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THE APPROACHING BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The Quarterly General Court for the election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held in Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 31st instant. The List of candidates contains 53 names, and the number of vacancies to be filled is 19, so that the proportion of candidates to the latter is considerably less favourable than at the Girls' Election the day following. London furnishes 13 candidates—there are two partly London and partly Provincial—and the Provinces and foreign parts contribute the remaining 38. Seven of the London candidates remain over from the election in April, and the other six (Nos. 39, 40, 42, 43, 46, and 49) are applicants for the first time. Of the former, No. 9 has 1484 votes to his credit; No. 10, 168 votes; No. 18, 493 votes; No. 19, 1249 votes; No. 22, 1697 votes; No. 25, 811 votes; and No. 27, 1058 votes. No. 21, with claims on Kent and London, starts with 417 votes to the good, and No. 31, who will look for support to London and Surrey, has 1343 votes.

Turning to the Provincial and other candidates we note that Derbyshire, Durham, and Staffordshire each of them contribute three candidates, the Derbyshire trio being No. 14, with 1498 votes in hand; No. 28, with 147 votes; and No. 30, with 869 votes. The Durham three are No. 5, with 168 votes; No. 6, with 604 votes; and No. 32, with only 8 votes; while those from Staffordshire are No. 11, who brings forward 21 votes; No. 35, with 176 votes; and a new case standing at No. 38. Cumberland and Westmorland, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Kent, West Lancashire, Sussex, and Warwickshire send each of them two candidates, Nos. 4 and 20, with no advantage to speak of from their previous attempts, hailing from Cumberland and Westmorland; Nos. 16 and 36 (new case) from Hants and the Isle of Wight; Nos. 26 and 29 from Kent; No. 15, with 489 votes, and No. 33, with 289 votes, from West Lancashire; Nos. 24 and 34 from Sussex; and Nos. 12 and 17 (with 353 votes) from Warwickshire. The remaining 17 candidates are from as many different Provinces, Districts, or combinations of Provinces. Berks and Bucks sends up a new candidate at No. 41; Bedfordshire and North Wales are together responsible for No. 47; Dorsetshire for No. 44; Hertfordshire for No. 53; Jersey, Cheshire, and Staffordshire together for No. 2, who, though he has been on the list for three years, has only 14 votes in hand; Lancashire (East Division) for No. 51 (new case); Lincolnshire for No. 3, who stands well with 1779 votes; Madras for No. 13, with 79 votes; Monmouthshire for No. 23, with 210 votes; Nottinghamshire for No. 7, with 707 votes to the good; Shropshire for No. 8; Somersetshire for No. 48; and Somersetshire and Devon together for No. 1, with 254 votes to his credit; Suffolk for No. 45; West Yorkshire for No. 37; Worcestershire and Cheshire for No. 52; and South America for No. 50. There are five cases in which the friends must manage to carry the candidates they are interested in or the names will be removed from the List in accordance with Law 53. These are No. 6 from Durham; Nos. 10 and 27 from London; No. 17 from Warwickshire; and No. 53 from Hertfordshire. Six of the 53 children have both parents living, three have lost both parents, and one is motherless, while the remaining 43 are fatherless. As in the case of the girl candidates, the fathers of many of these children had held office in their lodges, while some had received Provincial or District honours, and several, in the days of their prosperity, had done service to one or more of our Institutions either as Steward or contributor, or in both capacities. The number of cases remaining over from April is 35, and to these have been added 18 new cases whose petitions have been successfully scrutinised and approved. In conclusion, we can only express, as usual, the hope that success will crown the endeavours of those who are exerting themselves on behalf of the five "last cases." The presence of their names in the List shows that they have been adjudged worthy of admission, and we trust they will be found among the fortunate 19 who will be received into the School at the beginning of next year.

THE APPROACHING GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

Whether it is in consequence of the appointment of a Petitions Committee to examine more minutely than heretofore into the circumstances of the several girls who offer themselves as candidates, or owing to a mere passing diminution in the number of duly qualified applicants, we are unable to say. The fact remains that during the present year the Lists of approved candidates for election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have contained fewer names than in preceding years. At the same time it has fortunately happened that the proportion of vacancies to candidates has been considerably more favourable, so that, in the event of the Lists remaining for some time on the present diminished scale, there is no reason why every approved applicant should not be admitted to a share in the benefits to which she is entitled. In April last the List was made up of 43 candidates, of whom 31 were brought forward from the previous election, while 12 were new cases; and out of these 43 candidates no less than 22 were elected. For the election, which will be held on Saturday, the 1st November, the number of candidates is 31, of whom 18 have been brought forward from the April election, while the remaining 13 are new cases. The number to be elected is 14, so that the proportion of candidates to vacancies is just a trifle less favourable than it was at the spring election. Of the 31 candidates, nine hail from London and 22 from the Provinces. Taking the former first we find that No. 5 has 185 votes to her credit as the result of four previous ballots; No. 6, 1124 votes from three; No. 9, 884 votes from two; No. 13, 1531 votes from the same number; and No. 17, 634 votes from April last. The remaining four—that is, Nos. 20, 23, 24, and 27—will be applicants for the first time on this occasion. Of the 22 Provincial applicants, West Yorkshire and Devonshire furnish three each; Norfolk, Suffolk, and Sussex two each; and Berks and Bucks, Cornwall, Dorsetshire, Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, and North and East Yorkshire together, Cumberland and Westmorland combined, Malta, New Brunswick, and the Orange Free States, one each. Of the Devonshire candidates (Nos. 8, 10, and 16) only No. 16 has any great advantage from the number of votes already to her credit, her total in April having reached 429 votes. The West Yorkshire three are Nos. 7, 11, and 28 (new case), and as No. 11 will start with 2470 votes in hand, there is small room for doubting that her election is pretty well assured. Both the Norfolk girls start well, No. 1 having 2141 votes to her credit from four previous trials, and No. 18, 2273 votes from the April election; but both the Suffolk (Nos. 25 and 29) and the Sussex (Nos. 22 and 32) girls are in the List for the first time. So also is the Berks and Bucks candidate (No. 31), while the girl from Cornwall (No. 18), who made her *début* in April, has 133 votes. The Dorset girl (No. 15), though she figured in the List in April, brings forward no votes, but the Durham (No. 4), after four unsuccessful ballots, has 908 votes to help her on the road to success. The candidate from Hants and the Isle of Wight (No. 30) is a new one, but the one from North and East Yorkshire stands extremely well with 2593 votes in hand. The girl with claims on the Provinces of Cumberland and Westmorland and West Yorkshire (No. 21), as well as No. 26 from the Orange Free States, are new cases, whereas those from Malta (No. 2) and New Brunswick (No. 3) have 1517 votes and 691 votes to their credit respectively. It will be necessary, however, for the friends of the latter, as well as of No. 20, a London candidate, bring all their influence to bear in obtaining votes, as these two children will exceed the age of 11 years before the next election comes round, so that this is their only chance of obtaining admission. We may state that all the candidates are fatherless with the exception of No. 7—a West Yorkshire lassie—who has both parents living, and Nos. 20 and 24, both hailing from London, who have lost them both. As regards the fathers of the candidates, the majority of them had held office, and in some cases high office, in their lodges, while several had received Provincial or District honours. In some half-dozen cases they had in their

more prosperous days done service as Stewards or Subscribers to our Charitable Institutions. We may add that the list contains the names of 32 children, but the candidature of one of them, a girl from Staffordshire, standing fourteenth in order, has been withdrawn, so that the number of competitors, as we have said, is only 31.

ROSE CROIX MASONRY IN PORTSMOUTH.

"BY-LAWS OF THE ROYAL NAVAL CHAPTER ROSE CROIX OF H.R.D.M., No. 9."

A little book of 57 pages, bearing the above title, has just been issued to the members of the foregoing chapter. Its general interest is not in the by-laws, however, but in the "Historical Notes," with which the Recorder of the chapter, Bro. J. Fordham Starkey, 30°, has prefaced the book. Since Bro. Starkey only joined the chapter in January of the present year, he deserves not a little credit for the celerity with which he has digested the records of the chapter, and compiled a brief history relating to it—a history which cannot fail to be of great interest to the members of the Royal Naval Chapter in particular and to all Rose Croix Masons in general.

The Royal Naval Chapter of Rose Croix was constituted in the month of October, 1858, by warrant from the Supreme Council, "duly issued under seal, dated the Fourth day of Heshven, Anno Hm. 5619, Anno Lucis, 5862, which corresponds to the Twelfth day of October, Anno Christi, 1858, Anno Ordinis, 740 and 544." This warrant was signed by Henry Beaumont Leeson, M.D., S.G.C., 33°; Lieut.-Col. George Augustus Vernon, Lt. G.C., 33°; Charles John Vigne, Grand Treasurer-General, H.E., 33°; John Axtell Deacon Cox, Grand Secretary-General, H.E., 33°; Sir John George Reeve De La Pole, Bart., Grand Chancellor, H.E., 33°; Lieut.-Col. Henry Atkins Bower, S.G.I.G., 33°; and George Beauchamp Cole, S.G.I.G., 33°.

The first signatory to the warrant, Dr. Leeson, was the first member of the Supreme Council, 33°, appointed after the institution of that body in England in October, 1845, whilst the last signatory, Bro. G. B. Cole, was the last member of that body prior to the warrant being signed.

From the remarks made at the last meeting of the chapter by Bro. George Felton Lancaster, P.M.W.S., we gather that the warrant so granted should have been one of confirmation rather than of constitution, since the brethren who petitioned the Supreme Council for the warrant had all received the Degree of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. in the Royal Naval Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 2, which was constituted in March, 1791, and of which they were then members. Bro. Lancaster states that the fact of the Rose Croix Degree having been conferred in that preceptory can be traced back in the preceptory books to the year 1791, and the Degree is expressly mentioned in its warrant.

The transactions of the Royal Arch Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, warranted 11th August, 1769; the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, warranted 20th May, 1786; the Royal Naval Preceptory and Priory, No. 2, warranted 11th March, 1791; the Phoenix Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 2, warrant of confirmation dated 7th July, 1856, with minutes commencing in 1769; and the Royal Naval Chapter of Rose Croix, warranted 12th October, 1858, are very intimately connected; the Royal Arch chapter, the Craft lodge, and the preceptory being founded by the same brethren, and the Mark lodge and Rose Croix chapter being founded by others who belonged to the trio already in existence. The Phoenix Lodge was an offshoot from the Chapter of Friendship. The preceptory grew out of the chapter and lodge. The members of the Royal Arch chapter practised the Mark Degree from the first—[? editor]—and in 1856 obtained a warrant of confirmation from the recently formed Grand Mark Lodge, and the members of the preceptory had conferred the Rose Croix Degree from the date of their warrant, and in 1858 obtained a separate warrant, unfortunately one of constitution instead of confirmation, from the Supreme Council, 33°.

The Royal Naval Rose Croix Chapter was consecrated at the Phoenix Lodge rooms, High-street, Portsmouth, on the 15th October, 1858, all the signatories to the warrant, except Ill. Bro. Bowyer, attending for the purpose, and there were also present Bros. Matthew Daves, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Hyde Pullen, then 31°, the M.W.S. of the Vectis Rose Croix Chapter, Ryde, Isle of Wight, which had been warranted in January, 1857. The last mentioned brother acted as Installing Master. Bro. Richard William Bradley, who is still alive, was the first M.W.S., and there were ten other founders, of whom at least three are still living, but only one remains as a member of the chapter at the present time, viz., Bro. Mark Edwin Frost, who filled the chair in 1866, and who has, for many years, discharged with great care and fidelity to the interests of the chapter the office of Treasurer.

It appears that until January, 1860, there were no fixed periods appointed for the meetings, the matter being left to the discretion of the M.W.S. for the time being. In the month named, however, by-laws were agreed to, which provided for regular meetings on the second Wednesday in January, April, July, and November, the last meeting being afterwards altered to the month of October. These rules never received the authority of the Supreme Council, but meetings have been regularly held on the days named until the present time.

At the same meeting the M.P.S.G.C., Dr. Henry Beaumont Leeson, 33°, was elected an honorary member of the chapter, and the same distinction was, on the 12th October following, accorded to Bro. Hyde Pullen, then 32°, who had rendered invaluable aid to the chapter from the date of its foundation.

The chapter appears to have received three official visits from members of the Supreme Council 33°, viz., in 1862, 1872, and 1878.

From its foundation to July, 1880, the chapter met at the Phoenix Lodge rooms, but then it removed to the rooms of the Portsmouth Lodge, where the meetings have ever since been regularly held. At the last meeting of the chapter (September 10th, 1890) the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.M.W.S. of the Adoniram Chapter, London, and his Deputy, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, 32°, were elected honorary members. The present M.W.S. is Bro. Colonel-Commandant John Frederick Crease, C.B., 30°, a brother not only distinguished as a military officer, but known to a wide circle of Masons through his recent paper read before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge on "The Masonic Character of the Roman Villa at Morton, Isle of Wight."

It is impossible to deal thoroughly with the history of the Rose Croix Degree in Portsmouth until the chief records of the Royal Naval Preceptory and Phoenix Lodge respectively are made public. The latter I have had in hand for the last two years, whilst no doubt Bro. G. F. Lancaster will have a good deal to say with reference to the former when the preceptory celebrates its centenary in March next. As before stated, the lodge, Royal Arch chapter, preceptory, Mark lodge, and Rose Croix chapter are, and always have been, very closely allied, and it is impracticable to thoroughly investigate the history of one without reference to the records of the others.

Bro. Starkey has also given us a complete list of the P.M.W. Sovereigns of the chapter and a copy of the names in its Golden Book, from which it can be seen that very many distinguished Masons have from time to time joined it. The Golden Book is particularly rich with names of members of the learned professions

resident in Portsmouth during the last 30 years, and of officers in her Majesty's Army and Navy, the latter being, of course, due to the chapter meeting in Portsmouth and to its close connection with the Phoenix Lodge. The chapter now numbers 41 members, one of whom is a member of the 32°, and four belong to the 30°.

The by-laws of the chapter, which have been the *raison d'être* of the book, have just been revised and sanctioned by the Supreme Council. They call for no particular comment, unless mention be made of one which requires the ballot for every candidate for perfection, for joining, or for election as an honorary member to be unanimous, and another whereby "any officer in her Majesty's services ordered to duty in this port or garrison, being a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, shall be eligible for election as a member for 12 months on payment of a joining fee of 5s. and the current subscription for the year." Annexed to the book are the rules and regulations of the Supreme Council 33°.

ALEXANDER HOWELL,
Local Sec. in Hants for the C.C. No. 2076.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A most numerous and influentially-attended meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Public Hall, Preston, this specially large assembly of the "supreme and subordinate" rulers of the mystic Craft being very largely caused by the exceptionally important business which was set down for consideration. Rarely has so much interest been displayed in the annual proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which now embraces no fewer than 104 lodges, thus ranking as the strongest province holding authority under the Grand Lodge of England. The meeting-place was admirably adapted for the purposes of the gathering, and the Preston Committee, who took the arrangements in hand, are to be congratulated upon the very satisfactory arrangements so successfully carried out. Shortly before one o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers entered the hall, the floor of which was occupied by W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens, while in the galleries were seated the junior officers and Master Masons. Bro. J. Cantor, P.G.O., presided at the organ, and as the members of Provincial Grand Lodge entered the room he played appropriate music.

There were upwards of 120 Grand and Prov. Grand Officers present, and it was estimated that the Craft lodges were represented by something like 800 members. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom P.G.M., was present, and he was accompanied by the following P.G. Officers who had served during the past year: Bros. E. H. Cookson, Prov. S.G.W.; W. B. Richardson, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. K. Turner, Prov. G. Chap.; T. Clarke, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; Thomas Adams, Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Webster, Prov. S.G.D.; R. Walker, Prov. J.G.D.; G. S. Willings, Prov. J.G.D.; J. Brindle, Prov. G.S. of W.; E. George, Prov. G.D.C.; J. N. Patterson, Prov. D.G.D.C.; J. C. Robinson, Prov. A.G.D.C.; J. Queen, Prov. G.S.B.; J. Pilling and J. Turnbull, Prov. G. Std. Brs.; J. Cantor, Prov. G. Org.; R. Betley, Prov. A.G. Sec.; P. Yates, Prov. G.P.; J. E. Boden, J. M. King, J. Chadderton, G. Nelson, and W. Turvey, Prov. G. Stewards; and P. Ball, Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. GOODACRE, read the rolls of attendance of the Provincial Grand Officers and of the Craft lodges, which showed that the whole of the lodges in the province were represented, several very numerous.

A lively and prolonged discussion took place as to the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held last year at Barrow-in-Furness, an amendment of Bro. TYSON being rejected by an overwhelming majority, as he only found about a dozen supporters.

The accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. T. R. JOLLY, showed that the fees and contributions from lodges within the province during the year to the Charities Fund amounted to £146 5s., to the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund £222 0s. 9d., and to the Fund of Benevolence £222 0s. 9d.; total, £590 6s. 6d. The receipts, with balances from the 1st October, 1889, to the 3rd September, 1890, were as follows: Charities Fund, £306 14s. 4d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £516 17s. 2½d.; Fund of Benevolence, £1145 7s. 2½d.; total, £1968. The payments under the three headings were respectively £105, £269 14s. 4d., and £254 19s. 1d., total, £629 13s. 5d., the total balance being £1339 5s. 4d. After some discussion the accounts were taken as read and adopted.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY, in his annual report, stated that during the past year the roll of lodges in the province had been increased to 104, there having been eight consecrations. There had been 635 initiations, and the roll of members had reached 6561. Reviewing the progress of Masonry, the Provincial Grand Sec. stated that in 1872 there were 61 lodges with 3016 members. In 1878 the lodges had increased to 81, with 5138 members. The next six years were not years of progress in membership, for though the lodges had increased by one, the membership had fallen to 4588, a decrease of 550 members. This falling off in the membership had, however, been more than compensated by the increase of the last six years, during which period 22 new lodges had been added, and the number of members increased to 6561. It thus appeared that during the past 18 years the lodges had been increased from 61 to 104, and the members from 3016 to 6561. This increased the necessity for greater supervision as to the selection of candidates. Further, the fact that there were upwards of 100 lodges in the province, and the number of appointments to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge being no greater than in a province less than half its size, led him to suggest that if Provincial Grand Masters of large provinces were granted a power either to duplicate other offices than those already duplicated, or to confer past rank on brethren in proportion to the number of lodges, it would be conducive to the happiness of many worthy brethren who, loyal in their desire to preserve the influence which must attach to a large province, have frequently long years to wait—for many years to wait—for appointment to office in Provincial Grand Lodge. Referring to the increased development of the work in connection with the Charities, the Prov. G. Secretary submitted that if the privilege of wearing the Charity jewel, which is now confined to those who have rendered service to the three Royal Masonic Institutions, were conceded to brethren performing similar service to any Charity of a purely Masonic nature, whether metropolitan or provincial, it would be highly appreciated by the brethren, and would conduce to the increased prosperity of the local Masonic Charities. The Benevolence and Charity Committee, at its meetings during the past year, had made grants to six distressed brethren and six widows, amounting to £163. It had been considered that if the annual returns from the lodges were made up to the 31st December, instead of the 30th June as at present provided, it would be better, inasmuch as it would enable Secretaries to make their returns during the working part of the year, and not when many of the lodges are having their vacation. The report concluded—"We have to record another visitation of the G.A.O.T.U., who, in his divine providence has removed from his sphere on earth that most distinguished brother the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., one whose good name and many excellences will live long in the annals of his country and Masonry. May the Carnarvon Lodge, which has been warranted to meet in West Lancashire, and named after so distinguished a Mason, prove worthy of the name it bears,

* We should like evidence of this statement, for we cannot accept it without proof accordingly.—[Ed. F.M.]

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER spoke of the Provincial Grand Secretary's report as able and comprehensive, and touching upon so many matters, some of them of such great importance. With regard to the number of lodges in the province, and the number of the brethren, it was a very fine thing to stand at the top of the tree in those respects, but at the same time it became a question whether a province consisting of over 100 lodges was not becoming too unwieldy a machine. That was a question for the Grand Lodge to decide. He wished to point out that it had been hinted to him—not in Lancashire—that it was all very well to have all that increase of warrants, but that the new lodges were not necessary. His answer to that was that anyone of that opinion should look at the number of Masons in the province—6561, which would show that the lodges were all full and in good working order. So long as that was so no fault could be found either with the number of lodges or with the number of brethren belonging to them. But he must endorse what the Prov. G. Sec. had said as to their exercising more and more care in the selection of those to be elected to the brotherhood. There was another point to which he wished to refer—the question of provincial rank. It made him feel very sad sometimes to think how few rewards it was in his power to give to brethren in the province. A few years ago he was instrumental in obtaining two extra Deacons for provinces of over 40 lodges; and he hoped that if that question was brought before the council of the Grand Lodge something more would be agreed to. He thought that they as a province of 104 lodges should have more power of fixing rank than a province of 15 lodges or less. In conclusion, his lordship expressed his deep regret at the loss sustained by the death of his dear colleague the Earl of Carnarvon, who was a good Mason, a straight Statesman, and a good man, and whose loss to the brotherhood was great indeed.

The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer was the next item of business, considerable interest being manifested in the result. Bro. G. A. Harradon, P.M. of the Princes Lodge, No. 2316, was proposed by Bro. S. G. Sinclair, P.P.G.W., seconded by Bro. W. Blackhurst, P.M. 314, and supported by Bro. Councillor J. de Bels Adam, W.M. 2316, and others; Bro. J. H. Tyson, P.M. 1182, by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. Dr. Costine, P.P.G.R.; and Bro. W. Savage, P.M. 1609; who was proposed by Bro. J. Newell, P.G.W., seconded by Bro. Lewis Peake, P.M. 1035. The voting was by ballot, and, after the scrutineers had performed their work, the P.G.M. announced the result as follows: Bro. Harradon, 268 votes; Bro. Tyson, 93; and Bro. Savage, 75; the announcement of the numbers being received with loud applause. Bro. Harradon was then invested by the P.G.M. as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and he briefly thanked the brethren for the honour which had been conferred upon him.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. J. S. White	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Capt. John M'Nab, R.N.	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. C. Hesketh Knollys	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Stowell	...	...	...
" W. Blackhurst	...	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" W. Goodacre (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. Chapman	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" E. Sherwood	...	...	...
" E. Ford	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" J. M. King	...	...	...
" R. Warriner	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. E. Boden	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. W. Elton	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. B. Wolstenholme	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. Beattie	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Nelson	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Turvey	...	...	...
" S. Jupp	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Chadderton	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. Whittle	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.
" T. Ball	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.P.
" C. Wadsworth	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. Cotter	...	...	...
" W. Corner, jun.	...	...	...
" J. Barrow	...	...	...
" W. Platt	...	...	...
" W. Foulkes	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" P. Ball	...	...	...

Charity jewels were presented to Bros. E. H. Cookson, J. de Bels Adam, Hindley, and Barrow.

The following votes from the Charities Fund were, after discussion, agreed to: 100 guineas to the R.M.B.I., 50 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, 20 guineas to the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund, and 20 guineas to the West Lancashire Alps Benevolent Institution. It was also resolved—"That in the event of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, accepting the position of Chairman at the next annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of 400 guineas be voted from the Fund of Benevolence to that Institution."

Several matters affecting the Provincial Charities and other schemes were discussed at great length, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after sitting more than three hours, the general proceedings being characterised by more than the usual liveliness.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Somersetshire held its annual meeting under the banner of the Inkerman Chapter, at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on Monday, the 29th ult., when there was a good attendance of members from different parts of the county. The chairs of the three Principals were filled by Comps. R. C. Else, Grand Supt.; Col. W. Long, Prov. Grand H.; and Elworthy, Prov. Grand J. The other Provincial Grand Officers present were Comps. Noke, P.G.S.E.; Rice, P.G.P.S.; J. Gill, P.G.D.C.; A. Salter, P.A.G.D.C.; and Salter and Bigwood, P.G. Janitors.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter held at Clevedon last year having been read and confirmed, on the proposal of the G. SUPERINTENDENT it was unanimously resolved, "That the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Somersetshire, in Grand Chapter assembled, desire to express and place on record their feelings of deep grief at the death of their beloved Pro Grand First Principal, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and their sense of the deep loss the Royal Arch Degree has sustained thereby."

The Treasurer's accounts were presented and accepted, the same showing a balance in hand of £128 2s. 4d., against £110 19s. 4d. at this time last year.

The Grand Superintendent then re-appointed Comp. Long as the Prov. G.H. for the ensuing year, and for the office of Prov. Grand J. he appointed Comp. F. W. S. Wicksteed, of Inkerman Chapter. These officers having been formally invested, Comp. B. H. Watts was re-elected as P.G. Treasurer, and Comp. Noke as P.G.S.E.

Collars of office were subsequently bestowed as under:				
Comp. Duckett	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rice (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Timmins, 73	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Knight, 41	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" E. White	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Reece, 1750	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Holroyd, 291	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Gill (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" George Glossop, 1222	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Marchant, 285	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Salter	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Bigwood	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Janitor.

On the proposal of the PROV. G.H., By-law IV. of the Regulations of this Provincial Grand Chapter was altered as follows: "The members of the Provincial Grand Chapter are the Present and Past Officers thereof, and the Principals and Past First Principals of every chapter within the province, and Past First Principals of any chapter under the English Constitution, if a member of Grand Chapter, but no companion can be a member of the Provincial Grand Chapter unless he is a subscribing member of a chapter within the province." It was explained that the foregoing alteration was necessary to bring the provincial by-laws into harmony with the new Book of Constitutions.

Prior to the close of the Provincial Grand Chapter, alms amounting to £2 2s. were taken, and voted to the Weston-super-Mare Hospital.

Subsequently upwards of 50 companions sat down to a first-class banquet.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL OAK MARK LODGE, No. 416, DEPTFORD.

This very interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday, the 16th ult., in the presence of a very large number of the Provincial Grand Officers, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Prov. Grand Master, honoured the members of the new lodge by performing the ceremony of consecration, assisted by Bros. Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., Deputy P.G.M.; W. O. Kennett, P.J.G.W.; J. G. Povey, P.D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Sec.; F. Wright, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Bateman; J. Tomkins and Horatio H. Shirley, G. Stewards; A. Escott, G. Pulsford, W. Denne, G. F. Slade, A. Dacon, G. B. Cobham, F. H. Miller, H. W. Partridge, E. Thiellay, C. Sims, and W. J. Spratling.

Previous to the consecration Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M., advanced Bros. E. G. Bax, N. Brokenshire, W. H. Vint, A. C. Dandridge, A. J. Jones, W. Hewett, D. Walter, F. Morgan, R. H. Hancock, W. Melton, and F. Bugler to the Degree of M.M.

The founders are Bros. J. J. Pakes, J. G. Thomas, P. J. Dunbar, A. Dealer, and W. F. Crook. Joining member, Bro. W. C. Barker.

Bro. Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS, D.P.G.M., delivered an oration on Mark Masonry and Masons' marks, which was listened to with deep attention by all the brethren present, the only feeling prevailing was one of regret that time compelled the shortening of one of the most eloquent and interesting orations ever delivered.

At the conclusion of the consecration the P.G.M. vacated the chair in favour of the D.P.G.M., who in a most impressive manner performed the ceremony of installation.

The first W.M. was Bro. John J. Pakes, who duly appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. G. Thomas, S.W.; Major Penrose J. Dunbar, J.W. (by deputy); Rev. T. W. Embleton-Thomas, M.O. (by deputy); E. G. Bax, S.O.; W. Hewett, J.O.; Stringer, Treas. (by deputy); Dealer, R. of M.; Brokenshire, Sec.; Barker, S.D.; Dandridge, J.D.; Crook, I.G.; Walter, D.C.; Vint, Org.; Jones, Steward; and Ball, Tyler.

Cordial votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were elected honorary members, and a Committee was formed for framing the by-laws.

About 50 brethren subsequently partook of a very excellent banquet, that did great credit to the host, Bro. Vint.

The W.M., Bro. Pakes, was supported on his right by the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., and on his left by Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. TOMKINS and SHIRLEY responded on behalf of "The Officers of Grand Lodge."

In response to the toast of "The Prov. G.M. of Kent, Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson," which was received with great enthusiasm, the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER stated how pleased he was to be enabled to consecrate a Mark lodge in that far corner of his province.

In proposing "The Health of the D.P.G.M.," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER explained to the brethren the great interest Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings had taken in the formation of the lodge, and the large amount of correspondence that had taken place.

Bro. the Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS, in the course of his reply, stated that he had only a day or two previously turned up some of the letters dated 1887.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. John J. Pakes," was given in an eloquent speech by the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. T. ROBINSON, M.A.

In proposing "The Visitors," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER expressed the thanks of the brethren to Bros. F. H. Miller, G. Pulsford, E. Primrose, and A. Escott for their kindness in recommending the petition, they being officers of the Royal Naval College Mark Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

ORDER OF JOACHIM (Joachim St., Orden Von), is of German Origin, and has borne various names. It seems first to have been called "Orden von St. Jonathan," about the middle of the last century, June 20, 1755, and was composed of nobles, who could, it appears, introduce their wives and children; so that it was androgyne, and received equally Roman Catholics and Lutherans. Its chief seat seems to be Bamberg, in Bavaria. The first Grand Master was Christian Francis, Duke of Coburg, who was elected June 20, 1756. In 1767 the name was changed to "Zur Ehre der göttlichen Vorsehung, L'Ordre de la Providence Divine." The Duke of Coburg resigned the Grand Mastership in consequence of his dislike to certain Roman Catholic practices. In 1785 this order took the name of the "Ritterliches Weltliches Ordenshospital von St. Joachim, dem gebenedeiten Vater der heiligen Jungfrau Maria, der Mutter unsere Herren und Heilandes, Jesu Christi," the knightly worldly chapter of the Order of St. Joachim, the blessed father of the holy Virgin Mary, &c. In 1806 Joachim Murat became Grand Master of the Order. It has been said by Oliver and Thory that the Constitutions of the Order in 1772 proclaimed belief in the Holy Trinity, and forbade waltzing. It seems also that they prohibited childish amusements and the game of hazard. The cipher of the Order was at first O. J. (Orden Jonathan); later O. P. (Ordo Providentiæ); in 1780 S. A. R. P. (Stanislaus Augustus Rex Poloniæ). The motto of the Order was F. S. C. V. (Fide sed cui, vide), and on the jewel of the Order "Junxit amicus amor." The Order is said to have been dissolved peaceably in the early part of this century.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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- Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire.
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.
- Provincial Grand Lodge and Conversazione at Worcester.
- Masonic Ball at Northampton.
- Inter-Masonic Rifle Match.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We congratulate the new Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on having enlisted the support of so influential and popular a Mason as Bro. the Earl of Lathom as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival in 1891. His lordship is generally looked upon as the coming Pro Grand Master, in succession to the late lamented Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and in the event of public expectation in this respect being realised, his appearance in the character of a Festival Chairman will fittingly inaugurate his entrance upon so exalted an office.

But whether he be installed as Pro Grand Master or not, Bro. Lord Lathom's presidency at the next Boys' School Festival will be of infinite service at the present time, when that important Charity is in need of the utmost possible support. In the first place, he is the head of one of the largest and most powerful Provinces in England—the Province of West Lancashire—which is certain to back up his lordship's efforts in aid of any and every Institution he may consider worthy of support. In the next place, he has acted as Chairman at sundry Festivals, and it would be difficult to name a Mason who is better qualified personally or by experience to undertake the responsibilities of presiding.

Lord Lathom, indeed, has acted as Chairman on behalf of each of our Institutions. In 1873, when Prov. Grand Master nominate of West Lancashire, he presided at the Festival of the Girls' School, when the Board of Stewards comprised 141 brethren and the subscriptions amounted in round figures to £7500. In 1876 he was Chairman at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, the number of Stewards being 215 and the total of subscriptions £9380. In 1880 he presided at the Boys' School Festival, the Stewards being 236 in number and the amount of the subscriptions just over £14,000. Moreover, he was President of the Board of Stewards at the Girls' School Centenary in 1888. On all these occasions West Lancashire has backed him up splendidly, and we are confident the Province will exhibit towards him the same loyalty in the summer of next year, when the assistance of the whole Craft will be needed to help the Boys' School out of its present difficulties.

The proceedings in connection with the annual meeting, on Wednesday, in the city of Worcester, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire have been on a more imposing scale than usual, owing to the very natural desire of our Worcester brethren to commemorate with all possible éclat the centenary of the constitution of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280. Hence the evening preceding the provincial meeting was set apart for a conversazione, at which the brethren from the various lodges in Worcestershire were most cordially received by the W.M. and members of the Worcester Lodge. On Wednesday morning the same brethren

entertained the visitors at luncheon in the Guildhall. In the afternoon the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, and in the evening the customary banquet followed. On Thursday afternoon the Worcester Lodge held a special meeting to commemorate its centenary, the ceremonies and festivities concluding in the evening with a grand ball. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and the officers and members are to be congratulated on the success of their arrangements. We shall publish a full report next week.

