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THE CRAFT IN SUFFOLK.

Our brethren in Suffolk have had a most successful year, and therefore the rejoicing which was so conspicuous a feature at the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge at Bury St. Edmunds on the 18th ult. under the banner of the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, and the presidency of Lord HENNIKER, P.G.M., is not to be wondered at. As we pointed out in our analysis of the Boys' School Festival Returns, the Province has contributed upwards of £600 amongst our Charitable Institutions during the present year, and that, too, after a succession of three heavy years in which the amount obtained from the same source amounted to close on £2950. Then it was announced that a petition for a new lodge to be located at Felixstowe had been sent in, an announcement which was greeted with all the more enthusiasm from the fact that eight years have elapsed since the present junior lodge on the Provincial roll was consecrated. In other respects also the Province appears to have substantially improved its position. The number of its subscribing members is in excess of 900, showing an advance of nearly 40 brethren as compared with the previous year, while as regards the sinews necessary to carry on the peaceful pursuits of Masonry, the Treasurer was in a position to report the existence of a handsome balance on the right side of his account, and likewise considerably in excess of the balance stated in his previous year's report. These facts, which redound so largely to the credit of the lodges and brethren in Suffolk, very naturally created a large amount of satisfaction, nor is it possible for us to notice them without tendering to the Province our most hearty congratulations, both on its present prosperous condition and the equal or even greater measure of prosperity which apparently awaits it in the future. There was also one very sound practical recommendation by the Committee of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association to which, in these days of keen competition for places among the successful candidates at our annual elections, deserves especial prominence. It was pointed out that when a lodge voted five guineas from its funds towards the Benevolent Institution it only secured a vote for 15 years, and that if it were not supplemented by a further five guineas within two years, the privilege expired on the completion of the period arranged. As regards the Schools also, it was shown that a donation of five guineas secured no vote whatever, while one of twice that amount would secure one vote in perpetuity at every election. These are points that are worthy of consideration, not only by Suffolk, but by all lodges throughout the country. It often happens that a lodge makes a donation annually of five guineas, which is effective for voting purposes during the year in which it is given, but useless afterwards, whereas 10 guineas given in alternate years secure a vote for ever. However, the matter is so clear that we need not discuss it further. All we need add is that a Province whose interests are so well looked after by its Provincial Grand Master and his officers, as well as by the Committee of its Charitable Association, deserves, as it is evident that in this particular instance it has experienced, a measure of prosperity that is full and overflowing. May our reports from Suffolk be always as bright and cheerful as the one we have so much pleasure in recording in another part of our columns!

THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSETSHIRE AND ITS LATE PROV. G.M.

There was a numerous attendance at the Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire, which was held in the Town Hall, Highbridge, on the 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. C. ELSE, Past G.D. of England and Deputy P.G.M., while the emblems of mourning which were visible in all parts of the lodge room were as the outward and visible sign of the deep grief which pervaded the minds of all present. No ordinary business was appointed to be done, the Provincial Grand Lodge having been specially summoned for the sole purpose of expressing and

recording in appropriate language the sincere sympathy of the brethren of Somersetshire with the widowed Countess of CARNARVON and the children of her late husband in the recent terrible bereavement with which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to visit them. The grief of the Craft generally at the death of so distinguished and courteous a Mason as the late PRO GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND has found free and full expression in all parts of the country, nor in all probability has there been held, since his lordship's death became known, a single Masonic meeting at which the great loss thereby sustained by English Freemasonry has not been more or less pointedly referred to. But in Somersetshire, in the province over which his lordship had presided for the last 21 years with so much urbanity and kindness, in whose welfare he had taken so deep an interest, and for whose benefit he had laboured so assiduously and successfully, it is no more than natural that, as the blow has been felt more severely and immediately, so should the grief for its occurrence be the more poignant. Others may have known his lordship through being officially associated with him in Masonic duty, or from listening to his eloquent speeches in Grand Lodge, and witnessing the ability with which he presided in that assembly. But our Somersetshire brethren were still more intimately bound to him. They regarded him not merely as their ruler, but even as one of themselves, as one who took a deep and kindly interest in the success and prosperity of their lodges, and who never lost an opportunity of promoting that success and prosperity. Thus, by his lordship's death they have lost not only a respected chief, but likewise their truest and best friend, in whose unvarying kindness they had the most implicit confidence; and we may be sure their sorrow is commensurate with their loss, and that the memory of him who is gone from their midst will be affectionately cherished and respected while there is a single lodge and even but a single brother in the Province to cherish and respect it. This, indeed, was well exemplified at the recent special meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. ELSE, Dep. Prov. G.M., who presided and proposed the resolution of condolence with the widow and children of the late Earl, was eloquent, but not more eloquent than just, in his tribute of praise to one who had distinguished himself so highly as a Statesman, in literature, and in Freemasonry, and who, above all things, had shown in all the various parts he had played that he was the very beau ideal of a courteous English gentleman. Bro. STOTHERT'S address, which, in consequence of a passing infirmity of speech, was read for him by a brother present, was equally appreciative, while the few words added by Bro. E. WHITE, who had witnessed his lordship's initiation in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge in February, 1856, were equally emphatic and to the purpose. It is indeed impossible that more fitting testimony could have been borne to any man of equal or even of greater distinction, and we sincerely congratulate our Somersetshire brethren on having acquitted themselves so gracefully and, at the same time, so feelingly, in the performance of a most mournful duty.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

The Report of the Proceedings at the Fifty-seventh Half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay on the 31st March last demonstrates clearly enough that during the period H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT was actively engaged in the performance of his duties as District Grand Master, the Craft made very considerable progress, and thereby materially strengthened a position which was also already strong. It is well known that his Royal Highness evinced a deep interest in the lodges in this district, and that whenever the exigencies of military duty permitted, he was both ready and anxious to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Craft generally. The result of his efforts will be apparent to those who read this Report. Thus the District Grand Treasurer's accounts show that at the close of the year ended 31st December,

1889, the District Grand Lodge held at credit in cash over 11,716 rupees, of which some 10,581 rupees belonged to the Fund of Benevolence, while there was also a sum of 33,132 rupees to the credit of the Bombay Masonic Association. These figures, as the Deputy District Grand Master, who presided on this occasion, pointed out in his address to the brethren, indicate that during the year 1889 there was an increase in the Fund of Benevolence amounting to 1288 rupees, and in the fund of the Bombay Masonic Association of 2758 rupees. Again, as regards the Hall Account, the Report of the Joint Hall Committee shows the revenue for the past year to have exceeded the expenditure by 1047 rupees, the credit balance carried forward to the current year being only a fraction short of 6226 rupees. Add to this that the official visitations to sundry lodges, the deputations from sundry other lodges to his Royal Highness, and the reports of the District Grand Secretary, &c., all tend in the same gratifying direction, and our readers will be in a position to form some idea of the beneficial results of the Duke of CONNAUGHT'S rule as Dist. G. Master of Bombay. He appears also to have been equally popular with the brethren of the Scotch as well as of the English Constitutions, his policy having been to bind and strengthen the ties by which the brethren of the two Constitutions were knit together. The only regret we have reason to feel after perusing this Report is that we must henceforth speak of Bro. HAROLD KING, Past Grand Deacon of England, not as Deputy District Grand Master, but as Past Deputy, of Bombay. Bro. KING has retired from an important and responsible office, which he had held for five years with credit to himself and to the very great advantage of the Craft, and we trust that his successor, Bro. H. W. BARROW, who has been appointed to the vacant office by his Royal Highness the District Grand Master, will be as successful in the performance of his duties as Bro. KING.

MRS. A. D. O'NIRAM AT THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

My dear GRACE,—

Promising you as I did that I would write and give you a full account of our doings at Freemasons' Tavern, I now jot down for your delectation everything that I can remember. If my account of the proceedings should leave you with only a shadowy notion of our enjoyments, I know you will forgive me, but my poor little tongue was kept going all the time in talking to my neighbour at the table.

To begin at the beginning, you know that Fred put my name down as one of the Lady Stewards, and that I had to wear the sweetest of little badges hung on ribbons of scarlet and blue and white (some of the other girls were so jealous, and wanted to know why they also were not allowed to have them, but I told them they had better wait until next year and get their names put down). But even then, you know, the dear fellows did not seem to have done enough for us, for they gave us each (the Lady Stewards, I mean), the loveliest posy of roses you ever saw; they gave us a room all to ourselves, and a Steward to look after us.

When we left our private room we went into the reception room, and found nearly everybody had arrived. Such a crowd, dear, and all looking so deliciously expectant. There was Lady Eleanor Harbord in a white satin gown, all over gold embroidery, with a high Medici collar, and beside her was Lady Agnes Cooper in black; while near to them stood Lady Darell, also in black, with three Masonic jewels on her bosom (next year I shall make Fred lend me some of his). Captain Airey's sweet little wife, in dove-colour, was chatting to Miss Berridge, who wore a frock of pompadour pattern with high puffed shoulders. Mrs. A. B. Cook was in a corner with pretty Miss Darell, and Mrs. Gordon Miller, in a darling terracotta, was with your friend, Mrs. Matier, and her two daughters, one of whom was in black and the other in a soft French grey. Mrs. C. R. Brighten, in a rich black velvet with a loosely falling front of soft white silk, was sitting with Mrs. Conlon, who had on a gown of the loveliest shade of lilac you ever saw, and Mrs. Vyv. Lewes, in all white, looked what Fred calls "fetching." Mrs. Berridge was in black, and I heard that Mrs. Sim and her daughter were in the room; but I failed to catch sight of them. Miss Lake, in white, with Mrs. A. R. Carter, and Mrs. Cordeux-Rhys, in black, made good contrast, while just opposite to me was the kind face of Lady Hanson. But if I were to try and give you the names of all the pretty women present and to describe their gowns I should never finish.

All the men seemed dressed up to the eyes in gold chains, gold embroideries, and glittering jewels. Too bad, I thought it, and so I told Fred; but he only laughed at me. However, one day I shall get hold of his collar and apron and pick them to

pieces to trim a frock for the next fancy dress ball. He will be so wild!

When we had been sitting there some ten minutes, somebody called out that the brethren were to escort the ladies to the dining hall, and away we all went, each of us with somebody else's husband or brother. We were hardly seated when all the men stood up again and began to clap their hands, and then a long string of "brethren" came trooping in with Lord Euston and Lord Dungarvan at the end; they were the Grand Officers of the year, and they all wore chains instead of collars. Fred says that if you want to know all their names and titles, you had better look in last week's *Freemason*, for he knows you will get more out of that than I can tell you. Isn't he rude?

The dinner was awfully nice, and in the middle of it we had a sorbet, with a mayonnaise of lobster after. At our table we managed to have champagne all the way through, but it was decanted, and Mr. B. (you know who I mean) said it was toast-and-water. I wonder why?

After dinner came the toasts, with music in between.

Clara Samuell sang her songs divinely, and Ethel Bevans had a great difficulty in avoiding an encore for a song called "A Summer Night." Bernard Law gave us "I'll sing thee Songs of Araby," and so sweetly. With the dessert Mr. Cordeux-Rhys gave us each a box of delicious sweets, all made like little squares and compasses and things; Fred told me he thought they must have been made specially for us. Then the men had each a little packet of Dragoumis Cigarettes, got up like a registered envelope, with Lord Euston's portrait for the stamp. I have put away Fred's as a remembrance, and he says I have put away the sweets too; I have eaten everyone of them, so what does he mean?

Just as we were all feeling hot and a little tired, they brought us round each a bottle of scent, it came just at the right time and cooled us wonderfully.

Lord Euston gave a lot of toasts, and when he came to "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and Mr. Matier got up and said that the subscriptions (or "lists" they call them) were larger by about £200 than in any previous year, you should have heard the cheering. I had to stop my ears, but Lord Euston looked so delightfully pleased.

Lord Dungarvan responded for "The Ladies," and made the sweetest of little speeches. We all told each other we could not have had a more delightful champion.

After the speeches we went upstairs to the drawing-room to hear some more music, and then Fred took us into Mark Masons' Hall, after that he and I went home. I told Mr. Matier I had enjoyed myself immensely, and he said I must say Brother Matier for the future, because I was now more than half a Mason. Next year you must be a Lady Steward, and get George to bring you.

Your loving sister,

GERTIE.

P.S.—I forgot to say I wore that black silk I had made in Baker-street. You know which I mean.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

In Bro. Richard Wolfe's (formerly Woof, *deceased*) sketch of the Knights Templars, 1865, particulars are given of what may be termed the French branch of the Templars, which it is asserted has maintained "a complete succession from the early Templars." In Mill's "History of Chivalry," and in a "Manual of the Order," it is declared that Jacques de Molay "foreseeing the evils which threatened the fraternity, appointed as his successor Brother John Mark Larmenius, of Jerusalem, who, in 1324, executed a Charter, by which the Grand Mastership was transmitted, and which has continued to be signed by each successive Grand Master down to the present time." (P. 18, Woof.)

In this document the Scottish Templars are styled "Deserters of the Order, and cast off with an anathema." Likewise the supposed Grand Master says: "I have appointed signs, unknown to and out of the reach of the false brethren (*which reads more like eighteenth century style*), the date (?) of this curious epistle being 13th February, 1324. The lamented author of the sketch considers it to be "a genuine record of antiquity," and that the doubts of its authenticity were due to the communications made by an expelled member this century to M. Clavel. Admiral Sir Wm. Sidney Smith was Regent in 1838, and the Duke of Sussex (who was Grand Prior of England), and many other English noblemen, were members; the badge, as the decoration, consisting of a gold cross of eight points, enamelled white, charged with a cross pattee of red enamel, and surmounted by the Grand Master's crown.

There was a "Metropolitan Convent" in London, of which the 7th Duke of Beaufort, the 3rd Marquis of Donegal, the 1st Earl of Durham (entitled Grand Prior of Scotland), Colonel Kemeys-Tynte, the 3rd Duke of Leinster (G.P. of Ireland), the

4th Earl of Milltown, William Williams, M.P., and others, were members. Eight were mentioned as living in 1865.

Quite a number of brethren in India are noted as belonging to the Order, under the local rule of the Chevalier Burnes.

There was also a "Convent" at Liverpool, meeting in a building called the "Templars' Hall," and numbering about thirty. The names of some 25 are recorded by Brother Woof; H. Stewart De Lancaster being the Baillie, in 1836.

The same authority mentions the name of Henry Lucas, as the *Secrétaire*, but evidently was not aware of the name of the convent. That I am able to supply from the title-page to a very rare work entitled—

Manual of the Knights of the Order of the Temple [*Coat of Arms, V.D.S.A.*], Translated (from the Paris Edition of 707—1825 by authority. By the Chevalier Guyot, printer to the Militia of the Temple) by Fra. HENRY LUCAS, for the Priory of Jacques de Molay, Liverpool, 1830.—Printed by David Marples, No. 71, Lord-street, Liverpool.

