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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It is about time that we drew the attention of our readers to the circumstances under which the first important event of next year in connection with our Masonic Institutions—the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—will be held. This Festival, as they are already aware, has been appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 25th February next, and some considerable time since it was announced that Bro. JAMES TERRY had had the great good fortune to enlist the services of Bro. Earl AMHERST, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, as Chairman for the occasion. We say the great good fortune to enlist these services, firstly, because his lordship has already given proof of his ability as a Masonic Festival Chairman; and, secondly, because the Province of Kent, over which he has presided for the last 30 years, is a large and influential one, and has shown its devotion to our Charities at all times, but more especially when its respected chief has been the principal actor at any of these anniversary celebrations. But, as will be seen hereafter, the requirements of this particular Charity have grown so enormously during the last 10 or 15 years that though a good Chairman, backed up by a strong and resolute province, is undoubtedly an important, it is at the same time very far from being the only condition which is essential to a successful issue of its annual Festival. A strong Chairman and a strong province will do much, both of themselves and by the influence they are able to bring to bear upon their friends and neighbours. But in the case of this Institution, the generous support of the whole English Craft is needed in order to enable it to meet, in any way successfully, the ceaseless demands that are being made upon its resources. It undoubtedly receives a large annual subvention from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and its invested capital is considerable; but its expenditure in annuities alone is nearly four times as great as its permanent income, while for fully half-a-dozen years, in spite of the numbers annually elected into the Institution, there has been a steady increase in the number of candidates for admission to its benefits.

The present circumstances of the Institution may be briefly stated. The annual expenditure is about £18,500, the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon and the cost of management absorbing £3500, while the remaining £15,000 is spent in annuities. Towards meeting this heavy outlay, there is a permanent income varying from £3500 to £4000, consisting of grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of £1600 and £150 respectively, the rest being interest on the capital invested. There is then an annual deficit amounting to from £14,500 to £15,000, which must be made good by the voluntary contributions of the Craft, if the Male and Widow Annuity establishments are to be maintained at their present strength. These establishments are as follow, and have remained unaltered since the 1887 election, namely: Male Fund, 180 annuitants at £40 each, £7200; Widows' Fund, 229 annuitants at £32 each, £7326; total for the two Funds, £14,526. In addition there were, after the election in May last, 24 widows, receiving each of them half of her late husband's annuity, that is to say, £20 a year for five years, the total for the year for these half-annuitants being £480; the total outlay for annuities being thus increased to £15,006, or as nearly as possible the amount required to be raised annually in order to maintain the necessary equipoise between receipts and outlay. There is also another consideration which must not be lost sight of. In spite of the many increases which have

latterly been made in the number of annuitants on both Funds, and the vacancies which have been filled annually, there has been, as we have said, a steady increase in the number of candidates for admission, an increase which culminated this year, when, at the time the voting papers were issued, there were 68 men and 84 widow candidates, or together 152, this number being reduced by deaths to 149 on the day of election. Of these 19 men were elected and 11 widows, so that the unsuccessful candidates remaining from May last, and still eligible for admission, is 119, namely, 46 men and 73 widows. To these, of course, it will be necessary to add the new candidates approved during the current year. Thus, after making due allowance for the greater stringency of the regulations which define the qualifications of candidates, we shall probably not be greatly overstating the number of applicants who will be on the list for election in May, 1891, if we estimate it at about 150. And all these, be it remembered, are old people who have seen better days, but are now without means and unable to work.

It follows from this plain unvarnished statement of fact that to provide for the requirements of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution during the year a sum of not less than about £14,500 or £15,000 must be raised, while if anything serious is to be attempted in diminishing the number of candidates by the creation of fresh annuities, a still larger amount will be required. Towards the attempt to effect these objects by means of the Festival in February next we have an admirable Chairman, backed up by a strong province, and a Board of Stewards comprising as yet about 140 brethren. We earnestly appeal, therefore, to the Craft generally to support Bro. TERRY in his arduous struggle to obtain the necessary supplies for next year. He is greatly in need of brethren who will give their services as Stewards, and we trust they will be forthcoming early enough to enable them to render him substantial assistance in his very difficult duty.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by Bro. Col. Malet De Carteret, Prov. G.M. of Jersey, acting as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, as Past Grand Master; and a numerous assembly of Grand Officers and brethren.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 3rd, which were put and confirmed.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then said that with reference to the resolution of Grand Lodge at its last meeting passing a vote of condolence with the Countess of Carnarvon on the lamented death of her husband, the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, he had now to report to Grand Lodge that he had received a letter from the Countess of Carnarvon in acknowledgment of the address which the Grand Lodge had voted and had sent to her ladyship in accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge, and if it was the wish of the Grand Master in the chair and the brethren he would read it. The letter was as follows:

Greystone Castle, Penrith.

Sir,—Will you be so good as to convey to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, my most sincere thanks for his consideration in sending me the copy of the resolution passed by Grand Lodge, which I have now received.

I am very grateful to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the brethren of Grand Lodge for the sympathy they have expressed with me in my great sorrow, and I must beg you to assure them that I greatly value the resolution which records their high appreciation of the work to which Lord Carnarvon devoted so much time and thought, and their deep sense of the loss sustained.—I remain yours sincerely,

17th November, 1890.

E. CARNARVON.

The Earl of LATHOM: I beg to move that the letter of the Countess of Carnarvon be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Col. DE CARTERET seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

The Earl of LATHOM: Brethren, by command of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., I beg to move the recommendation that stands on the agenda paper in his name, viz.: "That the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on Lieutenant-General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, on the occasion of his recent return from the East Indies, after completion of his term of service there as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army." I may say, brethren, that it is needless to mention to you that this is not done without precedent; in fact, there are several precedents. In 1767, H.R.H. Edward Augustus, Duke of York, brother of George the Third, was made Past Grand Master. On the same day Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, a brother of King George, was made a Past Grand Master. On the same day H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was made a Past Grand Master. In 1805, H.R.H. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, a son of George the Third, was also made a Past Grand Master, and in 1870 H.R.H. the present Grand Master was made a Past Grand Master, after his initiation in Sweden. Therefore, it will be seen we are not acting without precedent, and I hope the recommendation of his Royal Highness will be well received by you all. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. DE CARTERET: I beg leave to second the motion made by the Grand Master in the chair. I can only say, on behalf of myself, that I hope his Royal Highness will live many years to enjoy this position, and continue to rule his province with zeal, ability, and discretion.

The motion was carried unanimously amidst cheers.

The Earl of LATHOM: I will now propose, brethren, that Grand Lodge do present the clothing of a Past Grand Master to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, in continuation of the resolution you have just passed.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Col DE CARTERET, and carried.

The Earl of LATHOM: Brethren, by command of H.R.H. the Grand Master, I beg to move the second recommendation, viz.: "That the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge and added to the national subscription now being raised in aid of the families of the crew of her Majesty's late ship *Serpent*, recently lost with all hands, except three, off the coast of Spain."

Bro. Col. DE CARTERET: I beg to second it.

The motion was carried.

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, G.T.: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—I beg leave to say for the information of Grand Lodge, that I will send my cheque immediately, and send it before the motion is confirmed. (Cheers.)

Bro. JOHN AIRD, M.P., W.M. No. 259: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—I feel very proud in Grand Lodge to have the opportunity to be thought worthy to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the coming year. With great confidence I put this nomination before you as I know it will command the sympathy and attention not only of every Masonic brother but of everyone associated with our Kingdom and our Craft. In Masonry the desire of men is to do all that is possible to create brotherly love and promote charity, and we all know—we know well—how our efforts are aided by the support our Grand Body has always received from H.R.H. the Grand Master. I beg therefore to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the coming year.

Bro. JOHN GLASS, P.M. No. 453, Past Prov. Grand Supt. of Wks. Essex: M.W.G.M.,—In order that Grand Lodge may discharge its obligation to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, I beg leave to nominate for that office Bro. George Everett, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177. (Applause.) Brother George Everett was initiated into Freemasonry on the 19th August, 1858. He is a Past Master and the Treasurer of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, a founder, P.M., and Treasurer of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, a P.M. of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and was for seven years its Treasurer; founder and P.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, founder and I.P.M. of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345. He is also a P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter, P.Z. of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, and a P.Z., founder, and the Treasurer of the Kennington Chapter, No. 1381, and is a subscribing member to them all. Bro. Everett was a special Steward at the installation of the M.W.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall, in April, 1875. I venture to say, M.W. Grand Master, that this is a record which merits the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge in dealing with the election of Grand Treasurer. It will be observed that in consequence of Bro. Everett restricting his membership to Metropolitan lodges, he has been excluded from obtaining Provincial Grand honours. Bro. Everett's work in connection with Freemasonry has extended over thirty years. He has been foremost in promoting the practical benefits and extending the active charity of our Order. He has served a number of Stewardships at the Festivals of the three Institutions, of each of which he is a Vice-President. He has promoted several Charity Associations, which have furnished considerable sums of money to the Institutions. I can personally testify to Bro. Everett's good work as a member of the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School. He has proved himself a painstaking and able administrator of the affairs of that Institution, and in matters connected with the amusements and out-door games of the School he has taken a keen interest, and contributed valuable advice and liberal donations. This has tended to promote health and happiness among the boys. I will not delay Grand Lodge by dwelling upon the qualifications that, in my opinion, pre-eminently fit Bro. Everett for the post of Grand Treasurer. At the same time I hold strong convictions that in this appointment Grand Lodge is bound to examine very closely the claims and antecedents of every candidate. Bro. Everett's labours have been continuous, and his work has proved enduring. He may be described as a serious Freemason, and, unlike some meteors, would occasionally illuminate the pathway of Freemasonry and suddenly depart to electrify other spheres in their brilliancy and wonderful vanishing power. I hope I may be forgiven if I for one moment allude to the magnificent Committee who have undertaken to support and if necessary to do their utmost to ensure the election of Bro. Everett. This signed list of over 1700 members of Grand Lodge include brethren of all ranks in London and the provinces from Provincial Grand Master down to worthy Junior Wardens, who to-night for the first time have the privilege of attending Grand Lodge. In conclusion, I earnestly assure, with profound respect, those brethren who enjoy the honour of sitting about your throne, M.W.G.M., that in Bro. Everett they will find an honourable colleague ready and willing to discharge his duty. I can confidently venture to say to the brethren below the dais that they can trust Bro. Everett to safeguard their privileges, and never to be ungrateful for the confidence they place in him by electing him to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

The Earl of LATHOM enquired if there was any other nomination; but there was no response.

Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence, having been re-appointed by the M.W.G.M., the Earl of LATHOM re-invested and congratulated him, amidst cheers.

The Earl of LATHOM next declared Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., duly elected Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

The following brethren were declared duly elected Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. W. P. Brown, 90; J. Bunker, 1158; G. B. Chapman, 27; C. Dairy, 141; S. H. Goldschmidt, 1329; J. B. Grieve, 1351; L. C. Haslip, 813; G. R. Langley, 183; G. Read, 511; E. Shedd, 276; R. J. Taylor, 144; and A. C. Woodward, 1538.

On the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President, the report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was adopted containing the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205,	
London	£50 0 0
A brother of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, London...	50 0 0
A brother of the St. James' Union Lodge, No. 180, London...	50 0 0
A brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London	100 0 0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, Bro. Robert Grey, for the courteous and able manner in which he has, during the past year, presided over the meetings of the Board.

On the motion of Sir J. B. MONCKTON, seconded by Bro. ROBERT GREY, the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, agreed to be received, adopted and entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4094 5s. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £36 13s. 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th November, 1890.

Bro. THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, brought forward the following motion:—

A portrait of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, having, at the desire of several of his friends in the Craft, been painted by Bro. B. S. Marks as a companion picture to the one by the same artist of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W. and Past President of the Board of General Purposes, which was recently presented by him to Grand Lodge, and now hangs in the Board Room of Freemasons' Hall,

These brethren request that Grand Lodge will accept the portrait of Bro. Fenn, and will authorise its being also placed in the Board Room as a memento of the invaluable services rendered by him to English Freemasonry for very many years past. He said he had been permitted by the kindness of several brethren to ask the Grand Lodge to accept the portrait of a brother who, he ventured to say, had by his courtesy and kindness endeared himself to the hearts of every Freemason in England. (Hear, hear.) The brother to whom he alluded was Bro. Fenn, the President of the Board of General Purposes. For a period of 26 years Bro. Fenn had been an honoured and respected officer of Grand Lodge, and he ventured to say that during that time there was no brother in Freemasonry who had done more good service in the cause of Masonry. Bro. Fenn had been first and foremost in everything in Freemasonry, and had watched with a careful eye over the Craft and its relations. There was a matter he should like to lay before the meeting, which was that Bro. Fenn had spread the knowledge of Freemasonry through the Lodge of Emulation. No doubt there were many members of Grand Lodge who knew that grand and glorious lodge of instruction—the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. Fenn was looked up to there as a father and a great power. But coming a little nearer home, at the Board of General Purposes, to which he had been attached for years, Bro. Fenn had discharged his duties as President with courtesy, firmness, and impartiality. If it had not been for Bro. Fenn the Board of General Purposes would have been different. The portrait which they were now asked to accept had been painted by Bro. Marks at the desire of several of Bro. Fenn's friends in the Craft, and on their behalf he begged to move that it be accepted. He hoped that Bro. Fenn would live many years yet to be a guiding star in Freemasonry, and that when he might be summoned to the Grand Lodge above the verdict on him might be "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Bro. Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (*Garter*), G.D.C., in seconding the motion, said he had known Bro. Fenn a vast number of years in Freemasonry, especially in those ceremonials of the Order which they had both conducted for some years. The proposition before the brethren was one which was entertained heart and soul by every member of Grand Lodge. They all wished to accept the portrait of Bro. Fenn in a truly Masonic spirit. Bro. Fenn, who had now been an intimate friend of his for very, very many years had always acted well with him; they had worked together without a murmur, without a question. Whatever he had said Bro. Fenn agreed to, and whatever Bro. Fenn had said he had agreed to. (Applause.)

The Earl of LATHOM said he had one word to add, to endorse everything that had fallen from the last two speakers. He had had the acquaintance of Bro. Fenn some 20 years or more, and he could say that a more upright man or a Mason more up to his work he had not met. He thought the Grand Lodge ought to accept the motion with great heartiness and pleasure. (Cheers.)

The motion was agreed to, and Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING IN MANCHESTER.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held recently in the Central Hall, Oldham-street, Manchester. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. George Mellor, D.P.G.M.; J. O. S. Thursby, Prov. S.G.W.; Capt. E. G. Lingard, Prov. J.G.W.; and a numerous attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, including Bros. Geo. Hunt, P.G. Treas., and John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec. Altogether the gathering numbered over 200, and there were only four lodges unrepresented.

In accordance with notice, Bro. J. HEELIS, P.P.G.W., brought forward his motion—"That the trustees of Provincial Grand Lodge be authorised to pay the income of the annuity funds standing in their name to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the brethren and lodges entitled to vote for an annuitant and the Systematic Institution, but only so long as that Institution maintains an annuitant at the cost of the annual income of the funds." He said that a sum of about £700 was at present in the hands of the trustees of Provincial Grand Lodge. The object for which the money was originally subscribed was the sustentation of an annuitant appointed by Provincial Grand Lodge. For some time past no such annuitant had been appointed, and as since the money was subscribed the administration of the Charities of the province had to a very large extent been placed in the hands of the Systematic Institution, the motion sought to place the income of the fund spoken of into the hands of that institution on condition that the institution undertook to appoint an annuitant who should receive the income from the fund.

Bro. W. FORREST, W.M. 221, one of the lodges entitled to vote as referred to, seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, P.P.G.W., Chairman of the Charity Committee, moved, in accordance with notice, that 100 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, one-half in the name of each P.G.W. He further moved, with the permission of the Prov. G.M., that 50 guineas be given to the Institution for Girls, and 50 guineas to the Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, P.P.G.W., in seconding the motion, said that, as a rule, he considered in voting the money of the province they should serve all the Institutions, and not make a favourite of one particular Institution. In that instance, however, they had a good reason for making the exception, as it was well known that the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England and P.G.M. of the neighbouring province of West Lancashire, was going to preside at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and, as Lancashire Masons, they were anxious to give him their hearty support on that occasion. It might be interesting to many of those present to know that their own province had, according to the last printed report, 14 aged men and nine aged women on the funds of the Benevolent Institution, their maintenance being equivalent to £848 per annum. In the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools they had 17 children receiving education equivalent, as near as can be estimated, to an annual sum of about £770, so that in voting these gifts they were helping Institutions from which the province was receiving great benefit. Their last balance-sheet showed that the proposed donations could well be spared.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said it was with the greatest pleasure that he heard the proposition. They had their own local charitable institution in the province to look after, but it was gratifying to find that they could yet help those great Institutions which belonged to the Order generally.

The proposition was carried with applause.

Bros. Rigby, W. Forrest, and Wrigley were appointed Auditors of Provincial Grand Lodge accounts.

The lodges of Bolton expressed through Bro. Harwood a strong desire that the next annual meeting should be held in that town, and their invitation was accepted from the chair.

A letter subsequently read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY contained from Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.P.G.W., an acknowledgment of the vote of condolence passed by Provincial Grand Lodge at its Burnley meeting touching the death of his father, the late Bro. A. Hudson Royds.

Bro. W. Jaffery afterwards handed over to the Treasurer a cheque for £150, the sum realised for the Charities by the garden party held in the summer at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford.

Bro. Colonel STARKIE accepted the gift, and tendered his own personal thanks and the thanks of the province to all the brethren who had helped to secure the success of the party.

A further donation of 30 guineas was handed over by Bro. Sillitoe to the Charities as surplus from the Starkie Portrait Fund.

After a vote expressing a deep sense of the loss sustained by Masonry in the death of the late Earl of Carnarvon had been passed, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Subsequently there was a Court of Governors of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. A report as to the financial position and general working of the institution was submitted, and other business transacted.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL HAY LODGE, No. 2382.

The second lodge in South Wales (E.D.) for the constitution of which H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. has issued his warrant during the present year was duly consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Hay, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., the ceremony being performed, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, by his greatly respected Deputy, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Past A.G.D.C. England. Hay, which has thus become a home for the Craft, is a quaint old town, engirt by some of the prettiest scenery in South Wales. Situated only a few miles from it is Maesllwch Castle, which some years since the Prince of Wales selected for his shooting quarters, and which there is reason to believe he would have occupied as such but for the death of his sister, the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt. Be this as it may, the town and its environs look charming even at this inclement season, and though the hills were covered with snow and the trees were bare of foliage, there were to be seen here and there in the neighbouring orchards piles upon piles of apples that were awaiting preparation for conversion into cider. Our South Wales brethren, too, of this division are to be complimented on the zeal which impelled them at this time of the year to travel long distances from the various towns in the province in order to witness the establishment of a new lodge. However, from what we know of the members composing the Royal Hay Lodge, and from what we hear of the class of candidates who are already announced for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry under its auspices, there is every reason to hope that the lodge will amply repay the zeal and interest exhibited at its foundation, and that as soon as it has had time to settle itself thoroughly in harness and has enrolled some of its more influential recruits, it will prove one of the most active and diligent of our South Wales lodges. It has certainly done well by securing quarters of its own at the outset of its career, and from the manner in which its inaugural meeting on Tuesday of last week passed off there is little doubt that it will emerge successfully from the most critical period of its existence.

The hour of noon had been fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, and by that time a very considerable number of brethren had arrived from all parts of the province, but more particularly from Brecon, the nearest lodge-town, the members of the Brecknock, No. 651, having taken a special interest in the constitution of the Royal Hay, whose Worshipful Master is a Past Master of the former and indebted to it for the majority of his officers. Thus with commendable punctuality the lodge was opened by Bro. Tennant, D.P.G. Master, and the impressive ceremony of consecration most ably carried out by him and the several Prov. Grand Officers who gave their services on the occasion.

Bro. the Rev. Canon WALTERS, Prov. G. Chap., delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, and this portion of the day's proceedings having been brought to a conclusion, the W.M. designate, Bro. John Tudor, P.M. 651, was presented and installed in office as W.M. Bro. Col. John Morgan having been unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Evans appointed by show of hands as Tyler, the following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Hamilton T. Baillie and F. W. Goldsworthy, as designated in the warrant, S.W. and J.W. respectively; Col. John Morgan, Treas. (elected); J. H. Tutton, Sec.; C. T. Evans, S.D.; T. T. Evans, J.D.; J. H. Edwards, I.G.; the Hon. R. C. Devereux, D.C.; Charles Griffiths, Almoner; R. G. Rees and T. Marston, Stewards; and James Evans, Tyler (appointed). A Committee was also appointed for the purpose of framing the by-laws.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Tennant and the Provincial Grand Officers who had assisted him in his labours having been unanimously passed, and about 15 or 18 gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren sat down to dinner, and spent a most agreeable evening, the pleasure of which was marred by the solitary fact that Bro. Tennant and the numerous visitors, owing to the long distances they or most of

them had to travel to reach home, were compelled to leave at an early hour before the toast list had been fully honoured. However, the day ended as such days generally do, in a complete spirit of harmony, and nothing remains but that we should congratulate the members of the new lodge on the complete success of the meeting, and express the hope that the future which awaits them will prove as satisfactory as their beginning. They rank as the junior in an influential province of 18 lodges, but there is nothing to prevent them standing on a footing of perfect equality with their seniors in the performance of their duties. They are a young lodge, but youth is a defect—if indeed it be a defect—which the lapse of time very speedily remedies.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

A lodge, named after Bro. William Shurmur, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who is the first Worshipful Master, was added to the roll of lodges in the Province of Essex on Monday, the 24th ult., when the consecration ceremony was performed at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, by Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. Grand Master. The new lodge will prove a large addition to the numerical strength of members in the province, as the founders consist of 70 brethren, who, together with the visitors, made a total attendance of 300 at the inaugural meeting. The Prov. Grand Master was assisted by Bros. R. T. Clowes, P.P.G.W., as S.W.; J. M. Scarlett, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. W. Quennell, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., P.G. Sec.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and Heagarty, P.G.D., as I.G.

Amongst the founders present were Bros. W. Shurmur, W.M. designate; D. P. Holness, S.W. designate; H. F. Bromhead, J.W. designate; H. J. Hallows, M. Rees, N. Fortescue, J. Pinder, J. Speller, R. Kershaw, D. Campbell, W. P. Allen, A. Ritchie, F. Taylor, W. S. Wright, C. H. Bestow, S. C. Kaufman, J. Holland, B. Nicholson, C. Horst, G. W. Knight, Courtenay Warner, G. Chamberlain, W. Goulding, W. Alcock, W. D. Church, W. Blenkinsop, and others.