A contemporary considers a case heard at the City of London Court last week of sufficient importance to be dealt with in a somewhat lengthy article under the heading of "Lodge Debts and Individual Responsibilities." We are not much concerned with the moral the writer attempts to draw from it, neither are we alarmed at the doleful picture he presents of lodges being largely in a state of indebtedness, not to say insolvency, for with some experience in these things we believe that such is not the fact. But the writer goes on to say "and one can also picture the feelings of the proud Past Master retiring from the chair of his lodge and having the usual Past Master's jewel pinned on his breast . . . when he remembers that the jeweller may summon him next day in the local county court for the five or ten guineas . . . as was done in the case already referred to." According to this statement a summons was obtained the day following the purchase. As a matter of fact the summons was not asked for until two years and a half had expired and numerous applications had been made for payment.

Another point in the case which seems to have been overlooked is that as the order was repudiated by the chapter, the natural course for the plaintiff to take was to require payment from the individual who not only gave the order, but was in possession of the article. Or does the writer think that the chapter having declined to provide the jewel, the maker should generously have done so? This could hardly be expected even of the most enterprising jeweller.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec is the fortunate possessor of two Masonic jewels, which, intrinsically, must be of considerable value, but which, historically, are in a certain sense above price. According to the statement made by Bro. L. H. Stearns, M.W.G.M., in his address at the Twentieth Annual Communication of his Grand Lodge in January last, these jewels were transmitted to Grand Lodge through Grand Master Dunbar by the late M.W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the meeting in September, 1875, as the proper inheritance of Quebec, and, as a matter of course, are still religiously preserved among her ancient relics.

The first of these jewels is described as being "an Antique Masonic Square of gold, having a brilliant at the angle, and having thereon this inscription—'The gift of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the first R.W. Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada,' and on the reverse—'R.W. Grand Lodge of Lower Canada.'" The other jewel is represented as being "a large Key of gold, with monogram surmounted by a crown, the gift also to that Provincial Grand Lodge of Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence, and afterwards William IV." These jewels, therefore, are not only mementoes of two illustrious personages who took a prominent part in the affairs of the Craft in Canada, but, at all events, in the case of the Masonic square, it reminds us of the days when the Craft of Masonry was as a house divided against itself; only in its case, the house instead of falling, became re-united in its several parts, and is now stronger than ever it was before. We are further reminded that the illustrious donor of this square of gold was Grand Master of one of the two rival sections of Masonry in England at the time their reunion took place, and that it was principally through his efforts and influence, as well as through those of his illustrious brother, the late Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the other rival section of Masons, that the reconciliation of the two sections was brought about. Truly such a relic as this, is, as we have said, above price.

We are pleased to hear that our Quebec brethren are not discouraged by the slowness of their lodges in responding to appeals for support for their proposed Masonic Home from keeping steadily in view their determination to establish such an asylum for aged Masons, their widows, and orphans, if possible, and we trust that before long the "Home" in Quebec will be an accomplished fact.

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.]

THE CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The report of the annual meeting of the Province of Dorsetshire, reported in the *Freemason* of the 13th September, contained a reference to an excellent rule prevailing in that province by which "all brethren who had served a Stewardship at any three of the Masonic Benevolent Festivals were presented with the Charity jewel, provided out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge." I venture to think that this is as it should be, and it would be an advantage were such a salutary rule or resolution to be adopted by all the Provincial Grand Lodges, as an acknowledgment of the services of Provincial Stewards. The possession of the Charity jewel is a distinction to be proud of, and I have often thought it somewhat incongruous that a brother who had become entitled to it should, if he desired to possess it, have to purchase it for himself.

Hoping the matter will be ventilated in your columns.—Yours truly,

WEST YORKSHIRE.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The proposed new laws of this Institution will be considered at an adjourned meeting of the General Committee, to be held on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, 1890, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

I enclose a copy of Law 81 with an addendum thereto, which at the instance of the Provisional Management Committee will be placed before the General Committee for adoption.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH,

Hon. Sec. Prov. Man. Com. R.M.I.B.

October 7th.

Law 81.—No pension or gratuity on retirement shall be paid from the funds of the Institution.

Addendum.—The Council may, if they think fit, agree with any officer of the Institution for the formation of a fund in the nature of a superannuation fund, to be invested in the names of the Trustees, the main principles of such agreement being that such officer and the Institution respectively shall contribute yearly for a period of 20 years such sums not exceeding 10 per cent. of the salary from time to time received by such officer as may be agreed on; that these contributions shall accumulate at compound interest; that in case the officer serves the Institution for such 20 years, he or she shall on his or her retirement be entitled to the whole accumulated fund; that in case he or she retires earlier on account of permanent disability from illness, he or she shall also be entitled to the whole of the same fund; that in all other cases he or she shall on ceasing to be a servant of the Institution be entitled to the amount produced by his or her own contributions.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—REVISED AND NEW LAWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the Quarterly Court held in October last year, I withdrew several motions which stood in my name on the notice convening the meeting, on the distinct understanding that the "Provisional Committee" would undertake to carefully consider the various vital points raised in those motions.

From the proof of the laws just issued by the Committee I see that only one, viz., the proposed "Petitions Committee," has been inserted in the new laws, which are to be taken into consideration at the adjourned General Committee, to be held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at noon.

The other matters referred to in my "notices of motion" are, I believe, of great importance. I trust, therefore, they will receive full consideration at the hands of the brethren.

I desire that all *last* cases should be strictly investigated by the proposed "Petitions Committee," with a view to their election, should the candidate be deserving and without friends.

I also wish Law No. 69 to be more utilised, and the amount increased from £20 to £24 per annum, and desire that the "Petitions Committee" should report to the Council those cases which in their opinion should be educated out of the School.

During many years experience I have known cases when the father's income when in prosperity was only £100 to £120. His children (sometimes eight or nine dependent on his widow) would naturally attend the voluntary or Board schools at home. The £20 or £24 paid to the mother under Law 69 would enable her to pay the fees for all the children at the same school they attended during their father's lifetime.

This would reduce the boys in the establishment, and leave room for some 50 paying pupils (sons of Freemasons), whose parents would be only too pleased to have their sons well educated at a cost of say £40 to £50 per annum. This would permanently increase the income, and be a boon to many a worthy brother.

I trouble you with this letter, as I know you have the interest of the R.M.I. for Boys very much at heart, but not more so than—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. HARRIS SAUNDERS,
P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Past Steward and
Life Governor.

October 7th.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. E. Cockell. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. H. G. Bowles was passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. John Alexander Laing and George Beste, having been unanimously elected, were initiated by the W.M.

At the conclusion of the business of the lodge, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been accorded proper Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," observing that his Royal Highness was one of the most worthy officers in Masonry, and he showed more interest in its work than any other personage in so exalted a position had ever done before. It was very gratifying to them to have the future King of England at the head of Freemasonry.

The next toast was that of "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in introducing which the W.M. said that at that time a special, but melancholy, interest attached to the toast of the Grand Officers. The Craft had recently lost a Pro Grand Master who had filled the position in the most eminent way, and who had proved himself an illustrious Englishman and a splendid Mason. He referred, of course, to the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and he suggested that under the circumstances the toast should on that occasion be drunk in silence.

Bro. Terry, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, not only did his duty most thoroughly and presided over their meetings in the most happy and genial manner, but had also introduced his wife and her friends to give them further pleasure by their sweet music. He trusted that after a successful year of office Bro. Cockell would long remain with the lodge as one of its most honoured Past Masters, and they all wished him and his wife a long life of happiness.

Bro. Cockell, W.M., expressed himself deeply sensible of the kind things that had been said of him, and of the hearty way in which the toast had been received. He had only done what he always endeavoured to do, and that was to throw himself earnestly into any matter that he took in hand. He held that if a person took any office he should discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability, and he could ask them with great confidence to pardon his shortcomings, because he could assure them that he did his best. He thanked them most sincerely for the manner in which they had recognised his efforts.

"The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that they always had very great pleasure in welcoming new comers on joining the Craft, and in the two gentlemen who had joined that day he thought the lodge fortunate in having two most promising initiates.

Bros. Laing and Beste briefly responded. The Worshipful Master then gave "The Visitors," to whom, on behalf of the lodge, he tendered a hearty and cordial welcome. It delighted the United Pilgrims to have visitors at their table.

Bro. John Seex, J.P. (Mayor of Reigate), and each of the visitors present said a few kindly words in response, Bro. B. Martell adding that it had afforded him very much pleasure to witness the regular and perfect manner in which the work of the lodge was carried out.

In submitting "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the W.M. expressed his great indebtedness to the Past Masters of the United Pilgrims, and said that everything he knew he owed to them. Certainly no lodge could be better favoured in its Past Masters, and they were all splendid Masons.

Bro. Cooper, P.M., in returning thanks, took occasion to express his very sincere appreciation of the sympathy expressed by the lodge on his recent domestic troubles.

Bro. H. E. Joyce, P.M., also thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast, and said that that night would be a red-letter night with him. It had given him intense pleasure that one of his own chicks had been in the chair that night, and had occupied it in a manner that was a credit to the lodge. It was to him a source of great pride that a gentleman whom he had introduced to the lodge and whom he had initiated when he occupied the chair had attained the position of W.M., and had acquitted himself in a way that was a credit to Masonry. Referring to a vote passed by the lodge to support the candidature of a granddaughter of Bro. Cooper for the Girls' School, her father, who was also a Mason, having been suddenly called to his rest while yet a young man, Bro. Joyce said that the young members did not know how much the lodge was indebted to Bro. Cooper. It was really him who resuscitated the lodge, and sorry indeed was he (Bro. Joyce) to know that their worthy brother now needed their assistance. He was certain, however, that that assistance would be given by the members of the lodge to the utmost of their power. It did them good to be kept up to work of that kind, thus carrying out the true Masonic feeling of brotherly love,

relief, and truth. Alluding again, in conclusion, to the happy success of the W.M., he said he should be much mistaken if this year did not prove one of the brightest in the annals of the United Pilgrims Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said he had to congratulate himself on having the most zealous body of officers that any Master could possess.

Bro. Joyce, acting S.W., and some of the other officers replied.

A special feature of the evening's proceedings was a very choice selection of music rendered by the W.M., Mrs. Cockell, Miss Kathleen Grant, Bro. C. M. Ohren, and Bro. Bishop, Org. Bro. Thornbury contributed two humorous recitations in excellent form, and the success of the gathering was also greatly enhanced by the labours of Bro. Joyce, P.M., who, combining the offices of S.W. and Steward, was unceasing in his efforts to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—The first meeting of the session was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., and owing to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the lodge was in mourning. The W.M., Bro. Harding, was supported by Bros. Sandalls, S.W.; Wright, J.D., acting J.W.; Watkins, P.M., Treas.; Robinson, Sec.; Grundy, I.G., acting S.D.; Fayers, Steward, acting J.D.; Knight, Asst. Org., acting I.G.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Gordon, Org.; Tildesley, Stwd.; Walkley, Tyler; Wing, I.P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; and about 30 other members. Visitors: Bros. Beck, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middx.; E. A. Harris, P.M. 201; Robinson, S.W. 704; Tucker, J.W. 144; Blatchford, 704; and Lyon, 185.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. G. Tildesley, W. E. Halfpenny, and Carlo Manzoni, and proved unanimous in their favour. A ballot was then taken for Bro. W. J. Harris, 201, as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. Messrs. Tildesley and Carlo Manzoni were regularly initiated into Freemasonry in a most able manner. Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after other routine business and "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

At the dinner which followed about 45 sat down, and the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft."

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," the Worshipful Master said he could speak from repeated experience of the excellence of that Prince's work.

The toast was received with acclamation.

The next was the toast of "The Grand Officers," and the W.M. made some trite and feeling remarks on the death of the Pro G.M.

The I.P.M., Bro. Wing, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that if the work that evening, and the prospective work for next month were to be taken as any prognostication, it seemed as if Bro. Harding would have a most prosperous year of office, also expressing his opinion that if the same energy, harmony, and good feeling continued to pervade the lodge, he saw no reason why it should not become one of the happiest and most influential lodges in the English Constitution.

Bro. Beck, P.P.G. Org. Middx., gave an impromptu medley on the piano, after which the W.M. briefly replied, expressing his opinion that the I.P.M. and brethren made too much of him, and might make him proud, but insisting that if every brother would attend lodge of instruction regularly, he need never fear of being able to discharge any duty imposed upon him.

The next toast was "The Initiates," and after a song, "The last stirrup cup," from Bro. Green, accompanied by Bro. Gordon, the initiates suitably responded.

The toast of "The Past Master" was followed by a song by one of the new brethren, Bro. G. Tildesley, "Safe in my father's home," accompanied by Bro. Gordon.

Bros. Wing, Collings, Pardoe, and Williams replied, Bro. Pardoe remarking that the Past Masters tried to be useful, but if not useful, they were, or ought to be, ornamental.

The next toast was "The Visitors," which was most heartily received.

Bro. G. Tildesley sang an encore, "The King's Highway."

Bros. Beck, Harris, Robinson, Tucker, and Blatchford responded, some of them in most witty terms, creating roars of laughter all round the room.

To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Robinson, P.M., Sec., replied on behalf of himself and Bro. Watkins, who had been compelled to leave.

The Worshipful Master now apologised for interpolating a toast which was not usually given, but begged to propose "The Health of the Joining Member, Bro. W. J. Harris."

After Bro. Knight had sung "The Village Blacksmith," accompanied by Bro. George Washington Moore,

Bro. Harris returned his sincere thanks to the W.M. for proposing his health, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received it.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

Rothesay Lodge (No. 1687).—This successful lodge held its installation meeting at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 1st instant. There was a large attendance, including the following members: Bros. W. Adams, W.M.; Henri Gros, S.W.; E. Valeriani, P.M., Sec.; J. Conning, S.D.; C. J. Stevenson, J.D.; Tito Mattei, Org.; F. Green, P.M.; R. Green, P.M.; R. Shaw, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Augustus Harris, G. Treas.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. H. Turgin, 1012; W. T. Graves, P.P.G.S.B. Herts.; C. R. Brighton, 2347; J. W. Ramsay, P.P.G.W. Middx.; J. Peyton, 172; G. White, 1772; G. A. Payne, P.M. 953; G. J. Krehl, 12; W. Truman, 957; P. Harris, 177; L. J. Drew, 157; E. Dowst, 1627; J. Collier, P.M. 1704, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; H. Pratti, 1559; W. H. Baylis, P.M. 9; W. Hudson, 1 (S.C.); and W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and Bro. W. H. Watson was passed to the Second Degree. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a highly satisfactory state, was deferred for consideration until the next meeting. Bro. Henri Gros was presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Adams. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Stevenson, S.W.; Conning, J.W.; J. Butlin, Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M.,

Sec.; Shaw, S.D.; Gallixia, J.D.; Tepping, I.G.; Tito Mattei, Org.; J. Mentasti, Stwd.; Smith, P.M.; D.C.; Riley, Asst. D.C.; and Potter, Tyler. Bro. Henri Gros, W.M., said that for some years it had been the custom for the W.M. to represent the lodge on behalf of one of the Institutions. He intended to act in that capacity for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but as he was already Life Governor, he would qualify his wife for a Life Governorship. On the proposition of the I.P.M., the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds, and before the evening closed the total was raised to 65 guineas. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Adams, I.P.M., for the excellent manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The Organist, Bro. Tito Mattei, having honoured the lodge by composing a Rothesay Valse, 20 copies were presented to the R.M.I.G. by the Past Masters, and a letter was read from Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, thanking the members for their kindly and thoughtful gift.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* repast, which was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the W.M. had been good enough, and rightly so, to mention the great services rendered to the Craft by the late Pro Grand Master, and all must admit the great services rendered by him during his sojourn round the world. In the Deputy Grand Master they had a brother who presided over the largest Provincial Grand Lodge in the world—West Lancashire—numbering 154 lodges, and one who was most popular and highly esteemed throughout the Craft. For the rest of the Grand Officers they were proud of the distinction conferred upon them, and hoped the duties they had been called upon to perform had been carried out to the satisfaction and gratification of the Craft.

Bro. Adams, I.P.M., then said he rose for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," and was at a great disadvantage, as the majority of the brethren knew Bro. Gros much better than he did, and he could not, therefore, tell them anything they did not know. Their present W.M. had filled all the offices leading up to the chair with every satisfaction, and was a brother in every way fitted to the position. They would all wish the W.M. success, and hope that his year of office would be a prosperous one. The officers would accord him every assistance, and make his term of work a pleasure to him.

Bro. Henri Gros, W.M., returned hearty thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He thanked them all for electing him to the office, and when in course of time he had left the labour he was then about to commence, he should always regard the event with great pleasure. The Rothesay Lodge during the past few years had been fortunate in possessing Masters who had performed their work most admirably. He had a brilliant example in the I.P.M. Some years ago his memory would have served him in better stead, and he felt he was an interloper and should have difficulties to contend with, but he could promise them that, having taken the position, he would honestly strive to perform his duty, and if he failed, no false shame would prevent him asking the good offices of the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The I.P.M.," and said he was not drawing upon his imagination when he remarked that he proposed the toast with very great pleasure. Bro. Adams had done his work well during his year, and to him (the W.M.) he had been most kind. That evening Bro. Adams had performed the installation in a manner that must gain their praise, for he was almost letter perfect. It gave him infinite pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's collar in recognition of the services, and also with a jewel as a further mark of their appreciation. He hoped the I.P.M. would be spared for many years to wear them with satisfaction and pleasure, and to continue his excellent working.

