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THE FESTIVAL OF WEDNESDAY NEXT.

At last we find ourselves within measurable distance of the day appointed for the celebration of the 92nd Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The event will take place in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 2nd prox. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, Past Senior Grand Warden of England, will occupy the chair, and there are not a few brethren, ourselves being among the number, who are venturesome enough to believe that his lordship's advocacy of the interests of this important Charity will be attended with a very fair measure of success. It is true the Board of Stewards, on whose efforts so much of that success must depend, is far from being as strong as it has been at a majority of our later Festivals. It is true, also, that London, as we mentioned last week, is still the weak point in its constitution, notwithstanding that the Chairman is essentially a London Freemason, while we know the arrangements for the re-organisation of the School, instead of being complete, are still in progress. Yet, in spite of these unfavourable conditions, we are sanguine enough to hope that the total of subscriptions and donations which it will be the duty of Bro. BINCKES to announce on Wednesday evening next will be considerably nearer to the result of the Benevolent Festival in February last—£13,840—than to the £11,000 announced in connection with the Girls' School Festival last month.

We have said that London is the weak point in the constitution of the Board of Stewards, which now numbers upwards of 260 brethren. As a matter of fact, the representatives of London only slightly exceed 100 in number, while the Provincial Stewards are upwards of 160. In the former case about 70 lodges and 4 chapters have sent representatives, while the number of unattached is between 25 and 30. As far as our experience goes, we have generally found that about one-fourth of the total number of lodges in London—that is to say, about 90 lodges—send Stewards, but on this occasion the proportion is only one-fifth. Happily, the list includes the names of several hard-working brethren as well as of brethren of considerable weight and influence, so that, as at some past Festivals we have known, it is within the reach of possibility that the smaller body may produce a better result, either actually or in proportion. If, however, London is weak in numbers, the Provinces seem likely to make amends for the shortcoming. It is true that only two-thirds instead of the usual three-fourths are represented, but those two-thirds include almost the whole of the Provinces which are regular in their contributions and give largely, and many of these are more strongly represented than usual. In this section also of the Board will be found the names of many brethren who, when they give their services as Stewards, are in the habit of working with great energy, and as a rule with very conspicuous success. Under these circumstances, it is not perhaps very surprising that we should incline towards those who are hopeful of a satisfactory result rather than to the side of those despondent ones whose only idea seems to be that a small Board of Stewards means comparative failure, just as a large Board means comparative success.

As regards the Institution and its requirements, we can only repeat what we have said in previous notes and articles. The School now musters some 260 pupils, and therefore at the reduced rate of expenditure of £40 per boy, the sum required for the year will be close on £10,500, without leaving even the narrowest margin for unforeseen contingencies. But in addition to this ordinary expenditure the Provisional Management Committee have made it clear to the Governors and Subscribers that an extraordinary expenditure of about £3000 for sanitary and other improvements in the School premises at Wood Green must be incurred, so that the total amount which will have to be provided during the current year is at least £13,500, while the permanent income amounts to only some £600 or £700. We sincerely trust, therefore, that the Festival of Wednesday next may prove

to be a clear and undoubted success, and that the total of the Returns may as nearly as possible amount to the total expenditure which has already been declared to be imperatively necessary. We know the Chairman and his Board of Stewards will exert themselves to the very utmost to secure this much-desired result, and it is for the brethren generally, by their contributions to support them. We trust, also, that as this will be the 29th and last Festival with which Bro. BINCKES will be associated in his official capacity as Secretary, the Returns he will announce on Wednesday will be found to compare favourably with some of the greater successes with which his name has been connected. To his efforts principally we owe it that the Boys' School has attained to its present dimensions, and that for the last 15 or 20 years big figures have been the order of the day at the Festivals of all three Institutions. Let us requite those services handsomely, so that the close of his official career may be as bright and as regards the School itself, as hopeful for the years that are to come, as when he first entered on his duties well-nigh 30 years ago.

CHAPTER GENERAL OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF SCOTLAND.

We are pleased to report indications of activity on the part of the Chapter General of Knights Templars of Scotland, though by their action, or inaction, in relation to the Convent General, of which H.R.H. the Prince of WALES is Grand Master, the members are out of touch to a great extent with the English and Irish fratres, yet as an old organisation of Chivalric Degrees, and undoubtedly influentially, if not numerously, supported, we are at all times ready to note aught of interest concerning its welfare. This time it is the Glasgow sir knights that have been the means of awaking a little life in that body, and we confidently expect that the new departure will lead to other districts also moving in the matter. On the 19th inst., the eminent Craftsmen, L. MACKERSY, W.S., and Dr. DICKSON attended St. Mungo's Encampment, K.T., as a deputation from the august Chapter General, and inaugurated the Knights of Malta (with "Mediterranean Pass") under the wing of that active subordinate. Bro. EDWARD MACBEAN, the Glasgow Masonic Student, was installed as Preceptor, Bro. DAVID R. CLARK was invested as Captain General, and Bro. FOULDS as Lieutenant-General. The other officers for working the Degree were also duly inducted. Fourteen brethren were received into the Malta Degree, and the Consecrating Officers, Bros. MACKERSY and DICKSON, were voted "founders' jewels" in recognition of their valuable services.

FREEMASONRY IN QUEENSLAND.

Two or three weeks since we published a highly interesting letter from a Queensland brother, who is Secretary of a lodge which he describes with apparent accuracy as "the most outlying lodge," but which promises, nevertheless, to be one of the most flourishing in the Colony. It is situated some 400 miles from the nearest port, and about 40 miles from the nearest railway station, and therefore it is not without difficulties in the way of locomotion, which are not always easily surmounted, that the members obey their summonses to attend the duties of the lodge at its regular and emergency meetings. This lodge, which is known as the Aramac, No. 2338, under the English Constitution, was consecrated as recently as the 18th September of last year, and the Prov. Grand Officer, to whom was delegated the duty of constituting it, travelled in company with the W.M. of the Blackwell Lodge, and four of its members, no less than 120 miles across country in order to perform the ceremony. The founders—twelve in number—and visitors, numbering 33 in all, came together from places more or less remote from the town of Aramac, yet the labour of travelling must evidently have

been regarded as a labour of love, and at the end of six months the lodge thus consecrated bids fair, as our correspondent tells us, to be one of the most prosperous in Queensland. We in England with our network of railways spread all over the surface of the country—except of course in the remotest districts—can form no adequate idea of the difficulties which colonial enthusiasts in Freemasonry encounter in their desire to win a name for regularity and punctuality in attendance, nor we imagine are there many cases here in which a candidate travels 150 or 160 miles on horseback or by buggy in order to be initiated into our mysteries or have the further degrees conferred upon him. However, the facts recorded by our correspondent fully justify his statement that Freemasonry must have established a firm hold in Queensland, and is extremely fortunate in having plenty of excellent material from which to recruit its strength. We congratulate our brethren in this distant colony on the zeal and determination with which they perform their Masonic duties, and we are especially glad to hear that the Aramac Lodge is loyal, as indeed are the English lodges generally, in its attachment to our United Grand Lodge.

THE LORD MAYOR IN SCOTLAND.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

One of the most important, and from a Masonic point of view, certainly the most interesting incident of the Civic visit to Scotland was the affiliation of the Lord Mayor to the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1 on the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which occurred on Saturday afternoon.

The Lodge of Edinburgh is a very old institution. So far as authentic records go it is the oldest Masonic body in the world with a continuous history. The records open with a "Minute of convention" of the Lodge of Scotland held at Edinburgh in 1597. That minute is signed by William Shaw, the King's "Maister of Works"—an office of State similar to that now held by the Chief-Commissioner of Woods and Forests. Bro. Shaw was a cadet of a noble family holding large estates in the neighbourhood of Stirling—and he formed one of the Embassy which was sent by King James VI. of Scotland, to negotiate his marriage with the Princess Anne of Denmark, and afterwards he was despatched with other persons of distinction to bring the Princess to Edinburgh, where she was married to the King. The minute of the convention, signed by Bro. Shaw, explains that his signature was affixed in consequence of the King being out of Edinburgh, from which it is deduced that the King himself was in those days the head of the Masonic Fraternity in Scotland. Perhaps it is from this that he originally derived his title of the "Modern Solomon." The minute also appoints the next convention to meet at St. Andrew's on the 27th December, 1598. Under date of 1600 the minute book also records the fact that a Mr. Boswell—a laird of Auchinleck—was a member of the lodge; the first record of a non-operative being admitted to the Order. This Mr. Boswell was a direct ancestor of Dr. Johnson's biographer. There are several other minutes of interest, and about 1635 several young noblemen appear to have joined the lodge, while in 1641 there is a curious record of the lodge having met at Newcastle when the Rt. Hon. Robert Moray, Master of the Ordnance of the Army of Scotland, was admitted by the Masters a member of the Order. He was a man of the highest distinction, the founder of the Royal Society of Scotland, and became Lord Provost of Edinburgh and its representative in Parliament. He was subsequently associated with the various uprisings of that period, and took part in the rebellion headed by Viscount Middleton in 1687. Among the other eminent men connected with the lodge there was recorded in 1667 the admission of Sir Patrick Hume, of Polwarth, one of the most distinguished Scotsmen that ever lived. He was then Sheriff of Lanarkshire (practically a county court judge with criminal jurisdiction), and became one of the judges of the Supreme Court. After this he was raised to the peerage, and ultimately created Earl of Marchmont, with the office of Lord Chancellor of Scotland. Among the eminent members of the Craft who have joined the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, are enumerated the late Earl of Zetland, G.M. Eng.; the late Earl of Dalhousie, Dep. G.M. Eng.; the late Duke of Athole, G.M. Scotland; the late Earl of Haddington, Dep. G.M. Scotland; the present Earls of Rosslyn, Crawford, Northesk, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and other distinguished personages. The lodge wields a very high influence in the Masonic circles of Scotland, and was perfectly justified in assuming the position of exponent of the sympathy and rational feeling of Scottish Masons with their English brethren by affiliating the Lord Mayor on his State visit to Edinburgh.

I must keep his lordship still outside the lodge while I explain to your readers how the assembly was constituted. The Grand Lodge Room of the Masonic Hall, where the convention was held, is a large elegant room of considerable architectural pretension—lighted from the top, and having the sides decorated with pictures of various incidents of Scottish history, many of which have furnished names to lodges. Along one wall are ranged the busts of various modern Grand Masters—Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, the Earl of Rosslyn, Bro. Whyte Melville, and the Earl of Mar and Kellie. To welcome their distinguished guests, the brethren of the Lodge of Edinburgh had invited deputations from all the lodges in Edinburgh and from all the others, so that no less than 14 or 15 lodges were formally represented. As the clothing of lodges in Scotland is varied instead of being our uniform light blue, it will easily be understood how strange and striking was the sight. There were present No. 1, Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), in light blue; No. 2 Canon-gate, Kilwinning, in crimson; No. 8 Journeymen, in dark blue; No. 36, St. David's, in green; No. 44, Holyrood House, St. Luke's, in crimson; No. 48, St. Andrew's, in scarlet; No. 226, Portobello, in dark blue; No. 270, Thistle, West Calder, in green; No. 291, Celtic, in Royal Stewart tartan; No. 392, Caledonian, in McKenzie tartan; No. 405, Rifle, in dark green; No. 429, St. Kentigern (so called after the patron Saint of Glasgow, and not as the ribald have it, because they "can't adjourn"), Penicuik, in dark blue; the Defensive Band in yellow; and the Royal Order of Scotland, whose distinguishing badge is a green band on the arm with the motto, "Silentio et Prudentia." Here was a sufficiently varied mass of colour—but there were differences of shape and fashion also. Some wore collars as we do, others had sashes either inside or outside their coats—from right to left or left to right—according to no rule that I could discover. As is well-known, the Scottish Grand Lodge recognises all the associated Orders up to the 33°, and we had the jewels or distinguishing badges of nearly all present. The lodge was presided over by Bro. Gilbert McDonald, W.M., having Bro. Bell for S.W., and Bro. P. L. Henderson as J.W. On the dais sat Bro. Chrichton, I.P.M., Proxy Prov. G.M. Canterbury, N.Z., Convenor of the Visiting Committee for the Metropolitan Province (as there is no Provincial Grand Master, he virtually fulfils his duties); Bro. Dr. Sanus Middleton, Prov. G.M. Roxburgh; Bro. Murray Lyon, G. Sec. and Historian of the lodge; Bro. W. Officer, P.M., P.G.D.; Bro. David Reid, G. Cashier; Bro. Lindsey Mackesey, Ill. Gen. G. Sec. H.E., 33°; Bro. Major Allen, P.P.G.M. Gibraltar; Bro. Morn, P.M.; and Bro. Abbott, P.M. In addition to these were Bro. Col. Harding, P.G.D.C. (who, as he was in plain purple, did not receive the honours due to his rank); Bro. Dr. Taylor, P.G.W. Yorks; Bro. A. S. Tomkins, P.G.D. Surrey; and a large number of distinguished brethren.

The Lord Mayor, P.G.W., and his party, consisting of Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., Sheriff Harris, D.G.D.C., and a number of other guests, were ushered to the door of the lodge by a small army of Stewards, bearing wands. After the usual formalities, the doors were thrown open, and the party proceeded up the lodge. The brethren, ranged at four long tables, two on each side, the hall received them standing, chanting a strain of welcome to the tune of the Entered Apprentice's song, and keeping time with rhythmic beating of the hands. The effect was most striking—the novelty of the ceremony, the variety of the costumes, greatly impressing the English visitors.

Arrived at the pedestal, the W.M., Bro. GILBERT McDONALD, after bidding the Lord Mayor welcome in the name of his lodge, proceeded to affiliate him to the Scottish banner with all due ceremony. His lordship was invited to the dais and then the W.M. called attention to the presence of Bros. Sir John Monckton and Sheriff Harris, Grand Officers, and proposed that a similar honour should be accorded to them.

This was carried by acclamation, and they, too, were duly affiliated.

The lodge was then called off, and a banquet of cake and wine—a well known institution in Scotland—was served.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Queen" in a few words, and then "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," both of which were heartily received. He next gave "The Three Grand Lodges," pointing out that they lived in amity, pursuing the same noble ends, regulating the affairs of the Craft for the general good without undue interference. They could not compete with English Masons in great works of Charity, but they were not behind them in Masonic spirit.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, replying for England, said that though humble as a man he was proud as a Mason. He loved the work—and was proud of his English honours—and very proud of the day's ceremony. As a Mason of nearly 40 years standing, having had an almost unique experience among the lodges, he congratulated the brethren on the order and propriety of their Masonic conduct that day.

Bro. CHRICHTON replied for Scotland, and Bro. MARTIN for Ireland.

I might point out that the Scotch method of drinking toasts differs from ours. The fire is given as we do, but three times over interspersed with three short but ringing cheers, "'ray, 'ray, 'ray," with the sign of the First Degree.

In giving "The Lord Mayor," the W.M. expressed his pleasure at being the vehicle of the lodge's will in conferring upon his lordship the highest honour in their power to bestow. They all hoped his visit to Edinburgh had been as gratifying as his reception had been enthusiastic.

The toast was received with resounding applause, the company rising to their feet, and cheering again and again as the organ and band struck up "The fine old English gentleman."

The LORD MAYOR said he was also an old Mason, and appreciated the Order more and more every year. Before all wealth and distinction was the approbation of good men, and he knew no means of securing that approbation better than rigidly adhering to the tenets of Masonry. The Craft never stood higher with the general public, a fact largely to be attributed to the care with which candidates were admitted to lodges. He had the unique experience when leaving his first chair many years ago of installing his brother and initiating his father on the same night. "I need not tell you," said his lordship, "that I gave my father admirable advice as to his future conduct, and pointed out the necessity of prompt obedience to his seniors in the Order." Fraternity and feeling found its exercise in the great virtue of Charity—

"When smiling fortune sheds her golden ray,
All crowd around to flatter and obey;
But when she thunders from an angry sky,
Our friends, our flatterers, and our lovers fly."

It was not so in Masonry. In his mother lodge he had been instrumental in forming a Benevolent Fund, which now amounted to several thousand pounds. One of its strongest advocates and most liberal benefactors was actually the very first man to enjoy its benefits. Complaints were sometimes made of undue Masonic refreshments. Such a feast as theirs was a model, and he had derived great Masonic refreshment from their kind and fraternal reception that afternoon, which was in keeping with the kindness he had received in Edinburgh.

The W.M. next gave "The Two Last Links of Mary's Chapel"—Bro. John Monckton and Bro. Sheriff Harris—pointing out that these at least were strong links in their Masonic chain.

Bro. Sheriff WALTER H. HARRIS replied, saying that, though he had entered that lodge as an inferior officer to his distinguished brethren, the brethren had raised him to an equality, for he was at least their equal in Scotch Masonry.

Bro. OFFICER proposed "Our Visiting Brethren," pointing out the antiquity of their lodge, and the gratification it gave the premier lodge of Scotland to welcome so many distinguished guests.

This was responded to by Bro. TRENDLELL, C.M.G., P.G.S., in suitable terms.

The LORD MAYOR, in proposing the Master, congratulated him on his concise but pregnant speeches—pithy and full of matter.

"Words are but leaves, and where they most abound
Much fruit of sense is very rarely found."

As for Bro. Sheriff Harris's boast of equality, he must remember he was affiliated some minutes subsequently to himself, and there were no doubt many lawyers and doctors present who could tell them how much good or harm could be done in a few minutes. He would ever have grateful recollection of his Masonic brethren in Edinburgh.

The W.M. suitably replied, and after "The Wardens" had been given by Bro. ALD. EVANS, the party was escorted out of the lodge, which was subsequently "called on" and closed in the usual solemn form.

Such a Masonic meeting has not been held in Edinburgh since the Prince of Wales was affiliated some 15 years ago.

OLD ATHOLL WARRANTS.

No. 217, SHEFFIELD, Constituted as a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Counties of York, Chester and Lancaster.

Atholl, GRAND MASTER

Jas. Jones, S.G.W. Wm. Dickey, D.G.M. James Read, J.G.W.

To all whom it may Concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred Twenty and Six) in ample form assembled, viz.: The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince, John the Third, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven,

ATHOLL
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in wax.



No. 217.

Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS; the Right Worshipful William Dickey, Esquire, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; the Right Worshipful James Jones, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden; and the Right Worshipful James Read, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden; with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster; do, by these Presents, authorise and empower our trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, who at the Time of this present Writing are or hereafter shall become Inhabitants of the Counties of York, Chester and Lancaster to congregate, form and hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in the Town of Sheffield and County of York aforesaid, independent of any former Dispensation, Warrant or Constitution, ordered, given or granted by Us, or any of Our Predecessors, Grand Masters of England, to any Mason or Masons residing within the Masonical Jurisdiction aforesaid; such Provincial Grand Lodge, when duly constituted, to be held Annually, Half-yearly, Quarterly, Monthly, or at any seasonable Time or Times as Occasion shall require. And We do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother Hugh Cheney of the Town of Sheffield aforesaid Esquire to be Our Provincial GRAND MASTER; Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother Daniel Plowman of Sheffield gentl. to be Our Provincial Senior Grand Warden; and our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother William Trickitt of Sheffield, Cutler to be our Provincial Junior Grand Warden, within the Masonical Jurisdiction aforesaid; who, together with the aforesaid Provincial Grand Master, and his Deputy, when appointed and installed, and Provincial Grand Wardens, shall be addressed by the Stile and Title of The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens, &c. And We do hereby further authorise and empower our said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Hugh Cheney, Esqr. his Deputy and Grand Wardens Daniel Plowman and William Trickitt with the Approbation and Advice of their Grand Lodge, to grant Dispensations, Warrants and Constitutions, for the congregating and making Free and Accepted Masons, forming and holding of Lodges within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do, by these Presents, further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Right Worshipful Brethren, the Provincial Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and their legal Successors, when in regular Grand Lodge formed, to hear, adjust, and impartially determine all and singular Matters of Complaint, Dispute, Debate or Controversy, relative to the Craft within the Jurisdiction aforesaid; strictly requiring all and every of our Worthy and Loving Brethren within the Jurisdiction aforesaid to be conformable to all and every of the good Rules, Orders, Issues and Decrees, which shall from Time to Time be ordered, issued or decreed by the said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge; herein reserving to ourselves our antient Prerogative of hearing Appeals, and Administration of such Things as shall (bona fide) appear absolutely necessary for the Honour and Benefit of the Craft in General. And lastly, We do hereby authorise and empower our said Trusty and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Grand Wardens, together with their lawful Associates, being the installed Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of the Regular Lodges within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, in Grand Lodge assembled to nominate, chuse and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their particular Jewels, and Masonical Powers and Dignities as Provincial Grand Officers &c. &c. &c. And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse, and install &c. their Successors &c. &c. such Installation to be upon or near every SAINT JOHN'S Day, the Twenty-fourth of June, during the continuance of the said Provincial Grand Lodge for ever. Providing the said Right Worshipful Hugh Cheney, Daniel Plowman, William Trickitt and all the Successors, Grand Officers of the said Provincial Grand Lodge, do continually pay due Respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, by whom this Warrant is granted, otherwise this Warrant and Constitution to be of no Force nor Virtue. Given under our Hands and Seal of the Grand Lodge in London, the Fifth Day of September in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One in the Year of Masonry, Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One and in the seventh Year of the Grand Mastership of His Grace the Duke of Atholl, &c. &c. &c.

