergoing the greatest privations and personal fatigues, in the end is triumphant; nevertheless, the interest in this old drama is not a whit the less, though deprived of its hero. It is a play which maintains and excites the strongest interest, and its vicissitudes are relieved by the comic diversions of the showman and his sailor companion. Miss Mary Rorke, if she were to change parts with Miss Ada Ferrar, would do more justice to her part. Bro. J. L. Shine and Bro. Lionel Rignold are intensely humorous. The W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319 (Bro. J. D. Beveridge), is excellent, as is also Miss Kate James, and Miss Clara Jucks, in a new line of business, almost surprised us. We think the revival of "The Green Bushes" ought to prove more than a mere stop-gap until the new melodrama of Bro. Pettitt and Grundy is ready.

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Bro. Thos. Thorne is one of the fortunate manager-actors. Few have been his failures. We remember "Confusion" being put up until something was finished, and it ran for more than a year. "Our Boys" was the longest run on record—nearly four years, and "The School for Scandal" ran for over 400 nights. "The Rivals" and other old English comedies have all met with success at the Vaudeville, yet curiously Bro. Thorne has not until now put up Goldsmith's fascinating comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer." Now he has done so he is meeting with his reward from the public. He, of course, is Tony Lumpkin. Miss Winifred Emery, as Miss Hardcastle, adds another leaf to her wreath of laurels by her exquisite acting. The parts of Young Marlowe and his friend Hastings, played respectively by Messrs. Thalberg and F. Gillmore, would be better reversed. Mr. Gillmore had done so well in leading parts since Bro. Thorne engaged him that it is a pity he did not keep him there. We anticipate a goodly run for "She Stoops to Conquer," for it is a comedy to see many times without tiring of it.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

A Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales will be held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m.

At the 57th anniversary festival of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution, held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., subscriptions and donations amounting to about £450 were announced, including 100 guineas from Bro. Major Lambert.

We have to announce with much regret the death, at the age of 48, of Bro. Major Henry Stephens, at his residence at Park. Bro. Stephens was a P.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, and also held office in Nos. 186 and 180, besides being a member of the High Cross Lodge. The funeral will take place at Tottenham Cemetery, to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 o'clock.

A charter has been granted by H.R.H. the Grand Master for a new lodge, named the Doric, No. 2359, to be held the second Saturday every month at the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, in the Province of West Lancashire. The W.M. designate is Bro. Geo. Sam Smith, P.M., Bro. Clare Edgar Towell, S.W., and Bro. John Fletcher, J.W. The consecration will take place in a few weeks, as soon as the extensive alterations to the premises are complete.

On Tuesday week last Messrs. Chinnock, Galsworthy, and Chinnock offered Willis's Rooms for sale by auction. This property, situated in King-street, St. James's, covering an area of 8100 feet, is held for 55 years at rents amounting to £1248, but reduced by sub-letting to £807 per annum. The bidding, which started at £15,000, rose by bids of £500 each, until it reached £17,500, when the auctioneer made a bid of £20,000 for the vendors, and the property was ultimately declared unsold.

The *World* says—"I announced several weeks ago that Lord Charles Fitzroy is to succeed the new Bishop of Durham as Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and his appointment will appear in the *Gazette* in a few days. Lord Charles, who is the third son of the Duke of Grafton, is married to Lady Southampton's daughter. He holds the valuable family living of Euston, Suffolk. The next vacancy among her Majesty's Chaplains will be filled by the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, who is a prominent Freemason."

Another candidate has appeared for the Shrievalty, a Major Cockle, who is a Past Master of the Horners' Company, and on the Court of the Musicians' Company. He is a M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, and is a Mus. Bac. of Exeter College, Oxford. He has made a name as a musical composer, is said to be very wealthy, and resides at The Boltons, South Kensington. I have received communications from several influential persons in the City, who speak of his qualifications and capabilities for carrying out the duties of the office with dignity, aided by wealth.—*Metropolitan*.

The valuable freehold residential and manorial estate known as Wakehurst Place, in the Parish of Ardingly, Sussex, the seat of the Dowager Marchioness of Downshire, has just been disposed of by private treaty by Messrs. Maple & Co., of Tottenham Court-road. The mansion, which is considered to be one of the finest specimens of Elizabethan architecture in England, having been built in the year 1593 by Sir Edward Culpeper, is of grey stone, with fine mullioned windows and dormers, with enriched crocketed gables and pinnacles, and stands in a beautifully timbered park, with a long carriage drive approach. There are a number of excellent farms on the estate, which are all let to old tenants.

