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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

Now that this year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has gone the way of that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it becomes our duty to take stock of the position of the third great Institution established and maintained by the brethren of this country, and the efforts that are being made to ensure the success of its approaching Anniversary. Our readers are doubtless aware that the date has been fixed for the 2nd July, and that the Right Hon. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, and Past Senior Grand Warden of England, has considerably undertaken the responsibility of presiding as Chairman, and we are well satisfied his lordship will do all in his power to secure a good return to the efforts that are being made, and will be made, in behalf of this important Charity. We hear that at present there are about 220 brethren who have given their services as Stewards, but this is a long way from the number who acted last year in this capacity, and we trust, therefore, that no pains will be spared in order to make it as numerous and as efficient as, if not more numerous and efficient than, that of 1889, the result of whose labours was shown by the excellent total of £13,600 and upwards. In 1889, however, the Girls' School, after the splendid success of its Centenary, was almost left out of the reckoning in estimating the results of the several Anniversaries, the efforts of the Craft being mainly directed in the first instance towards supplying the needful sum to satisfy the requirements of the Benevolent Institution, and in the next towards making good the deficiency of the previous year at the Boys' Festival, owing to its following so closely after the Girls' Centenary. But this year the authorities of the senior Charity have found themselves under the necessity of couching their appeal to the Masonic public in language almost as pressing as in the years preceding the Centenary. Thus the Benevolent Festival of February yielded over £13,840 in February, or more by upwards of £300 than that of 1889, while that of the Girls' School last week produced upwards of £11,000, or considerably more than double the total announced in Freemasons' Tavern on the 22nd May, 1889. Hence, except in so far as the present members of its Board of Stewards may already have enlisted the sympathy of the lodges and brethren, the Boys' School as Bro. BINCKES has again and again said, have to content itself with the crumbs that are left, and it is to be hoped that these crumbs will turn out to be more numerous and larger than crumbs usually are. At all events, our object at this present moment is to impress upon the brethren generally the very great importance of strengthening the Board of Stewards as now constituted, and as there are still nearly five weeks left in which this work of strengthening the Board may be carried on, we sincerely hope our appeal will not prove to have been made in vain. A Board of 300 Stewards and upwards, with a higher list average than usual, will place the Boys' School on a firm footing during the coming year.

But there are special reasons why every one must desire to see a higher total at the approaching celebration than in 1889. Not only do we desire to see the efforts of Bro. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON and his Board of Stewards rewarded more munificently than usual for his and their sake—for his sake because he has no Province to support him, and for their sake because they have a harder task before them than in 1889. We have a greater reason still in the fact that this Institution is more sorely in need of funds than it has been for some time past. The proposal to erect a swimming bath has been postponed for the present on account of the great annual outlay that will be required for the necessary water supply. But the sanitary and other works which must be carried out, and which, indeed, the Governors and Subscribers have already resolved on carrying out, will require an extraordinary expenditure of some £3000. So large a sum is difficult to raise at the best of times, but still more difficult will the task of raising it be likely to prove now when the School is in a state of transition; and there has hardly been time for a

renewal of that confidence in the governing authorities of the Institution, which was so rudely shaken last year by the Report of the Investigation Committee. The Provisional Committee, which was appointed as the result of that Report, to carry on the management of the School for the present, has been doing its work bravely. Its first statement of account, showing, as it does, an appreciable reduction of the cost per boy during the six months ended the 31st December last, makes it clear that this Committee have set their minds on a more economical expenditure, nor have we the slightest ground for believing that the economy has been obtained at the cost of an impaired efficiency. We may rest satisfied, therefore, that whatever sum may be raised on the 2nd July next will be used to the best advantage; but as the regular expenditure, even at the reduced cost per boy, will still amount to about £10,000, and the extraordinary expenditure will amount, as we have said, to quite £3000, it will be manifest to our readers that, as the permanent income of the School is only about £700 per annum, a lower total of receipts than in 1889 will hardly suffice to meet the pressing exigencies of the new year.

There is also a further, though a lesser, reason why we desire that the approaching Festival should compare well with some of the best among its predecessors. Bro. BINCKES, after completing a service of 29 years as Secretary to the Institution, will have vacated his office, but the management of the Festival has been left in his hands. We do most sincerely hope, therefore, that for his sake, who has done so much for this and our other Institutions likewise, and by way of showing that no section of the Craft bears him ill will, the last Anniversary with which he will be associated will be as satisfactory as some of his most successful.

THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

The summer Half-Yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held in its new Hall, adjoining Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd prox., when we may expect there will be a more numerous gathering of Present and Past Grand Officers and brethren of the Mark Degree than usual, especially as there is a full programme of business, including the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The report, too, of the General Board for the last half-year will be presented, and from its tenour we gather that as regards lodges and brethren very great progress has been made during the period it refers to, and that financially the position of Grand Lodge is most satisfactory, notwithstanding the heavy expense it has incurred in making the necessary alterations and improvements in its new premises. During the half-year to the 31st March last, warrants for six new Mark lodges and three new Ark Mariner lodges were granted, while the number of Mark and Ark certificates issued were as regards the former 699, and as regards the latter 192, the number of registered Mark Masons being thus raised to 26,687, and of Ark Mariners to 3049. Two new Provincial Grand Masters, Bro. the Hon. Sir H. STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, M.P., and the Duke of CONNAUGHT, have been appointed, the former to preside over Devonshire, *vice* the late Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel J. TANNER DAVY, J.P., and the latter to preside over Sussex, *vice* Bro. GERARD FORD deceased. Three Provincial and one District Grand Masters have been re-appointed, each for a further term of three years. The Board also refers to the exchange of representatives with the new Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales, and further records its hearty thanks to Bros. R. BERRIDGE and C. H. DRIVER, the Honorary Architects of Grand Lodge, for the success of their labours in respect of the new Grand Lodge premises, and also to the Building and Premises Committee, comprising Bros. the Earl of EUSTON, FRANK RICHARDSON, JAMES MOON, and C. F. MATIER. It recommends that in future there shall be four Quarterly Communications instead of two Half-yearly, and expresses a hope that the sum of £500 for the purchase of an organ as a memorial to the late Bro.

Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past Grand Mark Master, may be raised at an early date. The accounts which are appended show likewise that the General Fund and the several branches of the Benevolent are in a flourishing condition, the invested property of the latter amounting altogether to £9100 for the three branches. Thus, from what we have said and from what else is contained in the report, there can be very little doubt as to the prosperity of the Mark Degree.

A COPY OF THE WARRANT OF THE HUMBER LODGE.

ATHOL, Grand Master
WM. TINDALL, S.G.W.,
No. 53

LAW. DERMOTT, D.G.M.
THOS. CARTER, J.G.W.

THE
ATHOL
SEAL

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of *Free and Accepted Masons*, according to the OLD CONSTITUTIONS, granted by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York, A.D. 926, and in the year of Masonry 4926, in ample Form assembled, viz., the Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis, and Earl of Athol; Marquis of Tullibardine; Earl of Strathsay and Strathardale; Viscount of Ballquiden, Glenalmond, and Glenlyon; Lord Murray, Belveny, and Gask; Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven; Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland; and in that part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and *Masonical Jurisdiction* thereto belonging, *Grand Master* of Masons; The R.W. LAWRENCE DERMOTT, Esq., D.G.M., the R.W. WILLIAM TINDALL, Esq., S.G.W., and the R.W. THOMAS CARTER, Esq., J.G.W., with the approbation and consent of the Warrented Lodges held within the Cities of London and Westminster do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brother the Worshipful PATRICK VAUGHAN, one of our Master Masons; the Worshipful EDWARD SEDWARD, his Senior Warden; and the Worshipful THOMAS GRIFFITHS, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a *Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons* aforesaid, at the BUCK & DOG in STRAND STREET (or elsewhere), in the Town of LIVERPOOL, in the County of LANCASTER, upon the first and third Monday of each Calander Month, and upon all seasonable times and lawful occasions; and in the said Lodge, when duly congregated to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most ancient and honourable customs of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World, And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved Brethren, PATRICK VAUGHAN, EDWARD SEDWARD, and THOMAS GRIFFITHS, with the consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate to whom they shall deliver this Warrant; and invest them with their Power and Dignities as Freemasons, &c., and such Successors shall in like manner, nominate, choose, and install their Successors, &c., &c., such Installation to be upon or near every St. John's day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, provided the above-named, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge; otherwise this Warrant to be of no force and virtue.

Given under our Hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge, in London this seventeenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1775, and in the Year of Masonry, 5775.

WILLIAM DICKEY, GRAND SECRETARY.

GRAND
LODGE
SEAL

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, Letter B, and bears date May 19, 1756—5756.

INDORSEMENT.

Let the within Lodge and Warrant, No. 53, all and every the Members thereof being first duly returned to and registered with the Clerk of the Peace, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided, be transferred to and held at a House known by the sign of the *Fleece Inn*, Market-Place, Hull, the Master and Wardens, and all and every Members thereof, at all times paying due respect to the Grand Lodge, and the Rules and Regulations thereof, by whom the within Warrant and these Presents are granted; otherwise the same to be of no force or effect whatever.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

Entered ROBERT LESLIE, G.S., K fol 46-7.

The lodge was opened at the Fleece Inn, Hull, on March 16th, 1809, under its old name of "Ancient Knight Templars" Lodge, No. 53, from which date it became a Yorkshire lodge. The change of name to "Humber" Lodge took place on July 2nd, 1810.

P.A.G.S.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 4th proximo:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A brother of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Dover	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, Dartford	50 0 0
A brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond	100 0 0
A brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester	50 0 0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that their President, Bro. Thomas Fenn, has expressed a desire to present to Grand Lodge a valuable silver inkstand, formerly the property of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, to whom it had been presented in the year 1876 by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, on his completion of 30 years' service as Treasurer.

At his death he bequeathed it to Bro. Thomas Fenn, and it was used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, when signing the

address from Grand Lodge to her Majesty the Queen at the great Jubilee meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall on the 13th June, 1887.

Bro. Fenn feels that an article to which an historical Masonic interest is thus attached should become the property of Grand Lodge, to whom he, therefore, now offers it.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £7676 12s. 4d., and balance of annual allowance for library £40 4s. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
20th May, 1890.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be given to V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

(Signed)

THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President.

10. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board have to report that they have had before them for the last two or three years numerous complaints from members of the Lodge La Concordia, No. 1226, Cairo, Egypt, showing that gross irregularities were taking place therein, while counter charges against the members have also been made by the W. Master. In November, 1887, the Colonial Board found it necessary to suspend the W.M. from his functions for the remainder of his term of office, but there being no other member qualified for the chair, the same brother again became Master for the ensuing year and has still continued in that position.

Since then, further reports of irregularities as to the proceedings generally, and also as to their finances, have been made to the Board, who thereon requested the present Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England in Egypt, Bro. Raphael Borg, formerly Deputy District Grand Master under England, and subsequently Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, to fully investigate the various complaints received from the lodge, and to report thereon to the Board.

His report, dated the 15th January last, discloses such a lamentable state of affairs in the lodge as to general mismanagement, continual irregularities, quarrels, and recriminations amongst the members, together with non-payment of fees and improper expenditure of its funds, that the Colonial Board have arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible for the lodge to continue as a Masonic body, and they, therefore, have to recommend that it be erased from the roll of lodges of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Board have to add that on the 15th February they wrote to the W. Master informing him of their intention to recommend the erasure of the lodge, and stating that any answer it might have to make to the charge must arrive in London before the 15th April; further, that the lodge was to cease work, and to forthwith transmit its warrant to the Grand Secretary. Although this letter was handed personally to the W. Master on the 7th March last by Bro. Borg, no reply has been received up to this date, nor has the warrant been returned.

(Signed)

G. HALDANE, P.G.S.B., Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London,
6th May, 1890.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th May, 1890, including the following alterations in the laws, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

Rule 37.—To add, after the words "him or her on the list of annuitants," "if in their opinion efforts have been made to secure his or her election."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MALE FUND.

Rule 1.—Strike out after "Master Mason" in the third line "for 15 years," and alter in the fourth line "at least 10" to "15," and take out the words "of that period," and after the words "shall be" in the fifth line, alter the words following to "certified by two medical men as suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction which in the opinion of the Committee," alter the word "party" in the ninth line to "candidate," and in the last line but one change "at least 10" to "15."

Rule 2.—Alter £40 to £32.

Rule 3.—Add at end of Clause "A candidate having been a Life Governor for five years at the time of presenting his petition shall be entitled to 20 votes at each election until successful, for each Governorship he may have qualified before his petition was accepted; but after his election all future rights to such added votes shall cease."

Rule 7.—Alter £40 to £32.

Rule 9.—In second line alter "five" to "seven," in fifth line alter "she shall be" to "she may be," in seventh line alter "three years" to "five years," and in the last line but one, after the word "residence," substitute for all that follows "subject to the approval of the House Committee."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR WIDOWS' FUND.

Rule 1.—Omit the whole and substitute the following:—"No widow shall be eligible under the age of 60 years, nor unless her last husband was qualified in accordance with Rule 1, Male Fund. She must have been married to him for at least seven years, and if the widow of an annuitant, the marriage must have taken place at least five years previously to the presentation of her husband's petition—subject to these qualifications a widow shall be eligible to be accepted as a candidate at an earlier age if suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction certified by two medical men, which in the opinion of the Committee shall permanently incapacitate her from earning a livelihood."

Rule 3.—Alter in fourth and seventh lines the word "late" to "last."

At end of Rule 3.—Add—"A candidate having been a Life Governor for five years at the time of presenting her petition, shall be entitled to 20 votes at each election until successful, for each Governorship she may have qualified before her petition was accepted; but after her election all further right to such added votes shall cease."

12. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1.—By Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D. of C.—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

2.—By Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.—

That the sum of £500 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge for the purpose of placing a stained glass window in the "Centenary Hall," now in course of erection at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a memorial of the auspicious occasion on which H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master presided at the Centenary meeting of the Institution, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 7th June, 1888, when H.M. the King of Sweden, Grand Master of Masonry in that country, honoured the meeting with his presence.

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

CANDIDATES.	NOMINATED BY.
Bro. George Coop, W.M. 1612.	Bro. Charles Dairy, P.M. 141.
" Samuel Cochrane, W.M. 2345.	" John Larkin, W.M. 3.
" Lewis Lazarus, P.M. 188.	" M. D. Loewenstark, P.M. 25.
" Frederick E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.	
" Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.	
" Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 1964.	
" George Read, W.M. 1681.	" D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.
" Ebenezer C. Mulvey, W.M. 2353.	
" William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 1744.	
" Charles Dearing, W.M. 1602.	
" Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 1964.	
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012.	
" John Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192.	" J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.
" John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 1611.	
" Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. 141.	
" Fred. Burgess, P.G. Stwd., W.M. 29.	" George Kelly, P.G.S.B.
" Fred. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.	
" Ebenezer Chas. Mulvey, W.M. 2353.	" S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511.
" Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.	
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012.	
" J. W. H. Thompson, P.M. 165.	" Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W.
" Henry Carman, P.M. 548.	" J. Hugh Thomson, P.M. 165.
" John Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192.	" F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891.
" Wm. Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 1744.	" James Terry, P.G.S.B.
" Capt. Thos. Chas. Walls, P.M. 141.	" Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W.
" George Read, W.M. 1681.	" Henry J. Lardner, P.M. 1623.
" Wm. Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 1744.	" Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.
" Ebenezer Shedd, P.M. 276.	" W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1987.
" Frederick Gordon Brown, W.M. 1.	" Albert Lucking, P.G.P.
" John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 1611.	" Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.
" William Masters, P.M. 2128.	" Thos. B. Whytehead, G.S.B.
" Wm. Hy. Causton, M.D., W.M. 865.	" Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.
" Charles Edward Keyser, W.M. 2323.	" Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. 141.
" William Mackie, W.M. 1677.	" J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168.
" Frederick Gordon Brown, W.M. 1.	
" Edward John Vivian Husey, W.M. 2.	
" Malcolm Morris, W.M. 26.	
" John Aird, M.P., W.M. 259.	
" Augustus C. Maybury, W.M. 2033.	
" Richard Clowes, W.M. 2201.	
" Charles Edward Keyser, W.M. 2323.	
" Gordon Smith, P.M. 14.	" Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.
" Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415.	
" Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584.	
" Joseph D. Langton, P.M. 2096.	
" Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108.	
" Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 2192.	
" George Gardner, P.M. 2309.	
" John Russell Clipperton, P.M. 66.	" George Read, W.M. 1681.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bro. Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434, James Brett, P.M. 177, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, Albert Escott, P.M. 1539, Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 141, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 2128, and Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108, nominated by Bro. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Bro. Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 141, nominated by Bro. Henry Lardner, P.M. 1623; and Bro. Col. Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, Charles Alex. Cottebrune, P.M. 733, Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, Charles George Dilley, P.M. 1155, Lieut.-Col. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569, Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287, Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567, Robert Griggs, P.M. 228, and William Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625, nominated by Bro. John Albert Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 2355, The Chantrey Lodge, Dore, Derbyshire.
- " 2356, The Pandyan Lodge, Madura, Madras.
- " 2357, The Barry Lodge, Cadoxton, South Wales (E.D.).
- " 2358, The Lodge of Mona, Castletown, Isle of Man.
- " 2359, The Doric Lodge, Didsbury, Lancashire (W.D.).
- " 2360, The Victoria Lodge, Southport, Lancashire (W.D.).
- " 2361, The Cricklewood Lodge, Cricklewood, Middlesex.
- " 2362, The Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, Chenies-street, London.
- " 2363, The Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, Manchester.
- " 2364, The Twillingate Lodge, Twillingate, Newfoundland.
- " 2365, The Thomas Barnett Feltham Lodge, Winton, Queensland.
- " 2366, The Etheridge Lodge, George Town, Queensland.
- " 2367, The Ravenswood Lodge, Ravenswood, North Queensland.
- " 2368, The Alan Lodge, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.
- " 2369, The Cornish Lodge, London.
- " 2370, The Albert Victor Lodge, Lahore, Punjab.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., in the Mechanics' Institute, at Burnley. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M., presided, supported by Bros. George Mellor, Past Grand Deacon of England, Deputy P.G.M.; W. O. Walker, P.G.D. England; E. Ashworth, P.G.D. England; and a numerous retinue of Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. J. O. S. Thursby, P.S.G.W., and J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.W., the latter acting in the place of Bro. N. A. Earle, who was unable to attend, and there was a large muster of Worshipful and Past Masters, Wardens, and Master Masons.