Chas. Bearblock,
GRAND SECRETARY

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge Vol. 8 Letter H.



The italics indicate the written portion—all the rest is printed like the earlier Atholl Warrants, but without a border, this being a document adapted to its special purpose. The orthography is preserved, but not the old style printing "f" for "s;" both for printer's convenience and utility, the modern style is given. I know not whether such another Warrant may be in existence, but think it very unlikely. I have desired to give this interesting document in the *Freemason* for many years past, but until last week have been unable to verify a rough copy made in 1876, and which on comparison with the original was found to be (as I expected) not sufficiently exact for publication.

The Warrant is in the possession of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, and I am indebted to the kind courtesy of the present worthy W. Master, Bro. Edward Tozer, Prov. S.G.W. of West Yorkshire, for the opportunity of examining this and other valuable possessions belonging to the lodge. Notwithstanding that the W.M. happened unfortunately to be confined to his bed by illness, he deputed a well-known enthusiast (formerly a Bradfordian), Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B. W. Yorkshire, in whose genial society I spent an hour most agreeably. It gives me very great pleasure to publicly acknowledge their fraternal kindness.

No. 217 was given to an Atholl Lodge, Square and Compass, Masons' Arms, Whitehaven, in 1813; it is doubtful if the functions of a Provincial Grand Lodge were ever exercised at Sheffield under this Warrant. It appears to have been instituted more as a sort of challenge to the "Moderns" Prov. G. Lodges, and the Britannia (always a strong lodge) in particular. At the date of this Warrant the Britannia was known as "Tontine," a name it may be stated which the members gave it after the Warrant of 1765 was signed. The Britannia has had a most active life from the very first and a Masonic career as distinguished as it has been loyal and honourable.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

The 16th convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 21st instant, and attracted a numerous attendance of Royal Arch Masons. Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Superintendent, presided, and amongst the companions present were—

Comps. R. H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H.; E. Y. Jolliffe, Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; G. Gregory, Prov. G. Treas.; H. W. Roberts, Prov. G. Reg.; Captain R. J. Vincent, Prov. G.S.B.; J. C. Austin, Prov. A.G.D.C.; C. Stevens, Prov. G. Org.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Std. Br.; R. C. Sudlow, G. Std. Br.; G. Cordwell, P.P.G.S.; F. T. Rushton, M.E.Z. 382; H. J. Wicks, P.Z. 1269; J. Hay, J. 1194; A. C. A. Higerty, M.E.Z. 946; Wheeler, 359; W. J. Porter, 1793; A. W. Duret, P.P.G.J.; H. Dickey, S.E. 2048; S. Jacobs, P.Z. 946; E. B. Haynes, P.P.A.G.S.; H. Higgins, J. 1423; A. Runacres, M.E.Z. 1777; J. D. E. Tarr, H. 1293; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G. Reg.; Wilson, 1293; Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.E.Z. 1563; Colonel Gordon, P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.S.; R. W. Blasby, M.E.Z. 975; H. Sapsworth, J. 946; J. Hamer Owens, M.E.Z. 1104; J. Gordon Langton, H. 1194; C. J. Axford, M.E.Z. 2048; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.A.G.S.; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; J. W. Hartley, M.E.Z. 1326; G. R. Langley, J. 1326; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.S., P.Z. 1326; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.D.C., P.Z. 1326; J. Bott, 1326; J. Blenkarn, 1326; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G.O.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.J.; and W. Taylor, P.P.G.J.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was formally opened, and the roll of chapters in the province having been called, it was found that all were represented with the exception of two.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and verified, and the Audit Committee's report was read and adopted.

The Grand Superintendent re-appointed Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp as Prov. G.H., and Comp. the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.E.Z. 1503, as Prov. G.J.

Comp. Hamer Owens, M.E.Z. 1194, was nominated by Comp. R. C. Sudlow, seconded by Comp. Rushton, M.E.Z. 382, and unanimously elected to the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer, after which the following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z. ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. R. Spaul, P.Z. 382	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. W. Bilby, Z. 1293	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. Stevens, Z. 1793	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" A. Higerty, Z. 946...	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. W. Hartley, Z. 1326	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Capt. A. Runacres, Z. 1777	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. J. Axford, Z. 2048	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Higgins, P.Z., H. 1423	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Dickey, S.E. 2048	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" W. J. Porter, 1793...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gilbert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Grand Superintendent nominated Comps. J. F. H. Woodward, Capt. T. C. Walls, and J. G. Langton, and Comps. G. R. Langley, W. A. Scurrah, and Dr. Ryley were elected as the Audit Committee for 1891.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Prov. G.H., said that the companions were all aware that some time since a fund was started for the purpose of presenting to Comp. Woodward a suitable testimonial in recognition of his valuable services to the Province as Prov. G. Secretary and Prov. G.S.E. for a period of nearly five years, and he now had to announce that at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held on the 14th inst., a valuable gold watch and chain, together with an illuminated address, was presented to Comp. Woodward by the Prov. Grand Master, in the name of the brethren of the province, and he had also to inform the companions that, the necessary funds being available for the purpose, it had been resolved to present Mrs. Woodward with a diamond bracelet and locket, and that on the 20th inst., he had the pleasure, in company with Bro. Room, the Prov. G. Sec., of waiting on Mrs. Woodward for the purpose of presenting them to her, and he was deputed by Mrs. Woodward to express her grateful acknowledgments to the brethren for those tokens of their regard, and to say how much she appreciated the kindness shown to her husband.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Lebanon Chapter for the use of the furniture, and to Comp. Gregory for the very satisfactory manner in which he had performed the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer during the past year.

Several letters expressing regret for non-attendance were announced by the P.G.S.E., and the convocation was duly closed.

The companions then adjourned to an excellent repast, served under the personal superintendence of Comp. Mella, which fully sustained the reputation this hostelry has acquired.

The principal loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, and heartily received.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, proposed "The Health of the Grand Superintendent, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," and said he felt sure that the province was as much honoured by its head, as the head felt in return honoured by the province. Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex had prospered under the genial sway of Sir Francis Burdett, whose interest in all Masonic work was well known, and whose geniality and kindly nature was proverbial. Hailing as he (Comp. Philbrick) did from the neighbouring Province of Essex, he was sure that Middlesex would heartily congratulate, and the other provinces, and wherever Sir Francis was known, would sincerely join in congratulating, that distinguished companion on the fact that his eldest son attained his majority next month. On that account the present year would be a particularly pleasant one to the esteemed Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, and that it would be followed by many equally as pleasing and enjoyable was the sincere and heartfelt wish of all the companions.

Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., G. Supt., in reply, returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He had reason to believe that their esteemed Comp. Philbrick had recently visited the South of Ireland, and if that was the case he could only conclude that Comp. Philbrick had kissed the blarney stone, but, however, that might be, his best thanks were due for the flattering terms used in the proposition of the toast. He had now been connected with the Province of Middlesex for 20 years, during which time he had always been received with the utmost kindness and consideration, and the heartiness of his reception that evening was fully equal to that bestowed on previous occasions. His services were at the disposal of the province, with which he hoped to continue his connection for years to come. It gave him pleasure at all times to meet the Masons in the province, and he was gratified to see such a goodly number present on that occasion.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., in response to the toast of "The Visitors," said he had been deputed by his colleagues to reply on their behalf, and return their sincere thanks for the hospitable reception accorded them by the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex. The kindly welcome and the hospitality they had received, coupled with the beauties of the surroundings, had rendered the meeting a particularly happy and enjoyable one. It was a great pleasure, indeed, to come down there and see the Grand Superintendent in such good health, and presiding over such a gathering of Masons from the province with such ability and geniality. Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex was apparently in a healthy state, and the work performed in a commendable manner, and he was very glad indeed to congratulate the province on its flourishing condition.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, in response to loud calls, said he thought the excellent speech of Comp. Colonel Clerke was to be taken in full satisfaction of all demands, but he sincerely thanked them for the hospitable reception accorded the visiting companions.

In giving "The Prov. Grand Officers," the Grand Superintendent thanked that body for the very great assistance always extended in the work of the province, for the Prov. Grand Officers were ever ready to give their time and valuable help when necessary.

Comp. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, Prov. G.H., in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure it at all times afforded the Prov. Grand Officers to support their esteemed and beloved Grand Superintendent in the work of the province. The province was in a very satisfactory state, and if the chapters were visited the work would be found to be carried out in an excellent manner. The Prov. Grand Officers, under the guidance of their Grand Superintendent, whom they hoped to see preside for many years to come, had but one object in view, which was to see Masonry in the Province of Middlesex carried out in a satisfactory manner, and the reputation of the province maintained to its fullest extent.

A deputation from the Musgrave Lodge, which was meeting in an adjoining room, attended, and having congratulated the Grand Superintendent on the successful meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, invited the companions present to partake of the hospitality of that lodge. The Janitor's toast having been given, the companions accordingly adjourned to the Musgrave Lodge, which accorded them a truly Masonic welcome.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AT READING.

The Berks and Bucks Freemasons, as a combined Provincial Grand Lodge representing the two counties, met together for the last time on Saturday afternoon in the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having ordered the division of the existing Province of Berks and Bucks into two separate provinces, to consist respectively of the county of Berks and the county of Buckingham. The occasion of the gathering, therefore, was an interesting and memorable one, and the brethren of the province attended in considerable numbers from different lodges in the two counties. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., who has been Deputy Provincial Grand Master for many years, presided, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers also in attendance included—

Bros. E. Margrett, P.S.G.W.; E. H. Cox, P.J.G.W.; J. E. Sydenham, M. Wheeler, G. F. Slade, G. H. Stubington, W. Hemmings, J. E. Bowen, J. T. Morland, John Tomkins, E. L. Shepherd, S. Knight, G. Boyer, G. J. Cosburn, R. C. Mount, F. J. Ferguson, B. T. Fountaine, J. W. Martin, A. Welch, W. S. Cantrell, J. C. B. Tirbutt, T. Page, B. W. Bennett, A. Turner, J. O. Carter, C. D. Hume, H. Poynter, J. McCubbin, W. Ravenscroft, Dixon, W. King, J. Greenaway, and others. There were also present Bros. J. T. Pulley, Hickie, Milward, Ball, Steward, Crowhurst, Yeatman, Hattersley, E. M. Mullin, Bliss, Rees, Miller, Deacon, Rawlings, Baker, Gardner, Ridley, Wilder, Sim, Brydges, and others.

The ACTING P.G.M., in opening the proceedings, explained the exact Masonic and legal position in which they stood. By the fiat of the M.W.G.M., the Province of Berks and Bucks would cease to exist on the 1st of July next, after which there would be two separate and distinct provinces—one for Berks and one for Bucks—each acting independently of the other. To facilitate matters a scheme had been sketched out for the disposal of the property belonging to the province, in order that the brethren who had assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge might have something to discuss, but there was no reason why the proposals should be adopted in the form they had been made if any alteration or improvement should be considered necessary.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Robert Bradley, P.G. Sec., the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Reading on July 11th, 1889, were read, and the same were confirmed.

The proposals submitted for the disposal of the property were then put *seriatim*, and discussed.

They were eventually adopted, and a Committee, consisting of Bros. J. S. Brownrigg, C. Stephens, Prov. G. Treas.; Robert Bradley, Prov. G. Sec.; J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec. designate for the Province of Bucks; S. Knight, F. J. Ferguson, J. Lawson, and Taylor, was appointed, with power to do all such acts, matters, and things as may be necessary connected with carrying the scheme and the separation of the province into effect.

The place of meeting for this committee having been debated, Slough was agreed upon as being the most convenient point for the brethren of the two counties, and it was arranged that the Committee should meet early in July.

Bro. JOHN TOMKINS, Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden, said that was the last time they would meet as a combined Province, and he felt sure that he was acting in accordance with the feelings of the Berkshire brethren when he expressed a few words of cordial farewell to their Buckinghamshire brethren. They had been united in Provincial Grand Lodge for a good many years, but unfortunately, through the distance that divided some towns in Buckinghamshire from some parts of Berkshire, they had not been able to associate with each other so much as they could have wished; at the same time whenever they had met one another it had been in that kind and fraternal manner that not only distinguished Masons but particularly those of the same province. As Berkshire Masons they felt that they had a bright future before them, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master having graciously appointed an illustrious prince—his own son—to rule over them. At the same time he hoped that the new Province of Buckinghamshire had also a promising future. There was, however, one bitter drop in the cup, which was that they had to part with their Buckinghamshire friends, and also with Bro. Brownrigg, who had so ably filled the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and who had given them the advantage of his guidance and assistance in the management of the affairs of the province for a considerable number of years. The Berkshire brethren felt very sorry to have to part with Bro. Brownrigg as their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but they hoped they would occasionally have the pleasure of meeting him in this province, and that he would enjoy a happy and prosperous career in the Province of Buckinghamshire.

The ACTING P.G. MASTER, in reply, expressed his thanks on behalf of the Buckinghamshire brethren to Bro. Tomkins for the kind sentiments he had uttered, and which the Buckinghamshire brethren heartily reciprocated. He had always felt that it would be to the advantage of Freemasonry to separate the two counties and constitute them distinct provinces, the configuration of the combined province making it quite impossible to get meetings of a thoroughly representative and satisfactory character. Under the new arrangement it would be quite convenient for the brethren of each county to attend Provincial Grand Lodges. He assured them that he should look back with the greatest possible pleasure to his connection with the Province of Berks and Bucks, and being an honorary member of several lodges in Berkshire, he should look forward to the pleasure of attending their Provincial Grand Lodges in this county whenever he could so arrange it. He had always felt it to be a great privilege and honour to serve under their late Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, and, in conclusion, Bro. Brownrigg said it would give the Buckinghamshire brethren sincere pleasure to meet the Berkshire Masons whenever they could attend the Buckinghamshire Provincial Grand Lodge.

The ACTING P.G. SECRETARY read a letter from Sir H. D. Gooch, P.M., offering to the province as a gift the handsome and valuable Provincial Grand Master's regalia presented to his father, the late Sir Daniel Gooch, by the brethren of Wiltshire on Sir Daniel leaving that province many years since to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks.

On the motion of the ACTING P.G. MASTER, seconded by the SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, it was unanimously resolved that the offer should be gratefully accepted, and that the thanks of the brethren should be conveyed to Sir Henry Gooch.

In reply to an enquiry, the ACTING P.G. MASTER said that at present no definite arrangements had been made with regard to the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Provincial Grand Master of Berks, but in all probability the ceremony would take place at Reading.

The business on the agenda having been disposed of, the Acting P.G. Master was saluted with the highest honours, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE DORIC LODGE, No. 2359, AT DIDSBURY.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Conservative Club, Barlow Moor-road, Didsbury. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec., assisted by Bros. T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. England; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R., S.W.; G. D. Pochin, P.P.G.R., J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Rev. J. Kirby Turner, Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; R. Betley, Prov. A.G. Sec., Sec.; and Major H. M. Ormsby, P.P.S.G.D., as I.G.; and was witnessed by nearly 70 influential members from this and adjoining provinces.

Amongst those present were the following:

Bros. Geo. S. Smith, P.M.; Clare Edgar Towell, John Fletcher, Arthur H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. East Lanc.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. A. Myers, Frederick Stretch, J. Barker, P.M. 1134, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Hancock, P.M., P.G.S.B.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; William Ramsden, P.P.G.D.; James Walker, P.M. 37, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.; Charles Swinn, W.M. 1633; F. G. Goodacre, W.M. 2231; J. Woodward, S.W. 1325; William Mosley, Stwd. 1773; Charles Martyn, W.M. 1387; A. E. Smith, 1473; W. W. Webster, P.M. 1713; John Blower, 654; J. E. Jack, 163; Henry U. Jack, 437 (S.C.); W. H. Kershaw, 266; N. Dumville, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Stephen E. Jupp, P.M. 1140; E. Pike, P.M. 2019; W. Hothersall, P.M. 1534; Alfred B. Outram, P.M. 1032; E. P. Mead, P.M. 1534; G. R. Lloyd, P.M. 1730; John Baker, P.M. 163; J. J. Tiller, W.M. 1375; Joseph Kershaw, W.M. 1496; H. H. Smith, S.D. 1730; Walter Bowers, Stwd. 1730; James Deakin, Stwd. 1730; B. Curr, P.M. 1161, 1458; C. Gleave, 1161; E. A. Ehlinger, 1161; John Bowers, S.W. 1730; J. Wilcox, J.D. 1140; J. H. Marsh, Sec. 1730; F. Batt, J.W. 2231; Edwin Goodwin, 526, 2185; Walter Biggs, P.M. 1496; Alfred G. Marley, 163; Edwin Barron, W.M. 2109; A. Lewtas, P.M. 1588; A. Grice, P.M. 992; George Langley, 163; John Walker, 37; J. W. Millward, W.M. 992; Wilmott Holt, 111; A. K. Boothroyd, 1134; J. B. Thok; and W. Coles, P.M. 1588.

The musical arrangements were excellent, the following brethren taking part: Bros. Kershaw, P.M.; S. Jupp; N. Dumville, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; A. Lewtas, P.M.; and Wilmott Holt, P.P.G. Org., Organist. The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, with his assistants, together with such other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers as were present, entered in procession, when the Presiding Officer took the chair and appointed his temporary officers, as above. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. A hymn was then sung.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren in regard to the object for which they had met together, after which the Chaplain, by his direction, offered up prayer.

The DIRECTOR of CEREMONIES then addressed the Consecrating Officer, and by his direction arranged the founders of the new lodge in order, and then read the petition and the warrant which had been granted by the M.W.G.M. authorising the formation of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, in answer to the prayer of the petition, and designating Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; and John Fletcher, J.W.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER enquired of the brethren ranged before him whether they approved of the officers named in the warrant, and the brethren having signified their approval in Masonic form, the Chaplain, at the request of the Presiding Officer, gave an impressive oration, exhorting the members of the lodge now consecrated ever to strive and maintain the principles of Charity, and trusted that each of its members would be a faithful exponent of the moral features of which he had reminded them.

The PRESIDING OFFICER proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and the following anthem was then sung:

(Dedication prayer of King Solomon.)

- 1.—I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide in for ever.
- 2.—But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee,—how much less the house that I have builded?
- 3.—Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord my God,—that Thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day, even toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there.
- 4.—And the Lord said to Solomon—I have heard thy prayer. I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my Name there for ever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. Hallelujah. Amen.