Bro. W. Adams, I.P.M., said he could not sufficiently thank them for their kindness. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be at work for their lodge, but the time at his disposal was limited, and he could only say that that evening he had excelled himself, as he had been suffering with a throat affection, and when he commenced the ceremony he felt he could not get through it. If he had pleased them he was more than satisfied. In years to come he hoped to be associated with the lodge, and do anything he could for its benefit.

"The Masonic Institutions" was then proposed by the W.M., who said the toast was intimately allied with everything essential in Freemasonry. It would be difficult to name a society which so liberally maintained the various Charities in the Craft. The principles of the Craft were noble indeed; if everyone lived up to them the world would be better. They had amongst them that evening Bro. Mason, who was connected with the Institution for which he was about to act as Steward, and he would couple his name with the toast.

Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., in replying for the three Institutions—the three brightest gems in any crown in the world—said he thanked the brethren for many reasons. Firstly, because in olden times at their old place of meeting he had the honour of addressing them and of trying to pick their pockets. The Benevolent Institution now paid £15,000 a year for annuities, and that was only done by their constant giving. This year they wanted more, for there was such a long list of candidates that they wanted to stem the tide by taking on a few extra annuitants who would otherwise be left in the cold another year. That could be done by the brethren making a little sacrifice. The list of the W.M. had realised 65 guineas, and he thanked them for what they had done, and left it on their conscience to do what they could, and he would not ask them to do more.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said they had a goodly array, and, having bid them a hearty welcome, coupled the name of Bro. Collier. After doing so, however, he said they had just been complimented by a late visitor from the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Harris, whose name he should also couple.

Bro. Collier, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey, returned thanks for the kind and hospitable manner in which the visitors had been entertained. They had all been delighted at the service in the lodge, and also at the sentiments expressed by the Chairman at the banquet table.

Bro. Augustus Harris, G. Treas., said he hardly expected to find himself in a position to say a few words, but those few words had been preceded by such a good speech that he was afraid there was nothing left for him to say in returning thanks. He much regretted he did not have the pleasure of being with them earlier, but he had only just

left a function at which he had to take the chair. He had known the W.M. for some considerable time, and it was, therefore, a great pleasure to see him at the head of that lodge. If all the good things that had been said were true, and he was sure they were, he had lost a magnificent banquet, which was a further reason for regretting his absence at an earlier period. He wished the W.M. and brethren every success.

The Worshipful Master then submitted "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and said the P.M.'s had performed their duties well in the lodge, to the Masonic Institutions, and the brethren generally. He would call upon Bro. Green, sen., P.M., to reply. He must detain them by alluding to their old friend Bro. Valeriani, P.M., Sec., whose name he also coupled, and who was responsible for inducing him to accept the dignity of the chair. There was no brother to whom the success of the lodge was due than to Bro. Valeriani, for he was indispensable to the lodge, and he hoped he would remain with them for many years to assist them as in the past.

Bro. Green, P.M., having responded, Bro. E. Valeriani, P.M. Sec., replied, and said that whether or not one half the compliments paid him by the W.M. were deserved, he had done his best to do his duty to the lodge. He was one of the oldest of their little family. He had not heedlessly induced his friend Bro. Gros to come forward, but that brother was bashful, and it was the proudest moment of his Masonic life that Bro. Gros had thought sufficient of the lodge to accept the position of its Worshipful Master. He had done his best for the lodge, and whether he had succeeded or not, he had satisfied his conscience. He had been pleased to work for the lodge, for every member was a Mason heart and soul. He had occupied the post of Secretary for three or four years, but if they found him going from his duty they were to remind him of the fact, and he would redouble his efforts to afford them satisfaction.

"The Officers" was given, and replied to by the S.W., after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

It is unnecessary to state that with Bro. Tito Mattei, Org., at the grand piano, the music was an exceptional treat to the brethren, and assisted by Bros. Alsepti and W. T. Graves, an excellent programme was carried out.

Farrington Without Lodge (No. 1745).

This civic lodge met, after the summer recess, at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 29th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. Schultz, P.M., acting W.M.; Phillips, P.M. 1986, acting S.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; F. Kent, P.M. 177, S.D.; N. P. Lardner, J.D.; H. Herbert, I.G.; Dr. E. Lott, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; C. Bachoffner, Stwd.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., P.M., D.C.; E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Tyler; Joseph Young, P.M.; Thomas Simpson, P.M.; George Herbert, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Acworth, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., and Harvey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. E. Salt was ably passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Sydney Shapcott, and it proving to be unanimous, he was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries. The I.P.M.'s working left but little to be desired. Communications from absent members having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The acting W.M. made an excellent Chairman, his speeches being brief and pertinent.

During the evening an interesting event took place—the presentation of a massive and handsome timepiece to Bro. N. P. Lardner, J.D. It bore an inscription to the effect that it was presented by the members of the Farrington Without Lodge to Bro. N. P. Lardner on his marriage.

The I.P.M., in making the presentation in the name of the lodge, trusted that Bro. Lardner would live for many years to treasure the gift as a souvenir of No. 1745, and that his marriage would be crowned with every happiness.

The recipient in a few feeling and modest words acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him and his wife.

During the evening Bros. Dr. Lott, G. Herbert, J. Young, N. P. Lardner, S. Shapcott, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).

The October meeting of this lodge was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. H. J. Thrower, W.M., presided, and the lodge was in double mourning, viz., for the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and Bro. E. Walker, a founder and Past Master of the lodge.

The business included the passing of Bros. W. R. B. Dellar, L. Nehm, and O. W. Braine, and the initiation of Mr. J. L. Nurcombe. On the motion of Bro. L. Stean, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Funston, P.M., it was unanimously resolved as follows: "That this meeting desires to express to the widow and children of the late Enoch Walker, Esq., a founder and Past Master of this lodge, its sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement and great loss. The deceased had with sage advice, generously and cheerfully rendered at all times, assisted the Past Masters and brethren in promoting the prosperity of the lodge, and maintaining a spirit of Charity and fellowship. The brethren will long mourn the loss of their deceased Past Master and brother, who had deserved and gained their love and esteem." It was further resolved that a copy of this resolution, neatly written and framed, be presented to the family of the deceased. The lodge was then closed.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 3rd instant, when there were present Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., in the chair; W. H. Rylands, P.G.S., as I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W.; J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, as J.D.; W. M. Williams, Stwd., as I.G.; H. J. Whymper, and C. Purdon Clarke. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. A. Clark, S. Strasser, Colonel J. Mead, J. L. Holland, E. Jervis, R. Roy, G. W. Taylor, J. B. Cockburn, J. Stevens, F. W. Levander, J. Barnett, jun., W. M. Graham, C. N. McIntyre North, F. W. Driver, E. J. Barron, C. B. Barnes, H. Chintamon, H. L. Warner, C. F. Hogard, P.G.Std.Br.; F. Weiss, and G. A. Rock. Visitors: Bros. E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; C. R. Sayer, 1076; and F. H. Weiss, 1491.

Eleven lodges and 45 brethren, as follows, were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: District

Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago; St. George Lodge, No. 152, and Zetland in the East Lodge, No. 508, of Singapore; Perak Jubilee Lodge, No. 2225, Taiping, Malay Peninsula; Philanthropy Lodge, No. 542, Maulmain, Burmah; Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773, Cape Coast; St. Alban Lodge, No. 38, Adelaide, South Australia; Orient Lodge, No. 395, Wilmington, North Carolina; Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107; St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39; and the Newcastle College of Rosicrucians; Bros. Dr. J. Williams, 139, Johannesburg; J. M. Massey Hicks, 853, and R. Spring, 744 (S.C.), Johannesburg; J. W. Coborn, W.M. 591 (S.C.); C. F. Beaton, P.M. 140, and A. Yockmonitz, of Kimberley; C. A. Blackbeard, P.M. 1832; G. Kilgour, P.M., and A. S. Woolley, W.M., of 1574; J. H. Cheatham, P.M. 733, and Serg.-Major A. Waison, 733, of Cape Coast; R. Sewell, 465, Bellary, India; E. J. Khory, P.M. 1415, and A. G. Derrick, W.M. 1152, of Singapore; P. Sansom, Prov. G.W. South Australia, Adelaide; C. C. Howard, Pictou, Marlborough, New Zealand; J. S. Allan, 617, F. C. York, 617, and T. B. D. Fowler, W.M. 1025, of Buenos Ayres; R. M. Moore, Past G.M. New Jersey, U.S.A., Elizabeth, N.J.; J. Hunt, 475, Avondale, Pennsylvania; J. M. Sawn, 21; G. H. Kenyon, G.M. Rhode Island, Providence, R.I., U.S.A.; J. Isebreecmøens, Kralingen, Holland; J. Foulds, Prov. G.S. of W. L.W. Lanarkshire; David Murray Lyon, G. Sec. Scotland; D. D. Joseph, 237; G. J. MacKay, Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; B. G. Nichol, 1427; J. Patterson, P.M. 1372; R. H. Holme, 1676; J. Binney, P.M. 139; T. W. A. Napier, W.M. 2132; J. E. Wordsworth, P.P.G.D., Prov. G.T. (R.A.) West Yorks; W. Douglas, W.M. 284; Dr. Balfour Cockburn, Past Dist. G.W. Gibraltar; S. Vallentine, P.M. 1670; C. N. McIntyre North, W.M. 1559; J. M. Parsonson, 23; G. Everett, P.M. 177; W. Klein, P.M. 238; A. Clark, P.M. 2191; E. Jessurun, 2191; S. L. McGregor Mathers, 195; and John Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192. This brings the total number of intrants up to 1012. It was resolved "That individual members of the Correspondence Circle be allowed to commute their annual subscription and become life members on the payment in one sum of 12 years' subscription, and that corporate bodies be allowed to commute at 25 years' purchase."

The petition of the local Correspondence Centre at Kimberley to hold meetings of a literary and archaeological nature under the name and sanction of the parent Society was granted. The annual election resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W., as W.M.; of Bro. Walter Besant, as Treasurer; and of Bro. J. W. Freeman as Tyler for the ensuing year. The usual illuminated certificate of having served the chair was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt. Bro. W. H. Rylands read a highly interesting memoir on "A forgotten rival of Freemasonry," the Noble Order of Bucks, exhibiting a painting of their "Grand," sketches of medals and jewels, and a MS. book of their constitutions and ritual, all of which, except the painting, will be reproduced in the printed "Transactions" of the lodge.

Chough Lodge (No. 2264).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, Bro. Walter B. Marcus, W.M., presiding. There were also present the officers of the lodge and visitors Bros. W. J. Baker, 1892; Charles J. Adamson, 1804; H. Massey, 160, 610, 1028; Frank Williams, S.W. 101; W. G. Goode, W.M. 2096; G. Doland H. Ward, J.W. 1892; W. Hawkins, 1677; C. Chamberlain, 1892; C. H. Cox, W.M. 1839; J. Morgan, P.M. 342; John Culver, J.W. 1839; George Gorben, 1673; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457; W. Price, J.D. 28; F. Hurdle, 548; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; G. Morand, 1351; Frederick Bevan, J.W. 1706; Jas. McCulloch, 045; Fred. Corbett, 1612; James Dickson, P.M. 1572; and W. T. Jay, 1614.

The W.M. raised Bro. W. T. Seaward to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Walter Martin presented to him Bro. George John Judge, S.W., and W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Marcus then installed Bro. Judge, performing the work to perfection. The following brethren received the honour of holding office under the W.M. for the ensuing year: Bros. Charles Mussared, S.W.; Ebenezer Piggott, J.W.; Walter B. Marcus, I.P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, Sec.; J. Turlie Lee, Org.; E. T. Edwards, jun., S.D.; T. W. Noad, J.D.; S. Scherer, I.G.; George S. Miller, D. of C.; W. C. Smith and Edward S. Miller, Stwds.; and Bowler, Tyler. After the charges had been delivered, the W.M. initiated Messrs. James Walton, Zephaniah Simpson, and Henry William Grylls. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was admirably rendered, and in which all the officers were equally efficient, the W.M. presented an elegant Past Master's jewel to Bro. Marcus. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and a choice repast followed.

The toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." having been duly honoured, the W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without saying how deeply all Masons lamented the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master. Not only in Masonry did the Earl of Carnarvon excel, but he was an English gentleman in every respect.

Bro. Marcus, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said the brethren had been under his (Bro. Marcus's) guidance and direction for a whole year, and, in giving the toast to the brethren, he could recommend Bro. Judge, a Mason of many years standing, a good old friend of his, as a W.M. who meant well in every position he took. The brethren would at the end of Bro. Judge's year of office accord him a hearty vote of thanks for the manner in which his duties would have been discharged. Those duties would be discharged in a manner worthy of every Master of the Chough Lodge. A great many brethren knew him in connection with a musical society of which he was President last year, and in which he had been a leading light for many years. The brethren when they elected him felt that he would do his duty in a conscientious way, and with that feeling, he (Bro. Marcus) had the greatest pleasure in proposing the W.M.'s health.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said it had always been a very great pleasure indeed to him to be associated with Bro. Marcus in Masonry, more particularly in respect of the Chough Lodge. Bro. Marcus and he first thought how very necessary it would be, how very pleasant and happy it would be, if they could form a lodge of many of their friends who worked on the square in the Chough Musical Society. They spoke to a few of those in that society whom

they could rely upon, those who always worked in that society with love and harmony, never bearing even an approach to discord—which of course they never did in a musical society, more especially the Chough. Nine of the members—principally the Committee—took it into their heads to form the Chough Lodge, and Bro. Marcus took the lead in the matter. Bro. Edwards was chosen as the first W.M., and Bro. Marcus as the second. He (Bro. Judge) had the great honour and the privilege of taking the chair in succession to their good old friend, the Treasurer of the Chough Musical Society. He was, indeed, very proud at the way in which the vote for him was received at the last regular meeting. That evening would never be effaced from his memory, for all the members of the Chough Musical Society, from the initiates that evening up to Bro. Edwards, were all jolly good fellows. He had never heard, and he did not suppose he ever should, a discordant note in the Chough Lodge. There might be difference of opinion in both the Musical Society and in the lodge. When there was, let it be well and completely threshed out—no discordant note, but always good fellowship. He had, and he was sure he should have, the assistance of his officers during his year of office, as well as the co-operation of every member of the lodge, and he thanked the brethren once again for the manner in which they had received the toast.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," a brother whom they were all well acquainted with. The brethren of the lodge were very pleased to greet Bro. Marcus on his return from Australia. Bro. Marcus had said he had done very little during his year of office, but he (the W.M.) thought he had done a very great deal. It was a pleasure for the officers of the lodge during his absence to work with love and harmony, so that when Bro. Marcus returned he should find the harmony which existed before he left still existing when he came back. The brethren had recognised his great services to the lodge by voting him a beautiful jewel, which he (the W.M.) had had the pleasure of presenting to him in the lodge.

Bro. Walter B. Marcus, I.P.M., replying, said he was proud of the Chough brethren. They had, however, voted him a jewel when he felt he did not deserve it. Nevertheless, he was proud of them, and he thanked the W.M. for the very kind remarks he had made concerning him. No doubt his qualities were a little over-drawn, but he could assure the brethren that his heart was entirely in the Chough Lodge, and anything he could do he would try to do for the interests of the lodge. He only hoped it would be a united lodge—no bickerings and no unpleasantness—for such things kept a lodge down. Every member of the lodge should try to give and take.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," of whom there were three that evening. There were not many lodges in or out of London of the size of the Chough Lodge, which had three initiates in one night, and certainly he thought it a great pleasure and privilege as W.M. to receive three such gentlemen in one evening. They had that night mounted the first step of the ladder, which they would never forget, and he trusted they would be pleased that they had had the opportunity of joining the Craft. The members of the Chough Lodge would do all they possibly could to make them happy and comfortable until they had reached the top of the ladder, and nothing would be wanting as time progressed to make them good members of the Society. He would advise them to attend a lodge of instruction at every opportunity, and if they did so, when the W.M. of the lodge gave them their first office they would find that the performance of the duties of that office would be no trouble to them.

The Initiates having severally acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," whom he was happy to say the lodge was always glad to see, and to whom it gave a cordial welcome, the best hospitality they could afford, and a beautiful musical entertainment.

