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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 22nd Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst. Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, D.G.M.M., has kindly given his services as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which will support the efforts of his lordship in behalf of the Fund is about 170 strong. This Fund, as our readers are probably aware, has been for some few years past divided into three branches, namely: (1) the Benevolent Branch, which dispenses relief to worthy Mark Master Masons who have unhappily fallen into necessitous circumstances; (2) the Educational Branch, which educates and helps to clothe the sons and daughters of our poor or deceased Mark brethren; and (3) the Annuity Branch, which grants a yearly pension to Mark brethren and their widows. At the present time there are 31 children—18 boys and 13 girls—in receipt of the benefits conferred by the Educational Branch, and seven men and one widow on the Annuity Branch, the men receiving £26 per annum, excluding the bonus or gift of £5 paid to each at Christmas, and the widow £21, excluding a Christmas bonus of equal amount, while the cost of the children's education is wholly defrayed out of the Educational Fund, and a sum of £5 yearly contributed to the parents or guardians of each child towards its clothing. Each of these branches has an invested capital ranging from £3800 in the case of the Annuity Branch to £2400 in that of the Educational, the aggregate of the three being, according to the last Report of the General Board, £9100. Under these circumstances, and considering how greatly the responsibilities of the Fund have been increased, it is not surprising that our Mark brethren should have endeavoured by every means in their power to enhance the importance of its annual Festival. That their efforts have been crowned with success of a most gratifying character is now a matter of history. To the year 1884, inclusive, the proceeds of the anniversary celebrations slowly but surely increased from less than £100 in 1869 to upwards of £800 in 1884. In 1885 the greater prominence we have spoken of was given to the event. Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, then Deputy Grand Master, presided as Chairman, and, thanks to the efforts made by a Board of 87 Stewards, the very large sum of £1721 was raised. In 1886 Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, occupied the chair, but though the Board of Stewards was 113 in number, the proceeds amounted to only £1534. In the year following Bro. Earl AMHERST presided, there were 147 Stewards, and the total raised amounted to exactly £2260; in 1888, with Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD in the chair, and a Board of 163 Stewards, there was a fall in amount to £1818; while last year, under the presidency of Bro. Sir LIONEL E. DARELL, Bart., the sum realised was once again in excess of £2000, the precise figures being £2086 18s. 6d. On Wednesday next the Festival will be held under the most favourable conditions. Even as at present constituted the Board of Stewards is stronger than in any previous year, and there can be as little doubt of the popularity as there is of the efficiency of the noble lord, the newly-installed Deputy Grand Master, both as Grand Officer and Chairman; while to add to the attractions of the day, especially as an aid to swell the total of donations and subscriptions, there is a contingent of lady Stewards, among whom are to be found the Marchioness of HERTFORD, wife of the present Pro Grand Mark Master; the Viscountess VALENTIA, the Ladies ELEANOR HARBORD and AGNES COOPER, and Lady DARELL, wife of last year's Chairman, together with Miss DARELL, Mrs. and Miss BERRIDGE, Mrs. A. B. COOK, Mrs. C. F. MATIER, Mrs. ALFRED WILLIAMS, and others. Thus there is every reason to hope—and it is needless to say we have the greatest possible pleasure in giving expression to the hope—that the Festival of Wednesday next, whether it succeeds in beating all previous records or not, will enable a considerable addition to be made to the several branches

of the Fund. We may further point out that if there are any among our Mark readers who may have doubts as to the wisdom of this conjecture, there is ample time left for them to enrol themselves as Stewards, if they are not already so enrolled, and thus personally assist by their contributions and influence in putting an end to, or reducing as nearly as possible to a vanishing point, the misgivings they entertain.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The election of the new Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place at the adjourned meeting of the General Committee, held in Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last. Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past G. Treasurer, and Vice-Chairman of the Provisional Management Committee, occupied the chair, and Scrutineers having been appointed, the poll was declared open, and so remained until 3 p.m., about ten minutes after which time it was officially announced that Bro. JAMES MORRISON MCLEOD had been elected by 2317 votes, Bro. ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD being second with 991 votes, Bro. GORDON SMITH, M.A., P.G. Stwd., third with 815 votes. Bro. EDWIN STORR fourth with 716 votes, and Bro. S. R. BASKETT next with 536 votes. Thus the general expectation that Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, who had the support of a vast majority of the Provincial members of the Committee, would carry the day easily was verified, while it is clear that the more prominent candidates, including both Bros. GREENWOOD, GORDON SMITH, and STORR, who, in conjunction with Bro. MCLEOD, were recommended by the Provisional Committee as candidates worthy of being elected, and Bro. S. R. BASKETT, who in the estimation of many brethren was also worthy of the same honour, had each of them a strong following, which fully justified their candidature. The remaining 23 applicants obtained amongst them between 60 and 70 votes, while Bro. JAMES HAWKINS, whose circular was impressively addressed to "Your Majesty, Your Royal Highnesses, My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren," scored a net total of 14 votes, a considerable number having, we understand, been summarily rejected by the Scrutineers on the ground of some irregularity. Thus the question "Who will be Bro. BINCKES'S successor?" has been set at rest, and at a very early date we shall find the post which the retiring Secretary occupied for just a little more than 29 years in the occupation of Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, to whom we offer our congratulations—as we should have offered them to any one of the other candidates, had he come off victorious—and who we trust will, in time, be successful in emulating some of the achievements of his predecessor.

OUR VISITORS FROM NEW YORK.

On Tuesday evening the Anglo-American Lodge had the opportunity of dispensing the hospitalities for which, even in the brief period of its existence, it has already become so famous, to Bro. W. VROOMAN, M.W.G. Master of New York, and two other distinguished brethren from the same important jurisdiction, namely, Bro. FREDERICK A. BURNHAM, Chairman, or President, of the Committee on Appeals, and Bro. EDWARD B. HARPER, one of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. We gather from the report of the proceedings which we have received and shall publish next week, that there was a large gathering of representative English brethren, and that the welcome extended to our visitors was of a most enthusiastic character. It could hardly, indeed, have been otherwise. Not only is Bro. VROOMAN the regularly elected Grand Master of a Grand Lodge, which was originally established as a Prov. Grand Lodge under the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England by its then Grand Master, the Duke of ATHOLL; but he is likewise Grand Master of the largest and most influential of the Grand

Lodges in the United States of North America, a Grand Lodge which can boast of having no less than 720 lodges and upwards of 75,000 subscribing members on its roll. Personally, too, he is a man of good position, and in himself most estimable. From the address he delivered at the Annual Communication of his Grand Lodge in the early days of last month, it is evident that Bro. VROOMAN is a man of energy and ability, and that he is actuated by the very honourable ambition of making his term of office as successful as those of his ablest predecessors. Our readers are probably aware that to Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, the immediate Past G.M. of New York, the Grand Lodge of the Empire State is indebted for its present freedom from those pecuniary incumbrances which had weighed so heavily upon it for a long period of years; and there is every reason to believe that during Bro. VROOMAN'S Grand Mastership an Asylum will be erected for the accommodation of indigent and aged brethren, for their widows, and for the children of deceased or indigent brethren, of whom the men and women will be housed and maintained in comfort during their declining years, while the children will be maintained, clothed, and educated. A suitable plot of ground has been obtained, the necessary funds for the erection of the building have been raised, and at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge it was determined that steps should be taken as speedily as possible for building the Home. Thus, as we have just said, there is every probability that Bro. VROOMAN'S term of office will, in its particular way, be as successful as that of Bro. LAWRENCE. As to his fellow visitors, though of less exalted rank in the Craft, have nevertheless done good service to Freemasonry, and will doubtless have further opportunities of distinguishing themselves, so that our Anglo-American Lodge has been indeed most fortunate in this as in all its previous opportunities, and well deserves the thanks of all English Craftsmen for the manner in which it has acquitted itself of its duties and responsibilities.

"MASONIC REPRINTS," Vol. II.

The second oldest Masonic MS. in the British Museum, known as the "Matthew Cooke" by the Craft, but officially as "Additional MS., 23, 198," has been reproduced in *absolute facsimile* by Mr. F. Compton Price for the "Masonic Reprints" series of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge. It is simply *perfection* and fidelity itself. Having now the oldest two documents so faithfully reproduced, we are able to value all the more the important Commentary by Bro. R. F. Gould appended to the senior, the "Regius MS.," and can carefully note his weighty observations in relation to the period in question, historically and Masonically, side by side with the able introduction to the "Cooke MS." by Bro. G. W. Speth.

These two Commentaries are far beyond all others of the kind, and prove how thorough and how accurate have been the investigations of these diligent and enthusiastic Masonic students. For my part, I feel exceedingly indebted to Bros. Gould and Speth for their invaluable labours and scholarly papers relative to the oldest documents of the Fraternity, and feel confident that when the Commentary on the "Cooke MS." by the latter brother has been duly studied by competent Craftsmen, they will all share my opinion as to its conspicuous ability, originality of treatment, and sustained interest throughout.

Having been engaged myself for over a quarter of a century in unearthing copies of these "Old Charges," and reporting as to their scope and character, I have not only earned the right to speak somewhat emphatically on the subject, but, knowing as I do intimately all these old scrolls, dating from the fourteenth century down to modern days, I can without any hesitation declare that Gould's Commentary on the "Regius MS." and Speth's on the "Matthew Cooke MS.," are, as authoritative and trustworthy guides, as far superior to all others issued heretofore on the subject as the two *facsimiles* surpass in beauty and accuracy all previous reproductions.

The Additional MS., 23, 198, came into the hands of the British Museum in 1859 by purchase from Mrs. Caroline Baker. The late principal Librarian, Mr. E. A. Bond, believes that its date must be ascribed to the "first half of the 15th century," but until his opinion was announced, it was generally dated late in that century, possibly because in the very useful reproduction of the MS. edited by the late Bro. Matthew Cooke in 1861 (hence its ordinary Masonic title), and published by Spencer and Co., the word *p'eryd*, or *preuyd*, is translated as printed, whereas, as Bro. Speth points out, it should be *proved*, or trustworthy.

Herr Findel styled it the "Cooke-Baker document," because Dr. Rawlinson mentioned a Roll owned by "Mr. Baker, a carpenter in Moorfields," about A.D. 1730. This title, however, is a misleading one, and the reference most unhappy, as they had nothing in common but the name. The one was a Roll, as noted, and the other is, and always was, in book form.

Two beautiful copies of this MS. are in existence, preserved in the Grand Library of the Supreme Council, Golden-square, and the rapidly-increasing collection of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge respectively.

Bro. Speth makes not a few startling assertions in his introduction, but he gives "chapter and verse" for them all. Many of these are of special importance, because they throw quite a new light on the character of the MS., and invest the document with such a high value as a version of the "Old Charges," that, granting the claim—as it seems to me we must—this "Matthew Cooke MS." is in reality a copy of the "Old Charges" prefaced by a Commentary by the compiler. Not only so, but the second part is unquestionably "the oldest and purest version yet come to light of the Book of Charges or manuscript Constitutions of Masonry."

To our friend is due the discovery that down to line 642 the composition is of a later date than that from line 643 to the end; and after the most careful treatment of the document he proves that the second portion was only cited by the author of the first part, the whole, however, being copied by the scribe as if one manuscript. That it is not an original but a transcript seems quite clear, and that being so, whilst the transcript may fairly be dated the early part of the fifteenth century, the original cannot be less than a hundred years earlier still, and may represent a text even of the thirteenth century. Bro. Speth declares this copy of the "Old Charges" is the purest, least altered copy of these Constitutions that has at present come down to us, and, therefore, the most valuable, far exceeding in intrinsic worth the metrical version of it preserved to us in the Regius MS., No. 17 A.I., because less altered by poetical license.

In other words, with two exceptions, the second part of the MS. may be the exact counterpart of the first and original "Constitution." The language differing, and possibly "the original version began with King Athelstan, the legend of Euclid representing the first of a long series of embellishments applied throughout the ages to the laws of the Craft." Separate the second portion from the introductory Commentary, "and it assumes its proper place, as the head of all the old Constitutions, the earliest, purest, and most important yet discovered."

It is curious to note that in one particular especially this venerable document is superior to the later versions. I refer to its statement that the assembly was presided over by a Master, as noted by Bro. Speth.

"The Maister that is pryncipalle of the gedevynge."

Moreover, the use of the word "speculative" in the fifteenth century or earlier, just as we do now, Masonically, is another curious point brought out prominently in the Commentary, and its preservation is claimed to be due "to the Masons themselves alone." The legal enactments, in force at the period in question, are represented by the "articles," but the "points" are "mere internal arrangements" peculiar to Guild life in common.

There are many other deeply interesting matters elucidated by Bro. Speth, and explanations offered by him, more or less satisfactory, but as to these I must defer offering any remarks at present. The usefulness of the work is greatly increased by a free translation into modern English of the old MS., which must have been considerable labour for Bro. Speth to accomplish.