On the roll being called, it was found that 100 lodges were represented, and that only one lodge had failed to send a delegate.

Bro. Major J. W. Allison, Prov. G. Treas., wrote expressing regret that he was unable to attend, and submitting his balance sheet, which he said was very satisfactory, and proved that the finances of the Provincial Grand Lodge were in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Bro. J. STUDD, P.M. 163, one of the Auditors, said the balance was £140 higher than that of last year, and in consequence there was a feeling that out of this fund there should be a contribution of £100 instead of £50, as at first proposed, to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution.

On the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. W. O. WALKER, thanks were accorded to the P.G. Treasurer and the Auditors for their services.

The customary election of P.G. Treasurer followed. There were three nominations for the post, viz.: Bros. George Hunt, 1009; Major Robert Harrison, 1064; and J. Studd; and the voting resulted in the election of Bro. Hunt by a large majority.

In his annual report, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. CHADWICK, said that further progress had been made by the Craft in the province during the past year. Three new lodges had been consecrated—St. Martin's, Castleton, No. 2320; East Lancashire Centurion, Manchester, No. 2322; and Clemency, Oldham, No. 2341—and a warrant had been granted for the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, Manchester, No. 2363, which would shortly be consecrated, and would bring up the total number of lodges to 102. Subscribing members had only slightly increased from 4316 to 4397, and there had been 411 initiations and joinings against 473 in the preceding year.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER expressed the great pleasure he felt in seeing so large an attendance. It spoke well for the brethren that they should gather in such numbers to maintain the dignity and respectability of an organisation which for good or evil must have a great effect upon mankind. They formed one of the largest provinces in the United Kingdom, the largest in the number of lodges, and the second largest in the number of subscribing members, and he hoped and trusted they were second to no province in their desire to carry out the true principles of the Order. The Masonic body had ceased to be the Order of people who made the great buildings of the earth, but they still believed in that speculative Masonry, which although it might not have monuments of stone and marble pillars, yet would raise up monuments of that Charity and that benevolence which were the mainsprings of the Order. Seeing how great was competition now in the elections to the Masonic Benevolent Institutions in London, it became imperative that some more positive and more regular source of income should be granted by the lodges of the province to their own Systematic Institution. If each brother would give every year only 5s. to the Systematic Institution, and brethren would in addition use all their votes for the London Institutions through the Systematic Institution, the latter would thus, and with the donations of the wealthier brethren and the contributions of lodges, be made able to meet any claims made upon it. He strongly desired that a sum should be raised and maintained which would enable the Committee to grant annuities to indigent Masons in the province. He proposed during the year to send round to all the lodges officers who would explain the position of the Charities, and who would make an urgent appeal on behalf of the Systematic Institution.

Bro. CHADWICK read the report of the Charity Committee, which mentioned that last year two boys, two girls, and two male annuitants were elected by votes from this province upon the various London foundations.

On the motion of Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. Colonel ASPLAND, P.P.G.R., the report was adopted.

On the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by the D.P.G.M., a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, P. Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, and P.D.P.G.M. East Lancashire.

Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D. England, was elected, in the place of his deceased father, a Trustee of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds.

In accordance with the suggestion already referred to, a sum of £100 was voted to the Systematic Institution.

The Prov. G.M. afterwards invested his Provincial Officers for the year, the following being the list of appointments:

Bro. J. O. S. Thursby (second year) ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. G. Lingard ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. T. Wigg ...	...	...
" W. G. Procter ...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" W. Vere Stallon ...	...	...
" J. Chadwick ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Barrett ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Rawlinson ...	...	...
" John Kenyon ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" G. Oldman ...	...	...
" A. Hopkinson ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" C. E. Collingwood ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Hezekiah Fletcher ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Thos. Potter ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" James Hancock ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. Scott-Young ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Samuel Wilson ...	...	...
" A. H. Williams ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.'s.
" Jas. Newton ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Squire Holt ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Edwards ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. H. Edmundson ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Jas. Taylor ...	...	...
" Ashworth Law ...	...	...
" Horatio Harrison ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Bracewell ...	...	...
" Joseph H. Carter ...	...	...
" Thos. Higson ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Some formal business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

In the evening there was a banquet at the Church of England Institute.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Chapter and general communication of Royal Arch Masons of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held by special appointment at the Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough (on the invitation of the Marwood Chapter, No. 602), on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when there were present—

Comps. W. Tesseymen, 57, P.G.H., as Prov. G.Z.; W. H. Marwood, 312, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.H.; J. M. Meek, 236, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; R. Davison, 602, P.P.G.H.; T. N. Marwood, 312, P.P.G.J.; W. B. Richardson, 200, P.P.G.J.; Michael Charles Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. England, Prov. G.S.E.; Wm. J. Watson, 602, P.P.G.D.C., as Prov. G.S.N.; Wright Petchell, 602, P.P.G.S.N.; Walter Reynolds, 250, P.P.G.H., Prov. G. Treas.; Andrew Farmer, 602, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G. Reg.; John T. Belk, 602, P.P.G. Reg.; John Clark, 57, Prov. G.P.S.; J. A. Manners, 602, P.P.G.P.S.; Wm. H. Atlay, 312, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; Geo. Ayre, 312, P.P.A.G.S., as Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; W. H. Falkingbridge, 312, P.P.A.G.S.; W. J. Williams, M.D., 602, P.P.A.G.S.; Walter S. Cowper, 602, P.P.G.S.B., as Prov. G.S.B.; R. H. Peacock, 200, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Dyson, 602, P.P.G. Std. Br., as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Martin M. Westerby, 294, P.P.G.D.C., as Prov. G.D.C.; W. P. Ingham, 602, P.P.G.O., as Prov. G. Org.; and F. J. Lambert, 1010, Prov. G. Janitor. Visitors: Comps. R. Hudson, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G.S.E. Durham; C. S. Spencer, P.P.A.G.S. Durham; H. C. Pickersgill, P.G. Std. Br. West Yorks; and others; together with many Principals, Past Principals, and members of the various chapters in the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the acting M.E.Z. and Provincial Grand Officers were saluted with grand honours, and the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Hull, on the 17th April, 1889, were read and confirmed.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. W. Woodall, P.G.T. England; D. Fletcher, T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.H.; Jos. Todd, H. O. Piercy, J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.; W. C. Whiteside, P.G.S.N.; W. Lawton, G. Kirby, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.P.S.; Wm. Brown, W. Ascough, P.P.A.G.S.; W. B. Dyson, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Buckle, P.G. Std. Br.; A. W. Walker, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Bryan, P.G.D.C.; and J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then read the annual balance sheet, which having been audited and found correct, was unanimously adopted.

The various chapters in the province, all of which were represented, then communicated.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer was unanimously re-elected.

The following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested:—

Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N. Eng....	Prov. G.H.
" Wm. H. Cowper, 602 ...	Prov. G.J.
" Michael C. Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng. ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Capt. H. Darley, 1248 ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Walter Reynolds, 250, P.P.G.H. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Frederick Blackburn, 250 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Vernon Cooper, 602 ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Samuel Rutter, 57 ...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Edward Harland, 200 ...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Geo. J. Robinson, 236 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Wm. G. Lockey, 312 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Jas. Matthews, 57 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. Webb, 2134 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Frederick Brewster, 602 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Frederick J. Lambert, 1010... ..	Prov. G. Janitor.

The PROV. G.S.E. stated that at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter Comp. G. L. Shackles, P.P.G. Reg., had given notice of his intention to move—"That the sum of 25 guineas be voted to the Educational Fund of this province;" but, this motion having been inadvertently omitted from the summons for this meeting, the Prov. G.S.E. renewed the notice of the same for next year.

The PROV. GRAND SCRIBE E. then delivered the following address: Excellent Companions,—I have been specially charged to convey to Provincial Grand Chapter the great regret felt by our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent at his enforced absence from our meeting, which is caused by official duties at his Vice-regal Court in Ireland. His Excellency had desired to be represented by Col. Orde-Powlett, but severe indisposition has prevented the attendance of that illustrious companion, who also requests me to express his disappointment in consequence. I am sure, companions, you will join me in the sincere hope that he may be speedily restored to his usual health. Excellent companions, if Masonry be, as it undoubtedly is, the noblest system of morality introduced to the human race, and a genuine handmaid to religion, surely those brethren who have been honoured by exaltation to the R.A. Order should rank amongst the best and wisest of the sons of men. The nature of our speculative labours; our search for the hidden mysteries contained in the sacred arcana; the revelations which we discover, should direct our thoughts to the Great I Am, who yet compassionates our fallen state; graciously permits us to address Him in prayer; and, if we pray aright, will most assuredly grant our humble petitions. Consider, my dear companions, how great are our privileges, and on the other hand, how terrible our responsibilities if we neglect to avail ourselves of the means of happiness, temporal and eternal, so freely offered to us. The ancient Jewish nation were blessed above all the rest of mankind by the visible presence of the Great Jehovah in their camp. The pillar of fire by night, and of cloud by day, directed their paths, and comforted them with the full assurance of protection in their long and weary pilgrimage. Their leader and law-giver, Moses, was actually permitted to behold his Maker in awful majesty, and to participate in those tremendous interviews which, as we read of them, thrill our souls with awe and reverence. Yet in reality our position here, long after the ages of miracles have passed away, is more blessed than those of the Sons of Levi, for we have the Divine oracles freely opened before our eyes, and can learn what God requires, and what man should do, to discharge his mission on earth to the satisfaction of that glorious Being who will reward the faithful and obedient of the human race with endless bliss. Such then are some of the thoughts suggested by the rites of that system of Masonry which we this day represent in our annual assembly, and which will fulfil its mission if it make us better men, better brethren, better workers on earth, and better fitted for Heaven. The rites and mysteries of the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch are peculiar to the English-speaking nations, for although considerable variations are found in the working of our Scottish, Irish, and American companions, the systems are identically the same; but on the Continent the Royal Arch, as we understand it, does not exist. There is a Degree, the 13th in the series of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, called Knight of the Ninth Arch, but its historical reference bears no relation to our English Order. Our Royal Arch appears to have been framed as a substitute for the great number of *hautes grades* which were invented on the Continent in the last century, and were introduced here with partial success. Dr. Oliver gives an interesting description of the *Rite Ancien de Bouillon*, which was formerly practised in London as "Ancient Masonry," and which he remarks contains the first glimmerings of our Royal Arch. This appears to have been conferred in several steps, the first was styled Geometric Master, the others being known as Excellent and Super-Excellent Mason. These designations are generally found upon old English Royal Arch certificates, but as Degrees they are now extinct and unknown in this country. In England the Royal Arch is historically connected with the Master Masons' Degree, and properly regarded as its completion, the Mark not being considered as a requisite. In Scotland, where the Grand Chapter is entirely unconnected with the Grand Lodge, which indeed at one time, not very remote, assumed an antagonistic position towards it, candidates for the Royal Arch must have previously obtained the Degrees of Mark, Past Master, and Excellent Master. The chapters also confer upon their companions the Degrees of Royal Ark Mariner and Knight of the East and West, which latter, however, is an independent and different Degree from that of similar title comprised in the series of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In Ireland the Mark Degree is conferred by the Royal Arch Chapters as a prerequisite for that Order. In the United States we find the chapters give the following sequence of Degrees:—Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch Mason, and further to complete what has already been finished, add two others, Royal Master and Secret Master, these being modern, and entirely of American fabrication. Our transatlantic companions, too, have altered the order of precedence of the Three Principals, the High Priest occupying the first positions, with the King and Scribe completing the triad. Thus far we have compared the several Royal Arch systems, but although the subject is interesting, our time is too limited to permit further illustration. It only remains, therefore, to add that our Order progresses rather slowly, but surely. In this Province since our last meeting we have added another chapter to our roll, bringing the number to 16, which in relation to our 30 Craft lodges is an unusually large proportion. All appear to be united and prosperous. We must now return our best thanks to the Principals and companions of the Marwood Chapter for their hospitable reception of Provincial Grand Chapter, and for the loyal and fraternal manner in which the Masons of Middlesborough ever support their Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter.

The ACTING M.E.Z. expressed the pleasure with which he had heard the address, and moved that the thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter be cordially given to the Prov. G.S.E. for the same, which was carried by acclamation.

The PROV. G.S.E. briefly returned thanks.

The ACTING M.E.Z. observed that although in the annual address allusion had been made to the kindness and hospitality of the Marwood Chapter, he felt that the warmest thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter were due to the Principals of that chapter, which he moved, and which was carried by acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Cornwall was held on the 29th ult. at the Godolphin Hall, Helston, Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M., presiding.

There was a large attendance, including—

Bros. T. Chirgwin, D.P.G.M.; W. A. Bennett, P.J.G.W.; W. J. Johns, P.G.S.; H. Trembath, P.S.G.D.; Edward Venning, P.S.G.O.; Johnson O. James, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Mason, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Truscott, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Nettle, P.J.G.W.; H. Shapcott, P.P.G.D.C., P.G.O.; F. W. Thomas, P.P.G.I. of W.; L. Trehane, P.G.S.B.; W. K. Baker, P.P.G.M.O.; Joseph Sarah, P.J.G.D.; P. T. Chirgwin; J. M. Carne, P.P.S.G.D.; G. H. Reed, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Milford Cock, P.G. Treas.; Hugh P. Vivian, P.G. Stwd.; J. M. Richards, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Polglase, P.P.S.G.O.; A. Pattison Daves, P.J.G.D.; John Langdon, P.G.T.; Col. Michell, P.S.G.O. Eng.; and many other Past Masters and Present Prov. G. Officers.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the P.G. Lodge at Looe, in April, 1839, having been read and confirmed, the report of the P.G. Treasurer was received and adopted. It showed a balance in favour of the lodge, which was subsequently voted for charitable purposes.

The P.G. Sec., Bro. W. J. JOHNS, reported that all the lodges of the province were represented, numbering 12, and they showed an increase of 36 members since last year's meeting at Looe. In accordance with the recommendation of the P.G. Lodge at Looe, in April, 1889, the patent appointing Bro. Sir C. B. G. Sawle, P.G.M., had been duly endorsed, re-appointing him P.G.M. for the ensuing three years. He also reported the consecration, on the 25th February last, at Penzance, of St. John the Baptist Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 404, by the P.G.M., assisted by a large number of P.G. Officers and other distinguished members of the Order throughout the province.

Invitations were made by Bros. VENNING and WATTS to hold the next Prov. G. Lodge meeting under the banner of St. Martin's and St. Austell Lodges respectively, but the P.G.M. considered the application rather premature, and promised the invitations should be duly considered.

Five guineas were voted to the Mark Masons Benevolent Fund, and a similar sum to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

Bro. Nicholas West, P.S.G.W., was presented with a Past Master's jewel by the members of St. Michael's Lodge, as a token of regard for his constant attendance and the assistance he had for years rendered to the lodge. Bro. West is now removed from the county, and his presence at the provincial meeting was a pleasant surprise to most of the brethren.

Bro. West acknowledged the presentation very feelingly.

The next business was the appointment of officers for the ensuing year by the P.G.M. as follows:

Bro. T. Chirgwin ...	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Major Ross ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Trevenen ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Dr. Wearne ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. P. Vivian ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" F. W. Thomas ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. Core ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. M. Cocks ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. J. Johns ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Bowles ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. J. Watts ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" S. Trehane ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" S. Tressider ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" C. Herdon ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. C. Burrow ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" S. Roberts ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Anderson ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Adams ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. A. Ratcliffe ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. J. Williams ...	...	...	...
" Sol. Rogers ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G.I.G.
" R. James ...	...	...	...
" J. Langdon ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After the business the brethren retired to the Angel Hotel, where an excellent banquet was held, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards submitted and heartily drunk, and brought a pleasant day's proceedings to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual gathering of Mark Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on the invitation of the York Mark Lodge, T.I. There was a good meeting, the chief towns in the province being well represented. In the absence, through illness, of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the chair was taken by Bro. Col. R. G. Smith, P.G.D. England, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.M.O., acted as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The usual business of the province was transacted in due order, and it was decided to give £5 5s. from the funds of the province to the Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire, the second annual festival of which is to be held at Hull on the 28th inst.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. S. Chadwick, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. T. B. Turner, York Lodge, T.I. ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. Ascough, 95 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Richardson, 287... ..	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" W. Holloway, 276 ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" the Rev. E. B. Pitman, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" John Marshall, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. W. Walker, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Buckle, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" Reed, 337 ...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" T. Bell, 291 ...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" D. Morley, 281 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. H. Cowper, 276 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" E. Harland, 95 ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" W. Overend, 291 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Parnell, York Lodge, T.I. ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. W. Rennison, 337 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. J. Marshall, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. Wald, 337 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Stockdale, 277 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The usual banquet was afterwards provided by Bro. Halliwell at the De Grey Rooms.

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RECEPTION TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

The Masonic reception to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who is accompanied by the Duchess on a visit to this Colony, is one that will ever be remembered, and, to commemorate the auspicious occasion, Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, Dist. G.M.; Bro. D. Gillies, Dist. J.G.W.; and Bro. H. N. Mody have signified their desire to defray the cost of a new wing to the Masonic Hall at an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Wednesday, April 2nd, was a red-letter day in the Masonic world in the Colony, as a special meeting of the District Grand Lodge of South China was held, which H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught honoured with his presence.

The hall had been decorated with evergreens and pot plants, and carpet was laid leading up the steps to the entrance and through the banqueting hall to the lodge room. The Masons present numbered over 300.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened by the District Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" was sung.

The D.D.G.M., Bro. E. C. Ray, and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, then retired for the purpose of receiving his Royal Highness, and a procession was formed in the outer hall.