The large number of visitors present included Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; E. C. Sparrow, I.P.M. 1134; H. J. Day, W.M. 1457; J. P. Britton, P.P.G.C.; A. Welsh, P.P.G.W.; W. Bridgland, W.M. 1000; M. H. Page, P.G. Stwd.; J. F. Roach, W.M. 1579; F. Hallard, I.P.M. 1613; T. Berg, P.M. 1613; T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 907; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; J. Rymer Jarvis, W.M. 276; W. B. Heagarty, Prov. G. Reg.; F. Jackett, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire; A. J. Ward, P.P.G. Reg.; E. M. Money, G. Std.; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; Hy. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. W. Weston, I.P.M. 1378; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; F. Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg. Staffordshire; G. H. Greenwood, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Suffolk; J. Tickle, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; G. Gregory, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Petch, W.M. 2278; C. M. Coxon, S.D. 1471; H. Stevenson, P.M. 1613; B. Groner, P.M. 1513; W. D. Church, W.M. 1365; C. J. Edwards, P.M. 1457; J. Sadler Wood, P.M. 2005; R. Poore, P.M. 1949; T. S. Jackson, P.S.G.D.; E. T. Moore, W.M. 2077; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177; E. H. Baily, P.P.J.G.W.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; C. T. Lacoit, P.P.G.S.B.; S. G. Vaughan, I.P.M. 2005; W. Nicholson, I.P.M. 19; W. Beasley, W.M. 1524; Rev. Dr. Dunbar, G. H. Finch, P.P.J.G.W.; H. E. Elliot, J.D. 49; H. Finer, P.P.A.G.P.; W. E. Sutton, J.W. 1799; C. E. Barnes, P.P.G.C.; C. H. Canning, W.M. 2184; G. B. Gilbery, W.M. 1437; F. C. Dixie, W.M. 453; J. Ellwood, P.M. 179; J. Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192; C. H. Fisher, P.M. 1489; A. G. Buck, P.P.S.G.W.; A. J. Manning, P.P.G.D.; G. Graveley, P.P.G.D.; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; H. Cox, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Kent; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and many others.

The Provincial Grand Master having taken the chair and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, was saluted in the usual manner, and the lodge was opened.

The hymn "Hail, Eternal by whose aid" was sung, and

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He said it gave him the greatest pleasure to meet such a large and distinguished body of Freemasons as he saw assembled that day. It was perhaps needless for him to explain to them the purpose for which they had met. He must congratulate Bro. Shurmur and the other founders of that new lodge on the very auspicious manner in which the first portion of the proceedings had commenced. It was the largest attendance he had ever seen at a consecration, and it was with great pleasure that he had attended, because, as they were aware, he took a deep interest in Freemasonry in the province. He was naturally alarmed at times at the enormous and rapidly increasing number of his children, and so long as the lodges were well able to support themselves as heretofore, he should regard such ceremonies as they were about to perform that night with pleasure. That would be the 13th lodge he had consecrated, and the 32nd in the province, and he was sure from the great interest shown that he had not done wrong in recommending the petition to the M.W.G.M. He was very sorry his excellent Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, was not able to be present, and in the absence of that distinguished brother, Bro. Lucking had kindly consented to perform the installation ceremony.

The founders signified their approval of the officers designated in the warrant, after which Bro. Rev. W. QUENNEL, Prov. G. Chap., delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Prov. Grand Master dedicated and constituted the new lodge with the usual solemn and impressive formalities.

Bro. A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., assumed the chair, and installed the W.M. designate, Bro. William Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., officiating as D.C. The choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. M. Fortescue for the post of Treasurer, and the officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. H. J. Hallows, acting I.P.M.; D. P. Holness, S.W.; H. F. Bromhead, J.W.; Matthew Rees, Chap.; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; James Pinder, Sec.; James Speller, S.D.; Richard Kershaw, J.D.; W. P. Allen, D.C.; Alex. Ritchie, A.D.C.; F. Taylor, Org.; D. Campbell, I.G.; W. S. Wright, C. H. Bestow, S. C. Kaufman, J. Holland, B. Nicholson, and C. Horst, Stwds.; and Ives, Tyler.

The addresses were rendered in an effective manner by the Installing Master, Bro. LUCKING.

Bro. Wilson, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the W.M. was selected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to be placed on his list.

On the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, the Consecrating Officers were awarded a hearty vote of thanks, elected honorary members of the lodge, and were each asked to accept a founder's jewel as a souvenir of the occasion.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks, and wished the W.M. a pleasant reign during the ensuing year.

A long list of propositions for initiation and joining having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren present had an opportunity of admiring a handsome lodge banner, presented by the W.M., bearing his monogram, and an excellent painting of Old Chingford Church.

After an excellent banquet, served in the pavilion, which was suitably decorated the usual toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and "The Grand Officers" were briefly given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and heartily received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said the next toast on the list was "The Health of their dearly beloved Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke," to whom they were all under a deep debt of gratitude for having so ably presided at the glorious and solemn function of the consecration of the lodge. If the Provincial Grand Master would allow him to say so, he would remark that that distinguished

brother was like the Prince of Wales, one of the best and noblest of good fellows, and should it please the Great Architect to bless him with long life, would prove a typical representative of the "Fine Old English Gentleman." There were many present that evening who would never forget the cheery and kindly welcome, and the unbounded hospitality with which they were entertained last year at Easton Lodge, and when their happiness was increased by the gracious presence of Lady Brooke. He asked the brethren to drink with all heartiness and cordiality, "Long Life and Health to the Provincial Grand Master and Lady Brooke."

Bro. the Right Hon. LORD BROOKE, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, in reply, said he must claim their indulgence on that occasion. It was, perhaps, unnecessary to ask the indulgence of the brethren of his province, but he knew there were a very large number of visitors who had come amongst them to see what Essex Freemasonry was worth. Accustomed as he was to address Essex brethren, and to receive their kind consideration, he felt that he must ask for the indulgence, for any deficiency in the matter of speaking from those brethren who came from that enormous Metropolis where they must hear words of deep import ably imparted every day. What could be more exciting or more stirring to a man than to be at a meeting of that kind—one of the largest at which he had ever presided in the Masonic world, and certainly the largest meeting at which he had ever been present at the consecration of a lodge. It did the W.M. the greatest honour and the lodge the greatest honour, and it must be pleasant for Bro. Shurmur to feel he had so many Masonic friends ready to come and give their support on an important occasion of that kind. Freemasons were actuated, he was happy to say, by feelings which were hardly realised by any person outside that great body. They attended their meetings partly no doubt with pleasure and pleasant conviviality before them, but also with a strong and earnest wish, soul stirring to the heartiest degree, to help their fellow countrymen and fellow Freemasons in whatever part of the world they may exist. What had taken such a hold in this country in the last few weeks but that book of General Booth's, and, whether right or wrong, the principles put forward had touched them most deeply, because it was undoubtedly the work and the words of a noble-hearted man, without any idea of political aggrandisement, without confining himself to any one religious sect, but with the sole idea of benefiting his fellow countrymen. These were the principles which actuated all Freemasons, and which for many years past they had been striving to hold up high. Although he was a poor hand at learning the ritual by heart, yet he had learned by heart those truly Masonic principles, which he trusted to uphold to his dying day. He thanked all the brethren who had attended for the cordial reception given him.

"The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers" was given by Bro. BROMHEAD, J.W., who said he regarded it as an honour to be called upon to propose the health of Bro. Philbrick, whose name was well known throughout the length and breadth of Essex. The grandeur and impressiveness with which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master performed the ceremony of installation at the consecration of the Lennox Browne Lodge was still vivid in the recollections of many present. Bro. Philbrick was known in Essex as a brother in every sense of the word, and, therefore, the toast would be received with all enthusiasm and reverence.

Bro. J. M. SCARLETT, P.J.G.W., thanked the J.W. for his kind reference to the services of the Prov. Grand Officers. The honour had been a great one to be associated with the work that night, more particularly as the W.M. was a brother with whom he had grown in Masonry, and whose footsteps he had followed for many years. The honour he had received in the province was a great one, and he hoped to do credit to it.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, P.P.G.W., replied, and said that Bro. Scarlett had remarked that he had followed the W.M. in other lodges. He (Bro. Browne) had preceded Bro. Shurmur, and did not envy the man who followed him. He was proud to have received the Provincial purple, and was thankful for all the kindness shown him in the province in which his father and mother and forefathers were born, and he therefore naturally associated himself with Essex.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Lord BROOKE, Prov. Grand Master, said he must apologise for speaking again. It reminded him of a song which was now sung at one of the London theatres—"Hush, here comes the bogie man," for the man who was always speaking was a bogie man in his opinion. Perhaps it was not out of place for him to propose that toast, because he considered it the toast of the evening. It was the health of the W.M., and the William Shurmur Lodge. They had commenced their historical career and their life as a lodge in a most auspicious manner, and had a prosperity before them of a very brilliant kind. The new lodge was an important one, because although the youngest, it was not by any means the least. They had in the chair as the first W.M. one most thoroughly acquainted with all the work connected with Freemasonry. He had seldom seen the proceedings better conducted than they had been that evening; the Worshipful Master's work was admirably done, and the work of those who supported him was excellently carried out, even to the work of the Tyler, who must have had considerable difficulty during the various stages in properly tying the lodge. As far as he could say they had spent a most pleasant evening, and he had seldom seen the duties of Stewards more efficiently carried out. He congratulated Bro. Shurmur and the members of the lodge most heartily on the auspicious start made, and hoped that in the future the William Shurmur Lodge would prove one of the brightest jewels of Essex Freemasonry.

Bro. WM. SHURMUR, Prov. G. Treas., W.M., thanked the Prov. G.M. for the kindly and encouraging way in which he had proposed the toast of his health. He deemed it a very great honour to have a lodge named after himself, and that honour was increased when he was asked to become the first Worshipful Master of it. He should endeavour to prove himself worthy of having a lodge named after him. In his address to his officers what he said was in all sincerity, for there were many who could occupy the position he held far better than he could, and he honestly believed that that lodge, for its working, would be second to none. That was his ambition, and he was sure all the officers would strongly endeavour to carry out that idea. He was proud of his officers, and hoped it was a proper pride. One great point he wished to introduce was to have ladies' banquets, and to allow them to take part in the festivities. The ladies during the last few years had taken a different position to that formerly held, and he could not help thinking that, although Masons imagined they had great kindness at heart, yet they were somewhat selfish in sitting down to banquet when the only thing the ladies could do was to sit in a gallery and look on. He again thanked them for the great honour conferred upon him in naming the lodge after him, and also in appointing him as W.M., and as their representative at the next Festival of the Boys' School. He earnestly hoped the brethren would support him in the Charities, and he was pleased to announce that the total collected in the Charity box was £11 13s. 6d. He thanked the brethren for placing 10 guineas on his list, and as the Provincial Grand Treasurer he hoped to have some little patronage. In conclusion, he again thanked them for the kindly proposition and reception of the toast.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in introducing the toast of "The Visitors," said the founders had endeavoured to entertain them to the best of their ability. He deemed it an honour to have so many visitors, and hoped they would visit the lodge again.

Bros. LENNOX BROWNE, P.P.G.W.; GREENWOOD, Mayor of Sudbury; Rev. Dr. DUNBAR, J. BUNKER, P.M.; and BROOKMAN, replied; and Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B., responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities."

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a very successful gathering.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Prenton, and contributed materially to the enjoyment of the brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE EMBLEMATIC CHAPTER, No. 1321.

The newest addition to the roll of Royal Arch chapters, the Emblematic Chapter, No. 1321, was consecrated on Monday evening, the 1st inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. In the performance of his duties Comp. Clerke was assisted by Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent of Essex, acting as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.A.G.S., as J.; F. Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C., and Edward Terry, Past Grand Treas., as S.N.

The other companions present were Comps. Joseph Henry Price, Robert George Cooper, Joseph Greenway, W. B. Fendick, E. L. Berry, Frederick T. Edgington, W. Kent, H. Esling, F. J. Potter, J. H. Evans, Albert Pearce, George Harlow, R. Pittam Stevens, J. Pearce, George Gardner, W. E. Chapman, H. Massey, John Purrott, H. Sadler, James S. Eastes, Alfred Kenningham, F. Hilton, Frederick Bevan, Thomas Grummant, J. Terry, Mason, Frederick Kedge, Brindley, Charles H. Lawson, and Richard J. Laundry.

The founders of the chapter were Comps. J. H. Price; W. B. Fendick, P.Z.; H. Esling; F. T. Edgington, P.Z.; R. G. Cooper, P.Z.; F. J. Potter, J. Greenway, W. Kent, E. L. Berry, and J. Evans.

After the chapter had been formally opened, Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in commencing the proceedings, said the companions were met that day on a most important and solemn occasion, one which he was sure must be of great interest to all lovers of Royal Arch Masonry. They were about that day to give effect to a charter which had been recently granted by Grand Chapter for the formation of a new Royal Arch chapter in London. Some years ago the Emblematic Lodge was founded in the London district, and it had worked with great success from then to the present time. The Royal Arch Masons who belonged to that lodge were desirous now to add the cope-stone to that edifice by having a Royal Arch chapter attached to it, not only to enable the members to meet more often, but to extend Royal Arch Masonry among the brethren. The idea was well received by Grand Chapter, and after due consideration the charter was granted, and that day the companions had come together to constitute and consecrate the new chapter. In doing so he was sure that all the companions would wish the same prosperity to the chapter as had attended the lodge to which it was attached.

The usual introductory ceremonies having been then observed, the following oration was delivered by the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF:

The outward emblem—it seems a thing without life and without reality, and yet how often is it the means of teaching the deepest truths—inciting to the noblest deeds. Man's spiritual and intellectual being are ever influenced by what he sees. A simple emblem will often force home a doctrine, and inspire a courage when words of eloquence have failed. What are the colours of an English regiment? Two small pieces of frayed and tarnished silk, and yet when English soldiers go into action, every man, from the colonel to the youngest recruit, would rather die than lose either the Queen's or the regimental colours. English history, from the earliest times down to yesterday, is full of the record of deeds of real chivalry done in defence of those colours. Why is this? It is because they are emblematic of the honours of the English nation, and therefore they are a means to inspire courage and self-sacrifice. The intrinsic value of the Victoria Cross is about threepence, but it is valued more than many a jewelled decoration, because it is emblematic of the approval of the Sovereign for gallant conduct before the enemy. And our Craft, like the world, has its emblems. Indeed, there is hardly any institution so rich in outward figures, which teach deep and hidden truths. Many regard these emblems as mere ornaments, to be multiplied indefinitely until in their profusion they become meaningless. It is not an uncommon thing to find brethren adorning their lodge or chapter rooms, and even their persons and their circulars, with decorations which mean little and teach less. Real Masonic emblems are simple in character and real in their teaching, and ever in their proper places and applied to their proper purposes. The beautiful ceremonies of this Degree explain fully what each of those emblems is intended to teach. It rests with each companion as to whether that teaching bears fruit or not. Whether he exposes himself justly to the common taunt that in the chapter there are noble sentiments and high aims, but that all are stored away with the furniture, and not used in life's daily round, or whether he convinces the world of the value of our Order by exhibiting in the commonest as well as the highest duties of his life that he carries out what the emblematic teaching of our Order has impressed upon his mind.

The consecration ceremony was afterwards completed, the musical portion being rendered by Comps. F. Bevan, H. W. Schartau, and Kenningham, under the direction of Comp. Schartau.

Comp. J. H. Price was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. B. Fendick, P.Z., as H.; and Comp. H. Esling, as J. Comp. R. G. Cooper, P.Z., was elected and invested S.E., and Comps. F. J. Potter, S.N.; J. Greenway, P.S.; W. Kent, 1st A.S.; E. L. Berry, 2nd A.S.; Evans, Steward; Edgington, Org.; and Austin Janitor.

The ordinary votes of thanks were then passed to the Consecrating Officers, with the honorary membership of the chapter, for their services, and Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE having acknowledged the compliment, a list of 16 brethren was read out, and then proposed and seconded, for exaltation at the next meeting, and the name of one joining member.

The chapter was thereafter duly closed, and followed by a choice banquet. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured.

The toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The M.E.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been most heartily received,

The M.E.Z. gave "The Grand H. and J. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Comp. Philbrick.

Comp. PHILBRICK, in reply, said that the Grand Officers had been privileged to be present that evening, and they felt that an accession had been made to the number of the chapters on the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, which would, they trusted, prove a source of strength in the future. Although he would not mention the toast for which presently the Grand Scribe E. would return thanks, yet he might say that all the Grand Officers most sincerely wished the prosperity and success of this, the newest chapter on the roll of the chapters of England. The Grand Officers were glad to see the order of events. Comp. Price had been good enough to say that if the companions did not know the Grand Officers they ought to know them. He might add that the duty the M.E.Z. had imparted to the companions was, when regarded from the view of the Grand Officers, a pleasure, and nothing gave them much greater pleasure than to see the progress of this Order, which he thought every true Mason regarded as the legitimate crown and end of Masonry; it was, so to speak, the Masonic structure which was commenced when men were made Masons, not complete until they had taken the Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. In that sense he was sure that the Order not only deserved well at their hands, but that it occupied the position of attracting to it all that was best, and those who desired progress from the lower to the higher Degrees of Freemasonry. The companions of this Supreme Degree were, in a peculiar sense those to whom the mysteries of Masonry, once being known, felt that they were not complete until they had succeeded to the crown of the edifice, the Royal Arch. Lately in the province of which he had the honour to be Superintendent, he was present at the consecration of a chapter, and he then said that the best and most enterprising of those who joined the Order felt there was a responsibility in it which belonged to those who assumed higher duties, and for whom the greater honour devolved. That those duties would be well discharged, and that the higher

honour would be borne by this new chapter he felt sure, and in that sense, and on behalf of the Grand Officers, he expressed the best wishes for the success and prosperity of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Consecrating Officers." Both to the companions who were united with him in founding the chapter and the companions who were present, and to those who had seen a consecration before, it must have been a supplement to the grand ritual and an especial treat. He had himself appreciated it, although he was rather nervous, being installed in two chairs. He felt the honour keenly, while he was afraid he was disposed to be a little conceited by being installed in two chairs by the distinguished Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The kind and genial way in which everything was done would not allow the most nervous man to lose himself entirely, or he would entirely have lost himself. It had been the great ambition of the Royal Arch members of the Emblematic Lodge to have a Royal Arch chapter attached to it, and that night they had arrived at the summit of their desire. It was a great pride to them that the ceremony had been so splendidly worked by the Grand Officers, and they must consider themselves most fortunate in that respect. He coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., in reply, said that, as the Consecrating Principal, he for himself and the colleagues who assisted him, thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for the fraternal and kindly way in which their services had been acknowledged. It had been a privilege and a sincere pleasure to the Grand Officers to consecrate their chapter, because as old and veteran soldiers in Masonry, it must be remembered that they were always too delighted to do what they could to further the interests of the Order, and in this Degree in particular. Royal Arch Masons as they were, they felt pleasure in seeing the Order progress, and its beautiful tenets diffused and disseminated as widely as possible. Comp. Philbrick had somewhat taken out of his mouth many things he would have said, but as the chief executive officer he (Col. Shadwell Clerke) could say that he took a deep interest in the promotion of the Order, and he was only too glad to see it advancing as it did. It did not always answer for Royal Arch chapters to be established; they had not always sufficient ground to work upon, but with the Emblematic Chapter it was evident from the list of candidates they had heard read out that night that there were enough members of the lodge to support the chapter. They asked for a charter because it was wanted, and no doubt they might anticipate continued success. He could not leave the toast without acknowledging the great services of his assistants, without which it would have been impossible for him to carry out the work so thoroughly and successfully, and especially he wished to mention Comps. Brownrigg and Richardson. He then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said it was a great compliment to any companion to be chosen the First Principal of a new chapter. Comp. Price was not an old Mason, and his being chosen as the First Principal of the new chapter showed that he was an enthusiastic Mason. As a rule a Mason was many years before he became a Principal of a chapter, but Comp. Price had worked so hard in the cause of Masonry that his companions considered him entitled to be their first M.E.Z. of the new chapter. He congratulated him on the distinction, and was sure that his government of the chapter would justify the companions choice.

The M.E.Z. replied, and thanked the companions for the position in which they had placed him. It would be his earnest endeavour to work for the chapter as he had for the lodge and to make it as great a success. They were all earnest in what they did, and they tried to be perfect. He felt very deeply the remarks of Col. Shadwell Clerke, and he felt very much honoured in receiving from him the kind and courteous observations he had made.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Visitors."

Comp. TERRY, responding, said the visitors appreciated the compliment paid them exceedingly in having been privileged to be present on such an occasion, and they desired to congratulate the M.E.Z. on being installed as first Z. of a new chapter, and also to wish him and his companions success in the future for that chapter. If it only attained the distinction of the lodge it would be one of the most flourishing chapters in the Order.

Comp. GEORGE GARDNER also replied.

Comps. FENDICK and ESLING replied to the toast of "H. and J.," and Comps. COOPER and GREENWAY to that of "The Officers," and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

The music with which the toasts were interspersed was admirably performed by Comps. Kenningham, Bevan, and Dalzell, and Bro. James Brown.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a very good attendance of the brethren, and the procession of Grand Officers when it entered the hall was a long one. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Past Pro Grand Master, assumed the throne, having the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, on his right, and the Marquess of Hertford, M.W. Pro Grand Master, on his left. Bro. Thomas Fenn took the S.G.W.'s chair, and Sir Lionel Darrell that of J.G.W.

There was a numerous attendance of brethren.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in ample form, Lord EGERTON OF TATTON said he was occupying the chair for the purpose of giving the obligation of Pro Grand Master to the Marquess of Hertford, who, as they were aware, was unable at the last June meeting to be present when he was appointed by the Prince of Wales. He would now proceed to obligate him.

The Marquess of HERTFORD then took the obligation of Pro Grand Master, and was invested. He was afterwards inducted by Lord Egerton of Tatton in the chair amidst loud applause. He was then proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form.

