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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND
SIR ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, BART., M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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ARTICLE 219.

The question whether Article 219, Book of Constitutions, means what it says or something which it does not say, is one which Grand Lodge should be invited to decide at the earliest available opportunity. This Article, as our readers are aware, lays it down clearly and unequivocally that—"Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains; with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three, then the warrant becomes extinct." Here, as we have pointed out in more than one previous article, there is nothing whatever said as to this particular law being applicable to one class of cases and not to another. On the contrary, it is impossible to conceive how any words which the English language contains could have been chosen which would have made it more clear than those we have quoted, that in *all* cases in which a majority of the members of any lodge see fit to retire from it, and no matter what may be their reasons or their object in so retiring, the minority, provided only they are not "less than three" in number, retain "the power of assembling" and carrying on the work of the lodge. But though all this is so clear that it is difficult to imagine how anyone can possibly misinterpret the law as it is worded in our Book of Constitutions, GRAND REGISTRAR appears to have advised the Colonial Board that this law was never intended to apply to those cases in which a majority of the members of a lodge decide on retiring from it for the purpose of joining another Grand Lodge. In all these cases he has decided that the question whether a lodge shall remain in its allegiance to our Grand Lodge or join another must be determined by the votes of a majority of the members, and that if such majority is in favour of abandoning its allegiance to England, the lodge, as an English lodge, becomes, *ipso facto*, extinct. We sincerely trust we have not misrepresented the GRAND REGISTRAR'S judgment in this matter, but our interpretation of his meaning will be more clear if we re-state the case cited by Bro. W. F. LAMONBY in the letter of his which we published last week. According to his account the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, decided at an informal meeting by 25 votes to 24—the number of members in good standing being 103—to leave the English Constitution, and join the Victorian Constitution. But the minority of 24 elected, under Article 219 of the Book of Constitutions to carry on the lodge under its English warrant. During the two years which have since elapsed, this lodge has discharged its duties satisfactorily. At the present time it has 115 members, including Bro. Sir W. J. CLARKE, Bart., M.W.G.M. of Victoria, on its roll; many of its members belong to Victorian lodges, and it subscribes to the one Victorian Masonic Charity. But if our GRAND REGISTRAR is right in his judgment this lodge with its 115 members has no *locus standi* whatever under our Grand Lodge. Two years ago its members decided, *not* in open lodge where such a question as that of continuing or not continuing to render allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England is forbidden to be discussed, but at an informal gathering, by a majority of one vote out of 49 present, to join the Victorian Constitution; and that being so, the GRAND REGISTRAR tells us that Combermere Lodge, as an English lodge, has ceased to be, notwithstanding the provision in Article 219 respecting the rights of this minority of 24 brethren, to do what they have done. We ask our readers if such a judgment as this—so strained an interpretation of a simply-worded law—should be allowed to pass unchallenged.

THE BENGAL MASONIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

We gather from the Report of the Proceedings, which has been kindly forwarded to us, of the Bengal Masonic Association for Educating the Children of Indigent Freemasons during the half year ended the 31st December, 1890, that very satisfactory progress was made by the Institution during the period referred to, that it is in possession of a very considerable amount of

capital which has been judiciously invested, that the working expenses are on a very modest scale, and that there is every probability that the Charity will continue to remain in a flourishing state. The Committee of Management express a very natural regret that there should have been a falling off in the annual subscriptions on which the Association depends so materially, but it is possible, and, indeed, more than probable that the diminution in this branch of its income is only temporary. In our own Institutions we find that occasionally there is a downward tendency in this respect, and we may be sure that a similar experience must now and then befall those of our Bengal brethren who narrowly watch the fluctuations in income of this Charity. In all other respects, however, the Committee appear to have been well satisfied with the support vouchsafed them. The contributions to the Permanent Fund amounted to 3877 rupees, of which 3000 rupees have been invested. The income derived from capital assessment, subscriptions, and interest on securities, reached 3666 rupees, and the balance in bank and in hand at the close of the accounts amounted to 560 rupees. As regards the expenditure, we note with pleasure that it is almost wholly devoted to the objects for which the Association has been established, the amount expended on the education of 32 children during the six months being 5788 rupees, while the expenses of management, including bank commission, earnest money, and premium on stock purchased, as well as for advertisements, printing, postages, &c., were only 429 rupees. There are now, it seems, 33 children on the establishment, who are placed out at different schools in the Presidency, the privilege of sending four of their wards to the La Martinière College, Lucknow, for 300 rupees each per annum, having been recently accorded to the Committee. The total amount of Stock invested is £80,500, so that there need be very little doubt, as we have said already, as to the Association being able to maintain itself in a state of efficiency. We congratulate our Bengal brethren on the tenour of this latest report of their Educational Association. It is to their credit that though the Charity was founded as recently as 1869, it should have been able to accumulate so substantial an amount of funded property, and that, in spite of an occasional decrease in income from subscriptions, it should be in a position to command so ready a support.

TRANSACTIONS "Q.C." LODGE, LONDON.

Part 1, of Volume IV., of the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" being the transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London, is now in the hands of British members of the "Outer Circle," but it will take some time yet before it reaches the antipodes, and other distant spots where numerous correspondents reside who belong to "the thousand and one" subscribers.

The present number is not a strong one, Masonically speaking, though it is very interesting from an archæological standpoint, and doubtless will prove agreeable and light reading compared with several of the previous parts, for those who have not dived very deep down into the "hidden paths" of Masonic history and Masonic research.

The frontispiece consists of the portrait of our dear Bro. Bywater, the W.M. of the lodge, so widely known and respected by the London brethren particularly, and wherever zeal and enthusiasm, united with sound common sense and quiet but persistent labour on behalf of the Craft for many years, are valued and appreciated. The honour of being W.M., and that of the lodge in having such a Master, is fairly balanced.

The elaborate report as to the finances for 1890 must surely satisfy even the most exacting, especially as all the accounts passed the careful scrutiny of the Permanent and Audit Committee. It is but fair to our esteemed Bro. Speth to state this much, for though the total receipts for the year far exceeded £1000, every penny is most scrupulously accounted for, and details are so abundant as to be almost confusing to the ordinary reader, who has but little knowledge of the extensive operations

carried on under the wing of the lodge by the ever active Secretary.

The "Druses of Syria," by Bro. the Rev. H. Smith, "The Soastika," by Mrs. Murray-Aynsley, "Masonic Landmarks among the Hindûs," by Bro. the Rev. P. J. O. Minos, and the "Roman Villa" (once again), form just the class of papers which will delight a portion of the ever-widening circle, but to the majority it is likely that the excellent monograph by Bro. Gould on Martin Clare, M.A., F.R.S., Deputy Grand Master early last century, will prove much more welcome. Its originality and research place it amongst the best of its kind we have yet read.

A short paper on "Freemasonry in Holland" is more critical than descriptive (by Dr. Dieperink), and seems rather at variance in some respects, with a longer one by Bro. Crow in Vol. III., who, I believe, based his remarks on official information.

My own contribution on "Unidentified or Missing MSS." of the "Old Charges," will, I hope, be found helpful. Beyond question Bro. De Malczovich's paper on the "Earlier History of Masonry in Austria and Hungary," now begun, bids fair to be of considerable importance and interest.

Bro. Clark's capital explanation of the "Curious Masonic Apron," as also the reproduction of that extraordinary article, are amongst the chief features of this number; and Reviews, Notes and Queries, the usual Chronicle, and, alas! a sad obituary complete the fare for the first part of the new volume.

W. J. H.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire, acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. Col. Addison Potter, Grand Superintendent of Northumberland, as H.; and Comp. General Randolph, Grand Superintendent of Sussex, as J. Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, as G.S.N.; Sir Reginald Harrison, as P.S.; Sir John B. Monckton, Letchworth, J. M. Case, Frank Richardson, Rudolph Glover, C. H. Driver, Ralph Clutton, Richard Eve, Magnus Ohren, C. F. Matier, R. Clay Sudlow, Baron de Ferrieres, W. G. Lemon, Charles Belton, and a large number of the Grand and Past Grand Officers were present.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the February convocation read and confirmed,

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that the resolutions he had just read appointing the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Past Grand First Principal, and preting him with the Grand Chapter clothing of that rank, which were carried at the last meeting, had been duly communicated to his Royal Highness, and his Royal Highness had commanded him to express to Grand Chapter his high appreciation of the honour which was paid him in giving him the very exalted position it had conferred, and he had also asked him to convey to Grand Chapter his best thanks for the handsome present of the insignia of his office. (Cheers).

Colonel TOWNLEY CALDWELL said he was sure it would be very pleasing to all the companions to hear that the gracious reply of his Royal Highness had been received in answer to the Grand Scribe E.'s communication.

The installation and investitures were the next business before Grand Chapter, and were as follows:

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand M.E.Z.

The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand M.E.Z.

Comp. Earl of Mount Edgumbe	...	G.H.
Lord Leigh	...	G.J.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	G.S.E.
Sir John B. Monckton	...	G.S.N.
Robert Grey	...	P.C.G.P.
George Everett	...	G. Treasurer.
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	G. Registrar.
Rev. O. J. Grace	...	G.P. Soj.
John Aird, M.P.	...	G. 1st A. Soj.
Hamon L'Estrange	...	G. 2nd A. Soj.
E. K. Bayley	...	G. Swd. Br.
A. J. Trendell, C.M.G.	...	1st G. Std. Br.
Thos. Hastings Miller	...	2nd G. Std. Br.
Richard C. Clowes	...	3rd G. Std. Br.
G. J. McKay	...	4th G. Std. Br.
Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S.	...	G.D. of C.
George Bué	...	Asst. G.D.C.
Walter Hopekirk	...	1st Asst. G.D.C.
Thomas Webb Whitmarsh	...	2nd Asst. G.D.C.
Michael Maybrick	...	G. Organist.
A. A. Pendlebury	...	Asst. G.S.E.
Henry Sadler	...	G. Janitor.

Col. TOWNLEY CALDWELL announced that the G.M.E.Z. had conferred the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer upon Comp. Henry Arthur Hunt.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st January to the 14th April, 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£243	6	5	By Disbursements during			
Unappropriated				the Quarter	£331	5	2
Account ...	183	1	1	Balance		394	9
Subsequent Receipts ...	481	4	4	Unappropriated			
				Account ...	181	17	1
	£907	11	10		£907	11	10

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

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

1st. From Comps. John Russell Lord, as Z.; George John Firks, as H.; Thomas Southwood Eyre, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, to be called the Unity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, Devonshire.

2nd. From Comps. Arthur Power Palmer, as Z.; James Tuck, as H.; George Berthon Preston, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Wahab or Benevolent Lodge, No. 988, Sealkote, to be called the Palmer Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Sealkote, Punjab, East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, as Z.; Thomas Huggins Nesbitt, as H.; Edward James Bowman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, to be called the Tynwald Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man.

4th. From Comps. John Purrott, as Z.; Rev. Philip Deedes, as H.; George John Wood, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, St. Albans, to be called the Halsey Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

5th. From Comps. Arthur Barritt, as Z.; Edmund Gowers, as H.; Caleb Slann Blyth, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Maldon, to be called the Plume Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, Essex.

6th. From Comps. Walter Martin, as Z.; William Beavis, as H.; John George Milbourn, as J.; and 11 others for a chapter to be attached to the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, London, to be called the Southwark Chapter, and to meet at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, London.

7th. From Comps. James Cooper, as Z.; Charles Fruen, as H.; William Theophilus Henry Mayer, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, London, to be called the Kingsland Chapter, and to meet at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London.

8th. From Comps. Edward O'Connor Terry, P.G. Treasurer, as Z.; William Eugene Chapman, as H.; Walter James Ebbetts, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, London, to be called the Savage Club Chapter, and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

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

The Committee have also received petitions from the Principals and members of the undermentioned chapters praying for a charter of confirmation, for the reasons given in their memorials.

The Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 458, Goole, Yorkshire (W.D.), the original having been destroyed by the fire at the Masonic Hall.

The Chapter of Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton, Somersetshire, the original being lost.

The Committee recommend that charters of confirmation be granted to the above-named chapters.

The Committee have likewise received the following applications, viz., from the Stewart Chapter, No. 1413, Rawul Pindi, and from the Canonbury Chapter, No. 657, London.

A memorial praying that the Stewart Chapter, Rawul Pindi, Punjab, may be detached from Lodge No. 1413, and attached to the Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, both lodges having given their consent.

A memorial praying that the Canonbury Chapter may be detached from the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, and attached to the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London, both lodges giving their consent, and that the chapter may be called the Temple Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the prayers of these memorials be granted.

The Committee have further received, with copies of minutes, applications for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, London, from the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, to Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The St. George's Chapter, No. 2025, from Stonehouse, to the Freemasons' Hall, Princess-square, Plymouth, Devonshire.

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

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th April, 1891.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Comp. Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) EDWARD LETCHWORTH.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, all the recommendations in the report were adopted.

Comp. Col. TOWNLEY CALDWELL said the Prince of Wales had nominated Comps. Robert Grey, Sir G. D. Harris, and E. Letchworth as the members of the Committee of General Purposes.

Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, Charles Keyser, L. G. Gordon Robbins, W. A. Scurrah, Dr. Lennox Browne, and Frederick Burgess being the only six companions nominated for election as the other six members of the Committee, were declared duly elected.

Grand Chapter was then formally closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2396.

The Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, was consecrated on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br. as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge are Bros. G. N. Johnson, P.M. 1, P.G. Stwd., W.M. designate; Alderman H. D. Davies, 49, S.W. designate; H. J. Tibbatts, 1385, J.W. designate; H. Clarke, P.M. 1827; F. Dadswell, 201; Milton Smith, 19; A. J. Hollington, P.M. 58, P.G. Stwd.; S. Jacobs, 1327; E. G. Cherry, 861; H. Mead, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Collinson, P.M. 862; A. P. Little, P.M. 1685; A. Wagstaff, 188; F. M. Mercer, 295; and F. E. H. Dadswell, 569.