On approaching the pedestal his Royal Highness was received by the District Grand Master, and was saluted by the brethren with grand honours. He then took his seat on the dais, where a chair had been provided for him with the Royal coat-of-arms. A hymn was then sung.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then addressed his Royal Highness as follows: Right Worshipful Sir,—When the likelihood of your passing through this Colony became generally known, the brethren working in my district were very anxious to greet you as Masons. But after mature consideration it was decided that this ceremony should not form a part of the official programme which was then being prepared for the reception of your Royal Highness, and a private telegram was sent to you asking whether you would receive an address of welcome from the Craft in Hong Kong. The answer was characteristic of your Royal Highness, and we therefore proceeded to prepare an address from the Masons of Hong Kong, and which I have now the great honour of reading to your Royal Highness:

"To the Right Worshipful His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., C.B., G.C.I.E., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. District Grand Master of Bombay, Past Senior Grand Warden:

Right Worshipful Brother,—In meeting you to-day we do so with the greater pleasure since in your person you unite alike a son of the Sovereign under whose ægis we are living and a brother of that Order to which we belong. As the son you recall to us, if that were necessary, the emblem of Great Britain's constitutional power—as the brother you remind us of those teachings which we profess, those tenets which we seek to follow, and as both it is our pleasure and our pride to greet you in the most eastern of the Queen's possessions. To us, as Masons, you come as one allied by the nearest ties of blood to our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful the Prince of Wales. To us, as residents under the British Crown, you approach as one who, in a yet young life, has already attained a position in the distinguished service which you have adopted as your profession.

To every Mason the progress of Masonry in the Colonies of the mother kingdom can never fail to be of interest, and we are gratified that we are able to state that its prospects here are most encouraging. It is needless for us to express our regret that you cannot honour us long enough to test for yourself the advance that has been made, but we can assure you that in these lands Freemasonry has lost none of its ardour, none of its vitality. Its glorious and enlightened principles, embodying amongst them the cause of Masonic Charity, one of the most ennobling doctrines which Masonry ordains have gathered in the past, as they will hold in the future the Masons of the East in no unwilling bonds. Our signatures alone, as members of the District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and South China, of the Scottish Lodge of St. John's, and all the other numerous lodges that here have taken root, amply attest the fact and the organisation, whose brotherhood we share with you, and whose branches permeate all countries and all climes, will never, we feel sure, want supporters here.

Varying as we do in nationality, we yet have a common object, a common aim, in working under the Masonic Constitutions of Great Britain, and, remembering whose flag protects this island, we accept the opportunity afforded by your visit to Hong Kong to record for your most gracious mother our expression of profound respect. Distance is bridged by human thought, space is annihilated by human mind, and you will believe that, far though we are from English shores, it is our earnest hope that the wise and beneficent Sovereign who for so many decades has influenced the destinies of the British Empire with her advice, her judgment, and her care will still occupy, to the fulness of time, the Royal throne of England.

We ask you to accept our kindest welcome to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, who, with you, is realising round the world the course and the extent of her Majesty's dominions.

Our words are few, but our good wishes are many. In brotherly friendship we bid you welcome to the far East, in brotherly love we meet you here to-day, and in brotherly fellowship we echo the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may long spare you to tender your public services to your country, and to exemplify in your own life the brightest and most beautiful precepts of our Craft.

The address was handsomely bound in blue velvet with gold corners, and "A," the Royal coat of arms,

and the square and compasses, also in gold, on the front.

An anthem having been sung, His Royal HIGHNESS said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I am deeply touched by the fraternal greeting which you have extended to me in your midst this day. Believe me when I say that among the many cordial words of goodwill and of welcome that I have received from the loyal inhabitants of Hong Kong none have been more welcome, none will be more cherished than the words which have fallen from your esteemed W.M. In the address you have presented to me breathes the true spirit which should guide our Fraternity. We see in it the feeling of devotion to the Almighty, and respect and love to our Sovereign. We see in it kindly and brotherly feeling extended to one whom it has been my highest pleasure and pride to serve in different offices in Masonic lodges. I assure you, brethren, I feel most warmly the well-chosen words in which this address you have presented to me has been written. I feel most deeply and most heartily how warmly you have received me as a brother in your midst. It is a great satisfaction to myself, as it will be to our respected Grand Master, my brother, the Prince of Wales, to know how admirably and how satisfactorily the lodges in this Eastern part of her Majesty's empire are getting on. He takes the deepest interest and pride in our Craft. It is his earnest desire to keep it in all its purity and in all its integrity, and when I tell him on my return of the hearty welcome which has been accorded to me, not only as a son of our Sovereign, but as his brother, and as one who has had the pleasure of filling offices both in England and in the Dependencies of the Crown, it will please him to know that the same feelings of fraternity exist in the hearts of all Masons here as those which exist among the members of our Craft at home. I will ever remember, Right Worshipful Sir, the welcome accorded to me in your Grand Lodge, and I will ever cherish the kindest feelings for the brethren who have received me so warmly on this occasion.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER afterwards said: Right Worshipful Brother,—Before we terminate this gratifying ceremony I feel called upon to endeavour to express to you the great satisfaction the brethren have experienced at the opportunity given them to welcome in their midst the brother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. As a Mason yourself, high in the Craft, you will readily realise their feeling of satisfaction, and the crowded state of this District Grand Lodge to-day bears ample testimony to the fact. That I should point this out to you, Sir, that I should endeavour to impress such an unimportant matter upon your memory is, however, insufficient for the brethren of this district. It is not often that we have the honour of welcoming in this far-off land so near a relative of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and we have, therefore, endeavoured to perpetuate the event, to hand down the knowledge of it to our children's children, by deciding to erect a new wing to this building, and we intend calling the new lodge room in it, subject to your permission and approval, "The Connaught Hall," the donors being Bro. Mody, Bro. Gillies, and myself. Thus, Right Worshipful Brother, your visit to this district must remain not only in our minds, but it will become known to future generations, and we sincerely trust that, seeing how genuine are our feelings in this matter, you will not omit to give our respectful greetings to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and if I may venture to hope so, to his august and much respected mother, our gracious Queen and Empress.

The National Anthem was here sung.

His Royal HIGHNESS said: Right Worshipful Sir,—You have by what you have just said added another to your acts of kindness and good feeling towards me, in wishing to perpetuate my name with your Freemasons' Hall. I need not tell you, Right Worshipful Sir, that I accept with the greatest pleasure, and I thank all the brethren here present for their wish to commemorate my visit amongst them in this manner.

The District Grand Master then closed the District Grand Lodge, and his Royal Highness and the District Grand Master retired, followed by the officers in procession.

On reaching the banqueting hall, where cake and wine had been provided, three cheers were given for his Royal Highness, three for the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and three for her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught. Further cheers were given as his Royal Highness took his departure.

Amongst the visitors to the District Grand Lodge were Bro. Major-General Edwards, who, we understand, was initiated in the same building a good many years ago; and Bros. Col. Cavaye and Major Studholme Brownrigg.

Bro. C. F. A. Sangster, P.D.G. Org., presided at the organ, and there was a strong and well-balanced choir to lead the singing. The ceremony throughout was most impressive.

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NATAL.

Addington Lodge (No. 1937).—The regular installation of W.M. and investiture of officers of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Addington, on Thursday, 27th March, Bro. Fletcher, W.M., occupying the position of Installing Master. There were present the Deputy G.M. of Natal, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, and the following Past Masters and Masters: Bros. Fletcher, W.M.; Price, P.M.; Keeler, Cottam, Pullock, Kinsman, Wright, and Solomon, P.M., P.P.G.D., of 732; Harris,

956; Nicholas, Cook, Russell, and Crowe, of 738; Fowle, Mount Currie Lodge; Jennings, 1976; Tosen, W.M.; C. Thompson, P.M. 731 (S.C.); Coleman, W.M.; Wood, P.M. 427; and between 70 and 80 brethren and visitors.

Bro. Neville Charles Thomasen Harper, J.W., was presented and installed in the chair of K.S. The following is the list of the newly-invested officers: Bros. Charles H. Dunn, S.W.; L. Baumann, J.W.; J. B. Cottam, P.M., Treas.; J. A. Rigby, Sec.; Rev. A. Ikin, P.M., Chap.; J. P. Carter, S.D.; D. N. Henochsberg, J.D.; T. N. Price, P.M., D.C.; G. P. Pullock, P.M., Org.; T. M. Cooper, I.G.; H. E. Royal and F. Chandler, Stewards; and H. C. Cox, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was ably conducted by Bro. Fletcher, I.P.M., Bro. Dunn, the retiring Secretary, was presented by Bro. Fletcher, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome jewel as a mark of their appreciation of the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office, after which Bro. Cottam, on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. Fletcher with a beautiful Past Master's jewel bearing the arms of the Addington Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were received from representatives of the following sister lodges, viz.: Port Natal, Caledonian, Inanda, St. John's and St. Paul's, Rothesay, Blythwood, Umlazi, Minerva, Royal Brunswick, Pomfret, Humility, Natalia, Prince Alfred, Temple, Mount Currie, also from two of the lodges in Northampton, England, per Bro. Quin, viz.: Eleanor Cross, 1764, and De La Pré, 1911.

The lodge closed, and the brethren, numbering about 60, adjourned to a *recherché* banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, being interspersed with harmony, and the proceedings were brought to a close shortly after midnight by the singing of the National Anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales," and "Auld Lang Syne."

MASONIC CHORAL SERVICE.

A Masonic choral service in aid of the local and other Charities was held at All Saints' Church, St. Kilda, near Melbourne, on Sunday afternoon, April 20th, under the auspices of the City of Prahran Lodge, No. 105 (Victorian Constitution). The church was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems and the banners of the different private lodges. Admission was by ticket only, and before 3 p.m. the church, which is one of the largest outside the city of Melbourne, was crowded to its utmost capacity. At 3 p.m. the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., accompanied by several Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, and a very large number of Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, entered the building all clothed in the regalia of their respective offices. The procession then entered, comprising a very numerous choir, the clergy of the church, the Bishop of Bathurst, Bro. Camidge, D.D., Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, formerly Grand Chaplain of an English Province, and over 200 Masons. The service was conducted by the Revs. C. Vaughan and H. Brooksbank. Bro. E. Wood, organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral, presided at the organ, while the choir was under the leadership of Bro. C. Truelove, the choirmaster of the church. The choir was assisted by the Masonic Musical Union and several well-known musical brethren. The choir service comprised eight psalms and hymns. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Bathurst, a powerful speaker, with a pleasant and resonant voice. The text chosen was from Revelations ii., 10, "Faithful unto death." The Bishop, in his introductory remarks mentioned that that was probably the largest gathering of Masons ever brought together in Australia for the purpose of public worship. He dwelt at length upon the principles of Masonry. As Masons had to be faithful to the principles of Masonry they should, as Christians, be faithful to the principles of the Church, and let their light shine, not only in their secret assemblies, but also through their public example, influencing those who came within the sphere of their lives. The objects of Freemasonry were well known, and its secrets were necessary, so that the attainment of those objects could not be frustrated. Although Masons used such expressions as the Great Architect of the Universe, it was known that the belief in a Supreme Being and a life hereafter were one of the fundamental principles of Masonry. Some Christians objected to Masonry on the grounds that the name of Christ was not mentioned in the work of several Degrees. But although the name of Christ was not mentioned, yet the observant Christian might trace Him through most of the teaching, alluding to Jacob's ladder and the star shining in the East. The Volume of the Sacred Law was open during the whole of the proceedings, and Masons were continuously charged to act according to its Divine precepts. Those who made charges against Masons of disbelief in the Supreme Being only showed thereby how ignorant they were of the subject. It was well known how loyal Masons were to Royalty as well as to their Craft, and he charged them to be also loyal to Christianity. Masonry was good for this world, Christianity for the world to come and for ever. As Charity formed one of the principles of the Order, he hoped that each person present would give in the way he would like to have given on the day when all deeds of men were placed in the scale. The procession left the church in the same order at 5 p.m.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland) presided, as Grand Master of the Order of St. Patrick, at a Chapter of the Knights in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, on Saturday last, when Bro. the Earl of Kilmorey was invested as a Knight Companion of the Order, among the knights present being Bros. the Marquis of Drogheda and the Earl of Erne.

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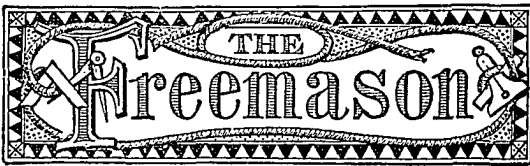
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To Correspondents.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, and to judge from the length of the agenda paper there should be a good deal of business to transact, and as a consequence a long sitting. However, the various items look more formidable than they are in reality. Moreover, some portion of the business is of a complimentary character, and will soon be dispatched.

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Thus Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, will present Grand Lodge with a handsome silver inkstand, which was presented in 1876 to the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in recognition of his 30 years' service as Treasurer. This inkstand Bro. Hervey bequeathed to Bro. Fenn, and it was moreover used when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G. Master, signed the address to the Queen on the completion of the Jubilee year of her reign. On

Wednesday it will become the property of Grand Lodge, as a gift from Bro. Fenn, to whom all honour is due for its presentation.

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We do not anticipate there will be a long discussion over the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On the contrary, it is our belief that Grand Lodge will accept the amendments in the laws and regulations of the Institution as settled at the special meeting of Governors and Subscribers.

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The Colonial Board recommend the erasure of a lodge in Egypt for gross irregularities, and, if a tittle of what is alleged against the lodge be true, there can be no doubt about the propriety of the recommendation.

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As regards the nominations for the Board of General Purposes, the list looks formidable, because several of the candidates are nominated more than once. However, as nearly all the candidates appear to be good men, and some have had experience on the Board, the choice, even if made by ballot, will not occupy much time.

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There will also be elections to serve on the Colonial Board and Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and then we think the business will be concluded.

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The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next, the 5th prox., when the statement of receipts and expenses will be produced, and the bills be ordered to be discharged, and then the Board, which has so satisfactorily performed its duty, will be dissolved.

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We learn that the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Augustus Harris, who is a candidate for the ensuing Shrievalty, has already got large promises of support from many distinguished members of the Craft and others, and that his election is looked forward to with great confidence. Amongst his numerous supporters are Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. of Middx.; Alfred Rothschild, M.P., Reuben D. Sassoon, Sir David Saloman, Bart., George Kenning, Frank Green, T. Beard, Sir John Heron Maxwell, Bart., Julian Goldsmid, Major Lambert, John Lobb, L.S.B., and many Members of Parliament.

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A warrant has been granted for a new lodge, to be called the Alan, No. 2368, and to be held at the Queen's Hotel, Alderley, Cheshire. The first W.M. will be the Hon. Alan Egerton.

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A new Mark lodge was consecrated at Brighton on Friday last, named the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 409. The Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., was the Consecrating Officer, assisted by Bros. Seymour Burrows, as S.W., and C. Henty, as J.W. We shall give a report in our next.

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In connection with the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, on Monday, there was a very interesting function at the Cathedral on the occasion of the opening of the newly-decorated reredos, Masonically, by the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Afterwards a sermon was preached by the Dean of Gloucester, who had just previously been appointed P.G. Chaplain. Nearly 300 brethren were present. We hope to give a full report in our next.

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Past Grand Master Vaux, in his report on the correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, quotes the following extract under Arkansas: "Before closing the notice of these ceremonies, we fain would like to know where, in the law of Masonry, 'ladies' are lawfully present at a Masonic ceremony, even a banquet. At the first banquet mentioned in sacred history, the 'fruit course' disrupted the harmony, and discord was thus born into the world among men."

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We learn that Bro. Conrad B. Day, a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who is regarded as one of the most successful business men in Philadelphia, and as possessing sound judgment and marked financial ability has recently been appointed President of the Commonwealth and National Bank. It certainly speaks well for Bro. Day's capacity that he should have been appointed to so responsible a position.

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.]

"ROBERT TREWMAN'S PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY DELINEATED."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see in your issue of 12th ult. an enquiry by Mr. W. F. Vernon regarding "Finch's Masonic Key" and "Trewman's Principles."

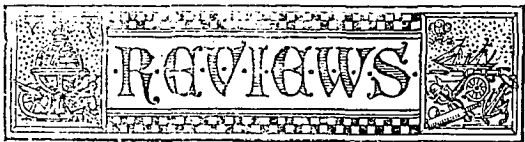
There are several editions of "Robert Trewman's Principles of Freemasonry Delineated." The first apparently was 1777, published at Exeter; a copy of this is in the Grand Lodge Library, London; press mark A 3. There is another copy in the Bower Collection of the Iowa Library.

An edition of 1786 is quoted in a MS. catalogue of Masonic books which is in the Grand Lodge Library. An edition of 1787 is said to be in the British Museum Library, press mark 4783 AAA, and under the same press mark there is an edition of 1798.

"Finch's Masonic Key" is well known, but I do not know of it being in any European public library; there is a copy in the Iowa Bower Collection, and Bro. Carson has a copy, No. 413, in his Bibliographia. To be complete it should have a "large folding plate."—Yours fraternally,

H. WHYMPER.

Gora Gully, Punjab, East India,
May 2nd.



ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER MANUAL FOR SUSSEX.

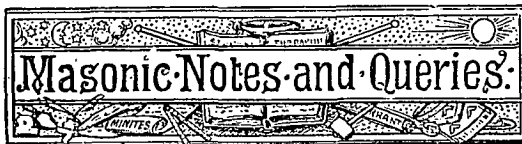
Comp. General Randolph, the new Grand Superintendent for the Province of Sussex, has had a very tasty little manual issued for the guidance of the companions, who are requested to act and work in conformity with the memoranda thus printed and circulated. The instructions conveyed to the members of the R.A. chapters in Sussex, not only as respects their conduct in chapters, but also at the banquets in relation to the toasts, &c., are precisely what has long been needed, and cannot fail to prove most beneficial. We only wish that all Prov. Grand Chapters would follow the novel course pursued by Comp. C. W. Randolph, Lieut.-General, who has had the handsome bijou Royal Arch directory printed and circulated at his own expense. Full lists of officers appointed from the resuscitation of the Prov. Grand Chapter are inserted, as also *complete returns* from all the chapters to the end of the financial year, embracing all possible and needful particulars. There are nine chapters and 253 members, the whole of whose names are given with their addresses and other items of interest, such as their provincial rank, &c. A calendar for the year is likewise appended. The name of the editor does not appear, but we shall not err in ascribing the result to Bro. V. P. Freeman, the courteous Prov. Grand Sec. and Scribe E., who has done, and is doing, so much for his province. The manual was printed by Bro. Farncombe, of Lewes and Eastbourne, in his best style.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL. Nineteenth year of publication. Edited by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. England, &c., *Royal Cornwall Gazette*, Truro, 1890.

