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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

Our hope that the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Dep. G. Master, would prove a success has been realised. The Board of Stewards numbered upwards of 170, and the sum total of donations and subscriptions announced by Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Secretary, Hon. Secretary of the Board, was, in round figures, £2354. This is in excess of every previous announcement, the highest total hitherto having been in the year 1888, when Bro. Earl AMHERST, Past G.M.M.M., occupied the chair, and a Board of 147 Stewards raised £2260, while the next in point of amount was obtained last year, when Bro. Sir LIONEL E. DARELL, Bart., J.G.W., was Chairman, and a Board of 159 Stewards returned within a fraction of £2087. Thus the Earl of EUSTON has the satisfaction of having presided at the most successful of the 22 Festivals held in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Mark Lodge, though we dare say he will readily enough yield the place of honour to some future Chairman who may have the good fortune to be assisted in his endeavours by a still larger and more successful Board of Stewards than that of Wednesday, when, as we have said, the amount was £2354 1s., London contributing £609 4s. 6d., and the Provinces, with a few foreign stations, £1744 16s. 6d. But whatever the future may bring forth, we heartily congratulate the Chairman who presided, the 170 Stewards and upwards who assisted him so zealously and to such good purpose, and the Mark brethren generally who are thus helping to establish their Benevolent Fund on a firm basis. But especially do we congratulate the Mark Grand Secretary, Bro. C. FITZGERALD MATIER, Honorary Secretary of the Board, on having been so largely instrumental in obtaining this and the later successes in connection with this annual event. He deserves the credit of having brought it into such prominence, of having enlarged the number of Stewards so considerably, and of having excited the large amount of interest with which this Festival is regarded. Doubtless, as we have before suggested, we shall hear of still greater successes being achieved in the future in aid of this Fund; but whether we do or do not, we regard the Mark Benevolent Festival as having been established on its present footing principally through Bro. MATIER'S exertions, and as of inferior importance only to those of the great Central Masonic Institutions. He well deserves the credit of this achievement.

THE PROVINCE OF KENT.

There are more numerous Provinces than Kent, Provinces which can boast of having more lodges established within their borders and more subscribing members on the roll, but we affirm with confidence that in none is the enthusiasm for Masonry more deep-rooted, the discipline and organisation more perfect, or the support extended to our Masonic Institutions more regular and more generously bestowed. For these reasons, and also because its respected chief takes a deep personal interest in what passes, and is careful to gather around him a body of Provincial Grand Officers on whose support he is able to rely at all times, it is that Kent has attained to a degree of prosperity which may be equalled by other Provinces, but is unquestionably surpassed by none. This year the annual meeting was held about the usual date at Ashford, under the banner of the Invicta Lodge, No. 709. Bro. Earl AMHERST, P.G.M., presided, as he has done almost invariably during his 30 years' tenure of the office, and there was a large gathering of the brethren, as well as of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, among the latter being Bros. J. S. EASTES, D.P.G.M.; RUSSELL, P.G. Treasurer; ALFRED SPENCER, P.G. Secretary; and others. The several reports

showed that considerable progress had been made during the past 12 months, while, in accordance with the recommendations of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee, a sum of £315 was assigned to the several Charities, the Girls' School receiving £126, the Boys' School £84, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £105. After the banquet which followed, the customary speeches were delivered, the tenour of them, one and all, being most gratifying from the general spirit of harmony and good feeling they exhibited. The toast of the Provincial Grand Master's health was drunk with all the honours, and Bro. J. S. EASTES, the worthy Deputy Prov. Grand Master, gave sundry statistics, which showed how great had been the advances made by the province since the year 1860, when the late Earl of ZETLAND, M.W.G.M., was pleased to appoint his lordship, then Viscount HOLMESDALE, to office. At that time, as Bro. EASTES pointed out, the province had 17 lodges on its roll with a membership of 815; in 1874, the year before the installation of the Prince of WALES as Most Worshipful Grand Master, there were 38 lodges and 1770 members; and at the present time there were 57 lodges and 3300 members. But, as we have often said, mere numbers are not always the truest or the best criterion of progress, and though an increase in 30 years from 815 to 3300 brethren is undoubtedly worth noting, we attach greater importance to the further statement by the same distinguished brother, namely, that during the same period no less than £8000 has been given out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Funds to the various Charities, irrespective of the £1050 raised by the members in 1888 for the purpose of purchasing a Perpetual Presentation to the Girls' School, and without taking any account of the donations and subscriptions contributed by members out of their own pockets. Bro. EASTES also referred to the fact that the Prov. Grand Master had kindly undertaken to preside at next year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when, we have no doubt, his lordship will receive, as on previous similar occasions he has received, the cordial support of the lodges and brethren he has presided over for so many years with such conspicuous success. We congratulate our Kentish brethren, from the Prov. Grand Master to the youngest initiate, on the evidence furnished by this year's meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of the flourishing condition of Masonry in this county, and we sincerely trust the day may be far distant when the account we publish of the proceedings of this annual Prov. Grand Lodge may be of a less encouraging character.

THE CRAFT IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The recent annual meeting at Southwell, on the 19th June last, of the P.G. Lodge of Nottinghamshire, furnished abundant evidence—if any were needed—of the activity exhibited by the brethren in this Province, the zeal they are actuated by, and the generally favourable results which for several years past have attended its proceedings. The consecration of the new St. Mary's Lodge, No. 2302, to which we alluded last week as having taken place in the ancient palace of the Archbishop of York, at Southwell, afforded one instance of the activity of our Nottinghamshire brethren, and the favourable reports that were read and submitted to Prov. Grand Lodge, gave evidence of the progress made during the past twelve months. In addition we had the satisfaction of noting the presence on so interesting an occasion of Bro. the Rev. Dean of York, Past G. Chaplain of England, whose sermon was most appropriate, as it was also most eloquent. It is, indeed, some five years since any unusual event has taken place in this county. The lodges have discharged their duties, and the brethren have been liberal in their support of our Institutions, but until last month nothing had taken place outside the ordinary routine of duty, and, therefore, the consecration of the St. Mary's Lodge is a subject on which we congratulate our Notts brethren most heartily, and trust it will prove a worthy addition to its roll of lodges.

"MASONIC REPRINTS," Vol. II.

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This deeply interesting volume is divided into three parts, the second of which is a *facsimile* and transcript of the "Lansdowne MS." (British Museum). The document is amongst the "Burghley Papers," owned by the lord of that name, who died in 1598, and hence, as Bro. Speth notes in his all too brief introduction to the transcript, it probably dates from the last half of the 16th century. This, however, after another look at the MS. appears to me too early for it by some 50 years, and so I am inclined to accept Mr. Bond's estimate (also noted by Bro. Speth and in my "Old Charges," 4872), of 1600 *circa*. It was reproduced in the "Freemasons' Magazine," 1858, and in my work of 1872, but neither can be compared with the present issue, which is not only in *facsimile*, but is followed by a most scrupulously exact transcript. Dr. Begemann makes this MS. the original of a small family, known as the "Antiquity MS." of 1686, and the "Probity MS.," 18th century. A peculiar reading in this branch states that Prince Edwin "was made Mason at Windsor."

I scarcely think this MS. is of equal value to the "Grand Lodge MS." of 1583, though undoubtedly a very old example of the important series.

In respect to what Bro. Gould terms its "legal evidence," he places the MS. in Class V., because of there being no information respecting its proper lodge custody, a distinction very well in its way, and from a strictly Masonic point of view, quite deserving of note, but not as concerning its antiquity or the character of its text.

I am very pleased that the editor of the "Masonic Reprints" of Lodge No. 2076 has selected the "Harleian MS., No. 1942" (British Museum), for Part 3, as to my mind it is one of the most singular, important, and suggestive documents of the whole class. The *facsimile* and transcript are simply perfection, and place in the hands of students, the wide world over, a complete reproduction of this valuable and curious MS., which answers every purpose of the original, and is of great utility for careful analysis.

Dr. Begemann has bracketed this version with the "Roberts' Branch," which, being printed in 1722, rather tends to reduce the age of the former. It is well to note, however, that my friend has only done this to prevent confusion, there being another Masonic MS. in the "Harleian" collection, viz., No. 2054, of quite a different order.

There are only nine of the "Old Charges" that contain the "Apprentices' Charges," of which the "Harleian, No. 1942," is a specimen, but it is the only one that has the "New Articles" in MS., and hence its great value and importance. The Roberts' *print* reproduces these later rules, terming them "Additional Orders and Constitutions," and ascribes to them the date of 8th December, 1663. My introduction to the reprint of the "Book of Constitutions, 1738" (Lodge No. 2076, *price half a guinea*), should be consulted on this point, and Dr. Anderson's second edition of the "Constitutions" should likewise be carefully examined, as well as Bro. Gould's grand history.

For my part, as to the date of its transcription, it seems to me that Mr. Bond's decision—"early 17th century"—based upon *its caligraphy*, is rather too early, a safer period being late 17th century. At all events, taking the evidence of writing and text combined, there does not appear to me any valid reason to date it later than that century. Bro. Woodford, from whom I had much assistance in the preparation of my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," placed it as A.D. 1660 *circa*. The estimate of that lamented brother is not likely to be far wrong.

I understand there are now only about 100 for sale of this Volume II. of the "Masonic Reprints" containing *facsimiles* and transcripts of the Cooke, Lansdowne, and Harleian, No. 1942, MSS., with an able commentary on the senior document by the esteemed editor, Bro. Speth, and brief introductions to the other two. These surely will all be applied for this month, for at half a guinea for the three MSS. in one volume the opportunity thus offered is a *perfect boon*.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Installation is that ceremony by which the Grand Master, the Deputy, Pro, and Grand Masters, the Grand Officers, and the Prov. Grand Masters, and Masters of private lodges are placed in their seats of office. It seems to come from "in stallum," as Mackey points out, being the same as the ceremony by which knights were placed in their stalls, and deans and abbots and prebendaries and canons were also seated in their proper stalls. We generally apply it to the annual installation of a Worshipful Master in the royal chair in the private lodge, which act can only be done "according to antient usage," and which by old custom, "mos est lex," requires presentation to a Board of Installed Masters. The first Worshipful Master of a lodge must be installed by the Grand Master or his Deputy, or by "some other Grand Officer or Master of a lodge," appointed by the Grand Master "to act as Deputy pro tempore." The ceremony of installation was in use in 1722, as provision is made for the ceremony according to a form of constituting a lodge, which some have said was probably drawn up by Désaguliers, though it is clearly an older compilation.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

M.W. BRO. JOHN W. VROOMAN, GRAND MASTER STATE OF NEW YORK.

Bro. the Hon. John W. Vrooman, who, for the moment, is sojourning in our midst, is a prominent and noteworthy personality in the trans-Atlantic Masonic world, and the following particulars will be read with interest, especially by those who have had the extreme pleasure of listening to the eloquent and heart-stirring words that this typical representative of American genius can pour forth when occasion demands. Born in the State of New York in the year 1844, the present Grand Master of the New York Grand Lodge was initiated a Mason at the age of 21, serving in the early years of his noviciate as Secretary of his mother lodge, later as Senior Deacon, then as Senior Warden, and finally as Worshipful Master. The latter position he held three years.

Following these terms of office, Grand Master Vrooman's career becomes identified with the history of the New York Grand Lodge, which occupies the proud position of being the second largest Grand Lodge in the world, having 720 lodges and numbering 80,000 Master Masons. After serving as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for five years, as Junior Grand Warden for two years, as Senior Grand Warden for two years, as Deputy Grand Master for four years, Bro. the Hon. John Vrooman was elected Grand Master in January, 1889, and re-elected to the same high office in the following year. It is worthy of record that the 10 elections were unanimous in every instance.

Grand Master Vrooman also held the important positions of Secretary of the New York State Senate for 10 years, and Secretary of the New York State Republican Committee for eight years; but upon his election to the dignity of Grand Master he decided to accept no further political office. A



member of several of the social clubs of New York and elsewhere, his name also stands on the muster roll of the grand army of the Republic of U.S.A. As already mentioned, Grand Master Vrooman, since the close of the Grand Lodge (N.Y.), is now paying a flying visit to Europe, and has been among us during the past two weeks.

During his stay he has visited the different Masonic Charitable Institutions of the Metropolis, impelled primarily by sympathy and interest, and further moved by a desire to obtain all possible information from personal observation as to the working of these establishments, our esteemed brother being engaged heart and soul in the carrying out on a scale of great magnitude of a benevolent scheme of similar character.

Following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Grand Master Lawrence, who succeeded in paying off the debt one time existing on the Masonic Temple of New York, and so enabling the revenues accruing from that Temple to be applied to the building and maintenance of an Asylum for Aged Masons and for the Children of Deceased Masons, Grand Master Vrooman is bending all his energies to the completion of this good work. It only remains to note that Bro. the Hon. John W. Vrooman is visiting us in company with the Right Worshipful Brother Harper, who is President of the Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and also with the Right Worshipful Brother Frederick A. Burnham, Chief Commissioner of Masonic Appeals for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 15th inst. in the Town Hall, Highbridge, under the banner of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, and under the presidency of Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England and D.P.G.M., to propose resolutions of regret at the death of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and of sympathy with the Hon. the Countess of Carnarvon and family in their affliction. There was a large representative muster of the brethren throughout the province, and especially of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present, Bro. T. F. Elworthy officiating as P.S.G.W., and Bro. A. Duckett as P.J.G.W. The P.G. Secretary, Bro. J. C. Hunt, first called the roll of lodges in the province, and it was found that all the lodges were represented with the exception of the Benevolent Lodge at Wells.

Bro. R. C. ELSE, D.P.G.M., in addressing the brethren, remarked that they were met together upon a sad and solemn occasion—the most sad and solemn, in fact, for which any Prov. Grand Lodge could be convened—namely, to deplore and record the great loss they had sustained by the death of their illustrious Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon—a severe blow indeed, not only to the province, but also to the Grand Lodge of England and the Craft generally, for in him Masonry had lost one of its highest and brightest ornaments. It was not for him at such a time to exalt his graces and praise his virtues, but he felt he was using no words of exaggeration when he said that their lamented brother was a true type of a courteous English gentleman, an amiable and accomplished Englishman, an eloquent Statesman, a refined man of letters, and a true and zealous Freemason. Bro. Else proceeded to briefly sketch the Masonic career of the late Earl of Carnarvon, who was appointed Prov. Grand Master in 1869, and had thus been their honoured ruler for 21 years, during the whole of which period it had been his (Bro. Else's) privilege to serve under him as an executive officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge, six years as Provincial G. Secretary, and fifteen as Deputy, and for the remainder of his days—be they many or be they few—he should retain with lively satisfaction the recollection of his lordship's invariable courtesy and kindness, and the remarkable fact that on no occasion did any difference of opinion arise between them. In conclusion, Bro. Else proposed—“That this Provincial Grand Lodge, in special lodge assembled, desires to express and place on record the profound regret felt by the Freemasons of Somerset at the lamented death of their beloved P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; their sincere sympathy with the Hon. the Countess of Carnarvon and family; and their earnest prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may be graciously pleased to console and support them in their deep affliction.”

The resolution was seconded by Bro. J. S. STOTHERT, whose remarks were read by the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. F. L. BYRDE, on account of Bro. Stother's inability to speak from temporary indisposition and loss of voice. In the course of the speech testimony was borne to the Masonic and other virtues of the late Earl of Carnarvon and the valuable services he had rendered to Freemasonry in the Province of Somersetshire.

Bro. EDMUND WHITE, P.S.G.W., supported the resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary was requested to forward it for presentation to the Hon. the Countess of Carnarvon.

The sum of £2 13s. 10d. was collected in the Prov. G. Lodge, and it was resolved that this amount be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Bridgwater Infirmary.

CONSECRATION OF THE CRICKLEWOOD LODGE, No. 2361.

The consecration of the Cricklewood Lodge, No. 2361, was performed on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. The Consecrating Officer was assisted in his duties by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., as S.W.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, J.G.D., as J.W.; the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec., as I.G.

The other brethren present were Bros. J. Willing, jun., J. R. Stacey, J. Potter, J. Stephens, S. Spooner, J. S. Wilkes, A. W. Paul, T. W. Burgess, W. Wellsman, S. Yardley Tilley, J. C. Whiddington, F. E. Hedges, and P. Rose Innes, P.M. 1261, founders.

The visitors were—

Bros. A. A. Mortimer, 1068; A. Rathbone, 2021; H. J. Dutton, 149; A. Weston, 1079; W. Price, 28; A. Cranch, P.M. 1216; H. Massey, P.M. 160, 619, and 1928; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1987; G. W. Andrews, 2021; J. W. Cuff, W.M. 511 and 1608; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Haswell J. Turner, P.M. 1608; N. Turner, P.M. 72; G. B. Worth, 172; J. M. McLeod, 113; H. N. Parker, 2048; A. C. Stephens, W.M. 1425; S. Barnett, P.M. 185; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; C. J. Taylor; R. Kirk, 1608; C. Hunt, P.M.; G. V. Wood, 1608; and J. W. Warden, 1987.

The lodge having been formally opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the brethren, said there were few ceremonies in Masonry more important and interesting than that which the brethren were assembled that day to perform, viz., the consecration and institution of a new lodge on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England. Although there were a large number of lodges in the metropolitan area, still in that great Metropolis, which was ever increasing, the suburbs were daily increasing, and spreading more widely, and were becoming more densely populated. Hence they found from time to time unoccupied areas in the London district which afforded scope for still more Masonic energy on the part of those brethren who lived in the localities, and where it might be reasonable to suppose that there were many persons who would be candidates for the Order, and who would be glad to find a lodge, the meetings of which would be convenient for their respective dwellings. In the present case those provisions came in. There was here a large neighbourhood in which there was no Masonic lodge. It was true that some years ago he consecrated a lodge at Hendon at the Welsh Harp, but that was not by any means close to Cricklewood, and, therefore, when the petitioners for the Cricklewood Lodge presented their petition to the M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness was good enough to take a favourable view of the case, and he granted a warrant for the new lodge, to take the local name of Cricklewood, and to meet at the Crown. The warrant was entrusted to the hands of a well-known, experienced, and energetic Mason—Bro. James Willing, whom he had had much pleasure in installing on other occasions as the first Master of new lodges, and under whose able sway he felt sure the Cricklewood Lodge would be well conducted. On these occasions it was his usual custom to address a word of caution to the founders of the newly-consecrated lodge not to be too anxious or in too great a hurry to get members into the lodge. The endeavour should be to get in the best materials for building up the Masonic edifice, not those persons who have in their hands only the silver shekels, but those who would become an honour to the Order. If they did not get such men it was a shocking thing, the men who ought to be got in were men of honour, tone, and character. If the members of the Cricklewood Lodge did that they would reap their reward. Cases had occurred where that principle had not been followed, and unfortunate results had been the consequence. He was sure, however, that would not be the case with the Cricklewood Lodge.

The ceremony was then proceeded with as far as the point where the Chaplain delivers the oration, and the Rev. Bro. R. W. M. POPE, in giving it—said:

Brethren,—It has been customary from time immemorial that a few words should be spoken at the consecration of lodges as to the nature and principles of Freemasonry. And it is well from time to time that we should recall to our minds the wise and grave teachings of our Order, so long as the words spoken are short and to the point. Let me remind you that Freemasonry teaches us in the very strongest terms belief in God. No man can be a true and genuine Mason unless he believes in the great Father of us all. And more than that—we are taught His wisdom, strength, and beauty. Wisdom, from Him is all knowledge; strength, He holds the isles in the hollow of His hand and counts them as a very little thing; beauty, from Him came whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report. Then, too, we are taught to think, not only of our duty towards this Gracious Supreme Being, but also of our duty to our brethren, when we first inculcated the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. So we observe that we really learn the three great virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Charity in its widest sense—love to God and love to man. Faith in our belief in our Divine Father—Hope that this life ended we shall dwell with Him in the life everlasting. And when I look round and see the lodge in mourning, these few words should come home with a doubly solemn meaning. We have lost him who to us Masons was only second to the heir to the throne. He was a man of singular and remarkable ability—one of whom we were proud—who was always ready with wise counsel for our Order. His was a devoted service to his Queen and country, to our Craft and to his God. Brethren, living as Lord Carnarvon did and dying as he did, may it be our lot to go before the great Judge of all with hope like his. The time must come when all our Masonic symbols shall pass away, when the shadow shall be swallowed up in the substance. “Now we see through a glass darkly”—oh, how darkly when we consider the mysteries of sorrow found in life—“Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now we know in part, but then shall we know even as also we are known.”

After this oration, which was enthusiastically received, the ceremony of consecration was regularly gone through, and Bro. James Willing, jun., was installed as W.M.

The brethren invested as officers were Bros. J. R. Stacey, P.M., S.W.; Joseph Potter, J.W.; James Stephens, P.M., Sec.; Spooner, S.D.; S. Wilkes, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Paul, D.C.; and Richard Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE completed his duties by delivering the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren.

The new W.M. then proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. A. Philbrick, Sir J. R. Somers Vine, the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, and A. A. Pendlebury for their services that day. The vote of thanks was accompanied by the honorary membership of the lodge.

The vote was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE returned thanks for the compliment.

The founders were elected a Committee to frame the by-laws, and the names of candidates for initiation and joining were read by the SECRETARY.

The lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The toasts were afterwards given and honoured, “The Queen and the Craft” being first laid before the brethren. In giving “The M.W.G.M.,” Bro. WILLING made a tender and kindly reference to the late Earl of Carnarvon, stating that on account of his death a great amount of work was now thrown on the Prince of Wales. The brethren of the Cricklewood Lodge were greatly indebted to his Royal Highness for granting the lodge's warrant, and the brethren would do their best to make the lodge worthy of the honour conferred on them.

Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. POPE, P.G.C., responded to the toast of “The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.” He stated that years ago as a young man and a Mason he had thought much of Masonry, and he had during his life been devoted to it. The Grand Officers he had looked upon as the old gods who dwelt in Olympus, of whom we knew very little, and who did not know much of sublunary matters. But since he had attained to the dignity of the purple he felt that he had arrived at Olympus, and he found that the officers of Grand Lodge were very much concerned indeed with all that affected Masonry in England, and had the welfare of Masonry at the very bottom of their hearts. The Grand Officers were delighted to see that new lodge started under such brilliant auspices, and felt confident that a lodge with such a W.M. as Bro. Willing and such officers to assist him must do well, and come to the front.

Bro. WILLING then gave “The Consecrating Officers,” and said he was afraid that Col. Shadwell Clerke was almost a martyr to his duties, but he assured Col. Clerke that he would go away from that lodge with the greatest respect, esteem, and brotherly love of every brother who was present. Whenever Col. Clerke came among the brethren they rejoiced at his presence, and they would like him if possible to come more frequently. Those who saw him perform the ceremonies were glad to see them done in such an irreproachable manner. He came among them as a friend, he would live with them as a friend, and they would never like him better than they did at present. Associated with him were Bro. Philbrick, a man of great discernment; Bro. Sir Somers Vine, who had made great strides in Masonry; Bro. Richardson, who was always ready to perform the duties of D.C.; and Bro. Pendlebury, the Assistant Grand Secretary. There was also Bro. Pope, the Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., in responding, said the W.M. had said much in the Grand Officers' favour, but he had omitted to mention that they were the most modest set of men that existed anywhere. The Grand Officers thanked Bro. Willing very much for his remarks. For himself he need scarcely say he was always at the service of the Craft. He did what he could to justify the position he had the honour of holding. Anything to further the interests of the Order he was delighted to perform, provided it was consistent with the duty he owed to the Craft. He was sorry to say he had to use that unpleasant word “No” sometimes, but when he did so it was from a sense of duty and not from churlishness. It was a great pleasure to him to be there that day to consecrate that lodge, and he must sincerely thank those very excellent brethren whose names had been mentioned for the kind assistance they had given him; because if it had not been for them it would have been quite impossible to carry out his work as he hoped he had done. Thanks to them, he had launched the new ship successfully, and he wished it every prosperity.

Bro. PHILBRICK, G.R., also replied, and said that whether, by their presence or by their good wishes, the Grand Officers were extremely glad to testify the interest and satisfaction they felt in assisting at the consecration of a lodge that was likely to prove an honour and to set an example to English Freemasonry.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed “The W.M.” He said the position of W.M. of a new lodge was very different to that of a brother who had arrived at the chair by election or regular gradation, because a first W.M. was chosen generally by several Past Masters as the best man to conduct the lodge through the most critical period of its existence. It showed also that they highly esteemed him. Such a compliment had been paid honestly and justly to Bro. Willing. They had all known him many years, and had seen his love of Masonry. That was not the first time he (Col. Clerke) had consecrated a lodge and installed Bro. Willing as its first W.M., and he could testify to Bro. Willing's great ability and to the immense amount of time and trouble he threw into Masonry. The brethren were fortunate in having him for their first Master; at the same time he must congratulate Bro. Willing on adding yet another flower to his button hole. Let them hope he would go on and continue his energy, and show in the future, as he had shown in the past, his great interest in the welfare of the Order.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said he thought when the Grand Secretary said in the lodge that evening that they ought to be careful whom they admitted, that he had heard that before; but with the happy auspices now he should think the observation would be more merited than ever. The Grand Secretary, however, must judge them in the future by what they did. He was extremely obliged

to the Grand Secretary for proposing his health, and he was also under deep obligation to the brethren for coming down to see the consecration. Thanking the brethren on behalf of himself, he assured them that he would do his best for the lodge and for Masonry. But there were other Past Masters able, willing, and energetic who would co-operate with him in endeavouring to make the lodge a success by adhering to the principles which had been enunciated that day. When they had made the lodge a success he hoped the brethren would not forget it.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Visitor," and referring to Bro. J. M. McLeod, said that that brother, who was now the Secretary of the Boys' School, had an arduous work before him. Bro. McLeod had come in with an unexpectedly large majority. Honestly and sincerely he (the W.M.) thought the best man had got the place. Now that he was there the brethren were going to do their best to give him a fair chance in the performance of his duties.

Bro. JAMES MORRISON McLEOD—whose first appearance in public this was after his election as Secretary of the Boys' School—said it was always to him a great pleasure to visit a lodge in London, but more especially was it so when a dear old friend of his like Bro. James Willing, jun., was in the chair. He was delighted to see Bro. Willing as first Master of a new lodge. That was the first time he had visited a Craft lodge since his new appointment, and under such a good Mastership he was very pleased indeed to come. He thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received that toast; he knew the kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren in all parts of the country. It had been such that it had endeared Masonry to his heart more than before, and that was not a little. He thanked those who voted for him and those who worked against him. He knew he would have the support of both now that he was in, and under such favourable auspices his work for the future would be very much lightened, and he was certain he should have the good will of all those who put him in the position, and also all those dear friends who did their best to put him out of it. (Laughter.) He would do the best he could for the benefit of the Institution, and he trusted he should have the support of all the brethren of the Cricklewood Lodge. The W.M., in the fulness of his heart and the generosity of his whole being, had offered to stand Steward for the Boys' School for next year, and he took that opportunity of thanking him for being so early in the field.

Bro. STILES also replied, and the other toasts were given, honoured, and responded to, and the brethren separated.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Arthur Cranch, P.M. 1216, who was assisted by Bros. H. J. Dutton, 1706; Arthur Weston, 1929; and William Price, 28.

CONSECRATION OF THE BLOOMSBURY RIFLES LODGE, No. 2362.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst. at the magnificent head-quarters of the Bloomsbury Rifles (19th Middlesex), Chenies-street. The officers' mess room was devoted to the use of the lodge. It is a lofty and interesting room, containing, in addition to the portraits of by-gone military celebrities, panelling with the arms thereon of officers, past and present, of the regiment, old arms and armour. One interesting relic is the colours of the Bloomsbury Trained Band, pioneers of the present Volunteer movement, which were paraded before King George III. in Hyde Park in 1790.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, as S.W.; Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., P.G.D., as J.W.; Very Rev. the Dean of Battle, G.C., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Lieut.-Col. Arthur B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G.

The founders were Bros. Claud Scott, P.M.; Matthew H. Hale, G. E. Grimes, J. Lewis Miller, W. H. Faircloth, James Jackson, and Harry Sillis.

Among the visitors present were:

J. W. Vrooman, M.W.G.M. New York; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; F. A. Burnham, Chief Commissioner, P.D.D.G.M. New York; Theodore Tilton, P.D.D.G.M. New York; E. B. Harper, President Board of Trustees New York; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; Henry Sadler, P.M., Grand Tyler; F. J. Fur, P.M. 1306; W. B. Scott, P.M. 822; William Vincent, P.M. 1194; J. H. Price, W.M. 1321; J. Greenway, 1310; E. Daker, 1306; W. Wills, 1901; Frank C. Joseph, 2048; A. W. Gerrard, 1415; J. Jackson, 1289; T. Powell, 2182; H. Reynolds, 2182; E. Smith, 2182; Arthur Scurrah, 2206; G. Goddard, 933; H. J. McFarlane, 1929; W. H. Sillis, 127; W. O. Welsford, 1321; Henry White, 1671; C. A. Murton, and others.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, in his opening address, remarked upon the difficulty in procuring warrants for London lodges, and the rule to grant none save where exceptional reasons for same could be proved, which had satisfactorily been done in the present case, and they were about to add another lodge to the present role of London military lodges which already number twelve. At the onset he congratulated the founders upon the honour conferred upon them by the presence of the M.W.G.M. of New York and three of his principal officers, and he believed it was the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of New York that the Grand Master has ever visited an English lodge.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN then delivered an appropriate oration on the principles of the Order, in the course of which he compared the steady gradual rise and progress of Freemasonry to the orderly and stately rearing of King Solomon's temple. He also spoke in a very feeling manner of the loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and pointed to his Masonic life as a noble pattern to us all.

The lodge was then consecrated in due form. Bro. Claude Scott, P.M., was installed W.M. by the Consecrating Officer, and invested the following brethren: Bros. M. H. Hale, S.W.; G. E. Grimes, J.W.; J. L. Miller, Secretary; W. H. Faircloth, S.D.; J. Jackson, J.D.; and Harry Sillis, I.G.

The W.M. stated his first and most pleasing duty was to propose to the members that in order to show their deep sense and appreciation of the honour conferred upon the lodge by the M.W.G.M. of New York and his Grand Officers being present at the consecration, they should vote them first honorary members of their lodge, which was carried unanimously.

The M.W.G.M. of New York, replying on behalf of himself and his colleagues, expressed the great pleasure and gratification it gave them to be present at the consecration of an English lodge, especially one of a military character, which was of particular interest to him. In his own jurisdiction, which in size was second only to the Grand Lodge of England, there was at present no military lodge, but at the time it was founded six of the nine were military, and was founded on the warrant of a lodge which was granted over a hundred years ago by the Duke of Athol, and when the War of Independence was over, and the English evacuated New York, to the lasting credit of English Masons, for Englishmen were and are honourable men, they left the warrant in the sacred precincts of the lodge room for their American brethren, who have worked under it ever since. This fact alone would cement the bonds of brotherhood between Masons on both sides of the water. He and his colleagues would ever remember and appreciate the truly fraternal manner in which they had been received, and ever value the honorary membership which had been conferred upon them.

Honorary membership was also conferred upon all the Consecrating Officers.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellently served

banquet, prepared for them in the sergeants' mess, which reflected great credit upon the catering of the regimental club steward.

The usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. touched briefly but feelingly upon the death of the Earl of Carnarvon.

Bro. Lord EUSTON, in reply, said: On behalf of myself and the other Grand Officers, I thank you for the hearty manner in which you have received this toast. It is a labour of love to assist you on the road of prosperity, and a great pleasure to us all. I have never before visited a military lodge, and it is a singular coincidence that the first I do visit and assist in its consecration should be the 6th Volunteer Battalion attached to my old regiment, the Rifle Brigade. You wear the same uniform, with a slight difference only in the badge, and I sincerely trust and believe that as there seems to be the same go and energy in the lodge as in the regiment you are named after you will continue to prosper in numbers and proficiency, and show a good record and be as smart in your working as the regiment is in drill.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," said it was the toast of the evening. The way in which they had worked the ceremony was an example which the lodge would do well to emulate. He trusted the lodge would follow the example of the regiment, which had gained and maintained a desirable reputation in the field, and it was his wish as an officer in both regiment and lodge that it should do credit to the regiment which had received them as the representatives of Masonry under its colours. Without further comment he would give the toast of the Consecrating Officers, which was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in reply, said that as he had been talking for a considerable time he was afraid they would be tired of his voice, but he assured them it had been a particular pleasure. He was, like Lord Euston, an old soldier, and their hearts warmed to see military men going so thoroughly into Masonry. It was a delight to see discipline and brotherhood combined in the double bond of the soldier and the Mason. If they keep the attributes of both before them the lodge could not be otherwise than successful, and they had launched that new ship on the ocean of Masonry without any doubt upon those grounds. He sincerely thanked Lord Euston and the other distinguished brethren for the assistance they had afforded him.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE congratulated him on being appointed first Worshipful Master, and stated upon him would depend the lodge's future prosperity, also upon the honour to be conferred him by his first candidate for initiation being the colonel of the regiment. The toast was duly honoured.

The W.M., in response, expressed himself hopeful for the future, having the confidence and cheerful assistance of the officers.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. coupled with this popular toast the names of his respected father, founder and P.M. of the Victoria Rifles Lodge, and Bro. Scurrah.

Bro. SCOTT, P.M., in reply, gave a brief history of the foundation of the Victoria Rifles Lodge, 33 years ago, of which he is the only founder still living, and added that, as his son was a P.M. of that lodge and first Master of this one, he might almost consider himself its grandfather. He wished it might flourish as the old one had done.

Bro. SCURRAH also replied.

The toast of "The Officers" was also given and received.

Bro. HALE, P.M., S.W., responding for "The Officers," related how the difficulties of founding a new lodge had been surmounted, and of their intention to support their W.M. on all occasions.

The musical portion of the ceremony, as well as an excellent programme after the banquet, was efficiently rendered by Bros. Smith, Reynolds, and Powell, under the direction of Bro. H. J. McFarlane, for which a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to them, on behalf of the lodge, by the W.M., which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. MCFARLANE.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a successful and enjoyable evening.

FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 22nd Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master. Some 220 brethren and ladies sat down to a choice banquet.

The programme of music was under the direction of Bro. Henry R. Rose, A.R.A.M., Past Grand Organist (Professor at the Royal Academy of Music), who was assisted by Madame Clara Samuel, Miss Ethel Bevans, Bro. Bernard Lane, Mr. W. W. G. Forington (solo violoncello), Bro. Hans A. Brouil (solo flute), and Bro. W. Lewis Barrett. During dinner music was performed by a string band.

At the close of the dinner grace was sung by the musical party, and the toasts were then proposed.

The Earl of EUSTON, in giving "The Health of the Queen," said he was sure all the brethren and ladies would receive the toast with the heartiest enthusiasm, because he knew that both the ladies and the brethren were one and all loyal to her Majesty.

The toast having been heartily drunk, the National Anthem was sung by the musical brethren and ladies.

The Earl of EUSTON next proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." Not only in Masonry, but in all other relations of life, the Prince of Wales worked most heartily. His Royal Highness, on account of his many engagements, could not very often come among Mark Masons, but one thing was quite certain, that whenever he did come among them he always would get a most hearty welcome.

This toast was also most enthusiastically received.

The Earl of EUSTON next said that the toast he had now to propose would be honoured by all the company, the same as the other two toasts. It was the toast of "The Marquis of Hertford, the Pro Grand Master, and all the Past Grand Masters," of whom there was a long list. They had all done good and trusty service to the Degree; they had all in the several years of their life as the heads of this Degree done their utmost to forward its interests. During the many years that the Grand Mark Lodge of England had been established there was only one of them who had passed away, and that was only recently. All the brethren lamented the decease of the Earl of Carnarvon, and all those who were related to his lordship had the heartiest sympathy of the brethren in their bereavement. All the Past Masters had the greatest interest in the success of the Degree, and they were all entitled to receive the best wishes of the brethren.

Bro. Sir LIONEL DARELL, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman, the Earl of Euston," said that that was not an ordinary occasion, and he felt it a privilege and a gratification to propose the Chairman's health. He did it most heartily, and he assured the brethren and ladies that it would be impossible for him to descend as he ought to do on the Chairman's Masonic virtues; but he said that without fear of contradiction, and there was no man who since he became a Freemason had done more to promote the highest and best interests of the Order. The Earl of Euston spared no time, pains, or trouble to do everything he could, or to go to any place where he felt he might benefit Masonry at large. That evening Lord Euston

was pleased to occupy the post of Chairman, because he knew he was helping to promote the success of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which all the company present had so much at heart. When the Grand Secretary came to announce the Stewards' lists he hoped that they would exceed all previous lists, and if it was so no one in the room would be more delighted than the Chairman of the evening. He took that opportunity of congratulating Lord Euston on having been promoted to the position of Deputy Grand Master. The brethren would all agree with him that they had the right man in the right place, for no one would fill the office better.

The toast having been heartily honoured, the Earl of EUSTON said he could not forget that he was comparatively a young Mason, and had been but a few years in the Order. He could, however, say one thing, that since he had been a Mason he had followed up Masonry with the greatest eagerness. He had found since he had been in the Order that he had been received with that welcome and good feeling which should pervade all Masonry in this country and all over the world. It was a great and glorious thing to feel that when one got up and said a few words about Masonry a most hearty response was given by all the brethren who wished success to the Craft. For himself he could say that his sole object in Masonry was the advancement of benevolent funds. He had very often before said, and he repeated it now, that he could never thank the brethren too heartily for the kindness with which they had always received him. He only hoped they might never ask him to assist in any good work that he might not be able to accede to; whenever it was in his power to assist, it would give him the greatest possible pleasure to do so. He was sure that the Grand Secretary would presently tell them that the Mark Degree was rapidly increasing, that there were many applications for new lodges in the past year, for there were still many coming in. The Mark Degree had established itself, and it would compare well with other Degrees. Before he sat down he wished to kill two birds with one stone. He had next to propose "The Grand Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, Present and Past." There were many of those brethren present, brethren who had over and over again served the office of G. Steward and had contributed largely to the funds. Not only had they done so with their money on behalf of Charity, but by their presence and by their work in the different provinces they belonged to they had added to and increased the numbers of the Mark Degree, and brought it to that high standard which all Mark Masons ought to maintain. If they had not officers to work like that the chance was that so good a result would not follow; the lodges instead of increasing would decrease, and the festivals instead of becoming more successful year by year would dwindle away to a very small thing. Therefore he thought every brother would wish most heartily prosperity, long life, and success to every Grand Officer present. He should call upon one to respond who had been lately admitted to the ranks, and whom he (Lord Euston) had the pleasure of installing as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire—Sir Stafford Northcote—one who showed signs that he would be what his father was before him—(cheers)—a good man, a true man, and a thorough Englishman.

Bro. Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Prov. G.M. of Devonshire, in replying, said he had not, till the last few seconds, had the slightest suspicion that he had any personal interest in the toast otherwise than that which he enjoyed in common with every one else. In appreciating the toast just submitted by his lordship to the company, and which they had drunk with so much kindness, he must confess it did not occur to him that he should take the responsible position of replying to the toast, and he felt great diffidence in replying for two reasons; in the first place, he supposed he was the youngest of the Grand Officers present. The Chairman had told them that his Masonic experiences were not of long duration, but his (Sir S. Northcote's) were of a shorter period, and it was difficult for him to respond in presence of so many who had done such great services to the Order. In the second place, he felt diffidence lest he should say too much. Masons were told to guard certain secrets from the world, and he must confess that he never more admired the Masonic power of reticence than when he saw the temptations to which Masons were daily exposed. He might be tempted in responding to divulge some secrets which might have some moot, painful consequences; but he must say that all round him there was an elaborate network of toasts. If he were to make any general remarks with regard to the Mark Benevolent Fund, or to any thing which might have been confidentially said to them, he would incur the displeasure of a friend of his who had something to say on the subject. Under the circumstances he took the refuge of public men to say as little as possible, and sit down with the cheerful confidence that they had in no way committed themselves. Yet he would say, on behalf of the Past and Present Grand Officers, that he thanked the company for drinking that toast in such a kind manner. It would be his endeavour, as a very young Mason and as a much younger Grand Officer, to follow the footsteps of the Right Worshipful brother in the chair, and should he ever be called upon again to respond to this toast, he hoped he should be able to feel that he had done something to merit the position.

Bro. J. H. WYNNIE said, as one of the old Grand Officers who was present at the first of these festivals 21 years ago, he was pleased to be present on that occasion. He was also pleased to see such a gratifying assembly to witness the success of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He recollected on the first occasion that only about 50 were present, but now there were more than 200. He sincerely thanked the Chairman and all present for patronising so well the Benevolent Fund. He was one who had been mixed up with it many years, and he was thankful to see it so prosperous.

The Earl of EUSTON next said he felt a great deal of interest in putting the next toast before the company, a toast to which there was no response except the announcement of the Grand Secretary of what was the result of the Festival. They were met for one great object—that great object which characterised Freemasonry from the first moment brethren entered it until they were carried out of this world. Once a Mason, always a Mason, and that was what Masons were most proud of. The right and proper word used towards any Freemason was wholly and solely Charity, and the Charity they were now carrying on was such that they were proud of—they were doing good to those who belonged to the same Order, and to those who belonged to those who belonged to us; to help their widows if they were so unfortunate as to be left in want; to help their children to begin life with a good start if they could not do it with the means left by the deceased brother. But they were also careful—and they were proud of being careful—to know that everyone who was relieved was thoroughly and wholly entitled to the relief that they received. Now that was the great object to those who so liberally came forward to give their money, knowing that what they gave was thankfully received and faithfully applied, and he thought in this Mark Degree the administrators of that Fund could say it was absolutely faithfully applied. The only expenses were the posting and printing circulars connected with it. They had no large building to keep up, no large salaries to pay, no salaries to persons to oversee head masters; the whole of the money given to that Charity was absolutely used in the way it was desired it should be used by those who gave it. It had begun as a very small thing, as everything must, and it had come up now—and he hoped it would increase year by year—to a sum to be proud of. It was not wasted. The first Festival was held in 1869; the late lamented Bro. Portal took the chair. There were very few Stewards, but he believed that even then the ladies condescended to patronise it, and that Festival realised £97 2s. 8d. That was 21 years ago, and as luck, it was said, went in odd numbers, and seven was said to be a lucky number, he now only hoped with all his heart that, when the Grand Secretary informed them what he had got, the 21st—or three times seven—year would prove to be a lucky number. When Lord Amherst presided two years ago the amount was £2260; when Sir Lionel Dorell presided the amount was £2086. Those were two hard records to beat, but he would not crow just

now. In comparison with some Charities there was nothing like the Masonic Charities. Money was not always given away as it was by that Fund. That Fund always gave it to real cases of distress. They were brought before the General Board, and thoroughly investigated. There was £2900 invested, and year by year after these Festivals so much was added to the investments. The Educational Fund was another branch, and on that £2400 was invested, and that Fund was entirely used to educate children in the neighbourhood in which they resided, which was an enormous advantage, as they did not lose the influence of their parents. Great pains were taken to ascertain that the schools they went to were proper schools. The fees were paid by the Fund, and the children got £5 each per annum for their clothing. Notwithstanding that the Fund was gradually having every year money invested. Another branch of the Charity was the Annuity Fund. It is one, he thought, which they ought to look to a great deal, because those who had been among the brethren and had done good service to the Order in their times of prosperity, both by subscribing and by being Stewards, if from unforeseen circumstances like depression of trade or failure of commercial enterprise they got into distress, when their cases were looked into, and it was found that they had done their work honestly at the time, got an annuity, and perhaps they were able to start afresh if they were young enough, but if not there was the annuity for them. It might be interesting to know that they had 13 or 14 boys and 13 girls at present being educated by that Fund till they were 16 years of age, and if they successfully came out at the end of their education the Fund gave them a start in life. There were seven men and one lady annuitant at the present moment on the Fund, at the rate of £26 a year for the men and £21 for the ladies, with £5 given them at Christmas to make a festive season of it and be comfortable. He trusted that what the General Board did would meet with the approval of the supporters of the Fund, and would induce them to assist it in the future as they had in the past. He trusted that they would come up for many years to support the Fund. No applicant who came before the General Board who was well and properly recommended had ever yet been refused since the Fund was started 21 years ago, and it was due to those who had helped the Fund from the beginning. Every case that was not worthy or that was found unsound was refused, and he did not think any brother would blame the General Board for doing so. If they knew how endeavours were made to get money from it—how the Board did not countenance Masons who came into Masonry for the one sole object of some day applying for Charity, he thought they would commend the Board for their discretion. They wished to give to those who were thoroughly worthy, but they did not assist those who wished to be relieved over and over again; they always gave to cases of real distress—to cases where the man had done good service to the Mark Degree. He would not sit down without one more word. He must thank those Lady Stewards who had honoured the Fund by becoming Stewards this year for the first time. By doing that they were encouraging the gentlemen. They also encouraged them by their presence. He asked their support in the future, and he was certain of one thing, that it would be a great benefit in the future if they could get ladies to assist them. Some ladies pooh-poohed Masonry as they pooh-poohed many other things—(laughter)—but he was sure when they saw what Masons did they would be inclined to come forward, because they were at the bottom of their hearts more charitable than most men. There was one more branch of the Fund he had forgotten to allude to, and they need not say much about it, but he could assure the company that £400 per annum was given away in small sums to assist Mark Masons who were in temporary difficulty, if they were properly brought forward and recommended. On all those grounds that toast deserved hearty reception. He trusted the Fund was founded on a rock; it had grown from £90 to over £2000 per annum, and if it went on increasing like that for the next seven years, whoever might occupy the chair then if he obtained £3000, he should be very glad. But let them take care to get good and true men into the Order who would keep up the Charity. The Grand Secretary, who was Secretary of the Fund before he was Grand Secretary, took great interest in the Fund. The Fund was carried out at less expense than any charitable institution in the country. He gave the toast of "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and he hoped it would go on increasing by thousands.