Bros. Walter Martin, Morand, Cox, Goode, Powell, and Morgan responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," said Bro. Edwards, the first Master of the lodge, was absent because he had been unwell for some time, but he was much better. He hoped to be with them at the next lodge meeting, on which occasion they would give him a hearty greeting, for he had done great things for the lodge. They all knew what the Treasurer had done and would do. Another important name was the name of the Secretary. The Chough Lodge was very proud indeed of Bro. Dewsnap. In the past he had done much for the lodge, and in the future would continue to carry out the principles of Freemasonry as he had in other lodges. He was in touch with them, and would give them the keynote when it was necessary to put the Chough Lodge in the foreground of lodges. They were proud of the services he had rendered to that lodge as its Secretary, and it was very gratifying to him (the W.M.) now to propose that toast, in which were included the names of such Masons as Bro. Marcus, the Treasurer, and Bro. Dewsnap, the Secretary.

Bro. Marcus, I.P.M., Treasurer, in responding, referred to the illness of Bro. Edwards, which they very much regretted. He trusted he would soon recover and be among them again. He had been the first Master of the lodge, and he (Bro. Marcus) wished to place on record the appreciation of the services by the brethren which Bro. Edwards had rendered to the lodge. He hoped Bro. Edwards' son, the Senior Deacon, would communicate to him his (Bro. Marcus's) sincere thanks for the way in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his absence. As Treasurer he hoped that at the end of next year they would show a big surplus.

The toasts of "The Masonic Press" and "The Officers" were then given, and Bro. Mussared, S.W., responded for the latter.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. A charming musical entertainment was given between the toasts under the direction of Bro. Turlie Lee, Organist of the lodge, who was assisted by Bros. Fred. Bevan, A. Strugnell, C. Mussared, E. Piggott, W. B. Marcus, and J. A. Brown.

Cator Lodge (No. 2266).

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. J. E. Fox, W.M.; J. Hill, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, I.P.M.; Robert Charles Davis, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Carpenter, P.M., Treas.; G. Carlton, Sec.; J. C. Osterstock, S.D.; C. R. Scriven, J.D.; L. V. D. Anley, I.G.; R. C. Klyne, W. Hewett, J. Newell, W. Lovelock, H. Medcalf, E. Ralli, F. A. Barton, H. Lino, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Hocken, W.M. 1815; W. Baker,

I.G. 1815; W. F. Harbord, 1541; M. Rock, 2147; W. Dawson, 1622; R. J. Pitt, 329, Org. 1728; H. Keeble, D.C. 1986; H. Irvin, S.D. 1475; A. Pellen, 1963; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; R. S. Archbold, P.M. 2047; J. Hattersley, P.M. 2262; L. J. Dunham, J.W. 2262; V. T. Murché, P.M. 1963; F. Rush, P.M. 1851; R. Elgar, Sec. 1329; J. Dunn, W.M. 1622; W. Jeffery, S.W. 1622; C. Gooding, 1329; W. H. Collins, 784; W. C. Taylor, S.D. 913; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; G. Nightingale, P.M. 193, 2272; R. Stokoe, P.M. 1641; J. Folkard, J.W. 2345; W. Briant, D.C. 1641; B. Groner, P.M. 1613; W. Knight, 1541; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. in charge Surrey; J. Pearce, 1185; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed. A special meeting was held to consider the removal of the lodge to the Public Hall, but the proposition was lost. The Audit Report was proposed, seconded, and carried. The installation of Bro. R. C. Davis as W.M. was performed by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Fox, in a very able manner, and the addresses were well rendered. Bro. J. Hill, I.P.M., acted as D.C. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gribble, S.W.; J. Osterstock, J.W.; E. Carpenter, Treas.; G. B. Carlton, Sec.; C. Scriven, S.D.; L. Anley, J.D.; W. Hewett, I.G.; Newell and Barton, Stewards; Lovelock, D.C.; Klyne, A.D.C.; Medcalf, Dep. Org.; and Reinhardt, Tyler. The ballot was taken for Messrs. A. W. Davis and W. Wright, and, being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated in a very impressive and perfect manner by the newly-installed Master. Bro. Barton gave a notice of motion that no subject upon which the lodge had discussed and passed votes should be brought on again for six months, and the by-laws be altered accordingly. Bro. Fox, I.P.M., gave notice of motion that the lodge be removed to the Public Hall.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet prepared by Bro. Cakebread, at the hotel.

After the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," and spoke of the amount of work his Royal Highness did, and the love the brethren have for him.

Bro. J. Hill, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling the name of Bro. F. West, P.G.D., and acting Prov. Grand Master of Surrey. He stated that the Grand Officers in many cases have many duties to fulfil, and among those officers none worked harder than Bro. West, who visited every one, or almost every lodge in his province during the year, and by his kind, genial manner stimulated brethren in their duties as Masons.

Bro. F. West replied that it was a great pleasure to come to the installation of the Worshipful Master, who was the Junior Warden when he assisted to consecrate the lodge a little over two years ago. The lodge had made rapid strides, and he hoped, as one of the honorary members, to still see it go on and prosper. The W.M. had initiated two members in a very pleasant, correct, and impressive manner, and he was of opinion that the coming year would be a prosperous one.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M., who was, as everyone could see, "a Master of high degree," able and willing to do his work, and had the good feeling of every member of the lodge.

Bro. Robert C. Davis, W.M., replied, and, after thanking the brethren for the unanimous vote which placed him in the exalted position of W.M. of the Cator Lodge, explained that although it was a position of great responsibility, it was one he had coveted ever since he joined Freemasonry. He should during his year of office do his utmost to promote the harmony and prosperity of the lodge in every possible respect. He hoped to have plenty of work, as then he would fully enjoy the position in which he was placed. He then thanked the brethren for the hearty reception given to him, and hoped that he might always deserve the same good wishes and kindly expressions of favour which had been showered upon him that evening.

Bro. J. C. Osterstock, J.W., then proposed the toast of "The Initiates," one of whom was a brother to the W.M. He knew them to be good men, anxious to progress in the Craft, to prove themselves worthy of the honour the lodge has conferred upon them.

Each of the candidates responded in suitable terms, and expressed the great pleasure they felt in the Craft thus far, and thought that as they progressed they would still feel the greater value of the principles inculcated in Masonry.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Master." The I.P.M. had installed his successor in an impressive and good manner, and he had the great pleasure of presenting the Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren for the work, and he hoped that every Worshipful Master would follow the example of the first and second Worshipful Masters, and earn by the same efficient work the Past Master's jewel. As to Bro. Hill, everyone knew how he had worked, and still worked. He was always most pleasant when hard at work in some office. He was acting S.W. for the brother who was away from town taking his annual holiday.

Bro. Fox replied that he felt proud in receiving the jewel which the brethren had so unanimously voted to him. Although a P.M. of his mother lodge, he had not had a jewel before, because in it they never gave jewels. He thought that those who worked well and worthily would feel proud of such a jewel as he and his predecessor had received at their hands.

Bro. Hill replied in suitable terms.

The toast of "The Hon. Members," who had assisted at the consecration of the lodge, was next proposed by the W.M. He mentioned the names of Bros. Rose, P.M., and Hilton, P.M. To those brethren he owed a deep debt of gratitude for the many favours he had received in teaching and perfecting him in the ceremonies of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, when attending lodges of instruction which were under their care as Preceptors, also in supporting him in his present station.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," of which there was a strong array. The back of a lodge has been stated to be its visitors. They were as glad to receive them as the visitors were to attend. Visiting lodges is a duty inculcated by great Masons. He could not ask all to respond, and would therefore mention the names of Bros. Voisey, Stokoe, Vincent, and Murché.

The visitors responded, and said they were glad to be present at the installation of their worthy brother, now the W.M., and wished him happiness and prosperity.

The concluding toast was a combination of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers." The W.M. stated that they were all good in the work, and without such officers no lodge could go on and prosper.

St. Pancras Lodge (No. 2271).—At the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 2nd instant, this two-year old lodge held one of its regular meetings, in the course of which its third W.M. was installed. Bro. Dr. John Powdrell, the second W.M., presided, and completed a year of able working, first by opening the lodge, next by passing Bro. Arthur L. Miers to the Second Degree, thirdly by raising to the Master Mason's Degree Bro. Thomas Parker, and fourthly by installing Bro. Harry R. Graham, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master for the forthcoming 12 months. There were present to witness the ceremonies a large number of brethren, composed of nearly every member of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; George Moy, 1744; C. H. Holland, Sec. 1744; J. H. Passmore, 2205; George A. Lewis, W.M. 2206; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1744; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; G. T. Rowe, P.M. 167; T. C. Edmunds, P.M. 1507; James Hemming, I.P.M. 1287; Nathan Robinson, J.D. 55; J. Thom. W.M. 2331; Samuel Green, W.M. 10; Philip Scratchley, P.M. 10, P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex; James F. Perrince, 1839; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; W. J. Wettenhall, 2168; Lieut.-Col. Henry Gardner, 1718; Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; Sir Gabriel Goldney, P.G.W.; and G. Prior Goldney, 259, P.S.G.D.

The following brethren received the honour of appointment to office: Bros. R. G. Webster, M.P., S.W.; H. Longman, J.W.; H. E. Jay, Treas.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, Sec.; W. T. Perry, S.D.; R. S. Chattey, J.D.; James Irvine, I.G.; S. L. Smith, D.C.; A. Hicks and Jacobs, Stwds.; H. W. Lawrance, Org.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. Bro. W. A. Scurrah delivered the addresses, and the W.M. afterwards performed the graceful duty of presenting to Bro. Dr. Powdrell a handsome Past Master's jewel, which at the election meeting was unanimously voted to the outgoing Master.

After the closing of the lodge a banquet was provided.

The usual toasts followed, and the greatest enthusiasm was exhibited when those of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were proposed.

"The D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the next toast.

Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney replied, and as his first remark referred to his long acquaintance with the W.M., and the respect he had for him, which increased with his longer acquaintance, the lodge ought to be congratulated on having for its Master a man of such experience and travelled knowledge. Any society having such a man as its head must claim respect. With respect to the quality of the Grand Officers, Grand Lodge was never in a more efficient state than at the present time, and never had done a greater amount of work for Masonry. The Order had increased in numbers and reputation; it was still increasing, and with the increase the duties of Grand Officers became more onerous, and required greater and severe application. The great essentials of Masonry were strict decorum in lodge, courtesy by every Mason towards his fellows when in or out of lodge, and a close attention to the ceremonial part of the work. But in all these categories, differences and doubts, friendly or the contrary, now and then arose, and it was a great advantage to have a Grand Court of Appeal like Grand Lodge to go to. He then referred to cases in which the colonial Masons had appealed to Grand Lodge, and in which the appeals had been carefully considered. Another matter, which was not looked upon so much as it ought to be, was the binding power which Masonry had in the colonies, and the affectionate regard it created for the Mother Country. At the last Grand Lodge three Grand Masters from the western hemisphere were present, who stated how glad they were to find friendly reciprocity extended to them. So long as that feeling existed Masonry must endure.

Bros. Brownrigg and Letchworth also responded.

Bro. Dr. Powdrell, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," one of the founders of the lodge, who would during his year of office discharge the duties of W.M. ably and efficiently. Bro. Graham was not only a good Mason, but a good fellow, and anybody who came into connection with him knew that that was not flattery. During his year of office he would have that reception from the St. Pancras Lodge which in every sense he deserved.

The W.M., in reply, after thanking both Sir Gabriel Goldney and the I.P.M. for the flattering terms in which they had spoken of him, hoped to do his best to keep up the traditions, though youthful traditions, of the St. Pancras Lodge, the working of which had been perfectly carried out by Bros. Scurrah and Powdrell. Following two such brethren he had hard work to do, but, depending partly on the brethren's indulgence and partly on his own energy, encouraged by former example, he hoped not to diminish or stain the grandeur of the St. Pancras Lodge. Coming after such brethren as had performed the work, he felt it would be a disgrace if he did not do what he could to keep up the lustre which had hitherto shone upon the lodge. He had felt that he could not take the duties if he was not backed up by the I.P.M. and the benevolent assistance of the Secretary, who was always ready to do what he could to advance the cause of Masonry in general, and of the St. Pancras Lodge in particular. As he looked back to them he should look forward to the younger members to assist him. If with their assistance he was able to increase the lodge and the qualities of fraternity and brotherly love among the brethren, he should feel at the end of his term of office, when he resigned his position to another brother, that his year had not been wasted.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. said though Bro. Dr. Powdrell's sun had set, it was only temporarily, for he would be able to rise on any occasion to the necessities that might come upon him in the lodge. Bro. Dr. Powdrell was known to the brethren as a thorough man and Mason. For work in Masonry he was a wolf, which was a great advantage to a lodge in its early days. He (the W.M.) and his juniors had learned under Bro. Dr. Powdrell what they would never forget. Bro. Dr. Powdrell had set them the way, and if the worst came to the worst they could ask him to go into the chair.

Bro. Dr. Powdrell replied, and said he thoroughly appreciated what had been said. He had gone into Masonry thoroughly, as he did into anything he took up. As their P.M., he was still a wolf in Freemasonry, and anything

they might call upon him for he should always be ready to perform. He felt certain that they had that evening placed in the chair a worthy Mason, and at the close of his year of office it would be the province of his immediate successor to pass a similar eulogy on him to that which he had passed on the I.P.M. He hoped the W.M. would have a successful year, make as many initiates as he (Bro. Dr. Powdrell) did, and help to raise the St. Pancras Lodge to the position of one of the first lodges in London. It was now a small lodge, but they were all good members.

Bro. G. Prior Goldney, P.G.D., replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and passed a powerful encomium on the working of the lodge as it had been seen that evening.

Bro. Green, W.M. 10, and other brethren also replied.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, in the absence of Bro. Jay, Treasurer, replied to the joint toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." He stated he did all he could to enhance the welfare of the lodge and to assist in the lodge work. It had given him great pleasure to assist in installing the W.M., and he was sure the brethren would look back with great pleasure to the time when Bro. Graham was Master, because he would carry out his duties in a thoroughly Masonic spirit. He concluded by thanking the W.M. for appointing him as Secretary. He was sure the St. Pancras Lodge had a great future before it.

Bro. Webster Longman and other brethren responded to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. R. Whiting having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren closed a most agreeable evening.

Bros. T. W. Page, Wilcox, Lawrance, and H. Samuel, and Messrs. Percy R. Buck and James Connah contributed some charming music and singing during the evening.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CREDITON.

Unity Lodge No. (1332).—The first installation in the new Masonic Hall took place on Monday, the 29th ult., and a good gathering of the members of the lodge and several visiting brethren from Exeter and neighbouring lodges were present.

After the minutes of the lodge were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report adopted, Bro. Francis S. Sprague was duly installed by Bro. Samuel Jones, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., in his usual impressive manner. Bro. Jones is the oldest P.M., and has an unbroken record of attending every installation since the re-opening of the lodge. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. A. J. Bond, S.W.; Wm. Hector, J.W.; J. F. Ralling, S.D.; F. W. Butt, J.D.; B. C. Cleave, I.G.; J. Wellington, and J. Banks, Stwds. After which a unanimous vote of congratulation was tendered to Bro. J. Stocker on his promotion to the high and important office of P.P.J.G.W. for Devon. Bro. S. Jones then presented to the lodge a very beautiful oil painting of the late Prov. G.M. of Devon, Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe, which was very much admired, and Bro. W. B. Berry gave a crayon drawing of the late Bro. Rev. Nankivell, executed by his son, and which is very cleverly done. Votes of thanks to both brethren were duly passed, and after some other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel to a banquet, Host Horrell catering in his usual style, which gave general satisfaction.

EPSOM.

Greenwood Lodge (No. 1982).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. C. R. Ellis, P.M., as W.M.; E. H. Minns, S.W.; F. S. Smyth, J.W.; H. E. Francis, Sec.; H. Gardiner Salt, I.G.; C. J. Parke, Stwd.; T. Squire, P.M.; F. Hallows, P.M.; C. J. Boyd-Wallis, and H. W. Noakes, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Goldspink, P.M.; S. Moss, P.M.; E. Stimson, P.M.; R. R. Iempham, P.M.; W. H. Tilling, P.M.; G. J. Judge, P.M.; H. A. Dowell, P.M., P.P.G.D. Sussex; D. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon; R. Jackson, P.M.; Thos. Meggs, P.M.; A. G. Boswell, P.M.; W. J. P. Montgomery, P.M.; L. E. Everett, H. J. Stoner, W. Hicks, W. Wood, T. H. Ellis, S. W. Minns, J. Pollard, W. H. Simons, S. Croft, G. C. Searle, and W. D. T. Turnpenry.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was confirmed. Bro. H. E. Francis then stated he wished to resign the office of Secretary, which was accepted with regret. The chair was then taken by Bro. F. Hallows, P.M. 861 and 1662, and Bro. Edgar Hammond Minns was presented for installation. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. E. H. Minns was duly installed into the chair, and he invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. S. Smyth, S.W.; E. C. Greenwood, J.W.; C. R. Ellis, P.M., Treas.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Gardiner Salt, S.D.; C. J. Parke, J.D.; H. W. Noakes, I.G.; C. J. Boyd Wallis, Stwd.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. The lodge was then closed.