The "Lansdowne" and "Harleian" MSS., also reproduced, I hope to refer to in a second article, for all three documents are given in this noble volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SYMBOLISM OF COLOURS.—This is a subject on which a good deal may be said and has been written without in our humble opinion any very definite result. Much no doubt may be advanced, as has been advanced by mystical writers on this subject, and there may be some groundwork of truth in a good deal that has been put forward; but for the most part we are free to confess, that their deductions as well as their premises appear to us both arbitrary and hypothetical even at the best. Oliver says that the Masonic colours, like the Jewish Tabernacle, are intended to represent the four elements. The white typifies the earth, the sea is represented by the purple, the sky-blue is an emblem of the air, and the crimson of fire.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

COLLEGE OF CLERMONT.—A well-known college of the Jesuits in Paris, where James II. resided until he settled at St. Germain en Laye. It has been said that his partisans organised there a Chapter of Freemasons, which gave its name to Bonneville's Chapter of Clermont. Many of the German writers apparently believe in the actual formation of a system of Jesuit Masonry, but we confess to have grave doubts on the subject. We do not wish to deny the probability and possibility of the supporters of the Stuart dynasty making use of the secrecy of Freemasonry, and even accommodating it to their own purposes, but we hesitate much to accept the statement of a Jesuit organisation. That individual Roman Catholics, and even Jesuits, may have been Freemasons, is probably true, but Freemasonry and Jesuitism are as opposed as light and darkness. Those who favour this theory rely a good deal on Bonneville's work; but then we are inclined to think that this was only a good specimen at the time of Masonic sensational literature. On the whole, with the exceptions to which we have adverted, we do not believe in any actual or general Jesuit use of Masonry. In the second part of Bonneville's work, which he calls "Moralité des quatre Vœux," etc., we are aware he seeks to establish a parallel between the four Ignatian vows and the four grades of Masonry as he terms them. But we think his arguments very weak indeed. Indeed, as we said before, there is no solid foundation for his theory, in our humble opinion.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

BRO. J. MORRISON McLEOD, SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

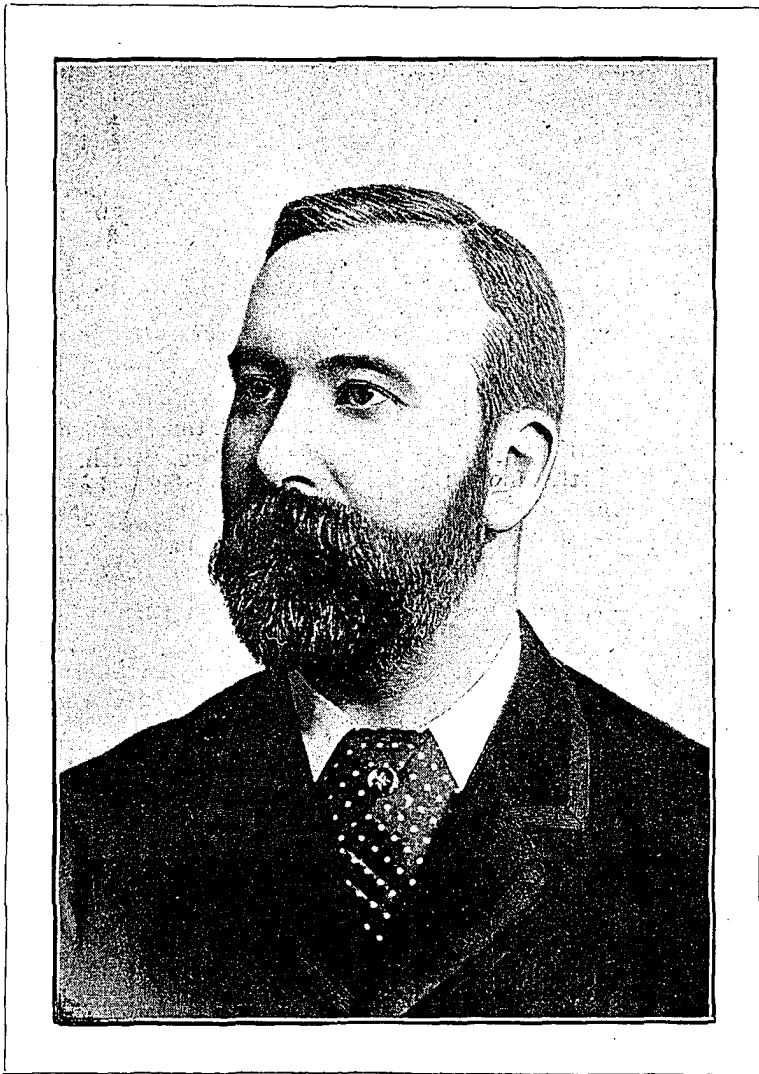
We mention elsewhere the result of the election on Saturday last to the post of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that Bro. J. Morrison McLeod was, in accordance with the general anticipations of the brethren, the fortunate candidate by an overwhelming majority of votes over his most prominent competitor. That Bro. McLeod's candidature was of a cosmopolitan character is shown by the fact that, besides receiving much support in London, there was not a single province absent from his list, several of them contributing to his majority by an almost solid vote, and many others sending him their proxies to the extent of from a half to three-quarters of their total voting power. We have now much pleasure in laying before our readers the Masonic qualifications of the new Secretary as they were set forth by Bro. McLeod himself in his address to the members of the General Committee, in whom he vested the right of election to this particular office.

Bro. McLeod's earliest associations with the Craft appear to have been in connection with the important Province of West Lancashire, his initiation, exaltation, advancement, and installation (K.T.) having all taken place in Preston. Subsequently, however, he appears to have become a member of several Masonic bodies in the Provinces of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and Kent, while, for the purpose of enrolling himself a member of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, he appears to have gone as far North as Falkirk, N.B., where he was installed a sir knight in the Zetland Conclave, No. 11; while for the Royal and Select Masters Degrees he travelled Southwards to London and took them in the Grand Master's Council, No. 1. It is probably due to the fact of his membership of the various branches of Freemasonry being so widely distributed about the country that Bro. McLeod obtained so large a measure of support. But to describe his career in its principal details, we find he was initiated in the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, in March, 1877, subsequently joining the Derwent Lodge, No. 884, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, of which he is at the present time a Past Master and Senior Warden, and the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark-on-Trent, of which he is also a Past Master. For his services in the Derwent Lodge, he was appointed P.G. Standard Bearer. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, and later on became a founder of the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark, of which he is a P.Z. and the present Scribe E., and for his services in connection with which he was appointed Prov. G.S.B. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire. In Mark Masonry he was advanced in 1878 in the Preston Lodge, No. 143, Preston, joined the same year Remigius Lodge, No. 117, Lincoln, and having later on been elected a member of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, Newark, was in due course elected to the chair of A. He is a P.P.J.G. Warden Notts and P.P.J.G. Overseer Lincolnshire in this branch of Masonry; while at the same time he is a Royal Ark Mariner, having been elected in the Dewar Lodge, No. 237, Rochester, besides being a Founder and Past C.N. of the Byron Lodge, Newstead, and Founder and Past C.N. of the Trent Lodge, No. 265, Newark. In addition Bro. McLeod is a Past E.P. of the Prince of Peace Preceptory, No. 97, Preston, a Knight of Malta in the Priory attached thereto; Past M.W.S. of the Philips Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 52, Lancaster, in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; a sir knight of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of

Constantine in the Zetland Conclave, No. 11, Falkirk, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland, and a member of Grand Master's Council, No. 1, London, in the Order of Royal and Select Masters. As regards our Institutions Bro. McLeod is a Life Governor of both our Masonic Schools, and has served as Steward twice for the Boys' School, in 1885 and for the present year—his list on the latter occasion having amounted to £141 15s.—and once for the Girls' School (in 1884). He is also a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and served as Steward at its Festival in 1887.

It is evident from these various details which we are able to furnish of his Masonic career that the new Secretary of the Boys' School has not only won his spurs, but is, in fact, a tried veteran in all the branches of our more modern system of Freemasonry, and there can be no question whatever that the fact of his having been at one time or another a member of so many different bodies scattered about in so many different parts of the country, from Falkirk in the North to London in the South, will prove of the greatest service to him in connection with his new duties. It will, indeed, be a comparatively easy task for him to exercise the influence he has already won as an ardent and able Mason in behalf of the Institution of which, by his election on Saturday last, he has now become the chief executive officer. He will enter upon his duties on the 9th August,

and, as he starts under such favourable auspices, with so many and such varied claims upon our respect, and so extended a circle of friends and well-wishers ready to support him loyally in all his undertakings for the benefit of the Boys' School, it is difficult to see how he can be otherwise than successful in his new rôle. Of Bro. McLeod's career, apart from Masonry, we need only add that he owes his position as a business man to his own energy and perseverance. He was born in Edinburgh, but has lived nearly all his life in England, and although mainly self-educated since his early training, which was that of a pupil teacher in an elementary school, he has succeeded in acquiring much that will be useful to him in his new occupation. His education, however, has been the more practical one of studying men and manners for nearly 20 years in his employment as representative of an extensive business firm, during which time he has travelled through the whole of the United Kingdom, and, as we have before remarked, the connection thus formed should prove of much value to the Institution.



BRO. JAMES MORRISON McLEOD,
SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

He was appointed P.G. Standard Bearer. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston, and later on became a founder of the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark, of which he is a P.Z. and the present Scribe E., and for his services in connection with which he was appointed Prov. G.S.B. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Nottinghamshire. In Mark Masonry he was advanced in 1878 in the Preston Lodge, No. 143, Preston, joined the same year Remigius Lodge, No. 117, Lincoln, and having later on been elected a member of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, Newark, was in due course elected to the chair of A. He is a P.P.J.G. Warden Notts and P.P.J.G. Overseer Lincolnshire in this branch of Masonry; while at the same time he is a Royal Ark Mariner, having been elected in the Dewar Lodge, No. 237, Rochester, besides being a Founder and Past C.N. of the Byron Lodge, Newstead, and Founder and Past C.N. of the Trent Lodge, No. 265, Newark. In addition Bro. McLeod is a Past E.P. of the Prince of Peace Preceptory, No. 97, Preston, a Knight of Malta in the Priory attached thereto; Past M.W.S. of the Philips Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 52, Lancaster, in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; a sir knight of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of

The *Philadelphian Public Ledger* of June 7th has the following: "A notable company of ladies and gentlemen from this city and State chiefly, but including also persons from New Jersey, New York, &c., is to sail on the City of Rome on August 23, from New York to Liverpool. Clifford P. MacCalla, of this city, Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, originated the pilgrimage and will accompany it. The party is being organised under his auspices by the Rev. Charles F. Thomas, D.D., of this city, who will conduct it. All the participants will be Freemasons, or ladies of their families. The following, among other places, will be visited: York, London, Rouen, Paris, Luzerne, over the Alps by the St. Gothard pass, the Italian lakes, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, Brindisi, Patras, Athens, Alexandria, Cairo, the Pyramids, Port Said, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, the Jordan, Jericho, &c., returning via Alexandria, Marseilles, Paris, Brussels, Antwerp, and the Red Star steamer Friesland to New York. Seventy-eight days will be occupied in this pilgrimage. A party will also be formed to go up the Nile to Luxor, Karnok, &c., covering 12 days longer. In York a Masonic lodge will be visited, and in London the Grand Lodge of England, which meets on September 3rd next. A number of prominent Masons have already signified their intention to go on this pilgrimage. While in Jerusalem the Grand Master of Pennsylvania expects to open and hold a Grand Lodge of Emergency. Mr. MacCalla says that 'this meeting will be held in the subterranean quarries beneath Jerusalem, whence was taken a portion of the stone used in the erection of Solomon's Temple. It is also expected that three Grand Masters of Masons will be present in this lodge, which will be the first time that three Grand Masters have been present at a lodge in Jerusalem since the halcyon days of King Solomon and the two Hiram, of traditional fame.'

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The brethren of the Province of Kent assembled on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Ashford, under the presidency of the P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, who was supported by Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., several Grand Officers, and a large number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. It was estimated that nearly 300 brethren were present at the meeting, which was held in the Assembly Rooms.

The brethren present were—

Bros. J. F. Warne, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Robinson, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Evans Cronk, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Tylden-Patterson, P.M. 1854; J. S. Charlton, P.M. 1678; Rev. J. Stewart, P.G.C.; B. Kelly Thorpe, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.G. Treas.; W. E. Manby, P.P.A.G.S.; W. Elliott, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Plant, P.P.G.O.; C. Coupland, P.J.G.W.; Noah Martin, P.P.S.G.D.; G. W. Mitchell, P.G. Stwd.; F. W. Prescott, P.P.S.G.D.; John Aillud, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Cummings, P.S.G.W.; Robert Jamblin, P.P.G.C.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; G. Greeg, P.A.G.D.C.; J. D. Terson, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Penfold, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Klatt, P.P.G.D.; F. Bellingham, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; Edwd. Terry, P.G. Treas. England; G. Peden, W.M. 125; S. H. Greenstreet, 125; S. E. Morgan, P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Chexfield, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Marcolyn, P.P.D.G.D.C.; W. Moulder, P.A.G.P.; T. Hastings, P.P.G.P.; C. S. A. Atkinson, P.P.G. Reg.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Denton, P.P.J.G.D.; Rev. W. H. Bond, P.G.C.; W. J. Harris, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Black, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Burley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Wills, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. S. Curteis, P.P.G.C.; W. Gregg, P.P.G.D.; W. J. Light, P.G.S. of W.; G. Page, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Longhurst, P.M. 31; G. T. King, P.P.G.P.; H. J. Sturgeon, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Puzey, P.P.G.D.C.; T. H. Blamires, P.M. 1449; Rev. H. M. Maugham, Chaplain; J. A. Bates, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Cessford, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Cronk, P.G.S.; E. Hire, P.P.G.S.B.; John S. Lovett, P.M. 709; J. Oram, P.G. Tyler; E. Coste, P.P.G.R.; and G. Adamson, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. the Earl of Amherst having opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the minutes of last year's gathering, held at Bromley, were read and duly confirmed.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were next submitted, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Then followed the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, the choice of the members falling upon Bro. Russell, who had filled the appointment during the last year, and had given every satisfaction in the discharge of the duties attached to it.

No other name was submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. Russell's election was received with acclamation.

Bro. RUSSELL replied, acknowledging the honour the province had conferred on him, and hoped he might continue to give satisfaction.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as the Prov. Grand Officers for the coming year, the P.G.M. addressing to each a few words of congratulation on their appointment:

Bro. Capt. W. H. Tylden-Patterson, P.M. 1854...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. S. Lovett, P.M. 709 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. M. Maugham, M.A., P.M. 1915 ...	...	Prov. S.G. Chap.
" Rev. J. Stewart, M.A., W.M. 1414 ...	...	Prov. J.G. Chap.
" W. Russell, P.M. 1464 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Alfred Spencer ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. S. Stenning, P.M. 1725 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. A. Gibbons, P.M. 1464 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. H. Cronk, P.M. 1414 ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. S. Charlton, P.M. 1678 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. E. Birch, P.M. 1223 ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. J. Light, P.M. 229 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Naylor, P.M. 20 ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" S. E. Morgan, P.M. 1424 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. H. Blamires, P.M. 1449 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. F. Pinquer, P.M. 972 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" P. Jones, P.M. 1837... ..	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., P.M. 31 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. L. Walford, P.M. 2148 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. J. B. Caudell, P.M. 1436 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. T. Brailey, P.M. 1531 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Deane, P.M. 77 ...	...	...
" R. Griggs, P.M. 133 ...	...	...
" J. Hunt, P.M. 503... ..	...	...
" R. Jewell Cook, P.M. 913 ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. Baker, P.M. 1206 ...	...	...
" G. R. Igglesden, P.M. 1208 ...	...	...
" J. Oram, 20 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The recommendations of the Prov. G. Lodge Charity Committee were then brought forward by the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER and unanimously approved of. These included one grant of £20, four of £15 each, and one of £10 for distressed members of the province; £13 for the purpose of placing a memorial light in the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £142 10s. to the Boys' School Pension Indemnity Fund, that being at the rate of five shillings per lodge for 10 years from all the lodges in the Province of Kent, the sum proposed to be subscribed by all the lodges of the country.