Bro. MATIER then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LADY STEWARDS. £ s. d.		LONDON. £ s. d.	
The Marchioness of Hertford		Lodge	
„ Viscountess Valentia ...		Grand Master's Bro. the Earl	
„ Lady Eleanor Harbord ...	5 5 0	of Euston ...	146 5 0
„ Lady Agnes Cooper ...	5 5 0	Grand Stewards' Bro. W. C.	
„ Lady Darell ...	5 5 0	Gilles ...	6 6 0
„ Lady Hanson ...		Bon Accord (T.I.) Bro. W. G.	
Mrs. G. P. Airey (see Bro.		Lemon ...	15 15 0
Capt. G. P. Airey) ...		Old Kent (T.I.) Bro. C. H.	
„ R. Berridge ...	16 5 0	Driver ...	17 17 0
„ A. B. Cook ...	5 5 0	1 Bro. Horatio H. Shirley ...	30 9 0
„ A. R. Carter ...		8 „ H. Von Joel ...	24 13 6
„ Samuel Kelly (see Bro.		22 „ G. W. Marsden, jun. ...	5 5 0
Kelly) ...		22 „ W. Klingenstein ...	5 5 0
„ Sim ...	5 5 0	363 „ P. de Lande Long ...	27 5 0
„ C. J. Knightley ...	5 5 0	303 „ Frank Richardson	
„ C. Fitzgerald Matier ...	5 5 0	(see Gen. Board)	
„ Frederick Mead ...	6 6 0	406 „ Major C. W. Carrell ...	5 5 0
„ John Ramsey ...	5 5 0	410 „ Richard Glasspool ...	35 14 0
„ George Rice ...	5 5 0	415 „ Major Baker ...	15 15 0
„ Alfred Williams ...	5 5 0	UNATTACHED.	
„ Gordon Miller ...		Bro. Jabez Church ...	5 5 0
Miss Berridge ...	5 5 0	„ Augustus Harris ...	10 10 0
„ Darell ...		„ Henry Massey ...	
„ Kelly (see Bro. Kelly) ...		„ H. Carman ...	5 5 0
„ Cleaves ...	2 2 0	„ Rudolph G. Glover ...	10 10 0
„ Sim ...		„ John Ramsey ...	5 5 0
GENERAL BOARD.		„ R. L. Andrews ...	5 5 0
Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl		„ W. Vincent ...	6 6 0
of Euston, D.G.M.,		„ J. H. Matthews ...	10 10 0
(see Grand Master's		„ Lennox Browne ...	10 10 0
Lodge)		„ Major J. T. Ritchie ...	
„ Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook	15 15 0	„ Major Geo. Lambert ...	5 5 0
„ Frank Richardson ...	21 0 0	THE PROVINCES.	
„ Right Hon. Viscount		BERKS AND OXON.	
Dungarvan ...	36 15 0	Province {	
„ W. C. Gilles (see Grand		{ The Earl of Jersey ...	
Stewards' Lodge) ...		{ Viscount Valentia ...	
„ Robt. Berridge ...	17 17 0	{ John Tomkins ...	
„ George Cooper ...	5 5 0	Lodge	
„ Rev. Hayman Cummings		55 Bro. P. Colville Smith ...	
(see Kent) ...		55 „ Rev. R. W. M. Pope ...	
„ C. H. Driver (see Old		225 „ Sidney Payne ...	
Kent Lodge) ...		235 „ C. Higatt Tench ...	
„ Gordon Miller (see Hants		247 „ Capt. G. P. Airey ...	
and Isle of Wight) ...		247 „ W. H. Seary ...	
„ A. R. Carter ...	5 5 0	247 „ Edward Horne, M.D. }	
„ C. Belton (see Middlesex		CORNWALL.	
and Surrey) ...		87 Bro. Nicholas J. West ...	
„ A. F. Godson, M.P. (see		CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND.	
Worcestershire) ...		213 Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson ...	
„ James Moon ...			
„ Alfred Williams ...	15 15 0		

DEVONSHIRE.		£	s.	d.
The Province—				
Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford	H. Northcote	78	17	6
EAST ANGLIA.				
The Province—				
Lodge				
112 Bro. E. Armitage...		31	10	0
145 „ A. H. Bowles		15	15	0
334 „ C. F. Matier...		42	0	0
413 „ R. Clowes (see Sussex)				
GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.				
The Province—		£	s.	d.
Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres		5	5	0
Lodge				
10 Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith		5	5	0
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
Bro. Richard Eve...		10	10	0
„ Arthur Savill		5	5	0
„ Henry Stone		15	0	0
Lodge				
2 Bro. Alexander Howell		5	5	0
2 „ Capt. A. H. Markham		10	10	0
2 „ Gordon Miller		5	5	0
62 „ Alexander Howell (see above)				
HERTFORDSHIRE.				
The Province—				
Bro. F. S. Knyvett		5	5	0
Lodge				
354 Bro. A. R. Carter (see General Board)...				
354 „ Major Clifford Probyn		5	5	0
367 „ Geo. Mickley, M.B.		5	5	0
367 „ James Terry		10	10	0
JERSEY.				
Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret		21	0	0
KENT.				
Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings		31	10	0
Lodge				
129 Bro. Rev. E. C. d'Anquier		16	16	0
255 „ Silas Wagon		10	10	0
294 „ E. M. Primrose				
294 „ Robert Main		5	5	0
294 „ A. Escott		5	5	0
309 „ A. H. Bateman		5	5	0
322 „ Walter Tomlinson		5	5	0
378 „ Jas. S. Eastes		26	5	0
390 „ Thomas D. Denne...				
390 „ R. J. Emmerson		11	0	0
LANCASHIRE.				
The Province—				
Bro. A. H. Jefferis		26	5	0
Lodge				
St. John's Bro. John Kenyon		10	10	0
St. John's „ W. H. Brown		5	5	0
Lebanon „ R. W. Bourne		5	5	0
Lebanon „ Reginald Young		52	10	0
Lebanon „ W. J. Thompson		5	5	0
34 Bro. Samuel Kelly		16	0	0
143 „ Rev. T. B. Spencer		10	10	0
146 „ Capt. C. H. Garnett		10	10	0
158 „ W. Johnson...		27	0	0
393 „ Jas. De Bels Adam		26	5	0
LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHANTS, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLAND.				
The Province—				
Bro. J. H. Thompson		5	5	0
Lodge				
245 Bro. H. Manfield...		42	0	0
245 „ The Hon. A. W. Trollope...		5	5	0
302 „ A. Woodiwiss, J.P.		52	10	0
302 „ G. Fletcher		5	5	0
353 „ Percy Wallis		5	5	0
LINCOLNSHIRE.				
117 Bro. H. E. Cousins		6	6	0
188 „ J. Duke				
188 „ W. Goodwin		15	15	0
387 „ T. Staniforth		10	10	0
387 „ Rev. E. M. Weigall		10	10	0
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.				
The Province—				
Bro. C. Hammerton		45	2	6
The Province—				
Bro. Rev. Joseph Cater...				
Lodge				
3 Bro. A. W. Hillier		5	5	0
5 „ R. Greening				
5 „ E. M. Lott, Mus. Dr.		13	13	0
7 „ W. E. Stewart		22	1	0
13 „ Dr. F. Lawrance		21	0	0

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Berks and Oxon	77	7	0	Lincolnshire	43	1	0
Cornwall	5	5	0	Middlesex and Surrey	593	3	6
Cumberland and Westmorland	21	0	0	Monmouthshire	42	0	0
Devonshire	78	17	6	Northumberland and Durham	57	15	0
East Anglia	89	5	0	South Wales	52	10	0
Gloucestershire and Herefordshire	10	10	0	Sussex	38	17	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	51	15	0	Warwickshire	15	15	0
Hertfordshire	26	5	0	West Yorkshire	53	15	6
Jersey	21	0	0	Wiltshire	22	1	0
Kent	117	1	0	Worcestershire	10	10	0
Lancashire	195	5	0	Order of the Secret Monitor			
Leicestershire, &c.	115	10	0	Rose Croix	10	10	0
LONDON—56 STEWARDS				Foreign Stations	17	17	0
PROVINCES, &c.—123 STEWARDS							
GRAND TOTAL							
	£	2354	1				
		0					

The Earl of EUSTON next proposed "The Board of Stewards."

Bro. Col. A. BOTT COOK responded, and stated that the whole of the expense

of the Festival was paid out of the Stewards' fees, so that no expense fell on the Fund.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN replied to the toast of "The Ladies," and Bro. Professor VIVIAN LEWIS for "The Visitors."

The proceedings, which had been most thoroughly successful, were then brought to a close.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

The later successes of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festivals were well maintained on Wednesday, when, under the able presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, Dep. G.M.M. and Past President of the General Board, a Board of 179 Stewards had the satisfaction of compiling a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £2354 1s. This is the largest Board of Stewards in connection with this Festival, the highest number previously recorded having been in 1888, when the Chairman of the day, Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, was supported by 163 brethren, the aggregate of whose lists was £1818. On this occasion, however, the amount obtained was about £100 in excess of the highest previous return of £2260 in 1887.

The most noteworthy feature in connection with this particular fête is undoubtedly the introduction of a somewhat numerous body of Lady Stewards. Occasionally at Masonic gatherings of this character there have been scattered here and there in the list two or three, or it may be, even some half-dozen ladies, who have kindly acted in this important capacity, but this is certainly the first time we have known them act in such force and as a separate detachment. The Marchioness of Hertford, wife of the Pro G.M., headed the list, which mustered to the number of 19 in all, and included the Viscountess Valentia, wife of the Prov. G.M. of Berks and Oxon; the Ladies Eleanor Harbord and Agnes Cooper, Lady and Miss Darell, Mrs. and Miss Berridge, Mrs. and Miss Kelly, Mrs. C. F. Matier, and Mrs. A. B. Cook, the sum of their contributions being £82 8s. In more than one instance, however, we are given to understand that the contributions will be found recorded in other lists.

The General Board, headed by Bros. the Earl of Euston, Past President, and Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, President, F. Richardson, Vice-President, Viscount Dungarvan, and other members, to the number of 15, formed a second separate detachment, the result of their efforts appearing in a sum of £117 12s., as compared with £115 10s. from a Board of 11 members last year. But in this case, also, we are referred in several instances to other Returns, either in the London or Provincial sections of the Returns.

Of the lodges in London, 11 were represented by 13 brethren, who compiled amongst them £334 13s. 6d. The Earl of Euston, Grand Masters Lodge, obtained £146 5s.; Bro. Richard Glasspool, acting for the Eclectic Lodge, No. 410, returning £35 14s.; Bro. H. H. Shirley, St. Mark's, No. 1, £30 9s.; and Bro. H. Von Joel, of the Thistle, No. 8, £24 13s. 6d.; and Bro. P. de Lande Long, No. 363, £27 5s. The Unattached brethren, to the number of 12, returned amongst them £74 11s. Thus, taking the Lady Stewards, the General Board, the representatives of London lodges, and the Unattached Stewards together, we may set down the London section of the Board as numbering 56, and the total of the sums contributed or raised by them—except in the cases where we are told they figure in the Provincial Returns—as amounting to £609 4s. 6d. Last year, London, with 37 out of a Board of 159 Stewards, were successful in raising a total of £491 19s.

Turning to

THE PROVINCES,

we find that, including representatives from sundry foreign stations, &c., the number of Stewards, irrespective of those who figure both in this and the London sections of the Board, was 121, and that the total they returned was £1744 14s. 6d. Last year there were 122 Provincial Stewards, and the sum of their Returns was £1594 19s. 6d.

Ten brethren did duty for

BERKS AND OXON,

the Province itself being represented by the Prov. Grand Master (Viscount Valentia), the Past Prov. Grand Master (the Earl of Jersey), and Bro. John Tomkins, the other seven being representatives of four lodges. The total contributed or raised by these reached £77 7s., the principal items being £22 11s., the amount of the joint list of Bros. Captain G. P. Airey, W. H. Seary, and Edward Horne, acting for the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, and £17 per Bro. C. H. Tench from the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, Reading.

The three Provinces next in order had each of them a single representative, Bro. N. J. West, of the Cornubian, No. 87, doing duty for CORNWALL, and contributing £5 5s., Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, for CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND, and handing in £21; while DEVONSHIRE was represented by its newly-appointed Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, whose list amounted to £56 16s. 6d. EAST ANGLIA sent up four Stewards, Bro. C. F. Matier, for the York Lodge, No. 334, Cambridge, being one of them. The total reached £89 5s., of which Bro. Matier raised £42, Bro. E. Armitage, W.M. of the Isaac Newton, No. 112, Cambridge, £31 10s., and Bro. A. H. Bowles, Constantine Lodge, No. 145, Colchester, £15 15s. GLOUCESTERSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE had two Stewards, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Vassar-Smith for the Cheltenham and Keystone, No. 10, the total for the Province being £10 10s.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

had six Stewards, Bro. Alexander Howell doing duty for Lodges Nos. 2 and 62. The Returns amounted to £51 15s., and included £21 from the Phoenix Lodge, No. 2, Portsmouth, and £15 from Bro. H. Stone. HERTFORDSHIRE sent five Stewards, of whom Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, Prov. Grand Secretary, did duty for the Province generally; while Bros. A. R. Carter and Major Probyn represented the Rose and Lily, No. 354, and Bros. George Mickley and James Terry the Gladsmuir, No. 367. The total amounted to £26 5s., of which Bro. Terry raised £10 10s. JERSEY was represented by Bro. Colonel de Carteret, whose list amounted to £21.

KENT

had seven of its 18 lodges represented by ten brethren, while Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M., acted independently, the list he handed in amounting to £31 10s. The lodge representatives increased this by £85 11s. to £117 11s., the principal item being £26 5s. from Bro. J. S. Eastes. Last year the eight Stewards from this Province raised £115 8s.

The large and influential Province of

LANCASHIRE

acquitted itself most satisfactorily. There were in all 11 Stewards, of whom one represented the Province and the remaining 10 seven out of its 30 lodges. Bro. Reginald Young, one of three Stewards for the Lebanon (Time Immemorial) Lodge, handed in a list of £52 10s., the Returns from the other two Stewards raising the total from this lodge to £63. Bro. W. Johnson, Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158, Wigan, raised £27, Bro. A. H. Jefferis, the Provincial representative, £26 5s., and Bro. J. de Bels Adam, of the Liverpool Lodge, No. 393, obtained £26 5s.; Bro. Samuel Kelly, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 34, Manchester, £16, and the St. John's (Time Immemorial) Lodge, Bolton, £15 15s., per Bro. John Kenyon and another. The total from the whole Province was £195 5s., as compared with £356 10s. by 15 Stewards in 1889.

LEICESTERSHIRE

and the other counties constituting the Province, presided over by the veteran Bro. William Kelly, Prov. Grand Mark Master, contributed £115 10s., the number of Stewards being six, of whom Bro. A. Woodiwiss, J.P., of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, Derby, raised £52 10s., and Bro. H. Manfield, Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, Northampton, £42. Last year there were five brethren, including four who acted on Wednesday as Stewards, but the total only reached £68 14s. 6d. LINCOLNSHIRE had three of its eight lodges represented by five Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists amounted to £43 1s.

Following next in order comes the strongest of all our Provinces, comprising the Home Counties of

MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

It has on its roll no less than 37 lodges, of which as many as 22 were represented, each by one or more brethren, the number of Stewards, including Bro. Charles Hammerton, D.P.G.M., who acted separately, being 41. The highest lists were those of Bro. P. Saillard, Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, for £57 10s.; of Bro. Leopold G. Gordon-Robbins and Major Edward Ball, joint Stewards for the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, £57 15s.; Bro. Hammerton, £45 2s. 6d.; of Bro. H. Faija, Davison Lodge, No. 331, £40, to which must be added the contributions of Bro. Dr. W. H. Kempster and W. H. Kempster, M.B., raising the lodge total to £50 10s.; of Bro. Laurence Steele, Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 350, for £19 19s.; and the joint list of Bros. Belgrave Ninnis and H. W. Kiallmark, of the Egerton of Tatton Lodge, No. 400, for £18 18s. The Euston Lodge, No. 399, had nine of its members acting as Stewards, several of whom will be found entered also in other parts of the Returns, the total from the lodge being £57 15s. The sum raised by the whole Province reached £593 3s. 6d. Last year there were 35 Stewards, and the sum total of their contributions was £411 3s.

The next Provinces that figure in the Returns are those of MONMOUTHSHIRE, which contributed £42, per Bro. Samuel Davis; NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM, which had two Stewards in Bro. C. S. Lane, who acted for the Province and raised £52 10s., and Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, representing the Darlington Lodge, No. 250, the total being £57 15s.; SOUTH WALES, which gave £52 10s.; Bro. J. Munday, Provincial Steward, being responsible for £42, and Bro. T. E. Remfry, Five Arches Lodge, No. 256, Tenby, for the balance; SUSSEX, three Stewards, whose lists amounted to £38 17s., including £28 7s. from Bro. Richard Clowes, of the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 409; and WARWICKSHIRE, whose representative raised £15 15s. Four of these Provinces were entered in the Returns of last year, but for lower amounts or without any amounts credited to them.

WEST YORKSHIRE,

had three of its 11 lodges directly represented, while Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G.M. did duty for the Province. The total from all sources was £53 15s. 6d., of which £27 10s. 6d. appeared on the joint list of Bros. F. Cleaves, W. C. Fox, and John Shaw. Last year the number of Stewards was seven, and the amount raised by the six who returned lists, £69 16s.

As for the rest, WILTSHIRE, per Bro. F. S. Hancock, of the Wiltshire Keystone Lodge, No. 178, contributed £23 10s.; WORCESTERSHIRE, per Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M., and W. B. Williamson, Provincial Steward, £10 10s.; and the Rose and Lily Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 97, per Bro. George Gregory, £10 10s. The Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor was represented by Bro. Frank Richardson, but the amount is included in his list elsewhere. FOREIGN STATIONS contributed £17 17s.

It remains for us to congratulate Bro. the Earl of Euston, Chairman of the day, the Board of Stewards, and its indefatigable Honorary Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, and our Mark brethren generally on the success of the Twenty-second Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and to express the hope that in the years to come Fortune may look as favourably upon the efforts of their several Chairmen and Stewards as she has done at this and its later Festivals.

CONSECRATION OF THE UBIQUE MARK LODGE, No. 411.

Some 12 years ago the want of a central home for Masons, past and present, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery was materially felt and generally acknowledged. When the time had come for that want to be filled, the brother came also in the person of Bro. Major James T. Ritchie, R.A., who soon found an energetic lieutenant in Bro. Capt. W. A. Weston, late R.A., P.M. 1536, P.P.S.G.D. Kent. In the ranks of these energetic brethren were Bros. Capt. W. A. Watkins, R.A., 1536; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.M. 706; Capt. W. Richey, R.A., P.M. 700; Capt. J. McCaffery, R.A., and one or two others, who set themselves to work, and in due course founded the now flourishing Ubiqum Craft Lodge, No. 1789. From that lodge the Mark Lodge now under notice emanated, the prime movers being Bros. Ritchie and Weston. The lodge is entirely for the reception and advancement of commissioned and warrant officers of the Royal Artillery, and on Friday, the 18th inst., it came into existence at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the most propitious circumstances.

The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Kenneday, W.M. 206, P.P.G.R. Kent, who advanced a candidate in the person of Bro. W. Robson, 1789, and then the Consecrating Officer, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., assumed the chair, and, with the assistance of Bros. Capt. W. G. Brighten, P.G.I. of W., P.P.G.W., as S.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W., P.P.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. J. Carter, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; and R. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C., as D.C., proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, the proceedings of which are too well known to the brethren to need recapitulation.