The Marquess of HERTFORD then rose and said: Brethren, I beg to acknowledge with all heartiness your truly fraternal salutations, and I verily say that I most highly appreciate the great honour that his Royal Highness the Grand Master has conferred on me. I sincerely trust that during the time I may occupy the position of Pro Grand Master I may always do my very best to secure the interests of Mark Masonry in every possible way. (Applause.)

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G.S., then read the minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of June 3rd, 1890, which were afterwards put and confirmed.

On the motion of Bro. A. BOTT COOK, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the following report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

During the six months ending 30th September last there have been issued—Mark certificates, 671; total number registered, 27,358; warrants for new lodges, 11, viz.:

- No. 412, Moira, Victoria, Australia.
- „ 413, St. Nicholas, Harwich.
- „ 414, St. Martin, Alfreton.
- „ 415, Grafton, London.
- „ 416, Royal Oak, Deptford.
- „ 417, Mount Edgcumbe, Camborne.
- „ 418, Camden, London.
- „ 419, United, Hong Kong.
- „ 420, Pulney Andy, Madras.
- „ 421, Sewell, Egremont.
- „ 422, Fairtlough, Sierra Leone.

Royal Ark Mariners Certificates, 91; total number registered, 3140.

One warrant for a new Ark Mariner lodge has been issued. The Collin Lodge to be attached to Whitwell, No. 151.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Frederick William Edmund Dawson has been re-appointed District Grand Master of Auckland, New Zealand, for a further term of three years.

The Board have to report that the alterations and additions to Mark Masons' Hall have now been completed, and the premises furnished at an expense altogether of £7237 4s. 4d. The lessors have contributed £750 towards this, being the amount received by them from Spiers and Pond, Limited, for dilapidations.

The General Fund not being sufficient to meet the balance the sum of £2500 has been temporarily transferred from the other funds. The Board recommend to Grand Lodge that this amount should be re-transferred by instalments out of the accruing surplus of the General Fund, and that in the meantime the other funds should be credited with interest at the rate of £4 per cent. per annum.

The Board having carefully considered the regulations for the government of the Order of Mark Master Masons, are of opinion that it is necessary that some of them should be revised.

They have accordingly drafted the amendments they consider requisite, and will submit them for the approval of Grand Lodge.

The Board would desire to remind Provincial Grand Secretaries of the necessity of forwarding to the Grand Secretary a copy of every summons issued by them, and a certified copy of the minutes of each meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The regulation to this effect has sometimes been neglected, which has occasioned much confusion in the office.

The Board acknowledge with thanks Reports of Proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The 22nd Annual Festival was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 23rd July, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, when the sum of £2354 1s. was announced.

The Board have elected, without a poll, the whole of the candidates as follows: Mabel E. Collinson, Albert Edward Plattin, Jane Adele Vaughan Thomas, and William Russell H. Hickman.

The Committee have carefully considered the Annual Reports of the Head Masters and Mistresses of the schools at which the various pupils on the Fund are being educated, and have awarded the silver medal for proficiency in studies and general excellence to Gertrude Audrey Thompson, educated at Manor Mount Girls' Collegiate School, Forest Hill, and Harold Miller, educated at The Hulme Grammar School, Manchester.

The total invested funds, including the before-named loans to the General Fund, are—

Benevolent Branch	...	...	...	£2500	0	0
Educational	„	...	...	2400	0	0
Annuity	„	...	...	3800	0	0

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Mrs. S. N., No. 69	...	...	...	£10	0	0
Bro. F. G. R., No. 10	...	...	...	20	0	0
„ W. W. L., No. 15	...	...	...	10	0	0

(Signed) A. B. COOK, P.G.M.O., President.
F. RICHARDSON, P.G.W., Vice-President.
C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Grand Secretary.

After a short discussion, the report was adopted.

The Rev. JOSEPH CATOR: M.W. Pro Grand Master. The next business is very easily disposed of,—I rise to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. GILLIES, G. Treas., nominated Bro. Gordon Miller for Grand Treasurer. He said Bro. Gordon Miller had a very good record in Masonry. He was advanced in Mark Masonry in March, 1881, in Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17, of which he filled the chair in 1884. He was Grand Steward in 1888, and served Steward of the Mark Benevolent Fund on three different occasions. He was also a member of the Royal Naval College Lodge, the Phoenix Lodge, and the Grand Master's Lodge. He was of good standing in society, and of good credit.

The Marquis of HERTFORD enquired whether there was any other nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer.

No response was given to the enquiry.

Bro. MATIER said that now was the time to distribute the Charity jewels and bars to those who were entitled to receive them, but they would be given from the Grand Secretary's office to those who applied for them. Those who did not apply for them would have them sent by post on Wednesday or Thursday.

The Marquis of HERTFORD: Brethren, before we close the Grand Lodge I have a very pleasing duty to perform on your behalf. I have to ask the M.W. Past Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, to accept this jewel at the hands of Grand Lodge (holding up an elegant Past Pro Grand Master's jewel). I feel sure that every member of Grand Mark Lodge has great pleasure in seeing this jewel presented to Lord Egerton, and I hope that in accepting it he will feel it is a mark of the sincere respect and esteem of Grand Mark Lodge towards his lordship. We know that Lord Egerton has always had the good of Mark Masonry at heart; he has attended whenever it was possible for him to do so, and, although once or twice he has not been able to attend on account of his health not being so good as we could wish it be, yet at every other time he has attended during his term of office. Lord Egerton, I ask you to accept this jewel (fastening it to Lord Egerton's breast). (Applause.)

Lord EGERTON OF TATTON: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren,—I can assure you that I receive with unfeigned and sincere thanks this unexpected mark of your pleasure and goodwill towards me. I shall value this jewel as a record of a time—a very happy and interesting time—that I have passed (the last three years) as Pro Grand Master of Mark Masons, and I feel sure that during that time whenever we have been associated this jewel will remind me of that time. If I may be permitted to say so, I think it is a subject of congratulation to myself that I had the high office of Pro Grand Master during a time which is more especially interesting to Mark Masons. During my tenure of office the arrangements were made which resulted in the building of this magnificent hall, which I trust may long be the abode of Mark Masonry; and also during those three years we had the interesting occasion of the silver wedding of our Most Worshipful Grand Master and the marriage of his eldest daughter. Both those events were welcomed by Mark Masons, as I tell you, with the greatest joy, and I was happy to have been the mouthpiece of the address which was presented to his Royal Highness on those two several occasions. I trust that the welfare and honour of Mark Masonry did not altogether suffer during the time I had the honour to be Pro Grand Master. I assure you that I endeavoured to do my best for Mark Masonry, and, although during the last year of office I was prevented attending by a very long and serious illness, I still looked after Mark Masonry to the best of my ability. I thank you all for this mark of your favour. It will be an incentive to me to do the best I can for Grand Mark Lodge and Mark Masonry in general. I thank you, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, for the kind way in which you have presented this jewel to me, and for your kind observations with regard to myself. (Applause.)

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet.

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To Correspondents.

We are much obliged for Bro. C. C. Howard's (No. 2036) corrections and explanations of the article sent by Bro. Robinson (formerly of Chester), and published through the medium of Bro. Hughan in the *Freemason*, of April 26th, but it is practically useless to seek to set the dates right unless the whole article is reprinted. Unfortunately, Bro. Hughan misunderstood Bro. Robinson's instructions, and hence the confusion.—ED. F.M.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Anchor and Hope, No. 37; Hertford, No. 403; Zetland, No. 1271; Newall, No. 1134; Lodge of St. Mary, No. 1312; Kirkdale, No. 1756; Richmond, No. 2032; Albert Victor, No. 2328; Borough of Greenwich, No. 2332; and Easterford, No. 2342.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—Robert Burns, No. 25; Clarence, No. 263; East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 403; Zetland, No. 511; Prince Frederick William, No. 753; Stockwell, No. 1339; Islington, No. 1471; Creaton, No. 1791; Kensington, No. 1707; and St. Ambrose, No. 1891. St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 834; and Star Chapter, No. 1275.

MARK LODGES—Grand Stewards and Saye and Sele, No. 309. ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR—Grand Master's Council, No. 1.

Grand Lodge of Scotland.
 Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex.
 Consecration of the St. Clair Chapter.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge on Wednesday passed off, as we anticipated they would, quietly, though they excited a considerable amount of interest. The recommendations of H.R.H. the Grand Master (1) that the rank of Past Grand Master should be conferred on the Duke of Connaught, and (2) that £105 be voted to the Serpent Fund, were agreed to unanimously amid general applause. His Royal Highness was then nominated Grand Master for the ensuing year, while Bro. George Everett was the sole candidate nominated for the Grand Treasurership. The gift of Bro. Fenn's portrait, to be hung in the Board Room as a companion picture to that of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, was very cordially accepted, while the rest of the business, being mostly formal, was despatched without comment.

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It is excellent news we are in a position to announce to-day that his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has graciously signified his intention of inaugurating the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Battersea-rise. The precise date when the ceremony will take place is not known as yet, though rumour assigns it to a day during the latter half of February next. But whenever it does take place this act of his Royal Highness in undertaking to preside on so eventful an occasion is most appropriate, as well as most kind. Not only is he Grand Patron and President of the Institution, but he presided at the Centenary Festival in 1888, when the funds, with which the Hall has been erected, were raised.

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This much having been arranged, the question which will exercise the minds of our readers during the next few weeks is the delicate and somewhat difficult one to settle—To whom shall be accorded the privilege of being present at the inaugural ceremony? We understand that it is the Prince's wish—and a very natural wish it is—that whatever form the arrangements may take, they should be as private and void of pomp and circumstance as possible. His Royal Highness's wish will assuredly be respected, but we see no just cause or impediment why some plan of arrangement may not be formulated, which, while it will completely satisfy the Prince's desire for privacy, may, at the same time, be a benefit to the School itself.

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We believe that the idea which has thus far found the most favour is that the Centenary Festival Stewards should be invited, and as it was by their efforts that the Festival proved so marvellous a success, they certainly have a prior claim on the authorities. But is the Hall large enough to accommodate so large a body or even the half of it?

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We have very great pleasure in congratulating Bro. G. Everett on his position as Grand Treasurer nominate—which is virtually the same thing as Grand Treasurer elect—for the ensuing year. Bro. Everett is a Mason of good standing. In the course of a long and active career he has done plenty of genuine Masonic work. He is genial and kind in his bearing, and always ready to do any brother a service. Moreover, he has shown great pluck by offering himself, for the second time, as a candidate for this honourable office, so that he well deserves the success which, in three short months he will have achieved. We feel sure he will discharge his duties in his new position admirably.

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As intimated in our columns some months ago, it was the intention of Bro. Cumberland's friends to propose him for the office of Grand Treasurer, but we have authority for stating that his candidature was withdrawn in order to avoid a contest, and out of respect for the services rendered during so many years by Bro. George Everett. We are assured, however, that it is their intention to nominate him for that honour on the next occasion.

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On Monday last the Grand Lodge of Scotland celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, presided;

and among others present were Bros. Lord Saltoun, Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Sir Chas. Buchanan, Bart., Colonel Lumsden, and Colonel Campbell, Elliott of Wolfelee, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Graham, Major Allan, and a large number of foreign brethren. We are compelled to reserve our report for next week's issue.

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The grand Masonic bazaar, which our brethren across the Tweed have been preparing for during the past few months, was opened in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh, on Tuesday. As our readers are aware, the object is to raise a fund to be applied in relief of necessitous brethren, and the widows and orphans of Freemasons. Since 1888 an Annuity Fund has been in existence, but only on a small and restricted scale. The present effort, it is hoped, will result in the formation of a fund which will be worthy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We regret our space this week will not admit of our giving a full report, but will appear in our next issue.

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According to an old song, "The Pope, he leads a happy life," but either his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. must be an exception to this rule, or else he has a curious method of illustrating his happiness. For ourselves we do not see how any one can be described as happy who is continually anathematising others. Leo XIII., though he has not occupied the Papal throne for many years, has emptied many vials of wrath on the devoted heads of us Freemasons. True, what he condemns in us in his latest Encyclical is merely the repetition of a previous condemnation, and equally true is it that his present attack is directed against the Order in one of the Continental States. But even if we assume that his present attack is justified, there is no reason why he should condemn a whole society for the presumed shortcomings of a section or branch of it.

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We have again and again said that it may be—that it probably is—true that Freemasonry on the Continent is not quite of the same complexion as in the United Kingdom. We know that in one jurisdiction it has ignored religion altogether, and that in several jurisdictions it does not as scrupulously abstain from mixing itself up with politics, as by one of the fundamental principles of our Order it is bound to do. But why must we Masons of the United Kingdom, who respect all religions equally, and scrupulously avoid taking part, as Masons, in the political controversies of the day—why, we ask, must we be publicly anathematised, because others fail in their Masonic duty? The Masons resident in the Romish diocese of Hexham and Newcastle have never intrigued against the Papacy or the present occupant of the Papal throne, nor would they ever countenance such intrigue. Why should they be denounced as being in league with Satan? What need is there for this Encyclical being read in the Roman Catholic churches in a country in which the Masons are universally recognised as innocent of all intention of doing harm to any person or body of persons?

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We do not concern ourselves seriously about the contents of this Encyclical—they merely repeat the same old story which has again and again been proved to be groundless. But cannot the Papal advisers realise that it would enhance the dignity of the Pope if these Encyclicals of his breathed a little less denunciation—just a little more of the spirit of charity? This is our opinion, and we think it might be acted upon.

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One of the last acts of Bro. Lord Carrington, M.W. Grand Master of New South Wales, previous to setting out on his return to England, was to lay the foundation-stone of a Hall about to be erected by the Lodge of Harmony, No. 147 (N.S.W. Constitution), at Moss Vale. This lodge was constituted about four years since, and that it must be in a prosperous condition may be judged from the fact that its members propose to expend about £700 over the erection of their new quarters.

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The ceremony took place on the 4th October last, Bro. Lord Carrington and his Grand Officers, a large number of the members of the Harmony Lodge, together with Lady Carrington, and a throng of spectators, being present. The stone was laid by the Grand Master, who was presented with a silver trowel and mallet for the purpose, amid hearty cheers from those present, and when the meeting was at an end his Excellency and Lady Carrington were entertained at an afternoon tea, and were cheered most heartily on their departure.

In the course of the address which his lordship delivered before leaving the site of the new building, he referred with satisfaction to the progress which had been made since the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales; laid particular stress on the services rendered to Freemasonry in New South Wales by our late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England; and expressed the hope that the future of the New Grand Lodge might be in all respects bright and prosperous. We most cordially echo his lordship's wish.

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Bro. Hill Drury, W.M. No. 1379, did well to call the attention of the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham, at the annual meeting at Stockton on the 30th September last, to a grave breach of Masonic privilege. Bro. Drury stated that in accordance with a request of the Prov. Grand Secretary and Prov. G.D.C. he had had printed for the convenience of the Prov. Grand Officers and visiting brethren an Order of Ceremonial to be observed at the consecration of the Universities Lodge, Durham, in February, and that those orders when issued had endorsed on them in clear type "Private," yet the very morning after they had been sent out the said order appeared in full, with comments thereon, in the local papers. Moreover, these comments or remarks made explicit what would otherwise have been inexplicit. We consider Bro. Drury was fully justified in condemning this conduct in open Provincial Grand Lodge. The Mason who cannot respect the privacy of a communication marked "private" is not a gentleman.

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The address of Bro. J. L. Miller, District Grand Master of Northern China, at the regular communication of his District Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 22nd September last, is full of congratulations as to the progress made in the district during the immediate past, and of hope for a long continuance of the same measure of prosperity in the future. There has been an increase in the number of subscribing members, the funds of District Grand Lodge are in a flourishing condition, and there is a large Charity Fund, which is generously supported by the English, Scottish, and American Craftsmen. Moreover, the children of Masons, who are being educated by the Craft at the Public School, Shanghai, are declared to have been benefitting greatly by the instruction they are receiving. In short, the Masonic District of Northern China is progressing admirably, and we tender it our heartiest good wishes.

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A correspondent informs us that there were no less than 365 brethren at the consecration of the East Lancashire Centurion Lodge, No. 2322, Manchester, on the 15th November, 1889. This does not affect our qualified statement that the number present at that of the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, Chingford, a few days ago, was the largest, as far as our experience goes. But it shows that the brethren present at a private lodge consecration beyond the limits of our experience was in this case greater than that of William Shurmur.

Correspondence.

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

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the article which appeared in your issue of November 8th last, the remarks made about the boy Brown are certainly misleading. You speak of "the Lincolnshire lad who stood second, thanks to the support vouchsafed by the Hertfordshire brethren." Your readers will naturally suppose that this was a Lincolnshire case carried by another province, but this is not so, the boy's parents may have lived in Lincolnshire at some time, but certainly the case was not a Lincolnshire one, and no application for assistance has been received from the mother of the boy.

The Masonic Notes of November 15th also exhibit a want of knowledge of the facts of the case. Had the case come officially before the Committee and been found a suitable one and deserving support, Lincolnshire was well able to make proper provision for it, and would have done so, but I learn from inquiries I have been making that it is 30 years since the father was initiated in Lincolnshire, and for 10 years he paid half the usual subscription, being a non-resident, and 20 years since he ceased to subscribe in the province, although able to do so. Under these circumstances I think it is hardly fair for the case to be considered a Lincolnshire one.—Yours, fraternally,

B. VICKERS, P.G. Sec.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

City of Westminster Lodge (No. 1563).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Carl Magnus Brander, W.M. The following officers were also in attendance, viz.: Bros. Wm. Geo. Higgins, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Filhen, J.W.; W. H. Bolt, J.D.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Alexander, I.G.; T. Cox, P.M., D.C.; and F. R. Potter, P.M. 749, Tyler. A large number of brethren were present, of whom we can only indicate the following: Bros. G. J. Jones, P.M.; Frederick Hill, P.M.; T. W. H. Stevens, Morris Goldstein, L. Greenwell, J. Cartal, W. Judah, H. Clifford, J. Railton, S. H. Mark, F. Dennis, R. Goldstein, W. Goldstein, G. E. Highland, J. Cunnat, and F. Lemozin. Among the visitors, who were 36 in number, were the following: Bros. J. F. Bell, P.M. 1613; W. Krimeley, 2278; C. W. Ruynal, 1269; G. Gardner, 2309, Prov. G.S.B. Bucks; D. Baker, 1743; C. J. Grove, P.M. 742; C. J. Fox, W.M. 1743; Harold Halliday, W.M. 2168; C. Parsons, P.M. 183; W. M. Goodrich, 205; G. Salins, 205; H. G. Trego, 1839; W. Redman, 1238; J. Wardley, 1381; J. C. Emery, 1950; W. J. Cole, 1671; C. J. Ogg, 1681; H. Dodson, 1681; A. Miller, 1891; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. L. Grandville and T. H. Stevens were then passed. Bros. E. T. Ginder and W. Deane were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Mr. C. White was initiated. Bro. W. G. Higgins was then, after presentation, duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The following were the newly-invested officers: Bros. C. Filhen, S.W.; W. H. Bolt, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Alexander, S.D.; L. A. Langmeade, J.D.; Ralph Dennis, D.C.; T. H. Beach, A.D.C.; Louis Marks, I.G.; and Hymen Fonseca, A. H. Marks, H. L. Lee, P.M., and E. B. Cox, P.M., Stwds. Bro. F. R. Potter was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. C. M. Brander performed the duties of Installing Master with admirable precision in his working, and delivered the charges most impressively.

The remaining Masonic business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony. After an excellently served banquet, that reflected credit on the well-earned celebrity of the Café Royal cuisine and wine cellar, the usual loyal toasts—including that of "The Grand Officers"—were proposed in terms fit but few by the W.M., and responded to with true Masonic fervour by the brethren.

"The Worshipful Master" was then proposed by Bro. Brander, I.P.M., who referred to the creditable Masonic career of the new W.M. as an earnest of what he would be in the chair.

The Worshipful Master suitably replied, and then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," whose example, he said, he hoped to profit by, and was determined that, with the efficient aid of his officers, in whom he had every confidence, he could not fail to give satisfaction.

For "The Initiates," the newly-made brother (C. White) very appropriately responded, and expressed his pleasure in joining the distinguished Order of Freemasons, and hoped to prove a worthy brother, and in his turn to adorn the chair itself.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Parsons, P.M.; Gardner, P.G.S.B. Bucks; and others replied, and, taking their cue from the W.M., combined the *multum in parvo* in their remarks.

For "The Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. J. A. Hammond and J. E. Shand, two veterans in Masonic honours, favoured the brethren with a few "words in season" in a way befitting their experience and knowledge of procedure, in which they were ably seconded by Bro. Cox, P.M.

For "The Officers" Bro. C. Filhen and others responded.

During the intervals Bros. Walter Perrin, Jas. Baynes, and Curtis D'Alton discoursed most excellent music, Bro. Trego presiding at the pianoforte.

Evening Star Lodge (No. 1719).—

The installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The members were in great force, under the presidency of Bro. P. H. Martin, W.M., and in addition there was a numerous muster of visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Martin, assisted by his officers, very impressively raised Bro. F. H. Harris to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony being admirably carried out in all its several parts. Bro. William Sugg, P.M., presented Bro. Walter King to receive the benefits of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Martin completed the circle of his duties as Master by very ably installing his successor in the chair of K.S. Bro. King then appointed as his officers for the year Bros. David W. Sugg, S.W.; W. A. M. Valon, J.W.; Rev. C. D. Porter, D.D., Chaplain; James Glaisher, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Sugg, P.M., D.C.; Hubert T. Bailey, S.D.; A. Stephenson, J.D.; J. S. Tamburini, I.G.; J. Gibb and H. J. Davis, Stwds.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. T. H. Martin, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during his term of office.

The other business having been dispatched, the lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

When dinner was over, the usual toasts were honoured, those of "The W.M." and "I.P.M." being received with especial distinction.