These proposals were seconded by Bro. J. S. EASTES and unanimously agreed to. That brother then proposed the granting of various sums to the three Institutions, to be paid in the name of various lodges in the county. These grants amounted in the aggregate to £315, and were distributed as follows:—£126 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £105 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and £84 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then brought forward certain alterations that had been proposed in the by-laws of the province. The existing ones, he said, had been in use for a long time. Grand Lodge had, a few years back, revised the Book of Constitutions, and it was desirable their local laws should agree with that book in word as well as in spirit. An amendment was suggested in connection with the proposed new Law IX., which will have the effect of bringing all who are, as well as those who have been, members of the lodges within its scope.

The amendment was agreed to and the other alterations accepted.

Lord AMHERST then proposed that the various lodges of the province be invited to contribute from their respective funds a sum of 2s. per annum for every member on their books, the sum so received to be applied in subscriptions to the Masonic Institutions, the votes so accruing being apportioned to the lodges in the province as hitherto. This was simply intended as a means of keeping up the Charity Fund of the province. He especially wished to impress on them that he had no power to enforce this payment, but he hoped that the various lodges in his district would see their way to its payment. He should very much regret to see their old Charity Fund fall through, but felt safe in leaving the matter in the hands of the members.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to the parish church, where a special service was given, and a sermon preached by

the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. H. M. Maugham, who took for his subject the several points of Freemasonry—prayer, labour, recreation, brotherly love, charity, and truth.

Bros. Longhurst and Legge played the organ during the service.

On the return to Provincial Grand Lodge, Earl AMHERST proposed that the thanks of the brethren should be given to the Vicar for the use of his beautiful church that day.

Bro. EASTES seconded, and said the Vicar had given every assistance in his power to ensure the success of the day's proceedings.

Earl AMHERST then proposed that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be voted to their Chaplain (Bro. Maugham) for his excellent sermon.

This was carried with acclamation, and, in replying, the CHAPLAIN announced that the offertory had amounted to £15 14s.—an amount in excess of the sum collected last year—and that it would be equally divided between the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the National Schools of Ashford.

This completing the business of the day, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the company repaired to the Corn Exchange, where the annual banquet, provided in excellent style by Mr. Foster, of the Kent Arms Hotel, was held, under the presidency of the County Chief.

Mr. Tench White's band gave a selection of music during the dinner, while vocal music, under the direction of Mr. Stedman, was contributed by Miss Jessie Griffin, Miss Kate Hemming, Mr. E. Bryant, and Mr. G. Smith. The hall was artistically decorated, and the tables presented a charming appearance with their floral adornment carried out by the ladies. Each small table was presided over by a Steward selected from the Invicta Lodge.

The CHAIRMAN having given the toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was submitted by Bro. Earl AMHERST, who referred to the gap which now existed in that toast through the death of the Pro Grand Master; but he felt they would all cherish for many years to come the memory of the late Earl of Carnarvon. He had much pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. E. Terry, P.G. Treas., with the toast, and of adding the name of the Grand Secretary as the senior present official among them.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY was the first to reply. He felt literally crushed at the overwhelming nature of the toast to which he had to reply; not that he dreaded to face Kentish fire, for no Englishmen need be afraid of that, but he feared his flowers of speech had been washed away by the late rains, and that he should not be able to do justice to the toast. He must say that when he was appointed Grand Treasurer he was entrusted with a key that would open—nothing. It might be that his was too short an experience of the work of the office, but he could not help feeling that the key was a bogus one altogether. Bro. Terry rounded off his amusing speech by a few lines of impromptu verse.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., followed. Although invited to the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent on many occasions, the present was the first time he had been able to avail himself of the invitation. He and the officers of Grand Lodge generally were delighted to be present at such meetings as the present. They had 40 lodges in their district, working under a magnificent organisation. In point of number of lodges they stood fourth among the counties of England. In no district was the work better carried out than in Kent, and he congratulated the members on having such a Provincial Grand Master just as he congratulated Lord Amherst on having such a district to rule over.

Bro. EASTES gave the next toast, "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst." They were happily assembled that day to celebrate the annual festival of their Provincial Grand Lodge; and, as those present well knew, he considered it a sort of privilege to be allowed on such occasions to propose the health of their chief. He knew from a long experience that the toast would be heartily received, as it deserved to be. Lord Amherst had presided over the district for 30 years, and one and all of the brethren who had worked under him had experienced a happy and pleasant time. Without troubling them with a mass of statistics, he might tell them the Provincial Grand Lodge had met three times in Ashford during those 30 years, first in 1861, then in 1874, and to-day in 1890. On the occasion of the meeting in 1861 they had 17 lodges and 815 members; in 1874, 38 lodges and 1770 members; and to-day, 57 lodges with 3300 members. That was satisfactory proof of their progress, and he felt that much of their success was due to the fact that the Provincial Grand Master never lost an opportunity of coming among them. During the 30 years he had just referred to they had not been quite idle in Charity matters, for from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge alone they had voted some £8000 to the three Institutions, irrespective of the thousand guineas collected by the members themselves, and quite apart from their personal donations. These grants from the lodge funds proper showed an average of between £250 and £300 a year, and it must be somewhat of a gratification to the Provincial Grand Master to know that he presided over a band of men who were to be relied on in matters of benevolence. Bro. Eastes referred to the fact that their chief would preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, and hoped the Kentish Masons would rally round him on that occasion. He also spoke of the regret they felt that Earl Amherst had not taken up the lord-lieutenancy of the county, as they considered that he was so eminently qualified for the appointment. At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge it was known their chief was about to take to himself a wife, and he would now ask the members to cordially drink to the health of the countess in connection with that of her husband, and to wish them both many years of happiness together, in the full enjoyment of good health.

Lord AMHERST, having replied, next proposed "The Health of the Deputy P.G.M. of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes," who had said a great many kind things when proposing his health, but those kind things would have been much more applicable if applied to Bro. Eastes himself. It must be borne in mind that, if the Provincial Grand Master was the ornamental head of the district, the Deputy was the working bee. He thought it was a lucky day when he had asked Bro. Eastes to take the onerous duties of Deputy, and he had never regretted having done so.

Bro. EASTES replied, tendering his very hearty thanks for the kind way in which he had been received. He might mention that, as Kent stood fourth among the provinces, Lord Amherst stood fourth in the matter of seniority among the provincial chiefs. Lord Leigh (Warwickshire), Lord Methuen (Wiltshire), and the Marquis of Hartington (Derbyshire) were all older appointed, but none he felt could improve on the way that Earl Amherst had conducted the affairs of his district. It was 16 years ago that very day that he himself had been invested in the office of Deputy Grand Master, and since that day there had been one continuation of happy days for him among the Freemasons of Kent.

The toast of the "Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given, Earl AMHERST coupling with the toast the name of the Senior Warden of the province and Bro. Bird.

A presentation to the retiring Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thorpe, was then made, and the recipient having returned thanks,

Bro. the Rev. ROBINSON proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was acknowledged by Bro. JAMES TERRY.

At this juncture Earl Amherst and the majority were compelled to leave for the railway stations, and Bro. Eastes occupied the chair.

The only other toast was "The Receiving Lodge," proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and responded to by Bros. AUSTEN and ATKINSON, the W.M. and Secretary of the Invicta Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

[BY CABLEGRAM.]

Kingston, Ontario, July 17th.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held this day at Kingston, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, was unanimously elected Grand Master, and Bro. J. M. Gibson, of Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master. Upwards of 1000 delegates were in attendance.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Three of the returns are now out from the School of Science and Art, South Kensington, and the subscribers will no doubt be very gratified indeed at the results, which are certainly beyond calculation. In mathematics 27 girls went up; all have passed, 17 first-class, the rest second. In botany 22 went up; 21 have passed, six first class, the rest second. In physiography 40 went up; 38 passed, seven first class, the rest second. We think both teachers and taught are to be greatly congratulated at such a result.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additional sums have been received since our last report in respect of the recent Festival of this Institution, namely:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
1974 Bro. J. C. Partridge, new list	...	24	3	0
2108 " A. Miller, new list	...	36	15	0
Unattached				
Bro. H. F. Nash, new list	...	10	10	0
" T. Blanco White, new list	...	15	15	0
" Capt. C. J. Knightley, additional	...	21	0	0
(raising his list to £52 16s.)				

PROVINCES.

Lodge	BERKS AND BUCKS.	£	s.	d.
2309 Bro. G. Gardner, additional	...	3	13	6
(raising his list to £84, and the total of the province to £247 1s.)				

KENT.

1414 Bro. Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., new list	...	5	5	0
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).				
148 Bro. C. E. Hindley, new list	...	10	10	0
(raising total of the province to £325 15s.)				

OXFORDSHIRE.

357 Bro. J. L. Peareth, additional	...	3	3	0
(raising his list to £28 8s., and the total from the province to £49 19s. 6d.)				

SHROPSHIRE.

Unattached				
Bro. F. R. Spaul, additional	...	21	0	0
(raising his list to £52 10s., and the total from the province to £202 13s.)				

Total fresh additions	...	£146	9	6
Last week's additions	...	£253	6	0
Amount announced	...	£9253	2	0

Present Total ... £9652 17 6

SUMMER OUTING OF THE HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469, SPALDING.

On Friday, the 11th inst., the annual trip of the above lodge took place, when the brethren, with ladies and a few specially invited guests, to the number of 70 persons, enjoyed a most delightful day in the Peak district of Derbyshire. Saloon carriages had been reserved in a special train by the thoughtful kindness of Bro. Marsden, and at half-past seven a start was made, via Sleaford, Barkstone, Colwick, Derby, Egginton, Rocester, and Uttoxeter Junctions, for Ashbourne. Here a substantial breakfast, which might fairly have been termed a luncheon, was in readiness at the Green Man Hotel, every delicacy that could be desired being placed on the table in both abundance and variety.

Carriages were in attendance immediately on the conclusion of the meal, and a drive to Ilam Hall, the lovely seat of Mr. R. W. Hanbury, M.P., was the next part of the programme. Here the party was met by Bro. Donegani, the W.M. of the St. Oswald Lodge, whose kindness in helping forward the previous arrangements will ever be remembered, and under his guidance the beautiful grounds were explored and admired, and notably a splendid marble monument of Chantrey's in the bijou little church. A further drive to Dovedale, and a ramble through this romantic and picturesque glen and climbing the precipitous sides to the summit of Thorpe Cloud, not only amused and delighted the tourists, but prepared them in the most effectual manner to appreciate the sumptuous dinner that was provided and served in excellent style by Mrs. Prince, the courteous landlady of the Izaak Walton Hotel.

Dinner concluded, a short toast list was gone through, and the visitors again strolled forth to enjoy the pure air and lovely scenery of the Derbyshire hills. At seven o'clock the carriages again started on the return journey to Ashbourne, through the beautiful villages of Thorpe and Okeover, and after several of the party had purchased photos as souvenirs of the trip, the train was taken for Spalding at 8.45, and at 11.20 home was again reached. Too much praise cannot be given to Bro. E. Hancock, the justly esteemed W.M. of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, whose assiduity in attending to the wants

of the party, and ceaseless activity in perfecting the preliminaries, secured a day's thorough enjoyment without a single hitch, and which will long be an agreeable memory to everyone who participated in it.

During the journey to Ashbourne the rain fell heavily for most of the distance, but it fortunately cleared on arrival, and was obliging enough to keep off during the remainder of the day, so that the discomfort from this cause that at one time seemed imminent was avoided.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EBURY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1348.

The annual festival of the above lodge of instruction took place at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, on the evening of Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the testimonial to Bro. James Warren, P.M. 1348 and 1772, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 1348 (the late Preceptor), was presented.

An excellent repast was provided by the host, Bro. E. Janes.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. D. Schwarz, W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. J. M. WIMBLE, P.M. 1901, presided, and after giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of Bro. Warren," and presented to him a beautifully illuminated address, expressing the thanks and esteem of the members of the lodge of instruction, and a cheque for a substantial sum of money subscribed by the brethren.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and in responding, Bro. WARREN feelingly thanked the brethren and alluded to what he had done in connection with that and other lodges of instruction, adding, that although compelled by infirmities to resign the office of Preceptor he should always be pleased to attend the meetings of the lodge of instruction and render all the assistance in his power.

Bro. WARREN proposed the toast of "The Health of the President," who, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in presiding, although he regretted the absence of Bro. Schwarz.

The toast of "The Mother Lodge" was responded to by Bro. J. T. DAVIES, and that of "The Ebury Lodge of Instruction" by Bros. H. R. HOBBS, Preceptor; E. JANES, Treas.; and GARDENER, Sec.

Several songs and recitations were given by the brethren in the course of the evening.

Scotland.

CANONGATE KILWINNING LODGE, No. 2.

The summer St. John's Day has just been celebrated in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2, when the annual election and installation of office bearers took place. There was a large attendance, besides deputations from most of the sister lodges in Edinburgh, who were welcomed with the time-honoured Masonic custom in Scotland. Never did the old walls of Canongate Kilwinning resound with such harmonious glee as when the following poem by her present Poet Laureate—Bro. Wallace Bruce, U.S.A. Consul—was sung:—

THE OLD ORGAN

(1754.)

Cae sit beside the organ there,
And touch the guid auld keys;
We want a dear familiar air,
And "Scotland Yet" will please;
A noble song our hearts to greet
From out the hallowed years,
An offering meet with music sweet
That fills the eyes with tears;
For love is strong though time is fleet,
And love alone endears.
Ah, fond and full the swelling notes,
The pipes with rapture glow,
As vague and shadowy memory floats
From out the long ago;
The golden reeds can ne'er forget
The nights sae fair and free
When brothers met and "Scotland Yet"
Rang out with hearty glee:
For love alone has no regret,
And love is throned in thee.
The pictured walls bend low to hear
The tender anthem rise;
A gentle moisture like a tear
Bedews that Worthy's eyes;
Old "Scotland Yet"—the only air
To wake the silent fold;
Our chief St. Clair and Drummond there
Seem nearer than of old;
For love is still the only prayer
That warms the lips when cold.
Ah, brothers, who have gone before
Across the silent sea,
Remembered still for evermore,
We raise our song to thee;
And, in some lull of harmony
When pearly gates swing wide,
"My Ain Countrie," still dear to thee,
And "Scotland Yet" beside,
Will lead in sacred psalmody—
For love shall aye abide.
Then once again a ringing cheer
And pledge from every heart
To Canongate Kilwinning dear,
Ere friends and brothers part;
A health to all on shore or sea
Who love the sacred fount,
Where'er they be, from Ettrick free
To Shasta's silver mount—
Old "Scotland Yet," with honours three,
Up all! count, wardens, count!