And the ceremony was brought to a close with the Patriarchal benediction.

The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree.

Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. designate, was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.P.G.D.C., and duly installed first W.M. of the lodge, and in that capacity was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees.

The working tools were presented to him by three Worshipful Masters of neighbouring lodges, viz.: Bros. F. G. Goodacre, Talbot; J. S. Tiller, Architect; and C. Martyn, Chorlton.

The Worshipful Master invested his officers, being the six brethren whose names as founders appear with his own upon the Grand Lodge warrant, viz.: Bros. Clare Edgar Towell, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; George A. Myers, W.M. 1730, S.D.; and Fred Stretch, J.D.

The INSTALLING MASTER presented the W.M. with the warrant and Book of Constitutions, and also gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren.

Bro. John Fletcher was appointed Charity Representative for the ensuing year.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed from members of the Grand Lodge of England, Prov. Grand Lodges of East and West Lancashire and Cheshire, and a large number of other visitors.

The W.M. said he could not allow that occasion to pass without remarking upon the admirable way in which Bro. Goodacre performed the very important ceremonies of consecration and installation. He said he was sure all who witnessed it could not fail to be deeply impressed by the perfect and efficient manner in which they were rendered, and desired to propose a hearty vote of thanks to him and the other Prov. Grand Officers who had so very efficiently assisted him.

This was seconded by Bro. A. H. JEFFRIS, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and carried with great applause.

All other business being at an end, the lodge was closed.

Each of the promoters wore a founder's jewel, of unique design and finish, it being a seven-pointed star, denoting the seven founders, whilst the circulette in the centre bore the name and number of the lodge, with the date of consecration depicted in blue enamel, and in the centre was the emblem, in gold, of each respective office, whilst above on the ribbon stood the Doric column, in solid silver, with the motto "Stat veritas." At its base and on the top bar the word "founder" was worked in gold on dark blue enamel. The whole was beautifully finished. Indeed, one brother when he had examined it, exclaimed "It hath the strength of the 'Doric,' but the beauty of the 'Corinthian.'"

The lodge-room was decorated admirably for the occasion, and the handsome furniture, which is of dark solid oak polished, showed to fine advantage, and, indeed, it was the general admiration of all who beheld it.

The whole of the furniture, jewels, clothing, &c., were designed specially for this occasion and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and London.

The installation banquet was held in the evening at Didsbury Hotel, where the lodge is to be located. There was an excellent attendance, and a first-class repast was provided by Bro. Fred. Stretch, whom we must congratulate upon the great success. The tables were profusely decorated with roses and other flowers and ferns, which gave it a most picturesque appearance.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the loyal and leading Masonic toasts, and, speaking upon that of the Prov. Grand Officers, he said they were all exceedingly pleased and delighted to have had so large a number of Provincial Officers present, and assured them the promoters of the Doric would endeavour to bring the lodge to such a standard that they would always feel proud to say they were at the consecration.

Bro. POCHIN, P.P.G.D., who responded, congratulated the members of the new lodge upon its consecration. From what had been seen of the petitioners, and from what had been heard of those who were likely to join their ranks, there was an augury of very great success. He trusted the Worshipful Master and his officers would have every prosperity in his year of office, and would lay the foundation of a magnificent lodge.

Bro. SINCLAIR returned thanks on behalf of the Province of East Lancashire. The SENIOR WARDEN proposed "The Worshipful Master of the Doric Lodge," a toast which he predicted would be received with acclamation and delight. In striving to establish the lodge their Worshipful Master had put forth every effort, and although he (the Senior Warden) had striven to assist he felt that his own efforts had paled in the light from that chair in the East. He had full confidence that Bro. Smith would do honour and credit to the lodge which had been started under such auspicious circumstances, and that under the Worshipful Master's guidance the lodge would prosper.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER was most cordially received on rising to respond. After returning thanks, he gave a brief history of the formation of the lodge. It originated, he said, with Bro. Towell, and he (the speaker) was asked to be the first W.M. He was pleased to have consented to the request. It had placed him in a proud position, and although the brilliant inauguration of the lodge might make him doubt his capability for filling the office, he could promise that he would devote to the duties his best efforts in every sense of the word. The emblem of their lodge was a pillar of strength, and he hoped that each founder would be another pillar of strength, so that on them might be erected an admirable structure which would promulgate the principles of Masonry through a long period of time.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Consecrating Officers." He explained and expressed his deep regret that a recent heavy bereavement had prevented Bro. Goodacre from remaining to the festivity. It showed the nobleness of Bro. Goodacre's mind that, notwithstanding his sorrow, he had been among them for the performance of the solemn and beautiful consecration service. In the discharge of that duty their Prov. Grand Secretary was second to no man, and they were indebted to him not only for his personal services, but also for having brought with him a brilliant staff of officers.

Bro. R. BETLEY, in responding, said they had recently consecrated the Corinthian Lodge, at Hindley, now they had the Doric, and he hoped before long they would have an Ionian Lodge within the Province of West Lancashire. He was struck with a singular proof of the progressive nature of Masonry. He and Bro. J. D. Murray were Past Masters of the Lindsay Lodge, Wigan, which was established 20 years ago. The number of the Doric Lodge showed that within the period that had since elapsed, 1024 lodges had been consecrated, or about one each week, under United Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. D. MURRAY, also responded in a most effective speech.

"The Charities" was proposed by Bro. G. A. MYERS, and acknowledged by Bro. LITTLER, and the "The Visiting Brethren," given from the West, was responded to by a number of Worshipful Masters. "The Officers of the Doric Lodge" and "The Neighbouring Lodges" were honoured, and the meeting closed with the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements for the day were under the direction of Bro. A. Lewtas, P.M., and the singers included Bros. N. Dumville, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Kershaw, P.M.; S. E. Jupp, P.M.; and Buckley Carr. Bro. Wilmott Holt officiated at the organ.

CONSECRATION OF THE CORNISH LODGE, No. 2369.

In a late edition of the *Freemason* last week we gave a short account of the consecration of the Cornish Lodge, which took place on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, in the presence of a large number of brethren. We now print a more extended report of the proceedings, which were of a more than ordinarily interesting character.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as S.W.; Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as Chap.; C. F. Matier, as D. of C.; and Pollard, as I.G.; and there were also present—

Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G. Standard Bearer; R. T. Walkem, Grand Master of Canada; N. J. West, W.M. designate; J. Roberts, George Walter, Belgrave Ninnis, Wm. Thos. Brailey, R. Greenwood, Rev. F. Hosken, E. W. Carus-Wilson, W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Sidney Clarke, Chas. Rawle, Rev. E. Geard, J. E. H. Stephens, J. O. Widger, R. Bullen, W. Cock, J. Leach Barrett, Christopher V. Burgess, W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, John Curnow, M.D., E. Banfield, E. Milford Milford, R. E. Baker, T. P. Bullen, G. R. Mockridge, John Paige, C. E. Ferry, Chas. Read, Richard Pearce Couch, Thos. Kempton, Mostyn T. Pigott, J. Hodges, N. B. Bullen, P. W. Hanson, P. T. Chirgwin, T. A. Kistler, F. C. Atkinson, Henry R. Redman, Chas. J. Rich, G. T. Brown, W. A. Cooper, Charles Daniel, George M. Williams, James Herron, H. Massey, R. Dyson, F. H. Miller, C. D. Lang, F. J. Ruse, W. E. Joyce, J. H. Hoit, G. T. Waters, N. E. Pollard, C. J. Ozaum, Henry Wright, T. W. Coffin, S. W. Ray, P.D.D.G.M. Canada; and others.

After the formal opening of the lodge, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the brethren, said the occasion on which they were assembled was one of a very important and interesting character, viz., the formation of a new lodge and its consecration according to the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. As they were all aware, it was a very difficult thing at the present day to obtain a

warrant for a new lodge in London. There were now no less than 371 lodges in the Metropolitan area, therefore every petition had to be considered very carefully. In many cases they had to be refused, but in the present instance, he was happy to say the efforts of the petitioners had been successful. There were many lodges called class lodges, but although the laws of Freemasonry did not allow class distinctions, still there were many lodges which were for the special convenience of certain professions, or callings, or localities. They had lodges in London composed of brethren coming from particular parts of England, others composed of certain Volunteer regiments, others of members of learned societies, and so on, and now they were about to form a lodge, which he hoped would be a very excellent and successful one, whose members it was proposed to recruit from the distant County of Cornwall. In that county he happened to know Masonry was very well conducted and well organised, and he had no doubt that the same Masonic excellence which existed in that distant province would be found in the lodge in London, and that the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, would, through its members, show the same high Masonic abilities as were displayed in the Cornish district. The brethren were fortunate in having their petition well supported by their district. The Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall was one of its founders, as was also the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and many other excellent brethren. As they had a large field from which to obtain members who would become an honour to the Order, it would be their own fault if they did not make the Cornish Lodge worthy of the Province of Cornwall. The warrant of the lodge was committed to their charge, and he was sure that in placing it in the keeping of Bro. Nicholas West, whom he had known for several years, it would be perfectly safe, and that the lodge would be made as great a success as the brethren desired it should be.

The Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG then delivered the following oration:—

It is one of the results of modern civilisation that great cities like London are attracting more and more every day the influence, the wealth, the interests, and the ability of the whole nation. In every country the Metropolis is becoming more and more the centre which forms public opinion, and directs either for good or evil the course of public events. At the beginning of the present century things were very different. Then London was isolated to a very great extent from the more remote provinces, and each had to think and act for itself to a very large extent. I am not prepared to deny that there were some advantages in this. We moved perhaps more slowly, but there was less danger of hasty and ill-considered action. However, we must take the world as it is, and have faith that an all-wise Providence is making all things work together for one good. Still this very concentration of power reminds us that we are each one of us units, more or less significant, which make up the power and strength of the whole. If London is absorbing the provinces in one sense, the provinces are themselves in another sense absorbing London. Their representatives here are sharing most fully the responsibility of its guiding and controlling influence. London is no longer the capital of Middlesex, but the Metropolis of the British Empire. Therefore, we welcome gladly in London the formation of any organisation which tends to preserve the individuality and the nationality of the various races which make our country what it is. Specially is it important that the ancient Britons should not lose touch with their great and glorious past. The great Celtic family has never forgotten the traditions of its ancestors. Separated into the four great divisions of Scotland, Ireland, Cornwall, and Wales, centuries have only made us prouder of our origin. We claim to have given to the Saxon and to the Norman a character which they did not bring with them. Like Greece of old, we have conquered and are conquering the invaders, whether Saxon or Norman, by making them Britons. Let us ever continue this course to bring their thoughts home to the present occasion. You are forming to-night a lodge of Cornishmen in London. See that you stand out collectively and individually in exhibiting all the sturdy qualities of the ancient Briton, and bear your part in moulding and strengthening the national character. S. Cadoc, an ancient Briton (not, I fear, a Cornishman), but still an ancient Briton, described some thousand years ago *impatience* as the characteristic of the Celtic race. Well, *impatience* is not always a bad thing; it is an excellent thing when used as a corrective of lukewarmness, when controlled by a high-minded singleness of purpose and sense of duty. And if the Celt errs on the side of *impatience*, does not the Saxon perhaps err equally (I am inclined to say more) on the side of apathy. It has been said with some truth that no one can arbitrate fairly between England and any other foreign power with whom she is at dispute, because it is impossible not to be influenced by the knowledge that England will submit to any pecuniary loss, and is not easily roused to action, and this knowledge exposes every arbitrator to the strong temptation of deciding against England. So let us not be ashamed to bear our part as ancient Britons and as Masons of bringing into the natural character some of that *impatience* of all that is untrue, all that is dishonourable, all that is mean, all that is below those high ideals which we are ever putting before ourselves. Such *impatience*, combined with wisdom and Charity, will be an honour and not a disgrace.

At the close of the ceremony Bro. Nicholas J. West, P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, was installed first W.M. Bro. West appointed the Earl of Mount Edgcombe to act as Past Master during his year of office. Bro. J. Henwood Thomas, the S.W., being absent through illness, Bro. W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, was temporarily invested in his stead. Bro. John Roberts was invested as Junior Warden. Bro. W. Lake was unanimously elected Treasurer. The other officers were Bros. Chas. Greenwood, Secretary; Molesworth St. Aubyn, S.D.; C. V. Burgess, J.D.; C. Rawle, I.G.; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, Chaplain; J. L. Barrett, Director of Ceremonies; and John Curnow and Robert Bullen, Stewards.

Votes of thanks were afterwards proposed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the lodge.

The Grand Master of Canada was then elected an honorary member, as was also the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Ray.

Bro. WALKER, in acknowledging the compliment, said he left England when he was quite a child, and he came before the brethren now, in a sense, a perfect stranger. He was glad to make the acquaintance of the distinguished brethren among whom he had come. He was happy to say he came over to this country in time to be present at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, and he need hardly say that his being able to attend there was a treat. He had thought that he would be able to get back to Canada in time for the meeting of his own Grand Lodge. When he did get back he would be able to tell them what he had seen and heard of Masonry in England, and the manner in which the representative of their Grand Lodge was received in the Grand Lodge of England. It was also a grand pleasure to him to be at the consecration of that lodge, because although he had not the honour of being born in Cornwall, his father was a Cornishman. Though he had been born in England, he had no other nationality but that of Canada, but he thought he might fairly say he was half Cornish, and on that account he was glad to become a member of the Cornish Lodge. It was a matter of sincere gratification to him to see the ceremonies performed as they had been that day. It had some resemblance to that which he had performed on different occasions, but he must say that that which he had seen that day was more interesting, and he should endeavour to assimilate as far as possible the ceremonies he had to perform with that which had been executed so splendidly, with so much solemnity and beauty and character, by the Grand Secretary of England. A ceremony of that kind might be done in such a way as to deprive it of its character, and it was particularly pleasing to him to see it rendered not in the ordinary way, but with the grand impressiveness with which it had been executed by the Grand Secretary. He should carry home a most pleasant recollection of his visit to England and of his visit to the Grand Lodge of England, as well as his visit to the ceremony of consecration of the Cornish Lodge.

Bro. RAY, Deputy District Grand Master, also returned thanks, and said he could not do so in a better way than by endorsing the language of the Grand Master of Canada.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCOMBE, in thanking the W.M. for appointing him to act as I.P.M. for the year, said he was not attending the lodge altogether in a private capacity, but in some measure as representing the Province of Cornwall, whose name that lodge was going to bear in the future, and to which province

many of its members looked back as their home. He thought that the bond of Masonry was not one of geographical consideration or a consideration of a place, because if a stranger came he was always well received, whether he was a resident in London or whether he passed the greater part of his life in Cornwall. He was extremely glad to be present, because one of his chief reasons was that he wanted to see the ceremony performed as it had been by Col. Clerke. It would be a guide to himself in the performance of the ceremony which he had very frequently to do in his own province, but he did not suppose he should have much opportunity of doing so in the future, because the 30 lodges in existence in Cornwall covered pretty well the centres where those lodges worked. He, however, was sure that if any brethren now present should be at any time in the county of Cornwall, he would receive as hearty a welcome as those from Cornwall received in London. He knew the time of the Grand Master from Canada in England was very short, but should he at any time be here again, he trusted he would not forget that he was of Cornish extraction, and would come to visit the county from which he sprang.

A long list of names of intending initiates and of joining members was then proposed and seconded, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was partaken of.

After the banquet grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed, that of "The Queen and the Craft," being duly honoured.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the M.W.G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales," said the brethren all knew that was a toast of itself that really required no words of his to commend it to the brethren. The only thing he thought they could say with all heartiness was that they hoped he would long live to hold the office of M.W.G.M.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the brethren had the pleasure of having in their midst five very distinguished Grand Officers—the Consecrating Officers, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Bro. Philbrick, Bro. Pigott, Bro. Brownrigg, and Bro. Matier.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in reply, said in obedience to the W.M.'s indisputable command, though in the presence of his superior officer in Grand Lodge, the Past Grand Chaplain, he thanked the brethren most heartily for the toast of "The Grand Officers of England." Among the first on the toast list was the honoured name of Lord Carnarvon, whose interest in Masonry was as clear and sustained, whose care for the great concerns of the Craft which affected its best interests was as vigilant as ever it was in the days when he was enabled to be a constant attendant at Grand Lodge. He need not turn to his distinguished brother on his left (Col. Shadwell Clerke) for corroboration of his statement that, amidst the greatest concerns of State, when Lord Carnarvon was one of the Ministers of the Crown, the Pro Grand Master always found time in the scanty leisure at his disposal to devote to the Craft questions that came before the Craft. No wonder, then, that an interest and regard had followed him in the illness from which he was still suffering, no wonder that the wishes and hopes of the great Masonic body were with him for his speedy restoration to health. Of Lord Lathom he would say this—Tell me what is thought of a man by his neighbours, and I will tell you what that man is. No more beloved head of a province was there in England—and there were many, as he had seen from their welcome of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe that day—than in his province was Lord Lathom. He was in Lancashire what the Earl of Mount Edgcombe was in Cornwall. As for the rest of the Grand Officers, he need not say much. He could refer to his distinguished brother the Grand Chaplain, who gave that wonderful oration, and his equal, if not more distinguished, friend who performed the great ceremony of consecration of that day to show them what the Grand Officers were. If he was not in a boasting vein he should say that they were all as good, and, if they asked their private opinions, rather better. (Laughter.) But whether or no, the Grand Officers of England who had had the honour of Grand Office, he would not say thrust upon them, but who had achieved the honours of Grand Office, had the deepest interest in the prosperity and welfare of the Grand Order of which they were officers. Nothing to them could be more grateful than to see a lodge founded as that Cornish Lodge was; nothing to them could be a greater surprise than to look down the list of founders of the lodge and see among them the traditional Tre, Pol, and Pen. They knew that Cornish note was perfectly true in that lodge, and rang as they hoped it would ever ring with an honest, true sound. The best wishes of the Grand Officers as a body was for the lodge and with the lodge, and when they opened the lodge that day the question was asked what inducement they had to leave the East. What did the wise men do? They came from the East, but where did they go? He was quite sure in that lodge he need not pause for an answer to the question. The brethren would show their wisdom in entirely adhering to the old Masonic tradition by holding to the standard, and by remembering that if the lodge was founded as it was—with the great bond of Masonry underlying the whole and the main foundation-stone, yet with the bond between the members—that they all hailed more or less from the West, and the connections and ties which Masonry sealed and enhanced, and the Grand Officers wished the lodge the greatest possible prosperity, and rejoiced to be present at its consecration. He trusted that it might be a distinguished addition on the already glorious roll of the lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., in proposing "The Foreign Grand Lodges," said he was very proud that toast was entrusted to him, but the first thing he should do was to find fault with the title, "Foreign Grand Lodges." There was no such thing as "foreign" in Masonry, and the lodges to which he was about to allude were certainly not foreigners. They could not call the ancient Britons foreigners, and least of all could they call Canada a foreign nation. He remembered being initiated when the separation of Canada was green in their memories, and many Masons thought they had experienced a great loss. The loss of Canada was talked about as the beginning of the sapping of great English Masonry. They were told that one after one they would lose their English colonies. Well, that was quite true. One after one they became separate Grand Lodges; but they had found what they did not formerly know, that the foundation of every colonial Grand Lodge was not a loss but a gain, because it was extending and increasing the power of the English speaking nation, and, therefore, he joined in that toast, "The Health of the Grand Master of Canada." He would ask the Grand Master of Canada to forget the past, and to think only of their welcome in the present. Bro. Walker must remember that they were something like the old families whose eldest daughter was leaving home for marriage. The eldest daughter was always the hardest to lose, because as one after one they married the son-in-law was welcomed, and the daughters came home again with the old affection for home, like the Grand Master of Canada. They felt that they should no longer look on a new colony as a loss, but rather as a gain.