The installation banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel after the meeting, and was honoured by the presence of a large number of brethren.

The Worshipful Master gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Subsequently the Worshipful Master gave "The Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," for which Bro. H. E. Francis, P.P.S.G.D., returned thanks.

Bro. Ellis, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said there was no toast like the one he was proposing, because he was disposed to say so many good things of the W.M. that it rendered the task easy. He had had the honour of seeing him placed at the head of the Greenwood Lodge, and he felt sure he would carry out the duties in such a satisfactory way that the brethren of the lodge would be proud of him. He had attained the highest honour the lodge could confer, and he felt sure it would prosper under his control. It was not a large lodge, but it was a good one, and bore a name well-known and highly respected in the Province of Surrey. He trusted that during his year of office the W.M. would have health and strength and that which everyone must have in his position, perseverance and pluck, to get through the many duties of the coming year.

The toast was received very heartily, and the Worshipful Master said, in reply, that he thanked Bro. Ellis for the very flattering way he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the hearty response they had given to the toast. He felt that he had attained to the height of his ambition that evening when placed in the chair of so well known a lodge, and he assured the brethren that he would use his best endeavours to merit their choice, and if at the end of his year of office he had given satisfaction he would be amply repaid. He intended to do his best and try hard to increase its members. He also stated that he intended representing the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, and he hoped the brethren would support him on that occasion.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," remarking what a pleasure it was to see so many with them that evening. He assured them that it was a delight to see so many who had visited them before come amongst them again. It was one of the great advantages of Freemasonry that they were allowed to visit other lodges; it was a means of making many friends and getting on terms of greater intimacy with those they already knew. He had himself met many visitors at other lodges whom he now had the pleasure of numbering among his friends. He hoped they had spent a pleasant evening, and would pay the lodge another visit at the earliest opportunity.

A great number of the visitors responded to the toast. The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Ellis, P.M.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were given in due course, and the Tyler's toast wound up a very successful meeting.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Jackson, P.M., assisted by several professional brethren.

EXETER.

St. John the Baptist Lodge (No. 39).—

The first meeting after the recess was held on Thursday evening, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Francis Luget, presided, and there was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. The latter included Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. England, P.G. Sec. Essex, who, being on a visit to the city, had been invited to attend. A ballot having been taken for a candidate for initiation, and proving favourable, the gentleman was initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Jerman, P.M. The charge was given by Bro. John Stocker, Prov. J.G.W., and the lecture by Bro. W. H. Kelland, J.W. Notice of motion had been given by Bro. A. Hope, S.D.—"That this lodge apply to be admitted as a correspondence member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, at an annual subscription of half-a-guinea,"—and that brother now brought forward the proposition, forcibly urging upon the brethren the advantages to be derived by the lodge in having the periodical publications of the Quatuor Coronati, all of which were most interesting to Masonic students. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. J. Jerman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was unanimously adopted. Bro. Wm. Easton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., then rose and moved that the hearty congratulations of the lodge be given to Bro. John Stocker on his appointment as Provincial Junior Grand Warden, remarking that that appointment was richly deserved, as Bro. Stocker was one of the most useful, hard-working, and highly respected members of the lodge. He also considered that Bro. Stocker's appointment was an honour upon the lodge. The proposition having been seconded by the S.W., Bro. T. Seymour, the W.M. said he had great pleasure in supporting it. He heartily endorsed all that had been said as to the useful work that was always being done by Bro. John Stocker, adding that so strongly did they feel on that subject, that a few of them had hastily conferred together, and determined to take the first opportunity since the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge to present to Bro. Stocker the jewel of his new rank as a mark of the esteem in which he was held. In affixing the jewel to the breast of Bro. Stocker, the W.M. said that nothing during his year of office had given him greater pleasure than to be the medium of that little presentation. Bro. John Stocker, who was received with hearty and long continued applause, said the brethren had taken him completely by surprise by what had just taken place. He had met during the last few days many of the members of St. John's, who had given him their congratulations, but they had all kept the secret of that handsome jewel. He could assure them that he felt their kindness most deeply—too deeply for words—for he felt that it was through them having brought him into such prominence in appointing him to represent them on the Committee of Petitions, and also in bringing him forward last year and assisting to carry his election as Provincial Grand Treasurer that he owed his present position. There might be some perhaps who felt that he ought not under the circumstances to have accepted his present appointment, but on receiving the kind offer of the Provincial Grand Master he had no hesitation in doing so, for he felt that his lordship wished to show his appreciation of the work the St. John's Lodge was doing in the person of one of its most prominent members. He personally felt deeply the high honour that had been conferred upon himself, and also the kind feeling with which his appointment had been received by his brethren. The W.M. then called attention to the fact that there was present Bro. Ralling, who they were much pleased to see, and he proposed that a record be made on the minutes of their most cordial welcome. Bro. John Stocker asked to be allowed to second the proposal of the Worshipful Master. He thought, perhaps, many of those present were not aware of the distinguished brother they had the pleasure of having amongst them that night. Not only was he Provincial Grand Secretary of the large Province of Essex, which meant a great deal of Masonic work, but he was one of those brethren who was selected for Grand Office by his Royal Highness the Grand Master at that wonderful meeting at the Albert Hall in celebration of the Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen. Personally, he was much pleased that Bro. Ralling had come amongst them, and he cordially endorsed the words of welcome that had fallen from the Worshipful Master. Bro. Ralling, who was cordially received, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their truly fraternal greeting. As an ardent Mason, it had given him great pleasure to accept their kind invitation, and he had been particularly pleased to have had an opportunity of seeing their excellent working, and also learning something, and to have witnessed the interesting presentation that had been made to Bro. Stocker. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and refreshment succeeded labour.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlendon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., occupied the chair, being supported by his officers. The following were present: Bros. J. Wakefield, S.W.; D. Tolson, J.W.; Rev. J. Tyson, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.C., Chap.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; M. Jones, Sec.; W. Shaw, S.D.; W. Robinson, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; C. Bland, Tyler; B. Craig, P.M.; H. Freason, J. Singers, E. Jackson, J. Jenkinson, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Three brethren were raised to the Third Degree, and two joining members proposed. This being the chief of the business, with "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER.

Integrity Lodge (No. 163).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There was one passing, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. Kershaw. There were present the following brethren: Bros. G. R. Kershaw, W.M.; D. D. McPherson, I.P.M.; B. Williams, P.M.; John Studd, P.M.; J. P. Bedson, S.W.; T. G. Sparkes, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Wildgoose, P.P.G.D., Sec., S.W.; T. H. Schofield; A. P. Towle, I.G.; T. Studd, J. Gardner, jun., J. B. Sumner, R. Sinnister, G. Langley, J. E. Jack, E. Hilton, J. A. Gee, T. E. Towell, S.W. 2359; John Bolton, F. Baxter, jun., Wm. Pearson, Alex. Dunn, C. Slee, J. H. Studd, F. Allison, G. H. Chorley, R. L. McMillan, Jas. Mitchell, R. A. Hepworth, C. F. Pike, S. Gaskill, J. W. Sparkes, Wm. Moorhouse, Frank W. Mill, and Jas. Hilton. Visitors: Bros. Percy G. Langley, 2359; T. Baines, S.W. 1730; G. S. Smith, W.M. 2359; and H. E. Tarwin, W.M. 633.

SHEFFIELD.

St. Leonard Lodge (No. 2263).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 25th ult. There was a large attendance of brethren. The members of the lodge present were Bros. Thomas H. Vernon, W.M.; H. T. E. Holmes, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Verdon G. S. Dearden, S.W.; W. E. Marples, J.W.; G. H. Dunnill, Sec.; Walter C. Fox, S.D.; Wm. Brown, J.D.; T. Harrison, Org.; T. Abbott, Steward; C. Birch, Tyler; George Wilkin, J. Sutton, R. E. A. Wright, A. S. Phillips, O. Barber, C. A. Earnshaw, C. A. Mays, F. W. Johnson, A. Howe, R. C. Honey, J. E. Stacey, W. F. Brook, W. Franklin, and J. Agar. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Garnett, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Simonson, I.P.M. 1239, P.P.G. Org.; Wm. Boden, P.M. 2355, P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire; John Gibbs, W.M. 902; J. B. Bradshaw, W.M. 1779; J. Robertshaw, W.M. 1239; W. J. West, W.M. 2268; J. Foster, P.M. 139; J. B. Curry, I.P.M. 296; Isaac Eyre, P.M. 1239; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 219; J. E. Darling, P.M. 1239; J. Pickering, P.M. 1239; H. W. Shaw, 139; J. R. Bush, 2268; E. Atkinson, 296; Geo. Slater, 2355; A. J. Forsdike, 1239; W. Middleton, 139; A. E. Drury, 1239; A. H. Allen, 2268; G. Wragg, 1239; T. E. Barker, 1239; C. Stokes, 1239; and G. H. Hunt, 1239.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. V. G. S. Dearden, the W.M. elect, was very impressively installed in the chair by Bro. H. T. E. Holmes, the Installing Master. The W.M. appointed as his officers: Bros. W. E. Marples, S.W.; G. H. Dunnill, J.W.; Walter C. Fox, Sec.; J. Grayson Lowood, Treas.; Wm. Brown, S.D.; H. A. Brook, J.D.; G. Wilkin, Org.; T. Abbott, D.C.; T. Harrison, I.G.; W. F. Brook and W. F. Johnson, Stwds.; and C. Birch, Tyler.

The lodge was subsequently closed, and the brethren then adjourned to a banquet, capitably served by Bro. Turner, the House Steward.

The newly-installed W.M. presided, and gave successively the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "Bro. Thomas W. Tew, P.G.D., Prov. G.M.; Bro. H. Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. T. H. Vernon, I.P.M., and drunk with Masonic honours.

"The Health of the I.P.M.," proposed by Bro. W. E. Marples, was similarly honoured.

Bro. H. J. Garnett proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer," and alluded to the prosperous condition of Masonry in the province. It was, he said, a question if the time had not arrived when the province ought to be divided, so numerous were the lodges in it.

"The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. G. H. Dunnill, and responded to by several visitors.

"The Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. C. A. Mays.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers," which terminated the toast list.

Between the toasts Bros. H. A. Brook, A. E. Drury, Honey, W. F. Brook, and T. E. Barker went through a musical programme, Bro. Wilkin acting as accompanist.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This popular and flourishing provincial lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 24th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Simmonds, W.M.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., acting S.W.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M. P.P.G.W., acting J.W.; John Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Finch, P.M., P.G.R., acting S.D.; Middleweek, acting J.D.; Playford, acting I.G.; Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Porter, P.M.; J. Ruffle, Org.; Gilbert, Tyler; J. Hall, E. Hall, H. Ward, Houghton, Hunt, W. Smith, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Belsham, J.W. 733; Bull, J.W. 1965; and Yardley, 901.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Edwin Grice, and he being in attendance was ably initiated. Bro. H. Room, P.G. Sec., honorary member, having been announced, was duly saluted. Bros. Ward, Houghton, and Hurst were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., whose rendering of the ceremony left nothing to be

desired. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. F. Rivenhall, and a similar vote was passed to Bro. R. W. Forge on the sad loss he has sustained by the death of his eldest son. The Permanent Committee of the lodge reported that they had revised the by-laws, and requested permission to have a draft copy printed for the use of each member. This was granted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from numerous brethren. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The W.M. presided most ably, and his speeches were interesting and fluent.

An excellent programme of music was carried out by Bro. Ruffle, Org., assisted by Bros. J. Hall, E. Hall, Bull, and Warner, and Mr. Middleton, whose humorous efforts were loudly redemanded.

Royal Arch.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—This popular transpontine chapter held its first meeting for the season on the 2nd inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were present, among others, Comps. W. W. Westley, M.E.Z.; E. Ayling, P.Z., acting H.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., acting J.; Hy. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Austin, S.N.; Sims, P.S.; Smith, 1st A.S.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; Geo. Gardner, I.P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. A. Lundie, 1381, and he, being in attendance, was impressively exalted by the M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Salter, H.; Dowling, J.; and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by Comp. Buxton, the genial host of the Horns. The usual toasts followed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was fluently proposed by the I.P.Z. In the course of his remarks he congratulated Comp. Westley upon his excellent working of the ceremony, which was in every respect a praiseworthy performance.

The M.E.Z. acknowledged the compliment in fitting terms.

"The Second and Third Principals" followed. In giving this toast the M.E.Z. said that, whilst regretting the absence of Comps. Salter and Dowling, he was gratified at receiving such excellent support from two such old and well tried Masons as those who had occupied the positions *pro tem.* that evening.

Comps. Ayling and Walls having responded, "The Health of the Exalte" came next in order.

In his reply Comp. Lundie expressed his gratification for being admitted a member of the Degree, and more especially as he was exalted by the First Principal, who was also the W.M. of the mother lodge.

Comp. G. Gardner made an eloquent reply in acknowledging "The Health of the Past Principals."

In proposing the toast of "The S.E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z. remarked that the chapter owed a great deal to the efforts of those companions. They worked harmoniously together for the common good. In speaking of the latter officer, the M.E.Z. hoped that the rumours he had heard were true that their genial Treasurer would be Grand Treasurer elect in December next. If, however, a contest was forced upon the Craft, he felt confident that Comp. George Everett's supporters—who even now numbered nearly 1400—would place him by a large majority at the top of the poll.

Comps. Higgins and Everett having replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Austin, Sims, and Smith, terminated the proceedings.

In the intervals of the speeches Comps. Everett, Ayling, Gardner, Lundie, and Buxton entertained the members.

LEWES.

South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a convocation of the above chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, and was attended by a numerous and influential company of companions, including Comps. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, G. Supt.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.S.E.; W. Dawes, P.P.G.J.; S. R. Legg, P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; R. Clowes, P.Z.; T. Berry, Z. 315; E. Histed, Z. 372; and the following members of the chapter: Comps. A. Holman, Z.; G. Holman, H.; S. Stone, J.; G. E. Chapman, P.Z.; S. Tanner, P.Z.; H. Ellman, P.Z.; J. Adames, P.Z., Treas.; J. H. Broad, S.E.; W. Wright, S.N.; G. Wilson, P.S.; A. Russell, 1st A.S.; R. Weston, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Bull, J. Peters, W. D. Woolgar, and H. Hall, Janitor.

The minutes of last convocation and also those of a convocation of emergency were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The Treasurer's accounts and balance-sheet were presented received, and adopted, the latter showing the chapter to be in a far more favourable position financially than for some years past. The Principals were then installed in a most impressive manner by Comp. Tanner, P.Z., whose working in Masonry is always admirably done, and not only pleased, but was a means of instruction to those who were privileged to be present. The following companions were invested as the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year: Comps. G. Holman, M.E.Z.; S. Stone, H.; I. W. Broad, J.; J. Adames, Treas.; W. Wright, S.E.; G. Wilson, S.N.; A. Russell, P.Soj.; R. Weston, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Bull, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and H. Hall, Janitor. A cheque for three guineas was presented to the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. A. Holman, as an acknowledgment of services rendered to the chapter, he having come forward in an emergency to fill the M.E.Z.'s chair, but as he had previously acted in that capacity in this chapter and received the customary P.Z.'s jewel, he preferred the acknowledgment to take this form, that it might be given to one of the Charities. He at once gave it to Comp. Clowes to place on the list of Bro. Percy Clowes, who goes up as Steward for the Boys' Institution next year.

Two brethren having been proposed for exaltation, and all business being ended, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Bear Hotel to an excellent dinner, presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z., Comp. G. Holman, supported by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. General Randolph, the provincial officers, and members of the chapter. Toast, speech, and song served to pass a very enjoyable evening all too short.

Mark Masonry.

Grand Master's Lodge.—This distinguished and prosperous lodge met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. T. Cubitt, D.M.; Lord Cremorne, S.W.; C. H. Driver, J.W.; George Cooper, M.O.; S. B. Wilson, S.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, J.O.; Rev. T. Robinson, Chap.; C. F. Matier, P.M., P.G.W., Sec.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; Frank Richardson, G.R., D.C.; C. L. Shepherd and W. S. Webster, Stwds.; E. Mills, Tyler; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M., P.G.W.; W. Roebuck, P.M.; Alfred Williams, P.M.; C. Belton, A. R. Carter, Thomas Fenn, Baron de Ferrieres, W. G. Lemon, J. H. Matthews, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, President General Board; Capt. Robinson, R.N., Dr. Cockburn, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lord Cremorne was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. R. Berridge re-elected Treasurer; Bros. T. Fenn and F. Richardson elected Auditors; and E. Mills re-elected Tyler. The ballot was then taken, as joining members, for Bros. Viscount Dunganvan, S.G.W.; the Rt. Hon. Sir H. A. Isaacs (Lord Mayor), J.G.W.; A. Woodiwiss, G.M.O.; Col A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O., P.G.B.; H. Pajja, P.G. Treas.; and H. Saillard, G.S. The announcement that Bro. R. Berridge, G.D.C., Treas., was confined to his house through illness was received by the members with great regret. Bro. C. H. Driver gave a notice of motion that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Raymond Portal memorial organ. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., W.M.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; Major G. Lambert, F.S.A.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was held. Bro. T. Cubitt, D.M., presided.