At page 11 it is stated "The Charter of Transmission [A.D. 1324] is preserved, with other writings not less precious, &c., in the treasure of the Order of the Temple;" and at pages 12-13 we read "The different Orders of Masonry are, without doubt, only counterfeits of the Order of the Temple."

The anniversary of the martyr was celebrated on the last day of every lunar year, and his relics, bones, sword, spurs, &c., are still preserved.

The statutes are all printed in this handsome 32mo volume (pp. 324), and are of a most elaborate character. There is likewise a Bibliography of the Temple.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Athenæum, Bury St. Edmunds, under the banner of Lodge No. 1008, on Friday, the 18th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Amongst the Provincial Grand Officers present were—

Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; J. C. Norman, P.S.G.W.; J. Flintham, P.G. Treas.; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec.; A. R. Trew, P.J.G.D.; T. W. Read, P.G.S. of Works; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C.; R. Tidbury, P.G. Std. Br.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Wright, P.A.G.S.; J. Warren, P.G.P.; T. Stokoe, P.A.G.P.; W. I. Mason, D. Alston, A. R. Scott, and C. W. Lord, P.G. Stewards; W. Dodds, P.P. J.G.W.; H. G. Quilter, P.P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; J. Talbot, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. D. Paine, P.P.G.D.C.; L. J. Woodard, P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. E. Griffiths, P.P.G.C.; J. Napier, P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Nunn, P.P.S.G.D.; C. J. Grimwade, P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. Harvey, P.P.J.G.W.; G. F. Crane, P.P.J.G.W.; G. J. Paine, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Wheeler, P.P.G.R.; A. H. Moyes, P.G.S.B. England, D.P.G.M. Cambs.; H. C. Casley, P.P.J.G.W.; W. W. Walesley, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B. England; W. Bobby, P.G.S.B. England; W. Armstrong, P.P.S.G.D.; J. G. Oliver, P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Hills, P.P.J.G.W.; and the representatives of the following lodges: Nos. 71, 81, 114, 225, 332, 376, 388, 516, 555, 929, 936, 959, 1008, 1224, 1592, and 1823.

The lodges unrepresented were Nos. 305, 1452, 1663, and 1983.

The Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, entered the hall in procession, and the Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, the business was at once proceeded with. The rolls of the Provincial Grand Officers of the lodges having been called over, the meeting elected Bro. R. K. Casley Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested the following Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. W. Inglis Mason, 1224	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. H. Hall, 936	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. A. Sinclair	...	...	...
" Rev. C. E. Barnes	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" R. K. Casley	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. G. Hayward, 516	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy, 376	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. J. Symonds, 1008	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. Sparke, 1592	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. J. Wilton, 71	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Clarke, 114	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. S. Goodchild, 1823	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" R. E. Younger, 376	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" B. S. Bradbeer, 1452	...	...	...
" G. Reed, 1631	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" T. B. Richardson, 1592	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Wright, 936	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.
" Thos. Stokoe, 1823	...	...	Prov. G.P.
" A. W. Cook, 225	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.
" G. Cornish, 1008	...	...	...
" W. D. Comber, 1592	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" C. D. Leech, 1008	...	...	...
" W. B. Syer, 376	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. TRACY, P.G. Sec., read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that a great improvement had been manifested during the last year in the province. By last year's report there was a total of 870, whilst this year it is 909—a gain of 39. The initiations had been 67, as compared with 55; joinings 26, as against 21. This improvement, however, was rather decreased by losses from death and various causes—62, as against 51 last year. The balance in favour of the province, after providing for the discharge of all liabilities, was £62 15s. 10d., as compared with £44 2s. 6d. In continuation of the improvement mentioned, the Board noted with pleasure that a petition had been presented to the M.W.G.M. for a lodge at Felixstowe. The Board recommended that £13 be voted towards the decoration of the Centenary Hall of the Girls' School; 10 guineas to each of the Boys' and Girls' School; and 10 guineas to each of the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution.

The report was adopted.

Bro. TRACY, P.G. Sec., proposed, and Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M., seconded, that a sum of 10 guineas be given to the Binckes Indemnity Fund.

Bro. the Rev. E. GRIFFITHS, P.P.G.C., supported the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association stated that the total contributions to the three Institutions of Masonry from the province of Suffolk during the past year amounted to £645. The Committee desired to impress upon the brethren that when a lodge gave only five guineas to the Benevolent Institution, it only secured voting power for 15 years, and if not supplemented by another five

guineas within two years the vote expired, and they strongly recommended that all lodge votes should be made perpetual. With regard to the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, when a lodge gave five guineas it did not qualify for a vote. Every 25 guineas the Steward received entitled him to a vote, and when the lodge sent another five guineas it then obtained a vote, and not till then.

The report was adopted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in a brief address, thanked the Bury brethren for the reception which they had accorded the Prov. Grand Lodge that day, and, referring to the new Masonic Hall, he said it looked as though Masonry was flourishing in Bury. Indeed, he thought all would join him in satisfaction at the progress Masonry was making in the province over which he had the honour to preside, and mentioned, as an indication, the fact of a new lodge being soon formed at Felixstowe, and which he believed would be a prosperous one. He alluded to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, of whose gentle, good, kind, and generous qualities he spoke in feeling terms. In conclusion, the Provincial Grand Master invited the lodge to honour him with their presence at Thornham next year—an invitation which was cordially accepted in behalf of the brethren by Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M., who proposed a vote of thanks to his lordship for the invitation, which was carried.

The Prov. Grand Lodge then closed, and the brethren proceeded in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a special choral service was held.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford. Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., who is at present in charge of the province, presided, and was well supported by members of the district.

Among those present were:

Bros. Frederick West, D.P.G.M. in charge; J. E. Street, P.S.G.W.; C. C. Gibbs, P.J.G.W.; W. W. Marten, P.G. Chap.; E. A. Chichester, P.G. Chap.; George Price, P.G. Treas.; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; A. Greenwood, P.A.G. Sec.; R. Piper, P.S.G.D.; F. T. Ridpath, P.J.G.D.; O. Tremeany, P.G.S.B.; J. Connell, P.G. Org.; T. T. Phillips, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hill, P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Broderick, F. Carter, and C. E. Ormerod, P.G. Stewards; H. J. Strong, H. M. Hobbs, H. J. P. Dumas, and Ralph Nevill, P.P.G. Wardens; A. H. Bowles, P.P.G.R.; D. S. Blackburn, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Flood, P.P.G.S.B.; H. E. Turner, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Chapman, P.P.G.D.C.; A. E. Taylor, T. J. Street, and G. Yaxley, P.P.G.S. of W.'s; G. C. Burry, P.P.G. Org.; E. A. Baber, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Bunce and H. Burgess, P.P.G. Organists; A. Storr, W. A. Laker, A. F. Asher, H. Botting, and H. E. Frances, P.P. G. Pursuivants; R. Goffin, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Long, P.P.G.D.C.; A. H. Bowles, P.P.J.G.D.; J. T. Green, P.P.S.G.D.; and others.

The report of the Finance Committee showed the province to be in a satisfactory condition.

Sums of 20 guineas each were voted to the three Charities, and an additional £13 to the R.M.I.G. towards the decoration of the Centenary Hall at the School. A grant of five guineas was voted to the vicar of St. Nicholas, Guildford, at which church a special service was held after the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

Reviewing the position of the province, Bro. West considered he was justified in congratulating the brethren under his charge on the general progress made.

The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B., J.P., 370, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. C. S. Dumas, I.P.M. 410	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. W. Marten, 370	...
" Rev. J. Cater, W.M. 2317	Prov. G. Chaps.
" George Price, P.M. 463	...
" W. Fox Hawes, W.M. 463	Prov. G. Treas.
" Charles Greenwood, P.M. 410	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. W. C. Webb, W.M. 2095	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. S. Fraser, P.M. 2096	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. T. R. Harrison, P.M. 416	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Pink, W.M. 777	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. E. Ormerod, P.M. 1149	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2246	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Drewett, P.M. 889	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Humphreys, P.M. 1638	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Weaver, P.M. 2222	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. M. Hogg, I.P.M. 1872	Prov. G.D.C.
" Francis Carter, P.M. 1892	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. O'Connell, W.M. 1851	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. C. Greenwood, W.M. 410	Prov. G. Org.
" J. T. Broderick, P.M. 1564	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. H. Gardener, P.M. 2120	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. E. White, P.M. 777	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. Wilson, W.M. 2146	...
" Philip Shepherd, P.M. 1362	...
" C. H. Knight, I.P.M. 1046	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. Lambert, I.P.M. 1556	...
" F. P. Hill, P.M. 2146	...

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to church, and at the conclusion of the service sat down to banquet at the Angel Hotel, Bro. West again presiding.

Bro. John O'Connell, P.M., Prov. Grand Organist, presided at the organ, and as the brethren entered the church played "The War March of the Priests" (Mendelssohn). The service was fully choral, and included a processional and recessional hymn, as well as the very appropriate anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." Great praise is due to the choir of St. Nicholas for their admirable rendering of the service. Bro. O'Connell played as a concluding voluntary, "Grand Chœur in Re Major" (Guillmant), which showed off the fine organ to advantage.

Before proposing the usual toasts, Bro. WEST said he considered the fine day they were enjoying was a good augury for the fortunes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. He felt he ought not to take up too much of the splendid day in speaking to the usual toasts, and therefore should be very brief in his remarks. He would first ask them to drink to "The Health of the Queen and to the Prosperity of the Craft," which having been done, the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," was submitted.

The next toast, Bro. WEST said, was another always familiar at Masonic gatherings—"The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The brethren would have discovered by their proceedings in Prov. Grand Lodge that day that they had lost a distinguished Craftsman, even if they were not already aware of the severe loss sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England. He was a Mason respected by every member of the Order, and he (Bro. West) felt sure each Surrey Mason would join in expressing regret at his death, and would also add a word of sympathy to those members of his family left to mourn his death. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. Dumas, who, the Chairman said, was a distinguished P.G. Officer of England almost, if not quite, senior of the long array of brethren who comprised the Past Grand Deacons of England.

Bro. DUMAS had the greatest satisfaction in replying to the toast and acknow-

ledging the hearty reception that had been accorded it by the brethren present. It was indeed a proud day to him, as he had had the pleasure of witnessing the investiture of his own son as Junior Grand Warden of the Province. He hoped he would give satisfaction in that position. Bro. Dumas then proposed the toast of the "Acting Provincial Grand Master." If it were mere gratitude to the brother whose toast he had to propose he felt sure the reception would be a hearty one, but there was in addition a kindliness of feeling and true fraternal spirit to be acknowledged which would ensure a true welcome to the toast. Of Bro. West it might be said, his ambition is worthy of the objects to which he devotes it, while the objects are also worthy of the distinguished brother who has now the honour of presiding over the province. The attendance that day was proof that the brethren of the district not only approved his appointment, but also approved of him personally. They appeared to look upon him as a true and good Master in charge, and he felt he might say the Masons of the district were as ready to do their duty towards Bro. West as he appeared anxious to perform his.

In reply, Bro. West said he hardly knew how to express himself in proper acknowledgment of the splendid gathering that day, and of the hearty reception given to him as officer in charge of the Province of Surrey. Presiding over a province such as theirs, as he had virtually done for the past three years, was no easy task. The brethren who attended the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge might imagine theirs was a bed of roses, as they happily never saw the hard side of the Masonry of the district. There were brethren in Freemasonry just as there were lodges where troubles occurred, but those grievances, happily, seldom saw the light of day, at least in public. He should always endeavour to prevent anything that might appear to show a non-Masonic spirit, and which came under the notice of the provincial rulers, from securing general publicity, and felt that in that respect he and others at the head of affairs were justified in exercising the authority with which they were invested.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors." Bro. West said he considered that no province, no lodge, or other body of men could get on without the presence of friends and guests who could advise, criticise, or sympathise with them. That day they had a large number of visitors, and they were always ready in Surrey to give them as hearty a welcome as would, he was sure, be accorded them that day. With the toast he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Fairchild, P.M. of several lodges, and one who took a great interest in Freemasonry and the Charitable Institutions connected with the Order.

Bro. FAIRCHILD expressed the satisfaction and pleasure the visitors experienced in being present that day. He had had the pleasure of attending many meetings in Surrey, and knew there were several members of the province who were as active in the Charity world as the Provincial Grand Master had given him the credit of being. He concluded by thanking them cordially and heartily for their reception of the visitors that day.

The next toast, said Bro. West, was one which must appeal to all those who had been appointed to an office in the province, as well as to those who were looking forward to one, it being in honour of the Provincial Grand Officers of Surrey. He was very proud of the officers who had been appointed that day, and was particularly pleased that their good brother, Col. Money, had accepted the collar of P.S.G.W., when he had already filled the office of Deputy District Master in the Punjab. He felt he would do all in his power to secure the success of his new position. As regarded their new Prov. J.G.W., he felt they need have no fear. The name of Dumas had been known in the province of Surrey longer, he thought, than his own, and it was an especial pleasure for him to appoint the son of so old a friend to the high office he had been able to confer on him that day. Speaking of the minor officers, he had to express the pleasure he felt in seeing Masters and Past Masters of the lodges coming forward and cheerfully accepting even the red collar, recognising, as they undoubtedly did, that it was the best at the disposal of the Provincial chief. He had really to thank those who had so cheerfully accepted the red collars and who had thereby raised them to dignities in the province as it gave him additional means of honouring deserving brethren around him.

The Prov. Grand Senior and Junior Wardens having replied, "The Health of the Secretary and his Assistant in the Province" was given, and with it coupled the toast of "The Entertaining Lodge," special thanks being accorded to the W.M. of the St. George's Lodge and the Lodge of St. George's Chapter for the arrangements made.

The W.M. of No. 777 and Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD replied, and then the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Previous to the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge the annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held, the usual work of the year being transacted, and the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed:

Comp. A. T. Layton, J.P., M.E.Z. 452	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" George Price, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Joseph D. Langton, P.Z. 2096	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Charles Greenwood, P.Z. 410	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" C. M. Hogg, 1395	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Thomas Weaver, P.Z. 889	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. M. Andrew, M.E.Z. 410	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" A. Stewart Brown, P.Z. 2096	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" G. W. Blackie, P.Z. 1857	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. E. Turner, M.E.Z. 1149	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. O'Connell, P.Z. 1851	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Alfred Craven Greenwood, P.S. 410	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Robert Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 6th instant:

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th April to the 15th July, 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£359 0 7	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£296 8 8
Account	183 3 7	" Balance	455 16 9
" Subsequent Receipts	393 5 10	" " Unappropriated	
		Account	183 4 7
	£935 10 0		£935 10 0

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st.—From Comps. Adam Winlaw, as Z.; John Ashworth, as H.; Robert Graham, as J.; and 13 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. David's Lodge, No. 393, Berwick-upon-Tweed, to be called the Berwick-upon-Tweed Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

2nd.—From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; Daniel Pound Holness, as H.; Thomas Scoresby-Jackson, as J.; and 16 others for a chapter to be attached to the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, Chingford, to be called the Warner Chapter, and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

3rd.—From Comps. William Henry Miles as Z.; John Edward Green, as H.; Charles Aburrow, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, to be called the Johannesburg Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Johannesburg, in the South African Republic.