Bro. RICHARD WALKER, G.M. of Canada, in reply, said the enthusiastic way in which his name had been received made him feel as if he was transported 3000 miles again to the country where he was always enthusiastically welcomed, not only on account of his official position, but because he believed that during the few years he had occupied the position of Grand Master of Canada he had done his duty so as to win the regard of the brethren over whom he presided. Bro. Ray, the Deputy D.G.M., could bear testimony that wherever the Grand Master travelled he was received by the brethren in a most enthusiastic and loving manner. As he had said before, he felt transported back home again by the hearty reception he had just had. He had been 44 years away from England, but he recognised that he came back among his kindred, not only his kindred as a matter

of nationality, but as a brother among brethren of the Grand Lodge of England. It was a pleasure to visit the old world itself and see the wonderful things which abounded in it—old castles, old churches, old traditions, and that old cradle of Freemasonry, the City of London. He was associated with that old country where in 1717 there were a great many of those things they had heard spoken of that evening. He took exception to the word foreign in connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was not a representative of a foreign lodge in any sense, having sprung from the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. He then entered into a history of the circumstances connected with the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which had resulted in strengthening the Grand Lodge of England and forming a buttress to it instead of a weakness. Canada could now boast that it had a Grand Lodge equal to any Grand Lodge in the world, and from all parts of the American Union tributes had come to the Grand Lodge of Canada for the admirable way in which the business of the Grand Lodge was worked. He was not initiated till 1874, and the whole of the ship—the Grand Lodge of Canada—was built and launched before he was a Mason—therefore, to those who had gone before, and had had the wisdom to frame the Grand Lodge of Canada, he gave all the praise. The duties of a Grand Master were not of an ornamental character. There was no Pro Grand Master in Canada, and the Grand Master was expected to go about the country in every direction to 17 or 18 districts, a distance to cover altogether of 1500 miles. He could assure them that the Grand Master performed his duties with zeal and assiduity; he visited all the districts, and wherever he went he was most enthusiastically received. He (Bro. Walkem) was very pleased to have been received so kindly by that Cornish Lodge and by all Masons in England, and he was glad to have had the pleasure of witnessing the grand performance of the consecration ceremony by Col. Shadwell Clerke, whom he looked upon as one of those learned men in Masonry to whom the Most Worshipful Grand Master was able to refer on every point of Masonic lore which occurred from time to time.

Bro. W. M. ST. AUBYN, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall," regretted for some reasons that the toast had not been committed to some brother more experienced in the working of lodges than himself. Although he had been a Mason for over 30 years, he regretted to say that he had not given that attention to it which he hoped to give in future. Still he felt it a great compliment to be asked to propose the toast. It was not his intention to detain the brethren at any length after the able and exhaustive speeches that had already been addressed to the brethren. Very few words, indeed, were necessary in proposing that toast, because all the brethren thoroughly appreciated what they had seen. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had been present in the lodge, and his good qualities were well known to Cornish brethren. As a brother Cornishman, and as a brother Mason, and, he was proud to say, as an officer of this new Cornish lodge, he would ask them "One and All" to drink the health of the noble lord the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, whose name was a "household word" in Masonry and in Cornwall.

The toast having been most enthusiastically received, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.," and he informed the brethren that it was a toast to be drunk with full Cornish Masonic enthusiasm, especially on the present occasion. They had all witnessed with extreme pleasure the very beautiful ceremony which was so splendidly performed that day. A great deal depended on detail, whether in the performance of a Masonic ceremony or in the painting of a picture; and the ease, the grace, and the accuracy with which the ceremony of consecration had been performed in the Cornish Lodge must have gone to the hearts of all who witnessed it. All the Consecrating Officers were in good fettle, and no one was in better fettle than Colonel Shadwell Clerke.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, replying to the toast, which was most cordially and enthusiastically drunk, said that, as a somewhat modest man, he felt a little overpowered by the far too flattering way in which the W.M. had been good enough to speak about the share he (Col. Clerke) had been able to take in the proceedings of the evening; but he could assure the brethren that what it was his good fortune and privilege to do was a very sincere pleasure to him. As the executive officer of Freemasons it was his duty to perform those ceremonies from time to time, but he did not know that he ever entered more thoroughly into the ceremony, because he knew what a future there was before the lodge. The brethren had heard a good deal of his voice that night, and therefore they would not expect him to make a long speech, but he could not sit down without thanking those brethren who had so ably assisted him. Without their aid his services would have been of little avail. When he found himself surrounded by the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Registrar he felt he was on velvet and that his work was somewhat lighter than it would otherwise have been. He was very grateful for the kindness with which he had been received, and with which he was always received, among the various Masonic bodies in England; and to the brethren of the Cornish Lodge he had to return his most hearty thanks. Leaving, now, what he always disliked, a personal matter, he would go to one which was more pleasant, and he would ask the brethren to join him in drinking an exceedingly important toast—that of the very excellent and able brother whom he had had the honour and the pleasure of installing as the first W.M. of the Cornish Lodge that night. He had on more than one similar event remarked—and he did it again now—that the position of the first W.M. of a new lodge was far higher than that of the ordinary Master of a lodge which had been many years in existence, because whereas a brother arrived at the position of Master by seniority, the first Master of a new lodge was a leader among his companions who had been selected by the founders to fill the chair. All the brethren must agree that Bro. West was a fit and proper person to be chosen as Master of the lodge. Bro. West was an old Mason of a quarter of a century. He had been Master of several lodges, and he (Col. Clerke) had known him 20 years as a keen and enthusiastic Mason; he was living now in London close to the habitat of the lodge, and he would be able to devote all his skill and attention to the lodge. The brethren were fortunate in having selected him as first W.M. of the lodge, and under his control it would go on and prosper. He sincerely wished Bro. West a very happy and prosperous year of office.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that in responding to that toast he should feel far more difficulty than in proposing another, because it had always been a query to him since he was asked to be Master of that lodge why they asked him to take that position. He candidly admitted that when he first came to London he had an idea at some time or other to meet Cornishmen in a Cornish lodge. He had not been in London long when that subject was mentioned by two other brethren. They fell in with his view, but he found that as soon as the question became known that a Cornish lodge would be formed, it was taken up in such a hearty manner that he saw the time was not far distant when they would have such a pleasant gathering as they had had that day. The idea of a Cornish lodge in London was something gratifying to a Cornish Mason. In Cornwall they had their Masonic gatherings, and they prided themselves on taking a great interest in Masonry. But when they came to London and formed a Cornish lodge, which was started as a London lodge, it was a serious matter. They were so formed, and they were there that night as a Cornish lodge. It was not the habit of Cornishmen to take up anything unless they intended to go through with it, and he felt that his officers would assist him in making the success of the lodge certain. With regard to himself he could only say that anything and everything he could do should be done which would raise the Cornish Lodge to a level with the highest lodges in London. They could not expect to do more than other lodges, and it was far from their wish to do so; all they wanted was to be on the same line and level; if not, he thought it might fairly be said they had better not have started a Cornish lodge. His idea was that they should work with one common object,

that common object being to raise the Cornish Lodge to a standard that they as members of Grand Lodge and all other lodges should be proud of.

Bro. J. LEACH BARRETT proposed "The Visitors," and said he hoped that in the Cornish Lodge in London visitors would be always welcome. Although they had visitors that evening from all parts of the country the W.M. wished him to call upon brethren from their own county of Cornwall. He would like also to include Devonshire, the sister county. All those brethren would always find a hearty welcome in the Cornish Lodge.

Bro. MILFORD, who was the first called upon to reply, said that directly he heard that his old and esteemed friend, Bro. West, had the honour of being selected as the first Master of the lodge, he determined that nothing should stand in the way of his coming to offer Bro. West his hearty congratulations. He felt assured when he heard that the Very Worshipful the Grand Secretary was to perform the ceremony of consecration of the lodge and the installation of the W.M. the brethren would have a treat. All the brethren would agree that they had seen and heard something to carry home with them. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe told him he came specially, and that he should be able if anything occurred again to require it, to take a lesson from the Grand Secretary. Next to Col. Shadwell Clerke he never heard anyone perform the ceremony like the Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall. The brethren who knew Bro. West would agree that the loss sustained by the brethren of Cornwall had been a gain to London. The loss to Cornwall was irreparable. Bro. West had been the life and light of his lodge there, and what he was to his own lodge he was to the province; he took the highest honours; he was selected as their Treasurer; but more especially had he made his mark in the other Degrees. When he had to initiate five gentlemen who had been proposed he would perform the ceremony as well as it could be performed in London. In the Provincial Grand Lodge only a fortnight ago he had a jewel given him for the very able manner in which he always performed the ceremonies in Cornwall. That showed the kindly feeling of the brethren of Cornwall. "One and All" they were—they were clannish; and "One and All" they would rally round him from the first year, which must be a very onerous one.

Bro. J. PAIGE, Secretary Savage Club Lodge, said that a few days ago he was surprised by an invitation to go to the initiation of one of our African travellers, and he asked him why he was coming back so soon to England. The African traveller said he wanted to be initiated; he had learned in the wilds of Africa the value of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Paige) could understand then, from the Grand Master of Canada, how it was that Masonry had so spread in Canada. He (Bro. Paige) belonged to Devonshire, and Devonshire men did not give any place to Cornwall as first in welcome. The Cornishmen were perhaps the first in the world for hospitality.

Bro. COFFIN said he felt himself in a most unfortunate position having to return thanks for the large province of Devonshire, because there were so many men there so gifted, and so eloquent, who could have spoken to the brethren more in point than he. However, he gave the heartiest good wishes to the Cornishmen. As long as Devonshire had existed Devon and Cornwall had worked side by side—"One and All." He only regretted one thing—that Lord Mount Edgcumbe was not present at the banquet, as he could have returned thanks for Devonshire as well as Cornwall. He thanked the W.M. very heartily on behalf of Devonshire for his kindness in proposing the health of the representative of the county.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Officers." It was a well known fact that no lodge, whether in Devonshire, or in Cornwall, or in London, had ever attained to anything like a good state unless all the officers tried and did their best; it was unanimous work, not single work. It was the unanimous wish of the officers to do everything in their power for the benefit of a lodge that raised that lodge to any degree or standard of perfection. He was quite sure that in the choice of their officers that day they had done the very best that could be done under the circumstances. He must admit that he did not know the quality of the Cornish brethren in London as well as most of the other brethren present did; but he refused to appoint the brethren on his own responsibility, and he asked the co-operation of those who formed the Committee, and the choice was theirs. Backed by his own opinion, he felt certain from what he had seen that the officers chosen that day had shown a great interest in their work, and he hoped—one and all—they would put aside all petty grievances that might arise in the future, and be animated by one idea—to make the Cornish Lodge a success. As the brethren knew, there were a great number of officers in a lodge, but he would ask three of them to respond—Bros. John Roberts, J.W.; their esteemed and respected Secretary, Bro. Greenwood, and Bro. Curnow.

Bro. JOHN ROBERTS, J.W., said it was a great pleasure to him to be one of the founders of that lodge. He came from the far West—the Lizard; they could not go further. It was but a few months since that he spoke to Bro. Greenwood in the Cornwallis Lodge about a Cornish lodge. He hoped and trusted it would be one of the strongest lodges in London. Many candidates were coming forward; they were waiting their time. He should not forget that his mother lodge was a Cornish lodge. He sincerely hoped they would have Cornishmen good, true, and sincere, and that they would assist the W.M. and his officers in carrying out the duties they had that day undertaken. He was very sorry indeed that the S.W. (Bro. Henwood Thomas) was not present, but he hoped he would be sufficiently restored to health to be present at the next meeting.

Bro. C. GREENWOOD said some years ago Cornwall was looked upon as Western Barbary. Many a year ago it was said to him that wise men came from the East. He said, yes, and they went back a good deal wiser than they came. He thought it was very fitting that a lodge hailing from the West had its first W.M., Bro. West, with such an appropriate name. There were several organisations in London comprising Cornishmen; but he might say as a member of the progressive party, as he was not satisfied with the progress they had made. On more than one occasion they had let Devonshire take the wind out of their sails, and he thought to himself there was at least one way in which they could show they could take the lead—they would have a Cornish lodge. He believed the Devonshire men had not yet a lodge. He commended that remark to his friends, and he hoped soon they would take example from the Cornishmen. He mentioned that to Bro. Roberts, who consulted with the leading light of Cornwall in London. The result they had seen that night. As Secretary of the lodge, he had received every assistance from every member in the room with whom he had come in contact. There was one brother whose name he desired to mention, and that was Bro. Lake. He hoped to look upon him as one of the fathers of the lodge. His long Masonic career would justify that; and as a parent should have a strong affection for his own offspring, he trusted that affection would last as long as he lasted. He might say, in conclusion, for the edification of those brethren who did not know of what the lodge was formed, that all worthy men who might have been born in Cornwall, who were born of Cornish descent, or who had lived in Cornwall, or who had had the wisdom to marry Cornish wives, were eligible for membership of that lodge.

Bro. CURNOW said among the founders they would find men just on the borders of Devonshire, from Millbrook. If Cornishmen put their shoulders to the wheel to do anything they could do it, and as in the founding of that lodge a number of Past Masters of other lodges had been associated with Cornwall, they had joined together to found the lodge, and they would all do their best to support Bro. West. When the work of the lodge came to be done they would be found ready and willing, and he hoped able, to do it.

Bro. MILLS afterwards gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren then separated. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. Thomas Kempton, of St. Paul's Cathedral, who was assisted by Bros. Hodges, P.M.; Atkinson, T. W. Hanson, N. B. Bullen, P.M.; and Robert Bullen.

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Names and Addresses of Candidates with name of Lodge and Chapter must be sent to me not later than the 30th inst.

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By order.

FRANK RICHARDSON,

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Prov. G. Sec.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE COUNTIES PALATINE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

The Knights Companions will meet in Council at the VICTORIA HOTEL, Victoria-street, Manchester, on FRIDAY, the 11th JULY, 1890, at FOUR o'clock precisely.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requests the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren, as he will on this occasion be honoured by the presence of several members of Grand Lodge from Edinburgh.

By order.

JOHN CHADWICK,

2, Cooper-street, Manchester,
 25th June, 1890.

Prov. G. Sec.

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TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
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INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.Evershot, Dorchester,
24th June, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

I regret to inform you that, although the Pro-
visional Management Committee stated to me that my
"qualifications were so strong that they could not well be
strengthened," yet a majority of that Committee did not see
their way to recommend me to your suffrages.This places me at a great disadvantage, but supported as
I am by such a numerous and distinguished body of
influential Brethren, both in London and the Provinces,
including amongst others the Provincial Grand Masters and
other heads of the Provinces of Cambridge, Cornwall,
Cumberland and Westmorland, Dorset, Durham, Hants and
the Isle of Wight, Jersey, Norfolk, Oxford, Suffolk, North
and East Yorkshire, North Wales, and South Wales
(West), I cannot but feel that it is due to my supporters,
no less than to myself, that I should proceed with my candi-
dature, and at once announce my firm intention of going to
the Poll.While it is not for me to judge of the reasons which
actuated the ultimate decision arrived at by a majority of
the Provisional Management Committee, yet my Committee
feel most strongly that a Candidate who has the active
support of so many Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents,
and Life-Governors of the Institution, including no less than
13 Provincial Grand Masters, should at least have been
allowed to go to the Poll as eligible without being handi-
capped for want of a certificate of eligibility accorded to
four other Candidates.I feel I can rely on the large number of votes already pro-
mised, and I trust that the Voters as yet unpledged,
especially in those Provinces whose rulers have accorded me
their support, will evince their approval of the course which
I have felt bound to adopt, by recording their votes in my
favour.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. R. BASKETT.

*The Voting will be by proxy on Ballot Papers (which
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

The Favour of your Vote and Support on behalf of

BRO. EDWIN STORR, P.M., P.Z., &C.,
(Whose Candidature has been Specially approved by the
Provisional Management Committee of the Institution, is
earnestly requested and will be gratefully appreciated.
Proxies should be sent to the Honorary Secretary,Bro. W. M. STYLES,
(Committee Rooms) Anderton's Hotel,
Fleet Street, London, E.C.Chairman of Bro. EDWIN STORR's Election Committee,
R.W. BRO. SIR ROBERT N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P.,
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N.B.—No 26 ON THE VOTING PAPER.

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HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.

King's Cross, June, 1890.

To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT—Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

ROYAL ARCH—Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.



SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We have been requested to state that owing to the
resignation of Bro. J. D. Langton, who has acted as
Honorary Secretary to the Provisional Management
Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys
since the election of that body, the duties of Honorary
Secretary to the Committee are now undertaken by
Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, of No. 10,
New Inn, London, W.C., to whom all communications
should be addressed.

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Several of the Continental journals, as well as those
specially devoted to Masonry, have announced that
the Government of Portugal has dissolved all Masonic
lodges and bodies, both at home and in the Portuguese
Colonies. We are requested to emphatically contradict
this announcement, and to state that it is utterly un-
founded. The Grand Lodge of Portugal and all lodges
under its jurisdiction or protection have in no way been
affected by any act of the Government, and continue to
enjoy its protection as fully and amply as at any former
period.

We are glad to have it, on the authority of Bro. Gould, that a method of signature recently adopted in our columns by members of the "Outer," is viewed with great satisfaction by members of the "Inner" Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In a recent letter to the *Keystone*, Bro. Gould observes: "In the opinion of its full members, no greater compliment has been paid the lodge than the growing practice by contributors, of weight and reputation, to our English Masonic journals of attaching the words 'Associate Quatuor Coronati' to their signatures."

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To-morrow (Saturday) is ex-pupils' day at the Girls' School, when all ex-pupils are cordially invited to pay a visit to the Institution.

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The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was held at Adelaide on the 16th April, when some important business was transacted, chief amongst it being the election of the Earl of Kintore as Grand Master, and also that of the Grand Officers of the year. A communication was read from the Grand Secretary of Scotland, soliciting the help of the Grand Lodge of South Australia towards raising the sum of £10,000 to augment the Scottish Benevolent Fund. The Pro Grand Master and others expressed their sympathy with the amount, but having no funds that could be used for the purpose, no action could be taken. It was suggested that an appeal should be made through the columns of our Australian namesake—*The Freemason*—and we trust a substantial response will follow.

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We fear we may have unwittingly done some injustice to Bro. Baskett and other brethren who have offered themselves as candidates for the Secretaryship of the Boys' School in stating that the choice of the electors would be made from the four brethren selected by the Provisional Management Committee, namely, Bros. A. C. Greenwood, J. M. McLeod, Gordon Smith, and E. Storr. Bro. Baskett has issued a circular, in which he states that, having regard to the support he has been promised and other circumstances, it is also his firm intention to go to the poll. Some of the other candidates may possibly follow his example, so that the choice of the new Secretary will not be limited, as we said it would be. We trust this will be considered ample amends for our unintentional slip of last week.

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In the case of Bro. Baskett, his resolution is emphasised by a letter sent to his supporters by the Prov. Grand Master of his province, R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, urging them to "stick to him."

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We have also received copy of a circular issued by R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, from which it appears that the Charity Committee of the province have determined on supporting Bro. J. M. McLeod, and are urging the West Yorkshire voters to support his candidature.

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We have also been favoured with circulars relating to the other prominent candidates, namely, Bros. A. C. Greenwood, Gordon Smith, and E. Storr, each of whom has a strong Committee working for him, and a large amount of influential support at his back.

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Doubtless, also, there are other brethren who will persevere with their candidature to the very last, so that we may anticipate there will be an exceptionally severe contest for the post about to be vacated by Bro. Binckes. There are from 9000 to 10,000 electors—members of the General Committee—and the proxy papers will be issued at an early date, the day fixed for the election being Saturday, the 12th July next.

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A new Mark lodge, to be called St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 413, and of which our indefatigable Bro. Richard Clowes is to be W.M., will be consecrated at the Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich. Lord Henniker in his capacity of Prov. Grand Mark Master of East Anglia, will perform the ceremony. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, will install the new W.M., and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier, will advance the candidates—numbering, according to the agenda paper, some 15 brethren.



MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, 1890—1.

This large directory for one of the largest provinces in England is edited by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Goble, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Rev. A. A. Headley. The work is well done, and alike creditable to editors and printers. The system followed is on precisely the same lines as its immediate predecessor. 1, List of lodges in provinces (47 in number) and also of chapters (22); the earliest of the former dates from 1733—if its continuity can be established from the period of its London experience; 2, list of extinct Hampshire lodges, compiled from the "Masonic Records, 1717—1886," by Bro. John Lane, F.C.A., ranging from 1724 to 1874; 3, rolls of Mark lodges (11), Ark Mariners (four), Rose Croix chapters (four), Knights Templar preceptories (four), and other organisations; 4, places of meetings, &c.; 5, roll of Provincial Grand Masters, 1767—1890, and Officers; 6, calendar for all the lodge meetings, &c., February, 1890, to February, 1891; 7, Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge mainly from 1833 to 1890; 8, Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter, 1846—1890; 9, Officers of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, 1873—90; 10, rolls of officers, Past Masters, and many other particulars of all the lodges, chapters, &c., extending over many pages and of great utility; 11, tables respecting local and general Masonic Charities, with analysis of the votes held in the province, amounting to considerably over 4000; 12, Treasurer's statements for Craft and Royal Arch, both being very satisfactory. These few particulars will suffice to indicate the voluminous character of the closely printed calendar, and the labour that has been taken by the editors to render it both useful and accurate, as well as complete as to all points needful for reference. We notice that a page has been devoted to the "Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle" of Lodge No. 2076, London, the Local Secretary, Bro. A. Howell, of Southsea, reporting 13 lodges officially connected with that grand literary organisation from this province. The account of the objects aimed at by the lodge, as well as information respecting its meetings, is ably condensed, and cannot fail to prove helpful. We also note that a "United Lodge of Improvement" meets at Landport, Portsmouth, and has two Preceptors to look after the work.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR, 1890.

We venture to describe this very compact little guide as one of the fullest, one of the most valuable, and certainly one of the best of the kind published in England. The calendar portion is useful, and quite a local *Freemason* as respects the particulars of Masonic meetings for the year. After the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers, 1889-90, is an important compilation which must have involved considerable labour, as the complete roll of Past Prov. Grand Officers is given, provided they subscribe to a lodge in the province. The numbers of the lodges, however, are not given, which would be a boon to many if the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. H. R. Hatherly) could see his way clear to furnish in next issue. Or, what would be better still, add the Provincial rank and year of service to each brother's name so entitled under his own lodge, for which a complete list of officers, P.M.'s, and *subscribing members* (!) are duly and ably arranged in the present directory. There are 14 lodges, seven R.A. chapters, but only three Mark lodges. The large number of 708 are returned as subscribing members, being an average of over 50 per lodge. Several items of information are supplied respecting neighbouring provinces, and a list of votes for the Central Masonic Charities is also added, so that the province of Nottingham is well off in relation to a Masonic calendar.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at its new quarters, the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 19th inst., a dispensation having been obtained from the M.W.G.M. for its removal, owing to the closing of the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich, the result being a larger attendance of members and visitors than has been gathered together for many years past.

The lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. E. C. Lister, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Frederick M. Hale, Mr. Thos. W. Spencer, and Mr. Frederick W. Pearce, who had been previously duly proposed, were ballotted for, and having proved unanimous in their favour were initiated. Bro. Alfred Lister, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed and the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very ably performed by the outgoing W.M. The following officers were

appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. E. C. Lister, I.P.M.; H. T. Raw, S.W.; J. Hooper, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M.; Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; W. St. M. Raw, S.D.; H. Neville, J.D.; T. R. Cass, I.G.; E. Morson, D.C.; A. Le Crew, Stwd.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. E. C. Lister then impressively delivered the addresses to the W.M. and his officers, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to a banquet, at which about 30 were present.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with the enthusiasm and respect always accorded by Freemasons,

Bro. E. C. Lister, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the W.M., and in doing so congratulated the members on the removal to their new quarters, and stated he felt sure the lodge would increase and prosper, the members being now residential in Blackheath were now removed to London, and the result had already shown that through the exertions of Bro. Cass, I.G., they had enrolled amongst their number three excellent men that evening, and another had already been proposed for initiation at their next meeting. The formalities consequent on the removal had, he stated, necessitated a considerable amount of work, in which he had been most ably assisted by Bro. Stunt, P.M., their Secretary. In referring to the toast of the W.M. he said it was a pleasure to propose it, although he was his brother in another sense of the word, and he felt sure he would carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and credit to himself.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. E. C. Lister for the kind words in proposing the toast, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received it, and complimented him for the able manner in which he had gone through the arduous duties of installation, and also the work of the lodge during his year of office, and at the same time placed on his breast the handsome jewel voted by the lodge and brethren as a slight recognition of such services.

Bro. E. C. Lister replied in feeling terms, and was happy to find the W.M. had some work before him which he felt sure would rapidly increase.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given, and, in doing so, the W.M. referred to the great interest they appeared to take in the ceremony, and he was sure they would prove earnest brethren and a great acquisition to the lodge.

Bros. Hale, Spencer, and Pearce, in reply, said they hardly knew how to thank the brethren, and they intended to acquit themselves as good men and true to the utmost of their ability.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were given, and duly responded to, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

Besides the officers named above, the following were among the brethren present: Bros. J. M. Buckley, P.M.; J. K. Matterson, and others. The visitors were Bros. A. C. Wood, W.M. 720; J. Spicer, P.M. 1269; H. French Bromhead, W.M. elect 2318; Harle, P.M. 1720; W. H. Dallimore, 87; A. C. Cranch, P.M. 1216; S. T. Temple, 516; J. Rixworthy, P.M. 1728; S. Parsons, 869; R. Odell, 1314; and Wakefield Reed.

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent music by Bros. Cranch, Reed, Temple, Stunt, and others, Bro. Rushton Odell presiding at the piano.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on the 13th inst. Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. F. M. Cash, as I.P.M.; E. Fry, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; T. Grumman, P.M., Sec.; R. Borrett, S.D.; H. W. P. Makeham, J.D.; E. Rouard, I.G.; J. Li Calsi, Org.; Carlo Grassi, P.M., Steward; S. B. Bell, W. Meminger, Cocciolletti, Bodemer, J. S. Targett, E. Peroni, L. Azario, A. Cogliati, C. Guffanti, G. H. Boncey, S. E. Firminger, A. Tinelli, and G. W. Rowe, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. E. Camillo Stuiiko, P.S. Centrale, 6699 (Italian Constitution).

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Bodemer and Meminger were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Cocciolletti and Firminger passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Tinelli having been unanimously elected, was duly initiated, the W.M. delivering the charge in his usual impressive manner. The lodge was then closed.

After the repast (served in Bro. Boncey's best style) grace was said.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," said that during her glorious reign Freemasonry had flourished. The members of the New Cross Lodge knew that she was a Queen in every sense of the word; with the wisdom of a Statesman, and the tender sympathies of a woman, she commanded the respect and devotion of every member, whatever his nationality might be.

The toasts of "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Cash, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he and the W.M. had worked up together. They knew how steady and attentive the W.M. had been to his several duties, and how he had gained their respect and esteem while filling the various offices, and they had seen that night and on previous occasions how worthily he had filled the chair in the lodge, and maintained the credit of the New Cross Lodge in the outer Masonic circle.

The Worshipful Master, who responded in his usual happy manner, then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," and, after pointing out to him the advantages of Freemasonry, he cautioned him against those who went from lodge to lodge and imposed upon the brethren. A Freemason's charity should know no bounds save those of prudence, but if he (the initiate) was visited, and if he felt disposed to give, he was never to disclose a sign or word, or to mention the name of any other brother to the applicant, but carefully note all that was said, and at the earliest opportunity consult with one more experienced than himself. He would then have the satisfaction of knowing that if he had himself been deceived, he had given no information that might lead to the deception of others; he was also to bear in mind the ancient charge he had just heard, especially never to recommend anyone to a participation of our mysteries unless he had strong grounds to believe that he would ultimately reflect honour on his choice, and the W.M. was sure from the behaviour of the initiate that evening that Bros. Cogliati and Azario had very strong grounds to believe that he would be an honour to the New Cross Lodge.

After a song by Bro. Carlo Grassi, the initiate, in reply,

thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and said he would strive his utmost to follow the advice of the W.M. and deserve the respect of the brethren.

The W.M. having proposed "The Health of the Visitor, Bro. E. Camillo Stuko," Bro. Grassi responded in his behalf. He was very much delighted at the opportunity afforded him of witnessing the English ritual of Freemasonry worked in the Three Degrees. English Freemasonry was held in high estimation in Italy, and although his brother did not understand the English language, he was very pleased with the able manner in which the business of the lodge had been carried out, and would ever remember his first admission to an English lodge, and the cordial and kindly manner in which he had been received.

Bros. Cash and Grassi responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Grumant responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." The Treasurer, Bro. Cowley, was unfortunately prevented by an accident from attending, and he was sure he would be much disappointed at not being present at one of the most enjoyable evenings he (Bro. Grumant) had ever spent in the New Cross Lodge, in addition to the pleasure he derived when listening to the ritual. The presence of our brother from Italy forcibly reminded him of the advantage of belonging to our universal brotherhood, which, by the wisdom of its laws and tenets, gathered together the best men of every creed, race, and clime; taught them to put aside all discordant ideas; to work with love and harmony, and by so doing to carry out the Divine precepts of the Deity. Freemasonry was the cement which bound men of all nations together in a manner which no Statesman or divine had ever been able to do, and wherever a worthy Mason went he would be sure to receive a kindly and hearty welcome from those who were banded together to exercise the noblest sentiments and virtues of the human race.

Bro. Fry responded for "The Officers."

During the evening the brother visitor, by permission of Bro. Augustus Harris, delighted the brethren with his splendid singing, the W.M., the initiate, and Bro. Grassi contributed to the harmony, and

"We'll sing a merry crack

I wot they did na weary,"

until the Tyler's toast reminded them that another pleasant meeting of the New Cross Lodge had come to an end.

Warrant Officers' Lodge (No. 2346).

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors to support Bro. M. A. McNerny, W.M. Amongst those present were Bro. R. Jennings, P.M., acting S.W. in the absence of Bro. H. Gardiner; Bros. A. Molony, J.W.; J. Lewis, Treas.; J. Hitchings, J.D.; C. A. Pugh, I.G.; J. Hazard, Org.; A. Scott, Stwd.; Tyler, and others.

The lodge was opened, and ballot taken for Messrs. W. H. Smith and Louis de Mortillet, candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in each case. The ballot was next taken for Bro. Walter Eckstein Bailey, of the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, and proved unanimous. The W.M. then addressed a few remarks to Bro. Bailey, who made a suitable reply. Bro. J. W. Watson was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. T. C. Wem and J. Heywood passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. Smith and Mortillet were then initiated. The W.M.'s working of the Three Degrees left nothing to be desired. The Worshipful Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. R. Jennings, P.M., for the very handsome gift of sixteen officers' collars, with badges of office suitably inscribed, and referred to the very active part taken by Bro. Jennings in the formation of the lodge, and the valuable services rendered since its formation, and hoped that Bro. Jennings would live long enough to see those collars worn out in the service of the lodge. The proposal was seconded by Bro. A. Molony, J.W., and carried by acclamation. A founder's jewel was then presented to Bro. Jennings, P.M., and the good wishes of the lodge were expressed by the W.M. Bro. Jennings, P.M., replied, thanking the W.M. for the very kind manner in which his services in the past and present had been referred to. He also thanked the lodge for their very great kindness in presenting him with such a handsome jewel, and stated that anything that had been done had been a labour of love to him, and hoped that he might be of further use to the lodge. Bro. W. F. Cheesman, P.M., Secretary, was unable to be present, owing to his absence on temporary duty at Shorncliffe. "Hearty good wishes" having been given from various lodges, the proceedings of the evening terminated, and the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., had hoped to be present, but was compelled to forego his intention in consequence of other engagements, but the visitors comprised Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.P. Eng.; Prov. G. Sec.; R. Clowes, W.M. 2201, Prov. S.G.W.; W. S. Allen, W.M. 40; Lieut.-Col. A. M. Brookfield, W.M. 341; A. J. Howard, W.M. 1110; G. B. Simpson, W.M. 1141; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, W.M. 1466; W. Carless, W.M. 1842; J. C. Buckwell, W.M. 2187; J. M. Jenkins, I.P.M. 341; Dr. W. G. Holloway, J.D. 1842; A. E. Young, I.G. 1842; T. H. Larkin, 1110; Chas. Loud, 709; and others.

The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. R. T. Davison, M.D., who was supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. W. T. Jordan, I.P.M.; W. A. Raper, S.W.; J. B. Foster, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. Fielding, Org.; J. W. Pepper, S.D.; D. White, J.D.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. W. Avis, I.G.; W. Newman, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. C. Tilt, Charles Martin, T. J. Walder, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, C. J. Honisett, George Smith, James Hodson, L. F. St. John, and others.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, several communications were read from brethren and visitors, who apologised for their inability to attend the meeting. Bro. B. H. Thorpe, D.C., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. William Augustus Raper, S.W., to the

Worshipful Master for the benefit of installation, and Bro. Davison, W.M., very ably and impressively performed the whole of the ceremony, with the exception of the addresses, which were well rendered by Bro. W. T. Jordan, P.M. The occasion was pleasingly improved by the musical selections of the Organist, Bro. Fielding, who was ably assisted by Bro. Pepper on the cornet, the trumpet "fanfare" introducing the proclamations being very effectively given by the latter. The officers invested by the W.M. were Bros. R. T. Davison, M.D., I.P.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; J. W. Pepper, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas. (20th time); R. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; David White, S.D.; T. W. Avis, J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; J. Fielding, Org.; and W. Newman, Tyler. Bro. the Very Revd. E. R. Currie, D.D., Grand Chaplain, P.M., Prov. G. Chap., wrote regretting that illhealth prevented his being present to receive his investment as Chaplain of the lodge, an office he has filled for some years, and his investment was, therefore, deferred to a future occasion. The investment of the I.G., Bro. F. W. Hotham, was also deferred in consequence of his unavoidable absence. In the course of the ceremony a telegram was received from Bro. Currie, from Buxton, congratulating the W.M. The business of the meeting was then brought to a close with the appointment of Bro. Charles William Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as representative of the lodge on the Provincial Grand Charities' Committee, an office which he has worthily filled for many years; and with the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren.

The brethren then adjourned to the Star Hotel, where a very elegant banquet had been provided by Host Holt, who fully sustained the reputation he has acquired since taking the management of this house. The chair was taken by Bro. W. A. Raper, W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with his characteristic eloquence.

The toasts of his own health, and that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Davison" (both of whom are deservedly esteemed in and out of the lodge) were enthusiastically received by the brethren.

The worthy Treasurer, Bro. H. G. F. Wells, also received quite an ovation, as, in addition to his length of service as Treasurer of the lodge (20 years), and his general popularity among the brethren, he had on the previous day received his first "olive branch," an interesting event which elicited the hearty congratulations of the brethren.

The entire proceedings, from the opening of the lodge down to and including the Tyler's toast, were an unqualified success, and Bro. Raper is to be congratulated on commencing his year of office under such happy auspices.

We may add that Mr. Charles Kenningham, the well-known tenor of Canterbury Cathedral, very splendidly sang several choice pieces, and the harmony of the evening was further promoted by some good songs by Bros. Avis, Hughes, and St. John.

CHINGFORD.

Chigwell Lodge (No. 453).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th instant. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Frederick C. Dixie was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. W. T. Christian, S.W.; F. A. Renshaw, J.W.; E. Hobbs, S.D.; Jas. S. Motion, J.D.; W. Coxon, I.G.; and T. A. Motion and Henry S. Homewood, Stewards. The retiring Master, Bro. J. R. Bredding, was presented with the usual Past Master's jewel. The W.M. was installed by his brother, Bro. Alfred J. Dixie, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. After the installation the W.M. passed Bro. H. A. Jager to the Degree of a F.C., explaining the working tools in full in a very impressive manner. The installation ceremony was rendered in a very able manner. The visitors were numerous, including several Grand Officers, Bros. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treas.; Ralling, Prov. G. Sec.; Lucking, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Stone, P.M. of several lodges, and a Past Grand Officer of the District Grand Lodge of India. Bro. Stone, in replying with other brethren for "The Visitors," gave as his opinion that Freemasonry was doing more than Christianity to civilise India, and he gave several instances as supporting his statement. The lodge was then closed.

FELTHAM.

Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The election meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., when there were 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.; J. Amey, Org.; E. J. Whelan, I.G.; A. Robertson and W. H. Davey, sen., Stewards; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Laurence, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; and E. A. Smith, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Purde, 1732; J. R. Cordell, W.M. 813; A. White, J. H. Platten, H. Davey, J. A. Lineker, J. W. Kingston, G. J. Bailey, W. J. Babb, and P. Bick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Messrs. Robert Solomon, G. Roberts, Wm. Wallace Freestone, and Jas. E. Poole, who, being in attendance, were duly initiated. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimous in favour of Bro. A. J. Wilson, S.W. Bro. S. Page was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bros. Davey, sen., Amey, and Davey, jun., were elected as Auditors. Several notices of motion were duly passed, and other Masonic business discussed. The names of two gentlemen were received for initiation, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was ably served under the superintendence of the host, Bro. Harris.

HAMPTON COURT.

St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1872).—On Thursday, the 19th inst., the members of this lodge met at their usual meeting place at Surbiton, but as there was no work, the proceedings were formal and the brethren very soon were seated in a saloon carriage on the way to Hampton Court, it being the custom of the lodge to have two banquets yearly at the Mitre Hotel. Many of the members of the lodge are professional men, and duty kept several away from the gathering. One who was greatly missed was Bro. Dr. Gibbs, P.M., and to the deep regret of all, his absence was owing to illness. Bro. Gibbs is always most indefatigable in promoting the pleasure of the company, not least so in urging the W.M. on so that the welcome announcement "you may smoke" can be made, while as fagelman in the chorus to Bro. John Hodgkin's of "The Barley Mow" he stands unrivalled.

The gathering around the festive board included Bros. J. H. Crofts, W.M.; C. M. Hogg, I.P.M.; S. M. Cooke, S.W.; John Hodgkin, J.W.; Reginald Piper, P.M., Treas.; W. H. D. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; Stanley Hodgkin, S.D.; A. R. Owst, Org.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M.; J. Startin; and D. W. Gardiner, all members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. J. Drewett, P.M. 889, 1638; W. Drewett, P.M. 889, W.M. 1638; B. Colbron, W.M. 889; A. Tyson, 355, P.M. 1768; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 2146, Org. 3; E. B. Hartley, P.M. 1800, D.S.G.D. Eastern Division Cape Colony; W. H. Hooker, S.W. 1670; E. L. Balcombe, J.D. 2095; and W. F. Manners, 2095.

One of the "Mitre's" choicest banquets was provided, and Bro. Sadler himself superintended the service in the room.

As musical brethren were in the ascendant, the W.M. was very brief in putting the usual toasts before the company, and those who responded followed the good example.

The visitor from Africa received a very cordial greeting, and after complimenting the officers of the lodge upon the perfect way in which the opening and closing in all three Degrees had been performed, he thanked the W.M. for the splendid hospitality of St. Margaret's, and gave all present a pressing invitation to give him a call in Natal.

The latest addition to the lodge was Bro. Owst, and as there had been no banquet since his installation he was "toasted" as "The Initiate," and the W.M. expressed the pleasure it was to have enrolled such a gentleman, who to other qualifications added that of being an accomplished and gifted musician.