The installation meeting in connection with the Pelham Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Friday evening, the 25th ult. There were present the W.M., Bro. W. Wright; Bros. G. Wilson, S.W.; T. R. White, Treas.; R. Weston, S.D.; J. C. Woolgar, J.D.; J. C. Berry, I.G.; H. Hall, Tyler; and a large number of brethren from other lodges. Bro. Wilson, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The banquet which followed was held at the Bear Hotel, and the retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel. A beautifully wrought banner was presented to the lodge by Bro. Wright. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

On Friday, the 25th ult., the Fraternity Lodge, No. 1418, had their annual festival in the Masonic Hall, Wellington-street, Stockton, when Bro. W. Thorman, S.W., was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. G. D. Leng, P.M., P.S.G.D. Thereafter the Worshipful Master appointed or invested the following brethren as officers:—Bros. H. Tomkins, I.P.M.; J. W. Gatt, S.W.; J. L. Green, J.W.; W. J. Watson, P.M.; Treas.; J. Broome, Sec.; J. Tweedy, Org.; W. Hutchinson, S.D.; C. W. Anderson, J.D.; J. R. Crosthwaite, I.G.; J. Wright and J. Jones, Stwds.; B. R. Smith, P.M., Tyler. Subsequently the brethren dined together.

A large and influential meeting of the ladies of Renfrewshire interested in the grand Masonic bazaar, which is now definitely fixed to be held in Edinburgh on 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th December next for the purpose of raising the sum of £10,000 to complete the annuity scheme of extended Masonic benevolence, was held in the County Hall. Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart of Ardgowan presided. After some preliminary conversation, and reports having been submitted showing that considerable progress had been made in Renfrewshire in the promotion of the bazaar, it was resolved to appoint lady conveners for each district of the county. It is understood that these conveners will take entire charge of their respective districts. A meeting of the Gentlemen's Committee for Renfrewshire was also held, Mr. Henry Erskine Gordon, Aikenhead, Cathcart, presiding. He was supported by Major F. W. Allan, Mr. George Fisher, Mr. George Glen, and Mr. R. M'Gregor (Secretary). Some routine business having been disposed of, Mr. M'Gregor was appointed Treasurer, and to receive subscriptions in money. This was all the business.

Bro. Chas. W. C. Webb is to be installed W.M. of the Caterham Lodge, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Caterham.

We regret to announce the death, on the 23rd ult., of Bro. F. H. Woodforde, M.D., at the age of 71. He was well known and highly esteemed in the Craft, and a member of the 32°.

The Princess of Wales has given her patronage to a musical and dramatic *matinée*, on June 12th, at the Meistersingers' Club, in aid of the Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo-road.

Catalogues are in preparation of the library of English and foreign literature of the late Bro. Dr. Ernest Brette, of Christ's Hospital. The books will be sold by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson.

Thursday being the 40th anniversary of the birth of the Duke of Connaught, the bells of St. George's Chapel and Windsor Parish Church rang in honour of his Royal Highness. A salute was also fired. Prince Arthur was born in 1850.

The scheme of the Charity Commissioners for dealing with the City of London Parochial Charities, under the Act of 1883, was on Wednesday formally approved by the Education Department, and was signed accordingly by Earl Cranbrook and Sir W. Hart Dyke, M.P.

Bro. Haskins' concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on the 24th ult., was well attended, as it deserved to be with such an array of talent as was provided by the benefactors, which included Madam Sinico, Miss Ethel Winn, Madame Florence Winn, Mr. Iver McKay, and others.

On Thursday afternoon some interesting experiments took place in the Thames, near Waterloo Bridge, for the trial of a new life-saving apparatus, the Combinare Buoyant Cushion, in the presence of representatives from the Admiralty and the Board of Trade. The experiments appeared successful.

The Scottish Corporation, a charity of which the Prince of Wales is President, held its annual meeting on Wednesday at Scots' Hall, Fleet-street. In all 19 pensioners were elected, viz., two to the £25 pension and 17 to the £12 pension. The report showed that the income last year was £4965, the expenditure being £5134, there being, therefore, a deficit of £169. The sum actually disbursed in relief to necessitous Scotchmen had been £4123.