Clapham Lodge (No. 1818).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Goodinge, W.M. There was a good muster of brethren, including Bros. F. Manby, S.W.; J. Liscombe, J.W.; L. Hirsch, Treas.; Howard Smith, Sec.; C. G. Dodd, S.D.; A. C. Goodinge, I.G.; Jeffreys, Org.; Gabriel, Steward; G. T. Goodinge, P.M.; D. Harrison, P.M.; A. Dodd, Budd, Dale, Ancell, and Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Perkins, P.G.D.; Edmeston, P.M. 1635; Keer, 859; Snell, 1329; Regan, 1567; Adams, 1194; Matthews, 569; and Colman, 2021.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was unanimously adopted. Bro. F. Manby, W.M. elect, was introduced to the W.M. by Bro. G. T. Goodinge, P.M., as a candidate for installation in the chair of K.S. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Manby was installed in the chair of K.S. The duties of Installing Master were performed by Bro. Norton, P.M., who carried out the task in a way that reflected great credit on him. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year in the following order: Bros. J. Liscombe, S.W.; Jeffreys, J.W.; Louis Hirsch, Treas.; Howard Smith, Sec.; C. G. Dodd, S.D.; A. Dodd, J.D.; Gabriel, I.G.; A. C. Goodinge and Dale, Stewards; and Bowler, Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented to Bro. J. W. Goodinge, I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties during his year of office. Bro. J. W. Goodinge, in reply, thanked the W.M. and the members of the lodge for the handsome jewel, and also for the great kindness and assistance he had always received from his officers and all the members of the lodge during his year of office, and he should always remember the pleasant year he had had with them.

An adjournment was then made to the banquetting room, where a splendid repast was served, under the supervision of Bro. Bertini.

The usual loyal toasts received hearty recognition, the solo to the first being rendered by Miss Evelyn Goodinge, younger daughter of the I.P.M.

Bro. Perkins, P.G.D., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Perkins, Edmeston, Adams, and Keer.

Before leaving the chair the W.M. said he most cordially thanked the members and friends, and most especially the Misses Goodinge, for the admirable selection of music that was rendered during the evening.

The Tyler's toast closed the evening.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—

At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., there were present Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; G. Everett, I.P.M.; Westley, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Steele, Treas.; Woods, Sec.; Andrews, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Langdon, D.C.; Beaven, I.G.; Winny, Org.; Lyell, Stwd.; Patrick, Tyler; Calk, Robertson, Shannaw, J. Mitchell, Rashleigh, Morris, Harrison, Hadley, Lavender, Roberts, Daoust, and Lawrence. Visitors: Bros. H. Poole, P.M. 1772; Dr. Corry, 350; Neal, 1348; Hills, 1441; Newton, 186; Reeves, 902; and Phillips, 157.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Winny was unanimously elected as Hon. Organist. Two candidates' names were submitted for initiation.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. referred to the work they did for the good of the Order. He also said he trusted that they should soon have a Grand Officer as a member to respond for that toast. One of their members was shortly to be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. He trusted they would be able to have him unopposed, but did a battle take place they were determined to stand by him, and fight shoulder to shoulder. He believed that in such an event they would come out with flying colours. A large number of brethren had promised to support Bro. Everett, and not only had they promised to help, but they had also determined to do so in no half-hearted way, but with the certainty of winning.

In proposing "The W.M.," Bro. Everett, I.P.M., said, as there was plenty of talent present, he would not make a long speech. He was sorry their visitors had not had the pleasure of seeing the W.M. work the Degrees, for he could assure them they had missed a treat. There was no need for him to laud the W.M., for the success of the lodge was a proof of the way he performed his duties. He thanked the W.M. for the kind reference he had made to that which was so much to him at present.

The W.M., Bro. Cochrane, returned thanks, saying that as in the past, so in the future, he should perform any work that devolved upon him with heartiness.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said that he was glad to see among them so many visitors. One (Bro. Poole) was particularly well known to them, as he attended the same Masonic school where all of the members of the Duke of Fife Lodge had learnt their duties.

In reply for the visitors, Bro. Poole said that they were so pleased with their reception, and the happy evening they had spent, that they all hoped to have another chance of repeating their visit.

In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. said that he could not speak too highly in their praise. They had learnt, and many other officers had learnt, their duties under the able S.W. of that lodge.

In reply, Bro. Westley, S.W., said that he always tried to do his best wherever he might be placed.

Bro. Folkard, J.W., said that he trusted to be a member of the lodge to the end of his days, and hoped that he might long be able to perform his duty for the lodge.

Bro. Andrews, S.D., said he was pleased to be an officer of the lodge.

Bro. Woods, Sec., was sorry that he had been absent at the last meeting, especially as then they had an opportunity of testing the universality of the science. They believed in its universality, but with the presence of Bro. the Hon. J. A. M. Cartny, W.M. of the Freetown Lodge, they had an opportunity of meeting hand to hand with a brother who was a link between this country and the continent of Africa. That must have been a great pleasure. He was glad to perform the duties of Secretary, and trusted that he might long hold the office.

Songs were given during the evening by Bros. Calk, Langdon, D.C.; Geo. Everett, I.P.M.; Lyell, Stwd.; Harrison, Lavender, and Roberts, and a recitation by Bro.

Andrews. The W.M. gave a surprise to the brethren by his singing of an original song, "The Happy Duke of Fife," which traced the history of the formation of the lodge, and closed with sound advice.

A most successful evening was closed by the Tyler's toast.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The final meeting of the year was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. J. H. Baxter, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., S.W.; S. Tryon, J.W.; T. H. Martin, Prov. A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; R. F. Young, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. B. Abbott, S.D.; F. Thompson, J.D.; Chas. Gray, P.M., D. of C.; Collingwood, I.G.; Amveld, A.D.C.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Goddard, Tyler; Poole, P.M.; Curnow, Tibbatts, Marshall, Mason, and Spicer. Visitors: Bros. George Mickleby, M.A., M.B., P.M. 63 and 449, P.P.S.G.W.; Gardner, 901; Moore, 2278; and Dr. Haskins.

The minutes of the October meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Mason and Spicer were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being admirably rendered by Bro. T. H. Martin, I.P.M. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. J. E. Cussans, S.W. Bro. Hopkins was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard Tyler. The by-laws were read, and the inventory, which had been carefully gone through, taken as read. On the motion of Bro. Brittain, P.M., a sum of four guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge towards defraying the cost of the musical arrangements, while on the motion of Bro. Young, the usual sum was voted for a Past Master's jewel, to be presented to Bro. Baxter, W.M., on retiring from the chair, as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the members.

The usual contribution having, on the motion of Bro. Gray, P.M., been voted towards the cost of publishing the Provincial Calendar, and a Committee to audit the year's accounts having been appointed, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, the brief speeches being interspersed with some capital songs excellently sung by Bros. Gray, Lewis, Collingwood, Mason, Amveld, and Spicer. Be it added that the toasts of "The W.M.," "The W.M. Elect," and "The Visitors" were received with a special measure of applause.

CAMBORNE.

Mount Edgcombe Lodge (No. 1544).—

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Fore-street, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. T. Burge, W.M.; R. Rowe, W.M. elect, S.W.; J. Newland, J.W.; E. Vine, Chap.; Hugh P. Vivian, P.M., Sec.; J. Whitworth, Asst. Sec.; F. J. Gardener, acting S.D.; A. Dunkin, acting J.D.; W. N. Trowson, I.G.; R. Taylor, Stwd.; J. Nicholas, Tyler; Jas. Pengelly, I.P.M.; J. C. Burrow, P.M.; R. Bate, P.M.; Thos. Turner, P.M.; W. Bailey, P.M.; Jas. Pendray, P.M.; F. J. Lee, P.M.; F. W. Thomas, P.M.; F. Bartle, P.M.; J. T. Rodda, P.M.; Jas. Pearce, J. Bennetts, Alf. Walters, W. A. Thomas, N. Williams, R. A. Gregg, Bruce Gregg, J. Juleff, Jas. Rowe, R. H. Williams, R. S. Behenna, Thos. Bartle, Jonathan Scandling, S. J. T. Stuthridge, Jno. Hensley, J. W. Jackson, W. J. Floyd, A. J. Clifton, A. J. Clifton, Jos. Clifton, J. Adams, F. Bennallack, W. Middlin, and W. J. Hocking. Visitors: Bros. W. K. Baker, P.M. 1272, P.P.S.G.D.; T. A. Kistler, P.M. 589, P.S.G.D.; W. J. Winn, P.M. 318, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Dunstan, P.M., Sec. 318; R. H. Heath, P.M. 589; P.P.G.O.; J. Hendra, P.M. 1006; N. Pascoe, P.M. 699; W. L. Chegwidlen, S.W. 589; A. Carkeet, J.W. 589; J. R. Mockridge, W.M. 121; C. Antill, 121; H. J. Warren, 450; and R. A. Thomss, 450 and 2313.

Bro. T. Burge, W.M., acted as Installing Master, and with the assistance of Bros. Pengelly, Burrow, Bate, Pendray, and Vivian, Bro. R. Row was installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of 20 Installing Masters. Bro. Rowe, W.M., appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Newland, S.W.; W. Vial, J.W.; Hugh P. Vivian, Sec.; E. Lakey, Treas.; W. N. Trowson, S.D.; A. Dunkin, J.D.; F. J. Gardener, I.G.; J. Whitworth, Asst. Sec.; J. T. Rodda, Chap.; Alf. Walters, Org.; R. Taylor, D.C.; T. Bennallack, J. Hensley, R. H. Williams, and S. J. T. Stuthridge, Stwds.; Thos. Bartle, Almoner; T. Burge, C.M.A. and B.F. Stwd.; and Hugh P. Vivian, Representative of Charities.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Magistrate's Room, where a splendid banquet was provided by Bro. W. Vial. The room was nicely decorated for the occasion. Mottoes and flags hung around the walls, and there was a numerous display of plants on the platform and in the windows.

The brethren spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. There were a number of good speeches given and songs sung. Bros. White and Heath presided at the piano-forte, in fact it was one of the best St. John's Day that has been held by the lodge.

The financial position of the lodge was also considered satisfactory.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Clark, W.M.; A. F. Scholding, S.W.; G. Ransford, P.M., acting J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. Kent, Org.; H. Wheatley, P.M., and H. Robinson, Stewards; E. H. Trotter, A.D.C.; G. J. Tagg, I.G.; R. Eales, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Tucker, P.M. 1733, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jenkins, S.W. 1269; Chambers, 1733; Fisk, 1733; Gammond, 2331; and Stiles, Tarisigg, R. Moser, O. Moser, and F. Moser, all of 392 (S.C.).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Schulze was ably passed to the Second Degree. The by-laws having been read, Bro. A. F. Scholding was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. C. Jessett, Treasurer; and Bro. J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing Master. The Secretary gave a notice of motion—"That for services rendered Bro. Howard Room, P.G. Secretary

Middx., &c., be elected an honorary member." Communications from Bros. W. Fisher, J.W.; A. Bushell, S.D.; and J. Smith, J.D., regretting their absence, were read.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Mella. The usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Tucker, P.P.A.G.D.C., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Stiles, in replying to "The Health of the Visitors," made an excellent and eloquent speech.

The toast of "The Master Elect" was warmly received, and Bro. Scholding duly expressed his acknowledgments.

Several of the members vocally entertained the brethren, and the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, terminated at an early hour.

LANDPORT.

Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were an unusually large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and visitors from all parts of the province to witness the installation of Bro. Edwin Izod at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road. Amongst those present were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Col. J. W. Crease, P.S.G.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G. Reg., P.A.G. Sec.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; Rev. J. H. Anderson, P.G.C.; T. H. King, P.S.G.D.; G. Aylward, P.J.G.D.; A. J. Brown, P.J.G.D.; W. Bates, P.G. Steward; A. Dashwood, P.M., P.G. Reg.; Tenison Smith, P.A.G. D. of C.; W. T. Dupree, P.G.S.B.; J. E. Buck, P.P.G.S. of W.; M. E. Frost, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Matthews, P.D.G.S.B. Malta; A. W. Hewitt, P.M.; W. M. Leamy, W.M. 342; E. Austin, W.M. 1903; A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Springings, W.M. 304; J. Hathaway, W.M. 903; P. H. Emanuel, W.M. 2068; J. P. Wicken, W.M. 2074; W. Miller, W.M. 1428; Dr. Mumby, W.M. 1069; T. W. Haydon, W.M. 309; J. W. Gardner, W.M. 1834; A. J. Dunn, 487; W. H. Bolitho, Sec. 342; J. T. Skinner, 1426; J. H. Lyon, 309; G. C. Inkpen, P.M.; J. Hamilton Bridle; J. Jenkins, P.M. 487; T. P. Hall, P.M. 804; A. Dan-caster, P.M. 804; and others. The members of the lodge present included Bros. W. F. Westerman, W.M.; Edwin Izod, S.W.; J. Howarth, J.W.; W. Learmouth, Treas.; J. Guyatt, Sec.; H. Izod, J.D.; E. P. Quinton, I.G.; T. F. Wilton, P.P.G. Org.; E. Godwin, Steward; R. E. Buckle, P.M.; W. Mills, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; E. Naylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. R. Fowler, P.M.; F. Sanders, P.M.; S. R. Ellis, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. S. Marr, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; S. Thomas, R. Farthing, J. T. Buckle, H. E. Windsor, T. E. Baskett, J. T. Clark, W. R. Beach, A. Grant, S. Kerwood, G. Fox, J. Biden, W. J. White, L. J. Howell, G. Frampton, J. E. W. Guyatt, H. Gardner, W. Harvey, S. W. Kerwood, G. Grossmith, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were duly saluted. Bro. Edwin Izod, S.W., having been introduced, Bro. W. F. Westerman performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner, and after the usual salutes to the chair the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. F. Westerman, I.P.M.; J. Howarth, S.W.; H. H. Izod, J.W.; W. Learmouth, Treas.; J. Guyatt, Sec.; E. Quinton, S.D.; W. Harvey, J.D.; E. Godwin, I.G.; W. Miles, P.M., D. of C.; W. J. Wilton, Org.; W. J. White, Assist. Org.; S. F. Thomas and H. E. Windsor, Stwds. The addresses were then given by the Installing Master, and on the proposition of the W.M., a vote of thanks was enthusiastically accorded him. The W.M. next presented, in the name of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Westerman, the immediate Past Master, in recognition of the faithful and zealous manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair of K.S. during the year. He also presented a beautifully chased gold Secretary's jewel to Bro. John Guyatt, who had already held the office of Secretary during three years, and who was warmly thanked for accepting it a fourth time. Both of the brethren responded, and assured the brethren they would do all that they could to promote the welfare of the lodge. A vote of thanks was also recorded to the P.G.M. and officers for their attendance, and the P.G.M. briefly responded.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a most elaborate banquet was partaken of, remarkably well served by Bro. Hinton.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bro. Goble responded for "The Grand Lodge," and assured the brethren of the pleasure it gave him in rising amidst so many distinguished Masons to reply. He congratulated the Installing Master upon the way he performed the ceremony that day, and also the lodge upon having such a prosperous balance-sheet. He was pleased to see what a lot of voting power they had, both in the London and Provincial Charities. If amongst the numerous lodges in the province they all possessed the same voting power his heart would not beat so much when he went up to elect one of their candidates. He regretted that the province in general did not have larger voting powers, but with energy and consort with one another he hoped to be able to carry the many cases coming forward. He hoped they would one and all do their best for the whole of the Charities, including their pet, the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Institution.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Officers of the Province," again thanked them for their presence, and remarked that 15 or 16 years ago he had the great honour of riding in the Yeomanry Cavalry when Bro. Beach, P.G.M., was in command of the squadron which he led, and that inspired the W.M. to write and ask him to be present that evening.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M., who was remarkably well received, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present, and to see the lodge in such a flourishing condition. The brethren had grown in numbers, and had made such progress as to establish a chapter. One need not ask a second question as to the working when they see such an array of Past Masters as they had. Portsmouth was increasing immensely, and Freemasonry was keeping pace with it, and he hoped that happy condition of things would continue, and that the position and influence of their beloved Order would always keep pace with the rapid development of Portsmouth. There never was a time when Freemasonry exercised so powerful an influence for good throughout the civilised world, and so far from there being

any indication that that influence was on the wane, the signs were all the other way, and pointed to a progressive period of usefulness in the cause of charity, benevolence, and loving brotherhood. No society was more capable of exercising good influence over one; it induces kind feeling of harmony. He warmly congratulated the members of the Landport Lodge on having elected Bro. Izod as their Master. He had known him for some years in another capacity, and was perfectly sure that he would fully maintain the honour and dignity of the exalted position to which he had been elevated.

Bro. Miles, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked of the pleasure it gave him in doing so, as he had known the W.M. 21 years or more. He could speak of him in connection with the Landport Lodge, and had fully qualified himself for the proud position he occupied that evening. It was a great advantage to the lodge in having him at its head, and was a credit to the Craft. As a citizen, he was always found actively associating himself with every description of movement having for its object the relief of the needy, and the amelioration of the condition of those who suffered. Bro. Izod had been decorated, and had many honours conferred upon him, and most deservedly too. There was not the slightest reason for doubting that the ensuing year would, under the happy auspices of Bro. Izod, be a most prosperous and satisfactory one for the Landport Lodge.

Bro. E. Izod, who was received with great enthusiasm, assured the brethren how proud he felt at his position that day, and he would do his best during his year of office, and afterwards to promote the further prosperity of the lodge. He knew how necessary it was to stick to the work as W.M., and would take to heart all he had undertaken, and carry it out as impressively and sincerely as he possibly could, and try to make the candidates understand what a great Institution Freemasonry was. He was about 16 years a Mason, and had a little experience, which would now be of some value to him. It was 14 years ago when he was J.W., and since then had performed several other offices. He felt sure of the ready assistance of the officers appointed, and sincerely trusted that his year of office would be a happy one.

Bro. Izod, W.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Westerman, I.P.M. and Installing Master, and the Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Westerman, I.P.M., and Buckle responded. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. E. Main, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Aylward, P.M.

"The Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges" was proposed by Bro. E. Naylor, P.M., and replied to by Bros. Leamy, 342, and Wicks, 2074.

"The Visitors" and "Officers" brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

The proceedings of the evening were rendered additionally enjoyable by the performance of a well-selected programme of instrumental music by Bro. T. F. Wilton's orchestral band, and by several vocal contributions from the brethren present. The National Anthem was sung soon after 11 o'clock.

LEEDS.

Zetland Lodge (No. 1311).—The installation meeting of this influential and prosperous lodge took place on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, when the wide popularity of the incoming W.M. was evidenced by the fact that he was supported by Masons from all parts, there being about 70 guests present. When Bro. J. Arthur Godwin, W.M., assumed the gavel, the lodge room presented an imposing appearance. Among the many distinguished brethren present were Bros. Henry Smith, Deputy P.G.M.; the Rev. Dr. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.G.C.; H. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Malcolm, P.P.G.R.; C. L. Mason, W.M. elect 306, P.P.G. Treas.; Crossley, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; Hargreaves, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Beck, P.M.; the W.M.'s of the seven sister lodges, and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the S.W., Bro. W. W. Clayton, was presented for installation by the D.P.G.M., and duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony was proceeded with. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. A. Godwin, gave the beautiful ritual in a manner which elicited the heartiest encomiums of all who were privileged to be present. He was assisted by Bro. Dr. Smyth, and rarely has the beautiful ceremony been more effectually worked. Bro. Clayton having been duly installed and proclaimed, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Clemons, S.W.; H. S. Blackburn, J.W.; C. Anderson, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Postlethwaite, S.D.; the Rev. P. W. N. Bourne, D.D., J.D.; Brigg, I.G.; Blackburn, P.M., D.C.; F. Long, Org.; and Barrand, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler. Bros. Godwin and Blackburn were appointed to serve on the Committee of Management of the lodge; Bro. Crossley, P.M., Prov. J.G.W., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and the two Wardens were elected to the Local Charity Committee. The business having been disposed of, the D.P.G.M. paid a graceful and well-deserved tribute to the manner in which the Installing Master, Bro. J. Arthur Godwin, had discharged his onerous duties, and complimented the lodge on its new W.M. and his selection of officers.

An adjournment was then made to the banqueting hall, where a *recherché* repast was served. The tables were beautifully decorated.

After dinner a long toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs, and thus was brought to a close one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the Zetland Lodge.

NEW MILLS.

Peveril of the Peak Lodge (No. 654).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel on Wednesday, the 26th ult., Bro. H. Salisbury, Worshipful Master, presiding. There was a large assembly of brethren present, amongst whom were the following: Bros. W. Campbell, I.P.M.; F. Rowbottom, S.W.; R. Thornily, J.W.; J. A. Nichols, Sec.; R. Broom, F. Higginbottom, J. Marsden, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Jackson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Samuel Whitehead, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. T. McGregor, P.M.; S. Taylor, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. Walker, P.M.; J. W. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Goble, J. T. Gee, G. Higginbottom, I. J. Clarke, F. Garside, J. J. Jackson, J. Smith, W. Jones, J. Pollett, P.P.G.S.; W. Wild, J. Hibert, J. Shaw, J. Hampson, J. Johnson, and T. Livesley. Visitors: Bros. R. S. Woolfenden, 210; T. Morvell, 1052; M. Preston, 2109; and Geo. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren duly elected Bro. F. Rowbottom, S.W., as W.M.

for the ensuing year. Bro. Fielding was elected as Treasurer. During the evening, and previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. H. Salisbury, W.M., presented a lodge banner, and in a few well-chosen remarks said he should be glad if the brethren would accept it from him as a mark of his appreciation of the great assistance he had had from his officers during his year of office, more especially he must mention the names of Bro. Campbell, I.P.M., and Bro. A. T. McGregor, P.M., for all their kindnesses and assistance. Whenever he had called upon them they had been most willing to comply with his request. It had been his intention for a long time past when he occupied the chair that he would present a banner to the lodge. It might be a little bit superstitious on his part, but he had felt it keenly when he had visited the Prov. Grand Lodge at Derby and seen all the beautiful banners over the respective lodges represented there. He was determined, even at personal sacrifice, that there should not be a blank as regards No. 654 this year, and instead of the usual large ticket with the number of his lodge on, that should be replaced by that very beautiful banner, which he again asked them to accept. This was received with great acclamation. Bro. Rowbottom, S.W., W.M. elect, proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. H. Salisbury, W.M., for the handsome gift, and that he might be spared long to enjoy it by seeing it proudly at the head of the lodge, and more especially at the next Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. A. T. McGregor gracefully supplemented these remarks.

All business being at an end, the lodge was closed by the W.M., and the members and friends adjourned to the festive board, in the course of which the W.M. remarked he did not wish to overlook the fact that the representative of the firm of Bro. Geo. Kenning was present who had designed and manufactured the banner they had before them, and expressed great satisfaction at the results attained.

NEWPORT, SALOP.