It is almost needless to say that the "Cornwall Calendar and Directory for the Province of Cornwall for 1890" is as nearly perfect as it is possible for any such guide and reference book to be. Bro. Hughan is one of the most careful, as he is also one of the busiest and ablest, of our small Masonic circle of writers. His accuracy in respect of even the smallest details may be relied upon, and he is just the kind of man, with his clear perception of what a Calendar Directory should contain and what it should not, to compile a book of this kind in the right way so that it shall possess just the information that is needed or may prove valuable to the younger brethren and no more. In this guide to Cornish Masonry for the current year are contained not only the usual lists of lodges and chapters with their respective rolls of officers, full particulars, with the laws of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent, the rules of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, but also the "Annals of the Cornish Craft, 1751-1873," which is particularly valuable on account of the information it gives of Cornish lodges, both still existing and those which are extinct. There are likewise the rules and regulations of Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter; in fact, the contents, as we have before remarked, are just what is needed by all, and most valuable for the use of the younger brethren, and we congratulate Bro. Hughan on having furnished us with a guide which will prove of such service in the constant references we are always making to Cornwall and the rest of the provinces.

HYGIENE. London: Beaumont and Co., 31, Charing Cross-road, W.

"Hygiene," the well-known monthly sanitary magazine, contains in the number for the current month a very valuable article on "Colour Blindness" from the pen of our worthy Bro. Jabez Hogg, who, as having been formerly for 25 years surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, is undoubtedly one of our chief authorities on everything that relates to the organ of sight, and the subject he treats of in this particular article is just one of those on which there is great information both of a general and special character. Some people, for instance, hardly understand what is meant by colour blindness, while in other quarters, as in the case of the naval and railway services, where colour blindness is known and its danger appreciated, only a few instances can be given in which any tests at all are imposed upon candidates for employment in these services, or else there is great laxity in applying them. Bro. Hogg quotes the Act of the Connecticut Legislation, which requires examinations in respect of the "visual powers of colour blindness," as well as the Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Health, and the rules for conducting examinations. The paper is full of information.



901] GRENADIERS' LODGE, No. 66.

Bro. Hughan's notes on this lodge remind me that about 11 or 12 years ago I was shown some of its earliest records by the then Secretary, and among them were two entries, which I do not find noticed in the last number of the *Freemason*. The first was what Bro. Lane has given us several examples of in his "Handy Book to the Lists of Lodges" (Chap. II.), viz.: A certificate that the lodge had been duly constituted, and which remained for some time the sole authority for its assemblies. The second was By-law 6, whereby a fine was imposed for non-attendance, unless "on the King's duty." The date of this has escaped my memory, but the entry will favour the supposition that—at the time from which it speaks—the members were largely recruited from the military class.

R. F. GOULD.

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EARLY USE OF THE WORD "FREEMASON."

In looking over the registers of the Stationers' Company I observe that the title of "Freemason" occurs as early as 1578. In June of that "yeare Richard Wylde, sonne of Thomas Wylde, late cytizen and freemason of London, deceased, was bound apprentice to Christopher Barker." Thomas Wylde was, no doubt, a member of the Masons' Company, the members of which were sometimes styled Freemasons. In Kenning's "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry" it is stated that the date of incorporation of the Masons' Company is doubtful; this entry points to incorporation or existence as a livery company prior to 1578.—Your fraternally,

CHAS. ROBERT RIVINGTON,

P.G.S., P.M. No. 2.

[We are very pleased to see the above in the N. and Q. department from Bro. C. R. Rivington. Although the year cited (1578) is nothing like so early as others already known, the entry is of interest because of its occurring in the registers of the "Stationers' Company," and narrated, we believe, for the first time.—Ed. F. M.]



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—The regular meeting of the above prosperous lodge, on the 8th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, was one that will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present with unmixed feelings of pleasure, for upon that occasion, as soon as work was done, recreation sailed in with a flowing tide, and all sails set, dining and toasting, singing and dancing had full sway, and "Bright the lamps shone on fair women and brave men," the former like flowers in their spring garb of beauty, and the latter resplendent in jewels and clothing won and worn with no little pride and satisfaction. The cause? Well, the Capperites determined to show their "wives and sweethearts" that Masonry is not so selfish in its practice as many of the outside world have declared it to be, but that it is compatible with its best interests to instill a favourable regard for it in the minds of their belongings. This being thus, well did they succeed, for a most unqualified success attended their efforts, and every brother, lady, and friend present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the treat so admirably arranged for them.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. T. Dale, assisted by Bros. C. D. Mears, I.P.M.; J. Tytheridge, S.W.; W. L. Crow, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M.; Treas.;

W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec.; J. H. White, S.D.; F. C. Ward, J.D.; W. E. Cramphorne, D.C.; C. R. Sayers, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; J. F. Oates and C. R. Higgins, Stwds.; A. K. Tuberfield, Tyler; H. Holliday, P.M.; F. Bryan, P.M.; H. Taplay, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; E. West, P.M. (Hon), P.P.S.G.D. Herts; J. C. Pitt, W. Thomas, T. H. Maple, H. W. Lea, R. W. Magub, H. C. Wormhold, R. Brown, E. S. Encott, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. R. Breeding, W.M. 453; W. Hawes, S.W. 554; G. Pragnell, 1168, C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Dunning, and, proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated.

The lodge was then closed, and a dispensation having been granted for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, the Reception Committee and others of the lodge adjourned to the rooms, where by this time a goodly number of the ladies had assembled, and soon afterwards, marshalled by Bro. G. B. Taplay, P.M., D.C., the whole party moved to the grand banqueting hall of the establishment, where a superbly appointed and well-served banquet awaited them.

The splendid hospitality of the lodge having been thoroughly enjoyed, and the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Mears, proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they were all indebted to the public spirit of their esteemed W.M. for the entertainment they were enjoying, and would even more enjoy, that night, and they were thankful to him for inaugurating it. It was the first time such an experiment had been tried in the Capper Lodge, and it was to the happy idea of their W.M. that they were indebted for so pleasantly winding up the work of the session. As the W.M. had set them an example of brevity in proposing the toasts, he should follow that example, and as he knew they wanted to get to the dancing room as quickly as possible, he would at once ask them to drink the health of their W.M. in bumpers.

The Worshipful Master, in response, rather repudiated the honour of being the originator of the feast, and would not discuss the question that night, but to whomsoever the honour was due he sincerely trusted it would not be the last and only gathering within the walls of, and under the direction of, the Capper Lodge. He thought that the ladies should know something more of Masonry than they did at present, although he must confess it was not their fault that they did not know more about it than they did. He felt sure that if the ladies came even more amongst them than they did at present, it would increase their interest in the welfare of the Craft, and remove the objection with which many of them at present regarded it. He personally thanked them for their attendance, and trusted to see them again and soon on a similar occasion. Bro. Dale concluded by proposing the toast of "The Ladies," which the brethren drank most enthusiastically.

Bro. Pragnell was called upon to respond, and, in the course of a most amusing and witty speech, said the toast was one that was generally placed in the hands of some member of the funny division, to which division, he was sorry to say, he did not belong. Now, if he might be allowed for the time being to turn himself into a lady, he would say that they (the ladies) had waited for a good number of years for the pleasure of sharing "refreshment after labour," hitherto enjoyed by their brothers, husbands, papas, or the "other fellow," but he and the other ladies present hoped to be invited in the future to many other similar meetings to the one so happily inaugurated that night by the Capper Lodge. Naturally, as a lady, he could say a good deal, but with the other ladies present he was anxious to adjourn to the ball room, and further, before getting too much mixed, he would sit down with the remark that as a man and a Mason, the more he saw of the ladies at refreshment after labour the better he should like Freemasonry.

Bro. Jolly having responded for "The Visitors," the choir sang grace, and then a move was made, and soon the hall was converted into a ball room, where Bro. G. Hughes' "Lyric" quadrille band played through a programme of dance music in perfect style, they having previously played selections from operas and other popular music during dinner.

The dancing was interspersed with some splendid singing.

The honorary accompanists were Miss J. Badger and Bro. W. W. Arter, and Bro. Hughes was indefatigable as M.C.

The singing was above praise, Miss Ware's grand voice and finished phrasing being especially admired.

Among the ladies present were Mesdames Dale and Miss Dale, Tytheridge, Crow, Mears, Dorton, Ware, Holliday, Bryan, Taplay, Watkins, Harris, West, Richardson, Pitt, Jolly, Curm, Cramphorne, Oates, White, Hoeftman and Miss Hoeftman, and others.

Emblematic Lodge (No. 1321).—For the first time in the 20 years' history of this lodge, the W.M., Bro. J. H. Price and the other members, after holding a regular meeting of the lodge and passing to the Second Degree Bro. John Samuel Hinton, on Thursday, the 15th instant, gave an elegant ladies' banquet, and subsequently a charming musical and variety entertainment at Bro. Pearce and Son's, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. A company of 112 attended, and met with a most hearty reception from their genial hosts. A list of the party included the names of Bros. J. H. Price, W.M.; F. J. Potter, S.W.; W. G. Kent, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Harris, S.D.; G. E. Grimes, J.D.; A. A. Barnes, I.G.; T. M. Clark, Org.; J. Wheatcroft and C. H. Theiss, Stwds.; H. Matthews, 1st A.D.C.; W. O. Welsford, 2nd A.D.C.; W. Englefield, P.M.; H. S. Hunter, P.M.; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M.; W. J. Forrest, P.M.; J. S. Hinton, T. Whitford, E. Beeson, T. Poole, J. Powell, W. White, Thos Price, F. W. Chowles, G. H. Carter, F. Bates, R. Bowers, J. H. Moggridge, J. L. Berry, and A. C. Lester. The visitors were Bros. J. Herbert Marshall, P.M. 1007, S.W. 229, P.P.A.G.D.C. Lincoln; W. Sergeant Lees, P.M. 1768; W. H. Rice, 2269; F. T. Ridpath, P.M. 1790 and 2006, P.J.G.D. Surrey; George J. Reid, S.D. 1910; Charles Sargent, S.W. 1261; A. Edwards, 2148; Alex. Reid, 1287; Victor A. Wartenberg, P.M. 1476; George Gardner, W.M. 2309; John D. Hunt, A.D.C. 15; Charles H. Lawson, P.M. 913; Robert W. Bowers, 913; William

E. Chapman, W.M. 2190; James Percy Fitzgerald, I.P.M. 2168; H. Massey, P.M. 619, P.M. and Treas. 1928; Robert D. Cummings, P.M. 2168; J. D. Graham, I.P.M. 1559; Wm. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; W. Truman, 597; W. Melrose; C. Thompson, 1446; and R. Andrews, Medina Lodge.

Bro. Austin, the Tyler of the lodge, was also in his place, and was unremitting in his attention.

The ladies' banquet Committee were Bros. W. J. Forrest, P.M.; F. T. Edginton, P.M.; W. B. Fendick, P.M. and Treas.; W. Englefield, P.M.; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M.; H. Esling, I.P.M.; J. H. Price, W.M.; F. G. Potter, S.W.; W. G. Kent, J.W.; W. J. Harris, S.D.; G. E. Grimes, J.D.; A. A. Barnes, I.G.; J. Wheatcroft, Stwd.; W. O. Welsford, A.D.C.; E. L. Berry, and J. H. Moggeridge; and the ladies' Stewards were Bros. W. B. Fendick, P.M. and Treas.; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M.; J. Wheatcroft, Stwd.; H. Matthews, E. L. Berry, and J. H. Moggeridge.

All the arrangements were perfect, and reflected the greatest credit on all engaged in making them.

The music was performed by Mr. G. A. Turner, Mr. W. J. Harris, Madame Merton Clark, Mr. W. Sergeant Lee, M.A.; Mr. E. L. Berry, Madame Albu, Mr. Arthur Fry, and others.

The dinner was beautifully placed on the table by Bros. Pearce and Son, and the W.M. provided a lovely selection of bouquets for the ladies.

The bouquets and floral decorations were supplied by Messrs. Wills and Segar, of South Kensington.

After the banquet the toasts were honoured.

The W.M., in giving the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said all the company knew that the Queen was the daughter of a Princely Mason, she was the mother of a Princely Mason, and the grandmother of a Princely Mason. To the ladies, he said, the brethren wished them to know that as a woman they honoured the Queen, and as a Sovereign they delighted in her.

In giving the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," the W.M. said the Masons generally honoured the Prince of Wales in another way when they were alone. The Prince was the G.M. of the famous Order, and they honoured him as such, and as the heir apparent to the English throne. They honoured his wife as one of the most amiable and popular ladies in the land, and they honoured the Royal family for the sake of their Queen.

Bro. Esling, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure it needed no words of his to express the amount of work the W.M. had to take in hand, or had taken in hand, and the able manner in which he had handled it, to bring that meeting to such a successful issue as it had proved. The W.M., he was given to understand, had managed the whole of the matter himself; he was the motor, the promoter, and the Treasurer of the gathering, and therefore the brethren and ladies would agree with him that the W.M. was deserving of all credit for the way he had brought the company together, the hospitable board he had put before them, and the happiness in which he had caused the ladies and brethren to meet. The W.M. had just whispered in his ear that that was the first of those meetings in the Emblematic Lodge, and that he hoped it would be the beginning of a series. Whoever followed in Bro. Price's footsteps, if they would only bring as many ladies and brethren together as Bro. Price had brought that night, would be sure of a most successful year.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: Ladies and Brethren, I thank you very sincerely.

Bro. Esling said no doubt the W.M. intended to save time in making so short a speech, but the brethren did not feel disposed to let him off so easily as that.

The Worshipful Master said he should have an opportunity of speaking more at length presently; but he quite expressed the feelings of his heart when he said he thanked the brethren very sincerely.

The brethren and ladies then retired to the drawing room for tea and coffee, on the understanding that they were to return after a short interval for the remainder of the toasts and music. On their return,

The Worshipful Master said: I have now to submit to you the toast of the evening—"The Ladies." Now, brethren, my opportunity is coming. I refrained from speaking to you some time ago, but I am now going to speak to you. We are honoured for the first time in the history of this lodge with the presence of ladies, and, although there has been some little diffidence in the minds and hearts of some of our dear brethren whom we have the greatest respect for, I am sure they will cave in to-night, and say it is the right thing. I ask you to submit like men, and say we have done the right thing to-night. I am sure you will admit that we have only begun what we hope to continue. I am confident that whoever follows me in the position I hold in this lodge during the present year it will be my great pleasure to support them as the brethren have supported me on this occasion. My Immediate Past Master rather over-estimated what I have done in this matter. It is true to some extent that it has been a one-man business, but I have been very valuably assisted by the brethren of the lodge; several of the Past Masters have given me invaluable assistance. You can understand a thing of this kind cannot be arranged by one man who has other things to attend to; but they have assisted me, and I am happy to say that the affair has reached the summit of my ambition. We had only this room to fill, and we filled it. Our Bro. Pearce, whom I am glad to see here, did not offer to take the walls out, and we have packed the room as closely as it was comfortable to pack it, and we must apologise to the ladies for not giving them more room. We are delighted to welcome you, ladies, in this Emblematic Lodge. I, as the Master, and in the name of the lodge I say "God bless you." We are glad to see you here to-night. We are not permitted to tell you those little secrets we have. But there is just something I would tell you, and that is that we are taught by our beautiful ritual in Freemasonry that the Almighty, as His last best gift to man, created woman.

"Under His forming hands a creature grew,
Man-like, but different sex; so lovely fair,
That what seemed fair in all the world, seem'd now
Mean, or in her summ'd up, in her contained.
* * * * * On she came,
Led by her Heavenly Maker, though unseen,

And guided by His voice. * * *
* * * * * Adorn'd
With what all earth or heaven could bestow
To make her amiable. * * *
* * * * *

Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye,
In every gesture dignity and love.

Now, ladies, this is pure and simple as I give it you, word for word, in the very beautiful ritual of Freemasonry, and you see, although I am afraid some of you have not given us the credit of having the adoration for you that we really have, we are taught—the very tenets of the Craft teach us—and if I dared tell you more, I could convince you, surely, that no Mason who fulfilled the vows he undertakes when he is made a Mason, could be a bad husband, a bad father, a bad son, or a bad citizen. If we are bad, ladies, it is not what we are taught in Freemasonry, and I am bound on this occasion to disavow that this is Freemasonry. It has occurred to me, ladies, that we should convey to our wives and our sweethearts, that we, in Freemasonry, are taught to love and adore them; we are taught that they were given to us as God's best gifts. Ladies, as such we esteem you, and I am speaking the feeling of every true Mason present when I say that, whatever you may think of our secrets, it is not possible that we can have you in the lodge, but I hope this evening we have inaugurated an annual meeting where we shall all welcome our wives, our sweethearts, and those we love and honour and are dear to us. As long as I am associated with this lodge I shall use every effort to stand by the brethren who stand by us. I see by the Senior Warden smiling that this thing is good for another year. Our Bro. Potter is really a ladies' man, and he told me to-night that he should repeat the occasion. I do not know whether he will, to-night, give you an invitation for next year, but I know he feels we have done the right thing.

Bro. Wartenberg, in reply, said he believed the W.M. had inaugurated that evening a millennium that would lead to the good of Freemasonry in general and the love which the ladies ought to show to that Fraternity. He believed the ladies owed more to Freemasonry than to anything else. The main objects Freemasonry had in view were those of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and all the virtues that could be inculcated in human nature. The ladies were the very first to aid those things, and the more they asked the ladies to assist in Masonic meetings, and the more they taught them what they did and what they knew, the better it would be for Masons. That was the first meeting of Freemasons with ladies present that he had attended, and he hoped London and provincial lodges would take it up.