The following oration was delivered by the officiating CHAPLAIN:

Neh. II., v. 12 and 16.—“I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put into my heart to do at Jerusalem; and the rulers knew not whither I went, nor what I did.”—In Nehemiah may be recognised a loyalty and devotion of heart worthy of admiration, and well adapted as a Masonic example. Though enjoying circumstances of ease and luxury in Persia, the glory of God, and the welfare of his brethren were too nigh his heart for him to remain idle, when a day of desolation came upon Jerusalem. He could not repress the desires which instinctively grew up within him. He formed and organised suitable plans. There were reasons why he should act without publicity. Therefore, while the moon beams fell upon the ruins of the holy city, he thoroughly investigated the mischief done, and devoted his best energies to repair it. We should be sadly in error were we to fail to recognise the fact that quiet forces are often very mighty ones. Some of the most powerful in nature are the least demonstrative. Gravitation makes no noise, yet it is the force which holds the worlds together, and keeps every orb in its place. The sun does not rise with a flourish of trumpets, but with so gentle a quietness that his rising must be watched for or it will not be seen. The life power in vegetation at spring time when we enjoy the unfolding bud is not noisy, yet how wide-spread and prodigious are its effects. So is it in literature, in art, and in science. Silently and hidden in his quiet little room the poet broods over lines that shall instruct future ages. Quietly-thinking men carry on investigations which shall startle the world. In solitude, withdrawn from the gaze of the many, the artist elaborates the picture that shall entrance thousands. So also in the quiet quarries is prepared the key stone of the mystic arch. Where the G.A.O.T.U. is duly recognised and the power of his truth is felt, there will often be stirrings of holy zeal for the well-being of our fellow creatures. If the heart be pure and right there will be godly solicitude and impulse prompting to good work. It is quite possible in Masonry as in religion to live too much to one's self; to have one's thoughts and experiences confined to one's own bosom; to find the ruling passion of life to be an advancement of one's own moral and spiritual

welfare. Attention to personal culture is indeed a blessed and important work, yet, after all, it is but the cultivation of one side of piety, it is not perfect healthfulness. Other promptings should be cherished. We have to do good to others, as well as to be good ourselves; and the desire to be useful to others forms an essential part of a noble character. The G.O. looks for something to be done outside our own soul. There are many who will readily work, but only upon the condition that their work be publicly known. Such have no idea of doing good in concealment. Such are not without value, for they rouse up others to emulation. Others can only devote themselves when certain lead the way; these lack the power of devising and they want fellowship. But, to be like Nehemiah, and form purposes of usefulness quietly and apart, points to a healthy and divine-like condition within. As the fountain needs no stirring to make its waters flow, so from out of warm and inspired feelings of love there is sure to spring holy intention and good purpose, and, in such unobtrusive godliness, content to do good rather than be known to do it, we may see bright evidences of spiritual life and sonship. Should a brother's friends forsake him, the envious traduce his good name, the malicious persecute him, dangers, doubts, or difficulties assail him; should force attempt to drive, or temptation seek to entice him, among Mark Master Masons he should ever find those who will administer relief to his distress, and comfort in his affliction, and this not accompanied by public advertisement, but in such manner as should enable us to say—“Neither told I any man what my God had put into my heart to do, and the rulers knew not whither I went nor what I did.”

The founders were Bros. Ritchie, R.A., P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.J.G.W. Middlesex, Surrey, and Kent; Weston, P.P.J.G.W. Kent; W. R. Arnold, R.A.; Lieutenant T. F. Cooper, R.A., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; J. D. Vicary, P.P.S.G.O. Madras; Colonel C. E. Vansittart; Captain G. Hearn; and J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G. Kent.

The ceremony, which was splendidly effective, being concluded, Bro. Matier installed Bro. Ritchie as first Master of the lodge, and he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Weston, S.W.; Arnold, J.W.; T. Cooper, M.O.; Colonel Vansittart, S.O.; General A. H. W. Williams, J.O.; Captain Hansard, Treas.; G. Kenneday, Sec.; W. Robson, R.M.; J. Whiteheart, S.D.; Captain Hearn, J.D.; T. Lyon, I.G.; and J. Vicary, Stwd.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Matier for his services as Installing Officer, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, for which he returned thanks. A Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws of the lodge; candidates were proposed, and “Hearty good wishes” tendered, and then the lodge was closed.

The other brethren present were C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B. England, and D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; G. Gordon-Robbins, G.M.O., and P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Norman-Calloway, P.G.I. of W.; J. Barnett, P.P.G.M.O.; A. J. Hone-Goldney, P.G. Stwd.; Captain G. P. Airey, P.G. Stwd.; J. P. Lancaster, P.G. Stwd.; A. R. Carter, P.G. Stwd.; C. R. Brighten; E. Mills, G. Tyler; and C. Jolly, P.P.G.O. Kent.

The banquet having been served, and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts, and then “The Past Grand Master, the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present,” and

Bro. HAMMERTON, in response, said that upon all occasions it afforded him very great pleasure to respond for the Grand Officers. He felt that for some years he did not belong to them, but somehow the feeling of an old brother came back to him, and he was proud to be with them. That night, and upon that occasion, he felt especially proud, because he saw around him many of those who were present at the consecration of the Ubiqum Craft Lodge some 15 years ago, and whenever the opportunity occurred he should feel it a great honour to be present at that lodge, not only as a member of the Grand Lodge of England, but of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.

The W.M. then gave the toast of “The Installing Officer, Bro. Matier.” He said it was useless for him to dilate upon the many excellent qualities of Bro. Matier, and he had very little to say about his bad ones, simply because he only knew of his good ones. For himself, he admired Bro. Matier for his perfect knowledge of Masonry, especially Mark Masonry, and also for his *bon homie*, and trusted he might long be spared to hold the important position of Grand Mark Secretary. Twelve years ago he (Bro. Ritchie) had the honour of being placed in the chair as first Master of Mark Lodge No. 226, and that night he had been further honoured by being placed as first Master of Mark Lodge No. 411, and in both instances by Bro. Matier. The remarkable increase in the number of Mark lodges since the Excelsior Lodge was consecrated—no less than 185—showed the hold the Mark had taken in the hearts of the brethren, and he trusted as years went on it would increase tenfold, and with the assistance of Bro. Matier he felt pretty sure that it would. He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. MATIER, in response, said he laboured under a disadvantage in these days of Masonic speeches to say something that some one else had not said, and as that was the fourth time during the last fortnight that he had had to respond, it somewhat taxed his ingenuity to say something fresh about it; but whether he said something new or old he would say that the ceremony in 1878, when he had the pleasure of consecrating the Excelsior Lodge, seemed to him to be a sort of dress rehearsal to the present one, for on that occasion he had not only to consecrate the lodge but to advance no less than 37 brethren to the Mark Degree, and that too upon a very hot summer's day. He always remembered that occasion with pleasure and satisfaction, for he fully believed that the success of the Excelsior Lodge had done good work for the cause of the Mark Degree, and he trusted the same excellent results would follow the work done that day. He then, in an eloquent speech, proposed the toast of “The W.M.,” and wished Bro. Ritchie health and strength to carry out his duties, and the lodge every success.

Bro. RITCHIE: I thank you.

Bros. CATER, BERRIDGE, and KENNEDAY having responded for “The Visitors,”

Bro. WESTON, in responding for “The Officers,” said they all swore fidelity to their W.M. and would rally round him. As one of the founders of the Excelsior Lodge and as an officer in that lodge under Bro. Ritchie, he could safely say that as the officers of the Excelsior Lodge faithfully served him, so would the officers of the Ubiqum Lodge serve him. The Excelsior Lodge had been a great success, but he believed the Ubiqum Lodge would beat it. At any rate, in the name of the officers, he wished Bro. Ritchie a good year of office.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

During the ceremony of consecration Bro. F. Cozens officiated at the organ, and led the various anthems, responses, &c.

STATUTES OF LABOURERS.—These were statutes which refer to the regulation of the Craftsmen of various handicrafts in olden days. The earliest statute which we have been able to discover is that of the 23rd Edward III., 1349. Mackey's allusion to the statutes of Edward III. in 1360 we do not find to be exactly substantiated. True it is that in that year, the 34th of Edward III., several provisions were passed concerning labourers, and confirming the statute passed in the 23rd Edward III., 1349, and the 25th Edward III., 1350. But we cannot find the exact words quoted by Mackey, though he is probably correct in his reference. We have used Keble's large folio edition of the statutes, 2 vols., 1695. All these statutes were repealed by the 5th Elizabeth, in or about 1562. The heads of the provisions of the statutes of 1360 are as follows: Cap. IX.—1. The statutes of 23rd Edward III. and 25th Edward III. touching labourers confirmed; 2. Lords of towns may take and imprison them 15 days, if they do not justify themselves; 3. The wages of carpenters and masons, and in what manner they shall serve. The famous statute of Henry VI. is the 3rd Henry VI., A.D. 1424, and is cap. i.—*Keuning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

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July 14th, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the great honour you have conferred upon me by electing me your Secretary.

I also desire to take this opportunity of acknowledging with feelings of gratitude the good work done by the many hundreds of Brethren, both in London and the Provinces, who have assisted me in obtaining such a result.

I further beg to acknowledge, with much satisfaction, the honourable way in which my competitors have fought this friendly contest, and I shall look with every confidence for the ready assistance of all in carrying out the important duties of my office, and in obtaining increased support for our noble Institution.

I have the honour to remain,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Your obedient Servant,

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Provincial Grand Secretary.

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DARK MORNING DRESS.

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To Correspondents.

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Opening of a New Masonic Hall at Bury.



SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that at the recent examinations at the School of Science and Art, South Kensington, 21 boys passed in Stage I, Mathematics, of whom 15 were placed in the First Class and six in the Second; while in Stage II, for the higher kind of work, three were placed in the First Class and two in the Second.

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Considering that the new Head Master, the Rev. Bro. Hebb has held his appointment only six months, and that this is the first occasion in which any candidates for the South Kensington Examinations have been sent up from our Boys' School, we regard this result as most encouraging.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will hold its annual meeting at the Town Hall, Berkhamstead to-day (Friday), at 3.45 p.m., under the auspices

of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504. A banquet will be served afterwards at the King's Arms Hotel, at 6 p.m. The last time the Provincial Grand Lodge met in the town was in 1879. Great progress has been made by the province during the last 12 months, and it is expected that the meeting will be highly successful.

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The Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund on Wednesday was not only the most successful ever held, but, in the opinion of many who had put in an appearance almost every year from the first, the most enjoyable. It was fitting that on the eventful day on which it attained its majority everything should have gone off so joyously, and the Grand Secretary had the pleasure of congratulating the Chairman on the fact that his presidency had been signalled by the breaking of the record in the amount of subscriptions announced.

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An innovation, which was attended with excellent results, was the appointment of Lady Stewards, who not only graced the tables by their presence, but added materially to the subscription lists.

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Nothing could be in better taste than the little souvenirs of the Festival presented to the lady visitors—a bottle of perfume by the Board of Stewards, and a box of choice sweets—liberally presented by Messrs. Cardeaux-Rhys and Co., of Stoke Newington, and for the less privileged sex a solatium in the shape of a box of the Alexandria Cigarette Company's finest cigarettes was provided. Altogether it was an evening to be remembered, and the coming of age of the Mark Benevolent Fund will long be associated with pleasant memories.

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We have been vainly waiting for some time for the setting in of the dull Masonic season, but we have already passed the middle of summer, and are within measurable distance of autumn, still Masonic energy shows little sign of waning, and we have this week to print a long list of crowded out reports, and to express our regret at being unable to publish much that would be of interest to the Masonic reader. All this is very gratifying to those who have the welfare of our grand old Craft at heart, but a little hard on that smaller Masonic circle who have to take their part in the birth of every new lodge or chapter, and to those whose duty it is to record the events. We trust for the sake of the hard-worked officials and the unfortunate chronicler, that the more ardent among the Fraternity will somewhat moderate their zeal, and allow a brief respite to the jaded and over-worked brethren referred to.

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Masonry seems to be somewhat inactive in Kentucky if we may judge from the fact that 34 lodges in that State have been ordered by the Grand Lodge to return their warrants, on account of the neglect and apathy of the members.

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Unlike the Grand Lodge of England, which places no limit to the number of lodges which a member may join, the Grand Lodges of America strictly prohibit dual membership; but the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has enacted that Past Masters of other jurisdictions joining lodges in Pennsylvania shall retain their rank as such, although they do not thereby become members of Grand Lodge. This appears only fair, and the example should be followed by all American jurisdictions.

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We are not surprised to learn that the newly-appointed Secretary of the Boys' School, Bro. McLeod, has received many hundreds of telegrams and letters of congratulation since his election on the 12th inst., and still less surprised to hear that he has been unable to cope with the correspondence that such communications involve. We feel sure the writers will extend to him their forbearance for what may appear to some a neglect. The work of clearing up matters in connection with the firm he has been so long connected with is of necessity heavy, added to which is the time required to make arrangements for taking over the duties of the appointment on the 9th proximo.

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The fund which is being raised to present Bro. Augustus Harris with his Sheriff's chain and badge is accumulating rapidly. The time which will elapse before the presentation is so short, that the Hon. Secretaries find it difficult to communicate directly with all that large body of Masons who would be anxious to subscribe. We hope, therefore, that any brother to whom an invitation to remit has not been personally addressed, will forward his contribution direct and without loss of time to the Treasurer, Major Clifford Probyn, 55, Grosvenor-street, W.

Correspondence.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see by the advertisement in your issue of today that it is proposed next Saturday to ask the Quarterly Court to adopt an amended set of by-laws prepared by the Provisional Committee, and that a copy of the proposed by-laws can be seen at the offices of the Institution.

The only information we are given as to the character of the proposed alterations is that they are not "to be contrary to the spirit of the fundamental principles upon which the Institution is founded."

Now, I have the greatest respect for and confidence in the Provisional Committee, but I am bound to say I think this is a pretty heavy draft upon our confidence.

It is impossible for me to come up to town on purpose to inspect this draft, much as I should wish to do so, and I fear I shall be unable to attend the Quarterly Court, and I think I am not rash in believing that the majority of provincial subscribers are in the same position. I cannot but think that if the alterations proposed are of any importance, the general body of subscribers should have a little longer opportunity of considering the proposals and making suggestions.

It is a difficult matter to propose non-confirmation three months afterwards; but if, as I gather from the notice, it is to be an entire reconstruction of the laws, I must say it seems a great straining of Law 34 to propose sweeping changes under the shortest notice allowed for the alteration of any existing law.

It is true the notice says the changes are not to be contrary to the fundamental principles of the Institution, and this seems to follow the wording of the proviso in Law 34, which says: "That no Quarterly Court shall have power to cancel or alter the 'fundamental principle of the Institution; that its benefits shall be extended to the sons of brethren of every religious denomination.'"

If the notice of Bro. Glass read "principle," instead of "principles," it leaves a scope for an utter and entire change of every law governing the management of the Institution, and if anything *approaching* changes of such a sort be intended, I would ask that at next Saturday's meeting the proposals be merely *announced* and notice given of intention to move at the next Quarterly Court, so as to give a reasonable time for consideration.—Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL SUBSCRIBER.

19th July.

MASONIC MOURNING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am not a G. Officer, I am a P.P.G. Officer. As to the mourning, Secretaries of private lodges may, perhaps, be pardoned for thinking that "Grand Officers" means, or includes, "Prov. G. Officers," but I observe in the announcement in your columns today, of the holding of the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey, that *Provincial G. Officers* are to wear a rosette at the point of the collar. I think if the worthy and distinguished brother whom Surrey is so fortunate in having as Prov. G. Sec., will refer to the order for mourning issued by command of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., he will observe that these rosettes are to be worn by Grand Officers.

This is a general (Masonic) mourning, and *qui* Grand Lodge, we Provincial Grand Officers are only of the "Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons."—*Et voila tout.*

It is very funny to note the personal vagaries of Masons in mourning; some have rosettes of three, some of one inch, and others of intermediate diameter—(what is the correct size?)—and I saw one brother the other day with the emblem of his Provincial Grand Office on his apron completely hidden under a magnificent rosette. He evidently thought "badge" meant "emblem," and having (I presume) tried (unsuccessfully) to crowd the three rosettes on to it, solved the problem by thus adopting the triune method.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

H. S. T.

July 19th.

PHILADELPHIA MASONIC PILGRIMAGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I add to the notice given in your last issue that Bro. MacCalla, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, will probably be accompanied by Bros. Lambertson, Past G.M. of Pennsylvania; Hornor, Past G.M. of Louisiana; and Mann, Grand Master of New Jersey.

It may further interest your readers to learn that as Bros. MacCalla and Hornor are members of our Correspondence Circle, Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, will hold a meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 4th September, at 5 p.m., for their reception, that Bro. MacCalla will read a Paper on "American Freemasonry," and that all four of the distinguished brethren mentioned above will attend,

besides probably many other prominent American brethren.

Lodge Quatuor Coronati will, as always, be glad to welcome any Mason who may desire to attend on this or any other occasion, but, in order to make one provision and avoid any confusion, I would ask visitors for this once to kindly drop me a notice of their intention so to do.—Yours very fraternally,

G. W. SPETH, P.M.,

Sec. Quatuor Coronati.

Streatham House, Margate.

MUSIC IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 12th inst., among the "Masonic Notes," one runs thus: "Bro. Lovegrove writes in reference to the correspondence that has appeared in our columns respecting music in lodges, advising that a reference be made to the Grand Secretary as to whether hymn singing during Masonic ceremonies is permissible at all, which seems very good advice."

I think that there is no need to trouble the Grand Secretary upon the subject. The following account of the consecration of a lodge by the Grand Secretary himself should satisfy all inquirers as to "hymn singing during Masonic ceremonies."

On November 15th, 1889, the Centurion Lodge of Manchester was consecrated by the Very Worshipful Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G.S., assisted by V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., as S.W., V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as J.W., and Wor. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Dir. of Cers. The Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, was W.M. designate on the programme now before me. No 4 is hymn "Hail! Eternal, by whose aid; No. 13, anthem, "Behold how good and joyful . . ."; Nos. 15, 17, 24, and 25, "chant (omnes)" "So Mote it be" No. 19, "Before the first circuit," the first verse of the hymn "When once of old in Israel." Before the second and third circuits severally, the second and third verses of this hymn were sung. Then in two places come musical responses, "Glory be to God on High;" No. 21, anthem, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;" No. 27, anthem of four verses, "I have surely built Thee a house to dwell in." Thus we have two hymns, three anthems, and six musical responses ("Glory be to God on High" and "So Mote it be.") Now, surely after this example of a musical Masonic service, brethren need have no doubt or misgiving as to "hymn singing during Masonic ceremonies" being permissible; and if right and proper during the consecration of a lodge, it is equally right as accompanying any and all of the ceremonies of the lodge.

My memory extends to nearly 50 years in Freemasonry; during this long period of time I have visited lodges in many different provinces in England, and I have heard times without number "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" during the several ceremonies, and to my knowledge the "permissibility" of the practice has never before been questioned.

Bro. W. M. Spark, the composer and compiler of "The Freemason's Liber Musicus," could have had no doubt as to the perfect propriety of vocal as well as of instrumental music as accompaniments of our ceremonies. The practice is old to my knowledge, it is truly reverential and devotional; the hymns, &c., are well selected and appropriate; they add materially to the solemnity, and the impressiveness of the several ceremonies; and last, and not least, they afford to the whole of the brethren present the opportunity of joining—as they do generally—with heart and voice in those compositions.

One hears occasionally of some action "It was worse than a crime—it was a blunder." This exactly describes that which would be the general feeling among the members of our Order generally if any authoritative pronouncement were made adverse to the good old custom of "hymn singing during Masonic ceremonies."—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD PAST MASTER.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additions have been received since our report of last week, namely:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
1329 Bro. G. W. Marsden, new list	...	21	0	0
PROVINCES.				
SUFFOLK.				
1224 Bro. C. W. Lord, additional	...	10	10	0
(raising his list to £63, and the total from the Province to £268 16s.)	...			
		£31	10	0
Previous additions	...	£405	0	6
Total announced	...	£9253	2	0
Present Total	...	£9689	12	6

We are glad to hear that the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, is in much better health than he was at the beginning of the year. His grace, accompanied by the Duchess of St. Albans, left London on Saturday last for Southampton to join his yacht.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the members again availed themselves of the opportunity of extending a hearty fraternal welcome to distinguished visitors from America. A large number of Grand Officers and other brethren accepted invitations to meet the M.W. Grand Master of the State of New York, and the result was a brilliant success. As will be seen below, the American visitors had a splendid opportunity afforded them of witnessing the working of the ceremonies, as the three Degrees were performed respectively by Bros. Kedge, I.P.M., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, and T. Fenn, President Bd. of G.P. Lodge was opened by Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. 7th Masonic District, New York City, W.M., supported by Bros. F. Kedge, I.P.M.; J. J. Woolley, S.W.; W. Hancock, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Thos. Fenn, P.B.G.P.; J. Skinner, J.D.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, I.G.; Arthur Harris, D.C.; F. Jackson, Stwd.; J. B. Grieve, Stwd.; Major Francis W. Frigout; Dr. I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; A. Clark, P.M.; and many other members. The visitors present were Bros. the Hon. J. W. Vrooman, G.M. State of New York; F. A. Burnham, Chief Commissioner Masonic Appeals Grand Lodge of New York; E. B. Harper, New York; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G. Chap.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; Gen. F. W. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. P. Jardine, P.M. 206; G. H. Clark, W.M. 1227; T. C. Seary, 1987; Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., P.M. 2127; R. Dawson, W.M. 60 (I.C.); E. D. Jones, W.M. 402; W. H. Hayward, P.M. 569; W. E. Chapman, W.M. 2194; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks; J. T. Griffin; G. Bokenham, 1962; S. H. Brock, 99, Kansas, U.S.A.; E. Speirs, 1805; H. Juler, 2033; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; R. H. Goffin, P.P.G. D. of C. Surrey; Peter Parsons, P.M., Treas. 749; W. E. Fenn, P.M. 538; Lennox Browne, Prov. S.G.W. Essex; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Mr. W. G. L. Harvey, B.A., was unanimously approved by ballot as a candidate for initiation, and Bros. H. Frederic, 2190; A. G. Wulff, 1361; and A. Crawley, 1361, were unanimously elected joining members. The American visitors, viz., Bros. the Hon. John W. Vrooman, G.M. New York; F. A. Burnham, Chief Commissioner Masonic Appeals, Grand Lodge of New York; and E. B. Harper, Trustee (Hall and Asylum) Grand Lodge of New York, were duly received and saluted, the W.M. warmly welcoming them on their first visit to the Anglo-American Lodge. The working was then proceeded with, and Mr. W. G. L. Harvey, B.A., was initiated by the I.P.M., Bro. F. Kedge. The Grand Secretary then passed Bros. A. H. P. Snow, A. Bowie, M.D., and G. A. M. Bowles to the Second Degree, and gave the lecture on the tracing board, after which Bro. G. T. Atkinson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Baker, P.M., the American visitors and Bro. Gen. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, were unanimously elected honorary members, and were each presented with the jewel of the lodge. Bro. the Hon. J. W. Vrooman, Grand Master of New York, in acknowledging the compliment, said it would be their endeavour not only that night, but throughout their lives, so to wear their jewels as to cause no regret by the members of the lodge for their action that evening. A Committee was elected, on the proposition of Bro. Baker, I.P.M., to consider the revision of the by-laws. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and T. Fenn for their kind assistance, and the lodge was formally closed.