The usual toasts were duly honoured.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. W. Rowley, W.M.; C. F. Cox, S.W.; R. Horne, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Freemantle, Sec.; T. Stallabass, S.D.; H. Neville, J.D.; W. Baker, I.G.; J. Corp, D. D. West, F. Mason, and H. Tatlow. Visitor: Bro. J. T. Laing, Ancient City Lodge, Albany, N.Y.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mason having volunteered as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most able manner by the W.M., who also delivered the charge. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was then worked by Bro. Kirby, assisted by the assembled brethren. A ballot was taken, which proved unanimous in the election to membership of Bro. Parker, to whom a hearty welcome was extended. The brethren were called off, and immediately returned to duty. The W.M. having rose the usual times, Bro. Baker was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced the work for that occasion. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the above address, when there were present Bros. H. H. Nuding, W.M.; C. F. Cox, S.W.; T. Stallabass, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, acting Sec.; H. Neville, S.D.; J. W. Drysdale, J.D.; T. Corpe, I.G.; Elliott, F. Mason, H. S. Wellcome, H. Sadler, D. D. West, J. Jeffery, E. Barrett, F. W. Hurst, H. Tatlow, and J. T. Ashby.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. T. Laing, which proved unanimous in his favour as a joining member. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Tatlow kindly lending his services as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. H. Sadler then rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Nuding being candidate. Bro. Nuding then resumed the W.M.'s chair, and conducted the lodge through the routine business, during which Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be a rehearsal of the second ceremony, an explanation of the tracing board, and two Sections from the Lectures. The meetings of this lodge, although only instituted in the early part of this year, prove so successful and seem so highly appreciated that the Committee entertain every hope of a series of excellent and numerously attended meetings during the winter season. The lodge is opened promptly every Thursday evening at 7.30.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 110, High-street, Lewisham, on Thursday, the 18th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Robin, the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, occupied the chair of K.S., and the lodge was worked in the Third Degree, the brethren remaining beyond the usual hour of closing to discuss several important points in connection with the ceremony to the advantage of all present.

A meeting of the above lodge was also held on the 25th ult., when Bro. Robin presided, and Sections and ceremonial of the First Degree were very effectively worked. There were present Bros. J. La Feuillade, S.W.; C. G. Sheppard, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gleave, S.D.; T. White, J.D.; S. Lancaster, P.M., I.G.; James, Clarke, and others. Bro. La Feuillade was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after the election of a new member, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Thursday, the 2nd instant, when there were present Bros. La Feuillade, W.M.; C. G. Sheppard, S.W.; T. White, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; Walter Robin, Sec.; George Pickering, S.D.; C. Thomas J.D.; Catt, I.G.; S. Lancaster, P.M.; Wimbush, and others.

The lodge was worked in the First Degree, the brethren assisting Bro. Pickering in responses to the 1st Section,

and the W.M. rehearsing the ceremony. Subsequently Bro. Catt practised the ceremonial of investing newly-appointed officers. Bro. Sheppard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; E. S. White, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; S. W. Manktelow, S.D.; A. Pozzati, J.D.; F. Devin, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. W. Cuff, W.M. 511, P.M. 1608; S. Stretch, jun., W.M. 1950; R. J. Rogers, H. J. Thomas, J. Hall, W. T. Dillon, C. Coleman, J. Hutchings, and J. R. Hill. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Reddrop, 753, and W. Mathews, W.M. 2029.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. T. Dillon was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. W. T. Dillon candidate. Bro. Cursons vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. H. Dillon, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Stratton was duly presented and obligated. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and brethren who were not Installed Masters retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Stratton duly installed into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the brethren re-admitted. The W.M. was saluted in the Three Degrees. The Installing Master delivered the three addresses in a very impressive manner. Bros. Mathews and Reddrop were elected joining members. Bro. E. S. White was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. W. Belsham, W.M.; J. H. Taylor, S.W.; H. Campbell, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; T. Middleweek, I.G.; W. J. Millington, Stwd.; J. Davies, W.M. 169; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; Jas. Sims, P.M. 834; T. Jobson, C. A. Milnes, M. Rosenberg, O. W. Bately, J. W. Curtis, H. Windeatt, J. Cruttenden, F. Craggs, and Ernest Webb, 2045 (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Milnes being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down to the First Degree, after which Bro. Davies worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Webb was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Campbell was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Belsham was unanimously carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. The lodge was then closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 30th ultimo, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; C. Horst, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; G. B. Harding, J.D.; D. C. Ritchie, I.G.; S. Napper, G. T. Chretien, A. Wolter, J. Duncan, and H. J. Kimbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wolter being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. G. Foan, W.M.; F. W. Buxton, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W. and Asst. Sec.; R. Kirk, S.D.; R. E. Cursons, J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. G. A. Bergholz acting as candidate. The Deputy Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, and Bro. R. E. Cursons the 5th Section. Bro. F. W. Buxton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. J. Bartlett, W.M.; M. J. R. Dundas, S.W.; W. R. Hatton, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; F. A. Barth, S.D.; J. T. Haly, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.G.P.; J. W. Curtis, J. Powell, G. Gardner, R. H. Broome, and W. H. Armfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Armfield being the candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by the S.W., Bro. Dundas. The Preceptor worked the 6th and 7th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The S.W., Bro. M. J. R. Dundas, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; G. A. Knight, S.W.; W.

G. Danby, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; W. G. Vassie, J.D.; A. Ellenden, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. Wakeham, W. Hillier, W. Fayers, F. A. Barth, H. Wake, W. Dresden, J. Spraggs, G. Swann, W.M. 865; T. Haynes, S. Sidders, W. J. Rendall, L. Natham, and J. J. Moore.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hillier offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Swann, who proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Spraggs acting as candidate. Bro. W. J. Rendall was elected a joining member. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. G. A. Knight, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. R. Roberts, S.D.; W. G. Vassie, J.D.; W. G. Danby, I.G.; A. Ellenden, S. Sidders, J. R. Hubbard, C. E. Betts, E. J. Green, W. J. Rendall, D. Stroud, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; Joseph Cox, Robert Kew, W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; and G. Swann, W.M. 865.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very commendable manner, Bro. Sidders acting as candidate. The questions leading to the Second Degree were put, and answered by three E.A.'s. Bro. Stroud offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Kew was elected a joining member. Bro. Fayers was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Joiners' Arms, Denmark Hill, when there were present Bros. Eidmann, W.M.; Axford, S.W.; Britten, J.W.; Cobham, Preceptor; J. Sims, Hon. Sec.; Ward, S.D.; Stafford, J.D.; Stanley, I.G.; Peters, Davidson, Bick, Wheeler, Brotheridge, and Bate.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Cobham, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Davidson as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Axford, 890; Davidson, 87; Brotheridge, 1694; Ward, 144; and Peters, 1475, were elected joining members, all of whom returned thanks, and promised frequent attendance. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Axford 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 4th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. T. Willcox, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; H. Bright, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; J. Cox, S.D.; Whiteley, J.D.; W. F. Harbord, I.G.; Barth, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; J. Baxter, F. Walden, E. Wavill, J. W. Allison, J. Arlidge, and E. Macey. Visitors: Bros. Swan, W.M. 860, and Ellison, of the Smithfield Lodge.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Walden candidate. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, the questions being asked by Bro. M. Spiegel, P.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On the first rising, Bros. Swan and Ellison were elected members. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Badderly, W.M.; J. E. Smith, S.W.; Holland, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hobb, Asst. Sec.; Molony, S.D.; Poole, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Balchin, Stwd.; Stutfield, Green, P.M.; Roberts, Morgan, Bristow, Dottrell, Jeffries, Saunders, Piper, Geisel, Budd, Leeke, and Cocks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being candidate. Bro. Green, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Green being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Jeffries, 2030; Saunders, 144; and Leete, 2030, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoestreet, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Urban Smith, W.M.; Chas. H. Bestow, S.W.; Richard Kershaw, J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; Wm. P. Allen, Sec.; C. G. Cutchey, P.M., S.D.; W. W. Cook, J.D.; W. F. Stauffer, I.G.; W. Blenkinsop, Hon. Stwd.; W. D. Church, W.M. 1365; James Pinder, P.M., P.Z.; G. J. Westfield, P.M.; P. D. Parsons, G. W. Fenner, Fred. Taylor, W. Alcock, Geo. Long, G. W. Fry, B. Nicholson, J. Ives, P.M.; C. Horst, James Speller, N. Fortescue, H. F. Bromhead, J. J. Briginshaw, C. Day, and R. Sandall.

After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. C. H. Bestow was unanimously

ected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. W. D. Church, W.M. 1365, in an eloquent and graceful manner, informed Bro. William Shurmur that the members of that lodge of instruction had purchased from Bro. George Kenning the complete regalia of office for Provincial Grand Treasurer—viz., full dress and undress clothing and jewel, all of the best quality, also a very handsome leather case to contain the same—and that they had deputed him to present it to Bro. Shurmur as a mark of their regard and esteem, and also to convey their hearty congratulations upon the overwhelming majority by which he was elected the Provincial Grand Treasurer for Essex. Bro. Wm. Shurmur, in a feeling speech, expressed his deep sense of gratitude, and sincerely thanked the brethren for their kind congratulations, expressive of regard and esteem, and exceedingly handsome present. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on the 3rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; W. Hillier, 834, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Swann, P.S. 733, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, 862, P.S.; J. Cox, 733, 1st A.S.; E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2202, S.N. 179, P.G.D.C. Surrey; G. Gregory, 862; O. W. Battley, 2246; and J. Smith, 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Mulvey as M.E.Z. The ceremony of installation of Third Principal will be rehearsed on the 10th inst., at 7.50; Principals are invited to be present. It was announced that the companions of the Metropolitan Chapter have accepted an invitation to attend and rehearse the ceremony of exaltation. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z.; Phillips, P.Z., H.; C. N. M. North, 1275, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; Austin, S.N.; G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169, P.S.; J. Addington, P.Z. 1275; Goodwin, Hill, J. 1329; Dale, Price, Newland, Eedle, Osterstock, P.S. 1185; W. Cowley, P.Z. 1275; and Scott-Young.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Goodwin personating candidate. Comps. Phillips, H., and North, J. were heartily congratulated for the able manner in which they had filled their respective chairs for the first time in this chapter. Comp. Phillips was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The chapter was then closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. G. Powell, M.E.Z.; T. Grummant, H.; Warren, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E. and P.S.; Axford, S.N.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Hall, R. J. Voisey, Addington, Latham, J. Hill, and H. Martin.

The chapter having been opened by the Principal and Past Principal, Comp. Hilton was installed in the chair of J. by Comp. Hill. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hall personating candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comps. Axford, 72, and Hall, 1329, were unanimously elected members.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

CONSECRATION OF THE NATALIA CONCLAVE, No. 19, AT NATAL.

On Friday, 13th June, just two days before the Grand Festival of the Order, its newest conclave was duly consecrated by Bro. Wesley Francis, P.G.C., at the Masonic Temple, Long Market-street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal. Chiefly through the personal influence of Bros. R. I. Finnemore, P.G.V., and the Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, P.G.C., three thriving conclaves have been established in this Colony, and the brethren are giving them excellent support.

After the consecration, the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. Stantial, C.; Ireland, G.; Rousell, Sec. *pro tem.*, 1st V.D.; R. D. Clark, 2nd V.D.; and Harris, D.C.

The names of five candidates for induction on the next occasion were duly proposed, and the brethren afterwards spent a very pleasant evening together under the genial presidency of Bro. Francis.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Glass, W. H. Saunders, George Plucknett, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. Bodenham, Geo. Corble, W. Masters, Albert Escott, James Blyth, R. W. Bourne, A. H. Webb, James Brett, H. Webb, William Smith, W. A. Scurrah, Robt. Martin, H. Dickey, G. Adamson, Alfred Craven Greenwood, A. Gravati, Rev. H. A. Hebb (Head Master), E. Stofts, A. Ridgway, R. J. Taylor, Edwin Storr, and J. Morrison McLeod (Secretary).

The SECRETARY informed the Committee that the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, had kindly consented to take the

chair at the next Festival of the Institution, which would be held in 1891, and that he had already obtained the names of several West Lancashire brethren who would act as Stewards on that occasion. He was exceedingly pleased to have been able to obtain the Chairmanship of the noble earl, as he was the Grand Master of the province to which he (Bro. McLeod) belonged. He moreover stated that he hoped to get very strong support from that province and from other provinces, as he was greatly in need of assistance.

After the transaction of formal business, it was announced that the Provisional Management Committee had decided not to erect the new class-rooms, the building of which had been already authorised, at present, the finances of the Institution now being so low as not to justify any such expenditure.

After a short discussion of the new laws, the meeting was adjourned till next Wednesday, October 15th, at twelve noon, for a full consideration of those laws. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings for the day.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. C. J. Perceval, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. Newton, J. J. Berry, A. H. Tattershall, L. G. Gordon Robbins, John Bulmer, Robert Griggs, C. H. Webb, T. B. Purchas, A. Mullord, Hugh Cotter, Thos. B. Daniell, W. Hubbert, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Fraser, E. M. Money, J. P. Fitzgerald, A. Durrant, H. W. Hobbs, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. S. Cumberland, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., A. Forsyth, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of a widow annuitant, and the Warden's report for the past month was read. The report of the Finance Committee was also read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The petition of a widow was considered and approved, and the name directed to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1891. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 3rd inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. John M'Nab, R.N.R., Prov. J.G.W. There was a very numerous attendance of brethren.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last Court, the General Committee, and the Finance Committee, the meeting proceeded to the election of children on the foundation of the Institution, and the whole of the candidates were elected, involving an extra annual expenditure of £110. Bro. J. T. Callow was re-elected the Hon. Treasurer of the Institution; Bros. G. Broadbridge, J. M'Nab, and T. H. Walker, Hon. Secs.; Bros. Drs. J. Kellett Smith, Pitts, Christison, Irvin, and White, Honorary Medical Officers; and Bro. R. H. Leeke, Honorary Solicitor. Votes of thanks were passed to the honorary officers for their valuable services during the past year, and it was resolved that the annual ball in aid of the funds of the Institution should be held on the usual date in January, 1891.

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ENNISKILLEN.

Enniskillen Chapter (No. 205).—The companions of this chapter met on Tuesday, the 2nd ult., at the Town Hall. The following officers for 1891 were unanimously elected: Comps. Wm. Purden, C.E., P.K., K.; J. Grummy, M.D., H.P.; Wm. Ritchie, C.S.; J. N. Carson, Capt. of H.; G. J. Vane, Supt. T.; G. B. White, R.A.C.; Geo. Elliott, Capt. S.V.; O'Ternan, M.D., P.K., Capt. P.V.; Wm. Galt, P.K., Capt. B.V.; W. F. Jones, P.K., Treas. and Reg.; Wm. Teele, J.P., P.K., Janitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read. The above and other business having been transacted, and nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

The Prince of Wales, who had arrived at Marlborough House from Abergeldie Castle the day previous, left London for the continent on Saturday morning last, travelling from Charing Cross to Dover, thence by boat to Calais, and thence by train, *via* Laon, Chalons, Strasburg, Stuttgart, and Salzburg, to Vienna, where he arrived on Sunday evening. His Royal Highness will be absent from England for about three weeks.

The battalions of Foot Guards now in London, with the battery of Royal Horse Artillery from St. John's Wood, had a field day on Wimbledon Common on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the 1st Coldstream Guards, under Col. Follett, acting as a strong outpost of a southern army, while the 3rd Grenadiers, 2nd Coldstreams, and the 1st Scots Guards, with the guns, acted as a reconnoitring force from an army north of the Thames. The operations of the latter were conducted by Major-General Philip Smith, commanding the Home district.