Bro. Lawson, P.M. 913, who was also called on by the W.M., said during the past 10 years or so he had proposed and responded to many toasts, but never on any occasion had he approached a toast with the same diffidence as the present one. When he approached the Bridge House Hotel, what struck him was the extreme care the Master and officers had taken for the pleasure of the ladies—firstly by supplying beautiful flowers, secondly by the right royal banquet, and lastly by the excellent words of the W.M. Consequently his task was comparatively easy, inasmuch as the ladies must have felt that the Emblematic Lodge had taken the right step, and that success was indeed assured. He felt he was uttering what was in the heart of every lady present when he expressed their hearty appreciation and sympathy with the W.M. on that initial step he had taken. During the short adjournment, several ladies had mentioned to him how they had enjoyed themselves, and they hoped to partake of the lodge's hospitality again.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The P.M.'s and Officers," thanking them for their great assistance.

Bro. Potter, S.W., in reply, said he had been delighted with the meeting, and if he had the honour of being elected to the chair the W.M. now so well filled, he should like to have a night such as they were now spending. He feared he should not have so successful an evening, because the W.M. was essentially a ladies' man. To the ladies he said he hoped the brethren would have the pleasure of meeting them again within the year.

The Worshipful Master next thanked Bro. Berry for his exertions. Bro. Berry had been a positive slave, working for everybody's comfort but his own. He also thanked the ladies and brethren who had so kindly entertained the company by their vocal and instrumental performances.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Royal Arthur Lodge (No. 1360).—At the usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., Bro. J. Hoey, W.M., presented Bro. John O'Connell, P.M., P.G.O. Surrey, with a massive embossed and engraved silver salver, on which was inscribed the following: "With fraternal regards from Bro. J. Hoey, P.M., W.M. Royal Arthur Lodge, to Bro. P.M. John O'Connell, P.G.O., as a token of esteem, and in remembrance of his eminent service as Installing Master, at Wimbledon, March, 1890." Bro. O'Connell was installed W.M. of his mother lodge—the Ewell—on the 24th inst., at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, the ceremony being skilfully and impressively rendered in a full lodge by his predecessor in the chair, Bro. H. H. Room, Provincial Grand Secretary Middlesex.

Barnato Lodge (No. 2265).—A regular meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Station, on Monday, the 19th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. M. J. Jessop, Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. Honey, P.M. 1017, as S.W.; E. J. Acworth, P.M., as J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; and M. De Leeuw, Sec. Amongst others present were Bros. A. Levy, D. of C.; Wright, Org.; I. B. Joel, I.G.; J. H. Gluckstein, Stwd.; Whiteway, R. Baker, P.M. 188; J. Bamberger, S. Abraham, H. Lewis, H. Warner, G. Harwood, H. I. Barnato, R. Warner, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Toff, 917; W. Beard, P.M. 101; I. Myers, 188; Curtis D'Alton, R. M. Coffin, L. M. Myers, P.M. 1017; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; and F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.

After preliminaries had been fully observed, Bros. Harry J. Lewis and Solomon Abraham were passed, and Bros. Whiteway and Polak were raised. Bro. Hogard conducted the ceremonies with his usual impressiveness and gave the traditional history in the Third Degree. Bro. M. J. Jessop having now arrived took the chair and Bro. E. J. Acworth, P.M. 1612, &c., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year;

Bro. Joel, the Treas., was unanimously re-elected Treas., and Bro. Walkley re-elected Tyler. Bros. H. I. Barnato and T. Honey were elected members of the General Purposes Committee. The President, Bro. R. Baker, and Vice-President, Bro. H. I. Barnato, of the Benevolent Fund were re-appointed, while Bros. T. Honey, Hugo Warner, L. Kool, and Gluckstein were elected members in accordance with the by-laws. Amongst other matters of business transacted was an arrangement to make a slight change in the wording of some of the by-laws, by which the meeting in the month of September will be held in October. Bro. De Leeuw intimated that he had undertaken to serve as a Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and the lodge agreed to head his list with a grant of ten guineas. On the proposition of Bro. C. F. Hogard, acting I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel of the lodge was unanimously accorded to Bro. M. J. Jessop in slight recognition of his valued services, both as a founder and first Secretary, and as W.M. during the past year. Another gratifying feature of the evening was the recognition given by the brethren to the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.B., on whom was conferred the dignity of honorary membership of the lodge as a testimony of the members to his long and faithful services as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during a period of nearly 30 years. A similar compliment was also paid to Bro. J. Lawrence Mather, P.A.G.D.C.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were given.

Bros. Curtis D'Alton, J. Honey, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W., when there were present Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., I.P.M. 3, W.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M., W.M. 1381, S.W.; J. Gilbert, acting J.W.; R. Steele, Treas.; C. Woods, Sec.; J. Andrews, S.D.; A. Harvey, J.D.; J. Langdon, D.C.; E. Beaven, I.G.; J. Lyell, Stwd.; C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler; A. Robertson, T. Morris, G. Harrison, J. Mitchell, J. Balcombe, A. Calkin, P.M.; H. Mitchell, E. A. Lavender, C. J. F. Shannaw, A. Lawrence, and Hadley. Visitors: Bros. R. Greenwood, P.M. 1641, and F. Roberts, 1216.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Harrison, Hadley, Lavender, and Lawrence were passed. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Folkard, J.W., in his sickness was unanimously passed. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Cochrane, W.M., for a Bible, Bro. Robertson, for a Tyler's sword, and Bro. Poole, the ashlar, which each had so kindly presented to the lodge. A similar vote of thanks was given to the officers for presenting the collars and jewels of their respective offices to the lodge. The Secretary read the by-laws as amended by the Grand Secretary, and these by-laws, as amended, were unanimously adopted by the lodge. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. G. Everett, I.P.M., and Winny, Org., both of whom were away from home. Bro. Roberts, 1216, was proposed as a joining member, and a candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

After the brethren had partaken of a substantial repast, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said all Englishmen were loyal, and particularly showed their loyalty on that day (21st May), but Masons excelled all others in their loyalty.

The Worshipful Master proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers," which were enthusiastically received.

Bro. Calkin, P.M., in proposing "The W.M., Bro. Cochrane," said that he had known him from the time he first became a Mason, and he could only say how much he congratulated the lodge on having such a good W.M., one who could not be surpassed by any one who could hold the office. He only hoped that the Duke of Fife Lodge would never get a worse Master, for then they would be extremely fortunate.

In response, the Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Calkin for the very kind words he had spoken. True, the lodge was new, and there might be some rough corners to wear off, and some shortcomings, but they would soon be remedied. He wanted that to be one of the very best lodges in London, and would do all in his power to bring it to that position.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master heartily greeted them to the lodge. They had Bro. Greenwood, P.M. 1641, who had done good work in Freemasonry, and Bro. Roberts, 1216, who would, he was glad to say, soon be one of themselves. They should be always glad to see visitors present, and trusted always to see some.

Bro. R. Greenwood, P.M. 1641, said that he had been anticipating that some more prominent brother might respond for that toast, for he knew there were many such resident in the neighbourhood. He, however, had been incited by Bro. Andrew's recitation to "do his duty," and he would. It gave him very great pleasure to be present that evening. He was very intimately connected with the Secretary, and had watched the formation of the lodge with great interest. There certainly was no apology needed for the working of the lodge. It was admirable, and all should be congratulated for the way in which they had performed their duties. It augured well for the lodge that the brethren should give up time to systematically attend a lodge of instruction. He was particularly impressed by the easy style of the W.M. Not knowing his profession, he could only say that, if he were a doctor, he proceeded in the same quiet way as if he were amputating a leg; if he were a barrister, as if conducting a good case. The S.W., Bro. Westley, had already made his mark in Freemasonry in South London. The J.W. *pro tem.* did equally well. The S.D. was known all over South London; and so on with the rest of the officers. The Secretary was a man who attended to details. Although not very old in Freemasonry, the speaker had often consulted him in Masonic matters, and obtained sound advice. The Treasurer had shown that evening that he carefully attended to the pecuniary interests of the lodge. That was his first visit, but he sincerely trusted that it would not be the last.

Bro. Roberts, 1216, said that Bro. Greenwood had said all he would have said, and he would be satisfied in thanking them, and saying how glad he was that he should soon be a member of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers," eulogising them for their capable and earnest working. It

would be impossible, he said, under any circumstances, for any W.M. to have a better set of officers, and he should not cease to sing their praises whenever he had an opportunity.

In reply, Bro. Andrews, S.D., said that they all tried to give satisfaction, and were amply rewarded if they so succeeded. They would try to deserve what was said of them. They were also all particularly sorry that one of the officers was absent through illness, but hoped that he would be with them at the next meeting.

Bro. Steele, Treas., was deeply gratified to be able to say that not only was the lodge successful as far as ritual was concerned, but that it was also progressing from his point of view, for the money was coming in exceedingly well.

Bro. C. Woods, Sec., said the W.M. had referred to him as "the hard worked Secretary," and he could say that there was plenty to do, but not too much for him. That ancient philosopher, Seneca, had asked why man laboured when he wanted so little, and it would not be for long that he wanted that little. He could only answer that it would take all the happiness out of life if there was no work to be done. There was nothing he loved more than to be busy. He did not think life was worth anything unless labour was left. It was a ceaseless pleasure to be continually at work, and he trusted the brethren would take care that he always had plenty to do.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion. The happiness had been greatly added to by the songs and recitations given by Bros. Langdon, D.C.; Caink, P.M.; Andrews, S.D.; Roberts, Lyell, Stwd.; and H. Mitchell.

Warrant Officers' Lodge (No. 2346).—The second meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 16th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. M. A. McNerny, W.M.; McKenzie, I.P.M.; Gardiner, S.W.; Moloney, J.W.; Lewis, Treas.; Cheesman, P.M., Sec.; Pugh, acting S.D.; J. Hitching, J.D.; Harvey, acting I.G.; Page, D.C.; Hazard, Org.; Scott, Steward; Young, Tyler; R. Jennings, P.M.; Coombs, Sanders, Greene, Watson, S. J. Hitching, Williams, Cook, Elliott, T. C. Wen, and J. Heywood. Visitors: Bros. P. L. Blackmore, W.M. 1327; G. Holdmorth, P.M. 1327; R. Gould, 333 (I.C.); J. G. Pitt, 757; W. E. Bailey, 1276; and G. H. Anni, 1344.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Watson was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Wen and Heywood, and those gentlemen being present were duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Before closing the lodge, the W.M. announced that a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, namely, to present Bro. Jennings, P.M., with a founder's jewel as a token of esteem and regard, in recognition of the kind interest he had taken in the lodge since its consecration, and the assistance given by him in its foundation. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, feelingly remarked that the members of the Warrant Officers' Lodge would always remember with pleasure the kind interest taken by Bro. Jennings, P.M., in its welfare, and wished him long life to wear the jewel now presented to him. Bro. Jennings, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said that whatever he had done for the lodge was a labour of love, and that it would always afford him very great pleasure to give whatever assistance he possibly could in the future. The meeting then terminated, after "Hearty good wishes."

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHINGFORD.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge (No. 2184).—The opening meeting of the 1890 session of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. Smith, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. G. Westfield, P.M., P.G.S.B.; C. T. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Eedle, P.M., acting J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M. (Hon.), P.P. S.G.D.; J. Barnes, D.C., acting S.W.; J. W. Joyce, Steward; S. Carlton, G. F. Penny, W. H. Catt, W. Reynolds, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. Caddy, W. Barratt, B. Lord, and W. E. Hill, and proved unanimous, and in due course they were initiated. Bros. Volckman, Lamb, and Molik were then passed. The initiation fee was raised to eight guineas, and then the lodge was closed.

After partaking of dinner, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were heartily responded to.

Bro. Manning, in responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that if either or any of the Prov. Grand Officers had been present, he, or they, would have been delighted at the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been worked that night, especially by their esteemed W.M. There was one thing he must express his regret at—and that was the paucity of officers present, because no W.M. could do justice either to himself or to the ritual unless he was supported by his officers, and Bro. Philbrick had laid it down as one of the actual qualifications for office that the aspirant for higher office should have been a constant attendant and worker in the office to which he had been previously appointed. He congratulated the lodge in raising the fee of initiation, not that it would ensure better candidates, but might affect applicants whom they really did not desire as candidates. It was the opinion of the highest authorities, and one in which he entirely agreed, that money alone should not entitle a candidate, but that his character and conduct should be such that they need not be ashamed to admit him into the bosom of their own families. He would not take up more of their time, but heartily wished the lodge every prosperity.

Bro. Westfield could only say "ditto" to the eloquent remarks of Bro. Manning.

Bro. Lewis also concurred in the remarks of Bro. Manning, and was glad to see the lodge going on so flourishingly. The brethren who had filled the offices *pro tem.* had done their work well, and might look forward by their almost constant attendance to early office.

The I.P.M., Bro. Westfield, then briefly proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, in reply, said he had always, since he had been in the chair, done his duty to the best of his ability and for the prosperity of the lodge, and if his

efforts were to their satisfaction that was all he cared for. He fully endorsed all that had been said by Bro. Manning, and should express himself as to the attendance of the officers when the time arrived. He was pleased to have had the work to do, and felt sure with a combined effort they might make the lodge one of the most prosperous in the province.

The other toasts were "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," which were severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

FELTHAM.

Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The first meeting after recess of this very successful lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Railway Hotel. Present: Bros. C. W. Baker, W.M.; J. A. Wilson, S.W.; J. C. Goslin, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; S. Wheeler, S.D.; F. Dunstan, J.D.; A. Robertson, acting I.G.; J. Amey, Org.; W. H. Davey, Stwd.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; D. Moss, P. Lodge, P. Bick, G. H. Eaton, J. A. Lineker, R. Sworn, W. J. Babb, and W. H. Davey, jun. Visitors: Bros. J. Jones, 59; C. Woodrow, J.W. 1708; C. J. Fox, S.W. 1743; H. Cooper, W.M. 1567; G. Stockwin, 860; J. Osborne, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.S.B.; and John Gilbert, Tyler.

The ballot was successful for Mr. R. Solomon for initiation, but he was unavoidably absent. Bro. Lineker was most impressively raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. Votes were duly proposed of £2 10s. in the matter of the Pension Fund of Bro. Binckes, also £2 2s. from the lodge, with many individual subscriptions, towards the Woodward Testimonial. The names of three gentlemen were received for initiation.

After a large amount of correspondence and other lodge matters, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to the banquet, which reflected much credit on the host, Bro. Harris.

The usual toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Letters apologising for absence were read from the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; and many others.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, when there were present, among others, Bros. R. Drummond, W.M.; E. Dare, P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; H. Sapsworth, P.M., J.W.; Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; Grant, S.D.; Bond, J.D.; Spooner, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; F. Figg, Org.; Smith and Rice, Stewards; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; and F. Chandler, P.M., P.G.P.

Bro. Figg was raised to the Third Degree, and a gentleman duly initiated. The accounts were then audited, and the Treasurer and the lodge are to be congratulated upon the prosperous state of the finances.

The proceedings were then adjourned till the second Monday in June, when Bro. E. Dare, S.W., W.M. elect, will be duly installed into the chair of K.S.

Refreshment followed labour, and the W.M. gave a few toasts.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. particularly mentioned the kindness and attention that had been received from Bro. Featherstone, Treasurer, and Bro. Peat, Secretary; the latter he designated as "a model Secretary."

JERSEY.

St. Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. T. Baudains, P.M., in the chair; G. R. Friestwood, S.W.; H. Becker, J.W.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., Treas.; H. M. Walden, P.M., Sec.; J. Oatley, P.M., I.G.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, Dep. P.G.M.; Dr. Malcolm, P.P.G. Reg. East Yorkshire; J. W. Hamling, W.M. 245; E. Oldridge, W.M. 1003; E. Bree, W.M. 590; E. L. Bisson, W.M. 491; P. G. Hamilton, P.M. 1003; F. Vincent, P.M. 1003; J. Goldsmith, P.M. 491; L. Kelly, P.M. 491; W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245; and other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. G. R. Friestwood, W.M. elect, was then presented to a Board of 15 Installed Masters, and was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., who discharged this important duty with his usual ability. The following brethren were then invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bro. J. Ford, S.W.; C. F. Luke, J.W.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., Treas.; T. Baudains, P.M., Sec.; H. Walden, P.M., S.D.; J. Oatley, P.M., I.G.; W. Fentum, Org.; and G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler.

There being no other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when about 50 sat down to a banquet, which was well served and provided by Bro. Rogers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

In responding to his toast, the W.M. remarked that though he had been more than 14 years a Mason, through military duty and other causes he had not been able to attain the honourable position he held till that evening, but having accepted the chair of W.M. it should be his first duty to attend to the interests of the lodge.

An excellent programme of music was sustained by Bros. Fentum, Bisson, Adderson, A. Curry, and others, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

LINCOLN.

Ermine Lodge (No. 2351).—The first regular meeting of this new lodge was held in the County Assembly Rooms, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. H. E. Cousins, P.M., P.P.G.W., W.M., in the chair; the Hon. Victor A. Pelham, S.W.; E. A. Cousins, S.D.; A. Trotter, J.D.; R. C. Carline, P.M., Treas.; T. M. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.W., acting I.P.M.; R. Whitton, Stwd.; and E. Percy Dalton, Sec. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Hallows, P.M. 83; Reginald A. Stephen, 297; and Frederick L. Thornton, 297.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then invested Bro. the Hon Victor A. Pelham as S.W., and

Bro. A. Trotter, J.D. A number of joining brethren were then balloted for and unanimously elected. The Committee then presented their report *re* the by-laws of the lodge, and the matter was adjourned until the July meeting. The ballot was then taken for Mr. R. T. Ellison, and he was unanimously accepted. The Secretary announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Sutton Bridge on the 5th June, and the W.M. asked as many of the brethren as possibly could to attend. The sum of ten guineas was subscribed by the brethren present to purchase a vote in perpetuity in the name of the lodge in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The lodge was then closed.

MONKWEARMOUTH.

Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—On Monday, the 19th inst., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, North Bridge-street. The W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain, P.G. Reg., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. B. Hall, P.M.; A. Gray, P.P.G.S. of W.; Dr. Potts, P.P.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Secretary; M. Douglass, P.P.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.P.G.D.; C. M. Wake, P.G.S. of W.; R. Todd, W.M. 80; J. R. Cutter, W.M. 97; R. A. Brown, W.M. 2039; J. Hudson, P.M. 80; J. R. Smart, P.M.; J. W. H. Swan, P.M. 94; A. T. Munro, P.P. G.S.B.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G.S.; G. Porteous, P.P.G. Org.; J. G. Kirtley, P.P.G.D.; F. S. Cowper, S.W.; Dr. Liston, J.W. 2039; J. D. Todd, P.P.D.G.D.C.; T. G. Garwick, P.M. 94; T. Mitchinson, P.P.D.G.D.C.; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Remigius Blake, S.W., was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. G. W. Bain, Prov. G. Registrar, with much ability. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following officers: Bros. G. W. Bain, I.P.M.; L. R. Davis, S.W.; J. S. Chatt, J.W.; J. G. Kirtley, P.M., Treas.; A. Logan, Sec.; Thomas Hunter, S.D.; L. R. Simpson, J.D.; G. Porteous, P.M., D.C.; R. Cooke, I.G.; C. Bevan, Org.; and Bolko Smeichen and R. Rogers, Stewards. A Past Master's gold medal, of Masonic star design, with a diamond in the bar, and bearing the legend "Palmar qui meruit ferat," was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. G. W. Bain, by the newly-installed W.M., assisted by Bro. J. G. Kirtley, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. Bain suitably responded, and feelingly alluded to the sudden death of the Tyler, Bro. Brady Swain, to whose widow a vote of condolence was passed, as also to the widow of the late Bro. C. T. Thubron. Satisfaction was expressed that the vote upon the present proposed change in the rules of the Benevolent Institution had been defeated.

After the annual festival, which was purveyed by the Grand Hotel (Bro. W. Jackson's), a Masonic exhibition was held in the lodge room, at which a large number of curios, medals, certificates, books, and summonses of the rarest description from the museums and libraries of Bros. W. J. Hughan, J. Ramsden Riley, and G. W. Bain were displayed. The lecture room and banquet hall were most tastefully decorated.

PORTSMOUTH.

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, High-bury-street. There were present Bros. H. W. Townsend, P.M., P.P.G.D., W.M.; J. G. Livesay, I.P.M.; E. Austin, S.W., W.M. elect; H. G. Giles, J.W.; George Backler, Treas.; J. R. Willson, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Primmer, S.D.; Rev. H. C. Betts, J.D.; G. Carter, Tyler; T. Page, P.M.; Rev. E. Judkins, T. F. Wilton, W. J. Townshend, C. H. Stewart, E. G. Charpentier, J. A. Churcher, G. W. Peel, J. R. Martyr, G. W. Nelder, G. Wright, W. Maybour, F. Avery, T. W. Woods, H. J. Long, P.M.; G. Rasley, T. B. Steward, and T. J. Cripps. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Lancaster, W.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; T. W. Haydon, W.M.; A. R. Holbrook, P.M., P.P. G. Reg.; W. A. Hill, P.M., P.G.S.B.; W. E. Leamy, W.M., and W. H. Sperring, P.M., of 342; W. Bates, I.P.M., and J. D. Antill, S.W., of 487; R. Mitchell, P.M. 903; J. Doidge, W.M. 1428; W. F. Westerman, W.M., W. H. Matthews, and E. Godwin, Stwd., of 1776; P. H. Emanuel, W.M., H. J. Boyce, and G. W. Woodthorpe, of 2068; F. Jerome, W.M. 1958; J. S. Wickens, W.M., H. J. Bundy, J.W., and J. Perowne, of 2074; C. R. Hendy, 1069; J. P. Ledstone, 631; W. R. Meeson, 308; Coates, 2153; Lipscombe, Down, and H. Burt, J.W., of 230; H. Coleman, 1428; M. Queely, R. Rocco, and others.

The lodge was opened, and, after the preliminary business was concluded, Bro. H. J. Long introduced Bro. Edward Austin to the W.M., to receive from his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Townsend, to whom was afterwards unanimously accorded a vote of thanks. Bro. Austin appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. W. Townsend, I.P.M.; Lieutenant H. G. Giles, S.W.; W. C. Primmer, J.W.; Rev. E. Judkins, Chap.; G. Backler, Treas.; J. R. Willson, P.M., Sec.; Rev. H. E. Betts, S.D.; J. A. Churcher, J.D.; J. R. Martyr, D.C.; T. F. Wilton, Org.; P. H. Goodman, I.G.; G. W. Peel and F. Avery, Stewards; and G. Carter, Tyler.

After the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, and partook of a most *recherché* cold banquet, served by Bro. W. Maybour, whose catering gave entire satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and Bro. G. S. Lancaster, W.M. 487, P.P.G.W., responding for "The P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," remarked that as a Provincial Grand Officer of some years' standing he was exceedingly pleased with the very able manner in which the W.M. had been installed by the I.P.M., Bro. Townsend. He was sure he was only expressing the feelings of members of the lodge and the visitors in offering their congratulations to him upon the admirable manner in which he had performed the duty, and in expressing their regret that he was so soon to leave that neighbourhood for the "far west."

Bro. Townsend, who had a very warm reception, said that as Installing Master it fell to his lot to propose the toast of the evening—"The W.M." Bro. Austin was an initiate of that lodge, and he had worked his way steadily but surely through the various offices until he had attained the proud position in which he found himself that night. He

heartily congratulated the members of the lodge on the accession to the chair of Bro. Austin, and he felt certain that he would leave it after having conferred honour upon himself and done credit to the lodge.

Bro. Austin, who was loudly cheered, in responding, said that he had always taken great interest in the lodge, and he hoped that he should continue to do so from year to year. He acknowledged the encouragement which he had received from the Past Masters, and hoped that with the assistance of his officers he should pass through his year of office with credit to himself and the Craft.

The W.M. then presented Bro. H. W. Townsend with a handsome silver salver, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Worshipful Brother H. W. Townsend, on the 20th of May, 1890, by the officers and brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, 1903, as a mark of their esteem and respect for the zeal and ability displayed by him during the time he was their Worshipful Master during the years 1889-90." The W.M. expressed a hope that Bro. Townsend might be long spared to make use of the salver, and said that if he were to speak for an hour he could not say enough of what he had done for the lodge. He then proposed "The Installing Master."

Bro. Townsend, who had a most enthusiastic greeting, replied. He said it was not the first time that he had been the recipient of a testimonial from that lodge. Some few months after the formation of the lodge he was presented with a very handsome cup as a memento of the formation of the lodge, of which he claimed to be the father, and which he treasured very highly. He had already a Past Master's jewel, presented to him in that room at the time he completed his term of office as Master of the United Service Lodge. Although he was about to leave Portsmouth for the present, he should not sever his connection with the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, and though he should be nearly 200 miles from them he should be present whenever his duties would allow.

Bro. T. Page proposed the toast of "The W.M.'s and representatives of neighbouring lodges," to which Bro. Haydon, 309, and Bro. P. H. Emanuel, 2068, replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. Lieut. H. G. Giles, R.N., replied, and thanked the W.M. for the kind way he proposed the toast, and personally he thanked him for the honour conferred upon him that evening. Hearing several nautical remarks and songs that evening put him in mind of commissioning a vessel with a good skipper. He (Bro. Giles) as the first lieutenant would endeavour to carry out his duties as an officer in that capacity should do, and he felt sure the other officers would strive to support the W.M. during the commission. It only remained for the members of the lodge, who represented the crew, to rally round the flag, and give a little encouragement, which they would all appreciate.

During the evening Bros. Wilton, Haydon, Page, Townsend, and Woodthorpe sang several songs, and Bro. P. H. Emanuel gave a short ventriloquial sketch.

RICHMOND.

Lily of Richmond Lodge (No. 820).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 14th inst. The lodge having been opened, Bro. George Cook was duly installed in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive and able manner by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, G. Std. Br. The following officers were invested by the W.M., and the addresses in each case were very eloquently given: Bros. A. Combes, I.P.M.; W. T. Laws, S.W.; A. Oliver, J.W.; R. Pye, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Myers, P.M., Sec.; R. E. W. Marsden, S.D.; W. A. Harvey, J.D.; H. Nugent, I.G.; J. F. Hammond, D. of C.; G. C. Young, Org.; and W. F. Reynolds, P.M., and J. Major, Stewards.

Other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

Fifty-five members and visitors sat down to a most excellent banquet, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master referred to the great pleasure it gave him to have present that evening Bro. Sudlow, and asked him to respond to the toast.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, G. Std. Br., in responding, alluded to the pleasure it gave him to be present for the first time in a private lodge as a Grand Officer, especially at the installation of Bro. Cook.

Bro. W. F. Reynolds, P.M., then took the gavel, and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he had known for a number of years, and had always found him, as a man, particularly straightforward, and, as a Mason, one who practised out of lodge those duties he was taught in it, and he felt sure that he would go through his year of office with credit to himself and the lodge.

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Reynolds, P.M., for the kind words he had uttered, and also for the manner in which he had been received by the brethren. He said he should continue, as he always had done, to take the same interest in everything connected with the lodge, and he thanked the brethren for placing him in the highest office the lodge had in its power to confer.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. R. Clay Sudlow," and said that, although they much regretted the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Combes, at the same time they were delighted, he was sure, at having heard the ceremony of installation performed in such an excellent manner. They all knew that Bro. Sudlow was noted for his perfect and impressive working, and they had had a real Masonic treat that evening. Personally, also, he was proud that he had been placed in the chair by so able a Mason.

Bro. Sudlow, G. Std. Br., in responding, said that Bro. Cook, being an old and particular friend of his, he was pleased when asked to perform the ceremony which he had that evening performed. The W.M. was a man whom all must admire the more they knew him, for he had many excellent qualities which did not perhaps appear on the surface. He heartily wished him a successful year of office, and congratulated the lodge on having such a Mason as Bro. George Cook at their head.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed, and responded to by Bros. Rushton, P.G.S.; Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415; and other brethren.

Other toasts followed, interspersed with harmony of an unusually high quality, and a most happy evening was ended with the Tyler's toast.

The brethren present included Bros. C. Robson, I.P.M.; G. Cook, W.M. elect; W. T. Laws, J.W.; R. Pye, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Myers, P.M., Sec.; S. Oliver, S.D.; R. E. W. Marsden, J.D.; W. A. Harvey, I.G.; C. Hubbard, P.M.; C. Phillips, P.M.; F. W. Reynolds, P.M.; Steward; G. T. Salmon, P.M.; John Gilbert, Tyler; F. C. Moufflet, P.M.; N. L. Western, P.M.; J. G. Ingram, S. Wootton, R. S. Murray, C. E. Osman, A. Copping, J. F. Hammond, C. Val Hunter, C. Godwin, W. H. Nugent, H. R. Willans, and W. T. Linton. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Sudlow, G. Std. Br.; H. Brocklehurst, W.M. 862; Rushton, P.M. 8; E. Holsworth, W.M. 1607; G. Porter, 889, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Pritchard, P.M. 1415; W. D. Bayley, P.M. 185; A. E. Sarti, P.M. 180; J. J. Jenkins, P.M. 857; H. Gardiner, S.W. 2346; W. H. Kirby, J.W. 1065; A. Piper, S.D. 177; J. R. Hill, J.D. 27; W. Wright, Org. 1897; E. J. Farrier, 1365; J. W. Stevens, 234; E. Cattermole, 217; C. P. Langford, 21; E. Sheldrake, 1693; J. Swinyard, 1695; D. W. Sherwill, 813; J. W. Cooper, 534; E. T. Coppinger, 889; R. Mackway, 1987; T. W. Tempany, 1460; and N. E. Campbell, 901.

Royal Arch.

Westbourne Chapter (No. 733).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The chapter was opened by Comps. F. Larner, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H.; and G. March, J. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A satisfactory report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing a good balance and no liabilities. Comp. Ascott, P.Z., then, by desire, took the chair of Z., and in an excellent manner installed Comps. W. C. Williams, as M.E.Z.; G. March, H.; and John Davies, J. The other officers invested were Comps. C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Benevolence, Treas.; T. W. Allen, P.Z., S.E.; L. Ascott, S.N.; G. Swann, P.S.; and Shepherd, Janitor. The following brethren were then exalted, viz.: Bros. Joseph Cox, 1585; Thomas Jobson, 834; and J. H. Haydon, 901. A vote of thanks was recorded to Comp. Ascott, and suitably responded to, after which a magnificent P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, London) was presented to the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. Larner, Comp. Williams commenting on the sterling worth and great Masonic qualifications of that companion, who, in responding, tendered his sincere thanks for the present, and the kindness he had invariably received from the companions since he joined, a complete stranger, only knowing one of them personally. Several communications were read, and also applications from the Secretaries of the Masonic Charitable Institutions for a Steward to represent the chapter at the Festivals.

After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

A sumptuous banquet followed.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been given and received with enthusiasm, That of "The M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Larner, who said he considered it not only an honour, but a great pleasure. He had known Comp. Williams a long time, and had worked with him in the chapter and always found him a good comrade and a good Mason. In calling on the companions to drink the toast in bumpers, he said he felt that he was also calling them to perform a most pleasant and hearty task.

The toast having been received with great enthusiasm, Comp. Williams thanked them most heartily for their cordial reception of the toast, but yet felt his heart too full to give anything like expression to his feelings. Theirs was a good chapter. It had its ups and downs, many bright and happy days, as well as dark and sombre ones. He was proud to say all was bright and prosperous now, they were doing well, and would, he hoped, continue to do so. He was proud of the position to which they had elevated him, and begged them remember that no First Principal could successfully carry out his duties unless he was supported by every officer in the chapter, and asked them to be as blind as they could to his faults, and to his virtues more than kind.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Comp. Causton, who expatiated on the admirable working of the M.E.Z. and his officers.

Comp. Dehane, in responding, reminded the companions that attendance at chapters of improvement was necessary, and conducted to such working as they had witnessed that evening.

Comp. G. Davies also added a few words of praise and commendation, and augured a bright future with such officers as they had.

Comp. Sims also added his testimony of satisfaction, as did also Comps. Chalfont and Cruttenden. All the other visitors also responded.

The Exaltees promised to do all they could to render themselves proficient and fit to take office should they be called upon to do so.

The other toasts were "The Past Principals," "The Officers," "The P.S., Comp. Swann" (who received quite an ovation), and the Janitor's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

The proceedings were enlivened with music and harmony by Comps. Heath, Cruttenden, and others.

The following visitors were present: Comps. W. H. Causton, M.D., P.Z. 907; T. Burne, P.Z. 907; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169; G. King, P.Z. 25; H. Dehane, P.Z. 862 and 890; G. Davies, P.Z. 185; J. Sims, M.E.Z. 834; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975; J. Cruttenden, 779; H. Gilbert, 834; and T. W. Heath, 19.

MANCHESTER.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).—At the regular convocation, held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Comp. F. R. Lange was installed Z.; and Comp. G. Sam Smith, H. Comp. Weigenthaler, J. elect, being on the Continent, his installation was deferred. The whole ceremonies were performed by Comp. A. H. Jefferis, P.P.A.G.S., in a very able manner.

There were present Comps. Jno. Crowther, Z.; F. R. Lange, H.; Geo. Sam Smith, J.; Carl Goetz, P.Z., Treas.; John E. Lees, P.Z., S.E.; J. Hothersall, S.N.; S. J. Lewis, P.S.; Nathan Heywood, 1st A.S.; Arthur H. Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; Sam Warburton, P.Z.; Jno. R. Wilson, J. A. R. Ashworth, Ben. A. Dobson, and R. A. Eldershaw, H. 204.

TORQUAY.

St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when there were present Comps. W. J. Hughan, P.Z., Past Asst. G. Soj. England; John Lane, Z.; John Chapman, P.Z., H.; T. W. Morgan, P.P.G.O., J.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; W. H. Probert, P.Z.; John Dodge, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Prust, Scribe N., J. elect; John Taylor, P.S.; T. J. Crossman, Treas.; T. Beckett, D.C.; R. L. Mugford, Stwd.; Geo. Burt, Janitor; T. A. Blackler, J. E. Newton, T. H. Wills, J. W. McKellar, and V. Lauzell.

The chapter being opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the Three Principals was most ably and fully performed by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. John Lane, a special resolution was ordered to be entered upon the minutes recording the efficient and able manner in which that excellent companion had performed those important duties. Comps. John Chapman, Z.; T. W. Morgan, H.; and Thomas Prust, J., then invested the officers as follows: Comps. John Taylor, Scribe E.; A. W. Searley, Scribe N.; T. J. Crossman, Treas.; R. L. Mugford, P.S.; T. Beckett, 1st A.S.; W. Hersey, 2nd A.S.; S. Wills, D. of C.; T. Brooks, Org.; J. W. McKellar, Stwd.; and Geo. Burt, Janitor. The audited Treasurer's accounts were then presented and adopted, showing the satisfactory balance of £2 19s. 2d. in hand. The companions noted with gratification that the chapter was in a highly efficient, thoroughly working, and active condition. Three candidates were nominated for exaltation at the next convocation.

No other business offering the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where the usual banquet was provided, presided over by the M.E.Z., supported by the Principals and companions.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, when the proceedings closed at an early hour.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 10th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. H. Matthews, M.E.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E., H.; Henry Higgins, P.Z., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; C. H. Köhler, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Peat, 1st A.S.; Moss, 2nd A.S.; Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; G. Elliott, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. H. J. Jones, P.M. 1512, P.P.G. Std. Br., but from unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. The following elections then took place: Comps. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z.; H. Higgins, H.; C. H. Köhler, J.; E. H. Thiellay, Treas.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; W. Fisher, S.N.; Peat, P.S.; Moss, 1st A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the First Principal for his past services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Charles Stevens, P.Z., P.P.G. Org., and W. Fisher, P.S., and Bro. H. J. Jones, the candidate for exaltation.

The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

Mark Masonry.

DERBY.