4th.—From the Principals and members of the Wanderers' Chapter, No. 1604, meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, for a *Charter of Confirmation*, the original charter having been lost, and all efforts to recover it having failed.

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

The Committee have received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the following chapters:

The Northampton Chapter, No. 360, Northampton, for permission to remove to the Masonic Hall, Princess-street, Northampton.

The Eyton Chapter of St. John, No. 601, Wellington, for permission to remove to the Charlton Arms Hotel, Wellington, Shropshire.

The Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, London, for permission to remove to the Criterion, Piccadilly.

The Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, Hampton, for permission to remove to the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.

The Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, Brixton, for permission to remove to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that the removals of the above named chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg further to recommend that the sum of £250 be voted, from the balance in the Bank to the credit of Grand Chapter, as a contribution from it towards the expenses incurred by the installation of the electric lighting at Freemasons' Hall.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

16th July, 1890.

CONSECRATION OF THE COVENT GARDEN CHAPTER, No. 1614.

On Friday, the 25th ult., a new Royal Arch chapter was consecrated at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E., who was assisted in the ceremony by Comps. W. George Lemon, as H.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as J.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.S., as Director of Ceremonies. There was a large attendance of companions on the occasion, many of whom are members of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, to which the new chapter is attached.

Among the attendant companions were—

Comps. John Cox, George Stacey, George Reynolds, Samuel Hewett, John Coltart, Frederick Kedge, William Clarke, C. W. Frommholz, Simeon Jacobs, Charles O. Burgess, John Skinner, Walter Hancock, George Coleman, M.E.Z. 72; Robert Kirk, and Douglas W. Tough, who, with four other companions being unavoidably absent, are the founders of the chapter; and Comps. H. W. Schartau, Wm. Ramsay, D.G. Supt. Malta; Alfred A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E.; H. Higgins, P.G.D.C., P.Z. 1381, H. 1423, H. 862; Egbert Roberts, H. 1623; W. Kedge, 177; Alex. Wilson, A.S. 889; Major-General E. C. Sim, R.E., 1591; George Gardner, P.Z. 1381; Richard J. Laundry, S.E. 890; W. Shurmur, P.Z. 1471; J. B. Grieve, P.Z. 1351; Henry Guy, H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928, Z. 1928; F. M. Noakes, 1624; John B. Cumming, George Everett, P.Z. 177, &c.; H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; J. J. Woolley, H. 2191; W. H. Gulliford, P.Z. 188; Peter Parsons, P.Z. and S.E. 1348; and others.

After a chapter had been formally opened, Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE addressed the companions on the object of the meeting, and on the importance of the Royal Arch Degree, and expressed his earnest hope that the new chapter which he was about to consecrate would be successful in its career and add many worthy, good, and sincere brethren to the roll of the Royal Arch.

Comp. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG afterwards delivered the following oration—

Companions,—We welcome heartily a new Royal Arch chapter, especially because the daily growing interest taken in our Order is directing attention to many other Degrees, which, though not formally recognised, are still most justly respected and countenanced by the rulers of our Craft. Whilst fully admitting the right of other legitimate Masonic jurisdictions to gather from the field before them an abundant and satisfactory harvest, it is much to be desired that this harvest should not be reaped at the expense of Royal Arch Masonry. I am sure they do not desire this, but I am sure also that there is some danger lest the numbers of Royal Arch Masons in England should in its proportion to the Craft fail always to hold its own. A practical question it certainly is as to what line a new Royal Arch chapter should take in order to commend itself to the Craft at large and to the particular lodge with which it is connected. And, first of all, let me notice one too common misfortune. It is by no means an uncommon thing to find a zealous and competent Master of a Craft lodge develop into an inefficient Principal. I am aware of the temptations. Comparatively speaking the chapter meets so seldom and the ceremonies are so rare, that it is hardly worth while to perfect oneself in work which one may never be called upon to do. The result is that when there is work to do it is either badly done, or done over again by one or two companions of the chapter, and the whole tone and character of the chapter suffers. But further, the work is difficult—it needs, as does all other Masonic work, something more than mere verbal accuracy. In this Degree more, perhaps, than in any other Degree—the modulation of the voice, most accurate punctuation, distinct pronunciation, and a easy, natural, unaffected address is essential. Companions need instruction not merely what to say, but how to say it. There are little tricks of the trade which Principals ought to teach their successors. One more caution and I have done. The impression conveyed upon the candidate and upon the companions depends immensely upon their not being wearied. It is quite as sinful to waste time in chapter as anywhere else. A good First Principal begins punctually, goes straight on with his work, keeping others up to their work, and so saves at least twenty-five per cent. of time. The ceremony should not be hurried, but it should not be spoiled by unnecessary pauses. Pardon these suggestions, and be assured that I have every confidence that your chapter will be a credit to yourselves and an ornament to the Craft.

The ceremony of consecration followed, after which Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke conferred the secrets of the J., H., and Z. chairs on Comp. Samuel Hewett, and of the J. chair on Comp. Frederick Kedge, and placed Comp. Simeon Jacobs, P.Z., in the H. chair. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was in splendid form, and executed all the lengthy and intricate ceremonies in a manner which afforded an intellectual treat to admirers of perfect working. The officers of the chapter below the three Principals' chairs were subsequently invested as follows: Comps. George Reynolds, S.E.; J. Skinner, S.N.; Charles O. Burgess, Treas.; Walter Hancock, P.S.; George Coleman, 1st A.S.; Wm. Clarke, 2nd A.S.; John Jacobs, D.C.; C. W. Frommholz, Stwd.; and Robert F. Potter, Janitor. Comp. Coltart, at the request of the M.E.Z., agreed to act as I.P.Z. for the first year of the chapter.

Comp. REYNOLDS proposed, and Comp. Cox seconded, that Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, W. G. Lemon, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., be elected as honorary members of the chapter.

The motion was carried unanimously; and the M.E.Z. thanked those companions for the services they had rendered that day in consecrating the chapter.

Founders' jewels were presented to the Consecrating Officers, and Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE responded to the compliment which had been passed.

A Committee for framing the by-laws was appointed, and the names of 28 candidates for exaltation were then proposed.

The chapter was thereafter closed, and the companions adjourned to an elegant banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini assisted by Mr. Olivier.

The usual Royal Arch and loyal toasts followed, the music, which was interspersed, being under the direction of Comp. Herbert Schartau, assisted by Comps. Egbert Roberts and Henry Guy.

Comp. Col. MARMADUKE RAMSAY, Dist. G. Supt. Malta, responded to the toast which included the Grand Officers, and after a passing reference to the song "Will o' the Wisp," expressed the pleasure he personally felt at attending the inauguration of a new chapter, more especially one which started under such happy auspices as the Covent Garden Chapter. He trusted to be often able to attend and see the chapter working and pursuing a prosperous course in propagating Royal Arch Masonry.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Consecrating Officer and the Grand Officers who assisted him." All the companions would agree with him when he said they owed the Consecrating Officers a deep debt of gratitude. The only way they could show their gratitude was by a strict adherence to those excellent precepts which were so strongly impressed on the companions to make the chapter second to none, so that when they might have the honour of another visit from the Grand Officers—which he hoped they very often would—those companions would have no occasion to regret the part they took in launching the chapter.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in reply, said as Consecrating Principal on that occasion he felt personally a very great pleasure in recognising the kind expressions of the M.E.Z., which he was always ready to give to those who were ready to do their duty in Masonry. All the Consecrating Officers attended with a great deal of pleasure, of satisfaction to themselves to try and assist in any way possible to start a new chapter on the right road. They believed they had started it thus, and that in its future career it would achieve that high position they all desired it should attain to. Comp. Col. Ramsay seemed rather to like to be called "Will o' the Wisp"; it might be that in his district he might be in the habit of flying about over fens and morasses; but he (Comp. Col. Clerke) confessed that the song which came after "Will o' the Wisp" was a little hard upon himself personally and his companions in the consecration, who were called "Stars of the summer night." As far as his memory served him the ceremonies of consecration which Comp. Richardson and himself were so continually engaged in were by no means confined to summer nights. He had a distinct recollection of some 10 years ago being engaged in a consecration—in January, 1881, when there was an awful storm of snow, and they had to go through ten feet of snow to get to their dwellings. The event was accentuated, as Comp. Richardson would not have forgotten, inasmuch as the lodge that was consecrated was at Kensington, by some arrangement the dinner was sent to Clapham. With ten feet of snow on the ground it was delightful to turn out at eleven o'clock p.m. It was, therefore, a little hard that the Grand Officers were set down on the programme as "Stars of the summer night." However, he knew that, whether winter or summer, all those brethren who assisted him so heartily and enthusiastically, were always ready to go whether to Clapham or elsewhere to do their best to further the interest of Freemasonry, to give a leverage to a lodge or chapter, to start it on its road, and to wish it God-speed. Passing away from this episode, he would go on to the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and he would couple with it the toast "Prosperity to the Covent Garden Chapter." He had not the honour of consecrating the Covent Garden Lodge; that honour fell to the hands of his late lamented predecessor, John Hervey; but it was consecrated some 16 years ago, and it had had since then a very prosperous, useful, and distinguished career. Therefore he was glad its members had gone in for a chapter to complete the Masonic superstructure, and he was personally very glad indeed and pleased to be allowed to come that night, and in the position he held, to consecrate it in the name and on behalf of the Grand Master and Grand First Principal. The companions had made a good selection of officers to fill the chairs, and the First Principal designate was selected no doubt to a great extent because he was W.M. of the mother lodge, which of course gave him a special position in the chair. He thought the companions did right in selecting him to take the first position in the new body. The M.E.Z. of the Covent Garden Chapter had not gone through the chairs of the Royal Arch Degree in the regular way. He (Col. Clerke) had had to take to him as a father that evening, but the M.E.Z. assured him he remembered everything he (Col. Clerke) had said—on which he was to be congratulated, for he (Col. Clerke) did not when he heard those ceremonies the first time. However, joking apart, the M.E.Z. was a very excellent companion to put in the chair; he was a capital W.M. in the lodge, and for the record he held no doubt he would be a first-rate Principal. He was supported right and left by two able and energetic Masons, who had done excellent work in other branches of Masonry, and therefore the chapter was started under exceedingly good auspices. He called upon the companions to drink the toast of "Prosperity to the Covent Garden Chapter and to the First Principal."

The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for the flattering way in which he had expressed his good wishes for the future prosperity of the chapter, and said he duly appreciated the honour done him by the companions in selecting him to fill the proud position of first M.E.Z. He should do all in his power for the good of the chapter, so that the companions might not regret at the end of his year of office that they had chosen him.

Comps. GEORGE EVERETT, GEORGE GARDNER, J. J. WOOLLEY, J. B. CUMMING, and PETER PARSONS responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON proposed "The H. and J."

Comps. JACOBS and KEDGE replied.

Comp. GEORGE REYNOLDS, replying as Scribe E. to the toast of "Scribe E. and Scribe N.," said he was very delighted to think they had had such a successful meeting. The whole business, in formation of the chapter and selection of officers, had been carried out in a truly Masonic spirit, and the chapter will meet in the same home as the mother lodge. They had endeavoured to do what was right, and place the W.M. of the mother lodge as First Principal. The right man in the right place. The chapter promised great success, and he hoped that for years to come all companions connected with the chapter would work smoothly and harmoniously together, and the officers would follow on into the chair. As far as his abilities went he would do his best for the chapter, and it was very gratifying to know that they had many exaltees, and that the Covent Garden Chapter and Lodge were likely to be prosperous, and each would help to strengthen the other. He trusted the M.E.Z. would have a successful year of office, and that the companions who followed him would have the same. His forte was the pen, and in that respect he would do his best for the prosperity and success of the chapter. He thanked most heartily the Grand Officers for their kindness in being with them that evening, and personally for the kind assistance they had given him as to the business of the ceremony of consecrating a Royal Arch Chapter which would not be forgotten. And before resuming his seat, he assured all the great pleasure it gave him at seeing so many companions present whom he had the pleasure of knowing and meeting elsewhere, not forgetting Comp. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., whose services had been most invaluable.

The Janitor's toast closed the proceedings of a very successful and happy evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of this province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 229, D.P.G.M., presided, supported by Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England, as D.P.G.M.; J. Paterson, P.M. 282, P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. Anderson, W.M. 213, P.J.G.W.; and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the province; all the lodges with one exception were represented. The Fletcher Lodge was opened to receive Provincial Grand Mark Lodge at 1.45 p.m., and at 2 p.m. prompt the D.P.G.M. was admitted and duly saluted, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the roll of lodges and Present Grand Officers called, and was well responded to, there being a good attendance.

The minutes of the last annual meeting held at Frizington, on the 17th inst., were read and confirmed.

Bro. JAS. GARDINER, P.M. 151, P.G. Stwd. of England, read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the province of £37 9s. 1d. They were passed as read, and Bro. Gardiner, after nearly nine years' service in the capacity of Prov. G. Treasurer, expressed a desire to retire from the Treasurer-ship. The duties of the office, as the P.G.M. in the chair said, had been filled by Bro. Gardiner in a most perfect manner, and the thanks of the province were due to him for his services.

Bro. G. DALRYMPLE, P.M. 216, P.G. Sec., said that while Bro. Gardiner desired to give up the collar of Treasurer, it would be some consolation to the members of that Provincial Grand Lodge to know that he would soon be collared again, and it gave him much pleasure to move that Bro. P. de E. Collin be P.G. Treasurer.

Bro. J. C. THOMPSON, P.M. 282, P.P.S.G.O., seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were nominated and invested Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Bro. Rev. James Anderson, W.M. 213	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Clifton Thompson, P.M. 282	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" E. G. Mitchell, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Chas. J. Nanson, W.M. 60	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Henry Hartley, W.M. 216	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. B. Armes, Chap. 216	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. G. Gandy, W.M. 195	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" James Gardiner, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Isaac Dickinson, W.M. 282	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Thomas Atkinson, W.M. 229	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Sergt.-Major S. Lockyer Warden, 60	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thomas Ormiston Warden, 60	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Geo. Bell Mackay Warden, 282...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Stout, Warden 216	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" D. H. Cook, Org. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Bewlay, 213...	...	...	Prov. I.G.
" J. Gibson, 151	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" F. J. Thornber, 195...	...	...	
" Henry Burns, 213	...	...	
" James Ramsay, 213...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Thos. Richardson, 213	...	...	