The visitors present included—

Bros. R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; E. T. Edwards, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; E. F. Fitch, W.M. 1827; C. Turner, J.D. 142; W. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas. Essex; P. Hargan, 142; H. Ffrench Bromhead, W.M. 2318; R. Fisher Young, P.M. 1385; Woolf Jacobs, 1437; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.G. Stwd.; A. James, P.M. 15; J. O. Grew, 650; J. Gawthrop, 1706; T. Kempton, 1706; A. Cavers, W.M. 765; General J. S. Negley, U.S.A.; J. F. Haskins, 1369; T. W. Hanson, 1706; J. W. Tyler, 2077; J. S. Guy, 1343; R. Beswick, I.G. 11; W. Forsythe Harbord, 1541; W. A. Frost, 1728; J. D. Bouttler, 901; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Salmon, P.P.G. Reg. Essex; F. Clarke, 1827; Harry Jacobs, 43; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., addressing the brethren, said the occasion on which they had met was one of great importance in Masonry, and the ceremonies they had assembled to perform were impressive and somewhat unusual to the majority of Masons. They had assembled to consecrate and dedicate a new lodge to Masonry. As they were all aware, they had a very large number of

lodges in London (381), and therefore they would understand that the Masonic requirements of the Metropolis were fully provided for, but occasionally circumstances occur, and local needs had to be considered. In the present case certain brethren of the Ward of Bishopsgate had banded themselves together, and had addressed the M.W.G.M. with a prayer that a warrant might be granted for a lodge to be established in this locality, and he was happy to say the worthy Alderman of the Ward was one of the petitioners. This had been carefully considered, and, although it was difficult to obtain a warrant in the present day, when a large number had been declined, he was able to congratulate the petitioners on the petition having been granted. A warrant had been issued for a new lodge to be called the Bishopsgate Lodge, and it was to consecrate this lodge they had met that day. The petitioners had acted wisely in selecting experienced brethren to preside, and he was sure the Worshipful Master who had been selected had had much experience, and would so conduct the affairs of the lodge during the first year as to hand it over to his successor in an excellent state. He always felt it his duty to say a few words of warning to the founders. He did not say they were required on this occasion, but in the present day when Masonry was so much in evidence before the outer world, and their deeds and Charities advertised so continually in the daily press, it followed that a large number of persons tried to obtain admission who were not always very fit and proper candidates. It therefore behoved all lodges, and more especially the founders of a new lodge, to be most careful in the admission of candidates. Unfortunately, he had known cases where new lodges had been carried away with the ambition to say they had gained a large number of members in a few months. Quality was better than quantity, and it was better to have a few good ones than many who were not so. He therefore hoped they would carefully weigh and consider the antecedents of every candidate, and not admit them unless they were certain they would become good members. It was by so doing they would find they had built a lodge of which they would be proud.

The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the following oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWN RIGG, P.G. Chaplain:

Very closely connected are the histories of the City Wards and the Guilds of operative Craftsmen, to both of which we naturally turn our attention to-day. The origin of both is lost in the distant past, but probably their existence in London commenced much about the same time. In earlier days they were rather the representatives of two opposing forces. The Ward with the Alderman, or lord of the manor, at its head, representing the landed and monied interest of the City—the Craft Guild the same of the artisan, whether skilled or unskilled. It was only gradually the Craftsmen became a power in the City Ward, showing at least enough to control the City officers, and so for more than 700 years through varying scenes they have grown together, and at the present moment there is probably no city in the world where there is a friendlier feeling between local power and trade than that which exists between the City Ward and the City Company. We, to-day, a Craft Guild of the Universe, are glad to be honoured with the invitation to connect ourselves informally, but not ineffectually, with one of the oldest and most honoured of the City Wards—Bishopsgate. The very name associates your Ward with our Craft, and the gate was built for a Charitable motive by the Bishop of London. It was built to ease the passengers towards the east and north, who before its building were to make a long round before they could leave the City, and as time went on our Craft had much good work to do in your Ward. First let me mention what has fitly been called the Westminster Abbey of the City—the Church of St. Helens, which contains more, probably, of the illustrious dead than any other City church. Time will only permit me to notice one:

WILLIAM KERWIN,

Of this Citie Freemason, who departed this life the 26th day of December, 1594. His epitaph—a truly Masonic one—ran thus:

*Ædibus Attalidis Londinum qui decoravi
Exiquum tribuunt hauc mihi fata domum
Me duce surgant aliis regalia tecta
Me duce conficitur ossibus urna meis.*

And as our antient brethren gave your ward the Westminster Abbey of the city they also gave you the City Westminster Hall of the day. It was built by the distinguished predecessor of your future Senior Warden, Sir John Crosby. We read that "this house he builded of stone and timber, very large and beautiful, and the highest at that time in London; hee was one of the Sherifes, and an Alderman in the yeere 1470, knighted by Edward the fourth." But it was not only with their hands that our Craft have wrought in your Ward. The fact that our distinguished brother, William Shakespeare, stands assessed in the parish books in October, 1598, for £5 13s. 4d., fairly warrants our claiming that, at all events, some of his work was done in your Ward. Time is wholly insufficient or I might notice many other points of Masonic interest in the part of Bishopsgate—such as the original hospital of Bethlehem. I shall not have said these feeble words in vain if I have encouraged brethren with greater ability and leisure than myself to seek further. Permit me only to close with the assurance of my conviction that the Bishopsgate Lodge will do work worthy to be placed side by side with that of our predecessors—the work of honest, upright lives, which will make our Craft honoured and respected here and elsewhere.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the new lodge duly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. G. N. Johnson, P.G. Stwd., was installed as W.M. by the Grand Secretary, and invested the following officers: Bros. H. Clarke, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Alderman H. D. Davies, S.W.; H. J. Tibbatts, J.W.; F. Dadswell, Treas.; Milton Smith, Sec.; A. J. Hollington, P.G.S.; S. D.; S. Jacobs, J.D.; E. G. Cherry, I.G.; H. Mead, P.M., D.C.; and J. Collinson, Stwd.

A Committee was elected to frame the by-laws, and several propositions for initiations and joining were announced.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants, and they were unanimously elected honorary members, a compliment for which the Grand Secretary returned thanks.

Lodge was then closed, and after a well-served banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been heartily received, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Grand Officers," of whom they had a large number present that evening. The Grand Officers were always heartily received, and embodied the grandest principles of Masonry in their persons and behaviour, and their conduct to the brethren was calculated to raise Masonry to the highest degree. The Grand Officers present included the distinguished name of Sir Reginald Hanson, who had occupied the highest positions in civic society, and who had dignified Masonry wherever he had gone.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON, P.G.W., in response, expressed his regret that Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., had been obliged to leave. He fully appreciated the honour of returning thanks for a toast which was so justly honoured in every Masonic lodge. The Deputy Grand Master had done good suit and service in the Masonic cause, and they hoped he would still continue to do so, and he might venture to express a hope that before long their Deputy Grand Master would attain still higher position in the Craft. In alluding to the Grand Officers, he was speaking of many who were well known in the Craft before he joined, but he had tried to do his duty, and it was a matter of great pleasure when the Consecrating Master was kind enough to ask him to take one of the chairs that evening. It was the first time he had occupied the chair at a consecration, and he would therefore be forgiven for being nervous. It was particularly a pleasure to be present at the consecration of a lodge for the Ward of Bishopsgate, with which he and his family had had connection for many years, and he could almost see the site of a house where he spent many of his younger days. When he knew the first Master was to be one whom they had known so long, and that the Alderman of the Ward was to be S.W., he felt delighted to attend.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Consecrating Master and his

Assistants," which toast he said would enlist their sympathy to the greatest extent. The Grand Secretary kindly and at once consented to perform the ceremony of consecration when asked to do so, and had accordingly started them in their Masonic career. The Consecrating Master was ably assisted by two of the worthiest Masons with whom he could be associated, and by others whose efficiency and reputation were second to none. The lodge had been highly distinguished in being thus carefully attended to, and they could not but remark the able, easy, and dignified manner in which the ceremony was conducted. The Grand Secretary took time to impress upon them every item, and a full disposition of his leisure time had been given in order that nothing should be wanting to increase the impressiveness of the service. The good, hearty, brotherly love which had pervaded the Consecrating Master and his assistants on this occasion must have impressed them all, and ought to be a point of emulation to those who rose to similar positions. He felt that much of their future prosperity had been secured by the able services of the Grand Secretary, and if they prospered they would feel they owed very much to that to which he had alluded. Their best wishes would ever follow the toast with their heartfelt thanks, and that expression would be recognised as honest and true, and as not in excess of what was right. If the Consecrating Officer would accept that as the only return they could make it would prove his brotherly love and kindness.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.D., Grand Sec., said he felt most grateful, and was sure his colleagues did also, for the kind and far too flattering way in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. It was a difficult thing to speak on a personal toast and as they had already heard his name ad nauseum, he was sure they would not require him to say much more. He could only repeat what he had said in the lodge that it had been a great and sincere pleasure to those distinguished brethren who had so well assisted him, and to himself to take the part they had in the starting of this lodge. They did so with the fullest conviction that they were engaged in a praiseworthy act and that the lodge they were starting was one which had a bright prosperity before it, and it would be the members own fault entirely if its future was not as bright as they hoped it would be. His colleagues and himself were old Masons who had done more or less a certain amount of Masonic work. They had done it in the past and hoped to do in the future, and their services were always at the disposal of their brethren in Masonry if they could by any effort increase and advance the interests and prosperity of the Order they all loved so well. He could not conclude without thanking the distinguished and able brethren who had assisted him. He was sorry Bro. Sir John Monckton had had to leave through an old engagement. He would now proceed to propose a toast which was more personal to the lodge, and the brethren would receive it with the greatest enthusiasm. It was the health of the excellent and experienced Mason who had been installed as the W. Master of this lodge. It was a high honour for any brother to be installed in the chair of a lodge, but it was a much higher honour to become the first W.M. of a new lodge, for amongst the founders there were generally many brethren who were equally qualified, and who probably had strong claims, so that when the members put their hands upon one brother and said he was the best man to rule them, it was a very high and distinguished honour. That honour had been paid very properly to Bro. Johnson, the present Worshipful Master. When they remembered what an old and experienced Mason the W.M. was, a very old member of Lodge No. 1, was in the high position of Grand Steward 16 years ago, had filled the chair of that lodge, and had joined other lodges, they would admit he was a man of distinction and experience. He was sure that under Bro. Johnson's genial sway the lodge would be carried on in the way they all wished and desired. He congratulated Bro. Johnson, because he had been made W.M. of a lodge in a part of London with which he had been personally acquainted, he and his family, for a great many years, and therefore he must feel a great personal interest in being Master of the Bishopsgate Lodge.

Bro. G. N. JOHNSON, P.G. Stwd., W.M., in reply, said the kind way in which his health had been proposed, and the cordial manner in which it had been welcomed, was an expression to him of fraternal feeling that could not easily be forgotten. Any services the W.M. could at any time give in his own person or interest would be readily given. It was pleasing for him to contemplate the Masters likely to succeed him, and he felt sure the prosperity of the lodge was secured by that successor. The qualifications they possessed would in due time show that the lodge would have no reason for regret when he vacated the chair. His faithful service should be rendered as the least acknowledgment he could show for the kind way in which they had received his health.

Bro. General J. S. WEGLEY, U.S.A., responding for "The Visitors," conveyed heartfelt greetings from the other side of the water. He was their very grateful debtor for one of the most impressive and interesting ceremonies of consecration he ever witnessed—not only so skilfully done, but so interesting in all its details.

"The Health of the Founders' Secretary" was next given, the W.M. observing that Bro. Tibbatts conceived the idea of the lodge, and owing to his energies it had been so successfully started.

Bro. TIBBATTS, J.W., replied, after which "The Officers" was given.

Bro. Alderman DAVIES, S.W., having returned thanks, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were well carried out under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, assisted by Bros. Frost, Gawthrop, Hanson, Kempton, and Devey.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE BROXBORNE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 428.

The consecration of the Broxbourne Mark Lodge, No. 428, took place on the 28th ult. at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, and the new venture promises to attain the same success that has characterised the Craft lodge bearing the same name. The interesting ceremony was performed by Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. C. E. Keyser; H. C. Heard, P.P.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; James Terry, P.A.G.D.C., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Rev. H. F. Oliver, Prov. G. Chap. Middx. and Surrey; and T. C. Edmonds, Prov. G.D.C. Middx. The founders are Bros. E. C. Mulvey, H. H. Shirley, J. Castello, C. B. Cooper, and E. Fewings. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Dr. N. Goodchild, W.M. 97; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M.; J. Brittain, Prov. G. Reg.; W. K. Hopkins, Prov. G.J.O.; G. Mickley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Chalmers-Hunt, W.M. 366; T. S. Carter, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Styles, 418; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge was opened, and the following brethren were advanced to the Degree by Bro. H. H. Shirley, who rendered the ceremony in a very impressive manner: Bros. W. Rooke, T. J. Phillips, J. S. Metcalfe, A. L. Adams, O. P. T. Newmann, J. Heilbrun, J. W. Hunt, T. J. Patrick, O. Freidheim, H. Beste, A. J. Sheriff, and J. Carey.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., then assumed the chair, and having appointed his officers *pro tem.* addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting. He expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present that day, which feeling he was sure was shared by all the brethren in attendance, and also his gratification at being asked to assist in the addition of a new lodge to the roll of Mark lodges in the province. He was sure that with good officers the new lodge would speedily attain success, and take a prominent position in Mark Masonry.

The brethren signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, and an oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. H. F. Oliver, acting Chaplain.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the new lodge solemnly dedicated and constituted according to the usual form.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey, W.M. designate, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., and appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. H. H. Shirley, S.W.; J. Castello, J.W.; H. Beste, Treas.; C. B. Cooper, Sec.; O. P. T. Newmann, R. of M.; E. Fewings, M.O.; W. Rooke, S.O.; T. J. Phillips, S.D.; J. S. Metcalfe, J.D.; A. L. Adams, I.G.; J. Heilbrun, Org.; J. Carey, D.C.; J. W. Hunt and T. J. Patrick, Stwds.; and Whiting, Tyler.

The W.M. proposed that the Consecrating Officers and his assistants should be elected honorary members, personally thanking them for their kindness in attending, and expressing his admiration for the excellent and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

Bro. H. H. SHIRLEY, S.W., seconded the proposition, which was carried *nem. con.*

The Prov. G.M. returned thanks for the honour done himself and colleagues, and said it had afforded them great pleasure to consecrate a lodge which promised such a career of usefulness and success.

Other business having been transacted, including the proposition of several candidates, the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet having been enjoyed, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Grand Officers" was given by the W.M., and briefly acknowledged by Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Grand Secretary.

The W.M. next gave "The Provincial Grand Master," coupling with it "The Consecrating Officer and his Assistants." As the W.M. he had especially to thank the Provincial Grand Master and the other distinguished brethren for attending and consecrating the lodge in such a masterly manner.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M., on behalf of himself and his officers who had so kindly assisted him, thanked the W.M. most cordially for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren for their hearty reception of it. It had given him great pleasure to visit that place again on such an interesting occasion. When last he visited it it was for the purpose of consecrating the Broxbourne Craft Lodge, and at that time the present W.M. was installed, and Bro. Mulvey must have felt a glow of satisfaction at presiding on the present occasion to find that Masonry had so flourished under his auspices that it had enabled them to inaugurate a Mark lodge which promised to be equally successful. He had heard a whisper that that was not the summit of the Worshipful Master's ambition, and that there would be other occasions of similar character before long. But as Mark Masons they had nothing to do with these things on this occasion, but speaking as the Prov. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons it gave him great pleasure to think how Mark Masonry had flourished since the province was started. It seemed but yesterday they consecrated the Watford Lodge—the first in the province—and now they had a flourishing province with several lodges working most successfully. That was a matter of which they should be proud, and it had given him much pleasure to have entered upon his second period of office as the Prov. Grand Master. He had now a duty to discharge in proposing a toast which the W.M., with that modesty which so well distinguished him, had excluded from the list, but which the brethren would receive heartily. The toast of "The W.M.," was well received in any assembly of Masons and had been so more especially in this lodge. Bro. Mulvey, W.M., was a most enthusiastic Mason and he trusted he would have a prosperous year of office, and that the lodge would long continue to flourish under his auspices. He asked the brethren in this, the first occasion in the lodge, to set an example for all future installation meetings by giving a most hearty and cordial reception to their W.M.