Derby Lodge (No. 302).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 12th instant. Present: Bros. A. Woodiwiss, P.S.G.W., W.M.; R. L. Homer Mole, Prov. G. Std. Br., S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; W. J. Piper, M.O.; W. B. Woodforde, S.O.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; J. O. Manton, P.M., Treas.; C. D. Hart, Sec.; T. E. Yeomans, J.D.; W. H. Wheeldon, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; Percy Wallis, P.M., P.S.G.D. England; C. Webster, I.P.M.; E. Horne, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; S. J. Sanders, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Cooper, P.M. 731, and, being found unanimous, he was advanced by the W.M. in his usual admirable and impressive manner, ably assisted by the Chaplain and his other officers. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when Bro. R. L. Homer Mole, S.W., was elected. Bro. J. O. Manton, P.M. 246, was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Stone, Tyler. Grand Lodge certificates were presented to Bros. Fielding, Fisher, and Rowbottom. It was announced that a petition for a new lodge, to be called the St. Martin's, to be held at Alfreton, had been sent forward. The W.M., Bro. A. Woodiwiss, P.S.G.W., an enthusiast in the cause of Charity, was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and notice was given for a substantial sum to be voted from the lodge funds at the next meeting. The brethren of the Dove Valley Lodge, Ashbourne, sent cordial invitations for the brethren of the Derby Lodge to attend their annual festival. During the meeting, the W.M., in a few hearty words, presented to the lodge a set of Overseer's pedestals, which had been prepared by Bro. Walker, J.W. These harmonised beautifully with the other lodge furniture, and were much admired by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the W.M. by Bro. Percy Wallis, seconded by Bro. Homer Mole, S.W., and suitably acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lower Hall for refreshment, where the W.M. again ably presided.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Mulvey, W.M.; Marx, S.W.; Lichtenfeld, J.W.; Bonham, Sec.; Shales, I.G.; Robinson, P.M.; Deaton, P.M.; F. Harvey, P.M.; Dr. Powdrell, P.M.; and R. J. Harvey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of

the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Deaton as candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. Bro. Dr. Powdrell, W.M. 2271, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Marx, P.M., S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed the officers in rotation. It was unanimously carried that Bro. Wood, P.M., be invited to work the Fifteen Sections on the second Tuesday in June (instead of the first). All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Wilson, W.M.; Griffiths, S.W.; Hosegood, J.W.; Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; Mason, acting Sec.; Shales, S.D.; Matthews, J.D.; Marks, I.G.; Scheu, Edmunds, Kelly, and Harvey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Greenway, and the 2nd Section by Bro. Hosegood. Bro. Scheu having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Kelly, of the Harrow Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Griffiths, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair in this lodge for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. The officers present were Bros. C. W. Mapleton, W.M.; W. Baker, S.W.; R. Horne, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; C. E. Bulling, Treas. and I.G.; D. G. Inlay, S.D.; and Chas. Hurst, J.D.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the candidate, Bro. Dr. Thompson, was examined and entrusted. After opening in the Third Degree, the candidate was carefully conducted through the ceremony of raising, which is practised at this lodge strictly on the lines laid down by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The W.M. performed the ceremony so satisfactorily that the brethren accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for his services during the evening. A ballot was taken for Bro. Rutland, which was unanimous in favour of his becoming a joining member. The lodge was closed down in the Three Degrees, and Bro. J. Corp, jun., being elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, the officers were appointed in rotation, and the work announced to be the first ceremony and the charge after initiation.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; S. Lichtenfeld, S.W.; R. J. Rogers, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; A. Pozzatti, S.D.; R. H. Dillon, J.D.; R. T. Redfearn, I.G.; and H. Williams, 46, Kearney, Nebraska, U.S.A. (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stratton was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stratton candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Dillon candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. S. Lichtenfeld, assisted by the brethren. Bro. S. Lichtenfeld was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; H. Dyne, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, S.D.; H. J. F. Williams, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; T. Jobson, and F. Craggs.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Craggs offering himself as a candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. A. Williams offering himself as a candidate for raising, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. E. Fox was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. Rosenberg, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. Cruttenden, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; and J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, I.G.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. A communication was read from Bro. Campbell, expressing regret that he was unable to be present on account of indisposition. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Rosenberg for presiding as W.M. for the first time. The lodge will not meet again until June 2nd, when Bro. Hillier will be W.M., and the officers to be appointed in rotation. 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, 20th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Wolter, W.M.; F. Brendel, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; and F. M. Sutter, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coxon answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second

Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Coxon being the candidate. Bro. Sutter answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Sutter being the candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Hancock was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, adjourned until the first Tuesday in September.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Hoggins, J.W.; A. Bullen, acting as Preceptor; F. M. Noakes, Asst. Sec.; J. Rowe, S.D.; W. Groves, J.D.; G. Rotter, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. Lambert, and F. W. Buxton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd Sections, and Bro. A. Bullen, acting Preceptor, the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. F. W. Buxton having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the third ceremony. On rising for the third time nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. Swann, W.M.; A. J. Turner, S.W.; W. Dresden, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; P. J. Davies, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; C. G. Hatt, J. H. Neville, J. Jobson, James Sims, P.M., L. Nathan, and R. W. Allison.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, at the conclusion of which Bro. Turner gave the charge in the First Degree. Bro. Williams worked the 4th Section of the First Lecture, the questions being put by Bro. Sims. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Sims, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Turner was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. L. Nathan and R. W. Allison were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. Brown, W.M.; L. Cox, S.W.; F. Woodard, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Lathbury, S.D.; Cotton, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; E. Ferris, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; G. Higginson, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Austin being the candidate. Bro. Ferris, P.M., having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Ferris thanked the brethren for the support they had rendered to his father upon the R.M.B.I. election. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for his working of two ceremonies for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. G. McCrow, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. H. Morrish, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; P. P. Perry, S.D.; Miller, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; and an unusual number of brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form. The first four Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees respectively. Bro. Miller was unanimously elected Treasurer, in place of Bro. H. Harris, who resigned through ill-health. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. Willcox, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; A. Williams, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; T. W. Biggs, S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; J. N. Baxter, W. S. Whiteley, L. Lee, and Dr. Stanley Mansfield. Visitor: Bro. W. H. Hanham, 2309.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Stanley Mansfield candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. L. Lee candidate. On the first rising, Bro. Hanham was elected a joining member. On the second rising, Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the 24th inst., and Bro. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor, was elected W.M. for the next meeting to rehearse the ceremony of installation. On the third rising, Bros. A. Williams, P.M., T. W. Biggs, and W. Hillier were elected Auditors. The business of the evening being ended, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2356).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Railway Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. James Speller, W.M.; T. Scoresby-Jackson, S.W.; Urban Smith, J.W.; J. Ives, I.P.M.; W. P. Allen, Sec. and S.D.; C. Horst, J.D.; F. Taylor, I.G.; Wm. Alcock, H. F. Bromhead, W. Blenkinsop, W. W. Cook, H. G. Elliott, Geo. Fry, Wm. Finch, G. Long, and H. G. Shaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremonies of passing and raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Dr. Scoresby-

Jackson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cheque was ordered to be drawn for £2 10s., the amount unanimously voted at the last meeting for the Boys' School Pension Indemnity Fund. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

ST. ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Present Comps. James Sims, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, H.; David Stroud, J.; W. H. Causton, P.Z., S.E. (*pro tem.*); H. D. Aslett, S.N.; W. C. Williams, P.S.; T. W. Biggs, W. Hillier, John Davis, G. Swann, and W. W. Williams.

The convocation was declared open by the M.E.Z. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a very impressive manner, Comp. Hillier acting as candidate. The three Lectures were given by the Principals in their respective order. Comps. Chalfont, Biggs, and Swann were elected joining members. Comp. Davies gave notice of motion—"That the meetings be held weekly in future instead of bi-monthly as at present. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the convocation adjourned until the 28th inst.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P. G. R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; J. C. Tilt, 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 899, S.E.; G. Gregory, 862, S.N.; P. W. Biggs, 975, P.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779; and O. W. Battley, 2246. Visitors: Comps. T. Jobson, 733, and P. W. Biggs, 975.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Jobson being candidate. Comps. Jobson and Biggs were elected members. Comp. Tilt received a vote of thanks for rehearsing the duties of J. for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present Comps. G. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, J. 1329, H.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, J. and Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; North, 1275, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Osterstock, A.S. 1185; Towers, 1275; and J. Addington, P.Z. 1275.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Osterstock as candidate. It was announced that Comp. Hilton would take the chair and rehearse the installation and exaltation ceremonies at the next meeting.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.

Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—A meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. Donald Grant, 30°, M.W.S.; Rev. W. Valentine, H.P.; Wm. Brown, P.M.W.S., as 1st General; C. E. L. Wright, as 2nd General; T. B. Whythead, 30°, Recorder; M. Millington, P.M.W.S.; H. C. Pickersgill, F. W. Halliwell, C. of G.; and P. Pearson, Equerry. Bro. Tudor Trevor, 30°, was a visitor.

A ballot having been taken for Bro. F. C. Rudd, 1611, that brother, together with Bro. W. H. Cooper, was perfected by the M.W.S.

After the close of the meeting the brethren dined together.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.)—This old council met at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 23rd inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., W.M.; W. Lemon, S.W.; J. Ramsey, acting J.W.; Geo. Powell, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., acting Sec.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., acting I.G.; Shepherd, Org.; Baron de Ferrieres, I.P.M.; Mills, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the collar of Conductor was conferred upon Bro. H. J. Lardner in recognition of his three years' services as Secretary to the council. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, I.P.M., gave a notice of motion as to amending the by-law respecting life or compounding members. Communications from absent members and others were received, viz.: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Euston, G.M.; Augustus Harris, L.C.C., P.G.W.; D. P. Cama, R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.M.; N. Prower, M.A., Sec.; A. McDowall, S.D.; H. J. Lardner A. Godson, M.P., Geo. Graveley, Major Dunbar, and others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a well served "grill" awaited them.

A few toasts followed.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

YORK.

York College.—The quarterly meeting of this college was held at Richmond, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The members mustered from the northern and southern districts at Darlington Station about 11 a.m., and were met by vehicles chartered by the Darlington fratres, in which they were conveyed to East Abbey, near Richmond. Here they partook of an *al fresco* luncheon, and made a survey of the ruins of the old Priemonstratensis Abbey of St. Agatha, which possesses some peculiar characteristics. Most of the party then walked along the picturesque banks of the river Swale, a noted trout stream, catching occasional glimpses on the way of the Castle of Richmond with its noble keep dominating the old town. Arriving in Richmond, they made their way to the Masonic Hall, kindly placed at their disposal by the members of the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, and here they formed the M.C., there being present Fratres J. J. Wilkes, Celebrant; C. D. Hill Drury, Deputy; Wm. Brown, Secretary; W. N. Cheeseman,

C.N.; A. Haigh, Organist; D. Grant, Herald; T. Trevor, W. F. Tomlinson, and J. Monks, Past Celebrants; R. M. Wilkes, J. Maddison, C. H. Sharp, C. Palliser, Rev. J. H. Evans, J. K. Wilkes, W. Swales, H. Thompson, T. Masterman, and J. R. Dore. After the reading of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for five candidates, whose names had been proposed at the previous meeting. Frater J. R. Dore then moved the following resolution, pursuant to notice: "That, in grateful recognition of the many valuable Masonic services rendered by our Chief Adept, Frater T. B. Whytehead, and in commemoration of his having obtained Grand Lodge rank, this college do present him with a full set of Grand Lodge clothing." The resolution was seconded by Frater J. Monks, and supported by Fraters Tomlinson, Trevor, Maddison, Wilkes, Brown, and Grant. The Chief Adept was shortly afterwards announced, and, on entering the M.C. was informed of the resolution that had been passed. The Chief Adept thereupon thanked Frater Dore and the Celebrant, as well as the other members present, for the kindness of heart that had prompted their gift, and said that he had derived far more pleasure from the large number of kindly and congratulatory letters he had received within the past few days than from the actual honour that he had received from the Grand Master, because it had confirmed and justified his faith in Masonry and in the really wide-spread and earnest fraternal feelings that its prosecution engendered. A discussion then took place on a translation of an old German work of Frater Schnitzger, entitled "Discovered Fragments of Ancient Egyptian Initiations" which had been circulated amongst the members. Frater Grant opened the discussion, and quoted largely from Piazzi Smith's works on the Pyramids, maintaining the view that the old German original was one of those baseless and mythical compilations quite unworthy of any credence, and absolutely unjustified by known facts. At the conclusion of his remarks the time was found to have so far advanced that further discussion was adjourned to the next meeting. A vote of condolence was passed with Frater C. S. Lane, who would have been present at the meeting except for the accidental death of his wife by drowning at Hartlepool. Votes of thanks were passed to the trustees of the hall for their kindness in lending the rooms for the use of the college, and also to the Darlington fratres for their admirable arrangements. The C.A. then addressed the college on certain matters connected with the extension of the Order in the North of England, and stated his views on the subject, in which he was supported by all the members present. He also gave notice of a motion regarding the relations of the York College with the High Council, and the payment of annual fees thereto. The city of Lincoln and the Abbeys of Rievaulx and Byland were suggested as meeting places for the quarterly gathering in August, and the M.C. was dissolved.

The members afterwards met at the King's Head for high tea, and a pleasant return drive to Darlington in the cool of the evening ended a very pleasant day.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).—This distinguished council met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. R. L. Loveland, T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.C.W., T.I.M. elect; Capt. Walls, P.G.D.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; B. R. Bryant, D. P. Cama, Perkins, Baron de Ferrieres, Claridge, A. McDowall, Robert Berridge, Frank Richardson, Deputy G.M.; C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder (Hon. Member); T. Cubitt, E. Storr, R. Roy, M.A., B. Stewart, J. N. Frye, Dr. Pocock, L. Steele, J. J. Thomas, Capt. Williamson, J.P., N. Prower, M.A., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Lord Dungarvan, Major Fairclough, R.A., P.D.G.M. Canada; Capt. Thackwell, E. M. Money, Monson, Freeman, W. Vincent, Oxford, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. F. Matier impressively installed Bro. H. J. Lardner as T.I.M. The following appointments and investitures then took place: Bros. Loveland, P.D.M.; Major Dunbar, D.M.; Bryant, P.C.W.; Gravelly, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; Rev. R. Peek, Asst. Chap.; E. Storr, C. of Gds.; G. Powell, C. of C.; H. H. Shirley, 1st Marshal; R. Roy, 2nd Marshal; J. Brittain, 3rd Marshal; A. McDowall and Scurrah, Stwds.; Capt. Williamson, Warder; Catterson, Inner Sentinel; and Mills, O.S. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer for his services. It was proposed by the Recorder, and seconded by the I.P.T.I.M., that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Euston be elected an honorary member. This motion was unanimously carried. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, apologies were received from Bros. Rev. Dr. Lemon, Major Lambert, Major Dunbar, G. Powell, J. Brittain, Hay, Shilcock, Parkhouse, Carman, and others.

The council was then closed, and the members subsequently dined with the Grand Council at the Holborn Restaurant under the distinguished presidency of Bro. Lord Euston, G.M., who was supported by Bros. Frank Richardson, D.G.M.; Lord Dungarvan, G.C.W.; R. Berridge, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, G.R., and other Present and Past Grand Officers.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY AT THE MILITARY EXHIBITION.

This ancient Company have had fitted up a large upright exhibition case, which forms a conspicuous object in the north gallery. It is filled with specimens of work in "gold and silver wire in all its various forms and kinds," and it includes articles illustrative of use to which the wire may be applied in the way of ornamenting military and naval uniforms of the most ornate description—uniforms fit for princes, kings, or emperors—and also a number of "valuables" that the Company have pride in possessing, as illustrating not only its age but its utility. The two compartments into which the case is divided contain a number of glass cups, saucers, and shades filled with the material from which the gold and silver wire is ultimately drawn. Then there are reels of gold and silver wire. They show to the careful observer what

no general visitor would, casually looking at the case, discover. For instance, one of the reels is filled by gold wire so finely drawn that there are no fewer than 3000 yards to the ounce; but this marvel is surpassed, for another reel of the same dimensions is stated to contain as many as 6000 yards to the ounce. Among the illustrations of silver wire drawing there is a reel containing a thread so fine that it takes 4000 yards to make up an ounce. Other reels there are of both gold and silver wire, and of silver gimp, and of gold and silver cord, but none can compare with the remarkable results just mentioned.

The utility of the Company's productions, as seen in this case in the Military Exhibition (they are mostly yellow or golden), was illustrated in the composition of the banneret on a large shield, which contains at the foot this motto, "Domine Dirige Nos," and on an even larger shield, which bears the following inscription: "Presented to the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. De Keyser) by the Court of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers during the Mayoralty of the Right Honourable Polydore De Keyser, member of the Court of the Company. James Knapton Abel, Master; Horace Frederick Stewart, William Hays, David Evans, J.P. (Alderman), Gabriel Lindo, C.C., Wardens; and Wynne E. Baxter, J.P., D.L., Clerk."

The exhibit reflects the greatest credit upon the Company and upon its energetic and popular Master, Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C., to whose exertions the successful new departure of the Company is mainly due.

THE COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on the 31st March last when the directors were able to give a most satisfactory account of the proceedings of the past 12 months. The number of proposals for insurance made during that period was 6452, but 922 were declined or not proceeded with, while 860 are in various stages towards completion, so that the number completed was 4670, the policies issued for these amounting in the aggregate to £1,895,563. Of these 4670, all were for life assurance except 159, which were for endowments. The present income from premiums and interest exceeds £350,000, while the claims matured by death and otherwise, under 264 policies, amounted, with declared and immediate bonuses, to £74,209 13s. 10d., of which £9139 14s. 6d. was for endowments. The addition made to the assurance fund is £187,292 4s. 11d., and the rate of interest realised on the fund of the society has been fully maintained. There has thus been a great increase in the business of the society, while at the same time a further reduction in the expenditure, to the extent of upwards of 2 per cent., has been effected. It is needless to say that a report which proved so eminently satisfactory was adopted by acclamation, and votes of thanks to the Chairman who presided, the various directors, as well as the managers and officers of the society were proposed and adopted. We learn, further, from the balance-sheet appended that the Assurance Fund now amounts to £1,050,573 11s. 9d., while the loans on mortgage are upwards of £430,180, the freehold and leasehold property is valued at £371,634 and a fraction, loans on policies within surrender value £99,821, and cash at bankers, on deposit, &c., within a fraction of £48,180.