In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. thanked his principals and assistants for the readiness they had shown to make themselves perfect in their work, so keeping up the reputation of No. 1872 for correct rendering of the ritual. After the W.M. had been duly complimented and felicitated upon his year of office, he had to leave for another pressing engagement, and his place was taken by the I.P.M., of whom it was asked with a humour peculiar to the brethren of the lodge, "How is Bro. Hogg?" the reply being "Oh, he's all right;" and so it proved, for the highly-esteemed I.P.M. kept the ball rolling so merrily that all were sorry to hear the Tyler announce that the train went at 11.5.

Excellent songs were given during the evening, and the words put into the mouth of the J.W. at the closing of the lodge were re-echoed by all present, and by none more heartily than the visitors.

HARROW.

Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 21st inst., when Bro. Jas. H. Gaskin—who has had a very prosperous and successful year as Master—installed his successor, Bro. John Hughes, J.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. J. H. Gaskin, W.M., was supported by Bros. W. Mayne, S.W.; J. Hughes, J.W.; John Osborne, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. W. Hurran, Treas.; P. Young, D.C.; W. Wright, Prov. Grand Org.; C. J. Davison, I.G.; Horace Banks, Stwd.; O. J. Von Holtorp, I.P.M.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Weston, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. A. S. Walter, W.M. 1791; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; R. Reichenheim, 1622; H. J. Martin, J.W. 1622; J. H. Pullen, S.D. 1622; R. Jarvis, 1549; A. Banks, I.G. 249; G. K. Pugh, S.D. 1625; and C. Dearing, P.M. 1602.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were confirmed and a very satisfactory audit report, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, was received and adopted. Mr. Fred. C. Cleaver was approved by ballot, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. John Hughes was presented as W.M. elect, and installed into the chair by Bro. Gaskin, I.P.M. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. W. Wright, Prov. G. Org., S.W.; C. J. Davison, J.W.; William Hurran, Treas.; John Osborn, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Peter Young, S.D.; W. W. Lee, J.D.; Horace G. Banks, I.G.; J. Jones, D.C.; W. J. Ball and W. H. How, Stwds.; and Verry, Tyler. The installing Master, Bro. Gaskin, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses, and was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during the past year. Routine business was transacted, and the lodge was formally closed.

After an excellent repast the usual toast list was honoured.

Bro. W. Wright, Prov. G. Org., S.W., replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to respond to that toast for the first time. Referring to his investment at Provincial Grand Lodge on the previous Saturday, he remarked that he was particularly gratified at the cordiality with which the Prov. G. Master performed that function, which he regarded not only as a compliment to himself but also to the lodge. He felt proud to represent the Citadel Lodge in the capacity of Provincial Grand Officer, and, in conjunction with the other members of that body, would endeavour to uphold the Prov. Grand Master and the province in every way.

Bro. J. Weston, P.M., Prov. G. Purst., having also replied,

Bro. Gaskin, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that he did so with a great deal of pleasure, because Bro. J. Hughes, W.M., was one of the early initiates of the lodge. As far as the past work was concerned, Bro. Hughes had performed the duties of the various offices with satisfaction to himself and credit to the lodge.

Bro. John Hughes, W.M., having returned thanks, said he must say that it was rather unexpected that he was called upon to take the office of W.M. so soon, for he hoped the S.W. would have gone through in the ordinary course. He had, however, willingly taken the office, and only hoped the late S.W. would at some future time occupy the position of the chair. He trusted that during his year he should be able to give them all the satisfaction they could demand, and no effort would be wanting on his part to render the ceremonies in a masterly manner, and he hoped to leave the chair 12 months hence with the same regard as had been evinced towards the I.P.M. that evening.

"The Initiate" having been honoured,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," and tendered them a cordial welcome.

Bros. Walters, W.M. 1791; C. Dearing, P.M. 1602; W. Weeden, P.M. 813; and A. Banks, I.G. 249; tendered sincere thanks for the hearty and fraternal welcome and the profuse hospitality they had expressed and expressed

their pleasure at the excellent working of the lodge and their hope for its continued prosperity.

Bro. J. H. Gaskin, I.P.M., replying for "The Installing Master," said the W.M. had referred to him as being a Master of the ceremonies, but he was afraid he did not deserve that compliment. Although he was conscious he had not performed them in a manner equal to those preceding him, yet he had done his best, and must ask them to take that as his portion of his duty to that lodge, but whether his effort would add any lustre to it he would leave them to judge. He had done his best, and was pleased to congratulate them on the success of his year of office, which had far exceeded his expectations. When he took office he felt the lodge could not be classed as one of the first lodges in the province as far as finance was concerned, and he accordingly made up his mind to place it on a sound basis. That had been done, and he congratulated them accordingly. He had that evening initiated the eighth candidate during his year, and he thought they would all make good Freemasons and be a credit to the lodge, and not regret entering it. He was sorry his year had been somewhat marred by the loss of two worthy brethren held in high esteem in the lodge. He thanked the officers for supporting him and for performing their duties in a creditable manner which left nothing to be desired. He had also to thank them for the handsome jewel presented to him, which had been accompanied by good wishes, and he could assure them that as long as he was a Freemason it would be his pleasure to recollect the moment he received it as one of the proudest of his life. He trusted the W.M. would have as good a year of office as the past had been, and that he would have some good and true men to initiate.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., on behalf of "The Past Masters," congratulated the W.M. on attaining the chair, and was assured he would maintain the prestige and credit of the lodge as the Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers would have it maintained, for it could not be concealed that the principal officers of the province had from time to time paid them, not a compliment, but their due, in respect to the working of the ceremonies.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was replied to by Bros. J. Osborn, P.M., Sec., and W. Hurran, Treas., and a similar duty was performed by Bros. Wright, S.W., and Davison, J.W., on behalf of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening. During the evening Bro. W. Wright, Prov. G. Org., Org., presided at the pianoforte with his customary ability, and considerably enhanced the enjoyment of those present by the brilliancy of his accompaniments.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—The first meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Sun Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Drewett, P.M. 889, W.M., with Bros. Montagu, S.W., and Willis, J.W., the Deacons' and I.G.'s posts being filled by deputies, in the unavoidable absence of those officers. The ballot was taken for Messrs. R. Edwards, Woodcock, and Olding, and proved unanimous, whereupon the W.M. proceeded to initiate them. The efficiency of the principal and assistant officers was very marked, and the ceremony was conducted in a very impressive manner. A vote of £2 10s. was made to the Binckes Annuity Fund, and of £5 5s. to the list of the W.M., who is Steward to the Boys' School Festival. A recommendation to hold an additional regular meeting in the month of April was adopted, and the lodge was closed.

There was an attendance of some thirty brethren, and the visitors included Bros. Colbron, W.M. 889; George Gabb, P.M. and Treas. 902; and Williams, P.M., the last-named rendering good service at the organ during the ceremony. The brethren partook of plain refreshments and spent a very pleasant evening, to which Bros. Gabb, Colbron, Oldridge, jun., Woodcock, and others largely contributed by their musical abilities.

MALLING.

Malling Abbey Lodge (No. 1063).—The installation of Bro. D. T. J. Lyle as W.M. of the above lodge, in succession to Bro. R. Clout, took place at the Bear Hotel, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., in the presence of a large attendance of brethren, Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and brethren from neighbouring lodges, including the following: Bros. A. Spencer, P.M., P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; Wm. Jude, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; S. Wagon, P.M.; F. Gordon, P.M.; B. S. Wilmot, P.G.R.; R. Clout, I.P.M. 1063, P.M. 72; T. Hodges, W. M. Apps, H. M. Apps, R. Pointer, F. Roe, John Barten, D. T. J. Lyle, Wm. T. Wallond, Wm. Shepherd, Wm. Wells, R. McVicar, T. M. Kennett, and Russell. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15; J. Barker, W.M. 503; T. I. Barden, W.M. 2046; C. R. Cockburn, P.M. 20; Thos. Clibbon, I.P.M. 20; T. W. A. Neech, P.M. 1837; F. Baker, I.P.M. 503; E. Weller, J.D. 503; J. W. Penton, P.M. 133; P.G.D.C.; W. H. Schartau, Org. 2191; A. Weston, 2046; S. Bennett, 2046; A. C. Brissenden, 503; N. Clarridge, 2046; J. D. Groom, I.P.M. 2046; and J. F. Burnard, 2046.

The beautiful ritual of the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. Benjamin Sidney Wilmot, P.G.R., Installing Master, who, at its close, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The Worshipful Master, Bro. D. T. J. Lyle, subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Clout, I.P.M.; R. McVicar, S.W.; W. M. Apps, J.W.; W. Jude, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., Treas.; S. Wagon, P.M., Sec.; H. M. Apps, S.D.; T. M. Kennett, J.D.; W. Wells, I.G.; F. Gordon, P.M., D.C.; W. Wallond, Stwd.; F. E. Roe, Org.; and R. Pointer, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. R. Clout, was then presented by the newly-installed Master, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the zeal and ability he had displayed in the discharge of his duties during his year of office. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for the customary banquet.

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

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts followed, and were received heartily by the company, the speeches being agreeably interspersed with amusing songs by Bro. W. H. Schartau, Org. 2191.

"The Health of the New W.M." was proposed by Bro. R. Clout, I.P.M., who referred in the highest terms to the zeal displayed by Bro. Lyle in filling all the minor offices of the lodge until he attained the highest honour his brethren

could confer upon him. The selection of Bro. Lyle for the chair of K.S. was fully justified by his punctuality and ability, and he (the speaker) was sure he would not only do credit to the lodge, but advance the interests of Freemasonry in general.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, undertook to discharge the important duties with which he had been entrusted to the best of his ability, and said he hoped to receive the same hearty applause at the end of his year of office as the toast had just received, and he felt sure he should have willing and loyal assistance at the hands of his officers.

The W.M., Bro. Lyle, then gave the "Visitors," according to them a hearty welcome. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Barker, W.M.; Barden, W.M.; Woolley, P.M.; and Clibbon, I.P.M.

Bro. Barker, in responding, said he had not visited the Malling Lodge for nearly 20 years, but after the splendid manner in which he had been entertained that evening he hoped it would not be long before he should have the same opportunity of enjoying himself in their company. The esteem in which the W.M. was held by the brethren must be deeply gratifying to him and encourage him to keep up the prestige of the lodge as his predecessors had done, and he hoped that on his leaving the chair he would enjoy not only the esteem, but the friendship of his brethren for many years.

Bro. Barden said he had known Bro. Lyle ever since he came to Maidstone, and a more worthy Mason could not occupy the chair.

Bro. Woolley said it was his first visit to the lodge, and hoped it would not be the last by many. He thanked the brethren for the hearty reception he had received.

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

"The Officers'" toast was responded to by the S.W. and J.W., who said they were all anxious by merit to arrive at the chair which was so ably filled.

The brethren expressed themselves highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

WORKINGTON.

Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The regular meeting for installing the W.M. of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. G. Bell Mackay, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. J. Dickinson, P.G. Stwd., W.M., and duly installed in the chair, and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Dickinson, I.P.M.; E. Loach, S.W.; J. J. Little, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Paterson, P.M., P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. T. Morgan, S.D.; A. D. Holliday, J.D.; J. Harding, D.C.; J. Cooper, P.P.G. Org., Org.; P. Whitehouse, I.G.; J. McGill and H. E. James, Stwds.; and Wm. Whitehead, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Bros. J. Paterson, P.M., P.J.G.W., and Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, P.S.G.W., assisted the Installing Master to invest the officers, and delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren.

The following were also present: Bros. Dr. C. McKerron, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. Salkeld, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Irving, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. B. McMullin, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; D. Reece, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Lewthwaite, P.M.; B. M. Unwin, W. Sheldin, R. Ward, 1400; J. Hodgson, P.M.; J. Eden, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bourness, J. Bouch, G. H. S. Smith, L. Ward, P.M. 1400, P.P.G.P.; T. Casson, R. Musgrave, S. Bettoney, 371; J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Jenkinson, W.M. 2285, P.P.G. Std. Br.; D. Windler, W. M. Lyon, P.M. 406, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Brakenridge, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Moffatt, W.M. 872; J. Farrell, 79 (S.C.); and others.

Several letters and telegrams were read conveying good wishes to the newly-installed W.M., and with "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors, the lodge was closed, and Bro. Mackay invited all to accompany him to the Central Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and with toast and song a most agreeable evening was spent.

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday evening. The brethren sat down to dinner at 6.30, and at 8.30 the lodge was opened, there being present Bros. the Dean of York, W.M.; William Lawten, I.P.M., Treas.; T. B. Whythead, S.W.; H. L. Swift, J.W.; C. E. L. Wright, Sec.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; F. Shaun, J.D.; P. Pearson, 1611, as I.G.; C. G. Padel, Org.; Rev. H. L. Clarke, Sir Joseph Terry, and J. R. Parker, Tyler.

The business consisted of the passing of Bro. A. H. Russell to the Second Degree. Bro. Whythead announced the approaching visit to York in September of a party of distinguished American Freemasons, including the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and said that he hoped to be able to arrange for a Masonic luncheon to be held in the Merchants' Hall, at which brethren in York and the North of England would have an opportunity of making the acquaintance of their Transatlantic brethren.

The lodge was closed, after which the brethren dispersed.

Royal Arch.

CROYDON.

Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 16th inst. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas., P.P.G. Std. Br., acting M.E.Z.; E. J. Hoare, H., H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.P.A.G.S., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; F. Weiss, S.N.; Alliston, P.S.; and Castello. Comps. N. Prower, M.A., P.S. 1745, and T. Richardson, 141, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Comp. T. Richardson, H. 141, as a joining member. The installation of Comps. E. J. Hoare, H. H. Shirley, and F. Weiss into the three principal chairs was performed by Comps. H. J. Lardner and H. H. Shirley, assisted by Comp. Capt. Walls, S.E.; Castello, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.;

Alliston, P.S.; Richardson, 1st A.S.; and Lane, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officers, who duly acknowledged the compliment. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Principal's jewel was ready for presentation to Comp. R. P. Thomas, I.P.Z., but he was unavoidably prevented from attending the convocation.

Apologies were received from Comps. Thomas, Dr. Lott, P.Z., P.G. Org.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; and others.

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

The usual toasts followed.

Comp. Hoare proved to be an able Chairman, and he and Comp. Castello entertained the companions with musical and dramatic selections.

WORKINGTON.

Sun and Sector Chapter (No. 962).—The first meeting of this new chapter was held on Monday, the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Paterson, Z.; D. Reece, H.; J. C. Thompson, J.; J. Wood, S.E.; J. Eden, S.N.; E. Loach, P.S.; Dr. Charles McKerron, 1st A.S.; A. Ashmore, 2nd A.S.; J. Archibald, G. Dalrymple, and others.

The chapter having been opened, three joining members were balloted for and accepted, and three candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree in a most perfect manner by each officer doing his own work in a way that would have done credit to the senior chapter in the province. A draft of by-laws were read, and unanimously adopted for confirmation.

Several propositions were made, and other general business transacted, and, with "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The annual meeting for installing the W.M. of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. J. Dickinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was installed for the second time by Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Past Grand Steward of England, assisted by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G. Secretary, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. E. G. Mitchell, P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; J. Gibson, S.W.; T. Swainson, J.W.; J. Reed, M.O.; J. Gardiner, S.O.; T. Annison, J.O.; J. Nicholson, P.M., P.G.D. of England, Treas.; J. O. Scott, P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., S.D.; J. Kendall, P.P.G.I.G., J.D.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. Abbott, P.P.J.G.O., I.G.; and J. Messenger, P.P.G.T., Tyler. The following were also present: Bros. T. Mandale, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and T. Atkinson, W.M. 229, P.G. Std. Br.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Penrice, and seconded by Bro. Nicholson, to the Installing Masters for their services, which was unanimously carried. The same brethren also proposed and seconded that Bro. G. Dalrymple be an honorary member of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, in acknowledgment of his past services, which was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Dalrymple thanked the brethren for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him, and more so from the fact that Bro. Nicholson, the veteran father of Mark Masonry of the province, had so heartily supported the motion of Bro. Penrice, and he sincerely hoped the Mark Degree in Maryport would in the time to come hold the same proud position it had done in the past.

With "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 213, 216, 229, and 282 the lodge was closed, and at Bro. Dickinson's invitation the brethren partook of refreshments, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 319).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.W. England; John Lane, P.S.G.O. England; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Thomas Prust, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; W. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; T. J. Crossman, J.W.; T. H. Wills, M.O.; John Taylor, Chap.; John Chapman, P.P.G.M.O., R. of M.; A. J. Gorwyn, T. Beckett, G. E. Guy, Dr. T. D. Cook, W. Hersey, E. J. Pratt, T. Brooks, Org.; S. Wills, G. West, W. H. Rowland, J. W. Beer, V. Lauzell, J. E. Newton, Tyler, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Prust, who then vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Officer, Bro. J. Lane, who installed the W.M., Bro. W. Taylor, in that able and correct manner for which that distinguished brother is so celebrated. The newly-installed W.M. then invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. Prust, Prov. S.G.D., I.P.M.; T. J. Crossman, S.W.; T. H. Wills, J.W.; A. W. Searley, M.O.; John Taylor, S.O.; John Chapman, P.P.G.M.O., J.O.; A. J. Gorwyn, Chap.; T. Taylor, Treas.; J. Lane, P.S.G.O. England, Sec.; T. Beckett, R. of M.; G. E. Guy, S.D.; Dr. Cook, J.D.; W. Hersey, D.C.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; S. Wills, I.G.; G. West, and W. H. Rowland, Stwds.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler. A very satisfactory Treasurer's account was then presented and adopted, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the annual banquet was held under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening, terminating at an early hour, was spent.

The Queen held a review of the troops of the Windsor garrison, consisting of the Royal Horse Guards and 2nd Battalion Coldstreams, as well as of the Eton Volunteers, in the Great Park, on Monday. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke of Cambridge with the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, and other members of the Royal family, were on the ground. The Queen, on her arrival, was received with a Royal salute, after which there was the usual march past, and then the troops executed various movements, and went through various exercises. When Her Majesty had left the ground, there were sundry field movements.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. Shaw, W.M.; Hill, S.W.; Street, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Hill, acting as Sec.; Blythe, J.D.; Bayfield, I.G.; Haseldine, Knight; Dibley, Kirk, Mead, Warwick, Skinner, W. Pussen, and B. Allen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by the Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Haseldine candidate. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Hill, and the 3rd by Bro. Kirk. On rising for the first time, Bros. W. Pussen and B. Allen, both of 1602, were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge. On rising for the second time, Bro. Hill was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the members were requested to be punctual at 7 p.m. on Monday next, for the working of the Fifteen Sections, when it was hoped they would be able to bring many friends, as Bro. Farwig, P.M., will take the chair. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 19th inst. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. A. E. Barrett, W.M.; F. Mason, S.W.; H. H. Nuding, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Freemantle, Sec.; W. Baker, S.D.; R. Horne, J.D.; and D. G. Imlay, I.G.

The lodge being opened in the First Degree, Bro. C. Hurst volunteered to act as candidate, and was accordingly examined. The necessary answers having been given, he was entrusted, and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Hurst was re-admitted, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed, after which the W.M. gave the explanation of the second tracing board. The brethren then engaged themselves in a thorough practice of several small details in connection with the various Degrees. A W.M. was elected for the ensuing Thursday, and the officers of that evening each undertook to discharge the duties of one office higher on that occasion. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, the meeting having proved an agreeable and instructive one.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the new Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, near the Lewisham Junction Railway Station, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. George A. Pickering presided as W.M., and there was an excellent attendance of members and visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. W. G. Kentish, Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, who, in the absence of the appointed S.W., kindly undertook the duties of that officer; R. W. Cartwright, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; Walter Robin, Sec.; J. E. Axford, S.D.; R. Tilling, J.D.; F. V. Catt, I.G.; H. R. Trant, C. Thomas, G. Browne, C. G. Sheppard, C. Robson, P.M., J. Clarke, Livermore, and others.