Audley Lodge (No. 1896).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Assembly Room of the Royal Victoria Hotel on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. T. Collins, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; T. C. Bird, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Baddeley, S.W.; G. J. Muirhead, J.W.; J. Bodenham, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Jas. Smart, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; R. Williams, S.D.; J. G. Brereton, J.D.; J. Barlow, I.G.; C. W. Watkins, P.M. 1941, P.P.G. Std. Br. Staffordshire; H. Taylor, W.M. 726; H. P. Smith, J. Ellingham, W. Bromfield, J. Ashmore, Stwd.; W. J. Massey, G. H. Paddock, and J. Cartwright, Tyler.

Two candidates were initiated, Mr. C. W. Peake by Bro. T. Collins, and Mr. C. W. Smallman by Bro. T. C. Bird, the charge being delivered by Bro. Muirhead.

After the remaining business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, Bro. T. Collins presiding.

The customary toasts were briefly given, and enthusiastically received.

Sympathetic reference was made by Bro. Bodenham to the loss of Freemasonry has sustained in the lamented death of the Pro G.M., the late Earl of Carnarvon.

In the course of the evening Bro. Collins, on behalf of the Audley Lodge, presented Bro. Bodenham with a handsomely designed silver inkstand as a small acknowledgment of the services he has rendered not only the Audley Lodge but Freemasonry generally. In an able speech, Bro. Collins traced Bro. Bodenham's connection with the Audley Lodge since its formation, and described him as the "father of the lodge," showing how deeply it was indebted to him. He also referred to Bro. Bodenham's services to Freemasonry generally, and said it was the unanimous desire of the brethren that advantage should be taken of his marriage to give expressions to their deep feeling of gratitude. Bro. Watkins, who had gone to much trouble in the matter, would tell them that the desire to contribute was general.

Bro. Watkins then read several letters of apology for non-attendance, among others, from Bros. F. A. Bird, W.M.; Col. R. T. Masefield, C. Lewis, H. G. U. Elliott, and J. Stanley Till, Chap. Telegrams of regret for not being able to attend, and congratulations with Bro. Bodenham were also received, and Bro. Taylor conveyed to him the hearty congratulations of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge.

The inkstand bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., P.S.G.W. Staffs and North Wales and Shropshire, and P.G.R. Hereford, by the members of the Audley Lodge, 1896, on the occasion of his marriage, in remembrance of his many great services. 15th October, 1890."

Bro. Bodenham returned thanks in fitting terms, giving a brief and most interesting *resumé* of the history of the Audley Lodge since its formation in 1881, and of the representations from Masons residing in the district which led to its formation. For anything he had done for the lodge, its present flourishing condition repaid him more than anything else could. He also explained that Bro. Collins was the first candidate initiated after the formation of the lodge, and, in conclusion, cordially thanked the subscribers to the inkstand.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The proceedings were enlivened by several excellent songs and recitations.

Royal Arch.

Albion Chapter (No. 9).—This chapter held its installation meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when Comp. L. W. Harvey was installed M.E.Z.; Comp. William Holroyd, H.; and Comp. H. S. Friend, J. The other offices were filled by Comps. S. Vallentine, P.Z.; E. H. Bradley, Treas.; W. Poupard, S.E.; A. G. Pritchard, S.N.; Wm. Bramham, P.S.; and Drew, 1st A.S. Amongst the visitors present were Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; James Terry, P.G. Std. Br.; F. A. White, P.Z. 907; J. A. Main, 1716; A. J. Oliver, 1549; H. B. Forbes, 1716; C. H. Meiter, 1617; J. Brandon, P.Z. 890; Nelson Prower, 1745; and E. C. Massey.

After the closing of the chapter, the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet room, where a dinner was served that did full justice to the high reputation of the Ship and Turtle, and at its conclusion the customary toasts

were proposed by Comp. Harvey and other office bearers, and were all heartily received and responded to.

A striking feature of the evening's entertainment was the music which was performed in the intervals between the speeches. This was provided by the family of Comp. Meiter, whose name will be found in the list of visitors. The "Meiter Septette" consists of Mrs. Meiter, Miss Meiter, and the Misses Grace, Helen, Florence, Alice, and Harris Meiter, and the family instrument is the violin, Mrs. Meiter acting as accompanist on the piano. The thanks of all present are due to these talented ladies for the entrancing music they provided. It would be invidious to draw comparisons between the different performers, and would require more musical knowledge than the reporter possesses to do so. It will be sufficient to say that from the comments heard upon all sides it was evident that their performances were highly appreciated, and, perhaps, it may be added that their last effort, "Irish Airs," raised appreciation to enthusiasm. Miss Helen Meiter also sang some songs very sweetly. Other contributors to the harmony of the evening were Comps. Poupard and Gammon, both of whom are general favourites, Comp. Pritchard accompanying them at the piano.

GOOLE.

Aire and Calder Chapter (No. 458).—On Monday, the 24th ult., a meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Comp. J. A. Bray, Z., opening the proceedings as First Principal. Amongst the companions present were representatives of Wakefield and Hull chapters, including Comps. M. C. Peck, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.S.E. North and East Yorks; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.Z. 57; G. Wilson, P.Z. 57, P.P.G.S.N. North and East Yorks; E. Corris, P.Z. 57, P.P.G.S.N. North and East Yorks; R. Beevers, P.Z. 57, P.P.G.P.S. North and East Yorks; and S. Slack, P.S. 495, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

Comp. O'Donoghue very ably installed the Principals for the coming year, viz.: Comps. W. Brooke, P.H., Z.; E. Gooderidge, P.Z., H.; and R. Dayson, P.P.G.O., J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. Amos Gooderidge, S.E.; T. Coulson, S.N.; C. Grant, P.S.; and Jos. Robinson, Janitor. On the motion of Comp. Gardiner, P.G.S., seconded by Comp. Everatt, P.Z., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. O'Donoghue for his services as Installing Principal.

The proceedings closed with a meat tea, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

The newly-installed Z. presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He especially alluded to the very valuable services rendered to the Order by Comp. M. C. Peck, and he spoke of his researches into the history of Freemasonry in Yorkshire.

To the toast of "The Grand and Provincial Grand Rulers," Comps. Peck, Wilson, and Gardiner replied.

That of "The Installing Principal, Comp. O'Donoghue," was given by Comp. Everatt, and in reply, Comp. O'Donoghue referred to the strong bond of sympathy that existed between the North and East Yorks and the West Yorks Provinces.

"The Newly-Installed Principals" was given by Comp. Corris, and Comp. Brooke, in his reply, spoke in grateful terms of his unanimous election in his unavoidable absence from Goole.

Comp. Cawthorn gave "The Visiting Companions," for whom Comps. Beevers and Corris replied.

"The Health of the Retiring Past Principal, Comp. J. A. Bray," was heartily received and suitably replied to.

So ended one of the pleasantest evenings in the history of the Aire and Calder Chapter, songs being contributed by Comps. Ezra Gooderidge and Jos. Robinson, and recitations by Comps. Corris and Amos Gooderidge.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., W.M.; Chaufourier, S.W.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M.; J. W. Drew, M.O.; F. Farrington, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; and W. E. Farrington, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., P.M.; and Roberts.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three brethren for advancement and one brother for joining. The W.M. invested Bro. A. Clemow with the collar of S.O. Bro. Chaufourier, S.W., was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Apologies for non-attendance from several members having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The customary loyal and Mark toasts were honoured. The W.M. was most original and eloquent in his speeches.

BRIGHTON.

Royal Connaught Lodge (No. 409).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on the 11th ultimo, when the W.M., Bro. Richard Clowes, P.P. G.M.O. East Anglia, Prov. G. Treas., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Alfred King, S.W.; E. G. Whittle, S.O.; J. Turton, J.O.; R. Willard, R. of M.; F. J. Sawyer, J.D.; H. Langton, D. of C.; Chapman Marshall, Org.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The members of the lodge and the visiting brethren present included Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. Sec.; W. A. Tooth, W.M. Southdown Lodge, P.P.G.C.; H. W. G. Abell, G. Std. Br.; F. E. Sawyer; E. M. Money, P.G. Std.; W. Wright, S.O. 391, Prov. G.I.G.; A. F. Lamette, J.W. 75; R. Gresham Bacon, 75; G. Cole, and S. R. Legg, Prov. J.G.W.

The chief business of the meeting comprised the advancement of Bros. S. H. Soper, Mayor of Brighton, Alderman A. J. Hawkes, and W. F. Booth.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. D. Mutton.

The customary loyal toasts were duly honoured. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, responded. He was gratified, he said, to find Mark Masonry so prosperous in Sussex, and especially pleased to find that the Mayor of Brighton had been, that evening, advanced to that Degree.

He spoke in eulogistic terms of the enthusiastic manner in which Bro. H. W. G. Abell had worked in Mark Masonry, and the great assistance given to the province by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts.

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Early next year the brethren would, he hoped, see H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught installed as their Prov. G. Master, and he was sure his Royal Highness would meet with a cordial reception at their hands. On that occasion he would be met by the Mayor of Brighton as a Mark Master Mason. He regretted the absence of their Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Very Rev. Bro. the Dean of Battle, who, they were aware, had many duties to attend to in a distant part of the county.

Bro. W. A. Tooth responded, remarking that the Prov. Grand Officers took great interest in their work, and were always ready to do their best to advance the welfare of the province.

Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts also acknowledged the toast. He had great pleasure, he said, in visiting the lodge, and also in carrying out the duties of his office. His great aim was to secure the approbation of the brethren of the province, and his best efforts would be devoted to advancing Mark Masonry.

Bro. Matier then proposed "The Worshipful Master." As Consecrating and Installing Master he had, he said, taken great interest in the lodge, and believed that Bro. Clowes had fulfilled all the promises he made at his installation. He (Bro. Clowes) had carried out his duties admirably, and, on his retirement, would take with him the approbation of the brethren and the testimony of his own conscience that he had worthily carried out a good work.

Bro. Clowes, who met with a hearty reception, thanked Bro. Matier for the generous terms in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had received the toast. He had, he said, endeavoured to do his best for the Royal Connaught Lodge. He had striven to follow in the footsteps of their lamented brother—the late Crawford Pocock—and should continue to do his utmost to gain their kind regard and good wishes.

In proposing "The Advancers," the W.M. said the lodge had been honoured by the advancement of the Mayor of Brighton that evening. Bro. Soper had worked zealously in Freemasonry, and would, he hoped, at no distant date, occupy the chair of the Royal Connaught Lodge. They had enrolled another good Mason in Bro. Hawkes, and also Bro. W. F. Booth, one of the worthiest Masons in Brighton. He regretted the circumstances which prevented Bro. Booth from sitting down with them, and was sure that brother had the heartfelt sympathy of all present.

The Mayor of Brighton, in responding, said he had great pleasure in being amongst them, and had been deeply impressed with the ceremony of advancement. In view of the approaching visit of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, he felt it his duty to become a Mark Master Mason, and had been honoured by being permitted to join the Royal Connaught Lodge. During his Mayoralty Freemasons might confidently rely upon his assistance, and he should feel it a great and high privilege to join them in receiving H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, their Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. A. J. Hawkes also acknowledged the toast. The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bro. R. Gresham Bacon; "The New Lodge—the Brighton," to which the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Willard, responded; "The Officers," to which Bro. Alfred King replied; and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening pleasing songs were sung by Bros. S. H. Soper, R. Willard, and J. P. Slingsby Roberts to Bro. F. J. Sawyer's accompaniment, a pianoforte solo being also given by Bro. Chapman Marshall.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 10th ult., and among those present were Bros. W. Porter, W.M.; Simmonds, S.W.; H. Higgins, P.M., acting J.W.; Davis, M.O.; Woodruff, S.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. D. P. Cama, P.M., &c., on the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. Bro. Simmonds was elected W.M.; Bro. W. Fisher, Treas.; and Bro. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The Audit Committee was appointed to audit the accounts half an hour before the installation meeting. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were Bros. W. Bailey, P.M.; George Everett, W. W. Westley, and Bonny.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. W. Densham, W.M.; R. Blum, S.W.; F. Klein, J.W.; F. Marx, P.M., Preceptor; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; C. Grove, J.D.; W. Shales, I.G.; and W. Hewett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. Bro. Densham vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hewett. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Densham being candidate. Bro. Densham answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week—officers to be in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on the 17th ult., at the Somerset Arms, when there were present Bros. L. Nathan, W.M.; F. Thomas, S.W.; W. E. Macey, J.W.; W. H. Tucker, S.W. 144, Sec.; P. Coughlan, P.M. 144, S.D.; E. Wits, P.M. 144, J.D.; Carlo Manzoni, I.G.; A. Carlstrom, 733; R. Q. Moody, J.W. 1853; J. Metherell, R. Ambler, C. C. Barber, and F. W. Lightfoot.

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. Barber being the candidate. Bro. Lightfoot answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Bro. F. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. J. T. Ashby, W.M.; H. H. Nuding, S.W.; D. G. Imlay, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, acting Sec.; J. B. Corpe, S.D.; H. S. Wellcome, J.D.; J. Corpe, I.G.; H. Wilks, C. F. Cox, F. Jennings, B. Levy, H. Cubitt, W. Rowley, D. D. West, and J. Thompson.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cubitt volunteered as candidate, and was examined, entrusted, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed. The W.M. also delivered the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Nuding, S.W., assisted by working the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was closed down. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. Kirby announced that the lodge was indebted to Bro. Cubitt for a very handsome pinard, which the latter brother had that evening brought with him, and now formally presented to the lodge. A vote of thanks was cordially extended to Bro. Cubitt for this donation. Bro. Nuding was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of raising and the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the York and Albany, Regent's Park, N.W., when there were present Bros. J. R. Harnell, W.M.; H. Hazel, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. P. Pointer, Sec.; E. Styles, S.D.; O. Friedheim, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; E. J. Gittens, H. J. Ahern, Heilbrun, T. E. Davis, T. J. Patrick, L. Simon, W. J. Ward, H. Hempel, S. Stretch, C. Itter, and T. Casely, P.M.

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. H. Hempel acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. J. Gittens, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and gave the three addresses in a very able and efficient manner, Bro. J. R. Harnell acting as candidate. Bro. H. Hempel was elected a joining member of the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. Matthews, W.M.; S. Stretch, S.W.; R. T. Redfearn, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas. and acting Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; E. Wehrle, J.D.; A. W. Thomson, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246; A. E. Carter, W.M. 1423; T. Devin, W. H. Reddorp, W. H. Wilcox, W. E. Stone, J. R. Hill, and W. H. Hunt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hunt having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Hunt candidate. Bro. Matthews then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dillon, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Matthews was duly presented and obligated. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Matthews duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and the brethren re-admitted. Bro. Mason delivered the three addresses in a most impressive manner. Bro. Stretch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; H. Foreman, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; G. Nash, H. Dyne, and H. P. Gilbert.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Reid offering himself as a candidate for raising, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dyne offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Dyne worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. having risen Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The Secretary was directed to write Bro. J. Sims, and express their deep sympathy with him in his affliction, trusting the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased soon to restore him to his wonted health. The lodge was then closed.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held for the first time at St. James's Hall Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 18th ult., when there were present Bros. J. H. Price, W.M.; W. B. Fendick, S.W.; F. W. Buxton, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. F. Swan, Sec.; W. O. Welsford, S.D.; R. W. Bowers, J.D.; Robert Shaw, I.G.; E. J. D. Bromley, J. Patrickson, J. S. Hinton, E. Beeson, C. Weedon, E. L. Berry, R. Kirk, H. Matthews, W. Hadden, J. Paul, J. Hemming, W. Brindley, A. J. Dixie, J. H. Pasmore, E. Angel, J. B. Grieves, R. Stebbing, W. F. Bates, W. H. Rice, and Geo. Lane.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Greenway, the questions being answered by the brethren in rotation. Bros. Patrickson and Bromley having offered themselves as candidates to be raised to the Third Degree, were examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was re-

heard, with Bros. Patrickson and Bromley as the candidates. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. J. H. Pasmore, E. Angel, Geo. Lane, Robt. Stebbing, W. F. Bates, and Robt. Shaw were unanimously elected joining members. A complete set of the working tools in a box was presented to the lodge by Bro. Joseph Greenway, Preceptor, whilst Bro. W. O. Welsford presented the emblems of the Third Degree for the use of the members. A hearty vote of thanks was therefore unanimously passed to both these brethren. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; E. H. Moore, J.D.; C. Isler, I.G.; T. Williams, J. Duncan, H. J. Kimbell, jun., and H. J. Kimbell, sen.

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. Kimbell being the candidate. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coxon. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The W.M. again took the chair, and the lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 20th ult., when the following were present: Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Langford, S.D.; Seagrave, J.D.; Carlton, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Austin, Watts, Minett, Meadows, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Watts candidate. Bro. Meadows having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Meadows was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Meadows then answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and the lodge having been opened in that Degree, he was raised to the Degree of a M.M. All three ceremonies were performed in an exceptionally able manner. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Upon the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. Dormer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and, having returned thanks, appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and, 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 21st ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. M. J. R. Dundas, W.M.; G. Gardner, S.W.; R. H. Broom, J.W.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Preceptor, *pro tem.*; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; J. Bartlett, J.D.; H. D. Smith, I.G.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.G.P. Middx.; R. C. Green, P.M.; W. R. Flack, G. English, H. Armfield, and H. Foskett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. R. Flack having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. S. H. Parkhouse being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was resumed, and then closed in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Gardner was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ultimo, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. There were present Bros. Mapleton, W.M.; Smiles, S.W.; Lea Smith, J.W.; Marshall, Preceptor; Fraser, Treas. and acting Sec.; Woodroffe, S.D.; Vaisey, J.D.; Barnett, I.G.; Williams, Walker, Hobbs, De Paiva, Dent, and Gordon-Smith.

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, and resumed in the First Degree. The ceremony of passing and the explanation of the tracing board were rehearsed, Bro. De Paiva acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. It was decided that the arrangements for the annual festival, to be held on the 18th prox., be left in the hands of the Secretary. The lodge was then closed.

Immediately afterwards the monthly meeting of the Second Langton Benevolent Association was held, when ballots were won by Bros. Fearoy and Mapleton.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. Swann, W.M.; J. Wiggins, S.W.; J. R. Roberts, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; C. E. Betts, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; E. J. Green, Stwd.; G. A. Knight, W. Hillier, W. C. Williams, P.M., &c.; W. B. Neville, R. W. Allison, A. G. Talbot, H. Wake, W. J. Rendall, J. Gilbert, S. H. Cliff, W. H. Tucker, and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. B. Neville acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Green and Rendall answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wiggins was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Jennings, W.M.; Alfred Love, S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); T. Kington, S.D.; G. Aylett, J.D.; J. H. Richardson, I.G.; T. Stevens, T. J. Head, and C. R. Cross.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stevens acting as candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Second Degree, Bro. Love was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The balance-sheet and report of the Auditors was received and adopted. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; L. Nathan, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Fayers, S.D.; J. B. Cory, J.D.; G. McCrow, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; James Sims, P.M.; C. G. Hatt, W. E. Macey, and E. J. Green.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed. Bro. Green answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, the questions being put by Bro. Sims. The ballot was then proceeded with, and resulted in favour of Bro. Craggs. Bro. Nathan was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. F. A. Barth, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. S. Whitely, J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; T. W. Biggs, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; W. F. Harbord, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M., Stwd.; M. Speigel, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Davies, L. Lee, and J. Arlidge. Visitors: Bros. Austin, P.M., and R. Dennis, 2309.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Davies answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. J. Davies acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Arlidge candidate. On the usual rising, Bro. Dennis was elected a member, and Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on the 14th ult., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, P.Z. 169, M.E.Z.; Phillips, P.Z., H.; Wilson, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. N. M. North, J. elect 1275, S.N.; C. Axford, P.S.; Benedetti, Z. elect 1275; Grummant, P.Z., Treas. elect 1275; Scott Young, Dickson, Towers, Addington, P.Z.; Capt. Vincent, Z. 1329; Gill, G. Powell, P.Z. 1185; and J. Hill, J. 1329.

The chapter was regularly opened. It is noteworthy that there were no less than 11 Installed Principals present. Comp. Moore installed Comp. Powell into the chair of J. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Benedetti personating the candidate. Comp. Phillips was elected Z. for the next meeting.

A meeting of this chapter was also held at the above address on Friday, the 21st ultimo, when there were present Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z., Treas. elect 1275, M.E.Z.; Scott Young, H.; North, J. elect 1275, J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Axford, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, S.N. 172, Preceptor; Benedetti, Z. elect 1275; Phillips, P.Z.; G. Powell, P.Z.; and G. Gill.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Benedetti as candidate. Comp. Scott Young was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. E. Farrington, W.C.N.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.; Chaufourier, S.; Capt. Walls, P.G.C., Scribe; F. Farrington, P.W.C.N., Treas.; F. W. Driver, M.A., D.; Drew, Gdr.; T. O. Harding, P.W.C.N.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Communications from absent members having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held in connection with the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge.

WHITEHAVEN.

F. R. Sewell Lodge (No. 213).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. T. Atkinson, W.C.N., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. James Gardiner, J.; T. Brakenridge, S.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chap.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas. and Scribe; H. Burns, S.D.; T. Mitchell, J.D.; J. O. Scott, G.; J. Casson, Warder; G. Starkey, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and five candidates were elevated. One Grand Council certificate was presented, and with other routine business, the lodge was closed.

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HALIFAX.

York College.—The quarterly meeting of this body was held in the Masonic Hall, by kind permission of the trustees, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., there being present Fratres W. F. Tomlinson, as Celebrant; T. M. Meek,

as Deputy; W. Brown, Sec.; J. R. Dore, as P.A.; W. Stott, as S.A.; G. Chapman, as T.A.; A. H. J. Fletcher, F.A.; W. N. Cheeseman, Con. of N.; A. Haigh, Org.; T. Trevor, Last, Seller, Lord, Carbert, Halliwell, Monks, and Evans.

Apologies were received from the Chief Adept of the province (who was engaged in Masonic work at Lincoln), Fratres Atherton, Wilkes, Althorpe, Mason, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. C. Greenwood, Lodge 448, an accepted aspirant, was received into the M.C., Frater Monks conducting the ceremony. The election of Celebrant then took place, and Frater Wm. Brown was duly elected. Frater J. M. Meek was also re-elected Treasurer. Several names of candidates were proposed, and some notices of motion were given, after which the M.C. was dissolved.

The fratres afterwards met at tea, and spent a pleasant evening.

FREEMASONRY IN SHEFFIELD.