One of the greatest charms to our mind about Mr. H. A. Jones' new play, "Judah," at the Shaftesbury is its unconventionality. At last we have really broken away from what is supposed to be necessary as the plot of a play. We have always admired Mr. Jones as an author. His "Saints and Sinners" we remember with pleasure. Who did not laugh and weep over the "Silver King" and "Wealth," the late Haymarket play, was, we thought good, but the public thought differently. We look on with interest whether the public will appreciate his latest work. It is a triumph of authorship, acting, and stage production, and is written with brilliancy and power. We have always been against what are known as preliminary puffs, and have refused to put about paragraphs concerning the plot of a coming play. Generally the appetite has become whetted thereby, and then when one goes to the theatre one finds the fare very meagre indeed. In this instance it has not been so. Mr. Jones allowed it to be known that the audience might expect something which would startle them, and truly they were surprised. Vashti Dethic, under the compulsion of her wicked father, who has been a conjuror, pretends to work miracles on people by fasting. We all know that there are ailments which can be removed by the strong will of some one else, but that power is not in any way spiritual. A young Welsh minister, who has seen cures effected by this girl, persuades Lord Asgarby to let his daughter Edith come under Vashti's influence. The earl, who has lost all his children save Lady Eve through that terrible disease, consumption, yields. The Rev. Judah Llewellyn is madly in love with Vashti, but he thinks her more than a woman. In strong contrast to him is Professor Jopp, F.R.S., a friend of the earl's, who believes in very little. He gets Lord Asgarby to

put the fasting girl's power to the test, and has her incarcerated in a tower, under the charge of Miss Jopp. Nevertheless, the wily old father contrives to convey food to his daughter. But Judah finds him out. Still, when his eyes are opened to the deception, his love for Vashti does not alter, and he takes an oath before the whole household that he has not seen food taken to her. Judah is very popular with the people, and a new church is to be built and endowed for him. But, after a year, he makes up his mind to leave his ministry, for the false oath has been on his conscience night and day. He entreats Vashti to confess her deception, and the two, loving each other fervently, decide to go forth into the world together. The play ends here, so we do not know what they are supposed to do for a living, but that is not really necessary. With much feeling Bro. Willard illustrates the conflicting feelings of Judah, and in the very critical part, where he perjures himself, he carried the whole house with him. Miss Olga Brandon's Vashti was a great advance, even upon her Esther in "Caste," and that is saying a good deal. She seemed almost inspired. Miss Bessie Hatton, daughter of Bro. Joseph Hatton, gave a touching sketch of the Lady Eve. In describing her dream, she got rounds of applause. Mr. Royce Carleton, as Dethic, was excellent, as he always is as an adventurer. The comedy scenes between Miss Gertrude Warden and Mr. F. Kerr could not have been better performed. It was a finished study of egoism on both sides. Love making on scientific principles had in players as well as author exponents who made the house re-echo with laughter. We wonder whether Bro. Willard will cancel his American tour in the autumn. To break the run of a piece is not always wise, and if he could get a renewal of the Shaftesbury Theatre we believe he would find "Judah" fill it for a good time.

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The Tivoli opened its doors on Saturday to a large audience, to whom the directors gave a very varied programme, much after the style provided at the Pavilion and Trocadero. The ornamentation is throughout Indian in style. Electricity is used for lighting. Red, gold, and ivory white are the colours used in every part of the building; the stalls and pit are particularly roomy, giving plenty of space to pass in and out, and the seats are comfortable. It is built to accommodate 2000 people. Concrete and iron are used everywhere, so that fire need not be feared. From all parts of the house a good view of the stage can be obtained. Its position in the Strand, opposite the Adelphi Theatre, is an unique one. At the private view given by the directors on Friday a good many Masons were "employed," they consisted not only of entered apprentices of Fellow Crafts, but we remarked that it would have been quite easy to have held a Grand Lodge. Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., just back from India, and growing a moustache, was welcomed by many, and was able to say that the decorators had thoroughly succeeded in imitating the Eastern style of ornamentation. Bro. C. F. Hogard was there ready to do Grand Deaconal functions when properly called upon. Bro. Catling might have been a Grand Recorder, and his successor in the chair of the Savage Club Lodge, Bro. W. E. Chapman, would have willingly assisted. Those who are both actors and Masons were to be seen in multitudes. Bro. Macklin made a good representative of the Lyceum Theatre, the Logic Club, and the Asaph Lodge. Bro. Phipps made a splendid Grand Superintendent of Works. Bro. Capt. Dunfer did duty for the Masons militant. Bro. Baskcombe brought the news direct from Marlborough House that Prince Albert Victor had budded out as Duke of Clarence. Bro. Hurst looked in to report progress to Bro. Henry Irving, and Bro. Brickwell could not pass without a call, whilst Bro. F. J. Potter jealously acted as Inner Guard, and never seemed tired of explaining to any one who asked him details of the building, and, with all on his hands, never losing that courtesy which we learn in the charge after the Third Degree is so necessary, and which Bro. Potter seems to have cultivated from his youth up.

During the whole of the present week the National Physical Recreation Society have been holding their annual display at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. The students from Dr. Norman's Royal Normal School for the Blind give a fine exhibition of gymnastics. There is also a sensational exhibition of a five-storey house on fire, and the Fire Brigade and escapes coming to the rescue.

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday next, the 7th inst.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction has gone into recess for the summer, and will resume work on Thursday, the 9th October.

The Canadian Craftsman thinks that a "rough ashlar" is a Mason who does not subscribe for a Masonic paper or read a Masonic book.

Lady Stanley of Preston and her daughter, who are on their return to Canada, hope to land in time to take part in the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Lord Alcester is getting on well after his recent serious accident, and is able to get about freely, though with great care, so as to prevent a relapse.

Bro. Walter Long, M.P., and Lady Doreen Long have taken the Manor House, Great Cheverill, Wiltshire, and intend residing there the greater part of the year when out of London.

A grand ball is to be given by the Benchers of the Inner Temple on the 26th June, at which Prince Christian, who is a Bencher, and the Princess Christian are expected to be present.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh visited the galleries at Waterloo House, Pall-mall, on Wednesday, and viewed the Queen's picture of the Jubilee celebration in Westminster Abbey by W. E. Lockhart.

Mr. Stanley's wedding will, according to present arrangements, take place at Westminster Abbey on July 12. The officiating clergymen will be the Bishop of Ripon, the Master of the Temple, and the Dean of Westminster.

Our attention has been called to an error in the List of Subscriptions to the Girls' School Festival last week. Bro. Ockenden's list, as Steward for the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, was given as £29 2s. It should have been £39 2s.

The ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed at the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Saturday, the 31st inst., with a full choir. The lodge will be opened at 8 p.m., in the large hall.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn and his son, the Marquis of Hamilton, have gone to Ireland for the Whitsun holidays, while the Duchess has been staying firstly with the Dowager Duchess at Coates Castle, Pulborough, and afterwards with her half-brother, Earl Howe, at Penn House, Amersham.

Bro. Barclay, who is well-known in the local dramatic circles of Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush, was engaged by Miss Bella Pateman for "Master and Man" at the Royal County Theatre, Reading, during Whitsun week. Miss Clara Barclay also played the child in the same play.

On this (Friday) evening the three installation and the exaltation ceremonies will be rehearsed by Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, at the Star Chapter of Instruction, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, at 7.30 p.m., when all Royal Arch Masons who believe in good ritual working should attend.

The Duchess of Fife has consented to patronise an evening concert which will be given by Miss Louise Borowski at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on the 9th prox., with the laudable object of liquidating in part the debt caused by the extension of the Royal Female School of Art, recently opened by the Princess Christian.

The Countess of Dunraven gave a dance at her residence in Kensington Palace Gardens on the 23rd inst., among the guests present being Bro. the Duke of Athol and Lady Helen Stewart Murray, the Countess of Crawford and Lady Evelyn Lindsay, and Bro. Earl Percy and the Ladies Louisa and Edith Percy.

The birthday proper of the Queen fell on Saturday last, the 24th inst., when her Majesty completed her 71st year. There were the usual demonstrations of loyalty in the Royal Borough of Windsor. The Corporation banner was hoisted on the Guildhall, the bells of St. George's Chapel, and the parish church rung out merrily, and Royal salutes were fired in the Long Walk and near Virginia Water. Her Majesty had reached Balmoral from Windsor the afternoon of the previous day, and so spent the day in her Highland home.

The veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin, is always looking after the interest of the *Iowa Masonic Library*, and is now endeavouring to make a list of all the Iowa authors and a collection of their works, especially appertaining to the history of that State. Even the Indians of Iowa are not to be neglected, for in the appeal just issued Bro. Parvin states his anxiety to complete the particulars respecting their history, religion, ceremonies, and myths as far as possible, even to the preservation of axes, spear-heads, and other curious articles. Already he has secured copies of half of the country histories published, and doubtless will not be long without the remainder. The list of Iowa authors appended number over 250 names, and the grand *Library Buildings* for the great collection of Masonic works, medals, &c., is fitly represented on the title-page. A noble pile, and a great honour to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It is, in reality, Bro. Parvin's monument, and as his son is Deputy Grand Secretary, and following in his father's wake, the name of Parvin is not likely to be soon forgotten by the Masons of that State.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages. —ADVT.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, has been staying in town during a brief absence from his post, and has joined the Countess of Zetland in Arlington-street.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on the 23rd inst.

Bro. Akers-Douglas, M.P., has been spending the Whitsun holidays at Chilton Park, near Maidstone, and Bro. Lord Elcho, M.P., and Lady Elcho are at Felixstowe, where her ladyship intends to remain for a month.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Prince Henry of Battenberg visited McLean's Galleries in the Haymarket, on Wednesday, for the purpose of inspecting Mr. E. J. Poynter's picture of "The Queen of Sheba's visit to King Solomon."

On Wednesday the Prince of Wales drove to the Temple Gardens and there opened the Flower Show which has been organised by the Royal Agricultural Society. The collection of exhibits is a very fine one, and his Royal Highness frequently expressed his admiration of the beautiful display.

According to present arrangements, the Queen will give a grand garden party at Windsor Castle on the return of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. There will also be garden parties at Buckingham Palace in honour of the event.

The Charity Commissioners' "scheme for the management of the foundation known as Christ's Hospital," which has been altered in accordance with the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, was issued on Wednesday in its amended form as a Parliamentary paper.

At a meeting of the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, held on Wednesday the 21st inst., Bro. Isaac Dickinson, W.M., presiding, Bro. G. B. Mackay, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Paterson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor will take place at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, June 18th. A balance sheet is issued with the summons, which shows the Order to be in a flourishing condition.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Wednesday evening, while Prince Henry of Battenberg reached London the same day from Balmoral and left the following for the Isle of Wight, where he will join his yacht.

The will of Bro. Raynham William Stewart, late of 110, Cannon-street, and of 6, Colville-terrace, Notting Hill, solicitor, who died on the 13th ult., was proved on the 9th inst. by Mr. Francis Forbes Mumford Stewart, the son, and Mr. Robert Stephen Mann, the nephew, the executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding £3000.

Bro. E. J. Acworth was, on Monday, at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, chosen W.M. elect of the Barnate Lodge, No. 2265. Bro. Acworth, who is known as the proprietor of the *Middlesex County Times*, is already Past Master of Lodges 123, 1612, and 2077, and last year contested the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer for Essex, for which he will again be a candidate at the provincial meeting.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, distributed at the Guards' Industrial Home on Friday, the 23rd inst., the prizes gained by the girls of the institution. In the evening the Prince and Princess, with their eldest son and his two sisters, dined with the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador in Belgrave-square.

The Queen has been pleased to confer upon Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, a Peerage of the United Kingdom, by the style and title of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and Earl of Athlone. The last Duke of Clarence was also the last Lord High Admiral of England, and who subsequently ascended the throne as William IV.

At a recent meeting of the Anglesey Lodge, No. 1113, Bro. Foster presented the W.M. (Bro. Richard Thomas), on behalf of the lodge, with a large album containing the portraits of the officers. The latter were the gifts of Bro. T. Mills, I.P.M. 384. About 30 members and visiting brethren sat down at the banquet, which was served at the Victoria Hotel.

The Council of the Royal Society of British Artists have, at the request of the National Sunday League, consented to open the annual exhibition of pictures in their galleries, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall, on Sunday, 1st and 8th June. Tickets may be had by forwarding stamped addressed envelope to Mr. H. Mills, 8, Theobald's-road, London, W.C.

When next Bank Holiday arrives, Bro. Edward Terry will set forth on a provincial tour, which will extend, however, over five weeks only, the cities and towns visited being Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, and Scarborough. On this occasion Bro. Terry's repertory will include two new pieces—not "Sweet Lavender," which has already been introduced to the provinces by Mr. T. W. Robertson.

Last week, at the kind invitation of Bro. G. H. Anderton, P.M., the members of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, Howden, were taken for a day's excursion up the river Ouse in the steam yacht Rob Roy, belonging to that brother. The trip was intended as a farewell gathering to the W.M., Bro. the Rev. L. L. M. Rees, who is about to leave the town in order to take up the curacy of St. Luke's, Derby. At York the visitors disembarked, and visited the various places of interest in that ancient city.

The annual meeting and half-yearly election of the Infant Orphan Asylum were held on Thursday at the Cannon-street Hotel. The Treasurer, Mr. John Deacon, was in the chair. The report stated that 612 children had been benefited by the asylum during the year. Sixty-two had been admitted, and 64 had left. There had been during the year one death, which had occurred at the asylum's convalescent home at Margate. The school inspector had reported very favourably on the schools. The report having been adopted and the Committee chosen for the ensuing year, the poll was opened for the election of 40 children being ten more than the usual number.

The summer meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire will be held at the Bishop's Palace, Southwell, on Thursday, June 7th.

The *Century* contains a portrait of Bro. Walter Besant, accompanying an article on "London Polytechnics and People's Palaces."

Messrs. Cassell and Co.'s eighth annual exhibition of original drawings in black and white will be opened on Thursday, the 5th prox., at the Memorial Hall.

The sanction of the Home Secretary has been obtained for the performance of music at the Royal Military Exhibition on Wednesdays until 11 o'clock p.m.

Messrs. Sotheby have just sold for £64 a letter of Sir Isaac Newton to Mr. Robert Hooke, of Gresham College. It is dated March 5th, 1677, and refers to a "frivolous dispute" respecting lost papers.

Lady Monckton has consented to assist at a *matinée* that Mr. H. V. Esmond, lately a member of the Shaftesbury Theatre Company, has arranged to give at the Queen's Gate Hall on Friday, June 6.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. J. M. Chamberlain, P.M. and Sec. of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319. The funeral will take place at the South Metropolitan Cemetery to-day (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

Bro. Dr. Richardson thinks the time is coming when we shall have artificial legs of mutton, which, after all, are only grass converted into something chemically different by passing into the body of an animal.

The Press Association states that the injury from which Blackham, the Australian cricketer, is suffering, is a blow on the chest he received in keeping wicket to Turner at Sheffield. He is not, however, seriously hurt.

The annual meeting of the Court of Governors of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, is fixed for the 11th June. Lord Cadogan will preside, and it is expected that Princess Louise will take part in the proceedings.

Through the kindness of a lady who desires to be anonymous, the six unsuccessful candidates who were highest on the list at the recent election of the British Home for Incurables, have each been presented with £5.

The Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs, is proposed as a joining member of Lodge St. Mary's, Edinburgh, and will attend the meeting which takes place on Saturday, the 21st June, on the occasion of his state visit to the northern capital.

Bro. Lord Hartington's meeting at Devonshire House in aid of the Children's Country Holidays Fund was a great success. As the immediate outcome of the gathering over £200 has been transmitted to the Treasurer, the Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, 10, Buckingham-street, W.C.

Bro. George Everett, nothing daunted by his defeat last year at the hands of Bro. Edward Terry in his candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer, has again announced his intention of asking the suffrages of the Craft at the next election, believing that the large number of votes he then received fully warrants him in so doing.

The arrangements for the Kent county demonstration in honour of Bro. Sir William Hart Dyke's 25 years' Parliamentary services are nearly completed. The whole of the Kent Conservative peers and Members of Parliament have promised to attend, and there will also be present representatives of the various Conservative associations and clubs throughout the county.

The highest price ever given for the picture of a living artist has just been recorded. "1814," by Meissonier, representing Napoleon on horseback surrounded by his generals on the eve of his abdication, has been purchased of M. Delahaute for 500,000 fr., and immediately resold to M. Chauchard, formerly manager of the Louvre drapery shop, for 850,000 fr. It was painted in 1864, and is 30 in. long by 20 in. high.

A telegram from Adelaide states that the Inter-Colonial Conference on postage and cable rates has concluded its sittings, after having agreed to Sir John Pender's latest proposal to reduce the cable rates between Europe and Australia—1. For ordinary telegrams to 4s. per word. 2. For Government telegrams to 3s. per word. 3. For Press telegrams to 1s. 10d. per word. The Australian Governments, however, will request the Imperial Government to share equally with them the cost of the subsidies and guarantees due to the cable companies.

The Queen has consented to become a patron of the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, an honour which has induced the managers to make arrangements for holding a *conversazione* at the South Kensington Museum. This will be something after the fashion of the successful gathering at the Guildhall a few days ago, but will be on a far larger and more complete scale. As far as the administration of the public service will permit, the 2nd of July, the day fixed for the *conversazione*, will, by direction of the Postmaster-General, be proclaimed a general holiday in the Post Office.

Arrangements have been made, under the instructions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the sermon to Freemasons will be preached by Bro. the Rev. John Glaspe, one of the Grand Chaplains, in St. Giles' Cathedral, on Sunday, the 8th prox., at 3 o'clock. With the sanction of the Grand Master the members of the Craft will appear in full Masonic regalia. The choral service will be under the direction of Bro. James A. Moonie, of the Dramatic and Arts Lodge, aided by Bro. Carl D. Hamilton, Past Grand Director of Music, as conductor of the orchestra. A collection will be made for the grand bazaar in connection with the Annuity Fund of Grand Lodge. By permission of the authorities, the Craft will assemble in the Parliament House at 2.30 to dress before proceeding to St. Giles'. It is over 30 years since Divine service was conducted under the auspices of Grand Lodge, and on that occasion nearly 700 brethren assembled in St. Giles'.

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