South Africa.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRETORIA CELTIC LODGE, No. 770 (S.C.).

The consecration and inauguration ceremonies of the Pretoria Celtic Lodge, No. 770 (S.C.), took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th June, in the Masonic Temple, St. Andries-street. The members of the lodge and the visiting brethren, which included the W.M. and many of the officers of the Golden Thistle Lodge, Johannesburg, numbered about 100. The impressive ceremonies customary at the consecration of a lodge were conducted by Bro. J. Keith. An oration was delivered on the "Nature and Objects of Masonry" and the charter duly read. The officers of the lodge were then duly installed as follows: Bros. A. Newman, R.W.M.; H. Cornforth, D.M.; F. W. Coles, S.M.; D. Murdoch, S.W.; J. Munro, J.W.; P. C. Blair, Treas.; H. Halliburton, Sec.; H. Williams, S.D.; R. Horne, J.D.; T. G. Young, J. Rawbone, S. Balzam, and W. Frazer, Stewards; J. C. Brand, I.G.; and A. Maxted, Tyler.

The banquet in the evening was held in the lodge room, and was an exceedingly pleasant function.

The menu was a liberal one, and the repast well served.

The toasts included "The Queen and the Craft," "Sir A. C. Campbell, G.M. Scotland," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Grand Lodge of England," "The G.E. of the Netherlands," "The President," "The Installing Officer," "The R.W.M.," "The Transvaal Lodge, No. 1747," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Sister Lodges," and the Tyler.

The proceedings did not terminate till a late hour, and were very pleasant and interesting.—*Transvaal Advertiser*.



Miss Melnotte could not have done better in taking up the management of Toole's Theatre than again give Mr. Darnley a commission to write a piece for her company. "The Barrister" was a success two years ago, and "The Solicitor" will be found to bring in the fees quite as heavily. In both plays Mr. Darnley deserves commendation. Seldom has persistent misunderstanding been employed with more effect than in the author's newest work. We make the acquaintance of a respectable solicitor who has been dining with some friends at their club, and who makes a bet that he will mount and drive away with a cab standing outside. His first fare is his own wife, whom he is ordered to drive to a house which he thinks is a rendezvous, with a lover, but who turns out to be her own brother. He is only too glad, lest his wife should discover her husband in the driver, to bolt off without his money. He is next hailed by two burglars and ordered to drive to Shepherd's Bush. He dare not decline as he might be prosecuted for refusing to take a fare, and then his identity would be discovered. To get rid of the cab he deserts it up a side street. A silver spoon is found in the vehicle, and on suspicion the real cabman is arrested by the police. As luck would have it he is called upon in his professional capacity to defend the cabdriver. Our readers will see that from the slight sketch we give there is plenty of fun to run through three acts, all of which are highly amusing. Mr. John Tressaher in the title rôle makes a good first appearance in London. Mr. F. Kaye is intensely humorous as a Colonel. Messrs. D'Orsay and Wentworth in their respective parts acquit themselves capably. Miss Susie Vaughan is always such a safe actress that her part is played right well, and Misses Wolseley and Ellison assist materially. The whole company would do well to moderate their voices in such a small theatre.

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The plot of "Your Wife," Mr. Justin Huntly McCarthy's farcical comedy, with which Mr. Arthur Bouchier has essayed to open his first venture as a manager, is anything but new. We have had many plays built on the same foundation—that of a young man who is promised by a rich uncle a large fortune on condition that he marries by a certain date, for which purpose the said young man begs a friend to lend him his wife that he may deceive his uncle. He is married, and, in order to carry on the deception, he makes violent love, and gives many kisses to his friend's wife under the very eyes and much to the disgust of the real husband. Mr. Bouchier is scarcely vivacious enough for screaming farce; still much amusement is got out of the acting of the young lessee, Mr. Everill and Mr. De Lange and Misses Edith Chester, Adrienne Dairolles, and Annie Irish. The last-named is exactly fitted with a part which suits her in the opening play, "Old Friends," by the Lady Violet Greville. Miss Irish's pathos moves one to tears. We hope Mr. Bouchier may meet with reward in pluckily taking in hand St. James's Theatre at the flag end of the London season. We understand that to-morrow (Saturday) night "Kit Marlowe" is going into the bill, which was produced at the Marlowe benefit last week with some degree of success. In it Mr. Bouchier, Mr. Sugden, and Miss Irish will appear.

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W. Bro. FREDERICK WEST, P. Grand Deacon Eng.,
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23rd June, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL, GUILDFORD, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1890, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.R.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers,
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BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.

To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.

To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

General Business.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually.

The Entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777.

For Dinner Tickets apply to Bro. PERCY SMEED, Angel Hotel, Guildford, enclosing 5s., which will not include Wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, or have returned the Post Card sent, and no Ticket will be issued after July 18th.

The W.D. Prov. G. Master in Charge requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 4.30 p.m. Brethren are to appear in Craft Masonic costume at Divine Service, and are to clothe in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

Down Trains from Waterloo 9.30, 9.45, 11.35 a.m., 12.45 p.m.

Up Trains from Guildford to Waterloo 5.10, 6.34, 7.26, 8.38, 9.30 p.m.

Arrangements have been made with the Railway Companies for the issue of Return Tickets to Guildford on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at the single fare and a quarter to Brethren attending the P.G. Lodge, upon production of the summons convening the meeting, on condition that not less than to travel from each station by one train. Minimum charge, 1s.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master, all Masons to appear in Masonic Mourning for the space of six months, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late deeply lamented Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past:—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badges and one at the point of the Chain or Collar just above the Jewel. Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons:—Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge. Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices:—Two Black Crape Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge. White Gloves.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF SURREY.

The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST,
Provincial Grand H. in Charge.

23rd June, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL, GUILDFORD, in the County of Surrey, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of JULY, 1890, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.,
Provincial Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers,
Charles-street, Blackfriars-road, S.E.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE PROV. GRAND CHAPTER.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
AND LIFE-GOVERNORS.

Evershot, Dorchester,
14th July, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

Whilst regretting that our efforts have not been crowned with success, I desire on behalf of myself and my Committee to return our most sincere thanks to those who have so kindly given me their support, and to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many brethren—too numerous to write to individually as I could wish—who have so warmly interested themselves on my behalf; and we trust that our friends will consider the large number of votes recorded for me, in spite of all adverse circumstances, as an ample justification of our action in going to the poll.

The increase in the circle of my Masonic friends and the truly Masonic courtesy and kindness I have met with in every direction—even amongst my opponents and their supporters—will be no inconsiderable compensation for my labours and disappointment.

In conclusion I would most earnestly ask my friends to support to the utmost of their power the successful candidate, Bro. McLEOD, in the uphill task which lies before him to secure the future welfare of the Institution.

I am,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
S. R. BASKETT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRO. GORDON SMITH desires to express his most sincere thanks for the kind and generous support accorded to him in his recent candidature by his numerous friends and supporters who voted for him, and trusts that the continuance of that support which would have been given to him had he been successful will not be withheld from Bro. J. M. McLEOD in the discharge of the onerous duties of his position.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1890.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASON."

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

TO THE LIFE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE
ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

It being unfortunately impossible for me to individually thank all those who so kindly came forward to support me during the recent election for a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, I desire through the medium of these columns to return you my heartfelt thanks, and to express my deep appreciation of the cordial support I received from all parts of the country resulting in my being returned *second* in the poll with 991 votes.

I have the honour to remain,
My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
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ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, 26th JULY, 1890, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in November next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.
5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st., W.C.
July 19th, 1890.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of JULY, 1890, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To receive and approve a list of 53 Candidates on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which 19 Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Friday, 31st October next.

To consider resolution of the General Committee of Saturday, 7th June, 1890, referring to this Court an appeal from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland for the admission to the Institution of JAMES CARRUTHERS, unsuccessful, on last application, with 1768 votes at the Election in April last.

And the following

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Bro. JOHN GLASS, V.-Pres.—"That the Bye-Laws of the Institution as altered and amended by the Provisional Management Committee be substituted for the laws at present in force. Such alterations and amendments in no way to be contrary to the spirit of the fundamental principles upon which the Institution is founded." A copy of the proposed Bye-Laws can be seen at the office of the Institution at any time during the usual office hours.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order.
FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G. Stwd., V.Pat.),
Hon. Secretary, *pro tem.*

N.B.—The Meeting of the General Committee on Saturday, 2nd August will be merely *pro forma*. The Monthly Meeting for business will be held on Saturday, 9th August, at 4 p.m.

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To Correspondents.

Several reports of lodge meetings and other communications stand over.



SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Boys' School was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 15th inst., Bro. Captain Probert occupied the chair, and the business, which was of the usual character, was quickly disposed of. The several bills were submitted and ordered to be paid, and votes of thanks to the officers having been passed unanimously, the Board was dissolved.

The particulars we publish in another column show that since the Festival was held a considerable amount—over £400—has been received in the shape of further donations and subscriptions. Last week we recorded a total of upwards of £9506, while this week it has turned £9652, and there are still some outstanding lists which have to be accounted for. We fear, however, that there is little chance of the balance required to increase the Returns to £10,000 being forthcoming.

The new lodge of St. Mary's was more than usually fortunate in the circumstances attending its consecration by Bro. the Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Notts, a short time since. The ceremony was performed in one of the restored rooms of the old palace of the Archbishops of York, at Southwell, a palace which, as the Rev. the Consecrating Officer, without carrying his researches too far back, pointed out had been the residence of Cardinal Wolsey after his fall, and had been visited by James I. on his way from Edinburgh to London to take possession of the English throne, and some years later by his unfortunate son, Charles I., with the French Ambassador, who had been sent over by Cardinal Mazarin, to endeavour to arrange terms between the British Monarch and his Parliament. The new lodge will not hold its meetings in this venerable palace, but it is an honour which few lodges receive at their constitution, for it to have been ushered into existence in a building so rich in historical associations, and we trust that St. Mary's Lodge, now that it has been fairly launched on its career, will prove worthy of the honour.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire, convened for the purpose of expressing the regret at the death of the Pro Grand Master and the sympathy of the province with the Countess of Carnarvon and family in their affliction, was held at Highbridge, on Tuesday last. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Else, presided, and delivered an able and sympathetic address, in which he described the late Pro Grand Master as "a true type of a courteous English gentleman, an amiable and accomplished nobleman, an eloquent Statesman, a refined man of letters, and a true and zealous Freemason." We reserve a full report of the proceedings for our next issue.

At the moment of going to press a cablegram informs us that Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Deputy Grand Master of Canada, has been elected Grand Master. We have time and space only to offer our warmest congratulations to Bro. Robertson on the well deserved honour that has been conferred on him, and equally to congratulate the Grand Lodge of Canada on having one of the most active and able Masons in the Dominion to rule over them. The personal esteem in which Bro. Robertson is held by a large number of brethren in this country cannot well be increased by this appointment, but the knowledge that he has been considered worthy to succeed such an excellent administrator as Bro. Walkem will give much gratification to those who had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of that able and genial brother during his recent visit to this country.

Pending a more formal acknowledgment in our advertising columns we have been requested by Bro. McLeod to tender his heartfelt thanks to all who have recorded their votes in his favour, and his deep gratitude to the members of his Committee and others who, at much personal sacrifice, worked so assiduously to secure his election. He desires also to acknowledge the fair and straightforward conduct of the canvass pursued by his competitors, so that nothing in connection with it remains to mar that general good feeling which will be so valuable to him in his future work.

Reviews.

THE GENTLEWOMAN. A weekly illustrated journal for gentlewomen.

The latest candidate for the suffrages of lady readers appeals to a very wide circle. The *Gentlewoman*, according to the narrow view of the word which obtains in certain circles, would be considered a class paper, but we are among those who believe that there are more gentlewomen in this country in the true meaning of that word than many people dream of, and that a paper addressed to the gentlewomen of England appeals to a very large constituency indeed. To say that the first number of the *Gentlewoman* is a marvellous production is to use a somewhat hackneyed term, but it is true nevertheless, and, making allowance for the inevitable first number deficiencies, which the Editor almost needlessly apologises for, the production reflects the greatest credit on writers, artists, and printer. Thirty-six pages of bright and readable matter, with clever illustrations of passing events and latest fashions, the latter, we suppose, being necessary and useful, but decidedly not artistic, make up a handsome and attractive journal, which cannot fail to make its mark amongst the ever-increasing serial productions of to-day.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1642).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 10th inst., there were present Bros. R. C. Green, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; T. W. Heath, J.W.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; and S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., P.Z., Treas. The W.M. referred to the lamented death of the Pro G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and to the loss sustained by the Craft generally, and that lodge in particular. That lodge owed much gratitude to his lordship for his kindness to them individually in permitting them to use his name and bear his arms. He (the W.M.) had therefore thought it his duty to attend the memorial service held at the Chapel Royal Savoy as the representative of the lodge, and to convey to the Countess of Carnarvon the sincere condolence of the members, and he reported the receipt of acknowledgment from Lady Carnarvon, which was ordered to be placed in the minute book.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this young lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 10th inst. The W.M., Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., was supported by Bros. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M., S.W.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.G. Stwd., J.W.; E. Pearson Peterson, Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; A. J. Boyle, as S.D.; J. Niven, J.D.; J. Thornton, I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; C. H. Ellis, J. Morton, G. Root, and J. B. Fearnley. Visitors: Bros. A. Sharp, W.M. 265; J. Sunderland, 265; John Tillotson, W.M. 387; T. Ibbetson, W.M. 974; Dr. Hy. Sawyer, S.D. 974; W. Dickinson, 974; J. Ingham, P.M. 1648; C. Dean, J.W. 1034; C. J. Schott, P.S.W. 302; and R. R. Stack, B.A., 62 (I.C.).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Fearnley was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in his usually able manner, the J.W. explaining the working tools.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, apologies for non-attendance were received from several absent brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors and brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a pleasant social evening.

DERBY.

Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—An emergency meeting of this century lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as W.M.; W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as I.P.M.; A. J. Flint, S.W.; J. O. Manton, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; E. McInnes, Sec.; F. E. Taylor, as S.D.; W. H. Wheelton, I.G.; Thomas Day, as Tyler; T. Hall, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. R. Ward, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; and others. Visitors: Bros. B. W. Pike, W.M. 1085; J. Worsnop, P.M. 1085, P.P.G. Purst.; Forman, 731; Melrose, 731; W. L. Dodd, 1085, P.P.G.O.; Hankinson, 1085; Burdett, 1085; T. G. Taylor, Org. 802; and others.