In continuation of the excellent series of lectures recently given by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., in Yorkshire, a lecture was given by him at Sheffield on the 19th ult., the subject being "The Degrees of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry." The lecture, which was given with the approval of the Masters of the six Sheffield lodges, excited a good deal of interest, and the drawing-room of the Hall of the Ancient Cutlers' Company was well filled. The chair was taken by Bro. Harold Thomas, W.M. 296, Prov. G. Registrar of West Yorkshire. Amongst those present were Bros. Wm. Boden, W.M. 2355, P.P.J.G.W. Derbyshire; Simeon Hayes, P.M. 139, P.S.G.W. W. Yorks; Thos. Harrison, P.M. 296, P.G. Treas. W. Yorks; A. Macredie, P.M. 1779; T. H. Vernon, I.P.M. 2263; H. J. Garnett, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B. W. Yorks; J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 1239; E. G. Reuss, P.M. 139, 2268; J. B. Bradshaw, W.M. 1779; and J. Binney, P.M. 139, P. Prov. G. Reg. W. Yorks.

The LECTURER having been introduced by the Chairman, gave an interesting retrogressive sketch of Masonic Degrees from the present time to 1717, quoting and explaining the old Regulations of 1717, and discussing the historical view of the old Second and present Third Degrees. The history of the Master's Degree was then considered by the lecturer, who gave much interesting information with respect to the Installed Master's Degree. Referring particularly to the provision of the Act of Union that "Pure and Ancient Freemasonry consisted of Three Degrees and no more," Bro. Gould concluded his lecture.

An interesting discussion followed, in which Bros. J. BENNEY, P.M., H. J. GARNETT, P.M., and others took part, after which Bro. GARNETT, P.M., whilst not entirely agreeing with the lecturer in some of his views with regard to the higher Degrees, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Bro. HAMSON, P.M., seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The LECTURER having acknowledged the vote of thanks, the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, and to Bro. Benney for the arrangements he had made for the lecture.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH MASONRY.

The St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, presented an imposing appearance on the evening of Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, when about 250 English brethren assembled to welcome their brethren of St. David's Lodge, No. 36 (S.C.), on the occasion of their return fraternal visit. Bro. Thos. Lewens, W.M., presided over the proceedings. The deputation from Edinburgh consisted of Bros. Dr. J. Robertson, R.W.M.; David Cuthbert, S.S.C., I.P.M.; D. Taylor, P.M.; Thomas Young, P.M.; Reginald Pickett, S.W.; Thomas Monson, J.W.; A. Sutherland, Treas.; James Milne, S. de Pinto, W. Clark, G. Barclay, A. Barclay, W. McEwan, Dr. Hamilton Wylie, E. S. Webb, S. Webb, J. Hogg, Wm. Adamson, W. Paterson, James Gardiner, W. Robertson, Joseph Donkin, James Russell, E. Mallerazzo, and Leo G. Mee, all of St. David's Lodge; A. W. Rennie, S.; and James A. Johnston, 2.

This large company left Edinburgh at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, and were met at the Central Railway Station by the members of the Reception Committee shortly after five o'clock, and conducted by them to the Crown Hotel, Clayton-street, where they dined. After dinner the deputation proceeded to the lodge room, where they were received in true Masonic style by their English brethren, and amongst the Provincial Grand Officers of Northumberland present to do them honour were Bros. R. H. Holmes, P.M. 685, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; D. G. Anderson, P.M. 1664, P.P.G. D. of C.; T. Blenkinsop, P.G.W.; T. B. Nicoll, P.S.G.W.; Joseph Cook, P.P.S.G.W.; Wm. Cooper, P.P.J.G.D.; John T. Taylor, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Alex. Hepburn, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Matthews, P.P.S.G.D.; John Page, P.J.G.W.; and John Duckett, P.P.J.G.D. Immediately after the entrance to the lodge of the Edinburgh brethren, the First Degree was given to a candidate in a way that reflected great credit on the W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge and his officers, and gave much satisfaction to the visitors. At the close of this ceremony, the W.M., Bro. T. Lewens, presented to St. David's Lodge an illuminated address with the names of the deputation from St. Nicholas which visited Edinburgh in October last, and which was embellished round the frame work with portraits of himself, the I.P.M., the D. of C., the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Senior and Junior Deacons, and the R.W.M. of St. David's Lodge. In doing so Bro. LEWENS made a short and graceful speech, expressing on behalf of himself and the brethren of St. Nicholas Lodge the pleasure felt at the visit paid by their Scottish brethren.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. H. HOLMES, also on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Tyneside.

Bro. Dr. ROBERTSON, R.W.M., replied on behalf of St. David's, and accepted the very handsome gift presented to the lodge, which he stated would be much appreciated by all the members, and kept and treasured as a memento of the first visit which had ever been made by a Scottish metropolitan lodge to an English lodge.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, followed by the visitors, then retired, and the business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Crown Hotel, where a most sumptuous repast was kindly provided by the St. Nicholas Lodge in honour of their Scottish brethren. The meeting there was enlivened by speeches and songs given by the members of both lodges, and much gratification was felt by all present at the friendly and brotherly spirit which characterised the whole proceedings. The hospitality of St. Nicholas Lodge was not, however, exhausted. About 10 o'clock the following morning the W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge appeared at the hotel door with his officers and others connected with the lodge, and invited his Scottish visitors to a drive. He had provided brakes for the whole party for the drive along the North road, then by Matthew's Bank, and, after admiring the very beautiful scenery about Jesmond Dene, they proceeded along Jesmond Bridge to Meadowfield House, the residence of Bro. W. Turnbull, where they were kindly supplied with refreshments. Thence they continued their drive through Heaton and Armstrong Parks to the Quay-side, where they embarked on board two small steamers, the vessels having been placed at their disposal by the Tyne Commissioners, and proceeded to the Elswick Ship-building-yard. Having inspected the war-ships in course of construction, the party returned to the city, and having viewed the castle made their way to the Fire Brigade Depot in Westgate-road, where very full explanations were given by the Superintendent, Bro. Matthews, in regard to the working of this branch of the public service, and to show the expeditious manner the brigade can turn out in the event of a fire the men donned their working habiliments, yoked their horses, mounted their engine, and were driving along the road all in the space of 50 seconds. The whole party immediately afterwards went to the Crown Hotel and had dinner, and spent the time remaining at their disposal very agreeably together. The Scottish visitors left Newcastle for Edinburgh shortly after five o'clock on Thursday, amid the hearty cheers of their English brethren.

It is to be hoped that the example of the Lodges St. Nicholas and St. David will be followed by other English and Scottish lodges, for such fraternal gatherings are calculated to give an impetus to Freemasonry, and an inducement to those still outside its pale to join an Order which has for its object the dissemination of peace and goodwill among men. The address contains, besides the portraits, a photographic view of St. Nicholas Cathedral and the High Level and Swing Bridge.

SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

CELEBRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, Fleet-street, Bro. J. Whitehead (J. Whitehead and Sons, Granite Works, Aberdeen), W.M., presiding. The other officers present were Bros. John Page, S.W.; T. Grant, S.D., as J.W.; W. F. Bertram, as S.D.; Joseph Whitehead, J.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.G.; Captain Fletcher Campbell, D.C.; E. Johnston Gordon, A.D.C.; Peter Greig, Stwd.; D. R. Duncan, Org.; James Thomson, P.M., Sec.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler. Bros. Gellion, J.W.; George Shaw, Treas.; and Mitchell were absent through illness, and Bro. C. F. Matier was engaged at the installation at the Rose and Lily Rose Croix Chapter. Letters of apology for their inability to be present were read from Bros. the Earl of Euston, I.P.M., Lord Saltoun, F. Faithfull Begg, George Henderson, and J. Dalgetty Henderson. Bro. Brindley, P.M. 1604, acted as I.P.M.

The visitors present were Bros. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, O.C., LL.D., P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; Louis Beck, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Dr. A. D. Leith Napier, No. 75 (Scotland); D. Davidson, Rising Star Lodge, Rawalpindi, India; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 969; W. Brindley, P.M. 1600; G. Basset, I.P.M. 969; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; E. G. Van Tromp, S.W., and Dr. J. F. Woods, J.W. 969; J. Whitehead, J.D. 1446; Alfred Grant, 127; Henry Bond, S.D. 1656; W. F. Bertram, 1426; and W. Y. Carlin, 2310.

The lodge, which was consecrated in 1889, was intended for the convenience of Scotsmen living in London, and the Scottish Corporation most readily gave the use of their grand hall for its meetings. The Scots Lodge is the trysting place of all Scotsmen in London who are Masons, and wish to meet, as it were, upon their native heath, tradition having stated that the Scottish Corporation Halls were built on Scotch soil, and with bricks and mortar imported specially for the purpose. The interior of the walls being decorated with the tartans and arms of the clans, and the majestic piper (Mr. John Mackenzie) giving out the enchanting notes of his bagpipes, Scottish brethren, who are always heartily welcomed as visitors to the lodge, are carried in their mind's eye to their beautiful country, so that the intellectual feast even surpasses the delicacies of the hospitable board. The Scots Lodge has the good will and support of the Scottish Corporation, and also of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the brethren are very anxious to be joined by all the Scots Freemasons in London, so that the lodge may be thoroughly representative and national.

After the lodge had been opened, the whole three ceremonies were admirably worked by the W.M. Bro. William Craig was raised to the Third Degree; Bros. Pennachini, Stewart, and Home were passed to the Second Degree; and Messrs. William Shaw Beaton and Thomas Drummond Duff were initiated. As Bros. Stewart and Home were about to sail for Australia

the following day, the brethren were asked to be present to wish them God-speed and a safe return next year. The brethren were also invited by the summons to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew at this meeting. In response to a circular from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution asking for a Steward for the next Festival of that Institution from the Scots Lodge, the W.M. said he was afraid the funds of the lodge would not admit of a Steward going up this year.

When the lodge was closed the brethren went to banquet, marching in procession with the piper at their head. The bill of fare was a very artistic production, with the lodge arms impressed on it. The design, which Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland, describes as most artistic and appropriate, is a combination of the English and Scottish Masonic arms, with their mottoes intertwined, while the lodge jewel fills the gap between the two, and St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, surmounts the pedestal above, and the Scottish Thistle gracefully embellishes the design. The menu consisted of several pages, and contained quotations from Burns, Scott, Dean Ramsay, Dr. Jamieson, the Ettrick Shepherd, Border Minstrelsy, and other well-known Scottish authorities, with the addition of proverbial songs of the people.

Banquet over, the usual toasts followed.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" had been disposed of the W.M. in proposing "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," said that all the brethren regretted the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master. Lord Carnarvon was one who desired to promote Freemasonry in the best possible way. As to the other Grand Officers, all the brethren knew that they faithfully performed their duties, and exerted themselves to the utmost in the interest of the grand old Order.

Bro. BRINDLEY, P.M. 1604, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said it was a very pleasant duty indeed. He happened to have known the W.M. for a good many years, and he could assure the brethren that the longer they knew him the better they would like him. Bro. Whitehead was a thoroughly good fellow, and as far as his duties in the chair were concerned they had had a specimen of them that night. Three ceremonies were performed by him, and that was no joke, as was well known to those who had passed the chair of a lodge. It was a very heavy duty, and all the brethren would agree that the W.M. performed those ceremonies in a most admirable manner; it was most creditable to himself, and most gratifying to those brethren who went through the ceremonies. The initiation ceremony made a deep impression on the initiates, and, though they were young in Masonry, he could tell them that the ceremony was splendidly performed. The toast was such a good one that it needed no recommendation from him.



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in reply, said he felt very proud to have such a company around him considering that the lodge was so young. But he could assure the brethren that not only he, but all the members of the lodge had the interests of the lodge at heart. They were all concerned in the welfare of the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Scottish Charities," said he was sorry there was no representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland present, but they had present a brother who would have something to say on behalf of the Scotch Charities, and those Charities were busy in their desire to raise a Benevolent Fund. At present there was only one return which he was aware of that had been made, and that was from the city of Aberdeen, the list of which amounted to

no less than £1000. He had no doubt that Edinburgh would fully sustain their character.

Bro. Dr. FORBES, in replying to the toast, said that Scotchmen in London were a peculiar people, and had great pleasure in supporting their own poor. They liked to keep up that spirit of independence which had been so grandly put forth by their national poet, "For a' that and a' that, a man's a man for a' that." That spirit percolated through every Scotchman and Scotchwoman wherever they might be, in Scotland or over the face of the whole globe, and therefore those who were in better circumstances felt that there was a triple bond that bound them to their countrymen in any country, and if any one fell in the battle of life or the race for life those who had succeeded like to bear a helping hand. In London it was notable that they had done so, and they had a Charity in whose halls they were now banqueting—the Scottish Corporation, or, as it used to be called, the Scottish Hospital—where they dispensed over £7000 in Charity each year. They had pensions from £25 a year to £6 a year; they had also the children of Scottish widows and the widows of Scotchmen; the children of these they supported till they were of an age to do some good for themselves. In annual reliefs they gave something like £2300 a year to poor people who came up and said they were in distress from whatever cause. They gave also passages to Scotland. Dr. Johnson used to say that the best picture for a Scotchman was the "Road to London." No doubt that was a very nice picture, which they might all take advantage of. They had done so, they were strangers and were taken in, they treated them hospitably, and they found hospitality the predominant virtue of the Scotch nature. Wherever they met a Scotchman they would find, unless he was an awfully bad one, that he was a hospitable man and generally able to treat people in a hospitable manner. But there were some who were not so well able to do it, and therefore those who would like to go back to Scotland and had good friends in Scotland to assist them by giving them a day's work or a half day's work, the Scottish Corporation helped to send them back, and gave them money to support them a week or two while they were there. He might tell Englishmen that this relieved them of a very large expenditure, and therefore, while he appealed chiefly to Scotchmen, he would not exclude Englishmen from his appeal. Then they had a school fund, out of which they bore the expense incurred by mothers and fathers who were not able to pay the school fees of the children. They had another fund for Scotch soldiers and sailors who were wounded in defence of their country. From that Corporation Hall they gave away annually almost an established amount of £1200 in that direction. Then they had in the Caledonian Asylum 200 children educated, clothed, and fed until they were able to go into their proper position in society. All this was conducted by a body of gentlemen who would be found to be well known in the City of London as taking a special interest in these children, and if there was one child or a dozen children who showed an aptitude in a particular direction there were kindly gentlemen sitting around that board who would say "Send that boy to my office, or that girl down to my wife, and we will see that those children are never lost sight of." He recommended those societies to the benevolent intention of all the brethren present, and recommended them to attend the St. Andrew's Festival on Saturday evening, which would be presided over by Lord Advocate Robertson.

A collection was then made at the table for the Scottish Corporation, and the sum of 18 guineas was collected.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Initiates," and trusted that what little those brethren had seen of Freemasonry that evening had already made them feel that they would appreciate it. He hoped they would go on and like it still better, that they would take an interest in the Craft, and in the course of events occupy the position which he occupied as Master of the lodge. All the brethren welcomed the initiates, for without them Masonry would not flourish as it did.

Bro. BEATON, after thanking the brethren for their kindness during the solemn ceremony, hoped that he and Bro. Duff would do their best to be good fellows of the Order.

Bro. DUFF said he would supplement Bro. Beaton's remarks by saying he thought the initiates had fallen into capital hands. He hoped they would be led onward from the first step of their childhood's voyage till they arrived at the manhood which was awaiting them. Possibly he might be permitted as a baby to say that while he drew his blood from Scottish parents, he was not born in Scotland, he was born in Cape Colony, Cape of Good Hope. He could remember being transported on a black man's back from Cape Town to the ship, and somewhat ostentatiously the steward began to count the family of his (Bro. Duff's) mother and another widow, and he might have been in the diamond fields that night but for the unhappy circumstance which terminated his father's life. The chief officer of the sailing ship began to count the children as they were handed up one after another, when the other widow, rather sharply, said "You need not count them, there are 11 altogether." But where was the twelfth? He found him in him (Bro. Beaton) there that night. He had waited 36 years to find him. Now that they were admitted to the mysteries of the ancient Craft, it behoved them to look in the future to their laurels, and to the laurels of the Craft, and looking over the matter he thought, from the impressive manner in which the W.M. put the duties of Freemasonry before

them, the aims which they should keep in view, the duties of life which devolved upon them when they came to look at Freemasonry in its essence, it would be found to be nothing less than the party of Christian children drawn from the east around the Galilean peasant who stood on the mountain side and said "Be ye little children if ye would enter into my Father's kingdom; come ye into the blessed kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." That was Freemasonry; while it fostered brotherhood here, it looked to the future; it looked to the interests of others who had fallen in the race and required to be picked up. Let them keep that end in view, and if they did they would be worthy of those who had walked before them.

Bro. W. H. SMALLPEICE, responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said it was the first time he had visited their lodge, and it was certainly a special lodge. He had seen things he had not seen before, and he had had a perfectly novel dinner. Everything had been so different to what he had been accustomed that really he could not answer for any one but himself. However, he hoped the brethren would give him an opportunity of attending the lodge again.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," drew the attention of the brethren to the menu-book, which had been worked up by Bro. James Thomson, the Secretary. It had taken Bro. Thomson a long time to do, and he had spared no labour on it. He was sure that all the brethren would have a lively recollection of Bro. Thomson on account of it. If it had not been for Bro. Thomson the Scots Lodge would not have been in the position it was in that evening.

To the music of the piper a Scotch reel was here danced.

Bro. THOMSON, in reply, thanked the W.M., and said his determination was to make the Scots Lodge a success.

A special health was drunk to Bros. Stewart and Home, that night being the eve of their departure for Australia.

Bro. STEWART said he felt in a sense grieved that he was parting with the Craftsmen, but it was a pleasure to him to think he would return to London and the Scots Lodge. He was very proud to have become a Mason in such a lodge as the Scots Lodge, and when he had travelled to the other side of the world he should always bear in mind the happy and very pleasant evenings he had had in it with the brethren.

Bro. HOME said he must echo what Bro. Stewart had said. He hoped to come back to the Scots Lodge and to meet with the same reception he had had already.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

BRO. GOULD IN SCOTLAND.

At a meeting of the venerable St. David Mauchline and Tarbolton Lodge, No. 133, the opportunity was given to Ayrshire brethren on the 22nd ult. to see in the flesh Bro. Gould, the eminent Masonic writer. Unfortunately, there was a perfect deluge of rain all day, so that the visitors from a distance were not so numerous as had been expected. A considerable quota of his Glasgow admirers travelled to this gathering, in some cases no doubt to witness the working of the lodge justly celebrated as the "mother" of Robert Burns, to inspect the spots hallowed by his presence and immortalised in his songs, as well as the chance of listening to wisdom and instruction from the great historian of the Craft. The Three Degrees were conferred and a trio of aspirants were advanced to the Mark.

Bro. Gould, of course, addressed the lodge, and succeeded in evoking criticism and enthusiasm, with the result that, after a brief sketch of his military, loyal, and literary pursuits, offered by his colleague, Bro. Edward Macbean, honorary membership was unanimously voted to him. A very pleasant and profitable time was spent, and the quiet little village of Mauchline, so far at any rate as represented by No. 133, seemed highly gratified by the presence of the renowned brother whose name even here is a power to conjure with.

The success of the meeting was largely due to Bro. Dr. Foulds, P.M. of the lodge, whose efforts were ably seconded by Bro. Smith, the R.W.M., and his officers.

A special meeting of Pollock Lodge, No. 772, was held on Friday, the 21st ult., in their room in the new Burgh Hall, at Pollockshields, West Glasgow. Owing to the absence through illness of the R.W.M., Bro. Morris Carswell, the chair was occupied by Bro. David R. Clark, M.A., who had the support of Bros. J. N. Paton, as S.W.; J. Ruddoch, J.W.; Craig, Treas.; W. Donald, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; Rev. T. B. W. Niven, Chap.; W. Sutherland Hunter, I.G.; Eadie, Brand, Graham, Major J. Cassells, Dr. White, D. Brand, Ramsay, Murray, and other members. Among the visitors were Bros. Robt. Freke Gould, P.M. 2076, P.G.D. England; Edward Macbean, J.D. 2076 (E.C.); Marshall, 4; Dr. Foulds, 133; Gilchrist, 27; Rev. H. Woods, 145 (I.C.); and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. D. R. Clark, acting R.W.M., introduced Bro. R. F. Gould to the assemblage as the historian of the Fraternity, and in many respects the highest

authority in matters relative to the Craft, and therefore specially competent to instruct the brethren of this newly-founded, but already most flourishing lodge in some points of our past career, that exercised the critical faculties of that earnest band of students who, under the title of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, devoted their time to the solution of problems connected with Masonry, and hoped their distinguished visitor would address a few remarks to the enquiring brother who thirsted for information. When the applause had subsided, Bro. Gould, after complimenting his hosts on the rapid progress they had made during their six months career, and on their splendid equipments, proceeded to touch *inter alia* on Gothic architecture, the authentic Scotch MSS., and the *vexata questio* of Degrees.

In response to a call from the chair, Bro. MACBEAN then followed with an exposition of the views he held, which were not in accordance with those advanced by the previous speaker.

This gave rise to a friendly discussion, in the course of which Bro. CLARK advocated opinions that differed from the conclusions just submitted to the meeting.

Bro. Rev. T. B. W. NIVEN, in moving the customary acknowledgments, exhorted the brethren to profit by the opportunity afforded them that evening, and hoped they would endeavour to familiarise themselves with the whole subject of Speculative Masonry. They had just listened to speeches from three brethren who were well qualified to direct their search.

Bro. Gould was favoured by receiving "Honorary Affiliation" at the hands of the acting R.W.M.

The recipient gratefully acknowledged this distinction, and trusted that an impetus to study might follow his visit to them.

The lodge was then put in charge of the J.W., and a pleasant interchange of courtesies took place.

The usual toasts were given, and Bros. GOULD and MACBEAN, replying for their healths, both assured the brethren of the gratification they had experienced in their visit to the Pollock Lodge, and made suitable reference to the earnest attention with which their remarks had been listened to by so intelligent an audience.

Labour was then resumed, and the brethren dispersed, apparently well satisfied with the entertainment provided for them.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. H. LEE, P.P.G.D MIDDLESEX.

At a meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult., the members marked their appreciation of the services of Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., who has recently vacated the office of Secretary after serving in that capacity for 15 years, and their personal esteem and regard for him, by presenting him with a handsome marble clock of unique design, together with a gold bracelet, as a souvenir of the occasion, for Mrs. Lee.