Some remarkable prices were realised on Wednesday at the sale of the library of the late Mr. Thomas Gaisford, of Offington, Worthing. The Guinta edition of the "Dameron," bound by Le Facheux, fetched £64; the rare first edition, Kilmarnock, 1786, of "Burns's Poems," in the Scottish dialect, £120; a collection of 40 black-letter ballads, printed in the reign of Charles II., in one volume, folio, £32; and "Arise Montani Dictum," from the library of Diane de Poitiers, £94 10s.

The French Exhibition at West Brompton is announced to be opened by the Lord Mayor early this month. An influential Reception Committee has been formed, with Col. North as Chairman, and there is no reason to doubt that this the third of the National exhibitions held in the same premises, under the same able management, will be equally successful as the preceding Italian and American Exhibitions. As an appropriate feature in the life picture of Africa, which will be illustrated in the Arena section, Englishmen will have an opportunity of seeing the great sensation of Paris, viz., lions driven by their proprietor in a Roman chariot.

In his oration as Provincial Grand Chaplain at the consecration of Lodge Alva, St. Servanus, No. 771, Bro. the Rev. W. E. Hall said that if we wish to find a practical answer to the inquiry—What is the good of Freemasonry? we shall find it in ourselves. What good are we working in it? Are we getting the greatest good we can out of it by giving up ourselves to its rules, to its precepts, and to every opportunity of usefulness for good which it sets before us to acquire? Freemasonry is good, though it has suffered much discredit by the unworthiness of many of its members. Let us take care that our venerable Institution, which is so worthy, "be not evil spoken of" through our own personal unworthiness, or our carelessness in neglecting strictly to guard its privileges.

We quote the following from the *Newcastle Daily Journal*: "In reference to the Masonic paragraph which appeared in this column a few days ago, we are glad to be able to state that Mr. John Strachan, barrister-at-law, of this city, has for some time past been engaged in the preparation of the history of Northumbrian Freemasonry, which is now approaching completion. In continuation of what was said a few days ago regarding those having interesting documents or MSS. relating to Masonry in Northumberland, we may add that if any member of the Craft or any friend has any authentic documents, and he will communicate with Mr. John Strachan, 32, Grainger-street West, that distinguished Craftsman would be thankful, and it would be to the advantage of the Craft. Already he has had the opportunity of making extracts of interesting records from the ancient Alnwick minute book concerning the operative lodge and also the speculative lodges of the province."

The will of the late Bro. Alderman Stone, dated December 30th, 1887, has now been lodged at the offices of the Probate Court. He is described as of Bucklersbury, and of Castleham, Hollington, in the county of Sussex, an Alderman of the City of London, and treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital. After bequeathing an immediate pecuniary legacy of £500 to Mrs. Stone, and legacies to his executors, also to two godsons, he leaves to Mrs. Stone absolutely all his furniture, and other effects. The income of the residue of the deceased's estate is also directed to be paid to Mrs. Stone for life, subject to an annuity in favour of the testator's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Palmer Stone, and her children. There are ultimate trusts in favour of the testator's daughter-in-law and her children, but subject to the life interest bequeathed to the testator's widow. The Alderman died on February 26th last possessed of freeholds in the City of London and in Kent and Middlesex, also of certain freeholds at Hastings and of the mansion house at Hollington, erected by him a few years since, known as Castleham, with the lands originally held therewith, and others which a few years since were purchased by the deceased. The gross value of the personalty has been sworn at a little over £30,800.

Bro. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P., was on Wednesday re-appointed President of the National Sunday League.

The Queen will, it is understood, visit Baron F. de Rothschild, M.P., at Waddesden Manor, on Wednesday, the 14th prox.

The Duchess of Teck opened a bazaar and Italian market at the Riding School, Knightsbridge, on Wednesday afternoon, in aid of the Orphanage of Mercy at Kilburn.

At a sale, on Tuesday last, held at the Albert Hall, on behalf of the Society for Promoting Female Welfare, an organ recital was given by Dr. C. W. Pearce, organist of St. Clement, Eastcheap.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., were among Lady Knutsford's visitors at her reception on Saturday evening, at her residence in Eaton-square.

We learn with much pleasure that the City solicitor, Bro. H. H. Crawford, expects to resume his official duties on Monday, although the weather of the past week or ten days has somewhat retarded his progress towards complete recovery.