The lodge was opened, after which Mr. F. E. Leech was initiated by the acting W.M., Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M., the charge being delivered by Bro. Manton, P.M., acting J.W.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall, where they were joined by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Clarke, Prov. A.G. Sec., who had been unavoidably absent from the lodge, and after partaking of refreshments provided by Bro. Day, Prov. G. Tyler, honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The Initiate," who is the son of a former Mayor of Derby, being very well received, and to which Bro. Leech made a feeling reply.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Didsbury Hotel, on Saturday, the 12th inst. There was a large gathering of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. The minutes relating to the consecration were read and confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to invest the rest of the officers who were not invested at the day of consecration on account of their not being founders. The following is a list of officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. S. Smith, W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; G. A. Myers, W.M. 1010, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; Fred. Stretch, D.C.; Wilmoth Holt, Org.; J. Minshall Veal, I.G.; John Walker and Jack, Stwds.; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. There were eight joining members balloted for, and all proved favourable. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen, both of which were favourable. The initiations were conducted by the W.M., the Senior Warden giving the working tools, and the J.W. the charge. After all business had been attended to, the lodge was closed.

The following brethren were present: Bros. G. S. Smith, W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; Jno. Fletcher, J.W.; E. L. Littler, Sec.; G. A. Myers, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; Fred. Stretch, D.C.; T. M. Vial, I.G.; Jno. Walker and H. W. Jack, Stwds.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; and Fred. Thomas. Visitors: Bros. A. Baker, P.M., 163; Henry M. Antonie, 581; R. W. J. Hatch, 613; A. Grice, P.M. 992; E. A. Locke, 1147; and T. Bowers, 1730.

ELSTREE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Plough Inn. The W.M., Bro. John Petch, was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. G. Cobb, S.W.; C. M. Coxon, J.W.; W. Ball, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Nell, P.M., J.D., as I.P.M.; A. Hart, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. Somerset, as S.D.; G. T. Chretien, as J.D.; E. H. Moore, I.G.; James France, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.

West Yorks; and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Hunt, P.M. 1471, and J. F. Gilling, 1385.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting in June were read and confirmed. The by-laws of the lodge were then read. Bro. W. Ball, Sec., made a proposition expressive of the feeling of the lodge on the loss sustained by the Craft in general by the death of the late Pro Grand Master. This was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be conveyed to the proper quarter. Bro. Cobb, S.W., gave notice of a motion to alter the day of meeting to the second Saturday in the month. Bro. Coxon, J.W., proposed that the lodge should become an annual subscriber to the *Freemason*, and that it be ordered to be posted to the W.M. for the time being. He said they were under a great obligation to the *Freemason* for the consideration and assistance it had given them. Bro. Nell, P.M., seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and after an interval the brethren re-assembled, and sat down to dinner.

The usual toasts were duly proposed, and a very pleasant meeting terminated at the usual hour.

Considerable satisfaction was expressed by the brethren at having secured the position they had striven for, which was to be the contributors of the largest amount to the Masonic Charities for the year of any lodge in the Province of Herts. The lists were as follows: Benevolent, £40 18s.; Girls', £47 10s.; and Boys', £73 10s.; total, £161 18s.

HASTINGS.

Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bro. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; G. Randall, J.W.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gage, J.D.; C. J. Ticehurst, I.G.; J. L. Jukes, Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Bottey, P.M.; Plowman, P.M.; Captain Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Markwick, P.M.; Boyce, A. Bray, Whitehouse, Foord, and Tyrell. Visitors: Bros. James Trinder, P.M. 592, Past Prov. G.D.C. Gloucester, and W. T. Huckell, 1636.

Mr. Southcombe was initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. very impressively. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, several other matters were discussed and the lodge was closed.

LIVERPOOL.

St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—Bro. Robert Rawlinson was on the 1st inst., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year of the above lodge. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. J. O. Mallabar, W.M.; J. B. Parker, I.P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; T. Roberts, P.M.; C. Marsh, P.M.; G. Godfrey, P.M.; Thomas Clarke, P.M., P.G.R.; T. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; S. W. H. Halse, P.M.; R. Rawlinson, S.W.; W. E. Morton, J.W.; David Jackson, Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; J. Jones, J.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C.; Rev. W. H. Harpur, Chap.; A. E. Workman, Org.; W. R. Roberts, Steward; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Among the latter were Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; J. King, P.M., P.G.S.; T. Vernon, W.M. 2290; Eli Brookes, W.M. 2294; John Edwards, W.M. 1182; T. J. Jarman, I.P.M. 1325; A. Fay, I.P.M. 1276; G. H. Harradon, I.P.M. 2316; W. Foulkes, P.M. 1505; C. Birch, P.M. 203; W. H. Tyerman, P.M. 786; W. H. Sweetman, P.M. 1505; A. H. Hallwood, P.M. 1505; Capt. J. W. MacNab, Sec. West Lancashire Educational Institution, P.M. 241; and W. M. Lunt, P.M. 823.

The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., and Dr. Clarke, P.G.R., and the ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by Bro. J. B. Parker, I.P.M. Having been installed Bro. Rawlinson proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. O. Mallabar, I.P.M.; W. E. Morton, S.W.; James Williams, J.W.; D. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Wylie, Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; A. E. Workman, Org.; Rev. W. H. Harpur, Chap.; W. R. Roberts, S.D.; John Morgan, J.D.; John Teed, I.G.; Dr. Follows, J. Clarke, F. Jenkins, and A. Workman, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently partook of the annual installation banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent, the musical programme being contributed to by Bros. T. Shaw (violin), S. Kirkham, J. Heginbotham, W. E. Williams, A. Workman, and A. E. Workman (accompanist).

A massive gold Past Master's jewel, mounted in diamonds, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool, was presented to Bro. J. O. Mallabar, the retiring W.M.

RICKMANSWORTH.

Wilson Hles Lodge (No. 2054).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, on Friday, the 4th instant. The lodge was opened by Bro. A. P. Hills, M.R.C.S., W.M., supported by Bros. H. Tipper, P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; R. M. Bruce, M.R.C.S., S.W., W.M. elect; R. W. Wilson, J.W.; H. J. Moxon, Treas.; J. Galt Fisher, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Rev. J. Farrington Downes, P.P.G. Chap., S.D.; S. L. Clift, J.D.; Stephen H. Moore, P.M.; Frederick Hemings, Geo. Lane, B. H. Cooper, and others. Visitors: Bros. Gilmour, D.C.; Corkell, P.M. 873, P.G. Stwd. Bombay; W. E. McVicker, 1194; C. Knight, 1159; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. R. Marston Bruce, was then presented as the W.M. elect and duly installed, and appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. R. W. Wilson, S.W.; Rev. J. Farrington Downes, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; H. J. Moxon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer; J. Galt Fisher, P.P.J.C.D. Middx., Sec.; Verio Shaw, S.D.; S. L. Clift, J.D.; B. Cooper, I.G.; S. H. Moore, P.M., Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; F. Hemings, Stwd.; and Young, Tyler. Bro. A. P. Hills, I.P.M., delivered the usual addresses, and was presented by the W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year.

Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren having been photographed, adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were subsequently given, the speeches being brief, owing to an admirable musical programme, which was ably carried out under the direction of Bro. H. Tipper, P.M., assisted by Messrs. H. G. Ryall, Tomes, and Wise, and Miss Nellie Watkins.

Bro. Large, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, in response to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," said he was rather surprised at being called upon to reply, as he was not an officer of that county, but he had been intimately associated with the Prov. Grand Officers of Herts for five or six years, having been a subscribing member of two lodges. On behalf of the brethren included in the toast he returned thanks, and, speaking personally, he always had great pleasure in assisting and being present at that lodge.

Bro. A. Phillips Hills, I.P.M., in giving "The W.M.," said Bro. Bruce had been associated with them for several years, and that association had been one of the greatest pleasures. The W.M.'s assistance had been very ably given in the lodge, and had been as good as that of any other brother in it, for he had always performed his work well in the past, and they could rely upon him doing the same in the future. He (the I.P.M.) hoped the brethren would all do their utmost to give the W.M. plenty of work, for if he had the opportunity he would do his work well, and would carry out thoroughly the genuine principles and tenets of the Craft. The W.M. would set them a good example, and he hoped they would all follow it.

Bro. R. Marston Bruce, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast. As a young and inexperienced Mason he could assure them he was fully alive to the responsibilities of his office. The I.P.M. had been good enough to make some prophecies and he hoped they would be realised.

"The Visitors" having been cordially given and responded to,

The Worshipful Master gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and said that Bro. Hills, I.P.M., was so well known—and especially his good qualities—that he might be spared any eulogies from him, but he would say their I.P.M. had gained their regard and admiration for the ability and zeal with which he had presided over and controlled the work of the lodge. He would heartily congratulate Bro. Hills upon having accepted the office of Prov. Grand Steward. Bro. Tipper, P.M., was an enthusiastic Mason and one of the most important officers in the province, which was an honour conferred in the lodge by the Prov. Grand Master. He would particularly thank Bro. Tipper for the trouble taken in organising the musical portion of the programme that evening. With regard to Bro. Moore, P.M., he (the W.M.) and other officers owed him a special debt of gratitude for the kind way in which he always assisted them in the work and in their progress up the Masonic ladder.

Bro. A. Phillips Hills, I.P.M., in reply, said he had tried to do his duty, and hoped he had succeeded to some extent. It was always a pleasure for the Past Masters to do what they could to assist others in their working in whatever capacity. He might, as I.P.M., take that opportunity of inviting all those interested in the work to attend a lodge of instruction as often as possible, for it was only by doing so that the work could be learned thoroughly and properly.

Bro. Moore, P.M., said he was the senior P.M. of the lodge, it being six years since it was consecrated at Waltham Cross, and shortly after that event the W.M. and I.P.M. were initiated into Freemasonry, and what those brethren had done in attaining the chair could be done by the younger members. It was a proud position which every Mason strove to attain—the position of W.M. of his mother lodge.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

WESTON.

Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Wadoux, W.M.; G. Strange, S.W.; T. R. Gill, J.W.; G. H. Bartlett, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; T. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; C. Becket, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; L. Howes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; T. E. Edwards, S.D.; W. E. Loveless, J.D.; T. Maslen, I.G.; H. Humphries and T. Cross, Stewards; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. Bigwood, Tyler; W. E. Sparrow, P.M., P.G.O.; E. L. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. Glover, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. W. Dingle, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and several members. The following visitors were also present: Bros. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; J. L. Stothert, P.G.Std.Br. England; J. R. Rubie, 41, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Wilkinson, 41, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Gauler Wilton, W.M. 41; B. A. Dyer, P.M. 53; James Robinson, P.M. 335; C. Wilkinson, P.M. 335; F. D. Gardner, P.M. 335; Edmund Olive, W.M. 973; F. W. Cooling, 41; Egbert Lewis, Dr. Bidulph Goss, and J. Kendrick Pyne, all of 53; G. Lawry, 510; and F. W. Simpson, 686.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. and Present and Past Grand Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, having been announced, were received with due honours. The D.P.G.M. then took the chair, and Bro. J. Hayward, P.S.W., W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and after being addressed by the Installing Officer, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the D.P.G.M., who also gave the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren in the most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Wadoux, P.M., I.P.M.; T. Raymond Gill, S.W.; W. E. Loveless, J.W.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treas.; C. Becket, P.M., Secretary; Lawson Howes, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Edwards, S.D.; Thomas Maslen, J.D.; T. Glendall Tucker, Org.; Thomas Cross, I.G.; and Hy. Humphries and F. A. Smith, Stwds. Upon the motion of the W.M., a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, for his attendance at the lodge and the manner in which he had done the installation ceremony, and it was directed that the same should be recorded on the minutes.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren went for a drive in the neighbourhood, and upon their return, upwards of 40 sat down to the banquet, which was served in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Kelson, the new tenants of the inn.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a large number of the brethren being possessed of musical abilities, a most agreeable evening's amusement was provided. Not the least enjoyable items in the programme being contributed by Bro. J. Kendrick Pyne, P.P.G. Org., who recently celebrated his jubilee as Organist at the Abbey Church, Bath.

WHITEHAVEN.

Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge

(No. 119).—The members of this lodge held their annual installation meeting on Monday, the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Chas. Harris, W.M., supported by his officers, members, and visitors from all the lodges in the western division of the province, extending from Carlisle to Millom, a distance of 70 miles. The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and initiated, and one brother raised, when Bro. G. Starkey, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. T. Allinson, I.P.M., P.P.G. Purst., to the W.M., and he was duly installed in the chair in an able manner, and proclaimed accordingly, and Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.S.G.W., by desire of the newly-installed Master, invested the following as his officers: Bros. Dr. Chas. Harris, I.P.M.; S. Broadbent, S.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap., J.W. and Chap.; W. C. Johns, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; S. Hinde, Sec.; J. Thompson, Asst. Sec.; H. Meageen, S.D.; W. H. Chapman, J.D.; B. Cowie, D.C.; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org., Org.; Wm. Gaffney, I.G.; E. Thornburrow, Almoner; J. P. Bennett and J. Lachlison, Stewards; and Thos. Richardson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. J. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., delivered the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in an eloquent manner. The following members and visitors signed: Bros. Rev. J. Tyson, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; W. Pagen, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. Studholme, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; R. Miller, J. G. Selkirk, Henry Murphy, H. Leech, R. P. W. Oswald, J. Casson, J. B. Graham, Sec. 310; J. S. Moffatt, W.M. 872; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. J. F. Muir, P.M.; D. Atkinson, S.W.; E. Pattinson, J.W.; A. Johnston, S.D.; F. Kerr, R. Shepherd, Sec.; F. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; James Stout, W.M. 1267; J. J. Wilson, P.M.; W. Armstrong, I.P.M.; W. L. Towerson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; W. Burnyeat, Thomas Miller, I.G.; E. Bromley, George Wilson, A. Moordaff, W. Bosward, Stwd.; John Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.S.G.D.; H. F. Fox, W.M. elect; W. Routledge, Stwd.; J. T. Raven, J. Atkinson, W. Hope, James Young, Jas. Coward, J. A. Parker, R. F. Cowin, R. Jakes, J. Rubery, P.M. 1400; T. J. Richardson, J.W. 1532; H. Hartley, I.P.M. 1660, P.G. Stwd.; W. Shaw, J.D.; James Singers, Stwd.; W. Brown, J. Armstrong, J. Dickinson, W.M. 1989; Charles Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. McHarry, P.M.; J. Elliott, L. Rumney, W. Kewley, John Jenkinson, W.M. 2285, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. W. Turner, S.W.; W. Holloway, M. A. Simpson, 133 (I.C.); and others.