After a *recherche* repast, admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, the usual toasts appropriate to the occasion were duly given.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers," and said they all knew the great interest taken by the members of that body in the subordinate lodges. They were honoured that evening by the presence of a large number of Grand Officers, including Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, F. A. Philbrick, and Rev. R. W. M. Pope, whose names he coupled with the toast. It was with great regret that he had to omit one of the most prominent officers—the Earl of Carnarvon—whose lamented death they were mourning.

Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, in reply, said that as he was to be followed by two very eloquent speakers he should say very little. He spoke selfishly, but still at the same time he believed he expressed the sentiments of all the Grand Officers who had enjoyed with him their generous hospitality, in saying he thanked them most sincerely for having given him the opportunity of being present. He thanked them for having given the Grand Officers the privilege and honour of making the acquaintance of the Grand Master of New York, also of meeting again the P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, with whom many had been intimate, and who was regarded as one of themselves. He had also to return thanks for the opportunity afforded of seeing the three Degrees, and also for the splendid hospitality, which they had enjoyed most thoroughly. With reference to the toast of "The Queen," he believed there was no part of the world where the sentiment was more honoured and respected than in America, and last year at a large and influential meeting of Masons in Brussels the toast was received with such enthusiasm that he thought the very hall would come down.

Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G. Chap., said it was with

the greatest possible pleasure that the Grand Officers were present to welcome from across the broad Atlantic brethren from the other side, whose hearts were one with theirs, and to whom they were knit with the closest friendship and the strongest bonds of love.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.Reg., also replied, and remarked that the W.M. had alluded to the great loss they had sustained in the death of the Earl of Carnarvon. For years that name had been a household word as an accomplished scholar, a wise Statesman, a profound thinker, and an experienced and attached Mason. They would see him no more amongst them, but would miss his wise and kindly counsels, which were ever open to those who desired to avail themselves of them. They would miss that temperate mind which brought the highest of all qualities to the discussion of the most difficult and most delicate subjects affecting Freemasonry. Above all, they would miss that unflagging interest he showed in all the concerns of the Craft, but fortunate, indeed, it was for them as English Masons that they could see others still spared to bear the heat and burden of the day, to whom they must look in future to supply the places of those gone before. Having said that in justice to the feelings of all, he (Bro. Philbrick) would say that it was not entirely to play the part of the skeleton of the Egyptian feast that he rose, but to thank them for recognising the Grand Officers. He would say how sincerely the Grand Officers rejoiced to see exemplified in Masonry, under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, that which attracted not merely English Masons, but their brethren from the other side; how glad they were to see that which was a unique incident in English Masonry, viz., an American citizen as an installed Master of a London lodge; and above all to say how satisfactory it was to those who had some concern in the management of the Craft, that the rites and traditions of Masonry, all that was best in their great Society and which bound them together, was so amply recognised and so effectively perpetuated in the Anglo-American Lodge.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D., in proposing "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada," said a part of the justification and indication of the establishment of their lodge was to entertain Americans visiting this country. It was very rarely they entertained a Grand Master during his term of office, but that night they had present one ex-Grand Master and one present Grand Master. The Grand Master of Maryland had visited them and also a number of Philadelphians, and they had also received the Grand Master of Canada. What could they say when they had the existing Grand Master of the State of New York present? To paraphrase a namesake of Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G.C., one touch of Masonry made the whole world kin. Their Masonry was to collect the scattered stones of Masonic edifices abroad and construct an edifice which was perfect in its parts and honourable to its builder. In 1783 the first Provincial Grand Lodge of New York was held, and nine lodges were represented. In the last month at the annual meeting in New York there were 720 lodges represented. The history of Masonry in New York might be said to be coeval with the national history of that country. Out of the 56 signatories to the articles of independence, 52 were Masons, and could they wonder that that spirit of independence should thrive and make the State such a state as it was now? The Grand Master of New York present that evening, was the focus of all Masonry in that city, and they ought to record that visit in letters of gold in their minute book.

Bro. the Hon. J. W. Vrooman, G.M. State of New York, U.S.A., in reply, said that for the first time in his life he was greatly embarrassed in appearing before a Masonic audience. Usually when he appeared before his brethren it was without the slightest degree of embarrassment, because he knew he was in the house of his friends. He was in the house of his friends that evening, but he appeared an humble American before a body of his English brethren. He was afraid that he should make a bull of it. He had resided here 10 days, and had become "Quite English, you know," but in the words of his eloquent friend near him, his starboard had the "shakes." When he thought the name of their lodge was the Anglo-American Lodge, he also thought that if he should make a mistake he should charge it up to the American part, but if he did well he was with his English brethren. He was responding to the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges of the United States, numbering 50, representing 10,000 lodges and 600,000 Masons. Would that he had more time to address them. One of his greatest disappointments was to have his friends say he must hurry, and as that was his first, and probably his last appearance, he thought he might take some hours to address them. With reference to his own Grand Lodge, which he had the distinguished honour of representing, Bro. Baker had said that they were born in 1782, and one of the reasons why he loved England was that they were born as a Grand Lodge under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England, the charter consigned to him bearing the signature of Atholl, Grand Master of England. One of the pleasures of the evening was that he looked round and saw in the Chaplain of the Anglo-American Lodge—Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg—a great grandson of Bro. Brownrigg, J.G.W., whose name was on the Commission of the Grand Lodge of New York, and so it was that New York and the Anglo-American Lodge were closely identified. He could give them many reasons why he loved England as a Mason. When the English army evacuated New York they left the warrant on the altar of the Masonic temple, where it was found by the American Masons. He wished to acknowledge, on behalf of his distinguished brethren, the many courtesies extended to them from the moment they left the good ship to the present time, for they had been showered with favours from the brethren of England. Why should not they be proud of their great Institution, which he believed to be a conservator of peace, for no other Society—save that of the living Church of God—did so much for the cause of humanity? As Masons they were taught to be loyal to the Government, and to promote harmony and unity, and was it not therefore an Institution they should be proud of? After-dinner speeches were supposed to partake of pleasantry, but that evening, as he was some 3000 miles from the dear little cottage on the other side, he could not but help thinking that he was surrounded by strangers whose faces he had never seen before, although they were his friends, and he loved their Institution more than ever before in his life. It was an Institution worthy of their best efforts, as it taught men to be better; it taught them that Freemasonry led men to God, not from Him; it led them to the Holy Bible, not away from it; and so in

their living, as in their dying, let them remember their obligations and their teachings. From the moment they took their first obligation they were representative individuals. The Masons of England did not represent themselves, but the largest and greatest body of Masons on top of the earth. Therefore they should see that in their lives and daily conversation they never reflected discredit on that glorious Grand Lodge. Let them invoke a blessing from Almighty God upon all their endeavours, so that as they lived here they might look each other in the face as friends, and when in a day or two he wished them good-bye, it might not be good-bye to him or to them, but rather let them say good-night on this earth preparatory to bidding each other good-morning in Eternity.

Bro. Gen. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, also responded, and said he did not wish to say anything that would detract from the effect of the eloquent speech they had heard. In Canada each had to follow his own ideas to support those coming down in the fight of life, but it was working out the same ideas of Masonry—relief and truth. Whilst they were working under the English and American flags, they were working generally for the benefit of mankind in general, and for the greatest benefit of the greatest number.

Bro. F. Kedge, I.P.M., then said it fell to his lot to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he trusted the W.M. would not measure the respect and esteem which he felt for him by the shortness of his observations, for as they had observed he was suffering with a severe cold, and it was painful to make himself heard. No doubt the brethren had observed that that was the first occasion on which the W.M. had presided over their lodge, and they had had a most successful meeting, which had been brought about in a great measure by the great pains taken by Bro. Tilton to bring together such a distinguished assemblage of visitors. He was sure they would all unite in wishing their W.M. a most prosperous year of office, and join in heartily drinking his health.

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City, W.M., returned sincere thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received, and also for their kindness in elevating him to the position of W.M. They had placed an American citizen and an American-made Mason in the chair, which was an event, as Bro. Saunders told them at the last meeting, which had not been heard of before in English Freemasonry. He would simply thank them sincerely for all their kind and hearty wishes, and trusted during his year to be able to carry out all the principles and precepts of Masonry as they had listened to them that night from the M.W.G.M. of New York. He had sat under Bro. Vrooman's teachings for many years, and had known him as a friend for nearly 20 years. The G.M. of New York had been a member of that Grand Lodge for 21 years. Bro. Vrooman was therefore a Mason of full age. He again thanked them, and hoped they would have many more such meetings, that they might receive many more Grand Masters.

Other toasts were given, the proceedings being terminated in the usual manner by the Tyler's toast.

Viator Lodge (No. 2308).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 19th inst., when the report of the year's work was received and found to be eminently satisfactory in all respects. In addition to materially increasing the number of members, the lodge has, under the able management of Bro. Harry N. Price, paid off the initial expenses, leaving a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer, and has also had the satisfaction of being represented at the recent Boys' Festival with the handsome sum of £107 5s.

The lodge was opened by Bro. H. N. Price, W.M., supported by Bros. E. A. G. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; T. H. Hobbs, S.D.; J. Stephens, P.M., J.D.; J. J. Higgs, I.G.; A. Kay, D.C.; F. Smith and A. Banks, Stewards; and many others. Visitors: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B.; A. B. Bennett, P.P.S.G.D. East Lanc.; R. Harvey, I.P.M. 177; J. F. Buckley, 2033; R. T. Redfern, I.G. 753; F. J. Laughlin, Org. 1365; E. Hall, 1793; F. Hitchins, S.W. 77; T. J. Willcox, W.M. 975; A. B. Hearn, 20; G. H. Lovewell Blake, 313; Sadler Wood, P.G. Stwd. Middx.; W. Bailey, S.W. 1732; T. N. Morris, 177; G. Everett, P.M. 177; G. Emblin, P.M. 147; F. E. Bennett, P.M. 773; W. H. Coade, 507; and W. W. Lee, J.D. 1807.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. R. A. B. Lodge and E. W. Hobbs were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. E. A. G. Smith was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Price, I.P.M. The officers were appointed, and, with the exception of Bro. Buxton, S.W., unavoidably absent through illness, were invested, viz.: Bros. W. Buxton, S.W.; T. H. Hobbs, J.W.; W. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; J. Stephens, P.M., S.D.; J. J. Higgs, J.D.; A. Kay, I.G.; and F. Smith and A. Banks, Stewards. The Installing Master, Bro. Price, then delivered the usual addresses with the ability which marks all his Masonic work. The Worshipful Master had an early opportunity of proving his efficiency—and of which he fully availed himself—by impressively initiating Messrs. H. W. Hall, W. Mills, and W. Stevens. The I.P.M. was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in acknowledging which he said that the work during the past year had been to him a labour of love, and was but an earnest of what he would continue to do in the future.

The lodge, which was tastefully and appropriately draped in mourning, designed and presented to the lodge by Bro. Price, I.P.M., in conjunction with Bro. Smith, W.M., was then closed, and the brethren enjoyed a banquet served in Bro. Clemow's best style.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been given by the W.M., "The Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., Treas., who said he introduced the toast with much pleasure, although qualified with a certain amount of grief, that they had lost one of the most brilliant Pro Grand Masters they had had for many years. The late Earl of Carnarvon performed his duties with devotion to the work of the Craft and with an affection for the working. Of the rest of the Grand Officers, they could not have a finer specimen than they had in Bro. James Terry, for the interest taken by him in the working of every part of Freemasonry could not be surpassed. Bro. Terry was willing at all times to act as Installing Officer in lodge or chapter, a more hearty and genial brother could not be found, whilst it would be impossible to find a more earnest advocate on

behalf of the requirements of the old men, old women, and the boys and girls.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., in reply, referred to the late Pro Grand Master as one of the most brilliant men the age has seen, and one who in his recent travels had done that which no other man living had yet done—the federation of the English, Irish, and Scotch Masons in one harmonious whole in the three districts of Australia. It had long been the dream of many that such a scheme should be carried out, but it was left for the late Earl of Carnarvon to be able to accomplish it. When he (Bro. Terry) first sat at the right of the W.M. he never, in his wildest dreams, thought he should ever be called upon to respond for the Grand Officers. He hoped the day would come when others round the table might be similarly honoured. It was a distinguished position to gain, for it was one a man might well feel proud of having gained, and he hoped that before many years had passed the Viator Lodge would have a brother amongst its members who would always respond to the toast.

Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M., then said he rose to propose a toast which he was certain would require few words to recommend it to their most cordial reception—being "The Health of the Worshipful Master." There was no doubt that in Bro. Ernest Smith, the W.M., the members had made a wise choice, for they had that evening seen the able manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of initiation. They would all agree that to perform that ceremony on the night of being installed was a very arduous and difficult task, but their W.M. had come through with a very great amount of credit, and there were very few brethren in the room who had heard it done better by older Masons. He was certain that under Bro. Smith's guidance the lodge would be well ruled, and having begun with three initiates, would carry out the working well. All he could say in the W.M.'s favour would be simply telling them what they already knew, and he would, therefore, simply say he was the right man in the right place, and ask them to drink to a successful and prosperous year.

Bro. Ernest A. G. Smith, W.M., thanked them most heartily and sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The position in which they had placed him he felt most particularly, and could assure them that no words of his could express the gratitude he felt towards them. If he were to talk for a week he could not have the interest of the lodge deeper at heart. He would do his best to look after the lodge in the future as it had been looked after in the past, and he trusted his efforts would be attended with success.

"The Initiates" having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," to whom he extended a very cordial greeting.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas. 177, in response, said that the custom which obtained amongst them of visiting other lodges had been one of the most pleasant phases in Freemasonry there was no denying, and that in a large assembly such as the present the brother who replied first had the best of the running there was likewise no denying. The other visitors would be gratified to hear he should say but little. He esteemed it a great privilege and honour in having his name coupled in connection with so many distinguished visitors. They had met to enjoy themselves, and they had been able to do that right royally on account of the hospitality extended by that young lodge. He had had an open invite, and might consider himself one of those to whom the free list was never suspended. He was sure it was so from the fact that the members who started the Viator Lodge graduated from a lodge in which he had held a prominent position, and they might therefore almost consider it an offshoot from that old and important lodge. He congratulated the Viator Lodge very much with regard to the manner in which the first Master had gone through his year and the great result arrived at through his management. He was told that the lodge already numbered 39, and therefore they should congratulate the first Master on his success. From what he knew of the present W.M., and the great energy he had always displayed, he thought it augured well for another good year. They had seen excellent working, and with regard to the hospitality nothing more could be desired.

Bros. Egerton Bennett, P.M. 773, T. Willcox, W.M. 975, and Sadler Wood, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx., also returned thanks.

In giving "The Installing Master," the W.M. said they were all well aware that it was to Bro. Price's idea that the lodge started, and under his able direction during the last 12 months it had prospered. As the I.P.M. had performed the installation ceremony that evening, he (the W.M.) felt proud to be in the position to propose the toast, being Bro. Price's first initiate in the Domestic Lodge.

Bro. Harry N. Price, I.P.M., in acknowledging the kindness with which the toast had been proposed and received, said he was afraid the W.M. had used terms far too flattering, but still he could assure them it was a great gratification to him to hear those words expressed from so high an authority as the W.M. of the lodge, for he knew that his efforts during the past year to efficiently carry out the duties, and also in the closing scene that night, had been appreciated. It had been a great pleasure to him to preside over so kind and nice a body of brethren during the past year, for everything had worked harmoniously and everyone had done the best he could to assist the W.M. in the well ruling and governing of the lodge. As far as he was concerned he had retired to the rank of the first I.P.M., and he could assure them that anything that lay in his power would be gladly done to conduce to the benefit and prosperity of the lodge. He felt proud of the success at which the lodge had arrived. He must give great credit to the Treasurer that in the first year, after paying all expenses, they had the very handsome balance of £38. He might perhaps mention that he had the pleasure of attending as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys on behalf of the lodge, and by the munificent manner in which the members contributed he took up the handsome sum of £107 5s. That alone would show that the lodge had made its mark in its first year in the annals of Freemasonry, and under the guidance of the W.M. that prosperity would be carried on in the future. He again thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and the kindly reception accorded it.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied for "The Masonic Charities," and after congratulating the lodge on the statement made by the W.M., that a Steward would be sent up next year for the R.M.B.I., said it was a simple rule of three sum that if £107 5s. could be raised in five months, how much could be raised between now and the next Festival?

He ventured to think that as they were larger in number, three being initiated that evening, a larger sum would be announced for the R.M.B.I. They must remember that the candidates were those who had sat round the table as they were then doing, and who had been the backbone of their various lodges. If they took the list of some of the candidates, they would find some had been subscribing members of their lodges for 43, 44, or 45 years. He made a strong appeal to the brethren to do their best to send up a good list at the next Festival, which would be presided over by Bro. Earl Amherst, so that by a large total of subscriptions more annuitants might be taken in.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. F. Laughlin presided at one of Messrs. Chappell's "Æolian" pianos, and, assisted by several brethren, an excellent programme was carried out.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. A. Raper, W.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D., I.P.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; J. W. Pepper, J.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M.; G. Chap. Eng., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M.; Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; David White, S.D.; T. W. Avis, J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Hotham, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. J. Newman, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W.; Charles Martin, W. C. Till, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, W. E. Skinner, Geo. Smith, James Hodson, C. J. Honisett, and L. F. St. John.

The brethren assembled in Masonic mourning for the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Currie, Grand Chaplain, who had been absent from the installation meeting in consequence of ill-health, was then presented for investment as Chaplain of the lodge. The W.M. very felicitously congratulated Bro. Currie on the honour conferred upon him by Grand Lodge, and said that the only thing wanting to complete the happiness of the installation meeting was the presence of Bro. Currie, who had been with them on each of those occasions for several years past, and had, moreover, always taken the deepest interest in the affairs of the lodge. The W.M. was sure he was only expressing the feeling of the brethren when he said how heartily glad they were to see Bro. Currie in their midst again with restored health, and they trusted he would long continue amongst them. He (the W.M.) was very pleased that his year of office should be distinguished by the Grand Chaplain being also Chaplain of that lodge. Bro. F. W. Hotham (who had been with Bro. Currie during his absence from home) was also invested with the collar of I.G., the W.M. very happily congratulating him and the lodge.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

FELTHAM.

Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Railway Hotel. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Baker, presided, and the officers, with few exceptions, were present. The minutes of the last meeting and the report of the Audit Committee were read, and the Audit report being in every way satisfactory was adopted. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. A. Russell and H. Norris, and, proving unanimous, they were ably initiated by the W.M. Bros. R. Solomon, G. Roberts, W. W. Freestone, and J. Poole having been passed, the W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Wilson (an initiate of the lodge, who had with great credit filled every office up to S.W.), was presented, and installed into the chair by the outgoing W.M. Bro. A. J. Wilson in a most able manner, although labouring from the effects of his late serious illness, invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. W. Baker, I.P.M.; J. C. Goslin, S.W.; S. Wheeler, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; F. Dunstan, S.D.; E. J. Whelan, J.D.; A. Robertson, I.G.; J. Amey, D.C.; W. H. Davey, sen., Org.; W. Kite, H. Davey, and D. Moss, Stewards; and John Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Baker, P.M., and J. Lawrence, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The W.M., with some very appropriate remarks then presented to the I.P.M. a very handsome Past Master's jewel from the lodge, together with a Past Master's collar and silver jewel attached, subscribed by the officers and brethren of the lodge, which Bro. Baker acknowledged with hearty thanks.

Other Masonic business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren were then photographed in the grounds.

The banquet was served to 50 members and visitors, and all in connection with the same gave the utmost satisfaction, and reflected very great credit on the host, Bro. Harris, who personally superintended the arrangements, the viands and wines being of the best quality.

The usual toasts were proposed in a very able manner, and duly responded to, that of the late Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, being received with silence.