The W.M., Bro. W. Beasley, was supported by Bros. J. H. Rich, S.W.; W. Simpson, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Ferrar, P.M.; R. Olley, I.P.M.; J. L. Payne, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; R. Polak, P.M.; E. Turnbull, D.C.; Robinson, S.D.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Wicks, P.M., S.D. 2381; F. Carr, P.M. 1607; G. R. Langley, P.M., Sec. 2381; W. Moore, 167; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Jones was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Mr. Watkins initiated. Bro. J. H. Rich, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Beasley, W.M., for services rendered during his year of office.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent repast.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

Bro. E. TURNBULL, D.C., said that he had an agreeable task to perform. Early in the present year Bro. Lee, P.M., the father and founder of the lodge, retired from the office of Secretary, which he had so honourably filled for 15 years, as his various duties called for all his time, talents, and abilities. The occasion seemed a fitting one to present Bro. Lee with a small testimonial of their great affection, brotherly love, and regard, and they therefore asked the W.M. that evening to present Bro. Lee with a timepiece, trusting he would be spared for many years to continue as a member, and assist in the management of the lodge. He would not detain them by detailing the various acts of brotherly love and devotion which had at all times characterised Bro. Lee. Suffice it to say that that brother's uniform kindness displayed to every brother—whatever his rank or position—were sufficient to endear him to their memories. Before sitting down, however, he should like to call their attention to the fact that their distinguished Bro. Lee was not alone in life, but that he had a worthy partner, of which fact he was reminded by seeing Bro. Lee's son present. They therefore thought that a small souvenir of the occasion for Bro. Lee's partner would not be out of place, and he had to ask the W.M. to hand a gold bracelet to their late Secretary for Mrs. Lee, with all good wishes of the lodge, hoping it would not too forcibly remind her of the many hours she had spared him from her side. It was the wish of every brother that Bro. Lee would be spared for long and happy years to be with them, and assist them with his great Masonic knowledge.

Bro. W. BEASLEY, W.M., said that whilst representing the lodge he felt certain no brother had a greater appreciation of the services of their esteemed father of the lodge than he had. When he was initiated Bro. Lee was Secretary, and continued so until he became W. Master at the commencement of the year, and they had always found him courteous and kind, ready and willing to give assistance, and also admonish them when required. Not wishing to lose Bro. Lee's services altogether, he prevailed upon him to accept the office of Wine Steward. They considered it a proper time to make some recognition of his valuable services, and therefore, on behalf of the lodge, he begged to present to Bro. Lee, P.M., a timepiece, as a small token of their esteem and regard, and he had also to ask him to give the gold bracelet to Mrs. Lee with their good wishes, trusting that whenever she looked upon either she would regard it as a heartfelt and grateful token of their affection for her husband.

Bro. W. H. LEE, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., in reply, said it became his duty to endeavour, to the best of his ability, to thank them for their kind and cordial reception, and also the W.M. for the flattering remarks made with reference to his humble services. He should be sorry if, through want of words or lack of eloquence, he should fail to adequately thank them for their kindness and generosity. Bro. Turnbull had alluded in a very complimentary manner to the part he had taken in the growth of that lodge, and also to the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary. He could assure them he felt proud at having been one of the founders of the lodge: he was the first, but was now the last. He was also proud to have been the first W. Master, and it was gratifying to find that after his long connection with the lodge he had not only earned their approval but also gained their friendship and goodwill. So far as the present position of the lodge was concerned, he thought too much credit could not be given to the Past Masters who had from time to time occupied the chair, for they had one and all worked together with the same object—to promote the best interests and welfare of the lodge. During the last three or four years circumstances had occurred in regard to his official duties, and also more particularly the great amount of time occupied in consequence of his connection with the Province of Middlesex, that he could not devote the time and attention necessary for the duties of Secretary, and he was one of those who when he undertook an office never held it any longer than he could properly carry out the duties. He therefore thought it incumbent upon him to retire, and the brethren, with the generosity which had at all times characterised them, had thought fit to present him with a valuable and splendid testimonial. For that handsome gift he returned his most hearty, sincere, and cordial thanks. There was one portion of that testimonial to which he must certainly make special allusion, and that was the bracelet which had been presented to his dear wife. They were taught from the days of their early Masonry that "No mortal can more the ladies adore than a free and accepted Mason," but they had not yet arrived at that time when they could bring their wives with them to take a share in the work. He was sure Mrs. Lee would receive the gift as some little compensation for the many long hours she had waited whilst he had been performing his duties, and some of which had been perhaps longer than was absolutely necessary. His wife had always entertained a very high opinion of that lodge, which would be greatly enhanced when he showed her what the brethren had done. Although he was no longer Secretary, he could assure them that his interest in the welfare of the lodge was just as great. His Masonic work was not yet at an end, for he was at the present time W.M. of a lodge, and he should always be ready at any time to assist the Duke of Connaught Lodge, the W.M., or any member. He thanked them most heartily and thoroughly for the splendid testimonial given to him, and hoped they would never have cause to speak of him in other than kindly terms, such as had been extended to him that evening.

"The W.M." was given by Bro. R. OLLEY, I.P.M., and duly responded to by Bro. BEASLEY, W.M.; and Bro. J. H. RICH, S.W., replied for "The W.M. elect."

"The Visitors" was cordially given, and evoked an appropriate response from the visiting brethren, and the pleasant proceedings were terminated with the Tyler's toast.

THE OLD MASONIANS.

On Friday, the 28th ult., the first of a series of musical evenings, to which ladies are invited, was held at Anderton's Hotel, and in spite of the most inclement weather, a full hall was obtained.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., kindly presided, supported by Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I.B., and several other distinguished Masons honoured the concert by their presence. The evening was a most enjoyable one. There were no disappointments. The programme was carried through in its entirety, and to judge by the continuous applause, the various items were evidently appreciated by the audience, encores being rather the rule than the exception.

The success of the evening must be greatly attributed to the young ladies, many of them "old girls" of the R.M.I.G., who so graciously volunteered their services, and so successfully entertained the audience by their talented efforts. Miss Edith Bloomfield gave a most artistic rendering of Clay's "She wandered down the mountain side," and her powerful voice was heard to great advantage in Sullivan's "Orpheus with his lute,"

The audience was charmed by Miss Stephenson's delivery of two old fashioned but none the less acceptable songs. Miss Uwins sang "Léonore" by Tosti, and Mattei's "Dear heart" with beautiful expression. The pianoforte solo by Miss Gough was a most delightful interpretation of a difficult theme. Of the gentlemen, Messrs. Stephenson and Packer's contributions were most successful, whilst Mr. Isaac's fine voice was heard to great effect. The lighter part of the entertainment was well sustained by the humorous impersonations of Messrs. Whitely, Brooks, and Uwins, whose comicalities were highly relished. Mr. F. Dyer's recitations were well received, and Mr. A. Balcombe's violin solos showed great mastery over the instrument.

During the evening the Hon. Sec., Mr. R. S. CHANDLER, after a few preliminary remarks, in which he conveyed the congratulations of the "Old Masonians" to Bro. J. M. McLeod on his election to the office of Secretary of the Boys' School, drew attention to the fact that the three great Masonic Institutions were represented that evening, and expressed a hope that at no very distant date the "Old Masonians" would become the "fourth" institution, and of as useful a character as the other three, the aims of the society being to keep the "old boys" in touch with one another and to render mutual assistance. He hinted that in the near future a Masonic lodge would be formed by the members and they would then be able to be represented by a Steward at each of three great Festivals. The speaker then went on to say that he looked upon the presence of so many of the old pupils of the R.M.I. for Girls as a hopeful sign of eventually forming the "old girls" and the "old boys" into one association, and in conclusion he desired that the society should always be known for its adherence to the principles of Freemasonry. Brotherly love, Hope, and Charity.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. C. H. UWINS, and replied to in Bro. TERRY's usual happy manner brought to a close a very successful evening.

The next event in connection with the "Old Masonians" will be a Cinderella Dance at Anderton's Hotel on Friday, the 12th inst. Tickets, single 2s. 6d.; double, 4s. (including light refreshments), to be obtained of the Hon. Secs., "Old Masonians," Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. McLEOD, SECRETARY BOYS' SCHOOL.

The regular meeting of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, on the 14th ult., was of more than usual interest, the members having determined to give to Bro. McLeod, P.M., Secretary R.M.I.B., a complimentary banquet on his appointment. Amongst the visitors were brethren from London and the provinces, whilst letters and telegrams from distinguished brethren in all parts of the country expressive of hearty congratulation and kind sentiments of regard towards Bro. McLeod were received. After the business of the lodge was concluded, an adjournment was made to the Clinton Arms Hotel, where the company partook of a banquet excellently served by Bro. Jollands. The chair was taken by Lieut.-Colonel Newton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Notts, who was the first Master of the lodge, which is named after him.

After the usual loyal toasts, that of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary R.M.I.G., who alluded to the gratification he felt at being able to be present on such an interesting occasion to do honour to a colleague whom he cordially welcomed.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M." was responded to in his usual able manner by Bro. the Rev. F. VERNON BUSSELL, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M.

Bro. Col. NEWTON then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of their Guest, Bro. James Morrison McLeod, P.M. and W.M. 884, P.P.G. Std. Br. Derbyshire, and Sec. R.M.I. for Boys." Alluding to the long connection of their guest with the town of Newark, and his zeal in everything he had undertaken therein, Masonic or otherwise, he predicted that success would follow him in his new career, in which he had the good wishes of his brethren of the Newton Lodge. It was true that in his numbers they had not much voting power, but they were glad to know that they had had some little share in securing the success of a brother they highly esteemed, and it was most gratifying to know that he had been elected by so large a majority, which had proved their judgment to be correct, and enhanced the value of the recommendation they had given. He had much pleasure, in the name of the lodge, to present Bro. McLeod with an illuminated address, on which they had in a few words expressed their sentiments towards him, congratulations on his appointment, and their hopes for his future success.

Bro. JOHN MASON, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, then added a few words, and read some verses which he ventured to think would express his feelings on the occasion in a fitting and more durable form. These lines, delivered in most excellent style, formed an acrostic, "James Morrison McLeod, Newton Lodge, Newark," and were well received.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. McLEOD, in acknowledgment, expressed his deep sense of the kindness which had prompted his brethren to present him with so beautiful an address. He felt it very difficult to say all he felt on the occasion. As they knew well, his life amongst them had been a

strong endeavour to elevate himself by honest and determined efforts to do his duty thoroughly, and in his new sphere it would be his constant aim to continue in that course. He was much gratified with the compliments showered upon him by the Chairman, who had proved to him an excellent adviser and friend, and he was also pleased to find his good friends and colleagues, Bros. Terry, Hedges, and Mason, were present from the sister Institutions. To his brother Secretaries he owed much for friendly counsel and ready assistance, and he trusted there would ever be amongst them the same fraternal feeling that at present existed. He also welcomed the visit of so many good friends from a distance, and amidst all the heavy work of what had proved a most arduous contest for the honourable post he now filled, he should ever remember the many friends who cheered and helped him to victory. Bro. John Mason, who might well be called the "poet of the Craft," had sprung a pleasant surprise upon him with his happy lines. He felt he scarcely deserved so much honour as had been conferred upon him, but he trusted his future career would be helped by such cordiality, and that he might prove to them that he was what had been so often said in the letters that had been read from some distinguished brethren, "the right man in the right place."

Other toasts followed, that of "The Prov. Grand Officers of Notts" being responded to by Bro. THORPE, P.G.S.B., and "The W.M. of the Newton Lodge, Bro. George Wilson," being also duly honoured.

Next came "The Masonic Charities," proposed in admirable style by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks, and in response, Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made a most eloquent appeal on behalf of the Charities. He also expressed his gratification on Bro. McLeod's election, which he had assisted by all the means in his power, feeling sure he was by far the best of the candidates for the post, and he was pleased to be present on an occasion where a well-deserved compliment was being paid to his colleague. He had assisted at the consecration of the Newton Lodge, and should ever remember the circumstances of his first, as well as the present, visit to the town. He was glad to learn the lodge had prospered, and had had so much share in sending him an excellent colleague. He was satisfied the Newton Lodge would ever continue to support those excellent Institutions which were the pride of our Order, the more so now that they had one of themselves in the proud position occupied by Bro. McLeod.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by the Hon. C. W. TROLLOPE, W.M. 2159, and a hearty response accorded to that of "The Chairman."

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the extraordinary performances of sleight of hand, &c., by Bro. Sidney Pridmore, W.M. elect 50, and after the Tyler's toast a very pleasant gathering broke up.

The illuminated address presented to Bro. McLeod was as follows:—

"To the Wor. Bro. James Morrison McLeod, P.M.,
W.M. 894, P.P.G. Std. B. Derbyshire.

Newark, Nov. 14th, 1890.

"We, the undersigned, representing the members of the Newton Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1661, desire to offer you our hearty congratulations on your election to the important post of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Being well acquainted with the zeal which you have hitherto evinced in the true interests of Freemasonry, and the success which has already crowned your efforts in the cause of our Masonic Charities, we are assured that the Institution to which you are now attached will find in you a Secretary who will to the utmost faithfully and conscientiously carry out the multifarious duties of this office. It is our earnest wish and prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may preserve you in health and strength for many years to come to enable you to consolidate and perfect the work upon which you have just entered.

"We ask you, therefore, to accept at our hands this slight token of our fraternal affection and esteem.

"GEORGE WILSON, W.M.

"WM. NEWTON, P.P.S.G.W., 1st W.M. 1661.

"GEORGE ATTER, S.W.

"H. W. HUTCHINSON, J.W.

"F. VERNON BUSSELL, D.P.G.M., Treasurer.

"HENRY GEORGE, P.P.G.D. of C., Secretary."

In addition, at the suggestion of the Chairman, the brethren promptly subscribed a sum of money sufficient to endow a chair in the R.M.I. for Boys, as a memento of Bro. McLeod's appointment.

Amongst the brethren and visitors present were Bros. Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M.; Col. Newton, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; J. Chapman, P.P.G.D. Notts; J. Tomlinson, P.G.D. of C. West Yorks; F. H. Appleby, P.P.G.D. Notts; T. Thorpe, P.G.S.B. Notts; H. George, P.M. and Sec. 1661, P.P.G.D. of C.; Rev. E. Leys, P.G. Chap. Madras; Hon. C. W. Trollope, W.M. 2159; S. Pridmore, W.M. elect 50; and others.

Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein were present at a meeting on Tuesday of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses' Institute at St. Katherine's Hospital, Regent's Park.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

In a recent issue we gave a brief account of the reception at Toronto of the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Ross Robertson, on his return from Europe. It is said to have been the largest gathering of Masons ever brought together in Canada, and the proceedings throughout were of the most enthusiastic character. It was a spontaneous greeting from the brethren of his native city, and it was characterised by that energy and unanimity which is so great a feature in such functions in the Dominion, when the brethren find a man whom they delight to honour. Representatives were present from all parts, to the number of nearly 700.

In his reply to the congratulations and address presented to him, Bro. Robertson referred to many matters of moment connected with his own Grand Lodge, and gave some interesting details of his visit to the Grand Lodge of England.

We regret that the demand on our space will not admit of our reproducing them *in extenso*, but our readers must be content with the following description of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at which he, with the M.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. McCalla, was present: "Delighted as I am to be at home, I cannot forget my visit to the old land—to the Mother Grand Lodge, the United Grand Lodge of England—the fountain which has supplied the stream of Canadian Craft work for nearly a century. My reception by the English Craft was marked by a sincerity that is characteristic of the Craftsmen in the home of our fathers, and when, on the morning of my arrival in London, I called on Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, I found a gentleman, whose greeting was so happy that it made me feel as if I had met an old friend. His expression of pleasure at seeing me was accompanied by an invitation to meet the Grand Officers at their mess, at five o'clock, in Freemasons' Tavern, and in the evening to visit the Grand Lodge in its Quarterly Communication. The reunion at dinner was most enjoyable, Colonel Sandeman presided, with M.W. Bro. Clifford McCalla, of Pennsylvania, as the senior visiting Grand Master, on his right, and myself, as the representative of Canada, the junior jurisdiction, on his left. I need not tell you, my brethren, that it was an English dinner, and as I returned my acknowledgments for the compliments paid our jurisdiction, I mentally resolved that whatever fault I had to find with the Craftsmen of the Motherland for their action in the early days of Masonic government, when we were struggling for life and freedom, I, without a tinge of reservation, at once and for ever granted them full absolution and forgiveness for the sleepless nights that they may have cost us in the time of long ago. It was not an unimpressive sight to look around that happy company, clothed in the golden regalia of the Craft. I felt that we might indeed be proud of the Mother Lodge, whose officers were men who stood in the highest social scale, who had, in mercantile and professional life, on British battle-fields, and on the quarter-decks of our fleets, not only done duty to their country, but were pillars of the Craft in the oldest Masonic jurisdiction in the world. An hour later we stood in the robing room of the Grand Lodge. The magnificent regalia of the Craft had been brought from the strong room, the great sword of the Grand Lodge, a blade presented by the Grand Master of Sweden, rich in its velvet casing, was in the hands of the Grand Sword Bearer; the Grand Registrar, with his velvet bag embroidered with the arms of the Grand Lodge, was at his station, and every officer being properly clothed, at the word from the Grand Director of Ceremonies, marched through the marble hall, which led to the magnificent lodge room, where 500 Craftsmen, Past Grand Officers, and Worshipful Masters, clothed in their regalia, and every brother in full evening dress, rose and received the procession as it entered through the west door. Walking, as I did, with my friend McCalla, in front of the acting Grand Master, I was thrilled with pleasure, as, from all parts of the hall, unbounded applause greeted our entrance. Little did I think when I was installed in the east of this room—in the very chair in which I now sit—that before many years I would sit on the right of the chair in the Grand Lodge of England, and, as I viewed the surroundings, the acting Grand Master, Colonel Marmaduke Ramsey, every inch a Mason, sitting with gavel in hand, shaded by the banner of Grand Lodge, the blaze of golden regalia in the east, the royal blue collars and the silver jewels of the hundreds of Craftsmen who sat on each side of the hall, I said to myself that well did the Mother Lodge earn its royal name, for the face of every brother seemed to beam with fellowship, friendship, and goodwill. The Communication was the quarterly one of Grand Lodge, in England and Scotland, as you are aware, the Grand Lodge meet in Quarterly Communication, while in the United States and Canada we meet yearly, except in the case of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, where the old English custom is followed. The apartment in which Grand Lodge meets is somewhat longer than the one in which we are to-night, and will accommodate in the crowded sessions of Grand Lodge about 700 members. It is a room well fitted for the purpose, with the portraits on panels in the walls of the Grand Masters who have presided since the Union, in 1813. The appointments are elaborate, while the methods of transacting business are much the same as our own Grand Lodge. The opening of the Grand Lodge being completed, as a graceful compliment, the grand honours were accorded to the visitors, and, my brethren, your kindness to-night is but a repe-

tition of that evening. I shall never forget it, for it was a genuine English welcome, one that truly touched my heart, and, as I rose to return thanks, I thought of you all and my Masonic home across the sea, and that with all my faults you would feel proud to know of the royal manner in which your Grand Master was greeted in the Grand East of the Mother Lodge that gave us life. It is pleasant for me to state that the officers of the Grand Lodge of England entertain the most friendly feelings for our jurisdiction, and that they acknowledge that we in Canada are heirs to the antiquity of our ancestors, the fathers of the Canadian Craft, who, from 1792 until 1855, fought for Masonic freedom, and founded the extensive jurisdiction, which, although not well up in years, can look around and see her children growing in strength, and in the true spirit which should guide and govern those who kneel at Craft altars. My visit to England was rendered more than ordinarily eventful by the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, who allowed me to make an accurate examination of all the old and written records of the Craft, and, as Bro. Henry Sadler, the Grand Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge, and the author of quite a number of interesting Masonic books, showed me into the strong room at Freemasons' Hall in London, and brought down from the shelves the original and earliest records of the Grand Lodge of 1717, and I opened at the first written page, which was dated 1723, and turned over the leaves, how I did yearn to have about 24 hours with that old record, that I might be able to tell you, my brethren, something about your birthright. In this old volume I found that in 1777, the Modern Grand Lodge voted £100 towards the relief of many distressed Masons at Halifax, N.S. While this old book was, of course, of interest, my thoughts were centred on the Athol records, the Grand Lodge which came into existence in 1753. There were four Grand Lodges up to 1790. The senior was the Grand Lodge of 1717, then a Grand Lodge, formed out of an old lodge at York, in 1725, which assumed the title of "The Grand Lodge of All England." Then we had the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, established in 1753, and a fourth Grand Lodge, formed in 1779 by a few members of the Lodge of Antiquity, in London, under the egotistical title of 'The Grand Lodge of England, south of the River Trent.' After 1790 the two latter lodges went out of existence, and the two were left, one of which, the Athols, gave you, my brethren, life in 1792. But it is unfair to weary you with a digression from the purposes of this meeting. All the Craft and Royal Arch records are kept in this strong room, piled away in regular order ready for use at a moment's notice. The gold plate of Grand Lodge and the gold vessels for the laying of cornerstones and for the consecration of lodge rooms, are kept in this room, as well as the Grand Regalia. There are two suits for the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; one is kept at Marlborough House and the other in the strong room, for use when he visits Grand Lodge. The Prince presides about once a year, and his place at other meetings is taken by the Pro Grand Master or the Provincial Grand Masters according to seniority. He is an enthusiastic Mason, and takes a lively interest in the Craft work, always ready to take part in ceremonials, while the practical work is looked after by the Grand Secretary, who, by the way, has the happy faculty of giving a pleasant welcome to everyone, so that even a visitor across the sea is just as much at home as if in his own jurisdiction.

THE LATE COLONEL MACLEOD MOORE.

The following appears in the last issue of the Toronto Freemason:—

"To the Editor of the 'Toronto Freemason.'

"Sir and Brother,

"It may interest your readers to have a few particulars relative to the early Masonic career of that giant among Masonic Knights Templars, the late revered and beloved Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada. I, therefore, have looked up the minutes of the Abbey Preceptory, No. 242, Boyle, Ireland, and found the record of his first installation in that encampment, as it was then styled. The conclave which admitted Colonel MacLeod Moore to the Degrees of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta (afterwards to become the most erudite and distinguished Masonic Knight Templar in the world) was held on the 29th October, 1844, when the following officers presided: Bro. Sir John Leland, Grand Commander; Bro. Sir John Wallace, Captain General; Bro. Sir Mungo Cranston, Grand Martial; Bro. Sir Arthur Brown, Grand Prelate; Bro. Sir Robert Armstrong, Grand Recorder; Bro. Sir Thane Leland, Standard Bearer; Bro. Sir Gilbert Wallace Whyte, Sword Bearer.