Letters and wires were read from Lodges Nos. 371, 1002, 1073, 1660, and many brethren from a distance who were unable to be present. One candidate was proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" was given by the visitors, and with other usual business the lodge was closed, and the W.M. invited all present to meet him at the Grand Hotel, where upwards of 60 sat down to a banquet, which even surpassed Bro. Shepherd's former efforts to please.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, and were received with musical honours, Bro. D. H. Cook presiding at the piano.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Officers," alluded in feeling terms to the great loss the Craft had sustained at the death of Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, and said perhaps it had not been in our day that a more able and willing Grand Officer had been removed from the Order as his lordship.

"The Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed, and duly responded to by the actual P.G. Officers of the year present.

Bro. Dr. Harris, I.P.M., said it gave him much pleasure to propose "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M., Bro. G. Starkey." It was most remarkable that the present W.M. of the old Lodge No. 119 and he (Bro. Harris) had from their first appointment to office advanced step by step from Stewards in succession to each other, and now that day he had the honour to place him in the chair of K.S., and no ceremony had been performed by him in the Craft that he felt prouder of, from the fact that no more genial and worthy brother in Masonry had ever been placed in that ancient chair, and harmony and prosperity was bound to be under his mallet.

Bro. Starkey responded, and thanked the brethren for the great honour conferred upon him, and he hoped with the assistance of the officers invested that his year of office would be marked with success.

Other toasts followed, and, with a few capital songs from Bros. Cook, Gaffney, Kerr, and Thompson, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Farringdon Without Chapter

(No. 1745).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 30th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas., P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, acting M.E.Z.; T. Simpson, H., M.E.Z. elect; G. Herbert, J. H. elect; R. Webber, S.N., J. elect; Capt. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; N. Prower, P.S.; and Lane, Mus. Bac., 1st A.S. Comps. Harvey and E. Roberts were visitors.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lardner impressively installed Comps. Simpson, as M.E.Z.; G. Herbert, as H.; and R. Webber, as J. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; N. Prower, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; Lane, P.S.; H. Herbert, 1st A.S.; E. Brenelli, 2nd A.S.; and Mallett, Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Officer for his services.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Young, I.P.Z.; J. Strugnell, P.Z.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; H. Herbert, and others.

The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The M.E.Z. proved to be a most efficient and genial Chairman, and Comps. Egbert Roberts, E. B. Lane, G. Herbert, and others musically entertained the companions, the first-named companion's efforts being highly appreciated.

HAMPTON COURT.

Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—The July convocation of the above chapter was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel. Amongst the companions present were Comps. Hartley, Z.; Briggs, as H.; Langley, J.; Potter, S.E.; Marsh, as S.N.; Kite, P.S.; Hopwood, Jackson, Bott, Amey, and Reynolds. The visitors present were Comps. Sadler and Mordey.

The dispensation authorising the holding of the meeting at the Greyhound having been read, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Mellor, Forster, and Moore were then unanimously elected members of the chapter, and the first-named being present, was duly exalted. The balance-sheet and report of the Permanent Committee were adopted, as also a resolution that the future meetings of the chapter should take place at the Greyhound Hotel. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to the M.E.Z., to be presented to him at the next convocation. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. Hooper, Z.; Langley, H.; Potter, J.; Hammond, P.Z., Treas.; Blenkarn, S.E.; Baker, S.N.; G. Reynolds, P.S.; Wilson, 1st A.S.; Bott, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

At the repast which followed the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Exalte, Comp. Mella," to which that companion replied in a few well-chosen sentences.

In proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," Comp. Briggs, P.Z., congratulated Comp. Hartley upon having obtained P.G. Chapter honours.

Comp. Sadler, in responding for "The Visitors," spoke highly of the manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been worked by all concerned.

Comp. Mordey also briefly returned thanks.

POOLE.

Amity Chapter (No. 137).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following companions were duly installed into their respective chairs, viz.: Comps. H. J. Sydenham, M.E.Z.; Rev. W. C. Browne, H.; and W. Davis, J., the ceremonies being performed by Comp. H. J. Atkins, P.Z. 195, P.P.G.J. Hants and the Isle of Wight, in a most able and impressive manner. The following officers were also invested: Comps. C. J. Woodford, S.E.; D. Hitching, S.N.; G. H. Gutch, P.Z., Treas.; F. A. Sharp, P.S.; C. Carter, 1st A.S.; F. J. Pomeroy, 2nd A.S.; and Squibb, Janitor. The accounts for the past year, which showed a handsome balance in favour of the chapter, were read and adopted. Three brethren were nominated as candidates. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. H. J. Atkins for his courtesy in coming forward to perform the installation ceremony.

The usual banquet and toasts followed, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. C. T. Miles, Z. of the Hengist Chapter; D. Sydenham, Harvey, Cross, and H. A. Lawton, P.Z. 622.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; W. Densham, S.W.; J. W. Harvey, J.W.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; W. Shales, I.G.; W. M. Cobham, P.M.; F. Marx, P.M.; Thom, P.M.; Blundell, and Thompson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Marx, P.M., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Marx being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Densham was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was unanimously carried that the lodge should adjourn until September 9th. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, on the 30th ult., when the Fifteen Sections were worked. Present: Bros. Farwig, P.M., W.M.; Woods, P.M., S.W.; T. Blyth, J.W.; and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Seven Sections of the 1st Lecture were worked by Bros. Jones, Rymer, Evenden, Blyth, Kirk, Woods, and Paul. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the Five Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Matthew, Bullen, Corby, Cater, and W. Smith. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the Three Sections were worked by Bros. Shaw, Hill, and Cursons. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rising for the first time, the following brethren were proposed and unanimously elected members of this lodge, who each returned appropriate thanks: Bros. C. J. Fisher, 177; W. Hooker, 1949; C. W. Aldridge, 676; G. J. Reed, 1910; Hill, 1305; Doncaster, 834; C. Evans, 2021; J. Webb, 2120; H. F. Whyman, 2046; H. J. Tibbatts, 1385; G. Wood, 1608; Richards, 834; J. Mason, 2206; H. Hibberd, 167; and W. Cussens, 1602. On the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Haslett, P.M., Deputy Preceptor, proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that a most cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Farwig, P.M., for his having kindly worked the Sections in his usual perfect manner, also for his indefatigable efforts in support of Freemasonry and his kindness to all who sought his instruction. The proposal was carried heartily and unanimously. Bro. Farwig expressed his thanks in his usual felicitous manner. On rising for the third time, the W.M. expressed his thanks to all the brethren who assisted in working the Fifteen Sections. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. The undermentioned brethren favoured the lodge with their attendance: Bros. Farwig, Haslett, Woods, Blyth, Bayfield, Cursons, Bullen, C. J. Jones, W. Blyth, Evenden, W. C. Smith, Green, Paul, Cater, Corby,

Hampton, Shaw, Blundell, Hill, C. J. Fisher, W. Hooker, H. Hibberd, C. W. Aldridge, G. Reed, Hill, Doncaster, C. Evans, Webb, Whyman, Tibbatts, Thompson, Powdrell, Allan, Rymer, Kirk, Dibley, Brownsword, Street, G. Wood, Richards, Matthews, Mason, Knight, W. Goss, Warwick, Greenway, and Cussens.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 10th inst. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. W. H. Kirby, W.M.; A. E. Barrett, S.W.; J. Corp, J.W.; D. G. Imlay, S.D.; H. Sadler, J.D.; F. Mason, I.G.; H. E. Jay, Neville, J. W. Drysdale, and W. Baker.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Drysdale having offered his services as candidate, was examined and entrusted. He then retired from the lodge, which was opened in the Second Degree, and the candidate was readmitted. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of passing, gave an explanation of the tracing board, and, assisted by Bro. H. Sadler, worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture and the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture, the charges after each being duly given and carried through by the brethren "to order." The lodge being closed in the Second Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Neville was elected a joining member, and on the W.M. rising for the second and third times, Bro. Dr. A. E. Barrett was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and he appointed his officers, and announced that the ceremony for rehearsal would be that of raising. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered the W.M., the lodge was closed, and a pleasant and thoroughly instructive evening brought to a happy finish.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E. Bro. H. R. Trant presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. R. W. Cartwright, S.W.; J. T. Axford, P.M.; J. W. James Stevens, P.M.; P.Z., Preceptor; Walter Robin, Sec.; George Pickering, S.D.; S. Lancaster, P.M.; J.D.; C. Thomas, I.G.; W. Fieldson, P.M.; George Browne, H. D. White, Horace T. Bonner, A. Wimbush, E. Leap-hard, and others.

The lodge was worked in the First Degree, and considerable interest was taken in the endeavour of Bro. Trant, who was initiated into the Craft so recently only as the 3rd May last, to rule the lodge and perform the initiation ceremony in a perfect manner. It may be truthfully stated that he was most successful in such endeavour, and thoroughly deserved the cordial approbation of the brethren and their subsequent vote of thanks for his services for the first time as W.M. in this or any other lodge. Instead of Section-working, a period of the evening was devoted to the discussion of interesting points of ceremonial, in respect of which the Preceptor answered the questionings of the brethren, and afforded much useful information. After the election of joining members, Bro. R. W. Cartwright was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On the 17th inst. the lodge will work in the M.M. Degree, on the 24th the evening will be devoted to the Preceptor, and on the 31st inst. the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Thursday, the 10th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. R. W. Cartwright, W.M.; G. A. Pickering, S.W.; S. Lancaster, P.M.; J. W. James Stevens, P.M.; P.Z., Preceptor; Walter Robin, Sec.; C. Thomas, S.D.; C. G. Sheppard, J.D.; H. R. Trant, I.G.; A. Wimbush, Richard Tilling, P.M., and others.

The lodge was worked in the Second Degree, the ceremony being ably rehearsed by the W.M., and the Preceptor worked the 2nd Section in F.C. Bro. Pickering was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On the 24th inst. the Preceptor will work the lodge, and on the 31st instant the installation ceremony will be rehearsed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; H. Wake, S.W.; R. Reid, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M.; Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; H. Blackman, S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; H. Dyne, I.G.; J. Cummings, P.M.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coplestone acting as candidate, the W.M. rendering the charge in his usual very able manner. Bro. Cummings offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, and the explanation of the tracing board rendered. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed to the family of the late Pro G.M. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; John Davies, W.M. 169, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; W. J. Hakim, P.M. 141, I.G.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; R. T. Godfrey, John Smith, and O. W. Battley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Godfrey being candidate. Bro. Allman worked the 4th Section, and Bro. Davies the 5th, both being assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of sympathy with Bro. Cruttenden on the occasion of the loss of his brother was unanimously passed, and very sympathetically expressed to that brother by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren, and duly acknowledged. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Allman and Davies for working the Sections, the compliment being acknowledged by both brethren. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Davies, W.M. 169, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, acting Preceptor; H. Dehane,

P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Jackman, S.D.; J. Chaundler, J.D.; J. N. Rosenberg, I.G.; H. Windeatt, Steward; J. Smith, and O. W. Battley.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chaundler being the candidate. Bro. Davies worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Allman worked the 5th Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cruttenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A letter was read from Lady Carnarvon thanking the brethren for their condolence, also from Mr. Herbert expressing his thanks for the sympathy of the brethren, and one from Bro. March regretting his inability to be present. Votes of thanks to Bros. Davies and Allman were passed for working the Sections. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the following were present: Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Antunovich, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Pitt, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Sec.; W. Beasley, S.D.; Ives, P.M., J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; Gaskell, P.M.; Minett, Langford, Barrett, and Meadows.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barrett personating the candidate. Bro. Langford having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Langford was passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. Barrett having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Pitt, P.M., worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Worshipful Master rose for the first time, and Bro. Beasley, W.M. 1524, and Bro. Barrett, 2184, were unanimously elected joining members, and returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Antunovich was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks. The officers having been appointed in rotation, the W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; J. Cater, S.W.; S. Moss, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. C. Rotter, S.D.; W. Hoggins, J.D.; J. H. Thrussell, Org.; F. W. Buxton, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; and R. Kirk.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. F. W. Buxton having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. Cater, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the third ceremony. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. G. Davis, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; A. F. Scholding, J.W.; R. C. Green, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); W. J. Mason, Sec.; E. Rogers, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; J. Powell, J. Wilson, and S. Ransom.

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 Degree, and Bro. S. Ransom having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. S. Ransom being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. J. Powell being the candidate. The officers to be in rotation as appointed. A vote of condolence with the Countess of Carnarvon and family was passed. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. S. Cochrane, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. G. Danby, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; E. Clare, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; G. Swann, A. Ellenden, J. H. Neville, and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Swann offered himself as a candidate for raising and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Ellenden was elected a joining member, and Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Woodard, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cotton, S.D.; Higginson, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; L. Cox, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Higginson, assisted by the brethren. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Craggs having offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of

passing rehearsed. Lodge closed in Second Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Thursday, the 10th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; H. Cotton, S.W.; G. E. Higginson, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; L. Cox, J.D.; T. Stevens, I.G.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; and W. Jennings.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Higginson, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Craggs being candidate. The lodge was closed. The lodge ballot was then taken, which resulted in favour of Bro. Jobson.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; W. E. Macey, J.D.; J. B. Cory, I.G.; F. A. Barth, S. Cochrane, P.M.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cochrane acting as candidate. Bro. Bright vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Cochrane. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Barber vacated the chair of J.W. in favour of Bro. Bright, and offered himself as a candidate for raising. He was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in Bro. Cochrane's well-known and impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bright for his effort as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; H. Bright, I.G.; T. Willcox, Steward; M. Spiegel, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; Stanley-Mansfield, C. Hatt, W. S. Whiteley, and Hiscock. Visitor: Bro. W. F. Harbord, 1541.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Harbord answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Stanley-Mansfield as candidate. The W.M. rendered the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. Bro. J. H. Cummings, P.M., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, in their bereavement was recorded on the minutes. After "Hearty good wishes," lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2256).—The regular weekly meeting of this authoritative and excellent lodge was held at Hoe-street Chambers, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. T. E. Horley, W.M.; R. Kershaw, S.W.; Chas. Bestow, J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.M., Preceptor; Walter Goulding, S.D.; F. Taylor, J.D.; W. P. Allen, I.G.; H. F. Bromhead, U. Smith, George Long, E. Gray, jun., W. Alcock, J. Ives, P.M.; R. Jeremy, H. Wand, J. Speller, and others.