Bro. E. C. MULVEY, W.M., thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. He would endeavour to promote the interests of that lodge, and try to make it a great success. He could tell them that the Broxbourne Craft Lodge, which started with 11 members, now numbered 30, and during his year he had 18 initiates. In the Broxbourne Mark Lodge they had that evening started with 12 candidates, and he felt sure that before his year expired that number would be increased to 25 or 30, but no candidate would be allowed to join unless he was one whom they would be pleased to meet on every occasion.

Bros. Dr. N. GOODCHILD, W.M. 97; G. MICKLEY, Prov. S.G.W.; and others, replied for "The Visitors."

Bro. ROOKE responded for "The Newly-Advanced Brethren," after which "The Officers" was given by the W.M., who referred to the S.W. as one of the best members in Freemasonry, and evidenced the great satisfaction which his rendering of the ceremony of advancement had given to all present.

Bro. H. H. SHIRLEY, S.W., said he was exceedingly grateful to the W.M. for having coupled his name to reply. He was also grateful for having been placed in the important position of S.W., and for that mark of confidence. He was glad to be of any service, and would do all he could during the coming year to further the harmony and success of that splendid lodge.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Grand Sec., announced that the W.M. had kindly consented to serve as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and asked the brethren to cordially support him. The Festival would be held on the 22nd July under the presidency of Lord Dungarvan, Prov. G. Master designate of Somerset.

The Tyler's toast then closed a very successful meeting.

Bro. E. Styles, 418, rendered very efficient service in conducting the musical arrangements.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York (on the invitation of Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611), on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present—

Comps. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N. England, as Prov. Grand Superintendent; T. B. Whytehead, 1611, P.P.G.H., G. Std. Br. England, as Prov. Grand H.; J. Sykes Rymer, 236, Past Provincial Grand H.; Wm. H. Cowper, 602, Prov. Grand J.; John Blenkins, 1611, P.P.G.J.; Michael Charles Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G.S.E.; Mark Rooke, 236, P.P.G.N., as P.G.S.N.; Walter Reynolds, 250, P.P.G.H., P.G. Treas.; Fredk. Blackburn, 250, P.G. Reg.; J. V. Cooper, 602, P.G.P.S.; A. Farmer, 602, P.P.A.G.S., as P.G. 1st. A.S.; Edwd. Harland, 200, P.G. 2nd A.S.; John T. Seller, 1611, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; John Marshall, 660, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; Geo. J. Robinson, 236, P.G.S.B.; Thomas M. Goldie, 660, P.P.G. Std. Br., as Prov. G. Std. Br.; Christopher Palliser, 236, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Brown, 1611, P.P.G. Asst. Soj., as Prov. G. D. of C.; J. W. Webb, 2134, Prov. G. Asst. D. of C.; Frederick Brewster, 602, Prov. G. Org.; George Balmford, 236, P.P.G. Org.; and Frederick J. Lambert, 1010, Prov. G. Janitor. Together with many Principals, Past Principals, and members of the various chapters in the province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the acting M.E.Z. and Provincial Grand Officers were saluted with grand honours. The minutes of the

last Provincial Grand Chapter held at Middlesborough on the 21st May, 1890, were taken as read and confirmed.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER then read the annual balance sheet, which having been audited and found correct, was unanimously adopted.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SCRIBE E., on behalf of Comp. G. L. Shackles, P.P. G. Reg., then moved "That the sum of 25 guineas be voted to the Educational Fund of this province," which was seconded by Comp. J. SYKES RYMER, P.P.G.H., and carried unanimously.

The various chapters in the province, all of which were represented, then communicated.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer was unanimously re-elected.

The following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested:

Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, P.G.S.N. Eng....	Prov. G.H.
" Mark Rooke, 236, P.P.G.N. ...	Prov. G.J.
" Michael Charles Peck, 250, P.A.G.D.C. England ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" R. R. Hawley, 250 ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" S. Border, 236 ...	Prov. G.R.
" Col. H. Fawcett-Pudsey, 1010 ...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. W. White, 312 ...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Geo. Chambers, 1248 ...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" A. T. B. Turner, 1611 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" William R. Metcalfe, 660 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" William Winn, 543 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" D. Morley, 294 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. F. Watson, 1611 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thomas B. Redfearn, 2134 ...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" F. J. Lambert, 1010 ...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SCRIBE E. delivered the following address:—

As companions of the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch we meet once more in this ancient city, the time-honoured home of Masonry. In this handsome hall, appropriately decorated with mysterious emblems which carry us back in imagination to the earliest ages, we see presented before our eyes, representations of the ancient worship which Freemasonry alone, of all institutions, has retained and transmitted to the present day. York may be styled the "Mecca" of the Craft, and it would be difficult to find any city (saving Jerusalem), which would excite so much interest in the breast of a faithful brother who travels from distant lands in search of relics of the past history of his Order. The antique constitution rolls and records which yet remain preserved here give an insight into the usages of our forefathers, and the glorious cathedral forms a stately monument to the enterprise and skill of those patient workers, who stone by stone built up that wondrous fabric, which doubtless for beauty and variety of detail far surpassed the Temple of Solomon itself. For although the latter was of colossal dimensions, and was constructed of the most rare, beautiful, and costly material, it can scarcely be expected to have possessed much elegance of design. The historic recollections of York are rich with memories of the Romans, whose legions marched in serried phalanx through its streets, and whose stately galleys proudly sailed upon the river. Agricola, Severus, and Constantine are amongst the names of those heroes and emperors who, fighting for conquest, subjugated and civilised the wild British aborigines. After their occupation of our island had ceased this warlike nation left their traces behind in the many sarcophagi, urns, tablets, &c., which have been from time to time exhumed here, and are preserved in the local museum. York bore its part, too, in the mediæval history of our country, and was not only the scene of most important events during the successive struggles of Britons, Saxons, and Danes, but also in those of the Normans, the English-internecine wars of the Roses, and of the Court and Parliamentary factions. In 521, it is said that the famous King Arthur kept high yule-tide festival here, and rebuilt the churches then in ruins. In 1066, after the death of Edward the Confessor, the Danes disputing with Harold the succession, captured York, but were themselves defeated at the memorable battle of Stamford Bridge. How few persons, who viewing that quiet picturesque scene from the railway, can imagine its appearance at that fearful period when the stream is said to have run with blood for three days. In 1068, William the Conqueror captured York and built the castle now called Clifford's Tower. The Norman garrison set fire to a part of the city lest it should be occupied by the Danes; by this fire the Cathedral was destroyed, and in the confusion the Danes advanced on the castle which was captured and the whole garrison put to the sword. The Conqueror, after a siege of six months, took the city again, and in retaliation depopulated the entire country between York and Durham, when it is computed 100,000 persons perished. The first English Parliament was held here in 1175, and in 1190 a frightful massacre of the Jews took place in York Castle. In 1293 King Edward I. held his Parliament here, and Domesday Book was removed to this city from London. Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, was a prisoner here in 1347. In 1643 York was besieged by the Parliamentary forces under Sir Thos. Fairfax, and the battle of Marston Moor, fought 2nd July, 1644, secured the surrender of the city. The memorials of Cavalier and Roundhead, of Fairfax, of Rupert, and of Monk, connect themselves with this ancient place, and how sadly must the melancholy monarch have looked from the Manor House, and contemplated his falling fortunes and the end of his dynasty. But we must turn away from these mournful retrospections, and revert to the peaceful study of Freemasonry so long carried on within the venerable walls of York. From William Baron, whose name, with those of his Wardens, is carved on the guage dated 1663, is but a short step to the old Grand Lodge "in York city," where we are confronted with the kindly spirits of its ancient rulers. Amongst these Grand Masters were Sir William Hawkesworth, a portly figure in a flowing periwig, Francis Drake, the historian, Seth Agar, Chaloner, Stapilton, Siddall; and we observe that genial soul, Jacob Bussey, the Grand Secretary, who so stoutly defended the decaying institution against what he firmly believed were the encroachments of its upstart rival in the south. Of the jovial meetings held by Bro. Bridge Frodsham, the comedian, at the Punch Bowl in Stonegate, and of the modest symposia of the Apollo Lodge at the quaint old George Inn in Coney-street, the pages of Bro. Hughan's work give interesting details, which sufficiently indicate that our York brethren have at all times been alive to the requirements of human nature. It is worthy of note that the earliest known reference to the Royal Arch states that it came from the City of York. The old Grand Lodge ceased about 1790, but many of its records are carefully preserved by the present York Lodge, which worthily maintains its reputation as a lodge of the highest character. It is rich in curious and valuable objects interesting to the Masonic student. The Eboracum Lodge, founded in 1876, has acquired the fine hall in which we now meet, and a very valuable collection of Masonic property and antiquities. The Agricola Lodge, which was established principally by military brethren, is held in commodious premises near the castle, and for a young lodge is distinguishing itself in the cause of Masonic Charity. The Albert Victor Lodge, founded two years ago, under the most distinguished auspices, will doubtless make its mark as a select and first-class lodge. May one and all prosper, and when we visit York, may we copy the Psalmist and exclaim, "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks."

The Acting M.E.Z. expressed the regret of the M.E. Grand Superintendent that his lordship was unable to be present, owing to official duties in the sister Island. He believed the Order was progressing in North and East Yorkshire, and gradually increasing; he thanked the companions for their attendance, and would propose a vote of thanks to the Principals and members of the Eboracum Chapter for their kind hospitality.

The vote was seconded by Comp. BORDER, Prov. Grand Reg., and carried by acclamation.

Comp. J. T. SELLER, P.P.A.G.S., as M.E.Z. of the Eboracum Chapter, acknowledged the vote of thanks, observing that his chapter had great pleasure in entertaining Provincial Grand Chapter, and should be happy at any future time to be able to do so.

Comp. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.P.G.H., moved a vote of thanks to the Prov. G.S.E. for his excellent address, which was seconded by the P.G.H., and carried by acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

An excellent banquet was subsequently served in the dining hall, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE STAR CHAPTER
OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1275.

The third annual supper of this highly successful chapter took place at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on the 17th ult., under the personal supervision of Comp. Woodwell, the proprietor, and his assiduous manager, Bro. Ruff.

The President was Comp. Benedetti, Z., of the mother chapter, who very ably filled the position. There were also present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, and J. 172, Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, P.Z. 1329, Treasurer; C. H. Stone, S.E. 1275; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; W. Cowley, P.Z. 1275; Jas. Annington, P.Z. 1275; H. Martin, 1275; W. Towers, 1275, 2nd A.S. 1291; C. Meierhoff, M.E.Z. 172, S.N. 1275; James Hill, H. 1329; Jackson, Z. 169; Frank Williams, J. 101; Wm. Price, C. Plant, 101; D. Rose, I.G. 73; Dale, 1st A.S. 169; C. W. Mayo, 860; H. Newland, J. elect 534; Robt. Davis, A.S. 1216; W. Hewett, 1st A.S. 785; J. C. Osterstock, P.S. 785; C. H. Phillips, P.Z. 186; T. C. Coope, Z. 507; J. H. Pullen, 172; Wm. Clifford, Z. 2182; H. A. Woodwell, Pan-mure Chapter, and McIntyre North, J. 1275.

At the close of the capital repast the M.E.Z. gave in order the the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The M.E.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a few very appropriate remarks, which were well received.

The next toast, that of "The M.E.Z.," was given by Comp. HILTON, who stated that it was the first time that the First Principal of the mother chapter had presided at the chapter of instruction supper, and he was pleased that he had honoured us on this occasion. He was a most enthusiastic and constant attendant at the chapter of instruction and was able to do his work in a highly creditable manner. For his kindness in presiding the chapter thanked him, hoping he might be spared for many years.

In reply, Comp. BENEDETTI stated he ought to feel himself highly honoured in being allowed to take the chair. He saw around him such excellent companions which encouraged him. He had been so ably assisted by Comps. Rose, Grummant, and Hilton both in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and he thanked them for their kind assistance in every way. He had had particularly every encouragement from Comp. Hilton, for which he would tender his heartfelt thanks.

Comp. GRUMMANT was asked by the M.E.Z. to propose the toast of "Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, and Success to Star Chapter of Instruction," who stated the toast could not have been placed in abler hands, for he knew as well, or better than any present of the excellent qualities possessed by their worthy Preceptor. Both in the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry he was one of the kindest hearted and most genial of brethren. That was the reason of so successful a chapter, for the companions all loved him. He would state that many present were able to acquit themselves most worthily in their various chapters through the instruction imparted by their worthy Comp. Hilton.

The toast was drunk enthusiastically.

In reply, Comp. HILTON, Preceptor, stated he thanked all for the cordial reception given to the toast. He looked upon the companions as a large body of shareholders all pulling together for one common object. Every suggestion he had made since the formation of the chapter had been so amicably and pleasantly carried out. There was only one aim which was that every thing should be done with due regard to order. He was delighted to see Comp. Rose present that evening as they had been associated for so many years and had worked so harmoniously together. Of Comp. Grummant he might call him his first lieutenant, as he was always ready and capable to take any position in his absence. He was equally grateful to many other companions. During the past year he had visited other chapters, and he would state that the manner the companions performed their duties showed the stamp of the Star Chapter of Instruction. He was quite sure the chapter was doing good work as the manner in which the installation ceremonies had been worked by the Principals showed. He was proud to state that they one and all aimed at installing his successor, and he hoped that so long as the companions honoured him as Preceptor he must say it was a proud pleasure to preside over them.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the M.E.Z. in some well-chosen remarks, who trusted they would enrol themselves as members, as he knew they could not do better than place themselves under the able tuition of such a Preceptor.

In reply, Comp. ROSE thanked all for so hearty a reception. He was thankful to Comp. Hilton for the invite, and the pleasure it gave him to attend. It was his 24th year as a Royal Arch Mason, and during that time it had made rapid strides. When he heard of the formation of the chapter and the choice the companions had made for their Preceptor he was confident of its success. He would state that the mantle of their late Comp. Bumstead had fallen upon Comp. Hilton, and assisted by Comp. Grummant, and the indefatigable S.E., Comp. Stone, with such a bright example before them, it was impossible to go wrong.

Comps. WILLIAMS, CLIFFORD, PULLEN, and MAYO also suitably responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given very ably by the M.E.Z., also coupling the name of Comp. Grummant.

In reply, Comp. VOISEY, P.Z., Treasurer, stated he thanked the companions for the honour of electing him

to that office, and also for their kind sympathies during his illness. His duties were very light as the S.E. was most ready to undertake the combined offices. So long as he had the confidence of the companions he would endeavour to perform his duties to the utmost of his power.