Saturday, the 10th inst., has been appointed for the private view of the summer exhibition (the 21st) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit-street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 12th.

Among the promises of support received by the National Rifle Association, in reply to the appeal for financial assistance recently made, are £1000 by the South-Western Railway Company, £500 each by the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Bedford, the Earl of Wemyss, and Lord Wantage, and £250 by Sir Edward Guinness.

Owing to the late date at which the order was given for the annexe in which the musical instruments, &c., are to be displayed at the Royal Military Exhibition, it is feared that it will hardly be ready to receive the interesting exhibits from the Brussels Conservatoire and elsewhere on the opening day. A full catalogue has, however, been completed.

The Rev. A. Hamilton Baynes, Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, will preach at the afternoon service in Westminster Abbey (3 p.m.) on Ascension Day, and the collection will be given to the Incorporated Church Building Society. The Bishop of Southwell will preside at the annual meeting of the society on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at 7, Dean's-yard, Westminster Abbey, at 2.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the Court of Common Council on Thursday, in the Guildhall, a letter was read from the engineer of the Tower Bridge works, in which it was stated that the approaches on both sides of the river would be finished this year, and judging from the opinions of Sir W. Arrol and other gentlemen interested in the works, the bridge would in all probability be open for traffic by July, 1891.

A special meeting of the Alexandria and Bonhill, No. 321, Royal Arch Lodge (S.C.), was held on the 25th ult., when a musical and literary entertainment was given by the brethren, all of whom acquitted themselves most creditably. The object was to raise a sum for the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. Bro. W. E. Gilmour, R.W.M., presided, and announced that the sum raised was £13, being the largest yet realised at any of their meetings.

The Samaritan Bazaar, to be held in the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, in aid of the funds of the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, will have the assistance of several leading members of "the" profession. Miss Olga Nethersole will preside at the Forget-me-Not (photograph) Stall, and Miss Adrienne Dairrolles at "The Palm-(is)-Tree." Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Alma Murray, the Misses Lorke, Miss Maud Millett, Miss Julia Neilson, Mrs. C. L. Carson, Mr. Arthur Dacre, Mr. Eric Lewis, and Mr. Nutcombe Gould are also among those who have offered their services.

The "Marjorie" ball at the Criterion was a very pleasant affair. Promoted jointly by Mr. Horace Sedger and the directors of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, it was excellently managed, and gave great satisfaction. Messrs. Sedger, Augustus Harris, and Henry Bruce were naturally well to the fore, as were, of course, Miss Camille D'Arville, Miss Phyllis Broughton, Mr. Hayden Coffin, Mr. Ashley, and other members of the cast of "Marjorie." Miss Wadman was also present, and among others "observed" were Mr. Thomas Thorne, Miss Norreys, Miss Olga Brandon, Miss Sylvia Grey, Miss Ffolliot Paget, Miss Alexes Leighton, Mr. W. Greet, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Alport, Mr. and Mrs. F. Horner, and Mr. Edward Ledger. Altogether there were about 250 guests. The supper was pronounced excellent, and dancing, beginning at 12, went on till four in the morning.

An "At Home," given by the W.M. and members of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, was held at the Masonic Hall, Phoenix-place, Stonehouse, on the evening of the 23rd ult., the room being tastefully decorated. Bro. F. J. Price presided, assisted by Bros. H. Mortimer, Treas.; H. Trethewy, Sec.; J. Bartlett, Tyler; B. Johns, P.M.; N. Radmore, P.M., and C. Marshall, P.M. of 159; H. J. Barter, P.M. 1247; J. Cowich, J. Dyer, Stwd.; J. Nattle, G. Andrews, and J. Mitchell, Stwds.; and W. S. Luscombe, J.D., all of 159; W. G. C. Butcher, 202; John Parker, Stwd., 189; and C. F. Hocking and P. S. Watson, of 954. The ladies present included Mrs. Batstone, Mrs. T. C. Woods, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Radmore, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Corrick, Mrs. and Miss Cross, Mrs. Langmead, Mrs. and Miss Trethewy, Mrs. Nattle, Mrs. Luscombe, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Endicott, Mrs. and Miss Butcher, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Williams. Dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning, Messrs. Brown and Murch providing the music. Bro. Bosworthick, of Devonport, supplied the refreshments. Bros. Endicott and Mitchell acted as M.C.'s.

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