The lodge was opened and closed in the Three Degrees respectively, and the ceremonies of initiation and raising rehearsed in an efficient manner. Bro. Kershaw was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Kershaw, W.M.; Charles H. Bestow, S.W.; G. W. Knight, P.M., J.W.; William Shurmur, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; Urban Smith, S.D.; John Ives, P.M., J.D.; George Long, I.G.; William P. Allen, Sec.; W. Blenkinsop, Hon. Stvd.; Joseph Wilson, P.M.; J. Fenner, T. E. Horley, W. Alcock, J. Speller, H. Waud, N. Fortescue, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raisings were rehearsed in an exceedingly able and impressive manner. Bros. Joseph Wilson and G. W. Knight were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. C. H. Bestow was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed. We commend this lodge of instruction to such of our readers as desire to extend their researches into the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; G. Gregory, 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; P. W. Biggs, 975, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, P.S.; C. E. Betts, 733, 1st Asst. Soj.; Charles Hatt, 733; and John Smith, 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last two convocations were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hatt being candidate. Comp. Chalfont was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed for the able manner Comp. Tilt had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time in this or any other chapter of improvement, which compliment was duly acknowledged. A vote of condolence with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, the landlord of the Porchester Hotel, was passed on account of the sudden death of his mother. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; G. March, H. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; T. W. Biggs, 975, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, P.S.; J. Smith, 890; and O. W. Battley, 2246.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dehane being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—This old and prosperous chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 11th instant, when there were present, among others, Ill. Bros. Major J. E. Anderson, M.W.S.; G. Graveley, Prelate; H. J. Lardner, 2nd General; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Dr. T. W. Coffin, M.D., P.M.W.S.; W. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; L. Steele, Capt. Hawkins, Dr. Jazelski, Corrie Jackson, and others.

The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner ably installed Ill. Bro. G. Graveley as M.W.S. The following investments then took place: Bros. Browne-Kidder, Prelate; Lardner, 1st Gen.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, 2nd General; W. Paas, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; Pigache, G.M.; Grimwood, R.; Capt. Williamson, J.P., C. of G.; Capt. Hawkins, Herald; Nelson Prower, D.C.; L. Steele, A.D.C.; and Dr. Lott, Hon. Org. A vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. Lardner for his services as Installing Officer. A Past Sovereign's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M.W.S., and the sum of £10 10s. voted to the Paas Testimonial Fund. The Recorder then read the orders from the Supreme Council as to the wearing of Masonic mourning for the late Ill. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, 33°, &c. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, 33°; Major Stohwasser, 30°; Capt. Williamson, J.P., 30°; N. Prower, 30°; and Ex. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., Andrew Pears, H. Hills, Dr. Inglis, G. A. Berkeley, C. W. Tayleure, M.A., and others. The chapter having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal to the banquet.

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

JERSEY.

De Carteret Chapter (No. 108).—We congratulate Ill. Bro. Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret on the vigorous condition and excellent promise of his two year old chapter. A convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, on Friday, the 11th instant. The business commenced with a very satisfactory audit of the financial condition of the chapter, and then, after two years' possession of the chair, Ill. Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret handed over the reins of office to Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, whom he duly installed. Ill. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier is Deputy Prov. G.M., a Mason of ripe experience, and a ritualist of no mean ability; a better or more judicious selection could not have been made, and Ill. Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret may lay aside all anxiety as to the prosperity of his chapter so long as it remains under the direction and guidance of Ill. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier. The officers appointed and invested by the M.W.S. are as follows: Bros. J. O. Le Sueur, Prelate; G. J. Renouf, 1st General; Philip Le Feuvre, 2nd General; W. T. Pugsley, Treas.; T. Le Seelleur, Recorder; G. M. Robertson, Raphael; E. Bree, Capt. of Guard; T. Dorey, Grand Marshal; H. M. Godfrey, Dir. of Cer.; M. Le Cronier, Herald; and Geo. Rogers, Outer Guard. The following candidates having presented themselves were balloted for, accepted, and duly perfected: Bros. H. Marett Godfray, Maswell L. Cronin, and Frederick James Godfray. In the absence of Bro. Raphael, Ill. Bro. Balfour Cockburn, 31°, a member of this chapter, carried out the duties of that office. After the chapter was closed the members repaired to Bro. Bree's, Stopford Hotel, where a very excellent and *recherché* dinner was provided. We congratulate the chapter on retaining the valuable services of Bro. T. L. Seelleur, the most energetic and painstaking of Recorders; and also we congratulate the chapter on possessing a meeting place in such close proximity to the Stopford Hotel, a hostelry where one is sometimes really at a loss which to admire and appreciate most, the good things provided for discussion or the genial *bou hommie* of the worthy host, Bro. Bree.

ST. LEONARDS.

Albion Chapter (No. 54).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Warriors-square Club Rooms, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Captain Hennah, R.N., M.W.S.; Dr. Trollope, 32°, P.M.W.S.; Rev. Curtis, H.P.; F. Duke, M.W.S. elect; C. W. Duke, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Pidcock (Mayor of Eastbourne), Morrison, Hallett, Russell, and Leslie, Outer Guard. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Norris, Oxford University Chapter, and W. Wright, Rose and Lily Chapter.

Bro. A. Young was introduced and raised to the 17° by Bro. Dr. Trollope, 32°, P.M.W.S., and was then perfected Knight of the P. and E. and S.P.R.C. by the same excellent brother in his usual able and eloquent manner. The accolade was given by Bro. C. W. Duke, 30°, P.M.W.S. Bro. Trollope afterwards installed Bro. F. Duke as M.W.S. for the ensuing year. After the appointment of officers the brethren adjourned to the Eversfield Hotel, where a banquet was served in the excellent manner customary at that establishment.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

Metropolitan College.—The fratres assembled at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there were present Fratres W. R. Woodman, M.D., 9°, S.M.; James Lewis Thomas, 9°; W. J. Ferguson, 8°; MacGregor Mathers, 8°; Robert Roy, 8°; Dr. Wynn Westcott, 8°; H. J. Lardner, M. of the T.; Frederick Holland, Hon. 9°; Dr. Coffin, W. G. Lemon, Dr. T. W. Lemon, Smith, Hay, Higgins, Cooper, Payne (York College), and many others.

The Secretary notified that a new college would be consecrated at Newcastle on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., and a new province created under Frater Charles Fendelow as Chief Adept, Frater Armstrong as Suffragan, Frater Carmon as M. of the T., and Frater F. F. Schnitzer as Secretary and Provincial Secretary. Every member of the society is cordially invited to attend. The M. of the T., Frater Lardner, then admitted Bros. J. H. A. Elliott and John Straker Wilson to the grade of Zelator in a very fluent and impressive manner. The Deputy Master, Frater MacGregor Mathers, gave the lecture on numbers. Frater Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon read a most interesting essay on Rosicrucianism written many years ago by E. Hardinge Brittain, and received a cordial

vote of thanks. The Past Master's jewel, which should have been presented to Frater Dr. Wynn Westcott, had been unfortunately delayed in transmission through the post, and so the ceremony of its presentation was deferred.

The M.C. was duly closed, and the fratres adjourned to dine at the Holborn Restaurant.

THE ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE UNITED MARINERS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

This lodge of instruction, which formerly met at the Lugard Tavern, Lugard-road, Peckham, whence they have now removed to the Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead, of which Bro. Kincey is the host, held its annual supper on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when about 40 brethren, under the presidency of Bro. Eedle, P.M. of the Ivy Lodge, the Victorian Jubilee Lodge, who is the popular and energetic Preceptor of this lodge of instruction, sat down.

After the company had done ample justice to the good things provided by Bro. Read, who had charge of the catering department, the CHAIRMAN lost no time in proceeding with the customary toasts, which he proposed with admirable brevity.

The lodge is fortunate in having an abundance of good vocalists, and the enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by their performances.

Among the performers were Bros. Rogers, James Smith, Remington, Warman, Eedle, Burrows, Bacon, and others.

Before separating, the CHAIRMAN proposed "Prosperity to the United Mariners Lodge," under whose warrant this lodge of instruction works, coupled with the names of Bro. Smith, Remington, and Barnett.

The toast was warmly received, and gracefully replied to.

NEW YORK GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The library of the Grand Lodge of New York is rapidly increasing under the able management of Bro. Herman G. Carter, the Grand Librarian, who, on June 3rd, 1890, made his eighth annual report to the Grand Lodge. His first is dated June 5th, 1883, and I have been one, out of many, who have eagerly looked forward to the issue of these interesting and able reports from year to year. All that Bro. Carter has so far succeeded in doing is to present, from time to time, catalogues of certain portions of the collection of Masonic books and MSS.; but this plan is far from satisfactory. As each year rolls onward the number and value of the books are ever on the increase, and by the time one department has been put aside to do justice, in part, to another, the first has largely been added to, and year by year each successive catalogue becomes meagre in the extreme because out of date. I am glad to note that a complete catalogue is to be made of all the collection, and then year by year additions might be noted on slips, as with our "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge Library, and kept for reference, and ultimately be bound so as to preserve the full reports of the several additions. The present is a supplemental catalogue, a perusal of which abundantly proves that the Grand Librarian of New York is keeping pace with the advance of Masonic literature and "keeps his eye open" for all new works of importance. The collection as a whole is a valuable one, but needs rather a large sum to be spent in completing sets. One of the gems in the library is a copy of the engraved list of lodges of the Grand Lodge of England 1756, which is unique and should be reproduced just as Bro. C. Sackreuter did that of the 1764 list for me, and as Bros. General Pike, Carson, and myself have done for others of great rarity and worth. The list of donors is a lengthy one, some of us in the old country being pleased to assist in the good work, and the most pleasing feature of all is the steady increase in the number of readers in the Reading Room, which, as Bro. Carter says, "is a matter for sincere congratulation." Evidently the Grand Lodge of New York is alive most fully to the importance of this branch of Masonic enterprise, the words of praise from its esteemed Grand Master being well deserved by our friend Herman G. Carter, as the Grand Librarian.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. SERGEANT GEORGE CLIFFORD.

A very imposing military funeral took place on Wednesday, the 9th instant, when the remains of Bro. Sergeant George Clifford, of the Army Service Corps, were consigned to their last resting place in the Colchester Cemetery. The cortege left the Camp Hospital at two p.m., and consisted of a firing party of 12 of the Royal Dragoons, with arms reversed; the band of the Royal Dragoons playing the Dead March in "Saul;" the body on a 13-pounder gun carriage, drawn by six magnificent black horses, and manned as a special mark of respect by Battery-Sergt.-Major Wilkinson, R.A., and sergeants of the 56th Field Battery; a company of the Army Service Corps, under the command of Major Lynn and Lieut. Champion; and finally the widow and two children of deceased, and relatives and friends. At the cemetery gates a number of Freemasons and Oddfellows (of both of which Orders deceased was a member) met the cortege, and preceded it to the chapel. The burial office was performed by the Rev. J. B. Early, Rector of Holy Trinity; and at the conclusion of the services three volleys were fired over the grave. The Freemasons also passed the grave

in procession, and dropped upon the coffin a white glove and sprig of acacia, tied with blue ribbon, as is usual on their attendance at a brother's funeral. Bro. Sergeant Clifford, who was very highly respected by the military amongst whom his duty brought him in contact, and also by many civilian friends, joined the Army Service Corps on the 24th of April, 1876; was advanced to the rank of corporal in 1881, and received his sergeant's stripes in 1884. From 1882 to 1885 he served in Egypt, and was awarded the Egyptian medal and star. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Blackwater Lodge, Maldon, No. 1977, and had also been admitted a Royal Arch and Mark Mason. A large number of the members of his mother lodge and others attended the funeral.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

On Saturday last the election of Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve in the chair. A large number of brethren attended. There were 28 candidates, viz.:—

The poll opened at 12 and closed at 3 o'clock, and very shortly after the latter hour the Scrutineers made the following report:

James Morrison McLeod, 2317; Alfred Craven Greenwood, 991; Gordon Smith, M.A., 815; Edwin Storr, 716; S. R. Baskett, 536; Lieut.-Colonel F. Egerton Bennett, 21; James H. Hawkins, 14; J. W. Britton, 5; J. Smith, 4; Alfred Grant, 3; Major C. W. Randall Ford, 2; John R. Foster, 2; W. Fraser, 2; Charles R. Augustus Griffin, 2; James Hall, 2; Wm. Edward Hoy, 2; George Jackson, 2; Edwin Polkinghorne, 2; W. G. T. Albertsberg, 1; W. Shephard, 1; Captain James Thompson, 1; J. Austen, 0; J. Blower, 0; W. Thomas Gadie, 0; George Hartridge, 0; Joseph Bond Roose, 0; George R. Saunders, 0; and Charles S. Thomas, 0.

BRO. RICHARD EVE having formally declared Bro. J. M. McLEOD elected as Secretary of the Institution, that brother rose and tendered his hearty acknowledgments for the confidence reposed in him. He had fought the fight straightforwardly and honestly, and was particularly gratified he had been so well supported, as he felt the majority he enjoyed would enable him to advance the interests of the Institution. He felt sure he should have the aid of every brother who had supported his candidature in carrying on the work of the Boys' School. He had felt confident that his friends would back him up in his endeavour to secure the post of Secretary, and they had done so in a most gratifying and fraternal manner. In thanking them for their votes he could only promise that he would do all that lay in his power to prove he appreciated their confidence, and hoped he might be able to discharge the duties of the office to their satisfaction. He should certainly strive to do his duty and advance the welfare of the Institution. He knew he had a good man to follow in Bro. Binckes—one whom it would be very difficult to equal—but he hoped to take him as an example of what was required, and win as much approval as he had done. It was in 1878 he first met Bro. Binckes, and he it was who had first aroused in him an interest in the Masonic Charities, just as he had aroused in many others a desire to do something on their behalf. Bro. McLeod concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the day for the efficient and impartial manner in which he had presided.

This was seconded by Bro. BINCKES, who took the opportunity of expressing a few words of thanks for the way in which he had been supported in years gone by. He also hoped that the Institution would flourish under its new Secretary.

BRO. RICHARD EVE acknowledged the vote of thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt at all times in assisting at such meetings as the present. Whatever he did was for pure love of Masonry and a desire to promote its principles.

BRO. GEORGE EVERETT proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers, which being seconded and carried, the proceedings terminated.

Ireland.

MASONIC EXCURSION AND DINNER.

The members of Callowhill Lodge, No. 453, Derrylin, gave their annual excursion and dinner on Wednesday, the 25th ult., Crom Castle being selected as their rendezvous, the Earl of Erne having kindly granted permission to visit both grounds and castle. The brethren were accompanied by a number of ladies and fellow members of the Craft from Killeshandra, Belturbet, and Enniskillen. Some 15 vehicles were employed in conveying the party from Derrylin to Crom, where they were met by the Belturbet brethren, who arrived by water.