The S.E. thanked the companions for so kindly drinking to the toast, and said a few statistics would be required from him. The chapter had been opened on 37 evenings during the past year with 518 attendances, giving an average of 14. The installations had been worked on 14 evenings, which meant at the least one, and on some evenings two or three ceremonies being worked. That the S.E. congratulated the chapter upon, specially to the Principals and Past Principals who had so ably supported the esteemed Preceptor, for in no other chapter of instruction was the same so regularly recorded in the *Freemason* as the Star Chapter. There had been 27 new members during the past year, which made the total number of members 103 during a period of three years. Of that number it was stated many came from different parts of the Metropolis, and again the S.E. said it proved to him (and specially after hearing the work so highly commended) that it was second to none in London. He was delighted to be able to render what services he possibly could, and particularly was it his desire to emulate such worthy companions.

Comp. GRUMMANT, in his reply, paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Bumstead, who had done so much for the splendid ritual of Royal Arch Masonry in South London. He was thankful to say that their Preceptor, Comp. Hilton, himself and many others had placed themselves under his able tuition for some years before his death, and, therefore, it would be ungrateful upon his part if he were not always ready to assist on every occasion it were possible. He would promise to do so, and he was confident as the chapter was conducted upon the same lines, and in the same genial and splendid manner, of its becoming one of the most important chapters of instruction anywhere. The work of Royal Arch Masonry was the dearest to his heart, and he hoped he should be spared to continue an active member to assist in imparting the same, and specially as he saw such young companions so enthusiastic, and acquitting themselves so creditably.

The toast of "The Host" was next given, the M.E.Z. remarking that whatever meeting took place under his roof it was always carried out in an excellent manner.

In reply, Comp. WOODWELL said it gave him the greatest satisfaction at all times to cater for them, and endeavour to please the companions, and in doing so he was thoroughly well repaid. His energetic manager, Bro. Ruff, was likewise at his best in providing for the comfort of the brethren. For drinking to the toast so heartily he thanked the companions.

The musical arrangements were under the superintendence of Comp. W. Price, and ably carried out. He was capitally supported by Comps. Frank Williams, Jackson, Osterstock, C. Plant, Wm. Price, McIntyre North, Dale, Jas. Addington, and C. H. Stone, S.E.

The meeting was a splendid success.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE TEMPLE LODGE,
No. 101.

Bro. Frank Williams, W.M., has just introduced a ladies' night with all the success which attends that very popular institution. The gathering took place on Tuesday last, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and nearly 100 ladies and brethren were present. The ladies were, at the conclusion of the regular business of the lodge, received in the drawing-room by the W.M.

The banquet, which took place at 6.30, was admirably served by Bro. E. Ashby, manager, and gave great satisfaction.

At its conclusion, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The W.M.," "The Visitors," and "The Ladies" were cordially received, the company testifying its hearty appreciation of the pleasing innovation introduced by Bro. Frank Williams, who expressed the hope that succeeding Masters would be induced by the success of that evening to continue the experiment.

An excellent musical entertainment followed, the artistes being Miss Teresa Blainy, Miss Flora Edwards, Bros. Arthur Weston, James Budd, William Price, Frank Swinford, and the Brothers Philp. A most amusing recitation was given by Bro. Montague, entitled "The Pensioner's Story," by Stanley.

A delightful evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by a dance held in the Masonic Temple, the ante-rooms being reserved for refreshments, lounges, &c. The orchestra was occupied by Mr. Thorpe's quadrille band, the duties of M.C.'s being efficiently discharged by Bros. Walter George, P.M.; John Sparks, J.W.; Harry Wood, S.D.; and J. J. Shelvey.

The company included Bro. Harry Foster, the popular candidate for the office of Sheriff of the City of London; Mrs. Frank Williams, Miss Geraldine Williams, Mr. Stanley Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Doxsey, Bro. and Mrs. F. Dunn, Bro. Sayer, W.M. 1475, Bro. and Mrs. Hilton, Miss Hilton, Bro. and Mrs. Martin, 1622, Bro. and Mrs. Sidney Smith, S.W., Bro. J. Minten, Flegg, I.P.M., and Miss Flegg, Miss Parker, of High Wycombe, and many others. All the officers of the lodge were present with their ladies, several bringing large parties of friends.

Craft Abroad.

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held in Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on Monday evening, March 16th. There was a very large attendance, the business being unusually important and extensive, apart from the installation of the M.W. Grand Master and the investiture of officers for the year, M.W. Bro. G. S. Coppin, P.G.M., opened the Grand Lodge, and after the usual routine, a deputation retired to escort the M.W.G.M. elect, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.L.C., into the Grand Lodge, which being done, he was obligated, installed on the throne, saluted, and proclaimed with sound of trumpet. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Geo. Baker, P.G.M., who had been re-appointed, was also obligated and installed. It may be explained that these ceremonies of obligation and installation have been in abeyance since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Now, however, it has been decided to repeat them yearly, even though the same officers be elected and appointed.

The officers for the year were next appointed and invested with their regalia, which is the same as the Grand Lodge of England, including chain collars.

The quarterly report of the Board of Benevolence showed that 63 petitioners had been relieved with a total of £309 1s. Up to the end of last year the total receipts were £1738 6s. 11d., including £25 returned by a brother. On the other hand, £971 7s. 6d. had been expended during the year in relieving 190 cases, the balance in hand being £716 19s. 5d.

The General Fund showed a total expenditure of £2420 10s. 9d., the principal items of which were £937 10s. for entertainments and £672 19s. for Grand Officers' clothing. A balance of £196 4s. 3d. was due to the Treasurer.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was only adopted in part, the remainder standing over. Amongst other matters of interest it was reported that a lodge had received as a joining member a brother initiated in a lodge under the Grand Orient of France, and the Board asked Grand Lodge to express an opinion thereon. A long discussion ensued. A motion was submitted to the effect that, as the United Grand Lodge of Victoria did not recognise the Grand Orient of France, the reception by the lodge of the brother in question as a joining member was irregular and null and void. Against this an amendment was moved that if the brother be obligated, he be admitted to membership. On being put to the vote the motion was carried by a substantial majority.

The hour now being late (11.30), and the agenda far from completed, the consideration of the remainder of the business was adjourned on a division. Amongst the matters thus standing over was an important appeal by the W.M. and I.P.M. of a lodge against the action of the Board of General Purposes, and a notice of motion affirming the desirability of Freemasons' Hall Company's property being acquired by the Grand Lodge, through the means of levies of two shillings per member annually in city and suburban lodges, and one shilling country lodges.

The following notice of motion also stood over: "That the United Grand Lodge of England be informed that, by a resolution of a majority of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, the representatives of that lodge duly tendered its allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, at the time of its establishment, but, notwithstanding, the minority have retained the warrant, and have since been working as an irregular lodge in this territory."

Before closing the Grand Lodge, the M.W. GRAND MASTER announced that he would summon an emergency communication to consider the remainder of the agenda paper.

DISTRICT GRAND MARK LODGE
OF VICTORIA.

The Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on Monday afternoon, March 16th. Bro. Major C. R. Martin, 30°, Dep. Dist. G.M., presided, and there was a numerous attendance of members of the different lodges, thus affording ample evidence that the Mark Degree, under the English Constitution, is looking up.

After the minutes had been read, the Dist. GRAND MASTER in the chair, in feeling terms, alluded to the recent death of the venerable chief of the district—R.W. Bro. H. W. Lowry—and moved a resolution recording the great loss Craft and Mark Masonry had sustained.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. T. W. FOWLER, D.J.G.W., moved, and Bro. J. D. DREW, P.D.J.G.W., seconded a motion to the effect that the name of the Deputy District Grand Master be suggested to H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master as successor to the late R.W. Bro. Lowry.

Bros. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 336, P.P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland, and F. L. MAILLARD, D.S.G.W., cordially supported the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

A Committee was elected to revise the District By-Laws, after which the District Grand Lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren were entertained at dinner by the Deputy District Grand Master.

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BRO. E. C. COOMBS,

Who was initiated in Lodge Unity, No. 71, in 1858, passed the chair, and Subscribing Member until 1873. One of the Founders of Lodge St. Margaret's, No. 1452, and Subscribing Member to that Lodge from 1873 to 1884. Promoted the building of a Masonic Hall in Lowestoft.

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NOTICE.

In consequence of an unexpected difficulty in reproducing some of the portraits referred to last week, we are unable to give them in the present issue but hope to print some of them in our next.

Unusual pressure on our space compels us to defer publishing all reports of Lodges of Instruction until our next issue.

To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Old King's Arms, No. 28; Integrity, No. 163; St. George's, No. 242; Philanthropic, No. 394; United Pilgrims, No. 502; Royal Alfred, No. 877; Temperance-in-the-East, No. 898; Newall, No. 1134; Urban No. 1196; Amherst, No. 1223; United Military, No. 1536; Victoria Park, No. 1816; Agricola, No. 1991; and Richmond, No. 2032.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.—Sussex, No. 491; and Lebanon, No. 1326.

MARK LODGES—Old York (T.L.); and Prince Leopold, No. 238. Jubilee Festival of the Churchill Lodge, No. 478.



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place in the new Alexandra Hall, at the School, Battersea Rise, on Monday next. The chair will be taken by Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.M. nominate for Bucks, and Lady Carrington will give away the prizes. There will be the usual calisthenic display, and given fine weather, the gathering in the new hall should prove a great success.

By the way, we have been requested to state that the arrangements on this occasion will be the same as when the Prince of Wales opened the new Hall, and visitors will be admitted only by the principal entrance, which faces Wandsworth Common.

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The 103rd Anniversary Festival of the same Institution will be held at Freemasons' Tavern the day following (Tuesday), under the presidency of Bro. Lord Carrington, when we trust the receipts will prove sufficient to meet the year's expenses. As far as we have heard, the Board of Stewards will be of about the same strength as last year's Board, but the circumstances, as we have already more than once pointed out, will not be quite as favourable as they were in 1890. The "Chairman's Province" then was a very substantial entity, and compiled a total of over £1000 in support of its respected chief, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. This year, however, though the Chairman has a Province at his back, it is only a small one, with 12 lodges, not over wealthy—Buckinghamshire being an agricultural county—and not as yet fully organised. Therefore, though we doubt not that our Bucks brethren will loyally support their ruler, it would be unjust to expect much from them, the more especially as it is only a few weeks since his lordship undertook to preside.

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Unfortunately, too, there is a rather more numerous contingent than usual of Unattached Stewards, from whom, as a rule, we expect only personal donations, not goodly lists to be returned. We must hope, therefore, that the zeal and energy of the Stewards from London and the other Provinces will compensate for the deficiencies we have indicated. If a fair array of three-figure lists is found amongst their Returns, it is possible the total may reach what was announced last year. However, all curiosity as to the result will be set at rest speedily, and in a manner which we hope will enable the School authorities to tide over the year with the minimum of anxiety on the very important subject of ways and means. We shall be delighted if the total is larger than most people are inclined to expect.

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Next week will also be a busy one with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The regular meeting of the Committee of Management will be held on Wednesday, when the annual report will be approved, and on Friday the annual meeting will take place in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and the vacancies on the two funds will be filled by ballot from the approved lists of candidates.

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It is needless to say that this election will be a most exciting one. The vacancies, as declared in February and including in each case the deferred annuities, will be 14 on the Male and 12 on the Widows' Fund. Sundry deaths, however, have occurred in the interval that has since elapsed, and these will also be filled up. The numbers, therefore, to be elected will be not far short of 20 in the case of the Male, and some 15 or 16 in that of the Widows' Fund. Unfortunately the candidates, especially for the latter, are very largely in excess of the vacancies, there being 66 approved men candidates, and 81 women candidates, so that success will only be obtained after the most strenuous exertions on the part of the friends and supporters of the old people.

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Happily in the case of the Benevolent Institution there are no *last* cases, that is to say, no candidates whose names will be removed from the lists in the event of their failing to win places among the successful within a certain prescribed limit as regards age. Once a candidate, always a candidate, until success crowns his or her endeavours, or death puts an end once and for all to his or her anxiety about the result of a 9th or 19th ballot. But, though a name is never removed from a list on the score of age, there are many instances in which the hope of success is deferred for so many years that the heart of the poor old brother or widow must be sick unto death, even though grim Death itself may not have put an end to his or her hopes and fears.

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Thus out of 66 candidates on the male list, one has been ten years before the Governors, another nine years, a third eight years, a fourth seven years, two five years, and eight for no less than four years. Of the 81 widow candidates, two have been on the list for 11 years and two for nine years, three for eight years, five for seven years, three for six years, two for five years, and 11 for no less than four years. Several of these have votes to their credit and in such numbers that with reasonably good management on the part of their friends they may look for a successful issue on Friday next. But the vacancies are sadly few and even a liberal poll on

their behalf at this election may fail to secure to them the haven of rest under the shadow of this truly Benevolent Institution which they have been so long making for. However, it is a consolation to know that whoever wins will be worthy of the benefits they will receive henceforth.

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We congratulate the Secretary of the Boys' School on the further and very substantial recognition which his devotion to the interests of the Institution has just received. About the last act of the late Provisional Management Committee was to recommend that his salary should be increased to £400 per annum, and this recommendation the Governors unanimously endorsed at the Quarterly General Court on the 10th ult. On Saturday last, the Council went further, and unanimously resolved that his salary should be henceforth at the rate of £500 per annum. Bro. McLeod has fully realised the expectations formed of his ability and zeal at the time of his election to office, and the recognition he has just received will doubtless have the effect of spurring him on to still further exertion. It is clear that the Council are of opinion that good work deserves handsome pay.

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We learn while going to press that the presentation dinner to Bro. G. Everett, G. Treas., at the Criterion Hotel, has been an immense success, over 200 having been present to testify their regard for the recipient. We shall give a full account in our next issue.

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We are pleased to find that the virtues of the late Bro. John Maclean, of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, have not been forgotten, and that a numerous and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising a Fund with which to erect a memorial stone over the grave of our departed brother in Paddington Cemetery. The project has our sincere sympathy, and we trust will be successful. Those desirous of subscribing will obtain all necessary particulars of the Hon. Secretary of the "John Maclean Memorial Fund" Committee—Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, 178, Kentish Town-road, N.W.

Correspondence.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE: WHAT IS A RULING?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letters by "P.M. and P.Z." and Bro. Lamonby, and the report of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, all of which appear in your issue of the 25th inst., if taken together are worth some consideration. I would call "P.M. and P.Z.'s" attention to the report at the West Yorkshire meeting of a so-called "ruling of Grand Lodge," which whether it is correct law or not (and I venture to say with all deference that parts, at least, of the ruling seem to require some little qualification or explanation) will give him a good deal of information as to what view is taken at Freemasons' Hall.

But though I may, with your permission, draw attention later to some points of the "ruling," my object to-day is to ask what is a "ruling of Grand Lodge," and what is its effect? and also at what meeting of Grand Lodge this particular ruling was given? If it was not by a vote of *Grand Lodge*, how was the ruling given? I submit that an opinion given by the Board of General Purposes, or by the Grand Registrar, or the Grand Secretary, or any other officer of Grand Lodge, is not a *ruling of Grand Lodge*, and until it has been accepted as sound by a formal vote of Grand Lodge, can have only the weight due to an opinion of the body or brother who gives it, and should be stated as such. I do not wish to seem captious, but I fear there is a tendency in some quarters to treat Article 5 as over-riding Article 4, and an opinion, or ruling, of an official or "delegated authority," as equivalent to an alteration of, or addition to, the Constitutions, and equally binding on the Craft with an explicit vote of Grand Lodge. Let it be clearly understood I am in no way finding fault with any official. I have always found them most courteous, obliging, open to argument, and ready to give any assistance; but I speak generally and I contend that in principle we cannot be too careful how we accept as law *any* ruling that is not absolutely clear from the Constitutions themselves.