The members present were Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. (Hon. Member); W. H. Lee, A.P.G. Sec.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Lawrence, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. A. Smith, P.M.; Platten, D. Moss, Eston, Andrews, Beck, and Kingston. Visitors: Bros. F. Bland, 1672; J. Osborne, 1897, P.P.G.S.B.; Larner, W.M. 157; G. Jones, 569; J. Hutch, 1977; R. Pasco, W.M. 27; A. Hamblen, 1037; J. Clare, 205; J. Robinson, S.D. 1524; H. Dean, 45; W. Smith, 19; J. Jones, 59; A. J. Bird, P.M. 1567; J. B. Roar, 1380; J. N. Cordell, W.M. 813; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; and J. Blackburn, 1549.

Letters and telegrams were received regretting inability to attend from Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M.; Mason, Hedges, Stevens, and others.

FERSEY.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—The seventy-eighth anniversary festival and installation of this old and prosperous lodge (senior in the province) was held on the 9th

inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road. The meeting was numerous attended, and was in every way a pleasant gathering and a success. Among those in attendance were Bros. Clement Baker, W.M.; John J. Baker, I.P.M.; Major J. T. du Jardin, P.M.; Thos. Adderson, S.W., W.M. elect.; J. A. Balleine, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., Sec.; Rev. T. H. Morris, M.A., Chap.; W. J. Fentum, S.D.; A. J. Le Quesne, J.D.; J. Fentum, Org.; F. P. Cabot, P.M., D.C.; F. E. Hyne, I.G.; Geo. Rogers, P.M., Tyler; John Durell, P.M.; Chas. Naylor, P.M.; C. Booth, J. Fleet, Wm. Stall, James Cates, P.S.W.; F. A. Bennett, P.S.W.; P. F. Le Boutiller, F. P. Cabot, P.M.; Alfred Onslow, E. Leigh Bennett, P.M.; Walter Naylor, F. A. Bossy, R. Malet de Carteret, Geo. Parkinson, A. MacKee, R. Pooley, John E. Hamon. Among the visitors present were Bros. J. Bourinot, late 244; W. Newman, 1003; J. C. Barrette, S.W. 245; J. D. Jocque, 1003; E. L. Bisson, W.M. 491; Fred. J. Adams, 1393; Fred. J. Oliver, 503; P. G. Hamilton, P.M. 1003; H. J. Godfray, 958; Major J. C. Raven, P.M. 877; H. Stevenson, J.W. 877; J. W. Hamling, W.M. 245; J. Flinn, 1003; Chas. Fred. Luke, J.W. 958; H. Walden, P.M. 958; W. Chapman, 958; Maxwell Le Cronier, S.D. 877; G. F. Baker, P.M. 491; Henry Oliver, 590; G. J. Renouf, P.M. 590, P.G. Treas.; E. Kelly, P.M. 1003; J. Chubb, 1003; J. C. Tournay, 1541; Thos. Shield, P.M. 1003; J. C. Wakeham, 1003; P. Proust, 590; A. M. Melhaus, 170; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bros. Joseph Fleet and C. H. Wilson were raised to the Sublime Degree in irreproachable style. Messrs. C. D. Harris, W. H. Dixon, and H. L. Cooper were balloted for and unanimously accepted, and Messrs. Harris and Dixon, being in attendance, were initiated by Bro. Chas. Naylor, P.M. The ceremony was very impressively performed. Letters of apology and telegrams were received from numerous brethren. Bro. Thos. Anderson, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. F. P. Cabot, P.M., and installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, by the W.M., Bro. C. Baker. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. A. Balleine, S.W.; W. J. Fentum, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M., Sec.; Rev. T. H. Morris, M.A., Chap.; James Caton, S.D.; Chas. Lincoln, J.D.; Alfred Anslow, I.G.; F. P. Cabot, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Le Quesne and F. A. Bennett, Stwds.; and Geo. Rogers, P.M. 1003, Tyler. Bro. Major J. C. Raven, P.M. 877, who assisted the Installing Master, then gave the usual addresses with feeling and good effect, and concluded the ceremony, for the excellence of which he was heartily congratulated. The Installing Master and Bro. Raven were also presented with a unanimous vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for which both returned thanks in appropriate terms. Bro. Clement Baker, the retiring W.M., presented Bro. J. T. Baker, P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services rendered to the Yarborough Lodge during his term of office as W.M. (1883-89), addressing the recipient in an excellent speech, setting forth his talents as a W.M., his zeal in Masonry, and the high esteem he enjoyed among his brethren. Bro. J. T. Baker, P.M., replied, deeply moved, and in a very neat speech thanked the brethren for the kindness shown him, and said that he would always look upon the jewel when upon his breast with the utmost pleasure, and that he would long be mindful of their esteem for him thus testified. A second jewel was on this occasion to have been presented to Bro. L. C. J. Livermore, P.M., but owing to his unavoidable absence the presentation was deferred to a future meeting. The Auditor's report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, showing a handsome balance in favour of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet (at which over 70 were present), excellently served by Bro. G. Rogers, P.M. 1003.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M." having been duly honoured,

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The P.G.M. of Jersey, Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. C. Donaldson, P.M., P.S.G.W., replied at length, saying that in the great prosperity of the Yarborough Lodge and sister lodges of the Island he was sincerely rejoicing, as it proved the Craft of that province to be in the zenith of happy increase. He thanked them on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and regretted that both the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were unavoidably absent, but he was sure that both had the welfare of the Craft of the province at heart.

The I.P.M., Bro. E. C. Baker, gave "The W.M., Bro. T. Adderson," to which that brother duly responded.

The W.M. gave "The Installing Master," coupling with it the name of Bro. Major J. C. Raven, P.M. 877; and Bros. C. Baker, I.P.M., and Major J. C. Raven at some length responded.

The W.M. gave "The I.P.M.," "The Past Masters," and "The Treasurer and Secretary," to which several brethren replied.

Bro. Major J. C. Raven, having been entrusted with the gavel, gave "The Masonic Charities," dwelling during his eloquent speech lengthily upon the importance of the various Masonic Charities and the great good each of the Institutions rendered to the Craft.

Bro. Chas. Naylor, P.M., most ably responded on their behalf, and in eloquent terms set forth the merits of the Charitable Institutions, and the great benefits the island at that moment derived from them.

Bro. T. Adderson then gave "The Visitors," to which several responses were made.

"The Initiates," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Stewards," and other toasts followed, each cordially received and honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. E. C. Bisson, Maxwell Le Cronier, H. Walden, T. Proust, C. F. Luke, MacKee, and others, the duties of accompanist being most efficiently carried out by Bro. W. J. Fentum, the musical director of the lodge, and P.P.G.O. There was on this occasion some excellent singing and reciting, which added a rare charm to the proceedings, both interesting and enjoyable. The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th instant at the Sun Hotel. Bro. W. Drewett, P.M. 889, presided as W.M. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bros. Edwards and Olding were passed. There was no other business beyond communications as to Provincial Grand Lodge and other matters of minor interest, and after notice of proposition of a candidate, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the hotel for supper.

It was announced that the I.P.M., Bro. Humphreys, would be appointed Provincial Grand Standard Bearer at the Prov. Grand Lodge, and that the W.M., as P.M. of the Dobie Lodge, was to be his colleague in that office, having two years ago, when in the chair of No. 889, accepted the collar of P.G.S. It is worthy of note that with one solitary exception every Past Master of the Brownrigg Lodge has gained "purple."

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—Bro. Colonel E. Hughes, M.P., S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. of the above powerful and influential lodge on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and it was an occasion that will long be remembered with pleasure by the vast body of brethren present—no less than 187 members of the lodge and visiting brethren subscribing their names on the pages of the attendance book, among whom were some of the most eminent Masons both of the Province of Kent and of Metropolitan lodges.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Stwd. England, and it being announced that Bro. J. Smith Eastes, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., was in attendance, the Present and Past Grand Officers in attendance escorted him to his chair on the immediate right of the W.M., where he was saluted, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., then presented Bro. Hughes to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course, and in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters, our esteemed brother was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. B. de B. Lopez, I.P.M.; W. Busbridge, S.W.; W. Sanders, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; C. H. Lawson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; W. C. Taylor, S.D.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.D.; C. J. Clapham, I.G.; J. J. Collins, D.C.; R. F. Tyler and D. K. Somers, A.D.C.'s; J. H. Bull, Org.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., J. O. Cook, and J. J. Murphy, Stewards; C. W. Scantlebury, Std. Br.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. C. Lawson then, by special request, gave the addresses eloquently and faultlessly, and so concluded the ceremony of the day. The first official act of the W.M. was to present his immediate predecessor with a handsome and costly Past Master's jewel, in the name of the lodge, as a mark of their esteem and as some small token of their appreciation of his courtesy, kindness, and work as Master of the lodge, for which Bro. Lopez suitably returned thanks. A handsome new banner, bearing the arms of the Pattison family, was presented the lodge by Bro. Hughes, for which he was cordially thanked. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Cannon-street Hotel, and among the other brethren present, and not above-named, were Bros. W. Tongue, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Pidcock, P.M.; F. Barry, P.M.; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. (Hon.); C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. Widgery, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M.; W. Lomax, J. Griffiths, W. Lock, A. Alford, C. Hartnup, G. Frost, W. J. Young, W. Sallenger, J. Topp, J. Hooton, R. Ginman, D. C. Capon, J. Tayler, W. A. Tucker, A. Wallis, J. C. Mitchell, D. Davis, W. F. Hayward, J. F. Frankling, W. Harris, R. Turrell, H. Towns, W. Rahtz, H. Malings, E. M. Taylor, G. Laurance, F. Estler, C. Hager, A. D. Capon, W. B. Ledger, H. H. Grafton, J. Farrier, E. Lewis, A. Moore, T. Hambrook, R. S. Courtman, A. W. Jackson, G. H. Campbell, H. J. Bryceson, G. W. Clifton, E. Morris, J. O. Cook, R. E. Saunders, W. G. Newton, W. H. Pryce, H. Stewart, F. Hoare, H. Coombes, W. H. Chaney, H. J. Baker, A. Eton, B. Littlewood, T. G. Arnold, W. Wren, J. Turton, G. Roberts, L. Mills, J. Stratton, J. Rich, B. Hammond, M. A. Blest, S. Horton, A. Joskey, J. W. Dickenson, A. Fenn, J. G. Tucker, J. O. Widger, W. H. Lewis, H. J. Spencer, C. J. Swiss, H. Martin, and W. Davis, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. T. W. Whitmarsh, P.G.P. Eng.; the Hon. T. Egerton, M.P., P.M. 1045, P.P.S.G.W., Cheshire; W. H. Gardener, P.M. 1900, P.P.A.G.P. Surrey; C. Lacey, P.G.D. Hants; G. Kennedy, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Hastings, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P.; G. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.G.S.; H. Grice, W.M. 13; W. Webber, W.M. 700; F. T. Lee, W.M. 1223; H. Christie, W.M. 706; R. V. Seton, W.M. 1965; G. H. Price, W.M. 1321; Major F. W. Frigout, W.M. 171, 2041; C. Watkins, W.M. 615; G. H. Letton, S.W., W.M. elect 615; S. E. Southgate, S.W., W.M. elect 70; G. H. Davis, P.M., W. P. Applebee, P.M., G. W. Masters, P.M., W. Tailby, P.M., A. Deans, S.D., H. De Gray, T. Clarke, J. Keevil, A. S. Davidson, and J. Dickson, all of 13; Capt. W. Richey, P.M., J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas., J. Warren, P.M., Sec., J. Miller, P.M., J. McCollough, J.W., G. F. Taylor, S.D., H. Tammant and G. H. Porter, Stwds., G. Nichols, I.G., J. Swanson, J. Chennells, and Dr. Tees, all of 700; F. G. Nichols, P.M., and Capt. J. Sculley, P.M. and Treas., of 706; E. Morris, S.W., and Lieut. J. Nicholas, of 1789; C. M. Syder, P.M. 79; G. H. Cashfield, J.W. 615; H. H. Church, 1973; A. Paterson, 237; Capt. G. H. Graham and S. Long (unattached); C. E. Kinneer, 20; H. Swinhead, 1536; J. Macgregor and C. Churchill, 548; T. Colquhoun, 1747, Natal; W. G. Carlin and A. Grieve, of 2310; W. Musquin, 1536; J. H. Gilbert, 1050; F. Korle, 1706; L. Emerson, 1837; J. O. Burstall, 1185; A. H. Price, 321; H. Klyn, 2266; T. Whitford, 1321; H. Clout, 2030; S. Matthews, I.G. 214; J. McLennan, 1796; E. Chenery, 184; T. Bedford, 1321; J. Anderson, Stwd. 2310; J. C. Osterstock, S.D. 1185; R. C. Klyne, 2268; W. J. Hewett, I.G. 1185; and others.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said it was a great privilege to be in a position to propose it. Her Most Gracious Majesty had for many years reigned over a loyal and contented people

had set an example to a virtuous Court, and, as the mother of the illustrious Grand Master, was for her virtues and many excellences entitled, more especially among Masons, to their loyalty and regard.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," saying that H.R.H. had been a great support to the Craft, and it was one of the distinguishing pleasures of Masonry to have him at its head. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

In proposing the toast of "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master referred in feeling terms to the deeply regretted decease of the late Pro G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. It was a toast that was always heartily received, because of the good work done by the Grand Officers in Grand Lodge, and they were thankful, in the face of their great loss, that their D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, was still amongst them. The position of a Grand Officer was a privilege within the reach of every brother, for, as it was said of a French soldier that he carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack, so the honours of Grand Lodge were within the reach of any brother who strove to attain them. He asked them to drink the toast with a good fire.

Bro. Eastes, in responding to a hearty toast of the "P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and which was coupled with his name and that of Bro. Jamblin, said he thanked them very heartily for their genial reception of the toast. He could assure them that he felt very proud of the honour of responding for Earl Amherst, who, he was sure, was not only a grand Mason, but a model Prov. Grand Master, and he was proud to be his deputy. Of course, in such a large province as theirs the Prov. Grand Master and himself were naturally anxious for its progress, and they might depend upon it that so long as he held his present proud position nothing should be wanting on his part, and he was sure he might speak for the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge generally, and nothing would be wanting on their part to work together for the good of the province in particular, and Masonry in general. Now, one word about that lodge. He must say that had their Prov. Grand Master been present that day and seen that lodge in its strength, he would indeed have been proud of it, for he must say that neither in the province nor anywhere else had he seen a private lodge like it. He was proud of being a member of it, for he remembered with great pleasure that two years ago they did him the honour of electing him an honorary member, and, as he said before, he was proud of it. There were two excellent and strong military lodges in the province, but he must say that the Pattison Lodge was the most influential amongst the lodges of the province. He then referred to the forthcoming Provincial Grand Meeting at Ashford on the following Thursday, the time for which had been altered to one p.m. to suit the convenience of the brethren from the ends of the province, and he hoped to see a good gathering, and the Pattison Lodge well represented. Bro. Eastes then resumed his seat amid ringing cheers.

Bro. Jamblin said it was a great pleasure to have his name associated with such an important toast, but as they had heard such a perfect representative of Provincial Grand Lodge, they did not want to hear anything more about it from such an humble member of it as himself. His acquaintance with the Pattison Lodge was of some few years standing, and they had kindly elected him an honorary member of it, than which no greater honour could be conferred upon a Mason, and he believed from that, and from the hearty reception he always received at their hands, and the pleasure it always gave him to be present at its meetings, that it was between them a case of "love at first sight." As Chaplain of the province, one of the melancholy duties he had had to perform during the past year was to officiate at the burial of the late respected Bro. Keeble, for it was a grievous thing to lose so good a brother in the very prime of his life and work. Then the unfortunate accident that befel Bro. Butter, one of the most esteemed Past Masters of the lodge, had filled them and him with sorrow; that, however, had passed away, and he was glad to know of the present excellent health of Bro. Butter, who he was sorry not to see present that night. He then referred with feelings of pleasure to the excellent idea, so well carried out, of sending a thank-offering to the Cottage Hospital at Woolwich for the recovery of Bro. Butter. He spoke highly of the W.M., who had made for himself an important position in the world. He congratulated the I.P.M. upon the able manner in which he had installed his successor, and concluded a lengthy and brilliant speech, of which the above is a mere outline, by expressing himself as being only too happy to be associated with such a grand and distinguished lodge.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that Bro. Hughes had been for so many years associated with the Province of Kent that it was unnecessary for him to say a word in his favour, more especially among the brethren of the Woolwich and Plumstead lodges. He must say, however, that Bro. Hughes had since his return to office in the lodge been an excellent officer, and had worked well, and now that he had arrived at the chair of the lodge he felt sure that Bro. Hughes would fulfil the obligations of that office, and fully realise the high expectation of every brother of the lodge.

The toast having been drunk amid much cheering,

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he knew that the toast was described as "the toast of the evening," and although he did not accept it as such without some little reserve, yet it served to remind him that he was responsible for the good order and welfare of the lodge during his year of office. It was a very great pleasure for him to remember that he had been a member of the lodge since the year 1863, the lodge having only been formed the year previous, in 1862, and it was also true that many years ago he had the opportunity of going into the chair of the lodge, but now he was thankful to say that he had lived so long, for after all it was only a pleasure postponed, the increased importance of the lodge since that time doubly increasing the importance and pleasure of the position of W.M. After referring slightly to Plumstead, where he and a majority of his officers lived, and where, whether it was three o'clock or later when he got home from "The House," he was always glad to get to that elevated position on the northern shore of Shooter's Hill. He trusted to have a good and prosperous year, with plenty of good candidates, although it was the quality of the candidates they looked to, and he wanted them still to look to, rather than the quantity, and further that they would never have to complain of his rule. He was very pleased to see so many of his neighbours present, and also his friends—Bros. Whitmarsh and the Hon. Egerton Tatton,

M.P. He had since giving one of the earlier toasts found that he had made an omission by not calling upon Bro. Whitmarsh, who was an officer of the Grand Lodge of England, to respond for the toast of the Grand Officers, but would ask him to respond later on. After thanking them for their hearty reception of the toast, and again expressing his desire for the happiness and welfare of the brethren of the lodge and all present, Bro. Hughes resumed his chair amid applause.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Installing Officer," and in so doing paid a high compliment to Bro. Lopez for the able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony. He also referred with pleasure to the happy fact that after some 27 years a descendant of the original founder of the lodge—the late Bro. Pattison—should have attained the chair of the lodge. Their I.P.M. had wound up his year of office by installing his successor, and thus proving himself worthy of his name and of the confidence of the brethren.

The toast was drunk most heartily.

Bro. Lopez, who is immensely popular with the brethren, in response, said what he had done was simply the duty of every W.M., and he did not take any credit to himself for it. He was pleased to think that the lodge had passed through a year of good fellowship, and although he could not say that he had added much to its splendour, yet he had passed on his trust to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it.

Bro. Coupland responded for "The Past Masters" in a lengthy and eloquent speech, and Bros. Whitmarsh and Tatton for "The Visitors."

The other toast was "The Officers," for whom Bro. Busbridge responded in eloquent terms, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. G. May, W. Coates, E. Dalzell, and C. Ackerman sang songs and chortled glees handsomely, and the whole affair was simply perfection.

SIDCUP.

Sidney Lodge (No. 829).—The above pretty summer lodge held its installation meeting at the Black Horse Hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. A. Sharp, W.M., assisted by a goodly array of brethren of the lodge and province generally. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. Jacobs, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated. Bro. T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. for installation, and, with the usual ceremony, that distinguished brother was installed and saluted for the second time in his career as Master of the lodge. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. W. Kennedy, S.W.; C. McClellan, J.W.; the Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; T. Knight, P.M., Treas.; W. Moulder, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; W. Wade, S.D.; C. Willmot, J.D.; H. Mills, I.G.; J. Coombes, P.M., D.C.; J. Seton, P.M., Stwd.; Fisher, Org.; and Very, Tyler. Bro. Sharp then recited the several charges with rare feeling and effect, and concluded the ceremony. He was presented with a vote of thanks for his work as Installing Officer, and a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of the esteem of the brethren. Bro. Sydney Gore, P.M., P.P.G.P., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and then the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. R. Hanson, P.M.; J. H. Etheridge, P.M.; D. S. Corke, A. Smith, H. J. Church, H. Martin, C. Foreman, W. Chick, F. J. Moye, G. Meade, R. Burkin, T. L. Emms, D. T. White, H. Freeman, and G. Gregory, all of the lodge; C. Watkins, W.M. 615; J. H. Gilbert, W.M. 1050; G. H. Davies, P.M. 13; H. Steward, 913; J. Loveridge, 615; C. Beck, 1158; D. K. Somers, 913; and C. Jolly, P.M. 1472, 2184. Bro. Lieutenant H. North, of the Kerry Royal Militia, should have been present to take the Third Degree, but was unavoidably absent, being with his regiment at Tralee, Ireland.

The excellent banquet provided by Bro. Gregory at the hotel having been discussed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, referring feelingly to the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of the late Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, for whom the lodge was in deep mourning.

The next toast was that of "Earl Amherst, P.G.M. of the Province of Kent," and in giving it, the W.M. said their beloved Prov. G. Master had been with them many times, and he trusted to see his lordship well, and well supported by the Masons of Kent, at the forthcoming Provincial Grand meeting, on the following Thursday.

The next toast was that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in response.

Bro. Woolmer said he had had the honour of responding to that toast on many occasions, and always with pleasure. He must now be a little discursive. He remembered their late lamented Pro Grand Master when he was at Oxford. He was a good fellow and always at the head in everything, and if he had one fault it was over-righteousness and over-conscientiousness. He went into Parliament and was under Lord Derby, Secretary for the Colonies. He was afterwards Vice-Lieutenant of Ireland. Then he went to India and the Colonies, and whatever office he held, or wherever he went, he was always just and conscientious in the one, and welcome in the other. As a Mason, he was afraid there were not many to replace him, for, as a Mason, he truly understood Masonry and its symbolic meaning, while his interest in the Charities was unbounded, and taking him altogether he was a man, a Statesman, and a brother who would not soon or easily be forgotten. With regard to the toast, he trusted long to have Earl Amherst with them, and that Bro. Eastes would continue to assist his lordship as he had done so well and so long.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to propose the health of Bro. Hastings, who was one that had stuck to the lodge in its adversity, and he was exceedingly glad to see him once more Master of the Sydney Lodge, because he felt sure that he would do his duty, and raise its prestige. He was very glad to say that they were going on well, and did not intend to stand idle, but go on and increase their strength until they stood on an equality with any lodge in the Province of Kent. They were a united and hospitable body, and it was creditable to know that after thoroughly enjoying themselves at all their meetings, they had the good balance to their credit of £87 at the end of the year. They were proud of their lodge

and its hospitality, and liked to see plenty of visitors, and when they got them treat them so that when they went away they could not say that the Sydney Lodge had not done its duty by them. That was the principle upon which Bro. Hastings intended to rule them, and he asked them to drink his health in bumpers.