The following brethren were unanimously elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England; Rev. Jas. Anderson, W.M. 213, P.S.G.W.; and Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 213, P.P.J.G.W. Moved by Bro. Colonel SEWELL, and seconded by Bro. J. C. THOMPSON.

Bro. E. B. PENRICE, P.M. 151, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks, moved as a recommendation to the P.G. Master that the next annual Prov. Grand Lodge be held at Maryport under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 151.

Bro. Rev. JAMES ANDERSON said he supposed all the brethren present would know it was his intention to represent the Fletcher Lodge as a Steward at the next Grand Mark Festival, and he moved that ten guineas be voted from the provincial funds to be placed upon his list.

Bro. P. DE E. COLLIN seconded the motion, and the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said it gave him pleasure to support it, and he hoped the reverend brother would have the hearty support of the province, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. COLLIN then said it would appear to many of the brethren that it was like taking time by the forelock, but he had no alternative, not having given the 14 days' notice of motion, but he now moved that this day 12 months ten guineas be voted from provincial funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed upon his list as Steward.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then spoke at length on the general progress the Mark Degree was making, not only in that province, but everywhere under the English Constitution. Very few days passed but you read of another new warrant granted and new lodges consecrated under the most auspicious circumstances, and he considered the educational scheme, apart from the other two Charities, a most admirable one, and he could not but congratulate the W.M. of the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, on the way Mark Masonry was progressing in Whitehaven, which might be looked upon as the centre of the province, and also to Bro. the Rev. James Anderson on his efforts as a Steward to the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund. It had almost become a certainty that one brother or another would turn up every year to represent the province or a lodge at the Festival, which was highly commendable. Another matter that the brethren of the province will note is that Bro. Dalrymple, who has discharged the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary for nearly nine years in a most able and efficient manner, has expressed a wish to be relieved from that office, and it is with much pleasure I move that a vote of thanks be recorded from this province to Bro. Dalrymple for his past services.

Bro. COLLIN seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were also present:

Bros. R. Leach, 151, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Dickson, 216, P.P.G. Tyler; T. Brakenridge, P.M. 213, P.P.S.G.O.; J. Reed, M.O. 151; J. M. Clarke, J.O. 213; J. Lawson, J. O. Scott, Sec. 151, P.P.G.I. of W.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.J.G.W.; B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Thompson, 213; G. Starkey, Sec. 213; S. Broadbent, J.W. 213; J. Gordon, 216, P.P.G. Tyler; W. Robinson, M.O. 216; J. Lowrey, S.O. 216; W. Barwise, D.C. 216; H. Burns, S.W. 213; W. H. Bewlay, 213, P.G. Steward; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was served. Bro. Col. Sewell occupied the chair, supported by the Provincial Grand Officers of the year, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after a most successful meeting.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud left Marlborough House for Chichester, en route for Goodwood, via the London and Brighton and South Coast Railway, on Monday. Among the distinguished party travelling by the same train as their Royal Highnesses being Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Lord Hastings and Lord Alington. They have been the guests of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, at Goodwood House, during the week, there being also a large party of visitors to meet the Royal party.

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To Correspondents.

"VICE PRESIDENT R.M.I.B."—We think you will find that Bro. Harrup's letter sufficiently ventilates the subject on which you write.

THE ARTICLE kindly forwarded by Bro. Harding, of Lodge Fiji, on the three lesser lights is ingenious and interesting, but not suitable for the *Freemason*, which is a public journal of the Craft.

A. HOWELL.—There is much to be said in favour of your views, but we must repeat the answer we have given to many similar communications, viz., that we cannot open the pages of the *Freemason* to a discussion on questions of ritual and ceremony.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Freedom, No. 77; United Military, No. 1536; Caedewain, No. 1594; and Henry Levander, No. 2048.

INSTRUCTION—Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834; and Hornsey Chapter, No. 890.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Dorsetshire.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon.

Opening of a New Masonic Hall at Bury.

Consecration of the Ubique Chapter, No. 1789.

Consecration of the Remigius Lodge, No. 117, of Royal Ark Mariners.

Ladies' Day of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is fixed for to-morrow (Saturday) at Freemasons' Hall, will be of a purely formal character, and the business which under ordinary circumstances would be transacted will be deferred till Saturday, the 9th inst., on which day the newly-elected Secretary, Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, will enter upon the duties of his office.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Bro. the Earl of Jersey to the Governorship of New South Wales, which will be vacant at an early date by the retirement of Bro. Lord Carrington, who is expected to return to this country in November next. As our readers are aware, Bro. Lord Carrington is M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but will doubtless resign his office on leaving the colony. They are also no doubt aware that Bro. the Earl of Jersey is a Past Senior Grand Warden of England and Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, so that in the event of our New South Wales brethren being anxious for a continuance of the connection now existing between them and the United Grand Lodge of England, and provided, of course, that their Governor nominate, like the well known Mr. Barkis, "is willin'," they will have the opportunity of electing the Earl of Jersey as successor to their present chief.

It would certainly not be a bad move on the part of the New South Wales Grand Lodge if it were to act in accordance with the suggestion we have thrown out. It is reasonable to suppose that the union of the various Masonic Constitutions formerly existing in this important colony was more easily and more effectually cemented by the appointment as Grand Master of Bro. Lord Carrington, who, both as the representative of the Queen and by his high social and Masonic position, would necessarily and has since proved himself to be above the slightest suspicion of a predilection in favour of any one of the separate Constitutions existing in the colony at the time of his lordship's installation as Governor. And the same idea must hold good in the case of the Earl of Jersey, who, politically and socially, will stand on precisely the same footing towards the colony as his noble predecessor, while as regards his connection with Freemasonry, it has been both of longer duration and more varied, his lordship having for some years occupied the same positions in English Mark Masonry as he has held, or now holds, in our English Craft.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, Grand Deacon of England, leaves this country on the 13th inst. in accordance with instructions from the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as President of the Imperial Institute, for the South African Colonies, Mauritius, and the East African Protectorates and Territories. Bro. Sir Somers Vine's mission is for the purpose of explaining to the various Governments and Authorities the scope and operations of the commercial collections of products and the Commercial Intelligence Department of the Institute.

The anxiety of our correspondent of last week, who signed himself "A Provincial Subscriber," lest the new code of by-laws which the Provisional Management Committee have drawn up should be rushed through the Court and be adopted before the provincial brethren knows what it is like, will, we think, be allayed, when he reads our report of the Quarterly General Court of the Institution on the 25th ult. It is there stated that the new code will be in circulation among the Life Governors, &c., for about two months from Saturday the 9th instant, when it will be presented to the General Committee. Therefore, the worthy brother will have ample time to know what the code is like, and to make any suggestions he may think proper.

Our East Lancashire brethren are to be congratulated on the success of the garden party held in the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on Saturday last, in aid of the funds of the Provincial Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution. The party

was held under the patronage of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; Bro. George Mellor, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; and the Prov. G. Officers generally, while the Executive Committee included such well-known and indefatigable brethren as Bros. E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. East Lancashire, &c. Between 8000 and 9000 people entered the gardens, and an excellent programme was admirably carried out.

In reference to the suggestion of our worthy Bro. D. Davis Joseph, we have little doubt his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master will be very pleased to grant his warrant for the constitution of a sort of Anglo-Welsh lodge in London, for the convenience of Welsh brethren resident in or visiting London. We think, too, the lodge would soon become very popular, and that if it worked in Welsh, as the La France Lodge works in French, it would become a great success. Why does not Bro. Joseph take the initiative in the matter and invite some of his Welsh brethren to assist him in obtaining the warrant?

We congratulate the companions of the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614, on the successful manner in which they have entered on their career. We understand that about one-third of them hail from the Covent Garden Lodge, a second-third from the Anglo-American Lodge, and the rest from the Prudent Brethren and other lodges. They may therefore look forward to a long and prosperous career, especially as it was our worthy Comp. George Reynolds who proposed in open lodge the establishment of a Covent Garden Chapter. It has our best wishes for its future well-being.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham was held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, under the presidency of Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Grand Superintendent. There appears to have been a full attendance, and the meeting passed off most successfully. We reserve our account of the proceedings till next week.

A correspondent is in doubt as to whether it is proper to pass a resolution in a lodge having reference to a non-Masonic matter. We can see no possible objection to such an act of courtesy as "Templar" describes in his letter. When a member of a lodge or chapter is the recipient of any special honour, whether Masonic or otherwise, it is a very graceful and proper thing for the brethren to offer him their congratulations. There is no law written, or unwritten, to prevent it, provided controversial subjects are avoided.

"A Craftsman" asks us if a brother who is *not* an active member—by which we suppose he means a subscribing member—"of any symbolic lodge" can "retain his place as an *active* member of a Royal Arch chapter." To this we reply most undoubtedly in the affirmative.

We see no reason why a regular Dr. and Cr. Account should not be circulated among the brethren who act as Stewards of the fees and other moneys received and the expenditure incurred by the Board of Stewards at each successive Festival. A correspondent tells us that Bro. Hedges sent out a balance sheet for this year's Festival in aid of the Girls' School, and suggests that Bros. Terry and McLeod might do the same in future. We see no objection to this, if the Stewards who find the money and defray the expenses desire that such an account should be rendered. But the point is one to be determined by them, not by those who are outside the Board of Stewards.

At the June Communication of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, held at Melbourne on the 17th June, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.S.G.W., moved, Bro. J. S. Butters, M.L.C., P.P.B.G.P., seconded, and it was unanimously carried—"That the United Grand Lodge of Victoria join the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, and that all the back printed transactions be procured for the use of the Grand Lodge Library."

The *New York Dispatch* enumerates a number of what it calls "Crevasses in Masonry," as follows: "Carelessness in admitting applicants for initiation; failure to discipline members for un-Masonic conduct; introducing political methods into Masonry; and permitting a variety in forms of work. Brethren, avoid all crevasses, for they are always dangerous and often fatal."

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

BOARD OF STEWARDS AND BOYS' FESTIVAL ACCOUNTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

From the account published in your paper it appears that at the recent Festival of the R.M.I.B. there were 272 Stewards, London being represented by 107, the provinces by 165, each Steward paying a fee of two guineas, making a fund of upwards of £570 towards the expenses of the Festival. This amount is at the disposal of the Board of Stewards, who after the Festival meet to pay bills, &c., and wind-up the accounts. In your paper of the 19th July you give the following notice of the meeting: "The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Boys' School was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. Captain Probert occupied the chair, and the business, which was of the usual character, was quickly disposed of. The several bills were submitted, and ordered to be paid, and votes of thanks to the officers having been passed unanimously, the Board was dissolved."

The above notice of the final meeting is the only information I have seen respecting it. We provincial Stewards, except at great expense and loss of time, cannot attend the meetings of the Board; but we should like to know how the money is spent. I am pleased to see that Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' Institution, has this year issued a balance-sheet of receipts and expenditure, and I respectfully recommend Bro. Terry and Bro. McLeod, the newly-appointed Secretary of the Boys' Institution, to follow this excellent example, and remain,—Fraternally yours,

W. HARROP, Vice-Pres.,

Steward 1890.

TWO QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly put me right on a little matter whereon a brother and I differ in opinion? Some short time since a member of the chapter over which it is my privilege to preside had the honour to be appointed High Sheriff of the county. Accordingly at the next convocation of the chapter, it was my purpose to have proposed a vote of congratulation to our companion thus honoured, and doubtless, as he is a very popular man, highly esteemed by all, it would have been heartily and unanimously supported. But having mentioned my intention to another member, he dissuaded me from it, alleging that as the honour was not of a Masonic character it would be out of place, and that the chapter could not consequently take any notice of it. Should I have been wrong, or was my adviser mistaken in his idea of the matter?—Yours fraternally,

TEMPLAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you kindly give me your opinion on the following question:

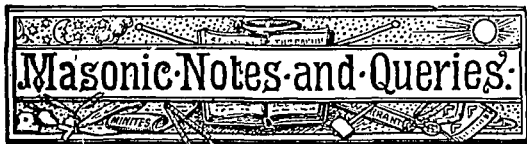
Can a brother who is not an active member of any symbolic lodge retain his place as an active member of a Royal Arch chapter?

Your opinion on this matter will greatly oblige,—Yours fraternally,

A CRAFTSMAN.

July 15th.

[Our replies will be found in the column of Masonic Notes.—Ed. F.M.]



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AN OLD CERTIFICATE.

The old Danish certificate, of which the following is a copy, has been presented by Bro. Christian G. Padel, P.M., to the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328, of which he is the Organist. It came into his possession quite lately from a descendant of the original owner.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

"Certificat.

"Nous les freres, Maitre, Surveillans et Secrétaire de la juste et parfait [] Zerobabel zum Nordstern, certifions que le frere Jens Stoud né dans l'Isle de Moen l'an 1747, Prévot de la Ville St. Thomas en Amerique a été reçu selon l'ancienne Observance el regles par nous et inscript dans les Listes générales de la Province dans le grade troisieme. On supplie tous les Maitres en Chaire et tous les freres de la reconoitre pour vrai et bon frere et de l'admettre sans l'examen rigoureux dans leurs Assemblées, comme aussi de lui accorder toutes sortes de Protection et d'amitié fraternelle. Donné dans la juste et parfait []

Zerobabel zum Nordstern le 9 me de Mars l'an 5775. S. C. Mahling, Maitre en Chaire. L. L. Wergius, 1 me Surveillant. C. G. Proft, 2 me Surveillant. F. S. Restorf, Secrétaire. Expédié avec Consentement du Conseil de la Province G.V.P.Z. (?)

The seal (damaged) shows the upper rim of a globe surmounted by clouds and a starry heaven, with the legend—"SIEGE * * * GE SOROBABEL ZUM NORDSTERN."

The plate is very well engraved and artistically designed, and includes three columns and all the usual Masonic emblems, interspersed amongst foliage and scroll work, and on the lower rim is "per fr. Fried. ab Aranea del. et et Sculp."