The lodge was opened and passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Trant proved proficiency. The W.M. raised the lodge into the Third Degree, and in most perfect manner rehearsed the ceremony thereof. The M.M. and F.C. lodges were respectively closed, and in the proper Degree for that purpose called off and on. On resumption of business the election of new members and thanks to visitors were severally made and expressed. Bro. Kentish took occasion to impart the satisfaction which the work of the evening had afforded him, more particularly as he found it to be in accord with the work of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, with the addition of certain details and explanations of a most instructive character, in respect of many of which he should find opportunity for further consideration. Bro. Stevens, Preceptor, expressed his gratification at receiving such testimony in regard to his teaching from such a qualified and experienced brother. The next weekly meeting (26th inst.) being "Preceptor's night," the election of W.M. for the first Thursday in July was taken, and Bro. R. W. Trant was duly elected. A cordial vote of thanks was passed in favour of Bro. Pickering for his services on that occasion, and after the customary salute the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. John Davies, W.M. 169, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; G. Gregory, S.W. 1962, S.D.; J. C. Tilt, 1962, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; J. C. Conway, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; J. R. Ailman, P.M. 1425; C. G. Wetzlar, P.M. 141; R. E. Cursons, J. H. Taylor, H. Campbell, O. W. Battley, and J. Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. Gregory, S.W. 1962; J. C. Tilt, 1962; and R. T. Godfrey, 141.

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, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor being candidates. The W.M. gave the third charge, and worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bros. Gregory, Tilt, and Godfrey were elected members, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The brethren were all pleased to hear that Bro. Chalfont's son was going on in a fair way to recovery from his accident. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Davies for presiding as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction was passed, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; R. H. Broom, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; H. Armfield, J.D.; W. R. Hatton, I.G.; R. C. Green, P.M.; J. Gillingham,

P.M.; and F. L. Chandler, P.M. Visitor: Bro. W. H. Armfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Armfield answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of investing his officers, Bro. F. L. Chandler, P.M., acting as D.C. Bro. W. H. Armfield was unanimously elected a member of this lodge of instruction. The S.W., Bro. R. H. Broom, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. C. Woods, W.M.; G. A. Knight, S.W.; C. E. Betts, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; W. G. Danby, S. Sidders, C. G. Hatt, F. A. Barth, A. G. Talbot, E. E. Gellowski; G. Swann, W.M. 865; James Sims, P.M.; Joseph Cox, and W. E. Macey.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barth acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. E. Macey was elected a joining member, and Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. Woodard, S.D.; A. Williams, P.M., J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; Arthur Williams, P.M.; W. Stevens, S. Cox, H. Cotton, and Stommill.

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. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cox candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Hearty congratulations were given to Bro. Davies upon his return to the lodge and the improvement of his health. Bro. Davies replied in very feeling terms, thanking the brethren for their good words and wishes. The lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2256).—The usual weekly meeting of this excellent working and progressive lodge was held on the 23rd inst. at Railway Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. W. Hester, P.M., W.M.; Urban Smith, S.W.; J. Horley, J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.M., Preceptor; W. P. Allen, Sec.; H. F. Bromhead, S.D.; J. Cooke, J.D.; F. Taylor, I.G.; W. Blenkinsop, Stwd.; J. Ives, P.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; W. Goulding, R. Jeremy, E. Gray, jun., J. Speller, C. Horst, G. Fry, G. Long, and Wm. Alcock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M., delivered the ancient charge, also the lecture in the Second Degree. Bro. Urban Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Bro. Shurmur, P.M. and P.Z., proposed that a sincere and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. Hester, P.M., for the very admirable, impressive, and perfect manner in which he had worked the First and Second Degrees. This was carried with acclamation. Altogether a most pleasant and instructive evening was spent, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 20th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, J. 733, Treas., M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 862, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, 862, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. W. Biggs, 975; O. W. Battley, 2246; and John Smith, 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Biggs being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Cruttenden as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. having risen as usual, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

HAMPTON COURT.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—This old encampment held its summer meeting at the Mitre Tavern, on the 20th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, E.C.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., Reg.; N. Prover, M.A., Std. Br.; W. Maple, Herald; J. H. Dodson, P.E.C.; Capt. Hawkins, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the E.C. moved "That the sum of five guineas be voted to the Paas Testimonial Fund." This was seconded, and unanimously carried.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior; Major Stohwasser, I.P.E.C., G.C. of G.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; T. Wood, 1st Captain; W. Hale-Hilton, Capt. Freer, J. B. Glenn, and others.

In the afternoon the members of the encampment and guests went up the river in one of Tagg's steam launches to Chertsey Bridge, where they lunched, and returned to the Mitre to dine.

Among the visitors to the banquet were Bros. Captain Sadler, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; F. Dodson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., and F. Brown, M.A.

The dinner and wines of the celebrated river-side haunt—"Ye Mitre"—were served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler, the genial host, and gave unqualified satisfaction.

The Chairman gave a few loyal toasts.

The proceedings of the day passed off most satisfactorily, and the executive officers are to be congratulated upon the success that attended their exertions. The weather was fine.

Royal and Select Masters.

HAVANT.

Carnarvon Council (No. 5).—A meeting of this council was held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 21st inst., the T.I.M., Comp. E. E. Street, presided, and Comp. Alexander Howell, 18°, acted as R.I.D.M. The council having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer presented an abstract of his accounts, from which it appeared that many of the members were considerably in arrear. The accounts having been accepted, the T.I.M. gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the names of the principal defaulters be erased from the books, and it was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of the T.I.M., that no member in arrear should be appointed to any office in the council. The ballot was then taken for Master and Treasurer respectively, and Comp. R. W. Mitchell (the R.I.D.M.) was elected as T.I.M., and Comp. H. R. Trigg, Past T.I.M., was re-elected as Treasurer. The T.I.M. elect appointed Comp. Alexander Howell to be R.I.D.M., in recognition of the great interest he had evinced in the welfare of the council. Comp. Howell gave notice of a motion with reference to the by-laws of the council. Saturday, the 19th of July, was appointed as the day of installation of the T.I.M., when the council will be opened at 3.30 o'clock, and it is hoped that the meeting will be honoured by the attendance of several members of the Grand Council of the Order. The company of Royal and Select Masters is requested. Intending visitors are asked to communicate with Comp. Alexander Howell, solicitor, Southsea.

Royal Ark Mariners.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 319).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there were present, with others, Bros. John Chapman, W.C.N.; John Dodge, J.; T. Prust, S.; John Lane, Scribe; W. Taylor, Treas.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; T. H. Wills, J.D.; John Taylor, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; T. Beckett, Steward; G. West, Guardian; and J. E. Newton, Warder.

The lodge was opened by the W.C.N., when various matters of purely local interest were transacted, after which the lodge was closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.

W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The members of the above council met at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. C. Thompson as W.M. The Installing Masters were Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.W. of England; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D. of England; and J. Nicholson, P.M. The Order of Grand High Priest was conferred upon the W.M. elect, and subsequently he was installed, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Paterson, S.W.; J. Dickinson, J.W.; P. de E. Collin, Treas.; T. Mandle, Sec.; J. Eden, S.D.; R. Brown, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; J. O. Scott, Steward; and J. Messenger, Tyler. The following brethren were also present: Bros. J. Gardiner, I.P.M.; E. B. Penrice, and G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.I.G. of England. The balance-sheet was read by Bro. Collin, Treasurer, and one guinea was voted to a Stewardship on behalf of the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund. Two candidates were proposed, when, with other general business, the council was closed.

PROPOSED GARDEN PARTY AT MANCHESTER.

The brethren of the Province of East Lancashire have arranged to hold a garden party on the 26th prox. at the Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, Manchester. The first meeting of the Organising Committee was held on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. It was announced that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, had consented to become a Patron, and other distinguished brethren have already added their names to the list. Bro. Thos. Black, W.M. St. George's Lodge, was elected Chairman; Bro. W. Jaffrey, P.P.G.D., Treasurer; and Bro. John E. Lees, P.P.G. Treas., Hon. Secretary of the Executive Committee. The managers of several of the provincial theatres, the Manchester Arts Club, and other musical and dramatic societies are rendering assistance in arranging concerts, entertainments, &c., and at least two military bands will take part in the proceedings. The Chairman and Curator of the Botanical Society—Bros. J. R. Hampson and Bruce Findlay—are also giving most valuable aid, so that there is every prospect of the undertaking being one of the most successful and enjoyable gatherings ever organised by the Craft in the North of England. A more suitable place than the Botanical Gardens could not have been selected, as it is within reasonable distance of the termini of the principal railways, and there is a good service of trams and omnibuses from the centre of the city. Besides all these advantages there is one still greater, viz., should the weather unfortunately turn out wet, there are plenty of permanent structures, some of them parts of the late Jubilee Exhibition building, to shelter seven or eight thousand people, and, at the same time, allow ample space for the concerts and entertainments. The net proceeds of the garden party will be handed over to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. F. SMITHSON,
JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

On Monday evening, the 23rd inst., a well-deserved compliment was paid to this popular and distinguished brother. At the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, a special meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province of West Yorkshire was held for the consideration of the approaching election of a Secretary to the R.M.I. for Boys, and the opportunity was seized of presenting Bro. W. F. Smithson with a testimonial in recognition of his valuable services and generous support on behalf of the Masonic Charities. Bro. W. F. Smithson has held the offices of Vice-Chairman and Chairman successively for the past ten years of that powerful West Yorkshire organisation, during which period, and for many years previously, his energy has never flagged. His efforts towards raising subscriptions for our Institutions have not only been untiring but highly successful, and wherever hard sterling work has had to be done he has always been to the fore. No greater testimony could have been borne to Bro. W. F. Smithson's reputation for unimpeachable integrity, business capacity, and sound judgment than his appointment as a member of the Provisional Committee for the management of the Boys' School, which has been fully justified by the valuable aid he has rendered, with others, in clearing away the difficulties surrounding that Institution.

The M.W. Grand Master having recently conferred upon our brother the office of Grand Deacon of England, a fund was at once raised by the members of his Charity Committee, and others, for the purpose of presenting him with the jewel, full dress and undress suits of that office, also a full set of clothing and the jewel for the office of Standard Bearer in Grand Chapter, to which position he has also been appointed.

In moving a congratulatory resolution, and on making the presentation on behalf of the subscribers, the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. TEW, J.P., passed a high eulogium upon the zeal, ability, and good work displayed by Bro. W. F. Smithson for the last twenty-three years on behalf of every department of Freemasonry. In giving a brief sketch of his career Bro. Tew spoke of the great personal esteem and warm affection with which Bro. W. F. Smithson is regarded, not only in the Province of West Yorkshire, but also in the London District and the provinces generally.

The resolution was ably seconded by Bro. HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, P.G.D. England, cordially supported by others, and carried by acclamation. Bro. SMITHSON having made an appropriate and eloquent response, the meeting closed.

The brethren, to the number of eighty, were subsequently entertained at the *à la Fourchette* by the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. STRINGER.

The transfer of Bro. Head-Constable Stringer from Enniskillen has been learned by the brethren of Lodge 473 with feelings of surprise and regret. Bro. Stringer, P.M., has for eight years been practically custodian of law and order in the town, and so courteously, so impartially, and so efficiently has he discharged the functions of his responsible office, that he has earned the gratitude and appreciation of that district.

At the Enniskillen Petty Sessions on Monday, the 23rd inst., after the business of the Court had been disposed of, Lord Belmore, on behalf of the Enniskillen Bench of Magistrates, addressing Bro. Head-Constable Stringer, said that they had heard he was about to be removed from Enniskillen, and before he left they wished to express their deep regret at his removal, and to testify to the great satisfaction that he had given them during his location there.

Bro. Stringer has received from the brethren of Lodge 473 a presentation of plate suitably engraved. As a student of Masonic jurisprudence he will be a valuable acquisition to the brethren he is sent amongst, to whom we recommend him as a "brother and a friend," and while regretting his loss in Enniskillen, we follow him with "Hearty good wishes."

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE HORWICH
LODGE, No. 2324.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the members and their friends of the Horwich Lodge held their first annual picnic. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Rogers, W.M., and the business of the lodge being ended, a most interesting ceremony took place. A beautifully illuminated and framed address on vellum, with the lithographed autographs of the brethren of the lodge, was presented to Bro. Dr. Whitaker, S.W. of the lodge, as a token of respect and esteem on the occasion of his marriage, and bearing the following inscription:

Horwich Lodge, No. 2324.

Brother George Henry Whitaker, Senior Warden, We, your brethren of No. 2324 Lodge, desire to express to you our warmest congratulations on the occasion of your marriage. As a brother Mason your hand has ever been ready to assist in those kindly offices for which the Craft is distinguished, and this gives us every confidence in hoping that in the union with your bride—to whom also we beg to tender our most cordial congratulations—your future life will be one of increased happiness and usefulness. We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless you and your beloved wife with health, happiness, and a long and prosperous life.

Signed, on behalf of the whole of the brethren, this 13th day of May, 1890.
[Then follow the signatures of the whole of the members of the lodge.]

The presentation was made by Bro. J. ROGERS, on behalf of the brethren, and Bro. Dr. Whitaker reserved his response till later on in the day.

The picnic was to Lathom House, the seat of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England, and Prov. G.M., special permission having been obtained by Bro. J. G. P. Simpson from Lady Lathom to visit the house and grounds of Lathom on this occasion. The party, to the number of about 40, including ladies, drove in two waggonettes, the distance being about 20 miles.

Arriving at Lathom House, lunch was provided by Bro. Taylor, of Ormskirk, and to which ample justice was done. The party afterwards proceeded to view the house and grounds, which was both a surprise and treat to them. Onward to Ormskirk, to the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where a splendid dinner was partaken of.

Numerous toasts followed, and Bro. Dr. WHITAKER, in most feeling language, thanked the brethren for the address presented to him.

Bro. THORNTON proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Rogers and the other brethren for the able and successful manner in which they had carried out the picnic arrangements.

The ancient church of Ormskirk was visited by many of the party. The weather was not altogether favourable, but the outing was thoroughly enjoyed, and all arrived safely home.

Ireland.

Tyrone and Fermanagh Preceptory (No. 332).—At the regular meeting of the above preceptory, held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., Sir Knight O'Ternan, Preceptor, dispensation having been received from the Grand Priory of Ireland to elect and install officers, the following sir knights were elected for the ensuing year: Sir Knights W. F. Jones, C.P.S., E.P.; Wm. Purdon, C.E., Constable; Wm. Teele, J.P., Marshal; A. Anderson, Std. Br.; C. E. R. A. Irvine, Chap.; J. West, M.D., 1st Capt. of the Guard; and J. L. Carson, 2nd Capt. of the Guard. Sir Knight W. F. Jones was ably inducted into his office by Sir Knight O'Ternan, M.D., P.P., and Sir Knight Col. Irvine, J.P., P.P. A Royal Arch companion having been balloted for, and two companions having been proposed for exaltation, the encampment was, after the transaction of some unimportant business, closed.

Scotland.

A Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland held a conference in the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness, on the 19th instant, for the purpose of appointing a Provincial Grand Master for Inverness-shire. The members of the deputation were Bros. James Berry, Prov. G.M. of Forfarshire; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Dr. John Falconer, Proxy Prov. G.M. for New Zealand; and J. Macgregor Mallock, Govandale, 437, Glasgow; Bro. Major F. W. Allan also accompanied the Commission. The office-bearers of the various lodges in Inverness-shire met, and unanimously resolved to elect Bro. Sir Henry Cockburn MacAndrew to the office of Prov. G.M. for Inverness-shire.

We understand that it has been arranged that the installation shall take place early in October, when the Grand Master for Scotland, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, will officiate. A full deputation from the Grand Lodge will be present on the occasion, and a most imposing and effective ceremony will be carried through. The Grand Lodge is at present arranging for the general resuscitation of the old Order of Prov. G.M., and the effect will be to increase the interest and usefulness of Freemasonry.

In the evening the members of the deputation were entertained to dinner in the Caledonian Hotel.

The Provost of Inverness, Bro. A. Ross, P.M. 6, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Sir H. Cockburn MacAndrew (ex-Provost), P.M. 6; Ellis, P.M. 339 (to whom the Chairman alluded as the father of Masonry in Inverness); and Palmer, W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, Fort George, which, if not a military lodge, is composed principally of military men. All three lodges were fairly represented by their members.

The gathering was altogether of a most fraternal and enjoyable character, the deputation expressing their pleasure in visiting, and the members of the several lodges theirs in receiving such distinguished members of Grand Lodge, and all wishing for an early opportunity of renewing the acquaintance.

During the evening each member of the Commission was asked to accept a handsomely bound volume of the "History of Freemasonry in Inverness and St. John's Lodge, No. 6, from 1678 to 1877," by Bro. Alex. Ross, P.M., also "Six Lectures on Freemasonry," by Bro. Ellis, P.M. 339, published 1886.

In accepting the gifts, Bro. Dr. FALCONER mentioned the fact that the Grand Lodge was forming a library of Masonic works, and suggested to the authors the desirability of sending a copy of their works to the library.

The suggestion was adopted by both. Bro. Major F. W. ALLAN gave an interesting account of the progress made by the Grand Committee in their scheme of benevolence, and pointed out the desirability of all lodges contributing to that fund, and the pleasure it gave the Committee to assist any deserving and properly vouched for cases of distress from any of the lodges.

Egypt.

Mehemet Ali Lodge.—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the above lodge initiated a candidate. The initiation was particularly interesting from the fact that it was the first time that the English ritual has been adopted in Egypt in a foreign lodge, and was a decided success. There were present some 40 members and visitors, and all the officers took admirably to their parts. The translation into French, in which language the lodge works, of all the Degrees is being made by Bros. Count Michichievitch, the W.M., and Bent, 1187, Alexandria, the translation of the First Degree being just completed. The brethren all prefer the new working to that previously in use.

The Mehemet Ali Lodge was founded in 1842, under the Grand Lodge of Maples, passed afterwards under the Grand Lodge of Palermo, and was one of the first to take the initiative in forming the Grand Lodge of Egypt, under which it now works, being No. 1 on the register. It was, however, dormant for some years, until resuscitated this spring, when Bro. Michichievitch was elected and installed, and its members go on augmenting daily. It is in contemplation to translate the Mark and the R.A. Degrees also. In this connection I may mention that a translation into Arabic is also being made by Hanna Bey Bacoom, of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, at Cairo. Masonry is making great strides in Egypt, especially among the natives, and the utmost cordiality reigns among the lodges of different nationalities.

Australia.

MELBOURNE.

Combermere Lodge (No. 752, E.C.).—The annual report and balance-sheet in connection with the above lodge was issued after the installation of Bro. W. R. Virgoe, the new W.M. This is one of the two lodges in Melbourne that did not join the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The total receipts for the year come to £718 6s. 10d., including £279 14s. 7d. balance from the previous year, £271 14s. for members' subscriptions, and £132 6s. for initiations. The balance of receipts over expenditure is £316 7s. 7d. The Benevolent Fund is now £512 12s. 1d., against £414 5s. 3d. last year.

FUNERAL OF BRO. GEORGE ARNOLD
MORT.