Bro. Hastings, in response, said it was very kind of Bro. Sharp to speak so highly of him, and he would try to be worthy of his eulogiums and their kind regards. It was so many years—some 16—since he was first in the chair, that he found himself a little rusty, but he should try and fill the chair to their satisfaction and the credit of the lodge.

Bro. Sharpe, in responding for "The Installing Officer," said that he felt a little sorry to vacate the chair, because he was just getting used to it. He had worked hard to qualify himself for the position of Installing Officer, and if he had done it to their satisfaction that was all he required, and he had it in the "testimony of a good conscience." During his year of office he had initiated to good men and true, who, he felt, were proud of their positions as members of the lodge. All he had in view was the consolidation of the lodge in strength and harmony. He adverted with pleasure to the lodge of instruction attached to them and held at the hotel, and trusted that the officers and all who aspired to office would attend and uphold it.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the rector for his courteous reception of the brethren at the rectory before the lodge business, when the handsome grounds were opened and refreshments and fruits provided for the delectation of the brethren.

WOOLWICH.

Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The above grand old mother lodge, from whose loins have sprung all the other and many lodges in the Woolwich and Plumstead district, held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. H. Grice, W.M., in the chair. The work was as follows: Mr. G. Easton was initiated. Bros. T. P. Moore and J. Collins were passed, and Bro. A. E. Durrant raised. Bro. Joseph F. Bell, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Grice to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and well and ably did the Installing Officer carry out his duty. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. C. Chasteaneuf, S.W. (by proxy); J. Matthey, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M.; Treas.; H. S. Syer, P.M.; Sec.; A. Deans, S.D.; T. Appleby, J.D. (by proxy); W. A. Anson, I.G.; G. B. Davies, P.M.; D.C.; W. J. Barnes, A.D.C.; A. Cleal, P.M.; A. H. Russell, W. H. Turton, and A. McQueen, Stwds.; and W. J. Bidgood and B. J. Hancock, Organists. Bro. Grice then gave the addresses eloquently and fully, according to the ancient ritual before it was mutilated and cut down by the present youthful Masonic generation, who now improve, or think they have improved it, by "re-organisation." He was accorded a vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and also a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, for both of which he returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted in the hall, the catering of Bro. W. Moulder being all that could be desired.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. E. Mills, P.M.; W. P. Applebee, P.M.; J. P. Moore, P.M.; N. Brown, P.M.; G. Masters, P.M.; W. Akers, P.M.; J. G. Melbourne, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. 1472, 2184; H. Jacobs, J. J. Cohen, J. Davidson, W. H. Lister, A. Wright, E. L. Green, J. Hards, H. Richmond, G. Chambers, T. J. Wren, J. Welch, J. Philcox, W. P. Lowson, W. Shairpe, C. G. Pilcher, E. Phillips, W. Lush, J. Hall, F. B. Davies, W. Hill, H. Crowley, H. De Gray, P.M.; F. J. Budd, J. Jolliffe, C. Foss, C. Howard, W. H. Keeble, B. Dickson, A. Peaker, J. Hewett, C. Hosgood, W. Prance, J. Quick, A. Dixon, A. Stamford, T. Dorrell, H. Staples, T. Campbell, T. Fergusson, T. James, G. Brown, G. Dennison, W. J. Skinner, F. Bell, and J. Horne, all of the lodge; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., W.M. 913; W. Webber, W.M. 700; H. Christie, W.M. 706; H. Mason, P.M. 913; S. E. Southgate, S.W., W.M. elect, 700; W. Sanders, J.W. 913; W. Turvey, 1472; G. Grant, 700; and R. J. Cox, 1326.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said he felt himself in rather a unique position in having for the first time in his life to propose the toast of the W.M., and for more reasons than one. However, he cordially wished Bro. Bell God-speed and success in his work as W.M. of their grand old lodge.

The Worshipful Master said he thanked them very much for the hearty reception of the toast so kindly put by Bro. Grice, who had always rendered him every assistance. They could not expect a long speech from him, and he had the good sense to know that the least said the better. He heartily thanked them for voting him into the chair, and should try to be worthy of their approval. He then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and passed a high eulogium upon the excellent manner in which Bro. Grice had carried out the duties of that office.

Bro. Grice, in responding, said they would agree with him that it was a great honour to have to respond to such a toast. From his earliest career in Masonry he had determined to do his duty, and if he had that day worked the ceremony of installation to their satisfaction he was pleased. He had been through every office in the lodge without stepping over a brother, and if he had in any way during that period offended anyone he deeply regretted it. His first and greatest desire had been to make the lodge one of the best upon the registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Applebee, in responding for "The Past Masters," said that in that grand old country of theirs they were so bound down by precedent that he supposed it was his duty to respond first to the toast because he was the oldest Past Master present; at least, he presumed he was. Well, he was initiated in it 30 years ago, and 20 years ago he was installed in the chair of K.S. as its head. At that time a W.M. very seldom installed his successor; it was done by one or two old Past Masters year after year until some W.M. broke the ice and installed his successor, and so set an example that had been almost continuously followed by every succeeding W.M. For himself, he considered it the duty of every W.M. to install his successor, and he was pleased to see the custom so universally carried out, at least in the Union Waterloo Lodge. It was a credit to the Past Masters and to their lodge of instruction that year after

year their Masters carried out the duty so well and so fully as Bro. Grice had that day. He could assure them that every Past Master on active service in that lodge would always do his utmost to promote its best interests and the happiness and prosperity of the brethren.

Bro. Brown having also replied, "The Initiate" was the next toast, and then

Bro. Webber, in responding for "The Visitors," said the toast brought to his mind the fact that his time as W.M. was getting exceedingly short; for on the following Wednesday he should have to vacate the chair in favour of his successor. He thanked the brethren of the Union Waterloo for their kindness to him during his year of office, and congratulated them upon having such an excellent brother as Bro. Bell at their head.

Bro. Christie said that was the first time he had visited the lodge, and was pleased to know that the W.M. was so well supported by the brethren and the Past Masters, and congratulated him upon having such an excellent staff of officers.

Bro. Mason thanked the brethren for their hospitable reception of the visitors. He had known their W.M. for the last 25 years, and was sure he would support and maintain the prestige of such a grand old lodge.

Bro. Colonel Hughes, in responding for a special toast of his health, apologised for his late appearance, but if not present, he had tried to come, and that must be his excuse. It was a great pleasure to him to visit a metropolitan lodge, and as W.M. of a provincial lodge he felt it his duty to come amongst them and so try to cement a bond of sympathy between them that would be both a benefit to the Craft and to the lodges also. As they might conceive, his time was a good deal taken up by his duties as their representative in Parliament and on the London County Council, beside his own particular business, but he should contrive, during the next 12 months at least, to be very much with them on the first Thursday in the months of November and up till July, and would be delighted to see any of them present on those occasions at the Pattison Lodge. They had an excellent organisation and plenty of officers, for he saw on the menu card that they had two Organists and four wine Stewards, and he felt that if he had not been a member of 913 he should have liked to belong to 13. He trusted the W.M. would have a good year of office, and resumed his seat amid much applause.

The singing was contributed to by Miss Rose Moss, Bros. W. Anson, A. Deans, A. McQueen, and W. J. Skinner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The installation meeting of the above powerful lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Webber, W.M., who commenced his labours by passing Bro. Chennell, Bro. S. E. Southgate, S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course our esteemed brother was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Webber, I.P.M.; J. McCollough, S.W.; G. F. Taylor, J.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; W. Lawson, S.D.; H. Tufnell, J.D.; G. R. Nichols, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; H. J. Roberts, Asst. Org.; J. Sanderson, P.M., D.C.; G. H. Porter, Asst. D.C.; J. H. Miller, P.M., H. Tamment, and T. S. Smith, Stewards. The addresses were then given by the Installing Officer with eloquence and impression, and the ceremony was concluded. The usual vote of thanks and Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Webber, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet, one of the most enjoyable, was partaken of in the handsome and commodious hall of the New Falcon, Gravesend, Bro. Shrubsole laying himself out to cater to the enjoyment of the brethren in every way.

Among other brethren present were Bros. G. Crawford, P.M.; F. Dawson, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; H. King, P.M.; C. Jolly, (Hon.) P.M.; J. Swanson, F. Punter, C. Benstead, A. S. Johnson (S.C.), W. Davies, J. E. Chennell, J. Bull, A. Sanderson, W. Betts, Capt. W. Ward, J. Knowles, A. McKnight, S. Martin, E. Valon, G. Grant, A. Fenn, W. Chambers, E. Carter, A. Walklin, F. S. Fowkes, W. Orpwood, A. Webb, S. Brooks, J. Trodd, T. White, F. Flory, A. Abbey, G. Browne, W. Bell, W. Harris, D. J. Tees, W. Long, J. Blackler, H. Lane, A. Adams, F. Marfleet, A. Winbush, W. Wray, and H. A. Pettifer, all of the lodge; R. Pidcock, P.M. 916, P.P.G. Reg. Sussex; Captain W. Weston, P.M. 1789, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.P.D.G.D.C.; E. Frost, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15 and 2191; J. J. Cattle, P.M. 1791; W. B. A. Hanson, P.M. 829; J. F. Bell, W.M., G. Davies, P.M., W. Akers, P.M., G. Masters, P.M., T. Matthey, J.W., J. Keevil, J. Farnie, and T. Fergusson, of 13; C. Wood, W.M., C. H. Canning, P.M., A. T. Ives, P.M., J. Howe, W. Turvey, and A. J. Jones, of 1472; H. Mason, P.M., E. Palmer, P.M., W. Sanders, J.W.; J. Farrier, J. B. Ledger, B. Littlewood, D. Davies, A. Eton, and D. C. Capon, of 913; H. Christie, W.M. 706; W. Seager, W.M. 1536; W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73; A. Couldry, P.M. 30; N. S. Foster, 478; W. McCollough, 1745; A. Martin, P.M.; H. Swinherd, 1536; J. Spencer, Stwd. 1437; W. Robin, 1350; T. F. Cooper, 1530; W. Osborne, 1789; and J. Carpenter, 1716.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured—the speeches throughout the evening, with but one or two exceptions, being exceedingly brief—the I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying that he had had the pleasing duty of installing the W.M. and the equally pleasing duty of proposing his health, for he felt sure Bro. Southgate would do his duty to the lodge and to himself.

Bro. Southgate thanked the brethren and assured them that, as Bro. Webber had said, he should do his duty.

The toast of "The Initiates" was then proposed, and Bro. Bell briefly responded.

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," saying there were no less than 61 visitors present, which in itself spoke volumes for the hospitality of the Nelson Lodge, and Bros. Bell, Wood, Pidcock, Pringle, Woolley, and other visitors having briefly responded,

Bro. Weston said he was proud and pleased to be present in his mother lodge and witness the handsome manner in which Bro. Webber had installed his successor. He had, in his time, visited a great many lodges. On the 23rd of the previous month he had the pleasure of visiting a Spanish lodge, and although he did not understand the language it was interpreted to him, and he found that in

almost every particular the working was the same as their own. He had also visited lodges in Malta, in Egypt, and in other countries. He was very much impressed with what he had seen, as it proved to him the brotherhood of Masonry all over the world. He wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

Bros. Crauford and Miller having responded for "The Past Masters,"

Bro. Warren, in the course of his response, said that he had the honour of taking up from that lodge to the last Boys' School Festival the largest sum from any lodge in the kingdom—no less than £247—a sum that very few of the provinces surpassed, and he was sorry to say that, while some of the provinces with less sums than the Nelson Lodge were cheered to the echo, the announcement of the sum from the Nelson Lodge was received with a most depressing silence—a fact that certainly did not tend to encourage a Steward to persevere again, as he had, to get such a handsome sum together.

The other toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing and instrumental music, and we heartily wish Bro. Southgate a successful and prosperous year of office.

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YORK.

York Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Duncomb-street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Smith, I.P.M., who proceeded to advance Bros. C. Hollander and J. T. Chambers, both of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, to the Degree. The chair was then assumed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who installed Bro. A. T. B. Turner, the W.M. elect, into the chair of the lodge. Bro. Turner subsequently appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Brown, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Lamb, M.O.; E. W. Purnell, S.O.; J. H. Shonksmith, J.O.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chap.; T. B. Whytehead, Treas.; W. Colman, Reg. of Marks; G. Chapman, Sec.; W. Sharp, S.D.; F. W. Halliwell, J.D.; C. E. L. Wright, D.C.; G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; G. G. Pook, I.G.; T. Archey and J. W. Dow, Stewards; and P. Pearson, Tyler.

A petition for a new lodge, to be called the Severns Lodge, was presented by certain brethren, and by a resolution of a majority of the members present was received and endorsed. After the close of the lodge the brethren supped at the De Grey Rooms.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 17th inst. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. W. H. Kirby, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; C. F. Cox, J.W.; J. W. Cooper, S.D.; J. Harvey, J.D.; and J. W. Drysdale, I.G.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, full attention being given to the minutest details, each of which were carried through most ably by the respective officers. Bro. Imlay then occupied the chair, and rehearsed a portion of the first ceremony. A ballot was taken by which Bro. Neville was unanimously received into the lodge as a joining member. Bro. J. W. Cooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and he appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the first ceremony, the charge following initiation, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. All business being ended, an evening very profitable to those brethren who had met despite the severe storm raging at the time of assembly was satisfactorily brought to a finish.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Rooms adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E. Consideration being given to the thunderstorm which broke over the district within an hour of the time of meeting, the attendance was satisfactory. Bro. G. A. Pickering officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. S. Lancaster, P.M., as S.W.; James Clark, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; Walter Robin, Sec.; R. W. Cartwright, S.D.; E. W. Livermore, J.D.; W. Fieldson, I.G.; H. E. Joyce, P.M.; A. A. Drew, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was worked in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Pickering in a very correct and efficient manner. Bro. Drew was elected a member. The ceremony of installation will be worked in this lodge of instruction on Thursday, the 31st instant.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. H. Armfield, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, Sec.; S. Ransom, S.D.; J. French, J.D.; W. P. Hatton, I.G.; R. C. Green, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; R. H. Broom, H. D. Smith, W. R. Hatton, and G. Inglish.

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. W. H. Armfield being the candidate. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. C. Conway was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by the S.W., Bro. J. C. Conway, and carried unanimously, to Bro. H. Armfield for the very creditable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. The W.M. replied in a very suitable manner, thanking the brethren for their kindness to him since becoming a member of the lodge. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; G. Swann, S.W.; W. G.

Danby, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Hubbard, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; J. H. Neville, I.G.; P. J. Davies, E. E. Gellowski, and J. B. Cory.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davies acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Swann was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; L. Cox, S.W.; F. Woodard, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, J.D.; and T. J. Head, I.G.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. L. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and after the usual number of risings, the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this emulative and proficient lodge was held at Hoe-street Chambers, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. Chas. H. Bestow, W.M.; J. J. Briginshaw, S.W.; Urban Smith, J.W.; William Shurmur, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; John Ives, P.M., S.D.; C. Horst, J.D.; George Long, I.G.; T. Scoresby Jackson, P.M.; Wm. P. Allen, Sec.; Wm. Blenkinsop, Hon. Stwd.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.Z.; G. W. Knight, P.M., P.Z.; F. W. Pearce, G. W. Fenner, W. W. Cook, Fred Tayler, Wm. Alcock, J. H. Wildash, P.M.; R. Kershaw, H. F. Bromhead, T. E. Horley, W. A. Longmore, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed and the ancient charge delivered. The installation ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. T. Scoresby Jackson acting as Installing Master. Bro. F. W. Pearce, No. 1320, was unanimously elected as a joining member. Bro. J. J. Briginshaw was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor then complimented Bro. Chas. H. Bestow upon the very commendable and efficient manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and upon the impressive way in which he had delivered the ancient charge. He also congratulated the lodge upon the complimentary manner its working had been referred to by the *Freemason*. As this was the first time that Bro. Bestow had officiated as W.M. in this lodge, a very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was passed and recorded upon the minutes. This brought a very pleasant and instructive evening to a close, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

George Andrews Conclave (No. 11).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, when there were present Bros. John J. Pakes, P.G. Gdr., S.R. (*pro tem.*); A. Dandridge, C. (*pro tem.*); N. Brokenshire, G. St., G.J.; W. Martin, Sec. (*pro tem.*); J. G. Vohmann, Stwd.; W. Wright, V.D.; W. H. Unit, Guard; and Ball, Sentinel.

The conclave was opened, and Bros. W. J. Fricker, 147; A. H. Jones, 1472; W. Hewett, 957; and W. G. Green, 871, were inducted into the Order. Bro. E. G. G. Bax was unanimously elected S.R., Bro. W. Andrews was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Ball re-elected Sentinel for the ensuing year.

After the close of the conclave the brethren adjourned to banquet and spent a very enjoyable evening.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual summer entertainment and visit to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, of subscribers and friends took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Favoured by exceptionally fine weather, a large party travelled from Charing Cross and Cannon-street in saloons attached to the half-past three p.m. express, and they reached the Institution by four o'clock. Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, welcomed the guests on their arrival, and tea was partaken of in the hall.

Since the last summer entertainment the grounds of the Institution have undergone an alteration decidedly for the better. The hedge dividing the Institution from what was a piece of waste land, has been removed, and a well-kept lawn, which was admired by everybody, and flower beds have taken its place. The roses were not quite up to the average of former years, but the absence of sunshine for a long time past may account for that.

At half-past six, after the old people had been visited, an excellent programme was commenced. Bro. Harry Tipper, P.G. Reg. Herts, conducted the performance, which was one by the Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers and Glee Singers. The handbell portion of the programme consisted of Mendelssohn's "War March of the Priests," Le Thérès "Le Charme Gavotte," a selection from Irish National Airs, "Dorothy Valse," an air with variations, selections from "Dorothy," and "Auld Lang Syne." Altogether 132 bells were played, and the performance was deservedly well received. Bro. Tipper was ably supported by Miss Watkins, and Messrs. Ryall, Belton, Tones, and Wise. The rest of the programme was made up of a song by Mr. H. G. Ryall, "Thou art so near," a song and chorus by Bro. Harry Tipper, two recitations by Mr. J. Wise, two part songs, "Lovely Night" and "Summer Eve," and a trio, "The Gipsies Laughing Chorus."

At the conclusion of the programme,

Bro. NEWTON proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Tipper and his assistants for their interesting performance.

Bro. TIPPER briefly replied.

After some of the visitors had sung,

A BROTHER proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for his kindness in providing the evening's entertainment.

Bro. TERRY, in replying, expressed the hope that on the company waking next morning they would not regret having spent that evening at the Institution at Croydon.

The party then separated and returned to town.

Royal Order of Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE COUNTIES PALATINE OF LANCASTER AND CHESTER.

The Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. held the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of the Counties Palatine of Lancaster and Chester on the 11th inst., in the Victoria Hotel, Manchester.

The R.W. Bro. Edmund Ashworth, Prov. G.M., presided, and the lodge was honoured by the presence of the following officers of Grand Lodge from Edinburgh: Bros. Lindsay Mackersey, W.S., S.G.W.; Alexander Mitchell, J.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Henry I. Shields, G.I. and E.; Major F. W. Allen and Geo. Christie, Grand Stewards; and R. I. Jamieson, Grand Guard.

Provincial Grand Lodge of H.R.D.M. having been opened, the Grand Officers were received in due form, and during the afternoon they performed in most admirable style the ceremony of advancing and promoting two brethren who had been approved by the council and elected.

Other business was transacted, and the following brethren were subsequently appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. J. D. Murray	...	Prov. D.P.G.M.
" R. W. Bourne	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. Beswicke Royds	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Chadwick	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. Schuster	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. M'Laren	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Pierpoint	...	Prov. G.B.B.
" S. G. Sinclair	...	Prov. G.M.
" W. Goodacre	...	Prov. G.A.M.
" N. A. Earle	...	Prov. G.S. and E.
" W. H. Browne	...	Prov. G.W.T.
" W. Taberner	...	Prov. G.C.
" C. E. Hindley	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. G. Harwood	...	
" H. Spalding	...	
" E. Halton	...	Prov. G.G.

In the evening the brethren of the province and their visitors dined together.

Ireland.

ROYAL ARCH. ARMAGH.

Armagh Chapter (No. 39).—A meeting of this well known chapter was held at the chapter room, Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 7th inst. After the exaltation of Bros. David Acheson, Wm. Logul, and Samuel Gray, Comp. Sloane moved that the chapter adjourn until the first Monday in October, which was agreed to, and the usual banquet closed the half-year's work.

Obituary.

BRO. CONTROLLER S. G. BAKE.

The Province of Cornwall has sustained a great loss by the death of that most energetic and zealous Mason, Bro. Controller S. G. Bake, who was a P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, Tywardreath, and occupied the chair of Prov. S.G. Warden in 1887. Bro. Bake has greatly distinguished himself by his labours in behalf of our Masonic Charitable Institutions. He was a Vice-President of our two Schools and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and had served several Stewardships at the various Festivals. He was also a most genial and kindly man, and one whose loss will be sincerely mourned by his numerous friends and acquaintances both within and without the Craft.