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Prince Frederick William Lodge (No. 753).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The members present included Bros. J. Page, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, S.W.; J. Stephens, J.W.; W. D. Slyman, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; R. P. Tabb, J.D.; R. J. Redfearn, I.G.; E. W. Scattergood, P.M.; J. Evans, P.M.; C. R. Wickens, P.M.; and J. Powell, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Whitehead, P.M. 1425; J. Hill, 1572; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246; J. Webb, P.M. 1707; T. Spink, 1669; C. L. Plant, 101; W. Chappell, 1425; C. Stallibrass, 753; W. T. Dillon, P.M. 1567; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; S. W. Manktelow, I.G. 1539; W. H. Making, P.M. 1278; V. Turner, P.M. 72; F. Cole, 177; P. Twitchin, 1425; W. Price, 28; W. W. Haycock, 161; W. Bradford, 2168; A. G. Boswell, P.M. 1339; F. Beyment, 753; and W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. A. Gill was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. H. Reddrop raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. W. J. Stratton was next presented as W.M., and duly installed by Bro. Page, the retiring Master. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, W.M. 2150, S.W.; R. P. Tabb, J.W.; W. D. Slyman, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; R. T. Redfearn, S.D.; E. Wehrle, J.D.; W. H. Wills, I.G.; H. Slyman, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; F. H. Harrington, A.D.C.; W. P. Clark and H. J. Thomas, Stwds.; and C. Shepperd, Tyler. The installing Master, Bro. Page, I.P.M., then concluded a heavy programme of work, which was ably carried out, by delivering the customary addresses. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services, and the gift was appropriately acknowledged. A very satisfactory audit report was adopted, and an announcement made by the Secretary that a summer outing would shortly take place. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, after which the usual toasts were given, the speeches being brief, owing to the lateness of the hour, and the fact that an excellent programme of music had been arranged.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were first honoured, after which the W.M. gave "The Grand Officers," and regretted that on the present occasion he was obliged to omit the name of that eminent nobleman who so worthily occupied the distinguished position of Pro Grand Master. It had pleased the Great Architect to take that distinguished Mason, but there were many left who were able to carry out the instructions of the M.W.G.M. to the satisfaction of the members of the Craft.

Bro. J. Page, I.P.M., then said he was again entrusted with the gavel, but on the present occasion it was to propose "The Health of the W.M." He knew it would be favourably received, for Bro. Stratton had endeared himself to every heart, and they, therefore, wished him a very successful and happy year of office.

Bro. W. J. Stratton, W.M., in reply, remarked that the I.P.M. had said some very kind things of him, which he hoped would be deserved during the ensuing year. He had followed the I.P.M. in the lodge, and that brother had been a good guide. He (the W.M.) thought his election to the chair was an evidence that they appreciated his efforts to attain that object. He trusted to have a successful year, and that the lodge would prosper under his rule.

The W.M., in proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," said that Bro. Page was initiated at the same time as himself, and they had gone on together by Masonic steps until the I.P.M. had reached his present enviable position. Bro. Page had passed through the office of Master in a creditable manner, and had completed it by the perfect manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony.

Bro. J. Page, I.P.M., briefly responding, said that if his working had met with the appreciation of the members, his year had indeed been a happy one.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms from the chair, the W.M. observing that it was a good thing for Freemasonry that brethren visited other lodges, for they increased their Masonic experience and gained a knowledge of each other.

Bro. W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, and said they had spent a pleasant and instructive evening. He was always pleased to visit that lodge for its pleasant surroundings and cordial greetings from old friends, and under such circumstances it would be a poor heart that could not rejoice.

Bro. J. Dillon, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., also replied, and said he had had a lesson, not only in Masonry, but in speech-making. The ceremonies were rendered in a most perfect and efficient manner, and in the example set by the W.M., they had been taught that brevity was the soul of wit. He would, therefore, only return sincere thanks for the kind reception accorded the visitors, and for the very great Masonic instruction they had received.

Several other brethren having also returned thanks, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were given and appropriately acknowledged, and the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Wm. Price arranged a good selection of music, in which he was ably assisted by Bros. W. Bradford, W. W. Hedgcock, Miss Ethel Winn, and Miss Beatrice Baxter.

The Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—The ceremony of installing the second Master of the above lodge took place at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult., and was attended by a large company of prominent brethren in the Craft, including a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which has shown every sympathy and good-will towards the national lodge in the metropolis of the Empire. The first Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master of Norths and Hunts, occupied the chair, and after opening the lodge, passing the minutes of the previous meeting, adopting the Auditor's report, and initiating the candidate—Mr. Wm. Craig, a native of Ayr, of which Bro. Robert Burns sang

"Auld Ayr, wham ne'er a town surpasses for honest men and bonnie lasses"

—the installing ceremony was undertaken by the acting I.P.M., Bro. C. F. Matier, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. of England and of Scotland, and G. Sec. of the Mark Degree. It would be superfluous to say that Bro. Matier performed the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner, as it is well known that all his work in whatever Degree or ceremony in Masonry, from the lowest to the highest, is always done word and manner perfect. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Whitehead, P.M. 1425, as well as S.W. of the Bon Accord Lodge (S.C.), was one of the founders and the first J.W. of the lodge, Bro. Vero Shaw, the first S.W. having resigned his connection with the lodge. Bro. Whitehead was then duly installed W.M. of the Scots Lodge before a large Board of Installed Masters from all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Gibraltar, &c. Bro. Matier having charged the Master, Wardens, and brethren with true oratorical eloquence, the following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John Page, P.M. 753, S.W.; Duncan F. Gellion, P.M. 1425, J.W.; George Shaw, C.C., P.M. 4 (S.C.), Treas.; James Thomson, Sec.; Thos. Grant, S.D.; Joseph Whitehead, J.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.G.; Capt. H. Fletcher-Campbell, D.C.; Peter Greig, Stwd.; and E. Johnston-Gordon, A.D.C.

The W.M., Bro. Whitehead, then said he had the pleasing duty of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. the Earl of Euston, the I.P.M., as a slight token of the respect of the lodge towards its first Master, and thanks for his excellent services to the lodge during his year of office.

Bro. Lord Euston, in accepting the jewel, thanked the brethren very heartily, and promised not to be an inactive Past Master of the lodge.

The W.M. then called the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. Major F. W. Allan, P.D.G.M. of Gibraltar, and D.G.S.B., was present as a deputed representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the lodge, and proposed from the chair that Bro. Major Allan should be elected an honorary member of the lodge, which being seconded by Bro. Lord Euston, was agreed to with hearty cheers.

In accepting the honorary membership, Bro. Major Allan gave an account of his intimate knowledge of the proposal to form a Scots Lodge in London, and how happy the Grand Lodge of Scotland had been to do all in its power to further its interests, and how the lodge was wished all harmony and prosperity, and constantly increasing membership; moreover, as Bro. John Whitehead had many friends among the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it gave him peculiar gratification to be present at his installation in the chair of K.S. in the Scots Corporation Hall, London.

Letters of apology for inability to accept the invitation of the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were read from Bros. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Past Grand Master of Scotland; the Earl of Haddington, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland; Lord Saltoun, Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeen City; Sir Charles Dalrymple, Sub-Grand Master of Scotland; Alderman the Right Hon. Sir Henry Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, P.G.W., and a large number of other prominent brethren in the Craft. Bro. Lord Haddington expressed his willingness to attend, but that although he was in town his Masonic clothing was all at home, and the invitation having been forwarded after him from Scotland, there was no time to have the clothing sent on. Bro. Lord Saltoun wrote a very friendly letter expressing his desire to become a joining member of the lodge, and Bro. Lord Euston moved, and Bro. C. F. Matier seconded, the notice for Bro. Lord Saltoun to be admitted to full membership next lodge meeting. Bro. the Lord Mayor wrote that he was fully engaged by previously accepted invitations, otherwise he would gladly have attended.

At the banquet which followed the menu was characteristically Scottish throughout, all the dishes bearing national appellations, such as cock-a-leekie, kale, cheviot mutton, Aberdeen beef, Tay salmon, Spey trout, Firth o' Forth garvies, minced collops, Inverness venison, Orkney ices, Mountain Dew in galore, and haggis specially sent up from Edinburgh. When the latter was brought in "Great chieftain o' the puddin' race," the old piper in all his splendour blew with might and main and escorted the trio of waiters round the hall "skirlin" his pipes in honour of the national dish which the brethren from North Briton to the dainty born appeared to enjoy with great relish, while some of the Sassenachs present looked on and wondered.

In drinking "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the titles of Duke of Rothesay, Lord of the Isles, and Grand Patron of the Scots Grand Lodge were added with every evidence of pride and loyalty. The songs between the toasts were chiefly Scottish, Bro. Grant singing "Scotland Yet," Bro. James Thomson "My Heather Hills," Bro. F. Faithfull Begg "The Wee, Wee German Lairdie," Bro. Dr. Forbes "Whiskey O," and omnes finale "Auld Lang Syne." Music was dispensed by the Queen's piper at intervals, and towards the close of the evening four of the brethren danced a Scottish reel.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Edmeston said if it was a common reproach to Scotsmen that when they first came to London "bang gaed saxpence" with a grudge, it was quite evident that when they were hospitably entertaining their friends they did not hesitate to bang away a five-pound note.

Bro. Shoppee, as one who assisted at the consecration meeting, congratulated the lodge upon its assured success.

Bro. Ritchie, as one of the Committee of the Corporation, was pleased to think that Charity was one of the first thoughts of the Scots Lodge, and he was glad to see that the Scots Masons in London were taking a step in the right direction to increase their usefulness to their fellow creatures in general and the indigent poor of their own nation in particular.

Bro. Major Allan promised to show any brother visiting Scotland what Scottish hospitality meant should they give the Sir John Cathcart Lodge members the opportunity.

The visitors included Bros. C. B. Tubbs, P.M. Kendrick Lodge, P.G. Stwd. Staffordshire; Jas. Edmeston, P.M. Canterbury Lodge; S. Gabriel, Clapham Lodge; W. D. Church, W.M. elect Clapton Lodge; Frank Figg, 1656; D. Campbell, Stwd. 1365; C. Stanger, I.P.M. 12; J. J. Howes, 1613; E. Churchman, 1425; R. B. Leslie, 56; J. Whitehead, S.W. 1446; J. Knox Wilson, 1365; F. Hurdle, 548; E. Brooks, 766; E. Dearing, 1602; C. H. Shoppee, 162, P.G. Stwd.; A. Ritchie, 173; J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br. Staffordshire; J. Anderson, 2310; J. H. Rivington, P.M. 2; J. Forrester, 249; Dr. Goodchild, P.M., W.M. 167; J. Maples, P.M. 144; Capt. Bliault, 704; C. J. Harrison, I.G. 2108; J. G. Loughborough, P.M. 140; and others.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BELVIDERE.

Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms. The Worshipful Master, Bro. H. E. Russell, presided, and there was a full attendance of officers, members, and visitors. All business having been cleared off at a recent emergency meeting, there was no work beyond the installation ceremony, which was most admirably worked by the retiring W.M. Bro. Bateman, P.M., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Alford Streeten, and the ritual was rendered in a manner seldom surpassed by Bro. Russell, who is himself an initiate of the lodge. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded him, being also presented with the elegant Past Master's jewel of the lodge; both of which were suitably acknowledged. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Reeve, S.W.; Keyes, J.W.; Thomas, P.M., Treas.; Heaps, Sec. (who declined the office of S.W. in order to continue to serve the lodge as Sec.); Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chap.; D. Greenway, S.D.; H. F. Greig, J.D.; Colman, I.G.; Bateman, P.M., D.C.; J. T. Ruck, Org.; and Gale, Tyler.

Letters of regret for absence were read from the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., P.G. Sec., P.G. Treas., Bro. Boord, W.M. 2332; and others.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet in their own dining room, provided by Mr. Jobbins.

The W.M. (who is Chairman of the Erith Local Board, and well-known in the neighbourhood for his oratorical powers) proved himself well fitted for his post, and gave the usual Masonic toasts in an able manner.

Bro. Capt. Ronaldson responded for "The Visitors," Bros. Spurrell and Wood for "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bros. Elliott and Robinson for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Heaps and Bateman for "The Officers."

Some very good music was rendered by Bros. Nichols, M.E.Z. 1973; Elliot, P.M.; and Hooker, with Bros. Jewson, solo pianoforte; Horten, 913, violin; and Ruck, accompanist.

LANCASTER.

Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. There was a good attendance of members, including Bros. Barrow, P.M.; Wolfenden, P.M.; Dutton, P.M.; Acton, P.M.; Ellershaw, P.M.; Oglethorpe, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; Mortimer, W.M.; G. A. Morge, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. L. Price, J.W.; W. Linnaker, S.D.; R. Threlfall, J.D.; G. Jackson, I.G.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Heald, Nicholson, Shaw, John Atkinson, Gooch, L. D. Price, and others, of the Lodge of Fortitude; J. L. Gorton, W.M., Morecambe Lodge; and others.

It was also the usual monthly meeting of the lodge, and the ordinary business of which was transacted under the presidency of Bro. R. Mortimer, W.M., before the ceremony of installation was entered upon. The lodge also unanimously resolved to present Bro. Mortimer with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the satisfactory way in which he had presided over the business of the lodge during the past 12 months. The routine business having been transacted, the chair was vacated by the W.M., and occupied by Bro. James Ellershaw, as Installing Officer. Bro. Morge was presented by Bros. John Barrow, P.M. and Treas., and Wolfenden, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, Bro. J. Barrow occupying the S.W.'s chair; Bro. J. Acton that of the J.W.; Bros. R. Mortimer, S.D.; P. Dutton, J.D.; and D. Shaw, I.G. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and efficiently performed by Bro. Ellershaw. The newly-installed Master, Bro. Morge, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Mortimer, I.P.M.; A. L. Price, SW.; Wm. Linnaker, J.W.; John Barrow, P.M., Treas.; Jonathan Acton, P.M., Sec.; Robert Threlfall, S.D.; George Jackson, J.D.; John L. Barrow, I.G.; James Ellershaw, D. of C.; J. Edward Oglethorpe, Org.; Miller and Cousins, Stwds.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed, the working tools being given by Bro. Mortimer; the address to the Master by Bro. Oglethorpe; that to the Wardens by Bro. Mortimer; and to the brethren by Bro. Shaw.

The brethren, to the number of about 30, then adjourned to the King's Arms, where supper was served in the usual satisfactory style by Host Ducksbury. Bro. Morge presided, supported by most of the officers above named.

When the repast was concluded, the Chairman gave "The Health of the Queen and the Craft" in felicitous terms, and which was received with the usual honours.

The toast of "The Grand and Prov. Grand Officers" was also given from the chair, and duly honoured.

"The Health of the Newly-installed W.M." was given by Bro. Ellershaw, who briefly referred to Bro. Morge's efficiency while filling the lower chairs, and which might be taken as a guarantee that the duties of the chief officer in the lodge would not suffer at his hands.

The toast was received most heartily, and

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed his sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of his lodge that day in placing him in the proud position of Master. It would be his earnest endeavour to at all times carry on the work in accordance with the traditions of the Craft, and trusted that at the close of his year of office he would pass on the symbols of office to his successor pure and unsullied as he had received them.

Bro. Heald gave "The Duke of Lancaster Lodge," to which Bro. Davis responded.

Bro. Wolfenden was entrusted with the toast of "The Installing Officer," which was acknowledged by Bro. Ellershaw.