"The minute subsequently records that 'Bro. Companions Patrick Horan, Joseph Adolphus MacGrath, of Jamaica, and William J. B. McL. Moore, 69th Regiment, all received the Degrees of High Knight Templars and Knights of Malta.

"In the margin of the book there is a note that 'Bro. J. MacGrath is a R.A. Companion of No. 4, Kilwinning R.A. Chapter, Glasgow, and Bro. Moore, of St. Machers, No. 37, Aberdeen, Scotland, and also of No. 50, Dublin.

"I have also searched the minutes of the Craft Lodge No. 242, Boyle, and find that 'Bro. W. J. B. MacL. Moore was unanimously elected Senior Warden' of that lodge on the 7th January, 1845; and further, it is recorded that on the 4th February, 1845, 'He gave a very excellent lecture to the brethren on Masonry.'

"It would appear that he left Boyle shortly afterwards. On the 4th June, 1845, the brethren of Lodge 242 presented him with an address, in which they said 'We feel ourselves imperatively called on this (to us) painful occasion of your departure from this town to offer to you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the truly Masonic conduct which has characterised every act of yours since you came amongst us, proving, indeed, that you have made Masonry your constant and unerring guide in your intercourse with the brethren of 242. Your zealous co-operation with your brethren and the liberality of your presents to our lodge make us feel that it will be a long time before the void made by your removal can be filled up.' Truly do these words of 1845 speak in 1890! Colonel MacLeod Moore, 33, Masonic philosopher, historian, moralist, antiquary, adviser—no more!

"It will be a long time before the void made by his removal can be filled up.' Yet his writings, his teachings remain—'He being dead yet speaketh.'—Yours fraternally,

"FRANCIS E. CLARKE, M.D., LL.D., 30,

"Past Preceptor, Registrar of the

"Abbey Preceptory, Boyle, Ireland.

"1st October, 1890."

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AS P.G.M. FOR BERKSHIRE.

The following instructions have been issued in reference to the above:

"Town Hall Chambers, Reading,
"29th November, 1890.

"PROVINCE OF BERKSHIRE.

"Sir and Brother,

"In forwarding to you the accompanying summons and agenda of the especial Provincial Grand Lodge to be held on the 15th day of December next, I beg to point out to you that the space for the accommodation of brethren is limited. If, therefore, you intend to be present at the lodge you will fill up the form on the other side. If you also intend to be present at the luncheon you will in addition remit me one guinea.

"The form *must* be filled up and returned to me on or before the 8th inst., but an earlier reply will be esteemed a favour.

"No application for an admission ticket to lodge or luncheon can be received after the 8th of December, and if the application for the latter ticket be not accompanied by the required remittance, the luncheon ticket will not be sent.

"Your faithfully and fraternally,

"JOHN W. MARTIN, P.P.G.R.,

"Officiating P.G. Sec.

"N.B.—A special train leave Paddington Station for Reading, on Monday, December 15th, 1890, at 10.30 a.m., and returning at 4.45 p.m.—Tickets, 7s. 10d. each."

Ireland

There has been a great deal of Masonic enthusiasm in the North-west during the past few weeks. A Masonic ball and concert, which is now an annual affair, has been held in Castleblayney, under the superintendence of the brethren of Lodge No. 352. The success was even more marked than on previous occasions. The proceeds of these elegant annual reunions are devoted to the Building Fund of the new Masonic Hall in that town. The concert was held in the Town Hall, where ample accommodation was provided for a large and fashionable audience. The proceedings opened with the entry of the brethren in full Masonic regalia, and there an attendance of brethren from Ballybay, Carrickmacross, Cootehill, Monaghan, Dundalk, Dublin, &c. At the termination of the concert a move was made to the Masonic Hall, where the ball took place, and was kept up till dawn. The supper, which was laid in the lodge room, was very elegant, and the whole proceedings reflected the greatest credit on the W.M. and officers of No. 352.

All the lodges are at present electing officers for 1891, and we hope a judicious selection will be made to further the interests of the Craft next year. But death has been calling to the Grand Lodge above some of our most prominent brethren. We greatly regret to announce the death of Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald, C.E. He occupied high office in the Order, and was representative of the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Lodge No. 227 loses one of its most active members in him, and the Masonic Charities had in Bro. Fitzgerald a warm-hearted supporter. It was owing to his generosity that the mansion and grounds at Richview were secured as the habitation for the orphan boys, and in both Schools he took a most lively interest.

In the death of Bro. John Arnott Taylor, J.P., a Past Prov. G. Officer, Lodge 314, Belfast, loses a faithful and trusted friend, and the warrant of this lodge owes its existence to his energy in 1885. He was also a member of Chapter No. 8, Belfast, of Prince Masons of Ireland, 18, and a liberal supporter of our Charities and Schools. He was elected a representative of St. George's Ward in the Town Council, Belfast, in 1882, and at the time of his death was a member of no fewer than five Corporation Committees.

A most successful bazaar under the auspices of Lodge 799, Castleberg, has just been held. About a year ago these brethren decided to build a hall at a cost

of £800, which they have succeeded in doing, and as there remained about £400 to be raised to leave the hall free of debt, by a supreme effort this amount was raised at the bazaar. The Building Committee was composed of the officers of the lodge, who in their year of office completed the noble structure, perfect in all its parts, and honourable to its builders: Bros. T. W. McCormick, W.M.; Wm. Graham, S.W.; J. W. Bracegirdle, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gatchell, S.D.; Wm. King-Edwards, J.D.; J. R. T. Johnstone, I.P.M.; and Wm. Irwin, Treas. and Sec.

On Bros. McCormick and Irwin most of the labour fell, and to them must be accorded most of the praise and congratulations, while Bro. Johnstone cannot be overlooked. The ladies (without whose assistance it would have been a failure) who presided over the stalls were—Stall No. 1, Miss McCormick, Miss B. McCormick, Mrs. Johnstone, and assistants; Stall No. 2, Mrs. McErvell, Mrs. Leary, and assistants; Stall No. 3, Miss King-Edwards, Mrs. Love, and assistants; Poultry Stall, Mrs. E. G. Leary, of Demerara.

The bazaar lasted three days, and amongst those present we noticed Bros. his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, G.M.; Sir J. M. Stewart, Bart, D.L., P.G.M.; Col. John G. Irvine, D.L., P.D.G.M.; Major Henry Irvine, J.P., P.S.G.W.; Wm. Purdon, C.E., P.J.G.W.; Rev. John W. Taylor, LL.B., P.G. Chap.; Archibald Anderson, P.G.D. of C.; and others.

DID FREEMASONRY ORIGINATE AMONG THE DRUSES?

A few months ago I had occasion to enter into a business contract with one of my Druse farmers. When we were about to draw up the agreement, the Druse suggested that, as he could neither read or write, we should ratify the bargain in the manner customary among his people. This consists of a solemn grasping of hands together in the presence of two or three other Druses as witnesses, whilst the agreement is recited by both parties. Being always on the *qui vive* to gain a practical insight into the manners and customs of the Druses, I readily consented to this form of contract, hoping thereby to learn something more of their methods of procedure. Accordingly, the farmer brought three of his neighbours to me, and the terms of our contract having been made known to them, one of them took the right hand of each of us and joined them together, whilst he dictated to us what to say after him. To my great astonishment, the Druse who was grasping my hand gave me the *grip* of a Master Mason! I immediately returned it, to his equal surprise. He asked me how and where I had learnt their secret sign; and this set me on the track of further inquiries, the result of which has been to render what was before a very strong belief on my part an absolute conviction. I now feel morally certain that my theory is correct; and speaking as a Freemason, and as one who has also searched somewhat fully into the mystic tenets of the Druses, I can assert that, in many particulars, the esoteric teaching of both systems is more or less identical. Owing to the extreme secrecy and exclusiveness of the Druse character, it is most difficult to gain an insight into their inner rites and tenets; and it requires many years of intercourse with them, and the firm establishment of relations of mutual confidence and trust, before one can be in a position to learn anything concerning them. But, speaking from experience, I can only say that if those who are qualified to pursue the subject further will investigate carefully for themselves this most interesting matter, they will be more and more convinced of the truth of my statement, and cannot fail to be persuaded that the origin of Freemasonry is to be traced to the ancestors of the Druses, and that these ancestors were the Phœnician mountaineers of the Lebanon, who were the subjects of Hiram, King of Tyre. As might have been expected under these circumstances, the Druses are essentially a mountaineering race; there not being a single Druse village situated upon a plain, either in the Lebanon district, across the Haurân, or in the Holy Land proper.—"From the Druses of the Holy Land," by Haskett Smith, in *Blackwood's Magazine* for December, 1890.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, when presiding at the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 27th ult., referred in sympathetic terms to the recent death of the King of the Netherlands, and a resolution to the same effect was unanimously passed by the Court, and, after being signed by the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir John B. Monckton), directed to be transmitted to the Netherlands Minister.

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MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the hour of 4 p.m.

ALBION LODGE, No. 9.—The Albion Lodge ball is arranged to take place on Friday, the 30th January next.

At a meeting of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, Bro. G. Mordey, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treasurer.

A special Court of the Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 19th instant.

At the meeting of the Arnold Lodge, held at Walton-on-the-Naze on Tuesday the 25th ult., Bro. James M. Scarlett, I.P.M., was presented with a jewel to mark his successful year of office.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, of Budge-row, was a prize winner at last week's poultry show at the Crystal Palace. He exhibited a golden Wyandotte cockerel, of great size and splendid plumage.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond-Wolff, her Majesty's Minister at Teheran, whose health is much improved, has reached Constantinople on his journey home, and may be expected to arrive shortly in England.

At the last meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, Bro. C. H. Holland, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treasurer.

The Marquis of Salisbury has sent £50, and the Duke of Westminster £10 in aid of the funds being raised by a ball to be held next Wednesday at Stratford Town Hall by the West Ham Abbey Lodge, on behalf of the West Ham Hospital.

Bro. Earl Granville and Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre and Lady Constance Shaw-Lefevre were among the guests invited by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart-Rendel to meet the Right Hon. W. E. and Mrs. Gladstone at dinner at their residence on Saturday last.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland (Bro. the Earl of Zetland) and the Countess of Zetland, left the Vice-regal Lodge, Dublin, for Baron's Court, Newtown Stewart, County Tyrone, on Monday, on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn.

No fees of any sort or description will be part of the managerial policy of Mr. Norman Forbes when he assumes the lesseeship of the Globe Theatre. Programmes and cloak-rooms will be free, and the refreshment catering will be in the hands of the Edward's Menu Company.

Bro. Lennox Browne has left for Berlin, having in his care a gentleman to be treated by Professor Koch's method. We shall look forward with some interest to our brother's return, as he will be quite sure to bring back all that is new in relation to this all-absorbing discovery in medical circles.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, at their lodge house, The Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, on Friday, the 12th inst.; Bro. J. Sims, P.M. 834, W.M., supported by Bros. G. Read, P.M. 1767; J. Collings, P.M. 1891; J. Davis, P.M., W.M. 169, S.W.; A. Williams, P.M. 2090, J.W.; and D. S. Long, W.M. 1275, Hon. Secretary.

Bro. F. Seager-Hunt, M.P., presided at an influential meeting, held on Saturday last, to consider what steps should be taken to frustrate the threatened scheme of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lancashire Railway Company to construct a line through Hampstead and St. John's Wood, which will pass in an open cutting through Lord's Cricket Ground. A public meeting will be held shortly with the same object.

Michael William de Courcy, of Stockton, Saltash, a J.P. and D.L. of Cornwall, has succeeded to the ancient barony of Kinsale, by the death of John Fitzroy, 11st baron. The peerage was created in 1681, and the holder of the title enjoys in conjunction with Lord Forester, the singular privilege of wearing his hat in the presence of the sovereign, a privilege which was granted by King John, on account of the first peer having been champion of England in some dispute with France.

Monday being the 46th anniversary of the birth of the Princess of Wales, was observed at Sandringham and Windsor with the usual manifestations of rejoicing. At Windsor the bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church were rung, and a royal salute was fired in the Long Walk. At Sandringham the children in the Princess's schools were entertained at tea in the large room of the Royal Mews, and had the honour of a visit from the Prince and Princess, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud.

The Lodges of St. John, No. 328, and the Jordan, No. 1402, have decided jointly to hold a grand Masonic ball under their respective banners in Torquay on the 28th of January, 1891, for the benefit of the Devon Masonic Charities. The Committee that has been appointed to carry out the arrangements is under the able and indefatigable presidency of Bro. John Chapman, P.P.G.D., Vice-President of the three great Charities, and supported by Bro. R. D. Renwick, W.M. 328, with Bro. George West, I.G. 1402, as Honorary Secretary. A heavy list of very distinguished Masonic patrons, with other particulars connected with this great Charity ball, will presently be issued.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory presided at a meeting held in the Mission Hall, Drury Lane, on Monday evening, after some 300 discharged prisoners had partaken of a substantial supper, and expressed his pleasure at the beneficial efforts produced by the work of the St. Giles's Christian Mission, by whom the supper was given, and suggested that in future the supper should be designated as the "supper for the sorrowful" or "hopeful classes," instead of for "the criminal classes." The Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Farmer, Sir John Bridge, and Bros. Sir W. Charley and Captain Shaw were among those present on the occasion.

On Monday the Queen sent her congratulations to the Countess of Jersey upon the continued improvement in her health.

An excellent portrait of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.P.G.D. of C., appeared in the *Illustrated London News* of the 22nd ult.

The annual Exhibition of Fat Cattle by the Smithfield Club will be opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday next, and will remain open, as usual, till Friday.

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

Bro. Sir Robert Collins left England on Monday for the Hague, when he will represent the Duchess of Albany, who is sister of the Queen Regent of the Netherlands, at the obsequies the late king.

It is definitely arranged that Bro. the Earl of Jersey will leave England for New South Wales this day (Friday), while the Countess will follow her husband as soon as she is strong enough to travel with safety.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Lady Mayoress will present the prizes to the London Rifle Brigade at the Crystal Palace. Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, will be present at the ceremony.

It is generally understood that Her Majesty will personally unveil the memorial of the late Emperor Frederick, which she is about to have placed in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The Court will remain at Windsor Castle till about the 18th inst., and spend Christmas at Osborne.

The Queen has been unusually successful as an exhibitor at the Birmingham Fat Cattle Show, which was opened in Bingley Hall on Saturday last, having secured the Ellington Challenge Cup, the President's prize, and two first prizes in the cattle classes.

Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, who has been three times Mayor of Dewsbury, was on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., elected W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, in succession to Bro. W. H. Bullock. Bro. W. F. Smithson, of Leeds, was re-elected Treasurer.

Miss Pedler, an octogenarian lady, who has recently died, and whose father was several times Mayor of Liskeard, has bequeathed a sum of £20,000 towards the completion of Truro Cathedral, the first stones of which were laid by the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, in 1880.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, having concluded their visit to Lord and Lady Hastings, at Melton Constable, returned to Sandringham at the close of last week, and were present at Divine service in Sandringham Church on Sunday last.

The 31st Annual Exhibition of the National Dog Show, was opened at Curvon Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday last, and remained open till Thursday evening. There was a falling off in the number of entries as compared with last year, but the quality of the exhibits was of a very high standard.

The Common Council of London have voted £3000 for the purpose of completing the purchase of over 30 acres of land, comprising some fine timber and an ornamental lake, at Higham Park. This will greatly improve Epping Forest at its narrowest part, and conduce greatly to the enjoyment of the public.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by their children, and attended by Colonel Egerton, arrived at Windsor Castle on Monday, on a visit to her Majesty. They were met on arrival at the station by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, with whom they drove to the castle.

The Hon. Dudley Leigh, eldest surviving son and heir of Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire, was married to Miss Hélène Forbes Beckwith, of New York, in St. George's Hanover-square, on Saturday last. The bridegroom was attended by Bro. Lord Dungarvan as best man. In the course of the afternoon the newly-married pair left for Fonthill Abbey, near Salisbury, the residence of the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart.

On Tuesday and Thursday next, at a performance of "The Tempest" in St. George's Hall by the Irving Amateur Dramatic Club, additional interest is attached to the performance from the fact that Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan's music will be performed for, it is believed, the first time in London in connection with the play. The band and chorus will be composed chiefly of pupils of the Royal Academy of Music, the part of Ariel being assigned to Miss Kate Johnstone, a student of the same institution.

An earnest appeal to the public for support is being made by the Chairman and Board of Management of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, in Asylum-road, Old Kent-road. The building comprises 170 houses, besides a chapel and court and board room. The expenditure, which is raised almost entirely by voluntary contribution, amounts to about £9000 a year. The number of residents maintained is 220, and the benefits of the Charity have recently been extended by the grant of weekly allowances of five shillings each to 50 out of the 90 candidates for admission.

The promoters of the South-West London Polytechnic Institute are pressing forward with their scheme. Already £32,000 out of the £50,000 required to meet the same amount promised by the Charity Commissioners has been raised, and it is expected that the balance of £18,000 will be obtained without much difficulty at an early date. Plans for the construction of the building in the Manresa-road, Chelsea, are being prepared in competition by eight architects, and other steps are being taken to ensure the success of the project.

Her Majesty and the members of the Royal Family are taking a deep interest in the forthcoming Royal Naval Exhibition, and will assist materially in promoting its success. It is understood that the Queen will lend a numerous collection of pictures, relics, and other interesting articles from the galleries of Windsor Castle. The Prince of Wales has promised to send all his naval curiosities, while the Duke of Edinburgh will exhibit his series of models in silver of ships of war from the earliest date to the present time.

Bro. W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Head Master of the Haberdashers' Hatcham School, will, after Christmas, open St. Peter's College for Boys, Wickham Park, Brockley.

Bro. Deputy White, the brother and executor, has obtained probate for the will of the late Rev. Henry White, M.A., Chaplain of the Savoy. The personalty has been sworn at £456.

Bro. the Duke of Fife presented on Friday evening, the 28th ult., the prizes awarded by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, to the Metropolitan Drawing Classes. The ceremony took place in Carpenters' Hall.

The *Petit Journal* has paid M. Richeburg, a French novelist who writes frankly for the masses, 80,000 francs for the right to publish "La Dame en Noir" in its *feuilleton*, and the publication has increased the daily sales of the paper by 30,000.

The poor of Vienna have just come in for a windfall. Count George Waldstein, who died within three months of the death of his young wife, Countess Pasqualine Metternich, has left his whole fortune, which amounts to about half a million florins, to them. A home is to be founded with the money. The young couple were married five years, but left no children.

On Saturday last the new Swedish and Danish Envoys to her Majesty's Court, and the Haytian Minister resident in London, arrived at Windsor Castle, and were severally presented to the Queen by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

We offer to our old and much esteemed Bro. Mugeridge, our sincerest sympathy in the bereavement he has just sustained in the loss of his wife. Both have had years allotted to them much beyond the usual span, but the parting when it comes is not the less painful. Mrs. Mugeridge, who died on the 28th ult., had attained the advanced age of 82 years.

Midwinter, the well-known Gloucester cricketer, lies dead at Melbourne. Poor fellow, he was only in his 39th year, and early in June he became hopelessly insane. Midwinter achieved many commendable feats. With Barnes (the Notts professional) he assisted to make a record for the longest partnership during a match at Lord's as on June 1, 1882, playing for M.C.C. and Ground against Leicestershire, the pair put on 454.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft (Treas.), presided at the annual meeting of the Royal Hospital for Incurables on the 28th ult. The receipts for the year were £51,590, the principal items of revenue being—annual subscriptions, £7472; life subscriptions, £5175; donations, £1941; bequests, £26,210; and dividends on invested funds, £2057. The debit side of the account showed that, exclusive of £9000 on deposit and £8000 invested, there remained in hand at the close of September a balance of £5708, of which £3322 was required for the purpose of paying accounts and pensions.

The installation banquet of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1714, at Camberley, Surrey, on the 26th ult., came to a painful termination. Bro. E. Nichols, P.M., had proposed the health of the visitors, when he suddenly became faint, and retired to an adjoining room, where he received medical attendance, but died shortly afterwards from heart disease. The deceased had for many years been manager at the Farnborough depot of Messrs. Simonds and Co., brewers, of Reading. He was 45 years of age, widely known, and much esteemed.

On Monday, the 24th ult., the remains of Bro. W. Lean, the much respected Tyler of the Boscawen Lodge, who died on the Friday night previous, after only a few days' illness, were consigned to their last resting place in Chacewater churchyard. Although the weather was very stormy, and during the ceremony rain and hail fell in torrents, there was a large attendance of brethren and others. His sword and collar of office and his Provincial apron rested on the coffin. He was a Past Prov. Grand Tyler. On the completion of the service by Bro. the Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizell, the vicar, the brethren walked past, and each dropped a sprig of acacia into the grave.

A meeting of the Committee entrusted with the arrangements in connection with the annual Masonic ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute, at the Town Hall, on the 13th January, was held last evening at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Clarke, P.P.G.R., the Vice-Chairman of the committee. Bro. Latham, the Hon. Sec., read the minutes of the last meeting, and reported favourably as to the prospects of the annual social Masonic gathering. A large number of additional Stewards was proposed and elected, and several details with regard to the arrangements for the ball for the purpose of securing the comfort and enjoyment of visitors were discussed.

The *Sheffield Telegraph* says: "The Masonic brethren are popular on and off the stage. Their private dances at their hall are always successful; their dinners are the merriest of meetings; and their dramatic doings bring together as fashionable and pleasant a gathering as Sheffield can show. The Amateur Dramatic Society began their season on the 3rd of December, with Tom Taylor's comedietta, 'Nine Points of the Law,' and Sir Arthur Sullivan's operetta of 'Cox and Box,' based on the well-known farce of 'Box and Cox.' On December 5 will be presented Byron's comedy, 'Partners for Life,' and Coyne's farce, 'A Terrible Secret.' The demand for Masonic dramatic tickets this season has been brisker than ever, the seats being practically all taken. The list for new members has been closed, although a few tickets have been reserved for former members who tarry in their applications."

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