The able letter of Bro. Lamonby and the cases of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, and the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, show the great importance of extreme care in such matters, and I trust that when the authority for a statement of law is a "ruling" brethren will carefully and jealously "verify their authorities" for themselves by reference to the *Book of Constitutions*.—Yours fraternally,

April 27th.

LEX SCRIPTA.



OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL. 1891.

We gladly welcome the first number of this new issue beginning volume V., as we feared the series would have terminated with the 19th number, Brother Hughan (the originator and editor from the commencement in 1870) feeling unable to continue the annual labour which the preparation of such a mass of matter entailed. Bro. Thomas Gill, however, of the *Advertiser*, Penryn, Cornwall, has come to the assistance of Bro. Hughan, and has done nearly all the work for the present publication. He has not only introduced new features, but has improved its typographical appearance, the directory now being one of the best, most useful, and certainly most ably compiled of the many which are being edited, printed, and published at this season of the year. Had he left it a little later the officers of the Grand Lodge of England for 1891-2 might have been added, but on the other hand the delay would render other portions of less value. The full list of votes for the Charities (London) are given, a feature absent from late issues, and being contributed by Bro. Charles Truscott, the able manager for the county, may be relied on. We wish he had more to chronicle, for with 30 lodges and 1559 members, a total of 1728 is not very cheering. The county is receiving annually nearly £600 from the *Central Masonic Charities*, and hence the brethren ought to do more to assist their funds, so as to give freely as well as receive such large benefits. The "Annals of the Cornish Craft" are well worth reading by other than Cornishmen, and doubtless all the members of the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, London, will want copies of this excellent Masonic guide, as their officers are duly given because identified so with the county. For the information of all whom it may concern, copies may be obtained from Bro. Thomas Gill, Penryn, post free, for seven stamps. We congratulate that brother most sincerely on his *début* as a Masonic editor, and rejoice that Bro. W. J. Hughan has such an able *confère*.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DERBYSHIRE. 1891.

The editor of this handsome Masonic brochure is Bro. W. Naylor, who, though Prov. G. Sec., has managed to make time to discharge such an onerous duty. The portrait for 1891 is of the R.W. Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W. and D.P.G.M., the first of the series being of Lord Hartington, M.P., the respected Prov. G.M. which was inserted in the former year. The editorial method is precisely the same as formerly, and both in that respect and typographically, it is a very creditable production. There are 24 lodges in the province, with 1109 members, being an average of 46 to each. The chapters run to seven, and have 192 companions, and the Mark lodges in Derby number six, with 182 members. There is also a Rose Croix chapter, with 27 subscribers. The votes for the "Central Masonic Charities," make a grand total of 2235, showing a large increase from the year 1890.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).—The May meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. W. T. Perkins, W.M., presiding. Bros. Boyle, Kent, and Bettamy having answered the necessary questions, were passed to the Second Degree, the first-mentioned candidate having spent 12 months in editorial work in Japan since his initiation in the lodge. Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.B., P.S.G.D., was present by invitation of the W.M., and during the after-dinner proceedings the lodge was honoured by a "surprise" visit by two distinguished American brethren—Bro. George Hayes, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and Bro. Dr. McGregor, of St. John's, New Hampshire.

In the name of the Gallery Lodge the W.M. extended a very cordial welcome to the American visitors, and said their unexpected presence afforded one of many striking proofs of the universality of Masonry.

The names of Bros. Hayes and McGregor were prominently associated with the toast of "The Visitors," and both brethren replied, as also did Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities."

Bros. Richard Temple and T. Merton Clark, who were present by invitation of the W.M., contributed, with Bros. Ribbons, Irvine, and Kent, to an exceedingly enjoyable musical programme.

It was announced that the summer excursion of the lodge would be held on Saturday, July 4th.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—The lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., W.M.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, S.W.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, J.D.; W. Mattieu Williams, I.G.; C. Kupferschmidt, Stwd.; W. Simpson, P.M.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D.; and W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Count Goblet d'Alviella, P.G.M. Belgium; Dr. W. A. Barrett, P.G.O.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Colonel Sir Norman Pringle, D. R. Clark, J. H. Scott, G. Gottlieb, G. Gardner, F. W. Levander, E. H. Ezard, G. R. Cobham, G. W. Taylor, G. Gregson, E. Haward, C. F. Williams, C. R. Sayers, C. T. Edwards, Captain A. H. Markham, M. Mendelssohn, B. A. Smith, J. B. Mackey, and R. A. Gowan. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Warren, 2053, and F. S. Warren, 585, both of New Zealand; J. W. T. Morrison, 2394; T. Collis, 862; and F. Joyce Barrett, 192.

The Past Grand Master of Belgium was duly presented to the lodge, and greeted according to ancient form, returning his thanks in a neat speech and saluting the brethren in the fashion usual in his own jurisdiction. Bro. R. F. Gould addressed the lodge on the loss the Craft had incurred by the recent death of Bro. General Albert Pike, of Washington, U.S.A., and dwelt on his singular career, politically and Masonically, as also on the great services he had rendered to Masonic literature. The Secretary was desired to record on the minutes an expression of the regret of the brethren at his death. The Secretary was also directed to write Bro. MacCalla, P.G.M. of Philadelphia, who had so recently been amongst them, and express the regret they felt at the loss he had sustained in the death of his wife. The W.M. then feelingly alluded to the recent death of one of their own members, Bro. J. Finlay Finlayson, who had endeared himself to every one of them personally, and from whom valuable contributions to the knowledge of the brethren had been anticipated had not bronchitis prematurely deprived them of his presence and services, and the Secretary was ordered to write to his widow and convey to her the sympathy of the lodge. Bro. D. R. Clark presented to the lodge a large photograph, taken by himself, of the interior of a mosque at Constantinople, no man having previously succeeded in obtaining permission to photograph any part thereof. The thanks of the lodge were accorded him. The Secretary exhibited impressions from the old summons plate of the Inverary Lodge, presented by Bro. W. Ivison Macadam, of Edinburgh also a photograph of a very remarkable painted Dutch apron, presented by Bro. Green, of Johannesburg.

Six lodges and 44 brethren were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle as follows: Frere Lodge, 2089, Allwall N.; Cape Colony; Lodge Zur Hansa, Bremen; Isaac Newton University Lodge, 859; Mariners' Lodge, 168, Guernsey; Prince Edward Lodge, 2109; Lodge Waitohi, 2036, Picton, New Zealand; and Bros. S. W. Budd, Petersburg, Virginia; R. W. Booker, Richmond, Virginia; G. W. Hall, P.M. 121, Philadelphia; Rt. Rev. Dr. A. W. Sillitoe, Bishop of New Westminster, British Columbia; W. W. Murray, 30, and A. W. Eley, P.M. 30, Suffolk, Virginia; J. F. Lewenberg, 11, Richmond, Virginia; A. A. Cassil, Weldon, Iowa; R. Harris, P.M. 2089, W. Marshall, P.M. 2089, and D. A. M. Finlay, W.M. 2089, all of Allwall North, Cape Colony; N. J. Smit, of Krugersdorp, Transvaal; J. G. W. Barnes, P.M. 455 (S.C.), and W. J. Collins, 286 (I.C.), both of Brisbane, Queensland; J. Kilham, P.M. 1315, E. Casper, 775 (S.C.), W. H. Willey, 775 (S.C.), W. H. Smith, 775 (S.C.), F. W. Dunsdon, 775 (S.C.), J. Millen, P.M. 775 (S.C.), C. R. Morton, 775 (S.C.), J. Renwick, 775 (S.C.), H. L. Groom, 1315, J. Goffage, 1315, and Rev. T. D. Warner, 775 (S.C.), all of Toowoomba, Queensland; J. D. Oortman Gerlings, P.M., Ultrajectma, Utrecht, Holland; T. Richards, 133 (S.C.); G. Richardson, 1676; J. Usher, P.M. 481; B. Mc A. Barmatye, P.M. 216; A. H. Williams, P.M.; H. W. Lofthouse and W. C. Fox, 1260; O. Firth, 1545; J. Howard, P.M. 586; T. Jones; F. W. Wright, P.M. 1725; T. J. Crossman, 1402; W. Clifford, P.M. 1826; W. Poore, P.M. 1306; R. M. Jones, P.M. 1415; T. C. White, 63; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; and F. F. Gireaud, 133.

Bro. W. A. Barrett, Mus. Doc., P.G.O., read a highly interesting and entertaining paper on "Masonic Musicians," which was listened to with great attention by the brethren. The paper scarcely admitted of discussion, but the desultory conversation which followed, and the numerous questions asked the lecturer, sufficiently testified to the interest and gratification of the brethren.

On the motion of Bros. Gould and Rylands, a vote of thanks was moved and carried by acclamation.

The Worshipful Master proposed, and the S.W. seconded, "That Bro. Albert Hasting Markham, Capt. R.N., A.D.C., at present a member of the C.C., and of Lodge Phoenix, 257, Portsmouth, who, as second in command of the last Government Arctic Expedition, led the sledge parties and succeeded in planting the Union Jack in a higher latitude than had ever before or since been reached by man, the author of several important works descriptive of voyages of discovery, be elected a member of the Inner Circle of the lodge."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The first meeting of the session of this successful lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. 7th District New York City, P.M. 603, New York City, U.S.A.; F. Kedge, I.P.M.; J. J. Woolley, S.W.; W. Hancock, J.W.; Rev. John S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; C. O. Burgess, acting as J.D.; J. Rowe, acting as I.G.; A. Harris, D.C.; W. J. Thruswell, acting as Org.; F. Jackson and Major Francis W. Frigout, Stewards; B. R. Paul, A. H. P. Snow, G. T. Atkinson, A. Bowie, T. H. Clark, H. Bagge, W. L. Lincoln, G. A. M. Bowles, J. Woodward, S. Spooner, Williams, J. Coltart, E. Jessurun, C. Hirsch, J. Crawley, G. P. Bertini, G. A. Bergholz, and others. Visitors: Bros. Major-General J. W. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; Adams, 56 (Chicago); J. Lancaster, P.M. and Sec. 534; S. Johnson, P.M. 1297; A. Dowding, I.P.M. 1297; A. Hamilton, P.M. 917; W. Sucker, 1589 (Philadelphia, U.S.A.); C. Mortimer, 15; and Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M. 2397.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A telegram was received from Bro. W. G. L. Harvey, B.A., regretting that he was unable to be present, being detained in Liverpool. He was to have been raised to the Third Degree. The by-laws as amended, which had been unanimously adopted at the last meeting, were read and confirmed. The resignation of Bro. A. Clark, P.M., was accepted. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.M. (through illness); G. A. Wulff, G. Hayes, Dist. G.M. 8th Masonic Dist. N.Y. City, U.S.A. (through sickness); H. W. Schartau, Organist; and J. S. Gates. Letters were also read from Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, M.W.G.M. Maryland, U.S.A. sending "Hearty good wishes" to the lodge and wishing it prosperity, with letters from many other brethren in Baltimore; also from Bro. Charles J. Meyer, of Philadelphia, and other brethren, conveying the same good wishes, and a letter from Bro. the Hon. John Vrooman, M.W.G.M. New York, U.S.A., which was as follows:—

"Office of the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

"Masonic Temple, New York City, January 19th, 1891.

"John W. Vrooman, Grand Master.

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of Anglo-American Lodge, London, England.

"My Dear Brethren,

"It was my pleasure to forward to you some time since by express a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which I trust may have the honour of a place in your library.

"I shall never forget the kindness and courtesy which was extended to me by the good brethren of your lodge during my recent visit to London.

"I prize beyond expression your jewel of honorary membership, and esteem it a great honour to wear it alongside the jewel of the Grand Master of New York.

"It gives me much pleasure to state that the greatest degree of harmony and prosperity attends the brethren of this grand jurisdiction, and I am sure that my Anglo-American brethren will be especially interested to know that on the 15th day of May next we propose to lay the corner-stone of our Masonic Home and School. We propose to make this Institution second to none in the world. My report of the brethren here regarding the most splendid Institutions in England has given us great impetus in the direction of making our own a success. We would most heartily welcome any of your brethren who might find it convenient to be present at our ceremonies in May, and I am sure you could say something upon that occasion that would be of practical service to further our undertaking.

"Again thanking you for your kindness and courtesy, and with earnest wishes for the health and happiness of each member of your lodge.—Sincerely and fraternally yours,

"JOHN W. VROOMAN."

The names of two gentlemen were given in as candidates for initiation.

The W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room, where a capital banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the respected manager.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed, well received, and honoured, the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada," said how pleased he was to see Bro. Major-General J. W. Laurie, the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, with them that evening, and also two or three other American brethren, which showed that the Anglo-American Lodge was performing the work for which it was founded. They would always with pleasure welcome any number of American or Canadian brethren who would honour them with their presence.

Bro. Major-General Laurie replied in a most interesting speech, giving an account of how Freemasonry had spread in America and Canada, and the link the Anglo-American Lodge was between them and England. He wished the lodge every prosperity.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast of his health, which had been proposed in a few kind words by Bro. Kedger, P.M., said he thanked the brethren for all their kind indulgence, and of the assistance Bro. Kedger, P.M., had been to him.

Bro. Kedger, P.M., in acknowledging the toast of "The Past Masters," said he would do all in his power for the welfare of the lodge, and was very sorry that illness had prevented Bro. Brackstone Baker from being with them that evening. He felt sure all the brethren missed him, and hoped with him he would soon be well.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors' toast (amongst whom were many Grand Officers of England and distinguished American and Canadian Masons), alluded to the fact that since the lodge had been consecrated they had entertained 800 visitors, and he hoped all the visitors present had had a pleasant time. They were always welcome.

The Visitors assured the brethren of the lodge they had had a most pleasant evening; and Bro. Adams gave an amusing account of Masonry in Chicago, and stated that his grandfather and father had been Masons in America.

The Treasurer assured the brethren that he would look well to the funds of the lodge.

The Secretary thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which he had been received after his severe accident, and hoped that he would be spared many years to be of service to the lodge, not only to the W.M.'s, but to the brethren. The work at times was anxious and laborious, but he was helped on by the kindness always shown towards him, and he had at heart the prosperity of the lodge.

The S.W. replied for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable and happy evening, to which Bros. Bagge, G. A. M. Bowles, James Woodward, C. W. Adams, W. J. Thrussell, and other brethren had contributed much by their musical abilities.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Lodge Accacia (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 9th ult. The W.M., Bro. Samuel A. Auty, P.M., was supported by Bros. Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.