Bro. Shaw gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," to which Bro. Mortimer responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by Bro. Barrow, and acknowledged by Bros. L. D. Price, Nicholson, and Fairplay.

Bro. Oglethorpe gave the toast of "The Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary," to which those officers severally responded, and which was also the case in the toast of "The Junior Officers," proposed by Bro. Shaw.

The musical brethren who contributed to the pleasures of the evening were Bros. Linnaker and Armitstead.

PLUMSTEAD.

West Kent Volunteer Lodge (No. 2041).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Major F. W. Frigout, W.M.; Surgeon H. W. Roberts, P.P.G.W. Middx., S.W.; A. A. Frigout, P.M. 171, J.W.; Col. H. M. Gordon, P.M., Treas.; Lieut. C. T. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; Lieut. P. Shove, S.D.; Lieut. A. J. Heath, J.D.; C. O. Pook, I.G.; Col. W. Bristow, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Capt. Gordon Smith, P.M., D.C.; M. W. Chubb, Capt. T. G. Nichols, and C. Warren, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. J. William, P.M. 1539; J. Van Essen, P.M. 171, P.S.G.D. Essex; V. Orchard, P.M. 79; John Shepherd, J.W. 140; W. Sanders, J.W. 913; C. U. Syder, P.M. 79; Geo. P. Carter, J.W. 171; W. H. Elphinstone Hone, 2087; C. E. Ellison, 871; E. H. Ezard, 171; R. M. J. Hollis, 140; W. R. McClean, 858; and E. W. Shove, 22.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Augustus A. Frigout, W.M. elect, was duly presented for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. A. A. Frigout was installed into the chair. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. H. W. Roberts, S.W.; Lieut. P. Shove, J.W.; Col. H. M. Gordon, Treas.; Major F. W. Frigout, Sec.; Lieut. A. J. Heath, S.D.; C. O. Pook, J.D.; M. W. Chubb, I.G.; Capt. Gordon Smith, D.C.; and C. Warren, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Gordon Smith, P.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was then presented to the I.P.M. A Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then partook of an excellent cold collation, and the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. J. Van Essen, C. E. Ellison, J. McClean, and F. G. Nichols afforded great pleasure by their excellent music.

STONEHOUSE.

Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—The annual meeting was held on the 14th ult. at St. George's Hall. Bro. James Harrison, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. J. B. Moulder, the retiring W.M.; R. Pike, P.P.G.O.; A. S. Hendry, Sec.; and the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., and P.P.G. Chap., were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. Major M. Tracy, R.A., P.P.S.G.W.; H. W. Townsend, P.P.S.G.D. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; C. Croydon, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Cawsey, P.P.J.G.D.; A. W. White, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. Willoughby, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Jackson, G. Hawken, C. F. Dunsterville, J. Ward, and F. R. Thomas, 189; J. Leonard, 202; A. Maddock and E. H. Littleton, 230; A. W. King, W.M. 1205; C. G. Withell and J. Gidley, 2025. The officers invested were Bros. J. B. Moulder, I.P.M.; G. Stawell, S.W.; S. Graves, J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; G. Hawken, Treas.; A. S. Hendry, Sec.; G. Dunsterville, S.D.; W. Blight, J.D.; J. Parker, D.C.; T. Peain, A.D.C.; A. May, Org.; F. E. Sach, I.G.; S. H. Duff, F. Strick, F. S. Hodge, and J. Stephens, Stewards; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bros. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Representative at the Committee of Petitions, and A. S. Hendry, Charity Steward, were re-elected to those offices. The members and visitors dined together in the evening at Bro. Townsend's Royal Hotel, Devonport. Bro. Harrison presided.

Royal Arch.

Aldersgate Chapter (No. 1657).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Albion Tavern, when there were present Comps. H. B. Marshall, M.E.Z.; P. F. R. Saillard, H.; E. Anderton, J.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; L. Larkin, P.S.; A. B. Hudson, 1st A.S.; G. Rawlinson, 2nd A.S.; G. Couchman, Janitor; and J. Shoter. Visitors: Comps. Dr. A. Great Rex, P.Z.; W. Mackie, P.Z.; and R. D. Cummings, P.Z.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was received and adopted. Comp. A. Great Rex then ably installed Comp. P. F. R. Saillard as First Principal, Comp. W. Mackie installing Comp. E. Anderton as Second Principal and Comp. J. Larkin as Third Principal. Comp. P. F. R. Saillard invested Comps. E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; A. B. Hudson, P.S.; G. Rawlinson, 1st A.S.; J. Shoter, 2nd A.S.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. The M.E.Z. presented Comp. H. B. Marshall, I.P.Z., with a jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning), voted unanimously by the companions, for which he returned thanks.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet presided over by the M.E.Z.

During the evening an excellent selection of music was given by Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bros. John Bartlett, Fitzgerald, and Roe, under the direction of Comp. J. F. Haskins.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The above chapter was well represented at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday, the 17th ult., when Comps. E. Palmer, S. Clarke, and C. H. Lawson were respectively in-

stalled as Z., H., and J. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. H. Roberts, having assisted to open the chapter, vacated the chair in favour of Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., Treas., who acted as Installing Officer, and, in his usual faultless style, worked that important and impressive ceremony. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; E. Morris, S.N.; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treas.; C. J. Clapham, P.S.; W. C. Taylor, 1st A.S.; J. R. Nichols, 2nd A.S.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., and W. Busbridge, Stwds.; and W. J. Larder, Janitor. Comp. Penfold was presented with a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his services as Installing Officer. Comp. Roberts was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel of the value of 10 guineas, and the chapter was closed.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, and among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; R. Edmonds, P.Z.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.); Col. E. Hughes, M.P.; G. Frost, W. Davidson, R. S. Courtman, S. Horton, J. Hooton, L. Chasteaneuf, G. F. Taylor, G. Laurance, J. Topp, D. C. Capon, Hough, and F. Tyler, all of the chapter; W. Cruikshank, P.Z. 5; B. de B. Lopez, 6; A. Woodley, M.E.Z., F. Barry, A. Fenn, and H. De Gray, of 13; Dr. W. Smith, late of 913; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts having been honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent," followed, and, in putting it, the M.E.Z. said that probably many of those present knew more of Earl Amherst than he did, but from his own experience he had always found his lordship a good man and Mason, and whatever he did he did well. In the Province of Kent his lordship ruled over 59 Craft lodges, with a total of 5550 members, and 25 chapters, with some 600 members. He would not further take up their time, but would at once ask them to drink the toast heartily.

In proposing the toast of "Comp. Eastes, P.G.H., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," he regretted the absence of several who usually visited them at least once a year, especially Comp. Warne P.G.S.E., and Comp. Jamblin, P.P.G.C., who they were always pleased to see at the chapter.

Comp. Mason, in responding, said he had the additional rank of P.G.P.S. offered him, and he felt very proud of it. He did not look upon it so much as an honour to himself as to the chapter, and they might depend that the prestige of the chapter should not suffer at his hands.

The I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and pointed out the admirable manner in which Comp. Palmer had performed his duty as H. and J. He was an excellent Mason, and it was a happy day for the chapter that such a companion had been installed as its head.

Comp. Palmer assured them that it was the proudest moment of his Masonic career, and one that he had looked forward to for years past. He hoped to have as good a year of office in the chapter as he had in the lodge, where he had the pleasure of initiating 26 good and worthy men into Masonry. While as Mark Master he had advanced eight brethren. They, however, did not care so much to augment the strength of the chapter, having already 51 companions on the books, yet he had some good candidates coming forward, and he trusted to have a good year and do his work well.

Comp. Clark, in responding for the toast of the "Second and Third Principals," took the opportunity of thanking them for the honour conferred upon him by placing him in the chair of H. in the first and highest chapter in the Province of Kent, which might well be called the premier province of Great Britain. It was exactly 30 years since he first came to Woolwich, and several of those he first became acquainted with he now saw around him, representatives of that chapter, amongst them being Comps. Colonel Hughes, Butter, and Jolly. He trusted long to see them and every other companion present, and from his heart thanked them for their kindness to him on that and other occasions.

Comp. Lawson also responded, and said if he had had his will he should have liked to have gone into the First Principal's chair of the Pattison Chapter first; but that would not be, as he should most likely go into that of the St. George's, at Greenwich. He pledged himself to do all he could for the Pattison Chapter, and to work to the satisfaction of the companions.

Comp. Roberts proposed the toast of "The Installing Officers," and asked the companions not to think that he had shirked his duty in not installing his successor, but he felt that if the ceremony of installation was to be the work of the chapter, it must be done by that "G.O.M." (grand old Mason) Comp. Penfold. He and they all wished him many years of health to continue amongst them, and install, many succeeding Principals of the Pattison Chapter.

Comp. Penfold said that was the second time that day he had had to thank them for their kind remarks on his work as Installing Officer. Of course, it was a great pleasure for him to install the Principals of the Pattison Chapter, he had made a speciality of it, and if he had done anything that had or would conduce to the prosperity of the chapter or province, that was his reward. He had done the work of installation for many years, and thought that it would be as well if some other companion undertook the work in the future, but must say that that day he had felt especial pleasure to install his old friend, Comp. Palmer, whom he trusted would have a good year of office.

Comps. Woodley, Cruikshank, De Lopez, and Smith having responded for "The Visitors,"

Comp. Butter, in responding for "The P.Z.'s.," said he often wondered how it was that year after year, and meeting after meeting, the companions responded to the same conventional toasts so heartily as they did, but he presumed there was a deal of conventionality in the world, for the flowers came up at their proper seasons, so did ducks and green peas, so did their Masonic toasts, all at their proper times and seasons. The companions listened with evident pleasure to the same stereotyped replies, and why? Because they were proud of their rulers, of their province, of their Principals, of their Past Principals, and of their chapter, and so it would, he trusted, continue till time itself should be no more. He then feelingly referred to his late illness, and said at that time last year he thought he should never see them again, and, after thanking them for their continued sympathy, assured them of his desire for the success of the province and chapter.

Comp. Edmunds also responded, and then Comp. Col. Hughes responded to a special toast of his health.

WORCESTER.

Semper Fidelis Chapter (No. 529).—The first regular convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, High-street, on Monday, the 14th ult., when 12 brethren were duly exalted. The following companions were then installed in the Principals' chairs: Comps. G. J. Westbury, P.Z. 252, P.P.G.D.C., as Z.; T. E. Lucy, P.Z. 280, P.P.G.P.S., as H.; and E. A. Hicks, as J.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the companions adjourned to the Assembly Room of the Guildhall, kindly lent for the occasion by the Mayor of Worcester, Comp. R. S. Carington, P.Z. 280, where they banqueted, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P. The usual Masonic toasts were duly observed.

Mark Masonry.

JERSEY.

Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Temple, on the 16th ult., the following brethren were present—Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret (in the chair); T. Stone, I.P.M.; P. Bois, S.W.; T. Leat, as J.W.; C. Marrett, M.O.; P. G. Hamilton, S.O.; J. H. Goldsmith, J.O.; E. Oldridge, S.D.; Capt. Stevenson, J.D.; J. C. Barrette, I.G.; J. W. Hamling, Sec.; W. T. Pugsley, Treas.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and two candidates—Bros. Balcombe and Gerhart—regularly advanced, a sum of five guineas was voted by the lodge towards the Stewardship of Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret to the Mark Benevolent Festival. The further sum of five guineas was immediately subscribed by the brethren. The W.M. then thanked the lodge, and announced that the sum of 20 guineas would now be sent up, as on account of his onerous duties of Chief Magistrate it was utterly impossible to be present himself, expressing his regret that such should be the case.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, Bro. Stone presiding.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Stone proposed the toast of "The Officers," and in a few well chosen remarks expressed the pleasure he felt in doing so, stating that any W.M. should be proud to have such officers, comprising as they did some of the best working Masons in Jersey, especially commending the Secretary, Bro. Hamling, for his never tiring energy for the good of the lodge.

Bros. Bois responded, remarking that it was an honour to serve under their W.M., or in his absence the I.P.M., who was always present.

Bro. Hamling thanked Bro. Stone for the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned, but stated that it was the duty of every brother taking office to perform that duty with zeal. He gave a few statistics on the state of the lodge, showing how that two and a half years ago the lodge was in debt, whereas now they had about 80 members, and besides the sum that had been given that evening £5 ss. had been given last year to that excellent Charity—the Mark Benevolent—which formed such a valuable auxiliary to the great Charities by educating the children of Mark Masters under their own parents or guardians. The zeal shown by the several brethren was also a good augury for the future—as an instance the motion of Bro. Vincent that a banner be bought for the lodge.

Bro. Oldridge also, in his usual pleasant manner, made a few remarks, stating how pleased he was with the ritual of this Degree, and the very good feeling existing among the members of this lodge, which could not fail to tend to its prosperity, quoting the proverbial bundle of sticks—"that where there is unity there must be strength."

The Tyler's toast, by Bro. Rogers, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 24th ult. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. J. W. Cooper, W.M.; C. F. Cox, S.W.; F. Bull, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; D. G. Imlay, S.D.; J. W. Drysdale, J.D.; Neville, I.G.; P. J. Rutland, F. Mason, Corpe, sen., W. Baker; and G. Stevens.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mason having kindly consented to act as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, and Bro. Kirby delivered the charge. The W.M. then proceeded to rehearse the second ceremony, with Bro. Drysdale as candidate. Bro. Stevens was proposed as a joining member, and Bro. Neville returned thanks for the hearty welcome he had received on becoming a member of this lodge of instruction. This being the first occasion on which Bro. Cooper had presided as W.M., the customary congratulatory vote of thanks was offered him, to which he responded in adequate terms. Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of passing, explanation of the second tracing board, and the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The evening, full of useful work, was enjoyed by all present until the lodge closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Rooms adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E. Bro. J. P. Axford, P.M., officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. F. V. Cutt, S.W.; T. White, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; Walter Robin, Sec.; C. G. Sheppard, S.D.; H. R. Trant, J.D.; J. E. Coxwell, I.G.; S. Lancaster, P.M.; Don, White, and others.