Bro. Mort's remains were interred in the Tyldesley cemetery on Friday, the 20th inst., in the presence of a numerous company. The *cortège* left the residence of the deceased at three o'clock, and in front of the hearse walked Bros. Dr. Duncan, T. Yarwood, J. Dickinson, W. Davies, T. Gregory, J. Walshaw, J. Green, J. Jackson (ex-Supt. of police), W. H. Pennington, J. Kerfoot, T. T. Mackenzie, T. Tyldesley, J. Jackson, W. Sutcliffe, W. Griffiths, R. Ditchfield, T. Cockshout, E. Ash, R. Greenough, J. Mather, and J. Forbes, of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge; W. R. Mountcastle, J. Newton, S. Sumerfield, and J. Grounds. The following companions from Bolton represented St. John's Chapter, No. 221, to which chapter the deceased belonged, being a P.Z.: Comps. T. B. Tong, M.E.Z.; James Walker, H.; E. G. Harwood, P.Z., and P.P.G.S.N. East Lanc.; and William Duncan, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas. East Lanc. The chief mourners were deceased's son, James, and Mr. R. L. Mort, brother. The coffin was of plain oak, and a brass plate bore the following inscription: "George Arnold Mort, died June 11, 1890, aged 49 years." The Rev. R. Willott, B.A., officiated at the graveside. Wreaths were contributed by deceased's wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mort, Mr. R. L. Mort, Mrs. Hodgkinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mort, Mr. and Mrs. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hodgson, the members of the Tyldesley Conservative Club, deceased's servants, and by the members of the Tyldesley Subscription Bowling Club.

The memorial stone of a Masonic and Public Institute was laid in Buckie, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., by Bro. Jas. Berry,, Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, with Masonic honours. The new building will cost £1400, and is nearing completion. It comprises a large hall, library, committee, reading, and refreshment rooms, &c., and is an adaptation of the Tudor Gothic style of architecture. There is a considerable extent of ground at the rear, where it is intended shortly to build a large billiard-room and caretaker's apartments as an addition on the present plan, in consequence of a recent gift by a local gentleman. The same donor is to give books to the lately formed library to the value of £100. The present public library and reading-room are to be moved into the new institute.

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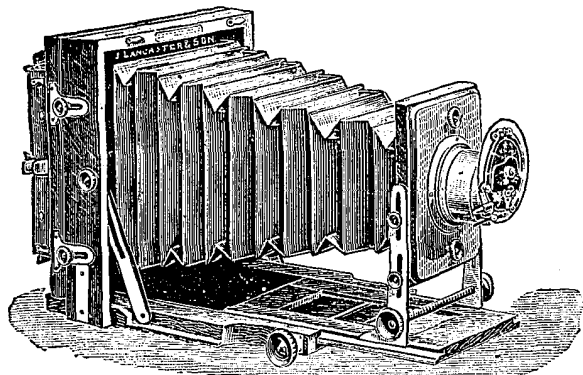
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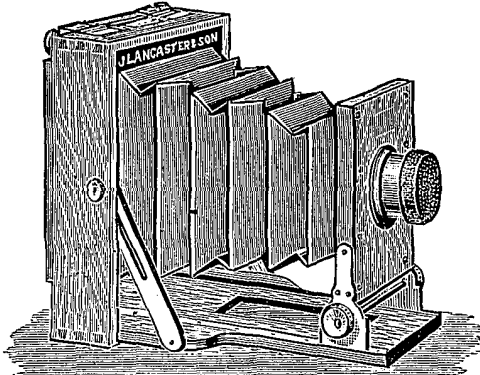
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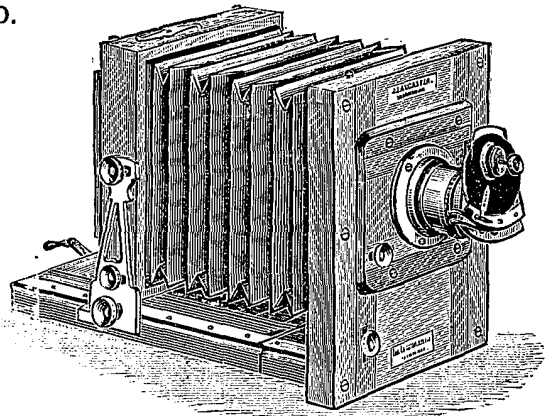
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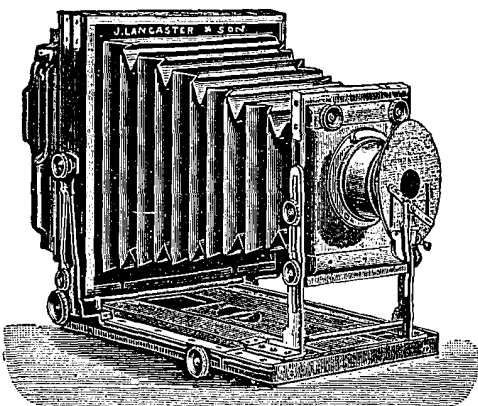
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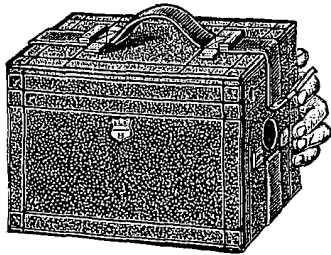
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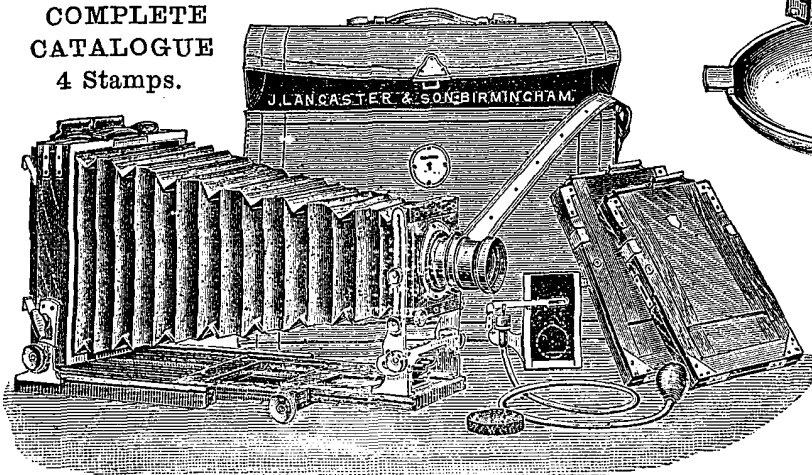
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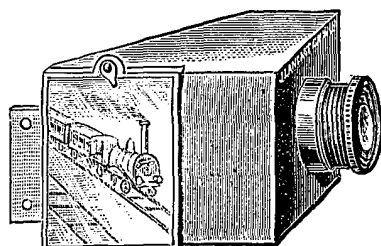
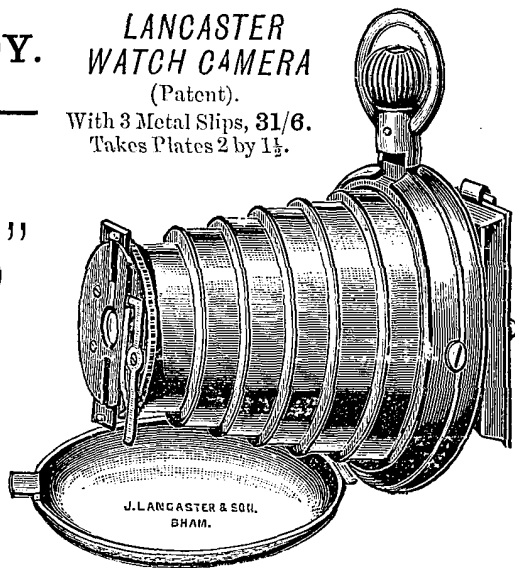
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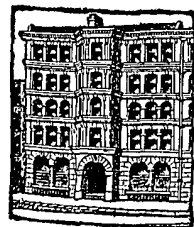
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Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., and M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, will vacate the Governorship of that colony in September next.

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

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, whose health has greatly improved since he was last in town, is engaged with his Editor, Mr. W. E. Hodgson, in preparing for the press a new edition of "Sonnets and Poems."

Arrangements have now been completed for holding the Post Office Jubilee Conversation at the South Kensington Museum, on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox., when the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will be present.

It is understood that Bro. General Sir Fred. J. Roberts's term of office as Commander-in-Chief in India, which in the ordinary course of things would expire in November next, will be prolonged for a further period of two years.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg and her children, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught's children, left Balmoral on the afternoon of the 20th inst., and reached Windsor Castle on the following morning.

The New Zealand Parliament was opened on Thursday, the 19th inst., by the Governor, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, who congratulated the colony on the progress it had made during the past year, and the success which had attended the exhibition at Dunedin.

The 84th anniversary festival in aid of the Licensed Victuallers' School, Upper Kennington Lane, will be celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next, the 1st prox., when the chair will be taken by Mr. Phillip C. Gates, of the New Westminster Brewing Company.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Sunningdale Park for Windsor on Saturday last. The following day the Royal party attended Divine service at Holy Trinity Church.

Friday, the 20th inst., being the 53rd anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, Royal salutes were fired at the Horse Guards and the Tower, and the Royal standard was hoisted at all public buildings. To-morrow (Saturday) will be the 52nd anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation.

Bro. Augustus Harris received the largest number of votes by show of hands at the election of Sheriffs of London on Tuesday last, but a poll having been demanded it will take place to-day (Friday). There is little doubt that the Grand Treasurer of the year will have another dignity conferred on him as Sheriff of London.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Knill, Alderman Evans, Sheriff Harris, and Sir J. B. Monckton left London by the Great Northern Railway for Edinburgh, on a visit to Sir Thomas Clarke (Chairman) and the Executive Committee of the International Exhibition.

The "Old Rugbeian" triennial dinner will be held on Wednesday, the 9th prox., under the presidency of Sir Richard Temple, and among the principal guests expected to be present are Bros. Lord Brassey and Sir James Fergusson, Bart., with the French Ambassador, and Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.

The Royal Agricultural Society's show at Plymouth was opened on Monday under favourable conditions as regards weather, but the attendance was not large for an opening. There is an excellent display of Shorthorns, Herefords, Devons, South Downs, as well as in the sheep classes, shire horse classes, &c., &c., &c., the weak point being the hunters, hackneys, and riding horses generally.

The ball given by the Hungarian Association of Benevolence was held at Prince's Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday evening. The attendance was numerous, and dancing was kept up with unflagging interest till an early hour. Among the principal personages present were the Duke of Teck, the Austrian Ambassador, and the Countess Dey, and Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress.

The Russian Ambassador and Madame de Stael entertained the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury and a select dinner party at dinner at the Russian Embassy, Chesham-place, on Tuesday. Among the guests being many members of the diplomatic body, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Galloway, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Limerick, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, and Bro. Sir Algernon and Lady Borthwick.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the members of their family, with several guests, attended the festivities of the Royal Horse Guards on Saturday last. The scene of the first part was Queen Anne's ride, in Windsor Great Park, where there was seen a musical ride by a number of troopers of the regiment. This was followed by a cricket match between the Windsor garrison and 1. Zingari, in which the former obtained the victory. Lastly came a polo match between teams of the Royal Horse Guards and 12th Lancers, in which, after an exciting contest, the former won by four goals to two. There were present on the occasion Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Christian and his daughters, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland and Lady Hilda Dundas, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran and Lady Esther Gore, Lady Randolph Churchill, and Bro. the Earl of Clonmell.

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.

The Prince of Wales will visit Aldershot to-day (Friday) for the purpose of making a farewell inspection of the 11th Hussars, which is under orders for South Africa.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale will arrive at Scarborough this (Friday) afternoon to open the North Marine Promenade and Gardens. The Duke will be met on his arrival at the railway station by the Mayor and Corporation.

The Prince and the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and his sister, the Princess Victoria, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh paid a visit to the Royal Italian Opera on Monday, and witnessed a performance of "La Phropheete."

Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead and Lady Whitehead were present at the annual distribution of prizes of the Commercial Travellers' Schools, at Pinner, on Saturday last, the prizes being distributed by Lady Whitehead, and an address delivered by Sir James.

The Prince of Wales has fixed Thursday, the 24th July, for laying the foundation stone of the new building for the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital. The Princess of Wales will also be present, and receive purses in aid of the Royal Foundation Fund.

A meeting of the office-bearers of the lodges in Inverness-shire was held on the 19th inst., when it was resolved to appoint Sir Henry C. MacAndrew as Grand Master for the county. A deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland was present. The installation ceremony will be performed by Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood.

The Eldon Lodge, Portishead, at their meeting on Saturday week, supplemented a recent vote of congratulation to Bro. Alfred J. Tonkin on his marriage by a handsome present. This was made by Bro. Wm. Glasspole, the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and consisted of a beautifully carved oak clock, with ivory hands and figures.

We understand that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, which had been summoned for 12.30 at the Assembly Rooms, Ashford, on 10th July, will not meet until one o'clock, in order to meet the convenience of the East Kent brethren, and the service at the Church at 2.30, instead of two, when our Rev. Bro. Maughan, vicar of Whitstable, will preach the sermon.

Bro. John Callard, P.G.O. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, Alderman of London, after an absence of 27 years, is on a visit to Torquay to commemorate the celebration of the golden wedding of his parents, his presence making the family circle complete. Bro. Callard was a visitor at the last meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, and delivered a short address.

The members of the Masonic lodges in West Ham are to have an outing next month, Broxbourne being the place selected. The lead in the matter has been taken by the West Ham Abbey Lodge, but the excursion will not be confined to members of that lodge, or, indeed, to members of the Order. It is anticipated that a number of ladies will be present, and no effort will be spared to make the trip enjoyable.

The remains of Bro. James B. Galloway were interred on Friday last in the secluded churchyard of Roby. The deceased, who was cut off in the prime of life, was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends for his suavity of temper and uprightness of character. He held as a Mason the important position of I.P.M. in the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, the members of which have sustained a very serious loss in his death. A large number of his brethren attended the funeral.

The fifth musical evening under the auspices of the Dramatic and Arts Lodge, which took the form of a smoking concert, was given on Friday last in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Bro. W. G. Stevenson, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The programme for the evening was an exceedingly varied and attractive one, and its length alone prevented the giving of encores, which the majority of the pieces merited.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught left Liverpool, where they had arrived by the Sardinian from India, via China, Japan, and Canada, for Windsor Castle on Sunday morning last, at 8 p.m., and on reaching the railway terminus at Windsor, were met by the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, their children, and other members of the Royal family. The party then drove to the Castle, where the Duke and Duchess will remain the guests of the Queen for a time.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale took his seat for the first time in the House of Lords with the customary formalities on Monday. His Royal Highness was introduced by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, while Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), the Duke of Norfolk (Earl Marshal), and Lord Willoughby d'Eresby (Lord Great Chamberlain) were in attendance. The Princess of Wales and her daughters witnessed the proceedings, and there was a large attendance of peers and ladies. Spectators among the latter being Lady Halsbury, Lady Leigh, and Lady Balfour.

The mortal remains of Bro. the Rev. George Lemon Church, P.P.S.G.W., vicar of Chacewater, were interred on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in the family vault at the parish churchyard of St. Paul's. The reverend brother, who held the living of Chacewater for 43 years, was a member of the Boscawen Lodge, as well as nearly all the public institutions of the village. He was very popular with his parishioners, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. The deceased was carried to his last resting place by eight brethren, while a large number of members of the Boscawen Lodge were present, as well as brethren from the lodges of Truro, Penzance, and Redruth. At the conclusion of the burial service the Rev. Olivey, with much feeling, delivered the usual Masonic oration.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the Cheyne Hospital for Sick and Incurable Children on Wednesday afternoon, in Cheyne-walk, Chelsea.

The public festivities in connection with the golden wedding of the Bishop of Winchester commenced at Farnham Castle on Wednesday, when about 300 of the aged inhabitants of Farnham were entertained by the Bishop.

A new lifeboat of the Suffolk and Norfolk type was launched at Lowestoft on Wednesday afternoon. The vessel, which is called the Stock Exchange, is the largest in the service, and is the 29th on the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts.

A communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught is called for Tuesday next, the 1st July, for the purpose of welcoming Bro. Surgeon Parke on his safe return from Central Africa. The meeting is to be held at the Court House, Carrick-on-Shannon.

The Directors of the Empire Theatre, Limited, have just declared the second interim dividend for the present year at the following rates, viz.:—1s. 8d. on each share of £1 on which 10s. has been paid, and 2s. 6d. on each £1 share on which 15s. has been paid, payable on the 5th July.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their four children, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary Adelaide, and Princess Victoria of Teck, visited the Royal Military Tournament at the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday afternoon, and remained throughout the contests.

There was a great gathering of Notts Freemasons at Southwell on Thursday, when the summer meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Bishop's Palace. The brethren afterwards attended Divine service in the Cathedral, where the sermon was preached by the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

We would remind our readers that the bazaar in aid of the funds of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, and which will have a Temperance Masonic Stall under the charge of Bro. R. A. Gowan, of 29, Gresham-street, will be held at Exeter Hall, on Monday, July 7th. The opening ceremony will be performed by H.R.H. Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and most successful results are anticipated.

At the election meeting of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, at Plumstead, on the 18th inst., Bro. S. E. Southgate was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treasurer of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was voted to the outgoing Master, Bro. W. Webber, for his many services to the lodge during his year of office. The banquet will be held at the New Falcon, Gravesend, on the 10th prox.

A grand "soirée musicale" in aid of St. John's Hospital for diseases of the skin, Leicester Square, is to be given on Monday, the 7th July, at the Prince's Hall, Piccadilly. A most attractive programme has been issued, containing the names of some one or two well known professional ladies and gentlemen who are giving their services, and as it is under very distinguished patronage, there can be no doubt that it will prove a great success.

The munificent offer recently made by Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, the wealthy and philanthropic Parsee baronet, of a lakh of rupees for the erection of a new Home for Lepers in Bombay, has afforded much gratification to the poorer people of the Western Presidency. This is only one of the numerous benefactions of this charitable millionaire, as he, during the past few years, has given away fabulous sums for various schemes for bettering the lot of suffering humanity in his part of the world.

The Hull Masonic Club Company, Limited, incorporated in February last, to provide at Kingston-upon-Hull a place of meeting for the Freemasons of that district promises to be successful. Of the 2000 shares of £1 each, which forms the nominal capital of the company, 955 have been already subscribed for by 103 members, and the directors have not as yet found it necessary to make a call beyond 10s. per share. This should encourage the formation of similar institutions in other towns where Masons "must so congregate."

The second annual meeting of the Cyprus Society was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Church House, Earl Nelson in the chair. It was stated that the object to which efforts should probably first be directed was the sending out of two English clergymen to establish a college or school in Nicosia for the higher training of Cyprus youths, who were now obliged to go to Beyrout, Alexandria, or Athens. The council appealed for funds to enable them to follow up the commencement of the nursing work, and to begin at once the building of the Gordon Hospital at Kyrenia.

The Alumni of Trinity of College, Dublin, residing in London and the vicinity, to the number of about 150, dined together on Wednesday in the Hall of the Middle Temple. Amongst those present were the Earl of Rosse, Chancellor of Dublin University (in the chair), Viscount Gort, Mr. Justice Mathew, the Archdeacon of Northumberland, the Right Hon. D. v. Plunket, M.P., the Right Hon. D. H. Madden, M.P. (Attorney-General for Ireland), his Honour Judge Digby Seymour, Sir Alex. Miller, Q.C., Mr. W. A. Macdonald, M.P., Dr. W. H. Russell, Col. Noble, Professor Macalister, his Honour Judge Grimth, Col. Barrington, and Mr. Oscar Wilde.

The *Echo*, of the 26th inst., has the following in reference to the action of Bro. Walter Besant with respect to the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge: "Mr. Walter Besant wants information, and we hope he may get it. He wants to know how the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge can reconcile the sweating practices he lays to its charge with the Christianity of Christ. He is not to be trifled with—Mr. Besant. He has written a pamphlet (published by Glaisher), in which he accuses this Christian Society of grasping, ungenerous treatment of the authors—and especially of the women—from the sale of whose books it derives its very prosperous revenues. Mr. Besant, in his straightforward way, gives some striking examples of the kind of unfairness against which he is inveighing. What answer has this publishing concern—which is no more 'Christian' than Longmans or Murray—to give to Mr. Besant? Of one thing the Society may feel sure—Mr. Besant will not let the matter drop."