D. of C., I.P.M.; Thos. Jowett, S.W.; John Niven, J.W.; Chas. E. Ellis, Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; John Thornton, S.D.; Alfred J. Boyle, J.D.; G. Root, as I.G.; James Hill, Tyler; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; A. E. Harris, John Morton, Robt. S. Hird, and Wm. Sangwine. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Schott, 302, and H. Fearnside, Org. 1648.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Sangwine was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C. The working tools were explained by Bro. Niven, J.W., and the charge was delivered by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M. The resignation of Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.G. Stwd., was accepted with regret, and after "Hearty good wishes" from lodges 302 and 1648, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the songs of Bros. Sangwine and Harris adding to the harmony of the evening.

The visitors in responding to the toast of their health expressed the pleasure it had given them in visiting the lodge.

DURHAM.

Universities Lodge (No. 2352).—On Thursday, the 16th ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. There was a large attendance of visitors, including many Provincial Grand Officers. The W.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, being away from home on a voyage round the world, the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., occupied the chair, and opened the lodge, and was afterwards saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, was then announced, received, and saluted. A ballot then took place for Bro. Dr. W. A. Hepburn as a joining member. The Secretary read a telegram from Bro. Whytehead, G.S.B., who had arranged to take part in the installation ceremony, regretting that an official engagement prevented his being present. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett then assumed the chair, and in a painstaking manner installed Bro. the Rev. Canon Kynaston, D.D., as W.M., Bro. Dr. Hill Drury giving the three addresses to the officers and brethren. The Worshipful Master then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., D.P.G.M., I.P.M.; R. Luck, M.A., P.P.G.R., S.W.; Rev. H. Yeld, M.A., P.P.G.C., J.W.; J. Foster, M.A., P.P.G.R., Treas.; Rev. Dr. Randall, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Dr. Hill Drury, P.P.G.R. Norfolk, Sec.; Dr. Lawrence, S.D.; Dr. L. Booth, P.P.S.G.W., J.D.; Dr. E. Jepson, D. of C.; Rev. T. R. Shortt, M.A., P.G.C., I.G.; E. Ensor, B.A., and Rev. J. Lawson, M.A., P.P.G.C., Stwds. The visiting brethren having tendered fraternal congratulations, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Rose and Crown, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, including the toast of "The Sister University Lodges" which was proposed by the Secretary.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, glees, and part songs rendered by the brethren of the Durham Cathedral choir.

LOWESTOFT.

Unity Lodge (No. 71).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., Bro. F. S. Smith, W.M., in the chair. Over 60 brethren, visitors, and members of St. Margaret's Lodge were present. During the evening a complete set of new furniture was presented by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren. The number of visitors complimented the brethren of the lodge for their great improvement made by having such handsome furniture, and also on their working of the lodge.

The brethren sat down to supper, and during the refreshment some capital songs were given. Bro. F. Mann, of London, presided at the organ and piano.

The furniture was supplied by Bro. George Kenning.

WAKEFIELD.

Wakefield Lodge (No. 495).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. C. Scholten, W.M.; A. Leach, S.W.; G. Carbertz, J.W.; B. F. Glover, Treas.; R. Flower, Sec.; R. Bowman, S.D.; F. Stafford, J.D.; Martin, I.G.; Horner, Stwd.; H. Oxley, P.M.; M. B. Hick, P.M.; Goodyear, P.M.; Hargeaves, P.M.; Pickersgill, P.M.; and Ringswell. Visitors: Bros. W. Fennell, W.M. 154; Chalker, 154; Greenwood, 154; Thornton, P.M. 1019; Pickard, P.M. 1019; J. Lee, 1019; Alderson, 1513; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Jas. Beverley, and it proved to be unanimous. The W.M. initiated the newly-elected member, and Bro. Hicks, P.M., gave the charge.

WOOLWICH.

Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on the 13th ult., when Bro. J. H. Roberts, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly inducted into the chair of A. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Mason, P.P.S.G.D., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and the W.M. elect having been presented to him by Bro. Major Eugene Sweny, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., acting D.C., Bro. Nichols proceeded with the ceremony, and duly installed Bro. Roberts as W.M. of the lodge. The new W.M. then nominated and invested his officers (most of whom were present) as follows: Bros. H. Mason, I.P.M.; W. C. Taylor, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; E. Morris, J.W.; E. Palmer, P.M. 226, P.P.S.G.W., M.O.; F. J. Down, S.O.; Capt. A. C. Hansard, R.A., J.O.; Rev. C. Solbe, Chap.; E. Sweny, P.M., &c., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; R. Pidcock, P.M., P.G.R. Sussex, R. of M.; W. E. Saltau, S.D.; A. Orwin, J.D.; C. J. Clapham, I.G.; Baron H. de Worms, M.P., D.C.; and G. Mitchell, Steward. Bro. Nichols then resumed the ceremony, and concluded by reciting the several addresses most eloquently, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Mason was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, and those excellent brethren having severally returned thanks, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the hall, and among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., G. Stwd.

England, P.P.S.G.W.; Sidney Clarke, P.M., P.P.J. G.W.; J. I. Birch, P.M.; C. E. Birch, P.M.; T. Heaps, W.M. 309, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Wood, P.M. 309, P.P.G.M.O.; G. Kennedy, W.M. 226, P.P.G.R. of M.; J. Whiteheart, S.W. 226, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Swinherd, 226; G. Porter, 226; and C. Jolly, J.W. 226, M.O. 309, P.P.G.G.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, Bro. Coupland responding for the latter.

The next toast was that of "The P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A.," and in putting it, the W.M. said they were now nearer home than they were in the previous toast. They all knew and esteemed the Prov. Grand Master, and deeply sympathised with him in his recent illness. Bro. Robinson was a splendid Mason, and whenever they were with him and heard him, it was with the greatest pleasure in the world. During his (the W.M.'s) career in Masonry, now nearly a quarter of a century's length, he had never heard such splendid working, whether in the Mark or Royal Arch Masonry, as that of their reverend and esteemed brother and Prov. G. Master, who was an acknowledged authority in those Degrees, and he asked them to drink Bro. Robinson's health with the utmost enthusiasm.

The next toast was that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." In giving it, the W.M. spoke eloquently of the magnificent services rendered the province by Bro. Cummings, who was both an estimable gentleman and earnest Mason.

Bro. Clarke said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to respond to the toast. He did so more especially as the principal object of it was Bro. Cummings. It was somewhat a felicitous choice on the part of their W.M. to call upon him, because Bro. Cummings was made a Mason in his (Bro. Clarke's) native town, and in the very lodge where his father was a member at the time of Bro. Cummings' initiation. Their W.M. had not said one word too highly of their D.P.G.M., while the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, knowing that they were led by one of the most eminent of Masons, would not be found wanting, but would do the same as those good brethren who had preceded them, and he felt sure that both by their intellect and their numbers, they, the Grand Officers of the Province of Kent, would be second to none in the faithful discharge of their duties.

The I.P.M., Bro. Mason, then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they all knew the many good qualities of their esteemed W.M. He, Bro. Mason, had watched Bro. Robert's career both in the Craft and Royal Arch, and felt sure that they never had a better officer either as W.M. or First Principal in those Degrees, and in Bro. Robert's hands they might safely leave the welfare of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, and he trusted that he might have a pleasant and successful year of office.

The W.M., who was received with cheers, said that although he was not a new hand at that sort of thing, yet he could not help feeling a little nervous at being called upon to respond as Master of such a distinguished lodge as the Florence Nightingale was, but trusted that he should be able to follow in the footsteps of those excellent Masons who had preceded him. As Bro. Mason had kindly wished, he trusted he might have a good year of office and plenty of work to do during it, so that he might have an opportunity of keeping up the prestige he had gained, as Bro. Mason had also kindly said, in the Craft and Royal Arch. He thanked them for their brotherly consideration, and could safely promise them that nothing should be wanting on his part to enhance, if possible, the unsullied honour of No. 44 Mark Lodge.

Bro. Mason having responded for "The Past Masters," and deservedly eulogised the services of Bros. Clarke, Sweny, Denton, Nichols, and the Bros. Birch,

The Worshipful Master, in kindly terms, proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Wood, in response, assured the W.M. that the visitors had enjoyed a very pleasant evening. They all knew that entertaining visitors was one of the duties of Masonry, and when he accepted the invitation of Bro. Nichols he did so with the greatest pleasure, and had been fully repaid for coming by hearing and seeing the splendid manner in which Bro. Nichols had performed the ceremony of installation. He thanked the W.M. and brethren of the lodge for their hearty and courteous reception, and Bro. Nichols for the invitation.

Bro. Kennedy, on behalf of No. 226, thanked the W.M. and brethren of the lodge for their cordial reception. For himself he must say that he had never heard the installation ceremony better rendered, and while they had such Past Masters the Florence Nightingale Lodge would lose none of its lustre.

The other toasts were "The Installing Officer," "The Masonic Press," and "The Officers."

Some excellent singing and reciting added to the pleasures of the occasion, Bro. Nichols presiding at the piano.

Royal Arch.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—This highly prosperous civic chapter met for the despatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Comps. T. Simpson, M.E.Z.; G. Herbert, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Treas., acting J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; N. Prower, S.N.; H. Herbert, 1st A.S.; Mallett, Janitor; and J. Young, P.Z. Comp. W. Rest, P.Z. 185, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., in feeling terms, alluded to the sudden death of Comp. R. Webber, Third Principal, that had taken place since the last convocation. He then moved, which was seconded and carried unanimously, that a vote of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Webber and family. The following elections then took place: Comps. G. Herbert, M.E.Z.; N. Prower, H. and J. (subject to dispensation); E. B. Lane, J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; H. Herbert, S.N.; E. Brennell, P.S.; and Mallett, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. The audit was appointed to take place just before the installation meeting in June.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, when Comp. C. H. Canning was installed as Z.; Comp. C. T. Lewis, as H.; and Comp. J. Savage, as J. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 913, P.P. 1st A.G.S. Kent, was the Installing Officer, and did his work splendidly. The following officers were invested: Comps. C. Wood, S.N.; B. Brayshaw, S.E.; R. J. Warren, P.Z. 1437, P.P. 1st A.G.S. Essex, Treas.; B. Curtis, P.S.; G. Letton, 2nd A.S.; G. Grant, D.C.; and J. Ives, Janitor. Comp. C. Jolly, P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. S. Hill, M.E.Z., exalted Bro. Grant to the Supreme Degree, for which he was accorded a vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter. Comp. Penfold, having completed his arduous work by reciting the charges in his own impressive manner, was also accorded a vote of thanks, to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions banqueted, and spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening in toast and harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

WHITEHAVEN.

Border Rose Croix Chapter (No. 102).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult. E. and P. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, M.W.S., presided; Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell, 30°, P.M.W.S., P. and Treas.; E. and P. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M.W.S., Recorder; J. Paterson, S.G.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, J.G.; S. Broadment, C.G.; and J. Casson, O.G.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, two candidates, Bros. Starkey and Willan were perfected, and as per notice of motion, 10 guineas were voted to the R.M.I.B. on behalf of a Stewardship for next festival. With other routine business, the chapter was closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.).—This old and distinguished council met at the Grand Mark Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. B. Williamson, J.P., W.M.; W. Lemon, LL.D., L.C.C., &c., S.W.; P. Cubitt, acting J.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; N. Prower, M.A., Sec.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; R. L. Loveland, P.M.; Captain Walls, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; W. Vincent, Sweney, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. L. Loveland installed Bro. W. Lemon as W.M. Among those invested as officers for the ensuing year were Bros. H. J. Lardner, S.W.; G. Powell, Treas.; Captain Walls, Sec.; A. McDowall, Conductor; G. Graveley, S.D.; Sheppard, J.D.; Sweney, I.G.; L. Steele, Org.; H. H. Shirley, D.C.; and Mills, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A notice of motion was given to increase the subscriptions to 10s. per annum, and also a notice of motion to consider the advisability of altering the nights of meeting. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., who fluently returned thanks. Apologies for non-attendance having been received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The W.M. presided most ably and genially.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met on the 21st ult., at Anderton's Hotel. Among those present were Bros. T. Poore, P.W.C.N., acting N.; N. Prower, J.; C. Chauffourier, S.; Capt. Walls, P.G.C., &c., Scribe; F. W. Driver, M.A., S.D.; F. Graves, J.D.; W. Drew, Guard; and Goddard, Warder. Bro. H. H. Shirley, W.C.N. 1, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. N. Prower was ably installed W.C.N. by Bro. Poore, whose excellent working of this particular grade in Masonry is widely and deservedly known. He also elevated Bros. C. Jackson, F.R.C.S., L. W. Harvey, and W. H. Holroyd to the R.A.M. Degree. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. C. Chauffourier, J.; F. W. Driver, S.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Scribe; F. Graves, S.D.; W. Drew, J.D.; and Goddard, Warder. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Poore for his services as Installing Officer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held in conjunction with the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge.

The customary toasts were duly honoured.

MASONIC ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION
AT HAYLE.

The meeting on Thursday, the 23rd ult., of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, was made a very interesting one by the presentation to Bro. J. P. Smith, P.M., of a beautifully-illuminated address and a purse of money contributed by the Cornubian Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and Cornubian Mark Lodge, and members, as a token of their respect and esteem on his retiring from the office of Secretary, which he had filled for a period of 24 years in the Craft and 20 in the Mark lodge.

The address, beautifully illuminated and framed with Masonic emblems, was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, and was much admired.

There was a large gathering of representatives of the different lodges, among whom were Bros. G. Williams, P.M., J. Wearne, P.M., and W. K. Baker, P.M., of 1272; H. P. Vivian, P.M. Mount Edgcombe and Z. of Hayle Chapter; R. Rowe, W.M. Mount Edgcombe, and W.M. Cornubian Mark Lodge; F.

W. Thomas, P.M. Mount Edgcombe; and James Pool, G. B. Pearce, James Mudge, T. Mills, B. Spray, W. Wagner, J. Richards, J. Bazeley, G. Stevens, F. Harvey, J. G. Osborn, Past Masters of Cornubian Lodge, and R. Carbis, W.M. elect of Tregenna Lodge, and a large number of brethren.

The presentation was made by Bro. G. B. Pearce, who said it was a custom not confined to the Craft that good and valued services should be recognised. They had met for that purpose on more than one occasion. When their lamented Bro. Husband left them for another part of the country they presented him with a token of their esteem, and more recently when Bro. West removed they had such a gathering in that room. Bro. West had taken the greatest interest in the testimonial to Bro. Smith, and intended being present but was prevented. In these cases it was when a brother left them, but in this case Bro. Smith would remain among them to give them the benefit of his experience. They could say of him "Well done." If he gave the history of Bro. Smith it would be the history of the lodge itself, so intimately had he been connected with its progress since he joined it elected W.M. in 1860. He carried out the duties as well as anyone could, and shortly after his year of office expired he had performed the duties of Secretary, with one brief exception, since. They had assembled to-day to show their esteem and gratitude from the Craft, Chapter, and Mark lodges by presenting him with this address with the emblems of the particular Degrees and offices Bro. Smith had filled, and which was as follows:

"Cornubian Lodge, Ancient and Accepted Masons, No. 450; Hayle Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Cornubian Mark Master Masons, No. 87.