The W.M. worked the first ceremony in a very able manner. A period of the evening was devoted to the discussion of many interesting points in the ritual, and the lodge was closed. Bro. Walter Robin, Hon. Secretary, will discharge the duties of the chair on Thursday, the 7th instant.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; M. Rosenberg, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; George Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; F. Craggs, P.M. 834, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425, I.G.; J. V. Woodman, Steward; W. Death, P.M. 511; W. Jackman, and O. W. Battley. Visitor: Bro. F. Craggs, 834.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Allman worked the 6th and 1st Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in very apt terms. Bro. Conway was elected W.M. for next meeting, officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. F. W. Buxton, W.M.; G. H. Foan, S.W.; W. Hoggins, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. B. Grieves, S.D.; F. S. Jarvis, J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. M. Noakes, E. J. D. Bromley, and C. Lambert.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. F. M. Noakes offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and having answered the necessary questions leading to the Second Degree, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Foan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation; and announced his intention of working the Third Degree. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; H. Wake, S.W.; W. G. Danby, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. T. Gracie, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; and C. G. Hatt, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. gave the ancient charge. Bro. Wake was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. Gracie was elected a joining member, and the lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Woodard, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; Stanley, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Higginson, S.D.; Tatton, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; T. Head, Arnott, Cotton, Craggs, Cox, Stevens, and Gilbert, W.M. 1828.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Head having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 2nd Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Joiners Arms, Denmark Hill, when there were present Bros. Andrews, W.M.; Stanley, S.W.; Britten, J.W.; Cochran, P.M., acting Preceptor; Pettitt, P.M., S.D.; Sims, J.D.; Lord, I.G.; W. Hill, and Wheeler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by Bros. Cochran and Andrews respectively, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Sims having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sims duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree, and closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Britten, 1986, was elected a joining member, and, in returning thanks, promised frequent attendance. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Stanley, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. Baxter, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Bright, J.W.; Willcox, acting Sec.; Biggs, S.D.; Pyne, J.D.; Whiteley, I.G.; Cummings, Steward; Speigel, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; Craggs, and Hiscox. Visitor: Bro. McCrow, 1740.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The First and Second Degrees were worked by the W.M., and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Speigel. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the manner he had fulfilled the office of W.M. for the first time. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Bro. McCrow having been elected a joining member, the lodge was then 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 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. J. Briginshaw, W.M.; Urban Smith, S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M.,

P.Z., J.W.; William Shurmur, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; John Ives, P.M., S.D.; Chas. H. Bestow, J.D.; H. F. Bromhead, I.G.; Wm. P. Allen, Sec.; Wm. Blenkinsop, Hon. Stwd.; David Legg, P.M., P.Z.; G. W. Knight, P.M., P.Z.; McGowan, P.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.M.; Wilson, jun., N. Fortescue, J. D. Parsons, Walter Goulding, R. Sandell, W. Mann, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. Bros. J. D. Parsons, 1298; Wilson, jun., 471; and David Legg, 2318, were unanimously elected as joining members. Bro. Urban Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 11th inst.

The brethren then formed themselves into a meeting of the Walthamstow Charities Association and two Life Governorships of five guineas each were balloted for.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of the above was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory, on Friday, the 25th ult. The Provincial Prior, V.E. Sir Kt. Col. George H. J. Haldane, presided, assisted by Sir Kt. Horatio Ward, Prov. Sub-Prior, and many Provincial Officers, present and past.

The Harcourt Preceptory having been opened by Sir Knight Belton, E.P., the Provincial Prior assumed the throne, and opened Provincial Priory. The Registrar called the muster roll and read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

Letters of regret for absence were read from several provincial officers and members; also from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior; C. F. Matier, McLeod, A. Harris, Lennox Browne, and others.

The Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, duly audited, which was received and adopted, and on the motion of Sir Knight WARD, seconded by Sir Knight THURPP, Sir Knight Bateman was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Provincial Prior then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Sir Knight H. Ward, P.G.	S.B. Eng. ...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. H. Cummings,	P.G.C. Eng. ...	Prov. Prelate.
" Weddell ...		Prov. Chancellor.
" Hennell ...		Prov. Constable.
" Harris ...		Prov. Marshal.
" Bateman ...		Prov. Treas. and Reg.
" Beach ...		Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" Cobham ...		Prov. Almoner.
" Shedd ...		Prov. Herald.
" Harper ...		Prov. Std. Br. (B.)
" Vennell ...		Prov. Std. Br. (V.B.)
" Todd ...		Prov. Capt. of Guard.
Frater Harrison ...		Prov. Equerry.

The alms having been collected, the Provincial Prior stated that the next meeting would be held at Wilmington, under the banner of the Lullingstone Preceptory, probably 29th June, 1891.

A vote of thanks was passed to the E.P. and members of the Harcourt Preceptory for receiving Provincial Priory, after which the same was closed in full form. The Harcourt Preceptory having also been closed, the sir knights adjourned to refreshment under the presidency of the Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Belton, E.P. of the Harcourt Preceptory, occupying the vice-chair.

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

In giving the "Health of the Provincial Prior, the SUB-PRIOR congratulated him on his partial restoration to health after severe indisposition.

Sir Knight Eve, P.P.G.C., returned thanks for the toast of "The Visitors."

In addition to those already enumerated, Sir Knights Dr. Penfold, Colonel Hartley, Dr. Lawrence, and others were present.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Mouflet in his well-known style.

THE ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

The annual summer outing of the brethren and friends of this flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., it being one of the finest days we have been favoured with during the whole of the summer. The party started from Hammersmith Pier on the splendid river steamer Snowdrop, chartered specially for the occasion, and belonging to the Victoria Steamboat Company, soon after 10 o'clock, to the delightful and exhilarating strains of a very good band, under the direction of Mr. Parks, bandmaster to the same company.

The catering, which included dinner and tea, was efficiently looked after on the boat by Messrs. Hammond and Co., of Lower Thames-street, the fruit being provided by Messrs. Butt and Son, of High-street, Kensington.

The company numbered over 100, and were well and courteously looked after by the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Swann, ably assisted by the indefatigable and hard working staff of Stewards, among whom were

Past Masters Bros. D. Causton, C. A. Walters, R. H. Williams, and W. C. Williams, also Bros. P. J. Davis, C. Woods, Cox, Dudley Causton, Cory, Gardner, and Spraggs, and arrived at Hampton Court about 2 p.m., where the whole disembarked, and amused themselves, some by strolling about and admiring the beauties of this magnificent portion of the Thames, others visiting the palace, whilst the remainder, who had evidently not got tired of the river during the journey up, took to it again in rowing-boats.

The steamer left at five o'clock, and on the journey home was moored off Richmond (whose charter day it happened to be) for above an hour to give the company an opportunity, of which they quickly availed themselves, of having a walk through the town to observe and admire the decorations and general rejoicing that was going on. Before leaving the party also added to the amusements by a vocal and instrumental concert on deck, a large crowd on the banks being greatly pleased by the very fine singing of Miss Greta Williams, Dudley Causton, and other members of the company, also the admirably rendered comic songs of Bro. Spraggs, "Lady! lady! tell me who you are?" and putting off amid the plaudits of the crowd, were safely landed about 10 o'clock, at the point from which they had so gaily departed about 12 hours previously, tired, perhaps, but everyone thoroughly pleased with their splendid day on the silvery Thames.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, presided, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, also attended. Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's Department. There was a good attendance of brethren.

The Board first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the June meeting to the amount of £220. There were 28 cases on the new list qualified through lodges in London, namely, Willington Quay, Hastings, Dulwich, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Budleigh Salterton, Tunbridge Wells, Dewsbury, Meerut, Monkwearmouth, Liverpool, Millom, Camberley, Cowes, Harwich, Havant, Feltham, Devonport, and Sholapur. Two of these were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remaining 25 were relieved with a total sum of £575. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for £50; four cases were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each, and five for £30 each. Seven grants of £20 each were made, four of £15 each, three of £10 each, and one of £5.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The July Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland, James Terry, J. G. Stevens, W. Dodd, Thos. Massa, H. Massey, and Peachey (for the Secretary).

The minutes of the Quarterly Court of 26th April, and of the Special General Court of July 11th, were read and confirmed.

In answer to Bro. CUMBERLAND the CHAIRMAN said nearly all the memorial windows in the large new hall of the Institution had been subscribed for, and he thought that as soon as people saw the windows which were subscribed for there would be a run to fill up the remainder.

In answer to further questions, the CHAIRMAN said the building was nearly complete; the scaffolding was down. Between now and Christmas all the rooms would be finished and steps would be taken to furnish them, so that when the new children came in the rooms would be filled up.

Bro. CUMBERLAND moved, and Bro. J. G. STEVENS seconded, "That the 19 eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 13 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list for the November election, and that 14 vacancies, caused by girls leaving, be declared."

The motion was carried.

Bro. CUMBERLAND, referring to the revised rules of the Boys' School, asked whether it had not been the custom to have the laws of the Boys' School similar to those of the Girls' School.

The CHAIRMAN said the rules of the two Institutions were alike at one time.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said he referred to the subject because he raised the question the day before at the Boys' Quarterly Court. Would it not be advisable that they should be alike? He thought it would be rather a pity that they should be different. A person in the country might think they were the same, and having a candidate for one might be misled by the rules of the other.

The CHAIRMAN said he took rather a different view to some brethren on this matter. The two Institutions were separate Institutions, governed by two separate bodies. He was not sure that it was a good thing that the rules of the two Institutions should be similar. He had been revising the rules of the Boys' Institution, and had spent a good many hours with Lord Euston upon them. They thought it better to let the rules pass and then have a Committee to consider the

revision of the rules. They might be taken as a foundation, and where an alteration was a good one it might be adopted. There was a great deal to be said on both sides, but he was quite prepared to go into the subject with an open mind.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 25th ult. at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Geo. Everett, G. Adamson, R. W. Bourne, A. C. Spaul, S. J. Attenborough, W. Masters, W. W. Morgan, J. L. Mather, J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Le Feuvre, H. Massey, Charles Frederick Hogard, and F. Binckes.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Court of April last, Bro. BINCKES read a letter from the family of the late Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., thanking the Court for the vote of sympathy with them in their bereavement. He also read a letter from Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, accepting the office of Trustee of the Institution, to which he was elected at the April Court, and thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him.

The brethren then proceeded to discuss a resolution of the General Committee of Saturday, 7th June, 1890, referring to this Court an appeal from the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland for the admission to the Institution of James Carruthers, unsuccessful on the last application for which he was eligible, with 1768 votes, at the election in April last. A letter was read from Bro. George J. Mackay, the Secretary of the province, appealing to the brethren on behalf of Carruthers, and trusting that the large support which the province had given to the Charity would be taken into account.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND said it was a very disagreeable office to oppose anything of this kind. Bro. Mackay was very unfortunate in not getting his candidate elected, but he was afraid no exception to the established rule could be made in his interest. If they opened the door in one case they would have to do so in exceptional cases in the future. They must not strain the laws of the Institution. Bro. Mackay's fault at the election was that he was polling a sufficient number of votes. Under the circumstances he (Bro. Cumberland) could only move that the child be refused.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL said no doubt they would all be very glad to take a boy into the Institution if they possibly could do so.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE did not see what else they could do in this case but refuse the boy. The Institution had its laws, and the Court and Committee were bound to abide by them. His own province was in the same position as Cumberland and Westmorland with a widow. They thought 100 votes were polled more than had been polled, and the poor woman was the highest unsuccessful. But the province had not applied to the Benevolent Institution to take that candidate in. She was only out by seven votes.

Bro. BOURNE said the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland did not exchange votes with neighbouring provinces. All that they could exchange up in London they exchanged.

The petition was then rejected.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL moved, and Bro. HOGARD seconded, the approval of a list of 53 candidates on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which 19 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, the 31st October next.

The motion was carried.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, for Bro. John Glass, Vice-President, moved, "That the by-laws of the Institution as altered and amended by the Provisional Management Committee be substituted for the laws at present in force. Such alterations and amendments in no way to be contrary to the spirit of the fundamental principles upon which the Institution is founded. A copy of the proposed by-laws is appended hereto, and can be seen at the office of the Institution at any time during the usual office hours."

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND asked whether it would not be better to consult first of all the Committee of the Girls' School, and to delegate a certain number of their body to meet such Committee, that the Girls' School might say they had been consulted. He only threw it out as a hint, because hitherto the rules of the two Institutions had been the same, *mutatis mutandis*. Now, the Boys' School were going to make great alterations in their rules, and he thought it would only be justice and courtesy to the other Institutions that this Institution should, to a certain extent, take them into their confidence. An approach should be made towards them in some shape or form.

Bro. BINCKES said there were certain points of difference in the rules of the respective Institutions.

Bro. HOGARD observed that there could be no harm in sending to the Committee of the Girls' School a copy of the new laws of the Boys' School.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND thought it would be advisable; it could do no harm, if it did no good.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH observed that the object was to have the draft laws as altered placed in the hands of the General Committee for deliberation on the 9th of August.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND remarked that he had been told that it was not intended to send the new rules out to the Provincial Secretaries.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH said that on the 9th of August the by-laws would be presented to the General Committee, and the Secretaries of the provinces could attend that meeting. The new laws were not to be passed at the meeting of the 9th of August, they were only to be presented to the General Committee, and the General Committee were to have from that day till the Quarterly Court in October to consider them; that would give them two months.

Bro. HOGARD said that for the meeting in October a notice could be given under Law 34.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND thereupon moved that a copy of these by-laws be sent to each Provincial Grand Secretary. Let them be sent out at once; they could not be sent too soon.

Bro. SPAULL said it would be quite soon enough to make this motion at the meeting of the 9th of August. The by-laws were not ready yet. He did not think it would be courteous to send them out to the provinces before they came before the Committee. The whole constituency was from 8000 to 9000.

The subject then dropped, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE JAMES TERRY LODGE.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has granted a warrant for a new lodge to be held at the Public Hall, Crossbrook-street, Cheshunt. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., about the middle of September, the number is to be 2372, and, named after its first Worshipful Master, it will be called the James Terry Lodge. Bro. James Terry has done much for the cause of Masonry generally, but for the Province of Hertfordshire most particularly, and in consequence of the increased and overflowing number of members of one lodge in the province and the desire of several Masons of the vicinity not members of a lodge near their residence, it was requisite that a new lodge should be formed, and unanimously (but without that brother's knowledge) it was decided to hand down to posterity the name of Bro. James Terry as a mark of the high estimation and respect with which he is held in the province. Upwards of 20 years he has been a Grand Officer of the Province of Hertfordshire, viz., Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and has also served as Prov. Grand Warden of Herts, Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Northants and Hunts; he is Past Master of many lodges, Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities, has for many years been the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and occupies the proud position of Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, having been elevated and invested to that high office by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales himself in 1887, on the occasion of the great meeting of Freemasons at the Albert Hall to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

The founders unanimously requested their Secretary to ask the permission of Bro. Terry for his name to be used, and, as a still further favour, that he would become the first Worshipful Master. It was not, however, until Bro. Terry was assured of the unanimity of the brethren on these points that he modestly consented to their request. The new lodge will have a fair start with about 20 founders, also a list to be submitted at the first meeting of joining members and of proposals for initiation.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. PERRYMAN, P.G.P.