"Faust up to Date," by Bros. Sims and Pettitt, was such a success, that it was not a wonder that Mr. George Edwardes should commission them to write another burlesque. The new one, called "Carmen up to Date," was produced on Saturday last to the Gaiety patrons, and met with the same approval as its predecessors. The plot we need not go into; the audiences at this theatre are content without one. We do not think the authors have made all they might out of "Carmen," but they have pleased the *jeunesse dorée*, and that is sufficient. All the latest events are touched upon in the dialogue and songs. Bro. Lutz has even in composing the music occasionally burlesqued Bizet's grand opera. The gem of the piece is Bro. Lonnen's song, "The hogie man." It was rapturously received, and is likely to be heard on every street organ and at smoking concerts ere long. Bros. Lonnen and Williams have a good topical song, "It will cause unpleasantness," and Miss Florence St. John is furnished with many lovely ballads, chief of which is "Where all is love," all of which she sings to perfection. It is well for the variety stage that Miss St. John remains on it, for she could command a large salary in grand opera. Miss Letty Lind gives her clever imitation of farmyard birds, and dances gracefully as of yore. Bro. Arthur Williams is very funny with his lines, and will no doubt be more humorous yet. Bro. Lonnen works his hardest to keep everything going, and has now developed into a dancer of no mean repute. The *pas de quatre* is now an essential, and if not so fetching as the last, is quite a feature in the burlesque. The beautiful grouping of the chorus ladies and the dresses they wear almost surpass any of the stage mounting which Mr. George Edwardes has made himself so famous for since he took the Gaiety.

Bro. John Hare has resumed looking through "A Pair of Spectacles," which Mr. Grundy has provided for him, and there seems every chance of this fascinating play running for many months to come. It is a play—and there are not too many such—which one can see again and again with renewed interest, and the acting of Bros. Hare and Grove has not faltered a whit since the first night. Neither has exaggerated his part or got lax in delivery. This applies to the neat acting of Miss Kate Rorke, Bro. Sydney Brough, and the rest of the cast.

"The Struggle for Life," not a very good title, is soon told. Paul Astier marries a duchess old enough to be his mother. He squanders her wealth, then seeks a divorce in order to marry a young, rich, and beautiful girl. He seduces a girl of humble parentage. As the duchess will not divorce him he attempts to poison her, but has not the courage to complete his crime. She then gives him his divorce, but just as he is about to marry the object of his affection he is shot dead by the lover of the girl he has ruined. English people have little sympathy with the career of either party when a young man marries a woman much older than himself, so that this may be said to be the weak part of "The Struggle for Life," but the acting of Mr. George Alexander and Miss Genevieve Ward redeems any false interest in the story. We can well understand how anxious this young manager was to get a theatre and produce Daudet's play, adapted and much altered by Messrs. Buchanan and Horner. It is the finest piece of acting we have seen of Mr. Alexander's. He has the charm and ease of good manners and dignity of bearing which the character requires. Miss Ward admirably fulfils her share of the labour, and particularly stands out in the poison scene. Miss Laura Graves at once made a distinct hit in the second act, which she had greatly to herself. We were disappointed with Mr. Chevalier, and some others, but if only to see Mr. Alexander's and Miss Ward's acting we mean to go to the Avenue again.

The Countess of Kintore, wife of the Governor of South Australia, has left Adelaide for England, with her eldest son, Lord Inverurie, whom she intends placing at Eton. Her ladyship will return to Adelaide in May next.

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MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

Bro. H. C. Richards has subscribed £5 5s. towards the Liddon Memorial Fund.

Bro. the Earl and Countess Amherst have been visiting the Earl and Countess of Lovelea, at their seat in Bendamp Forest, Torrion, Ross-shire.

Orders have been received at Sheerness that H.M.S. Bullfrog shall be dispatched forthwith to augment the fleet engaged in protecting the North Sea fisheries.

The Queen of Roumania has contributed £10 towards the maintenance of the lifeboat belonging to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at Llandudno.

We are informed that the Hilbre Lodge will be consecrated at Hoylake, Cheshire, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 2 p.m., by his Honour Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M. of Cheshire.

We are glad to hear that the King of the Netherlands has so far recovered from his recent attack of indisposition as to be in a tranquil state. His Majesty, however, is still confined to his bed.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, British Minister Extraordinary in Persia, who has been seriously ill, is sufficiently recovered to be able to travel, and will leave Teheran for London forthwith.

Bro. Alderman Soper, of Brighton, and who is also well and honourably known in the City, is to be the new Mayor of the former town. His election must give great satisfaction to a large circle of friends.

A convocation of the Supreme Council, 33°, will be held at Golden-square on Tuesday next. There are five candidates on the agenda for the 31° and 15 for the 30°. The dinner will take place at the Café Royal at 7.30.

The Rev. E. S. Shuttleworth, brother of the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth, and late rector of Eglosayle, Cornwall, was married on Tuesday to Miss Angela Cudmore, a well-known London actress.

The Prince of Wales, who is travelling strictly *incognito*, gave a *déjeuner* at the Grand Hotel, Vienna, on Monday afternoon, to the King of the Hellenes, Prince Nicholas of Greece, and the members of the British Embassy.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., first Lord of the Admiralty, arrived in town on Tuesday, and after transacting business at Whitehall, left on a visit to the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn at Coates, near Pulborough, Sussex.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Banister Fletcher, J.P., C.C., delivered to a large audience at King's College his first lecture on "Architecture" on Friday, the 3rd inst. He has recently been appointed Professor of Architecture at King's College.

Sir Richard Burton has been elected a Vice-President of the International Congress of Orientalists, to be held in London in September, 1891. The Committee are Mr. H. C. Stephens, M.P., Bro. Hyde Clarke, Dr. Adler, and Professor Abel.

The members of the West Ham Lodge have presented Bro. Major C. W. Carrell with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of the prominent part taken by him in founding the lodge, and as a mark of esteem for the services rendered as the first I.P.M.

Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the N.E. District, and Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, who has been confined to the house over three months by a severe illness, is just able to take short walks.

Very general surprise and regret will be felt at the announcement of the sudden death of Bro. the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, and Chaplain to the House of Commons. The deceased was found dead in his bed on Tuesday morning, the cause being attributed to heart disease.

The Duke of Connaught will formally assume the command of the Portsmouth Military District early next year, and will have as his Aides-de-Camp Major the Hon. N. Dalrymple, Scots Guards, and Capt. C. R. Burn, Royal Dragoons. Lieut.-Col. A. M. Egerton will be the Equerry in attendance on his Royal Highness.

The Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth, rector of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey and Professor of Pastoral Theology, King's College, is to be initiated to-morrow (Saturday) in the Cornish Lodge. His late relative, Bro. Shuttleworth, Associate and Clerk of Assize, Lancashire, was highly distinguished in the Province of Lancashire, of which he was P.S.G.W.

In consequence of the success of the season and the increasing demand for seats the Epping Forest coach will continue to run twice daily from Chingford Station (G.E.R.) on week-days at 11.10 a.m. and 3.6 p.m., and Sundays at 11.11 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. until the 19th inst. inclusive. The forest is now in full autumnal beauty, scarcely any leaves have fallen, while the tints deepen in richness daily. Full particulars are sent post free on application to the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, returned from his tour in Germany on Monday. He has visited Munich, and witnessed the Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau. Bro. Eve has lately been selected as the candidate for Kidderminster to oppose the sitting member, Bro. Godson, M.P. It is odd that these two brethren should meet in the Parliamentary struggle, for they were both candidates in the same year for the Grand Treasurership. Bro. Eve was the successful one then.

The International Literary and Artistic Congress, which was opened on Saturday last, held its second sitting at the Mansion House on Monday afternoon, and in the evening the delegates were entertained at dinner by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, there being also present Bro. Sheriff Harris, Bros. W. H. Russell, LL.D., Edmund Yates, Sir John B. Monckton, and W. J. Soulsby. The toast of the evening was proposed by his lordship in French, and among those who replied was Bro. Augustus Harris for "The Drama."

Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey, who left England in the Sunbeam for a trip in the Mediterranean, have arrived at Lisbon.

In our report last week of the meeting of the Clapton Lodge we wrongly gave a brother's name as Breecker, it should have been Becker.

Bro. Earl Granville was prevented by a severe attack of gout from attending the meeting of the Dover Harbour Board, of which he is Chairman, on the 3rd instant.

Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., President of the Board of Trade, left Netheravon, his seat in Wiltshire, on Saturday last, for a short holiday abroad.

The Corporation of London have referred the proposal that it should guarantee £1000 to the Royal Naval Exhibition of 1891 to a Committee for consideration and report.

Bro. A. Grundy has retired from the firm of Baily and Grundy, of Paddington and Cambridge, and joined the staff of the Gulcher Electric Light Company as inspecting engineer.

A fire broke out on the 1st instant in Pitt-street, one of the principal thoroughfares of Sydney, which rapidly assumed such proportions that it is estimated that property worth £1,000,000 sterling has been destroyed.

The Empress Frederick of Germany, accompanied by her daughters, arrived at Munich from Vienna, on Monday. After a two days' sojourn in the Bavarian capital her Imperial Majesty will proceed to Berlin, but her daughters left the afternoon of their arrival.

The County Purposes Committee of the City of London were entertained at dinner at the Guildhall Tavern on the 3rd inst. by their Chairman, Bro. Deputy G. Rose-Innes, among the guests present being Bros. Alderman Evans, Major J. F. Wieland, and ex-Sheriff Harris.

The Queen of Roumania concluded her visit to this country on Tuesday evening, leaving Victoria Station at 8.30 p.m., and travelling, *via* Queenborough and Flushing, en route for Bucharest. A number of Roumanian residents in London were at the station to take leave of her Majesty.

Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth, who represented South Northumberland in the House of Commons from 1852 to 1878, and is a D.L. and J.P. for the counties of Northumberland and Durham, completed his 69th year on Wednesday, having been born on the 8th October, 1821.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England announce that prizes to the value of £300 will be offered in connection with their next annual meeting, which will be held at Doncaster, in June, 1891, for the best managed farms in the occupation of bonâ-fide tenant farmers in the county of York.

The American, Italian, and French Exhibitions, which have been successfully held at West Brompton, are to be followed next year by a German Exhibition, to include the products and manufactures of Austria, and it is hoped that the contemplated visit of the Emperor William to London will add largely to the prestige of the exhibition.

The Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, has arranged with Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., for the delivery of his interesting lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the Symbolical Degrees in Freemasonry, at Chatham, on Wednesday, 5th proximo. The lodge will be opened at 6.45 p.m., at the Sun Hotel, and will be closed at 9 p.m. Members of neighbouring lodges are cordially invited, and an interesting and instructive evening is anticipated.

The Queen of Roumania arrived at Balmoral on a visit to Queen Victoria on the 2nd instant, being received on alighting from the train at Ballater by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the Duchess of Albany. The visit concluded on Saturday, when her Majesty left for Edinburgh, where she remained till Sunday night, when she continued her journey by Caledonian train to London.

An interesting match was fired on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Park Ranges, between teams selected from the Masonic lodges of the South Middlesex, Queen's Westminster, London Rifle Brigade, and the 1st Surrey. The conditions were seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards, eight men a side, and the competition was for the Silver Challenge Gavel, presented by Major Lambert of the "Queen's," to be competed for annually. For the third time in succession the "Queen's" men won, with a lot to spare.

Mr. George Terry, a brother of Misses Ellen and Marion Terry, was recently married. Bro. Henry Irving gave him a set of handsome silver salt cellars, &c.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis (Miss Kate Terry), a case containing six dozen knives and forks; Bro. Harry Wright, a steel etching of "Sonning," with the superscription—"A memento of those very happy Sundays at Sonning spent together, 1886-90." Bro. Bram Stoker, and many theatrical and other friends, made Mr. and Mrs. G. Terry presents of various kinds.

The sale of the "Masonic Orations," by Bro. L. P. Metham, P.D.P.G.M. of Devon, edited by Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P.P.G.D. of Devon, has resulted in the sum of £12 being left after payment of all expenses. This amount, together with an extra gift of £3 15s. (so as to make the total 15 guineas), has been generously forwarded by Bro. Chapman to the venerable "Masonic Orator of the West" as a donation to the funds of the "Royal British Female Orphan Asylum," Stoke, Devonport. The receipt of this special contribution was a pleasant surprise to the honorary Secretary of this admirable institution, and all the more gratifying because the work has proved such a success financially and generally.

While the business of the P.G. Lodge of West Lancashire was proceeding at Preston on the 1st inst., a grand panelized photograph of the assembled brethren was taken by Messrs. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, of Liverpool, and the negative has proved satisfactory beyond expectation. Fully five hundred of the assembled Freemasons are clearly depicted, and the majority of them can be easily recognised. The Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, as well as the whole of the Provincial Grand Officers seated with his lordship upon the orchestra, have taken splendidly, and the fine proportions of the hall, with its stately pillars and noble organ, are plainly shown. We understand that large autotypes of this beautiful photograph are to be prepared,

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie and her sister, the Lady Esther Gore, who have been staying at Cortachy Castle, his lordship's seat in Forfarshire, are now residing at Milnthorpe House, his residence near Winchester.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley was sworn in a member of the Privy Council of Ireland at Dublin Castle, on the 2nd instant, and has since been engaged in reviewing the troops and inspecting the garrisons in various parts of the country.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G.D.C., P.G.H. East Lancashire, installed Comps. J. Halden as Z., A. H. Williams as H., and G. C. Williams as J. Also invested the officers in the Virtue Chapter, 152, Manchester, on Friday, the 26th ult.

Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief in India, has arranged for a series of manoeuvres to take place near Attock, in the Indies, during the cold weather season of 1890-1. The forces engaged will be about 17,000 strong.

Rev. Dr. Lemon, Provincial Prior of Devon, V.E.S.N., has arranged to hold the annual meeting of the Priory of Knights Templar of the province at Exeter this year. The knights will meet there on the 24th inst., under the banner of the Rougemont Preceptory.

Bro. Alderman Savory, Lord Mayor elect of London, has appointed his brother, the Rev. Ernest Lloyd Savory, rector of Palgrave, Suffolk, to be his chaplain, while Bro. W. J. Soulsby has been re-appointed for the 16th time in succession private secretary.

The governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have commissioned Professor Herkomer, B.A., to paint a life-size portrait of Bro. Sir Sydney Waterlow, in testimony of the valuable services he has rendered as Treasurer of that ancient and royal foundation for 16 years.

The statement that the Prince of Wales had conferred the rank of Past Grand Master of English Freemasons on the Duke of Connaught is inaccurate. No appointment, not even that of Pro Grand Master—an office vacant by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon—has been made.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Zetland were present at a garden party on Monday at Kennet, near Alloa, and witnessed the presentation of an address to their host and hostess, Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour, by their Clackmannan tenantry.

Mr. Basil Woodd Smith proposes that a tower should be built on the top of Hampstead Heath, just high enough to look well over the surrounding trees and buildings. He also makes the common-sense suggestion that the top storey should be arranged as an observatory, provided with a good telescope and other instruments.

It has been definitively arranged that the Naval Exhibition shall be held at Chelsea, the additional three acres for the formation of a lake having been granted, so that the public will have the opportunity of witnessing a series of mimic naval engagements. The Royal Military Exhibition, from which a handsome surplus is already assured, will close on the 12th November.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex will be held at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., and in the absence of the Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G. (who has not yet been installed in office), it will be presided over by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle, P.G. Chap.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Robert Berridge is slowly recovering from the acute attack of gouty iritis, from which he has been suffering. We understand that he is under the care of one of the leading oculists of the day, who leads him to hope that his sight will not be impaired; but, at the same time, tells him that it will be many weeks before he is able to resume his Masonic duties.

We regret to announce that the Harmony Lodge and Chapter, No. 600, Bradford, have lost a worthy and distinguished brother and companion, John Beanland, who died on the 30th ult. He was initiated in the year 1862, W.M. in 1869, Superintendent of Works in Provincial Grand Lodge West Yorkshire 1876; also exalted as a companion in 1871, installed Z. in 1876, and invested as Principal Sojourner in 1880. For many years he represented his lodge on the Charity Committee of the province.

On Friday morning, the 3rd instant, a large barque was noticed on the Gunfleet Sand making signals of distress, and the Albert Edward lifeboat, Clacton-on-Sea, one of the two boats presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and endowed by United Grand Lodge in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's return from his visit to India, at once put off and succeeded in bringing the crew of eight men in safety to Clacton Pier.

Truth contained last week a scathing attack on a Mr. Walter Austin, who has for several years been appealing through the press for contributions towards certain homes and schemes for providing free meals, &c., for poor children. We have no doubt our contemporary, whose scent is so keen to unearth abuses, is satisfied that all the charges can be substantiated, but if only half are true they are enough to relegate Mr. Austin to private life at least, if not to something more serious.

The great City Fruit Show at the Guildhall was opened by Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs on Monday. His lordship attended in state, accompanied by Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, and attended by his officers. Among those present were Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, and Lady Whitehead. The hall was densely crowded, and an attempt at a procession for the purpose of inspecting the splendid exhibits was hardly as successful as it might have been, notwithstanding the efforts of the police to clear the way.

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