"To Worshipful Bro. J. P. Smith, P.M., and late Secretary No. 450, P.P.G.D. Cornwall, P.Z. of Hayle Chapter, and P.P. Asst. Soj., and late Secretary of No. 87, Mark Masters, Hayle. We, the undersigned, representing the above-named lodges and chapter, meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, have been desired to deliver to you, on the occasion of the presentation being made, in recognition of your long and valued services to the Craft, the following address: We have to express the deep regret of the brethren that you have considered it necessary to retire from the active duties of Secretary, after the long and faithful service of 24 years to the Craft lodge, and 20 years to the Mark lodge. During this long period you have so enjoyed the confidence of succeeding Worshipful Masters, as to be re-appointed year after year (with only one brief intermission) which is in itself an evidence of the great satisfaction you have given in the discharge of the important duties of that office. Elected to the honourable and responsible office of Worshipful Master of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, for the year 1860, you performed its duties with zeal and discretion, and immediately afterwards assumed the onerous position you have only now thought fit to resign, thus giving to your brethren an example of zeal and fidelity that they desire ever to keep in remembrance. Besides this they have to thank you for the special interest you have always taken in the general comfort and happiness of the members assembled in lodge, when you have at great personal discomfort and sacrifice administered to their wants and contributed greatly to their social enjoyment. They are deeply sensible of the value of such thoughtful services, and would place it on record by means of this address. Rest assured that by your great kindness you have earned the esteem and appreciation of a large number of brethren not only connected with your lodges, but with others also who have from time to time been visitors here. We pray that you may long be spared to unite with us in the duties and pleasures of our gatherings, and that you may continue to give us the benefit of your wide experience and ever active sympathy, with all that is noble and elevating in our Fraternity. Hence though we sever our connection officially, we shall have the pleasure of uniting in Masonic fellowship and communication as of yore.

"THOMAS MUDGE, W.M. No. 450;

"HUGH P. VIVIAN, Z. Hayle Chapter, No. 450;

"RICHARD ROWE, W.M. No. 87, Mark Masters. Hayle, April, 1891."

There was not one word in the address but what was meant by those who drew it up and would be endorsed by every brother in the lodge. He had now the pleasing duty to present Bro. Smith with this address, and not only that but the brethren had contributed a purse which he now handed to him. They had on a former occasion presented him with a Past Master's jewel. He hoped he would live many years to assist them by his experience and wisdom, and he also hoped that the younger members would be stimulated to follow such a good example.

Bro. JAMES MUDGE, P.M., as the senior Past Master present fully endorsed all that Bro. Pearce said, and from his experience with Bro. Smith could bear his personal testimony to his zeal and fidelity to Masonic principles. They had heard of testimonials being presented but rarely a second time. They thought it right on a former occasion, and they thought it now as Bro. Smith always attended to his duties. The minutes were always kept faithfully and succinctly, and the way he had attended to their creature comforts was well known to them. He had done his best to keep the lodge together, and they knew how he had succeeded.

Bro. HUGH P. VIVIAN, Z. of Hayle Chapter, said he should be sorry to let the occasion pass without, on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapter, thanking Bro. Smith for his exertions on their behalf. If any clouds had arisen his beaming face had always dispersed them,

and the companions felt it an honour to bear testimony to the benefits they had received from his ripe experience.

Bro. RICHARD ROWE, W.M. of the Cornubian Mark Lodge, said the brethren of their lodge fully endorsed the remarks made by the brethren who had preceded him. They heartily joined in this expression of love, respect, and esteem. They regretted he was obliged to sever his official connection, but he hoped to meet him at their meetings.

Bro. BAKER also spoke of his knowledge of Bro. Smith for a quarter of a century, and that he had done all in his power to make the business of the lodge a great success, always present to give a genial greeting, and to give the benefit of his great knowledge and long experience.

Bro. SMITH, on rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged applause. He said he would ask them to exercise that charity so necessary at the present time to an old brother, who after listening to the touching expressions which had fallen from their lips, and he believed from the hearts of their esteemed brethren, and presenting such a beautiful testimonial, he was utterly unable to sufficiently thank them. The old proverb read "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the face of his friend," and the faces of his brethren come from the east, west, north, and south to do honour to an old member of their beloved lodge, assured him that it was as much pleasure to them to give as his to receive, and when he looked upon their beautiful gift in days to come, it would contribute to render his closing days happy, and he hoped this would stimulate them to do what in them lay to ensure the success of their mother lodge, and if spared to old age that they had not lived for themselves alone. He had promised on a former occasion to do his best at all times to further the interests of his mother lodge, they could judge if he had fulfilled that promise, and the wording of that beautiful address, and the words that had fallen from the lips of their respected brethren assured him that he had kept that promise. If spared it would be one of his greatest pleasures to come amongst them and renew their "auld" acquaintance. From his heart he thanked them. (Loud applause.)

The brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel for the banquet.

After the cloth was removed the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. F. HARVEY, P.M., and P.P.S.G.W., proposed the toast of the evening, "Health and happiness to our worthy brother," which was supported by several of the brethren, who bore testimony to Bro. Smith's worth, and the pleasure it gave them to be present at such an interesting gathering.

Songs and recitations by some of the brethren brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Obituary.

BRO. THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

We much regret to record the death of Bro. the Most Reverend the Archbishop of York which occurred in London on Tuesday morning. His loss is an irreparable one to both Church and State. Had Dr. Magee been a layman he must have risen to great eminence. He was undoubtedly the greatest orator in the House of Lords, which contain many excellent speakers. Great things were expected of him in the arch diocese he had recently been called to preside over. Probably the Bishop of Durham, Dr. Westcott, or the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Carpenter will be his successor. The Bishop of Carlisle would be a perfect Archbishop, but his age we fear precludes him.

BRO. GEORGE COLLINS, W.M. 1641.

The brethren of the Crichton Lodge have sustained a heavy blow and an irreparable loss in the death of their deservedly beloved W.M., Bro. George Collins, who succumbed to gastric fever and pneumonia on Friday, the 24th ult., after a few days illness. Bro. Collins was one of the first initiates of the lodge, and had worked up through the various offices until in December last he was installed as W.M., alas, so soon to become an example of the instability of all human ambitions. In his Masonic duties and connections he brought to bear the same earnestness, the same high principle, and the same sound common sense as distinguished him in his public life. The result is that the brethren feel they have lost a true friend and a reliable adviser, not only in Masonic, but also in everyday affairs. Bro. Collins has been in every sense a public man. He served for some years as a member of the Town Council of Reigate. He was selected as a candidate for the parliamentary district of Dulwich, and although he was defeated after a keenly contested fight, he gained the respect of the leaders of both parties. For some years past he has been a member of the Deptford Vestry and the Greenwich District Board of Works, and at the last election for the London School Board he was returned at the head of the poll for the Greenwich division. Last year he was elected Vice-President of the National Union of Teachers, and only about a month ago (in Easter week) he was installed as President at the conference in Cardiff. He spent many years as a schoolmaster, and his powerful Presidential address is yet fresh in the memory of many. To show the esteem in which Bro. Collins was held, it may not be out of place to quote the words of one of his colleagues on the Board. He writes: "The death of George Collins is as heavy a blow to

our educational policy as could possibly be conceived. He and I were as the poles apart in matters of Imperial policy, but in educational movements we were of the closest kin." The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 29th ult., at Brockley Cemetery. The hearse was one mass of beautiful wreaths, and a long line of between 30 and 40 carriages followed the body to its last resting-place. Next to the single mourning coach came carriages containing the brethren of the Crichton Lodge, and these were followed by others containing representatives of Greenwich Masons, all the brethren wearing white ties and white gloves, and bearing the sprig of acacia. Next to these followed several members of the London School Board, the Greenwich Board of Works, and the Reigate Town Council. Then came the directors of the Educational Newspaper Company, of which Bro. Collins was a founder, and with which he had been connected till the day of his death. Various deputations from Southwark, Greenwich, Woolwich, Huddersfield, and Sheffield; from the Executive of the National Union of Teachers, and from the staff and teachers of the London School Board were also present. The scene at the grave side was a deeply impressive one—one not to be soon forgotten; but it must have been a consolation to those nearest and dearest ones (if consolation there be at such a time) to see how he who had been torn from them was loved, honoured, and respected by all with whom he had come in contact, by none more than by the sorrowing brethren of his mother lodge.

BRO. C. W. BAKER, I.P.M. 1326.

At Chingford cemetery, on Saturday last, a large number of Freemasons and friends were present at the interment of Bro. C. W. Baker, I.P.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326. The deceased died on Saturday, the 25th ult., after a few days illness. He was initiated in the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, July, 1874, and exalted in the Lebanon Chapter, 1884. He was also Life Governor to all the Masonic Institutions, having served as Steward five times, twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, twice for the Girls' School, once for the Boys' School, and was to have represented the Boys' School again as Steward in June next. He was also Life Governor to the German Hospital, and Trustee to the Haggerston Hospital Society, and several other charitable institutions. The body was enclosed in a polished elm coffin, with brass fittings. It was borne to the grave in an open hearse, which also contained a beautiful collection of wreaths, the gift of the lodge, and brother Masons and friends. Following the hearse was a long string of mourning carriages containing the personal friends and relatives of the deceased, and a number of brethren of the lodge, amongst whom were Bros. J. A. Wilson, J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; S. Page, Treas.; F. Dunstan, E. Whelan, W. H. Davey; W. Davey, E. Mallett, W. Kite, I. Solomon, J. Exton, G. Waddington, J. Amy, J. Robinson, J.W. 1524; R. Pasco, 27; Cooper, Kindon, Capon, Freeman, Palim, and Seecourable. Notwithstanding the heavy down-pour of rain the visitors numbered about 50. The lodge will be put in full Masonic mourning.

The Theatres.

Of all the Lyceum long repertoire, we think there are few plays which are so full of pathos, and truly human, as Mr. Wills' version of "The Vicar of Wakefield"—"Olivia,"—now being given four nights a week at Bro. Irving's theatre. We have come to the conclusion—it may at first sight appear a paradox—that no one can rightly appreciate Goldsmith's great work until they have seen "Olivia" on the stage. Often one requires to read the book before seeing the play, in order to properly understand the latter. Who can help dropping a tear over the tenderness of Dr. Primrose for his wayward daughter, and forgive him loving her more than he does God, and always saying—"I know I will be punished!" Then again, that thorough control of self, that in the festivities connected with the celebration of his silver wedding, when the news comes to him that he is in the decline of his life has been robbed of all the savings of a lifetime, and brought to beggary by the absconding of a friend. The dear old vicar keeps on a smiling face, and will not convey the sad news to his family until the close of the day and the sun is setting. It would want a callous heart not to be moved when it is discovered that Olivia has run away from home, and her father, broken-hearted, exclaims: "She came between me and my love for God. I am punished for it at last." Then the scene where Olivia distributes her trinkets to each member of her family on the night she is about to elope, they thinking that she is going the next day to a situation as governess. How she makes her little brothers promise to pray for her every night and fondly kisses her mother and sister, and then the beautiful scene when the broken-hearted vicar finds his erring child and forgives her. Can any one witness this play without being the better for it? We think it impossible. Bro. Irving's Dr. Primrose has gained in simplicity without any loss of dignity since we last saw the play. Miss Ellen Terry's delightful representation of Olivia is an ideal one, and never has Miss Terry made her audience feel her powers of emotion more than she does now. Mr. Terris repeats with peculiar effect all the villany of Squire Thornhill. Bro. Macklin could not make a better Burchell, nor could any one. Miss

Annie Irish is sweet and sympathetic as the gentle Sophia. The next revival will be "The Corsican Brothers," on the 12th inst., for a few nights, after that "Henry VIII.," and we hope "Richilieu" will be included in the repertoire.

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Little Minnie Terry, who is just now appearing at the Lyceum as the Princess Elizabeth in "Charles I.," and in "Olivia" as a brother of the heroine, is engaged to create a part of some length and importance in a new play at the Haymarket, which Mr. Beerbohm Tree will probably produce as one of his special Monday evening pieces shortly. Miss Minnie Terry is generally taught her parts by her aunt, Miss Marion Terry.

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The most wonderful play in London just now is "L'Enfant Prodigue." It is marvellous, because not a word is spoken nor a song sung during the whole three acts. Since its production at the Prince of Wales's Theatre its success was at once assured, partly, no doubt, on account of its novelty, it being real pantomime, but chiefly owing to the very clever acting of Mdlle. Jane May, Madame Schmidt, Mdlle. Zanfritta, M. Courtés, M. de Sasper, and M. Souget. Entirely by the motions of their hands and bodies and facial expressions, together with the music, one can easily understand the story "L'Enfant Prodigue" is intended to describe. Mr. Horace Sedger did a wise thing in arranging with Mr. C. Lauri for the representation of this play without words on the boards of the Prince of Wales's. Everyone ought to go and see this extraordinary acting.

WHITSUNTIDE RAILWAY FACILITIES.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, May 11th, to Monday, May 18th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheap-side; 22, Aldersgate-street; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street; 116, Holborn; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn; 43, New Oxford-street; 3, James-street, Covent Garden; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus; Golden Cross, Charing Cross; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street; 231, Edgware-road; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road; 70, St. Martin's-lane; Lion, 108, New Bond-street; 496, Oxford-street; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate; Kensington, 33, High-street; 117, High-street, Borough; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway; 194, Westminster Bridge-road; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road; 15, Queen-street; London Brighton and South Coast Company's Office, 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross; Albert and Victoria Docks Office, and Canning Town Goods Station. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison-road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Sons' Tourist Office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Saturday, May 16th, special express trains will leave Euston Station at 4.25 p.m. and 6.55 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham. Special express trains will also leave Birmingham (New Street) on this date at 2.5 p.m. and 4.5 p.m. for Northampton, calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby; the ordinary trains leaving Birmingham at 2.0 p.m. and 4.0 p.m. on May 16th not conveying passengers for these places. On Whit Monday, May 18th, numerous residential trains will not be run. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places, on Saturday, May 16th.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company announce that a fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours, and that excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, and other stations on the Great Western System; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, May 16th, the Company will run in duplicate, the 11.45 a.m., 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; the 10.20 a.m. and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.57 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

On Bank Holiday excursions will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and other stations. Arrangements have been made for the issue of ordinary and excursion tickets during the week preceding Whit Sunday, at the company's City and West End Offices, viz.:—193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn-circus; 29, Charing-cross; 269, Strand; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 67, Gresham-street; and 4, Cheapside. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison-road), and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on May 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Saturday, May 16th, cheap three or six days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's Cross Station) to Huntingdon, St. Ives, Lynn, Wisbech, Norwich, Cromer, Yarmouth, Spalding, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, Manchester, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, &c. A cheap excursion will also be run to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning on May 19th or 23rd. On Whit-Monday, May 18th, cheap excursion trains will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Moorgate-street, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, and Cambridge. Cheap fast excursions will also be run on Saturday, 16th, and Monday, 18th May, from Moorgate-street, Farringdon-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Three or four days' tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for the return by the excursion on Monday or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. Manchester races. On Thursday night, May 21st, a fast excursion for two days will be run from Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to Manchester. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets dated in advance will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the following ticket offices: 285, Oxford-street; Star Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 169, Edgware-road, W.; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury-avenue, W.; 328, Strand; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 264, High Holborn; 90, Tottenham Court-road; 230, Essex-road, Islington, N.; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 16, Fish-street-hill; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Great Northern Company's Poplar Docks Station, Preston-road; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (Great Northern Company's office), and at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, Limited, 3, Charing Cross and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

"SATURDAY IN SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY."