We deeply regret that it should devolve on us to announce the death, on Wednesday, after a severe and protracted illness, of Bro. W. H. Perryman, Past G. Purst. of the United Grand Lodge. Our deceased brother had been a very active member from the time of his initiation in November, 1871, till very recently. He first saw the light in the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, and less than four years later had the honour of being present as its J.W. at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G. Master, in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in April, 1875. In 1877 he was elected and installed its W. Master, and on vacating the chair was warmly thanked and congratulated by the members on the success of his presidency. He joined the St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351, and having successively filled the various offices, was ultimately elected into the chair. In 1876 he was exalted into the R.A. Degree, in the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, and rose in due course to be M.E.Z. In 1886 he was appointed Asst. G. Purst. of Grand Lodge, and the year following was advanced to the higher position of G. Purst. For many consecutive years past he was elected one of the Past Masters to serve on the Board of General Purposes, and had been a member of the Committee of General Purposes of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was always ready to undertake any duty that might be assigned to him, and the work he did and the manner in which it was done, were generally appreciated. Lastly, he was a Life Governor of both our Masonic Schools, and had given his services as Festival Steward for both those Institutions. We respectfully tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives and numerous body of friends who are now mourning for the decease of so worthy and respected a brother.



We regret to hear that Bro. W. W. Baker, P.M., The Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, has resigned membership and sailed for America.

Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg are expected to return home from the Continent next month, and will in all probability join the Queen at Balmoral.

Great preparations are being made at Portsmouth for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales on Saturday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of opening the new Town Hall.

The Duke of Clarence and Arondale, Major of the 10th Hussars, will serve on the staff of Sir Evelyn Wood during the cavalry manoeuvres which are to be held in Berkshire in September.

The marriage of Miss Morell Mackenzie with Mr. Theodore McKenna has been arranged to take place at the parish church, Marylebone, on Wednesday next, at half-past two o'clock.

Bro. Lord and Lady Tweedmouth and Bro. Lord Brassey were among the guests at the dinner party given by the Right Hon. W. E. and Mrs. Gladstone at 10, St. James's-square, on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress received at luncheon on the 24th ult. a number of French Senators and Deputies on a visit to London in connection with the Inter-Parliamentary Arbitration Conference.

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

At a meeting of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Walton-on-Naze, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., Bro. William Shurmer, P.M., P.Z., was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer by an overwhelming majority; indeed, almost unanimous.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey with their family will leave England for Sydney, New South Wales, on the 24th October next, Captain the Hon. Rupert Leigh, brother to Lady Jersey, accompanying them as his lordship's first aide-de-camp.

The Committee of the Hospital Sunday Fund held a meeting in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House on Monday, when it was resolved that out of this year's proceeds £39,011 should be apportioned among 113 hospitals and 50 dispensaries, and £2000 spent in the purchase of surgical appliances.

Among those present on Tuesday at the opening day of Goodwood races were, in addition to the House Party and the Royal visitors, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, Lord Randolph Churchill, Lord Henry Thynne, and Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, Bro. Sir Frederick and Lady Milner, Bro. Sir C. Raymond and Lady Burrell, and Bro. Sir Frederick Johnstone.

The Common Council of the City of London held a special Court on Monday, when a heavy business paper was successfully gone through, the Chief Commissioner at the close of the proceedings wishing Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir H. A. Isaacs, a pleasant holiday and renewed health. The compliment was warmly reciprocated, and the Court then rose till the middle of September.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Town Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master. There was a most exceptionally large attendance of brethren from the province, and, after the usual business, a large number sat down to a banquet. A full report will appear in our next issue.

A deputation, including Bros. Major F. W. Allan, Ex-Provost Christie, of Stirling, and several Edinburgh brethren from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, visited Manchester on the 11th ult., and were most cordially received and hospitably entertained by the Manchester Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order. During the afternoon the members of the deputation performed the ceremony of advancing and promoting two brethren who had been approved by the Council. The members and visitors afterwards dined in the Victoria Hotel.

From the August number of the "Life-boat Journal" we learn that this Institution has now 296 life-boats under its charge, and last year it granted rewards for saving 627 lives from shipwrecks on our coast. A large and permanent annual income is indispensable to enable the society to maintain its great life-saving fleet in a state of thorough efficiency. At the present time pecuniary aid is peculiarly needed, on account of the special outlay that is being incurred by the Committee in replacing a considerable number of their life-boats by boats of the newest type and possessing the latest improvements.

The arrangements for the visit of the Emperor William II. of Germany to the Queen are virtually complete. His Imperial Majesty will arrive off Dover on Sunday evening next, but will remain on board his yacht—the Hohenzollern—till the following morning, when he will proceed on his journey to the Isle of Wight, with the German Ambassador in attendance. On arriving in the Solent he will be met by the Prince of Wales on board the Alberta, and will be received on landing by the Duke of Connaught. The Queen will meet his Majesty at Osborne House, where he will reside during his visit. The Emperor will leave Osborne on his return to Germany on Thursday evening next.

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

—ADVT.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held on Wednesday at Sittingbourne. We hope to give a report in our next.

The Duke of Edinburgh has sent a donation of £10 to the Stanley Fund for placing a steamer on the Victoria Nyanza.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie have left London for their seat in Scotland, where they expect to be joined by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, for grouse shooting on the 12th instant.

The Benchers of Gray's Inn have again resolved that during August and September children (boys over 10 years of age excepted) be admitted to the gardens without orders between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., wet days excepted.

During the month 72 persons were rescued from drowning out of 76 cases reported to the Royal Humane Society, which has awarded two silver medals, 19 bronze medals, and a large number of testimonials recording the thanks of the society to the other salvors.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., has received an intimation from the Greek Minister in London that his Majesty the King of the Hellenes has been pleased to confer upon him the rank of Commander of the Order of the Saviour of Greece.

In the Saloon of the Mansion House on the 24th ult. Bro. Earl Granville distributed the prizes, scholarships, and certificates to the successful competitors in connection with the first examination held under a Scheme of Commercial Education under the London Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the Duchess of Albany distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the annual exhibition held under the auspices of the Escher Cottage Garden Society, by her Royal Highness's permission, at Claremont.

We have to apologise to many of our valued correspondents for the omission recently of a large number of interesting communications which we have been unable to find room for even when briefly summarised. Although late, we trust still to print the more important in our next issue.

The Prince and Princess of Wales dined with Lord Alington at his lordship's residence in South Audley-street, on the 24th ult., among those invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of Hardwicke, and Lord Frederick Hamilton. A ball followed.

The Princess of Wales has become President of the Cheyne Hospital for Sick and Incurable Children at Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, and has forwarded a donation of 25 guineas to the funds of the Institution. Her Royal Highness has also given £25 to the Children's Country Holiday Fund, of which she is patroness.

The entire proceeds of the Beverly benefit *matinée*, at the Haymarket Theatre on Wednesday last, will be placed at the disposal of Mrs. Beverly's trustees, free of all deductions for expenses, by Mrs. Oscar Beringer and Mr. C. W. Somerset, joint owners of the new comedy, "That Girl," by Henry Hamilton and Mrs. Beringer.

Messrs. Woodhouse and Rawson, the well-known electric engineers, have recently purchased the business of electric and steam launch builders, formerly carried on by Messrs. W. Sargeant and Co., at Strand Works, Chiswick, W. Mr. Sargeant has been retained as branch manager. Special attention is intended to be paid to the building of electric launches and charging stations; and arrangements can also be made for the hire of either steam or electric launches by the day, week, month, or season.

The Prince of Wales, who is Hon. Colonel of the 12th Middlesex (Civil Service) Rifle Volunteers, has signified his intention of contributing 100 guineas to the fund for the establishment of a new head-quarters for that corps. The Governor and directors of the Bank of England have promised 100 guineas, and Viscount Bury, the lieutenant-colonel commanding, £100. In addition to these donations subscriptions have been received or promised to the amount of £2000 out of the £3000 which will be required.

Mr. Wilson Barrett, only just returned to London from his American tour, is already hard at work on the details of his provincial campaign and the opening of his new theatre. On the former enterprise he will start very soon, still accompanied by Miss Eastlake as his "leading lady." He hopes to make his *entrée* at the New Olympic towards the end of October. He says he is in splendid health, and the fact will be agreeable to his many friends and admirers, in and out of London.

On Friday, the 25th ult., the members of the Square and Compass Lodge, with friends to the number of 60, visited Bala. The party started by the 9.26 train. Lunch and tea were provided at the Plascoch Hotel, Bala. Many of the Bala brethren placed their wagonettes and conveyances at the disposal of the party, and Mr. Owen's coach and four conveyed several visitors round the lake. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn kindly opened Glanllyn House and grounds to the visitors, and also gave permission for fishing. Unfortunately the rain fell in copious showers, and so interfered with the out-door pleasures, but towards the close a dance was improvised, and was much enjoyed. The wanderers returned home by 10 o'clock.

Wednesday was the annual Speech Day at Christ's Hospital School, the ceremony taking place in the great hall. Bro. the Lord Mayor delivered the prizes, and among those present were Sir Henry Peek, Mr. J. R. Diggle, and the Rev. Richard Lee. The programme was composed of Latin, French, and German recitations. The Thompson's Gold Medals for classics and mathematics respectively were awarded to C. L. Hills and A. H. Goddard; the Richards Gold Medal for Latin hexameter verse to F. L. Woodward; the Charles Lamb Medal for an English essay to C. L. Hills; the Tyson Medal for the best scholar in mathematics and astronomy to C. G. Leftwich; the Gilpin Good Conduct Prize for Grecians to R. R. Cummings; the Unknown Governor's Prize for Good Conduct for a Deputy Grecian to S. T. Harmer; for a Royal mathematical boy to A. Brown; and the Vidal Prize to H. H. Hull. R. R. Cummings, who delivered an English oration, referred to the history of the past year, and said that they had come to their last Speech Day under the old regime. He also enumerated some of the features of the new scheme which is to be carried out by the Charity Commissioners. During the proceedings selections of instrumental music were performed.

Last year there were on the foundation of Christ's Hospital about 1100 boys and 90 girls.

The directors of the Bank of England have increased the minimum rate of discount from four per cent., at which it was fixed on June 26, to five per cent.

The second son of the Speaker, Mr. Arthur Peel, has just taken a first class at Oxford. He has been at New College, which boasts of five first-class men in this year's honour list.

Bro. Alderman Gibb, of the London County Council, has written from Caracas, Venezuela, that he has been out there for the past four months. He hopes soon to return home.

Mr. Rolls, of the Hendre, has promised £5000 towards the restoration of St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, the memorial stone of which was laid by the Prince of Wales on Thursday, the 24th ult., in the presence of the Princess of Wales and her daughters.

Not merely has the Tivoli management provided one of the most delightful lounges in London, but there are the additional attractions of high class performances, the engagement of which is heightened by the luxury and comfort of one's surroundings. A box at the Tivoli is a place in which to "rest and be thankful."

Amongst the many preparations which have been introduced to the public as a dentifice, we think "Salvine" deserve a prominent place. It is pleasant to use, and there is high scientific authority that it possesses all the qualities that should distinguish a perfect preparation for the teeth.

The Free Exhibition of Pictures on loan at Guildhall will be closed at the end of August. Over 50,000 persons have visited this gallery during the last six weeks; but there must be large numbers who are still unaware of its existence, and who are yet close to it daily. The value of the collection may be gathered from the fact that the pictures are insured for nearly a quarter of a million.

The Grey Friars—a Carmelite Order, which took its popular name from the colours of its robe—came to London for the first time, and established themselves, in Edward I.'s reign, on the north side of what we now call Newgate-street. Here, aided by the citizens, they built first a chapel, and then a church, and then a much larger church, which was completed about 1310. And here they flourished exceedingly.

A recent presentation has been made to the permanent Art Gallery of the Corporation of London, by Mr. Felix Joseph, of Eastbourne, of 26 original drawings by Uings, Corbould, Burney, Thurston, and Westall. Mr. Felix Joseph has already done much for the towns of Nottingham and Derby in enriching their respective museums by gifts of fine Wedgwood and Crown Derby.

At the second day's sitting of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on Wednesday at Firth College, Sheffield, three papers were read. The first was by Mr. C. J. Stoddart, on "The Parkgate Iron and Steel Works." Mr. Oakham read a paper on "The Loomis Process of Making Gas for Fuel," claiming that by this system the fuel saving over coal or coke in heating forges for making cutlery, files, and similar work was one third. The third paper was by Mr. Eaton, engineer to the Sheffield Corporation, who described the local waterworks.

Bro. Irving was so gratified with the way in which matters were managed at the Grand Theatre during his recent engagement there, that he has presented to Mr. Wilmot a copy of the fine engraving of Millais's portrait of the Lyceum manager, to which copy Bro. Irving has appended his autograph. The engraving has a conspicuous place in Mr. Wilmot's theatrical picture gallery.—Miss Annie Irish goes to Canterbury next week, to play Alma Blake in "The Silver Shield," and Millicent in "The Money-Spinner," with the Old Stagers. She will afterwards take holiday till the Lyceum opens in September.—Miss Dorothy Dene joins Mr. Benson's company at Manchester next week, to play a special engagement in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."—Mr. Henry Neville leaves England for America on the 20th prox.

The new hotel just opened at Brighton, which has been termed the Hôtel Métropole, is the latest addition to the colossal establishments projected and carried on by the Gordon Hotels Company, and is designed to afford visitors to Brighton the same well-ordered entertainment as is already provided at the Hôtels Métropole, Grand, and First Avenue, London. When these vast establishments, all of which were furnished by Messrs. Maple and Co., of Tottenham Court-road, were first opened, and found to be fitted and arranged, not merely to meet the requirements of ordinary comfort, but that the appointments were of a costly and luxurious character such as had never before been summarily employed, and that not only had every provision been made for the material wants of the guests, but also that the resources of art had been laid under contribution to minister to their enjoyment, it was argued that such hotels were Utopian in their conception and could not possibly be remunerative. But those who so reasoned left out of sight the advancing prosperity of the nation; the ever-increasing tendency to and love of travel and change which is inherent in the Anglo-Saxon; the impending changes in modes of living, and, further, the enormous number of tourists from all parts of the civilised globe who visit our shores on business or pleasure. That the projectors of these hotels were right in their estimation of what the public would appreciate, and be willing to pay for, has been amply confirmed by the extraordinary success which has attended the different enterprises; and, indeed, as not a few have had experience, the difficulty has been not to attract more customers, but to find accommodation for the crowds of wealthy and fashionable visitors who throng the hotel portals from day to day.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Great Need.—The blood is the life, and on its purity our health, as well as our existence, depends. These Pills thoroughly cleanse this vital fluid from all contaminations, and by that means strengthen and invigorate the whole system, healthily stimulate sluggish organs, repress over-excited action, and establish the circulation and secretions throughout every part of the body. The balsamic nature of Holloway's Pills exercises marvellous power in giving tone to debilitated and nervous constitutions. These Pills remove all obstructions, both in the bowels and elsewhere, and are, on that account, much sought after for promoting regularity of action in young females and delicate persons who are naturally weak, or from some cause, have become so.