The weather was delightful, and the dinner, to which over 60 sat down, was greatly enjoyed in the open air. Bro. M'Clean, W.M., presided, and Bro. A. Johnston, P.M., occupied the vice-chair.

The usual toasts—loyal and Craft—were given and responded to.

After spending an exceedingly pleasant day and evening, the charter song was sung, three cheers were given with great enthusiasm for the Earl of Erne, and the party returned to their respective homes.



The King of the Hellenes, who was expected to visit Paris and also England, has left Aix-les-Bains for Milan on his way homeward again.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

Lady George Hamilton and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach gave a dance, at the Admiralty, on Friday evening, to the Harrow boys in town for the Eton and Harrow match, their partners being young ladies under 17 years of age.

Bro. George Abbott, who has been station master at the Cannon-street Terminus since the opening in 1866, is now appointed to the charge of Charing Cross Terminus. Bro. Abbott still retains the control of Cannon-street Station.

On Tuesday the Paddington Vestry passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the Prince and Princess of Wales for their visit on the 9th inst., and the kindly interest they have manifested in the welfare and prosperity of the borough.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne were the guests of Bro. Sir Algernon and Lady Borthwick on Tuesday at their residence in Piccadilly. Later in the evening Lady Borthwick gave a small and select musical party.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland) and Lady Ashbourne gave a large dinner party at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 11th inst., the party leaving Westminster by steamer at 7.30 p.m. and returning about midnight. The guests included Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Drogheda, Bro. Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Wolsley, and others.

On Thursday next, the 24th instant, the Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, will lay the foundation-stone of the new buildings at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and thence will proceed to St. George's Circus, where he will perform a similar function in connection with the new home of the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, of which his Royal Highness is Patron.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., has received an autograph letter (in Persian) accompanied by a translation, from his Majesty the Shah of Persia, in which he reverts to the pleasantness of his visit to this country, and sends a souvenir, in the shape of a ring, to Lady Borthwick, the state of whose health last year did not permit of her taking a prominent part in the festivities connected with his Majesty's reception.

The Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh will hold its usual quarterly meeting in the Masonic Hall, Omagh, to-day (Friday), at 12 o'clock noon. This Provincial Grand Lodge has some 22 lodges under its jurisdiction, and meets in rotation at Dungannon, Enniskillen, and Omagh. Bro. Obadiah Ternan, M.D., 205, is Prov. Grand Secretary, and with such an able list of Provincial Grand Officers as now occupy the chairs, the affairs of the province should be well looked after.

We regret to announce the death of the wife of Bro. H. J. Breakey, P.J.G.W. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, at his residence, The Hill, Monaghan, on 30th ult. Bro. Breakey has the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the brethren of the province in his sad bereavement, and to her brother, Bro. Dr. Byans, P.M., we also extend our sympathetic condolence. We feel we have lost a friend, we know they have lost a fond sister, a dutiful wife, and a loving mother. "Not lost, but gone before."

Owing to the weather it was impossible to play out the Eton and Harrow match at Lord's on Saturday last. The match should have been begun on Friday, but the rain, with which we have been so plentifully visited, rendered play impossible, and the time set apart on the following day was too short. The match, therefore, ended in a draw. Eton scored 103 in its first innings, and 120 for the loss of three wickets at the second attempt, while Harrow made 133, of which 76 runs were contributed by Mr. A. C. McIaren, the captain, who, with the exception of Butler, was the only Harrovian that made anything of a stand.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited Bisley Common on Saturday last, for the purpose of inaugurating the new Wimbledon, the shooting head-quarters of the National Rifle Association. The Royal party proceeded by train from Waterloo, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, the Royal train having been preceded by a special, in which travelled the Duke of Cambridge, President, and the members of the Council of the N.R.A. Association, and others, among whom were Bro. Lord Wantage, &c., &c. After the presentation and acknowledgment of the usual address, the Princess of Wales fired the first shot—a bull's-eye—and the camp was declared open.

The proprietors of *Work* have arranged to hold an exhibition of articles made by the readers of that journal, for which medals and other prizes are offered. The exhibition will be divided into 16 groups, and will include upwards of 200 sub-divisions. There will be three classes of exhibitors, viz., workmen, apprentices, and amateurs. The Committee of the Polytechnic Institute, Regent-street, W., have placed that institution at disposal for the exhibition, which will be held at the end of the present year. The following is a summary of the groups of exhibits:—I. Work in Wood.—II. Work in Metals.—III. Tools for Work.—IV. Work in Design only.—V. Work in Printing.—VI. Work in Domestic Appliances.—VII. Work in Wearing Apparel.—VIII. Work in Painting and Decorating.—IX. Work in Textile Fabrics and Leather.—X. Work in Musical Instruments and Music.—XI. Work in Watches, Clocks, Alarms, Bells, &c.—XII. Work in Building Appliances and Material for Building.—XIII. Work in Chemical Processes and Products.—XIV. Work in the Utilisation of Waste. Full particulars of the exhibition, with rules and regulations and a list of prizes, medals, &c., offered to competitors, are given in No. 70 of *Work*, published this week.

We are asked to announce that the Guelph Lodge of Instruction holds its meeting every Wednesday, at eight p.m., at the Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E.

The state apartments at Windsor Castle, the Round Tower, and the Albert Chapel will, it is understood, be reopened to the public about Thursday next, the 24th instant.

A complimentary dinner, over which Bro. Sir Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided, was given at the Café Royal on Saturday evening last, to Mr. Alderman Gould, J.P., by the Board of Management and Medical Staff of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

According to arrangement her Majesty will leave Windsor Castle to-day (Friday) for the Isle of Wight, where she will entertain several members of the Royal Family, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Osborne Cottage, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at Albert Cottage, and the Princess Louise at Kent House.

Bro. C. B. Cutchey, of the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, had the misfortune to lose his apron and certificate between the Bank and Mincing-lane, in the City, on Saturday morning last. We feel sure if any brother hears of it having been found he will gladly communicate with Bro. Cutchey, at 2, Hanover-street, Pimlico.

Official notification has been made at the Admiralty of the appointment of Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh to be Commander-in-Chief at Devonport, *vice* Admiral Sir William M. Dowell, and of Vice-Admiral Charles T. Curme to be Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, *vice* Vice-Admiral Thomas B. Lethbridge.

The Four-in-Hand Club had a meet on the Horse Guards Parade on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., when among the teams that assembled were those of Bros. Lord Cheylesmore, the Earl of Londesborough, and Lord Hothfield. At 6.15 p.m. the club moved off, under the lead of Lord Willoughby and de Eresby, for the Crystal Palace.

According to the latest arrangements, the German Emperor will arrive in England on a visit to the Queen about the 3rd or 4th of August. His Majesty will remain at Osborne for about a week. The Empress Frederick left Windsor Castle on Wednesday at the conclusion of her visit to the Queen, and was to embark at Portsmouth on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Gibraltar, whence the Empress and her daughters will proceed to Greece.

Mrs. Oscar Beringer will give a *matinée* on the 30th inst. for the benefit of Mrs. Beverly (widow of W. N. Beverly, the well-known scene painter), who is unfortunately in most straitened circumstances. A new modern play in three acts, entitled "That Girl," founded, by permission, on a story by Miss Clementina Black, and written by Mr. Henry Hamilton and Mrs. Oscar Beringer, will be played for the first time on this occasion.

The Princess Mary Duchess and the Duke of Teck, with the Princess Victoria and Princes Francis and Alexander of Teck, dined with Bro. Sir J. W. and Lady Ellis at Buccleugh House, Richmond, on Friday, the 11th inst., Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, the Countess of Bective, Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller, the Baroness and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. Sir F. Leighton being among the invited guests. Lady Ellis afterwards held a reception, which was very numerous attended.

The 1st Yorkshire Regiment left Wellington Barracks to return to its quarters at Portsmouth on Saturday, but previous to its departure from Waterloo Station, the regiment—the old 19th, and known as the Princess of Wales's Own—was inspected by the Prince and Princess of Wales in the station yard. The place thus vacated at Wellington Barracks was at once taken by the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards from Pirbright.

The marriage of the great African explorer, Mr. H. M. Stanley, with Dorothy Tennant, was solemnised in Westminster Abbey on Saturday last, among the large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony being Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Abercorn, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, Sir Rivers Wilson, Sir Algernon Borthwick, and Sir E. Hamley, Lady Wolsley, the Duchess of St. Albans, Pro. Lord and Lady Kinnaid, and Bro. H. and Mrs. Lawson. Among the wedding presents was a portrait of the Queen set in diamonds, presented by her Majesty.

Report speaks highly of the performance which Mr. Penley is to give in the title role of Mr. Arthur Law's new play, "The Judge." The popular comedian is likely, we hear, to surpass himself. The Judge, it seems, has two daughters—twins—and these will be played by Miss Cissy Grahame and Miss Helen Leyton. The scene of the play is laid in a provincial town, and the action takes place in a room in an old-fashioned house which has been lent to the judge by a friend. We do not, therefore, see the judge in court. Terry's Theatre will close after to-morrow (Saturday) till the following Thursday, the first night of "The Judge," in order that the rehearsals and arrangements of the *mise-en-scène* may be carried on without interruption.

On the 11th inst., by invitation of the brethren of the Warden Lodge, No. 794, Mr. Walliker took 48 of the old and most deserving poor to Sutton to spend the day in the park. An excellent dinner was served them near Blackroot Pool, and during the afternoon, besides being given a trip round the pool, they were amused with one of Professor Rock's entertainments and some aquatic sports by members of the Town Swimming Club. Among those who looked well after the comfort of the aged ones were Mr. T. A., Mrs., and the Misses Taylor, Mr. T. V. and Mrs. Holbroke, Mrs. A. Holbroke, Mr. T., Mrs., and Miss Turner, Miss Bedford, and Mr. E. Wilcox. Tea was served at five o'clock, and after Mr. Walliker had thanked the members of the Warden Lodge for their kindness, and expressed a hope that the Masons generally in the provinces would follow the example, the party returned to town.

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 Queen has sent a donation of £50 to the Stanley Fund now being raised at the Stanley and African Exhibition for placing a steamer on the Victoria Nyanza to advance civilisation and Christianity in Africa.

Her Majesty, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Margaret of Prussia, left Windsor Castle for London on Monday for the purpose of being present at the garden party given by the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House on Monday.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief made his annual inspection of the Royal Military Asylum (Duke of York's School), Chelsea, on Thursday, the 10th instant, among the general company present being Bros. the Earl of Jersey and General Lord Wolsley and Bro. Sir Patrick and Lady Grant.

The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg left Windsor Castle on the evening of the 10th instant for the Continent. Their Royal Highnesses will visit Switzerland first, and are likely to remain abroad for several months. They were accompanied to the station by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

The proceeds of the concert given at St. James's Hall on the 13th ult., under the patronage of the Queen and Royal Family, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, exceeded £1000, and as the artistes gave their services on the occasion, the Society has been enriched by a clear £900.

One of the interesting relics which the Hohenzollern Museum contains is a letter from the Empress Frederick to the Emperor William I., enclosing some four-leaved clover. The letter runs: "Dear Papa,—Here are thirteen leaves of clover which I found yesterday, and which I send to you and Mama to bring you luck."—Your obedient daughter, VICKY."

We are desired to notify that in consequence of the rebuilding of the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, has removed to the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., one minute's walk from Camberwell Green and Camberwell-road Station, L.C. and D. Railway. The meetings are continued on Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock as usual.

A strange aerial phenomenon has been observed at Neu-Münster, in Holstein. At a considerable height a current of air was moving with tremendous velocity from east to west. Somewhat lower there was an opposite and much slower current. After this had continued for some time the two currents suddenly developed into a waterspout, which did immense damage, raising from the ground and destroying a large barn, and tearing great trees out of the earth as if they were only so many straws.

On Wednesday the Duke of Clarence and Avondale performed the dual ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new Courts of Justice now being erected at York, and opening the summer exhibition of pictures in connection with the York Fine Art Institution. He was presented with an address by the Corporation. The functions were attended by imposing formalities, and the city was gaily decorated in honour of the occasion. His Royal Highness met with an extremely loyal reception on passing through the principal streets.

"Sweet Will" is the title of the new one-act play by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, in which Mr. Lewis Waller and Miss Norreys will appear, at the benefit *matinée* which Mr. W. H. Griffiths will give (by Mr. Willard's permission) at the Shaftesbury on the 24th inst. On this occasion Mr. Edgar Bruce will make his first appearance for five years in his original role of Sir George Carlyon in Mr. Grundy's "In Honour Bound." Mr. Willard will play Filippo in "The Violin Makers," supported by Miss Brandon, Mr. Cane, and Mr. Fulton; sketches will be contributed by Miss Kate Vaughan, Bro. Lionel Brough, Bro. Collette, and Miss Mary Collette; and Mr. Ben Davies will sing. Truly, a liberal and attractive programme.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited Greenwich on the 10th inst. for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the pupils of the Royal Hospital School. After luncheon in the Painted Hall, at which the Civil Lord of the Admiralty presided, the Royal party, which included the Princesses Victoria and Maud, witnessed a march-past, musical drill and swimming, and a hornpipe. The prizes were then given, some by the Prince and some by the Princess, his Royal Highness offering a few words of encouragement to each winner. Among those present were Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Wolsley, Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, Bro. Lord and Lady A. Hill, the Duchess of St. Albans, the Baroness H. De Worms and Bro. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., and W. L. Jackson.

Another new lodge, making 14 since the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, was opened on May 26th in Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, under the title and number of the Doric Lodge, No. 151. Bro. Sir William Clarke, Bart., the M.W. Grand Master, was present, and deputed the consecration ceremony to Bro. George Baker, R.W. Deputy Grand Master. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. E. Rodda, Past Grand Chaplain. The new lodge having been consecrated and constituted, Bro. T. W. Fowler, P.G.D.C., proceeded to install the W.M. designate, Bro. W. B. Montfort, but half-way through the ceremony had to retire through sudden illness, and his place was taken by Bros. T. Livingston, P.M., and Rev. E. Rodda. The following officers were invested: Bros. P. Martin, P.S.G.W., acting I.P.M.; C. E. Oliver, S.W.; A. W. Craven, J.W.; F. Purbrick, P.M., Treasurer; T. Livingston, P.M., Secretary; J. Brock, S.D.; N. Birnie, J.D.; J. Amess, P.M., D.C.; R. Warfe, I.G.; and J. Paul, Tyler. The lodge having been closed, an hour or so was spent in harmony at the supper table.

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