BRO. JOHN C. DWARBER.

It is with regret we record the death of Bro. John Charlton Dwarber, of Fetter-lane, an old and well-known inhabitant of St. Dunstan-in-the-West. He was a man of considerable capacity for business, and of unblemished character. He served in his day every parochial office, being successively vestryman, overseer, guardian, churchwarden, &c. His kindness of disposition endeared him to many friends, whilst his sympathy with the local poor will be gratefully remembered by many who will now miss him. He was also one of the oldest members of the local association known as the City of London Tradesmen's Club, by whom his memory will be cherished as one of "the worthies of St Dunstan." Bro. Dwarber died on Thursday, the 17th inst. The funeral took place on

Monday, at Brompton Cemetery. The first part of the service was said in the church of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, at half-past twelve.

Bro. John Charlton Dwarber was initiated in the Constitutional Lodge, and served the office of W.M. in 1872. He was one of the founders and first W.M. of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589. The W.M. and Past Masters of the St. Dunstan's Lodge placed a splendid wreath on his coffin, and a deputation from the lodge attended his funeral. Bro. Dwarber was a well-known member of the Bakers' Company and served the office of Master.



Mr. Nat Goodwin, who is, we believe, a great favourite across the "pond," opened in England at the Gaiety on Monday to a very enthusiastic, if a sparse, audience. He essayed to come before the British public in a piece which is weak equally in plot and dialogue, and from what we have heard not best suited to his style, for he clearly shows genius. When we see him in extravagant comedy we shall better be able to appreciate Mr. Goodwin as an actor, for therein lies his forte. Our new American cousin could not complain of the reception accorded to him as some have done, and the audience was not at all predominate with Americans. A large number of brother and sister English artistes assisted in the welcome, to which Mr. Goodwin responded in some neat and graceful words. An English caste was chosen to support him, consisting of Mr. Wm. Farren, Mr. Chas. Glenney, and Miss Carlotta Leclercq. Miss K. Forsyth and Miss J. McNulty being the only Americans. We can scarcely expect a lengthy run of "A Gold Mine," but we do expect Mr. Goodwin to become popular with the Gaiety frequenters.

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Amongst the events for next week is Mr. W. H. Griffith's annual *matinée* at the Shaftesbury Theatre, by kind permission of Bro. Willard, on Friday. The lessee has kindly consented to play Filippo in "The Violin Makers," supported by Bro. Alfred Bishop, J.W. 1319, Mr. C. Fulton, and Miss Olga Brandon, who appear as Ferrari, Sandro, and Giannina respectively. Mr. Edgar Bruce, his first appearance on the stage for five years, will play his original character of Sir George Carlyon in Mr. Sydney Grundy's charming one-act comedy, "In Honour Bound." Bro. Lionel Brough, fresh from South Africa, will give a sketch. Miss Kate Vaughan will appear in her very popular monologue with dance, "How it Happened." Bro. Chas. Collette and Miss Mary Collette, his daughter, will also give a sketch. The programme will contain a new one-act play by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, author of "Judah" and "The Middleman," entitled "Sweet Will." The bountiful entertainment ought to prove a draw, and Mr. W. H. Griffith's personal popularity amongst all classes who come in contact with him will, we know, add to what gives tokens of being a successful afternoon.

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Mr. Robert Buchanan, being so successful in adapting "Sophia" and "Joseph's Sweetheart" from Fielding's works, and "Clarissa" from Richardson's, has now extended his researches, and on Saturday last produced at the Lyric Theatre, amongst signs of decided approval, "Sweet Nancy," taken with permission from Miss Rhoda Broughton's novel, "Nancy." With the aid of the pruning knife, specially to the third act, even during the hot weather, "Sweet Nancy," with Miss Annie Hughes in the title rôle, can hope to bid for public favour. The ladies will particularly support the new play. Its dialogue is brilliant and smart, so much so that it fascinates the audience through the first act, which deals entirely with narrative. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. Jas. Grey, she is 18 years old, but still romps with the boys and plays and wears pinafores, but is wooed and won by Sir Roger Tempest, a general in the army, aged 47. The space at our command only allows us to say that she gives her consent, not from any love but from liking the general as a pleasant, kind man, and intending by marriage to benefit her brothers and sisters. It is almost a case of "those who came to scoff remained to pray," for Nancy shortly after marriage drifts into loving her husband fervently. When he is ordered to go to the front she is beside herself and always longs for his return. Sir Roger does come back, but clouds come over the matrimonial horizon, for Nancy becomes jealous of a woman to whom the general pays a visit by desire of his comrade, the husband. Sir Roger, from information he has received from this woman, accuses his wife of intrigue during his absence, but of course she is able, after many tears and heartburnings, to prove her devoted and constant love for her husband. Never has Annie Hughes been seen to better advantage. Her acting is bright and natural. Miss Harriet Jay contributes a strong performance, and Bro. Henry Neville makes what might have been an unsympathetic part—that of December wooing May—a thoroughly interesting and finished portrait as Sir Roger Tempest. The rest of the parts are well played. A pretty rural sentimental play, "An Old Maid's Wooing," precedes the main piece, and is admirably acted by the author, Mr. E. B. Norman, Mr. Kendrie, and Miss Hope.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that in addition to the ordinary service of express trains from London (King's Cross) to Scotland, arrangements have been made for the 7.45 p.m. express train from King's Cross (Great Northern) to be run to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the North of Scotland on the nights of August 9th and 10th. On Saturday, August 2nd, cheap six days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's Cross) to Huntingdon, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Stoke, Burslem, Huddersfield, Manchester, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, &c. On Saturday, 2nd, Monday, 4th, and Tuesday, 5th August, cheap day excursions will be run from Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, King's Cross (Great Northern), Holloway, &c., to Skegness. On Saturday, 2nd, and Monday, 4th August, cheap day excursions will also be run from Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, King's Cross (Great Northern), Holloway, &c., to Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Three or four days' tickets will be issued by the excursion to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe, on Saturday, available for return on Monday or Tuesday. On Sunday night, August 3rd, a cheap fast excursion for two days will be run from London to Sheffield and Manchester. On Monday, August 4th, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (London, Chatham, and Dover), Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued from London to Biggleswade, on Monday, August 4th. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the company's principal terminal station—King's Cross—arrangements have been made for the issue of passenger tickets, dated in advance, at the following offices:—Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 285, Oxford-street; 264, High Holborn; 90, Tottenham Court-road; 111, Strand; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street, E.C.; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 16, Fish-street Hill; 80, Bishopsgate-street, Without; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; Moorgate-street Station; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; Star Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; Victoria Station (London, Chatham, and Dover); and at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

In accordance with their usual custom at this season the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of Tickets during the week preceding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West-end Offices, viz., 193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; 269, Strand; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutchedfriars; 67, Gresham-street; and 4, Cheapside. These offices will be open the whole day, and the booking offices at the Paddington Station will also be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tickets issued on any of these days will be available for use either on the day of issue or by any train up to Saturday night. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, August 2nd, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 12.0 noon and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 p.m. train will leave Paddington at 4.55 p.m., but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, August 1st, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. and 3.10 p.m. on Saturday, August 2nd, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system. On Sunday, August 3rd, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and on Monday cheap trains will be run to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c. Cheap tickets are issued daily from Paddington, and from most of the stations on the Metropolitan, District, and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Bourne End, Cookham, Henley, and other riverside resorts. A service of omnibuses has recently been established between Slough and Burnham Beeches, and cheap return tickets to the Beeches are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, were present at the solemnisation of the marriage of Mr. Frank Bibby with the eldest daughter of Colonel Stanley Clarke in Holy Trinity Church, Chelsea, on Tuesday.

The marriage of Lord Loughborough, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, with Violet Aline, youngest daughter of Mr. R. Charles Vyner, was solemnised in St. Michael's Church, Chester-square, on Saturday last. Among the congregation present being the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Princess Victoria of Teck. At the wedding breakfast there were present in addition to the above, and other distinguished personages, Bros. the Earl of Faversham and the Earl of Clonmell, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke, Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, and others. In the afternoon, Lord and Lady Loughborough started for Easton Lodge, Dunmow, the seat of Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke, for the honeymoon.



The Brixton Lodge of Instruction now meets at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., instead of the Prince Regent, Dulwich.

The Queen has been pleased to confer a Knight Commandership of the Order of the Bath upon his Highness Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein.

Bro. Lord Herschell presided at the opening at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday of a two-days' conference under the auspices of the International Arbitration League.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Bro. Lord George Hamilton, and Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Tuesday.

We are glad to announce that Bro. Lord Burton, who was in a very critical condition during the whole of last week, has at length taken a turn for the better, and is declared to be now out of danger.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife left East Sheen on Tuesday for their residence in Portman-square, and the day following went northwards for a sojourn in Scotland. The Duchess is not quite convalescent.

At the recent opening of a Town Hall at Aberfeldy by Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane, the Marchioness delivered a capital speech and afterwards took part in a concert in the new building.

Bros. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, and Lennox Browne were present at the conversation given by the "Sette of Odde Volumes," at the Grosvenor Gallery, on the 17th instant.

At the quarterly meeting of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, on Friday, the 11th inst., Comp. W. C. Johns was elected Z., Comp. Thomas Brakenridge as H., and Comp. Thomas Allinson as J., and two candidates were proposed for exaltation.

Terry's theatre will remain closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, in order to complete preparations for the production of "The Judge" on Thursday evening next. Messrs. Jetley and Sons, of North Audley-street, will again be responsible for the scenery and furnishings.

Lord and Lady Middleton have been this week entertaining a numerous party of guests at Wollaton Hall. Among them being Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville, and the Ladies Victoria and Mary Leveson Gower, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom and Lady Bertha Wilbraham.

The 2nd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, to the number of 531 non-commissioned officers and privates and 23 officers, left Wellington Barracks for Victoria early on Tuesday morning, and were conveyed thence by train to Chatham, where they embarked on board her Majesty's troopship Tamar for conveyance to Bermuda.

On the 17th instant the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, and the Lady Mayoress, received the delegates to the Universal Peace Congress, sitting on conference at Westminster, in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House. His Lordship delivered an eloquent address, which was loudly cheered by the numerous guests present.

Among those present at the marriage of Mr. Charles Buller with Miss Dunbar, only surviving child of the late Mr. George Dunbar, M.P., which took place in St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square, on Tuesday, were Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, Bro. Lord and Lady Poltimore, Bro. Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller, Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote, and Bro. Lord and Lady Moreton.

Princess Christian, who was accompanied by her husband and the Princess Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, visited Windsor Home Park, on the 17th instant, for the purpose of distributing the prizes at the triennial meeting of the Prince Consort's Windsor Association, which was founded about forty years ago for the encouragement of labourers and artisans in and about the Royal demesne. The band of the Coldstream Guards was in attendance.

The final stage for the Queen's Prize was shot off at Bisley on Tuesday, with the result that Sergeant Bates, of the 1st Warwickshire Rifles, won with an aggregate at all ranges of 278, Murray, Aberdeen, being second with 270; Lyte, of the Jersey Militia, third with 269; and Lieutenant Warren, of the Victorias, who won the Queen's Prize in 1887, fourth with 269. On Bates's success becoming known, he was hoisted to the shoulders of his comrades and taken to the Council Tent, where, his rifle having been tested, he received the hearty congratulations of Members of the Council and others.

The annual excursion of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, took place on the 9th inst. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the party was smaller than on previous occasions. Somewhat over 40 brethren and their respective ladies proceeded to Southend by carriages specially engaged, and at 2.30 sat down to a banquet, Bro. Somerset W. Timson, W.M., presiding, at the London Hotel, Southend, of which Bro. Tyler is the proprietor. The viands and wines provided reflected credit on the worthy host, and gave ample satisfaction to the visitors, who doubtless with such encouragement will avail themselves of other such outings in the future. Among those present were Bros. Hugh Cotter, P.M.; J. J. Berry, P.M. Varborough Lodge; C. Briden, P.M., Sec.; Shepherd, P.M.; Burges, Bebrouth, and others of the Merchant Navy Lodge.

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

—ADVT.

Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise has been appointed Grand Secretary of All Scottish Freemasonry in India.

Bro. Major George Lambert, of Coventry-street, has been appointed trustee of the Charity of William Nicholson for poor silversmiths.

It is officially announced that a Royal Commission has been issued to inquire into the effect on health, if any, of food derived from tuberculous animals.

Bro. Lord Wolseley, when Commander of the Forces in Ireland, will occupy, as his private residence, 28, Merrion-square, lately occupied by General Dormer.

Sir W. S. Savory, Mr. Peter Reid, and Admiral Sir John E. Commerell have had the honorary freedom and livery of the Salters' Company conferred upon them.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland) left London on Sunday evening last on his return to Dublin Castle, where he will be joined by the Countess at the end of the current week.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, at the weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 29th inst., by Bro. Fendick, P.M., and W.M. of the George Gardner Lodge, at 8 p.m., at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

Copies of the sermon preached before the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, at Malton, on the 9th inst., by the Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, M.A., Prov. Grand Chap., may be had from the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peek, Hull, at 6d. each, or 4s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

On Wednesday the Earl of Rosebery, who was accompanied by the Countess of Rosebery and their son, Lord Dalmeny, opened the show of the St. George's-in-the-East Window Garden Society, which was held in the grounds of the parish church and rectory.

It is stated that all the preliminaries have been arranged for bringing the Duke of Connaught to the Horse Guards as a Staff officer, in order that he may qualify himself for a high appointment on the Head-quarter Staff of the Army. His Royal Highness will probably join for duty before the end of the year.

The directors of the South-Western Railway Company recommend a dividend for the half-year ended June 30, 1890, at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum on the consolidated ordinary stock, carrying over £25,089 as compared with 4½ per cent. and a balance of £25,221 at June, 1889.

"The Gas and Water Companies' Directory" has been issued by Messrs. Hazell, Watson, and Viney. It is edited by Mr. C. W. Hastings and contains several new sections, including information regarding electric lighting, rating, and lists of trading firms. The returns have been brought down to December 31. Two other handy tables of statistics of gas and water works are also issued by the same firm.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon was held at Abingdon on Friday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Valentia, P.G.M. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Lord Carnarvon was passed, and the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year were duly invested, after which a luncheon took place.

The directors of Perry and Co., Limited, steel pen makers, have resolved to pay on the 1st September, out of profits, an interim dividend on the ordinary shares for the first six months of this year, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of income tax; the half-yearly dividend on the preference shares will be paid as usual at the fixed rate of five per cent. per annum.

Previous to re-opening his own theatre, September 29th, Bro. Edward Terry will make a short tour of the provinces, visiting Birmingham, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Scarborough, and Brighton, supported by Mesdames Clara Cowper, Elinore Leyshon, Kate Mills, Isabel Dana, Messrs. Julian Cross, H. Dana, W. Calvert, Prince Miller, George Belmore, Valentine Ostler, &c. Bro. William Brickwell will be the Acting Manager.

The Frederick West Lodge, No. 2222, have fixed their summer excursion for ladies on Tuesday, the 19th prox., when, as in the two years preceding, Bro. Tom Tagg's steam launch, Princess Beatrice, will convey the party up river. Dinner will be served at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, in the evening. In the hands of Bro. David Hughes, W.M., assisted by Bro. Fred. Lockett and Bro. John Mayo (host to the lodge), a very successful and pleasant trip is looked for.

We regret to announce the death on the 10th inst. of the wife of Bro. J. F. Pepper, of Shirle Hill, Handsworth, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.J., and P.P.S.G.O. of the Province of Staffordshire, mother of Bro. F. H. Pepper, and sister of Bros. H. Payton, J.P., P.M., G. J. Payton, F. W. Payton, and C. Payton, all of St. James's Lodge, No. 482. Bro. Pepper, his son, and brothers-in-law have the heartfelt sympathy of the brethren of the province in their sad bereavement. A large number of the members of their lodge attended the funeral to pay the last tribute of respect to an affectionate wife, a fond sister, and a loving mother.

The half-yearly meeting of the Annuity Board of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., in the Board-room, Edinburgh. The Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire was called to preside. The list of annuitants having been read, it was found that three deaths had occurred since last half-yearly meeting, one being an aged Dundee member, Bro. David Wilkie. The remainder having been duly certified as correct, annuities of £460 in cumulo were ordered to be transmitted to them. The Board then took up the new applications, 40 in number, and after careful scrutiny 21 of the applicants were created annuitants, 17 of them in £10 each and four in £15 each. The Board unanimously agreed that in future each annuitant should have the half-yearly amount sent direct and in advance, and not through the lodge Secretary as formerly.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT exert a rapidly favourable effect in all those diseases which are induced by exposure to damp or by great changes in temperature. They will, therefore, be found eminently serviceable to those who work in iron foundries, copper mines, and collieries. These well-known remedies present manifest advantage in respect of use and effectiveness, being entirely compounded of vegetable drugs selected with the greatest care and regardless of price. When used in accordance with the ample printed directions which accompany them, they act surely but mildly, and do not interfere with the daily work. There are but few diseases which are not capable of cure—or, at all events, of great relief—if Holloway's remedies are perseveringly used.

Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., has been ordered to Germany to take the waters as soon as he can be released from his Parliamentary duties.

The Queen has approved the appointment of Lord Montagu to be Official Verderer of her Majesty's New Forest, in the room of Lord Basing, resigned.

Sir U. K. Shuttleworth is seriously indisposed. The doctors prescribe three months' complete rest. Sir Ughtred has paired for the rest of the session.

The Marquis of Lorne presided on Wednesday, in the absence of the Duke of Argyll, at a meeting held at Argyll Lodge to support the movement for a Polytechnic for Kensington.

The Prince of Wales, as Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, presented on Wednesday, at Marlborough House, the medals awarded by the Order for acts of gallantry in saving life on land to a number of recipients.

The exhibition of the works submitted for the National Art Competition, 1890, by the Schools of Art throughout the kingdom will be opened to the public, at South Kensington Museum, on Monday next, the 28th inst., and will remain open until the end of August. The free days are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays.

The Marchioness of Salisbury gave a small and early dance at the Prime Minister's residence in Arlington-street, on Wednesday night, at which the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princess Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince Christian, and the Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Duc d'Orléans were present.

Bro. Lord Granville distributed certificates, scholarships, and prizes to the students who have successfully passed the first examination under the new Commercial Education Scheme inaugurated by the London Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. The meeting for the purpose was held at the Mansion House at half-past two in the afternoon, and Sir John Lubbock, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, took the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Lord Mayor.

Sir Edwin Arnold, in the seclusion of his Japanese home, has now completed his epic, "The Light of the World." The poem consists (according to the London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*) of a considerable introduction in the heroic metre, and of six books in blank verse, interspersed with lyrical pieces. The chief part of the poem is given to Mary Magdalene. Sir Edwin Arnold has informed a Japanese journalist that his earnest purpose throughout has been "to convert Christians to Christianity."

The directors of the London and North-Western Railway have granted an important concession to their servants, as the result of a peaceful agitation which has taken place all over the system during the last few months. On and after August 1st the servants and their wives (at times when the regulations do not admit of passes being granted) will be allowed to travel on payment of a fourth of the ordinary fare, and children under 12 years of age will be carried at an eighth of the ordinary fare. This concession will affect over 40,000 persons.

Miss Mathilde Blind's admirable translation of "The Journal of Marie Bashkirtseff" has reached a third edition. The publishers are Messrs. Cassell and Co. The success of the book is only what was to be expected of the most self-revelation on record. It is interesting to note how closely Mr. Gladstone and Cardinal Manning's criticisms of the work resemble each other. The Cardinal reads with perfect sympathy and appreciation, though he laments the evil influence of Zola upon the autobiographer. If the Archbishop had his way, Zola would pretty soon be "indexed."

Mr. Joseph Grimstead, who for the past 20 years was station-master at Charing Cross, has, owing to severe illness, been compelled to tender his resignation to the directors. A number of passengers who know Mr. Grimstead, and have experienced his courtesy and attention, have formed a Committee and opened a fund to provide a suitable testimonial to him. Mr. C. Fitch Kemp, of Fox-hurst, Tunbridge, is the Chairman, and subscriptions may be paid to Messrs. Robartes, Lubbock, and Co., Lombard-street, to the credit of the "Grimstead Testimonial Fund."

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute was held on Wednesday, at Marlborough House, the Prince of Wales, President, in the chair. Sir Frederick Abel, Organising Secretary, and Sir Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary, were in attendance. Resolutions of condolence with the family of the late Earl of Carnarvon, a Trustee and member of the governing body, were unanimously passed on the motion of H.R.H. the President, seconded by Lord Herschell. The Duke of Fife was appointed a Trustee in the room of the late Earl of Carnarvon. Considerable routine business in connection with the building operations was transacted.

Miss Ada Lincoln has replaced Miss d'Arville in the cast of "Marjorie" at the Prince of Wales, and Mrs. Leston has taken Miss Carlotta Leclercq's place in "Dr. Bill" at the Avenue. On and after the 1st of August Miss Lilian Hingston will play Miss Robin's part in "Dr. Bill." Miss Hingston, by the way, has just received from Mr. Alfred Calmoun a handsome and elegant gold brooch, formed out of the word "Cyprissa"—the rôle in Mr. Calmoun's "Cyrene," which Miss Hingston filled so successfully at such short notice. Mr. Calmoun, meanwhile, is hard at work on the foundations of a new poetical play, and it is understood that he is also collaborating with Mr. John Lart in a prose drama of strong interest.

In the August number of the *Theatre* Mr. B. W. Findon will discuss "The Amateur Club as a Stepping-stone to the Stage." He will propose the formation of a grand Central Club, open alike to professionals and amateurs, to which local amateur clubs might affiliate themselves. They, as well as the Central, would send delegates to an annual council, of which the London managers would be members *ex-officio*. Representatives of this council would attend performances by the affiliated clubs to witness and report upon the efforts of the players. Elocution, fencing, and other classes would be formed in connection with the Central Club, which would also promote four representations annually, under the direction of a qualified stage manager.