The London and North Western Railway Company announce that the tour which was inaugurated last summer under the above name, for the benefit of those who can afford to pay a reasonable price for a day's outing by rail and road, including thoroughly good hotel accommodation, will be repeated every Saturday during the coming season. The first trip will take place on June 6th, and the programme includes visits to the house in which Shakespeare was born, to the site of the house in which he spent the last 19 years of his life and in which he died, to his tomb in the Church of the Holy Trinity, and to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-on-Avon; to Kenilworth and Warwick Castles, and to Beauchamp Chapel, which contains Leicester's Tomb, and the Crypt, in the St. Mary's Church, Warwick.

The fares, which are 40s. for first class, and 27s. 6d. for second or third class (second class carriages are not guaranteed), will include every item of expense throughout the day (wines, &c., excepted); the company will even pay the waiters' fees, for it is, indeed, in their case that the French saying "point d'argent point de Suisse" applies.

Two new features are introduced in this year's programme. Passengers will not be compelled to return to London the same evening; those who, after dinner, may feel inclined to enjoy two or three days' rest in the country will be able to do so on payment of a small amount (6s. first class, and 3s. second or third class), and to return to town from Kenilworth, Leamington, Warwick or Stratford-on-Avon (East and West Junction Railway), by any train up to the following Tuesday night. Hotel coupons, available at the best hotels, for breakfast, luncheon, dinner, and bed, separately, and also for a whole day's accommodation, always including waiters' fees, will be sold at moderate prices at the above four stations and at Euston Station, London.

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A convocation of the Supreme Council, 33°, will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday. An unusually full agenda paper has been issued, over 30 candidates being proposed for the several Degrees of 30°, 31°, and 32°.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

The East Terrace at Windsor Castle was, by her Majesty's command, opened to the public for about two hours on Sunday afternoon last, when a large number of people availed themselves of the promenade.

The Goldsmiths' Company have voted £20, and the Merchant Taylors' Company £10 10s., for the painting, furnishing, and completing of the Helen Duchess of Albany Ward of St. Peter's Hospital, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale visited Wakefield on the 30th ult. for the purpose of opening a technical and art school. His Royal Highness also planted a tree as a memorial of his visit in the proposed park at Thornes. The day was observed as a general holiday in honour of the event.

Bro. William Heathcote was installed W.M. of the Stirling Lodge, No. 1989, Cleator Moor, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the presence of over 20 Past Masters. There was also a large muster of visitors from the lodges in the district, and the usual banquet was held after at the Queen's Hotel.

The Duchess of Connaught and her children, Prince Arthur and the Princesses Margaret and Victoria, reached Windsor Castle about 7 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th ult., on a visit to her Majesty. The Duchess dined with the Queen, and remained at the Castle with the Duke and their children.

The Princess of Wales and her daughter, the Princess Maud, visited the Royal Academy on the 30th ult., and were received at the entrance by Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, the President. Prince Christian and his daughters, the Princesses Louise and Victoria, also visited Burlington House the same day.

Thursday, the 30th ult., was the second anniversary of the death of the lamented Bro. Carl Rosa, and his grave in Highgate Cemetery was visited by a large number of his relatives, friends, and admirers, as well as by the members of the various troupes under the management of the company which bears his name.

Bro. Lord Brassey presided at the 25th anniversary festival, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Friday, the 1st inst., in aid of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Chelsea, the subscriptions amounting to £1820. Bros. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox and Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., were among the principal guests.

Among those present at the private view of the Royal Academy Exhibition on Friday, the 1st inst., were Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, the Turkish Ambassador, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Albermarle, Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, Bro. and Mrs. Henry Brassey, and Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Sherbrooke.

Friday, the 1st instant, was the 41st anniversary of the Duke of Connaught's birthday, his Royal Highness having been born on the 1st May, 1850. The event was celebrated in the usual manner at Windsor, while the officers of the Scots Guards arrived at the Castle in the morning and presented their congratulations to the Duke on the occasion.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Clock and Watch Makers' Pension Society, held at the Horological Institute, Northampton-square, last week, Bro. T. Baxter, of Goswell-road (who has been five years Treasurer of the society), was presented with a handsomely-engrossed and framed vellum in recognition of his services. The meeting also elected as Vice-Presidents Major Lambert, Captain Penton, M.P., and Earl Compton, M.P.

The anniversary dinner in aid of the Railway Officers' and Servants' Association was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Thursday, the 30th ult., when subscriptions amounting to £3130 were announced. In the course of the evening certain statistics relating to railway travelling were quoted, from which it appears that in 1889 upwards of 915 million journeys were made in the United Kingdom, with the result that in less than every 10 millions one passenger was killed, and in less than 900,000 one was injured.

A deputation from the newly-formed Association of Proprietors of Entertainments had an interview in the Conference Room of the House of Commons on Monday evening with a number of Metropolitan Members with reference to the proposed bill of the London County Council for the regulation of theatres, music halls, and other places of entertainment. Among the M.P.'s present were Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick (in the chair), Kimber, Darling, Maple, Aird, F. Seager Hunt, Sir G. Hunter, Lafone, and W. Isaacson.

The Royal Naval Exhibition, Chelsea, was opened by the Prince of Wales on Saturday last. Notwithstanding the very unpropitious weather, there was a large and fashionable attendance, among those present being the Princess of Wales, the Princess Maud of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck and the Princes Francis and Alexander of Teck, the Princess Louise, the Marquis of Lorne, the Duchess of Albany, the Duchess of Fife, Prince and Princess Christian, Bro. Sir Redvers Buller, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress, Sheriff Farmer, Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Connaught, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Bro. Lord Brassey, Bro. Admirals Sir H. Keppel and Sir George Willis, and Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught embarked on Monday evening on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert at Portsmouth, and started at daybreak the following morning on a 10 days' cruise in the Channel.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and Sheriff Farmer and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris were entertained at dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, by the Library Committee of the Corporation of London.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held this year at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 27th June, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.

The Secretary to the Warehousemen, Clerks', and Drapers' Schools has been informed that Mr. David Price, deceased, of 4, Queen Ann-street, Cavendish-square, has bequeathed the sum of £1000 to the above institution.

The Lord President of the Council has filled up the vacancy in the number of representative governors of the Royal Holloway College, Egham, caused by the death of Bro. Earl Granville by the appointment of Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P.

The Princess Christian, accompanied by Lady Jeune, and attended by Colonel Gordon, visited Brighton on Monday for the purpose of opening the new Home of Rest for Nurses in Sussex-square. The Home having been opened, a vote of thanks was voted by acclamation to her Royal Highness.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Bro. the Earl of Lathom were among the guests at the dinner party given by the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Deym at the Embassy in Belgrave-square on Monday evening.

The Duke of Connaught has kindly consented to preside at the dinner in aid of the funds of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road, which will take place at the Royal Venetian Chamber, Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock, to which ladies are also invited.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale presided at the festival dinner, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, in aid of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women. The subscriptions, which included £50 from the Queen, in addition to her annual subscription of £21, and 25 guineas from the Chairman, amounted to £1165.

The renowned Russian Troupe of Singers and Dancers, in their national costumes, who created such enthusiasm during their recent four and a-half months' engagement in Paris, and whose opening performance was honoured by the entire Russian Embassy, will appear at the Empire Theatre on Monday next.

Bro. the Duke of Fife presided at the 73rd annual meeting of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, which, by the permission of the company, was held in Fishmongers' Hall on Monday. The several resolutions in behalf of the Society were unanimously adopted, and votes of thanks were passed to his Grace for presiding and to the company for the use of its hall.

We regret that the tour through the United States which Bro. H. Hemmens, Churchwarden of St. Paul's Westminster, Bristol, took last summer, has not had such a permanent effect on his health as could be desired, and acting on medical advice he has this week been ordered away, this time a little nearer home. We trust our brother's sojourn at Weston-super-Mare will build him up substantially, and that he will shortly be able to return to his church and business duties.

The Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company (Mr. J. Wigan) presided on Friday last at the 58th anniversary festival in aid of the funds of this Institution, held at the Holborn Restaurant. Those present included the President, Mr. F. B. Thomas; the Treasurer, Major Geo. Lambert, F.S.A.; Mr. J. M. Garrad and Major H. C. Lambert, Trustees; and Mr. W. J. Hutchinson, Chairman of Committee. Subscriptions were announced amounting to £350 15s., including a donation of £35 10s. from the Chairman, and 100 guineas from Major George Lambert.

Bro. Dr. Haskins gave his annual concert at the Shore-ditch Town Hall on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult. The Hall was crowded with a select and appreciative audience, who expressed their approval of the splendid programme provided for their approbation by repeated encores, which were in most cases acceded to. Of the artistes we must mention the celebrated Cardiff National Welsh Choir, to whom the highest praise is due for the excellent manner in which they acquitted themselves in several part songs, quartettes, and solos, and Bros. George Pritchard and William Davey, who fully maintained the reputation they have so justly earned.

The Queen left Cherbourg on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert on her return from her sojourn at Grasse, on the morning of the 30th ult., and on arriving off Spithead was received with salutes from the Russian frigate Minim and the battleship Thunderer. In the harbour the ships were dressed and the yards manned, while a salute was fired from the flagship, the Duke of Wellington. On landing her Majesty was received by the Duke of Connaught and Bro. Admiral Sir E. Commerell. After a brief delay the special train containing her Majesty, the Duke of Connaught and the Princess Beatrice, started on its journey, and Windsor was reached about 6 p.m. The Queen appears to have greatly benefited by her visit to Grasse.

CARSON'S PAINT.—It is of public interest to note that the important business of Messrs. Walter Carson and Sons, the well-known manufacturers of paints, colours, oils, varnishes, &c., has been removed from the old premises in La Belle Sauvage Yard, Ludgate Hill, to more roomy quarters at Battersea. The firm has taken the Grove Works, and fitted up the buildings with every kind of appliance required for the manufacture of paints and colours of the finest quality. It is hardly necessary to remind readers of the leading position which this firm holds in the trade. Among many other excellent manufactures their anti-corrosion paint, which has stood the test of practice for very many years, is still in universal request as the most serviceable paint which can be used for all outdoor purposes. Messrs. Carson and Son's new catalogues will be found to furnish very full information, and to be well worth the attention of all who have occasion for the use of such materials.

The East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, concluded its session on Wednesday last.

Bro. F. J. Horniman, under instructions from his physicians, has relinquished his candidature for Shrewsbury.

During last week Bro. James Judd, C.C., J.P., addressed a series of meetings at Lowestoft, the constituency for which he is the accepted candidate. His reception on each occasion has been of the most flattering description.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Earl of Derby, K.G., to be Chancellor of the University of London in place of Bro. Earl Granville, K.G., deceased.

We regret to announce the death, on Sunday last, from acute bronchitis, of Bro. Wm. Smith, W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 933. Bro. Smith was a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' School.

Our readers will be glad to know that Bro. James Gibson, P.M., Treas., No. 2030, has now quite recovered from the accident that befell him in February last, which, providentially, did not prove fatal. We congratulate him on his miraculous escape.

The Abbey Lodge (Westminster), No. 2030, will hold its seventh installation meeting on Monday next. Bro. C. Christmas Piper will be installed W.M., and a large and influential gathering is expected. Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., the first W.M., will be present, also Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P. Arrangements have been made with Bro. Arthur Weston, of Newgate-street, to take a photographic group of the members.

We are glad to notice that Bro. John Lane, P.P.G. Reg. Devon, P.S.G.W. Iowa, &c., has so far recovered from his recent illness as to consent to deliver a lecture in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday next. It will be under the auspices of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, of which Bro. John Taylor is the W.M., and the subject will be "Some Aspects of Early English Freemasonry" (Esoteric).

The *Gentleman* is evidently one of the comparatively new serials that have come to stay. Its stage of probation has long since passed, and it is evident that the enterprising projectors are not content with the high state of excellence to which it has attained, but are seeking fresh fields and pastures new. A new departure was made last week in the shape of a Spring special double number, issued at the ordinary price of 6d., which contains several pages of coloured lithographic work applied to the ordinary pages of the paper. It was a success artistically, and we have little doubt that, notwithstanding the extraordinary number of pages and the high quality of the illustrations, it will prove a commercial success as well.

THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—A vigorous attempt is being made to raise a special fund of £20,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the front of the Royal Free Hospital in Gray's Inn-road, the first institution in London which admitted the sick and suffering poor to the free enjoyment of its benefits, and dispensed with letters of recommendation from subscribers and others. The hospital was founded as early as 1828, and removed to its present site in 1842. Three of its four sides have since been rebuilt, and it is now proposed to complete the renovation of the building by replacing the front, which was originally designed as a barracks for the Light Horse Volunteers, with a structure which shall better accord with the approved principles of hospital construction and the rules of modern sanitary science. In this older part of the building is situated the casualty room. This has long ceased to be adequate to its needs, and greater facilities are urgently needed for dealing with cases in which a few moments are sometimes of the utmost value. The dispensary and the rooms occupied by the resident medical officers and servants are also situated in this portion of the building, and are all of them described as extremely inconvenient and ill-adapted to present requirements. A design for the proposed new front has been prepared by Mr. W. Harvey, the architect of the hospital, and the sum of £20,000 which the committee are now endeavouring to raise includes not only the cost of rebuilding, but also that of reconstructing the drainage, erecting lifts, and carrying out other necessary works. In furtherance of the committee's appeal for funds a festival dinner—the first that has taken place in connection with the hospital for over six years—was held on Saturday evening at the Hôtel Métropole, Bro. the Earl of Lathom presiding. The Chairman, in giving the toast of the evening, entered into some interesting particulars with respect to the Institution, dwelling strongly on the free and unrestricted admission of patients without letters of recommendation, which was a principle unknown until this hospital was established. It now contains 160 beds, and he stated that last year alone 2138 in-patients, 17,263 out-patients, and 10,804 accident cases had been treated, making a total of 39,205. He trusted there would be a most generous response to the appeal made by the Committee. The noble Chairman concluded by remarking his brethren, the Freemasons, had liberally assisted the hospital. He did not know whether they could be induced to come forward again on the present occasion, but he was sure that if they only knew what the Charity was, and what it did, they would come to the conclusion that it was one deserving of all aid. Mr. W. T. Pritchard, Chairman of the Committee, briefly responded. "The Memory of the Founder of the Royal Free Hospital" was proposed by Mr. Edward Masterman, and responded to by Dr. Marsden, the founder's son. Mr. E. F. North gave "The Medical and Surgical Staff," and the toast was acknowledged by Dr. West and Mr. Albert B. Barrow. "The Health of the Chairman and the Freemasons of England" was proposed by Lord Saye and Sele, and replied to by the Chairman. In the course of the proceedings the Secretary announced donations amounting to £8090, including a legacy of £3000, specially bequeathed to the building fund.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the Ointment should be diligently rubbed in the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.