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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The agenda for the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday is formidable enough in appearance, but we do not think the proceedings are likely to be of a very protracted nature. There will, no doubt, be a considerable amount of interest excited in the election of brethren to serve on the Board of General Purposes. It will be seen, from the list we publish elsewhere, that about 30 Masters and Past Masters have been nominated, and as several of these are striving hard to be returned, we shall in all probability find the honour of serving on the Board is very keenly contested. The Colonial Board and Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will also be elected, but as only the full number of brethren to be elected has been nominated, there will in these cases be no contest. In other respects the business to be transacted is mostly formal, with the solitary exception of a special report presented in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in which, having regard to the approaching Jubilee Festival of that Charity, it is recommended that the laws defining the rights and privileges as regards votes conferred on the various classes of donors and subscribers shall be suspended for a period of 12 months, and an increased number of votes granted to those who contribute to or raise contributions for the funds of the Institution at the aforesaid approaching Jubilee. The recommendation, however, is not of a character to provoke any controversy, and will in all probability be acceded to by Grand Lodge without any discussion. As regards the list of lodges for which the Grand Master has been pleased to issue Warrants of Constitution since the March Communication, we have only to remark that the number is smaller than usual.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The third and last important Anniversary Festival of the year—that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—will take place in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 24th June, and the circumstances under which it will be held are unquestionably more promising than those connected with any previous Anniversary of this, or, if we except the Girls' Centenary in 1888, of either of the other Masonic Charities. In the first place, the chair will be occupied by the Earl of LATHOM, the new Pro Grand Master of England, and for the last 18 years Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, who, as our readers are most probably aware, is one of the most experienced and influential—as he certainly has proved himself one of the most successful—Masonic Chairmen of our day. In 1873 his lordship inaugurated his career as a Provincial Grand Master by presiding at the 85th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when, by the hands of some 145 Stewards, the handsome sum of £7500 was raised. In 1876 he rendered a like service to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to close on £9400 testified to the success of his lordship's advocacy. In 1880 he presided at the Boys' School Festival, and the sum raised by a Board of 236 Stewards was just a little in excess of £14,000. In 1888, too, on the occasion of the Girls' Centenary, his lordship acted as President of the Board of Stewards which supported the Chairmanship of the Prince of WALES with such splendid success, so

that there is no brother of similar rank in the Craft who has exerted his influence more strenuously and, at the same time, more successfully than our present Pro Grand Master. Moreover, on all these occasions the Province of West Lancashire has most loyally and most generously supported the efforts of its chief, the highest amounts obtained from this source being at the Boys' School Festival in 1880, when West Lancashire figured for about £2500, and at the Girls' Centenary three years ago, when the sum of its contribution amounted to about £2250. But, promising as are the facts we have just recited, namely, Lord LATHOM'S previous successes in the chair, and the generous support vouchsafed him by his Province of West Lancashire, they by no means exhaust the probabilities in favour of an exceptionally large return on this occasion. The brethren who have given their services as Stewards for the approaching Festival already exceed 700 in number, and, though it is early yet to say anything positively as to the manner in which they are distributed among the lodges in town and country, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the support which the School will obtain next month will be more widely distributed among the Craft generally than we have known it with a very few exceptions for some time past. We understand that more than one-third of the lodges in the Metropolitan district will be represented, while the array of country Stewards will be most formidable. We confess, therefore, to being very sanguine as to the result which awaits us at Brighton during the latter days of next month. We do not anticipate that the total we have heard suggested in sundry quarters will be realised, because we do not think that even with so numerous a Board of Stewards so large a figure is obtainable; but that the amount, whatever it may be, will amply suffice for the immediate and prospective requirements of the Institution, and will at the same time leave a small margin for investment may we think be predicted with a certain amount of confidence.

But though the Craft generally is hopeful, we trust the brethren who are working with such amazing energy and goodwill will not be betrayed into relaxing their efforts in any direction or for one single moment while there is the slightest chance of increasing their lists of donations and subscriptions. Let them not lose sight of the fact that funds were never so urgently needed by any of our Institutions as they are at this present moment by the Boys' School. The 1888 Festival, following as it did three weeks after the Girls' Centenary, proved a serious failure, and though the year following the Returns were in excess of rather than below the average of the last 12 or 15 years; yet in 1890 there was again a tremendous falling off, and the sum announced was considerably less than £10,000. And while the Festivals were yielding less than the annual expenditure, the supporters of the Institution were in a state of turmoil, and for a time it seemed as though its interests were being seriously, if not permanently endangered. However a Committee of Investigation was in the first instance appointed to thoroughly overhaul the management of the School, and when this had handed in its report the administration of affairs was entrusted to a Provisional Management Committee, with full powers to give effect according to its judgment to the recommendations of the Investigation Committee. The first result of these measures has been to renew to a great extent the confidence of the Craft generally in the governing body of the School, and we trust it will not be very long before the evidence of this renewed confidence will be forthcoming in the shape of those increased contributions to its revenue and permanent income which are so sorely needed. On these grounds we most earnestly appeal to our readers and the brethren generally to give their cordial support to Lord LATHOM and his Board of Stewards in their present efforts to bring back some of its old financial prosperity to our Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 29th April for confirmation.
3. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
6. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.
7. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A brother of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, Deptford	£75	0	0
A brother of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester	50	0	0
The widow of a Past District Grand Master	100	0	0
A brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, London	50	0	0
A Past Grand Deacon	200	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, Birmingham	50	0	0
A brother of the Arnold Lodge, No. 1799, Walton-on-the-Naze	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, London	50	0	0

At the meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held on Tuesday, the 19th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Board of General Purposes be tendered to the President, V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

(Signed) THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President.

10. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 15th May, 1891, will be laid before Grand Lodge, also further report, including the following alterations in the laws, dated the 20th May, 1891.

Rules 19, 20, 23, and 25 to be altered as follows, and to be in force only up to and including the 30th day of June, 1892:

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Attainable by donors giving donations and subscriptions to the funds, viz:—

USUAL NUMBER OF VOTES.					JUBILEE FUND.						
Brethren or gentlemen having attained, or on attaining, rank as—											
Subscriber of...	£1	1	0	...	4	Subscriber of £1	1	0	...	5	
Donor of...	5	5	0	...	2	Donor of ...	5	5	0	...	3
Life Governor..	10	10	0	...	4	For each £55s. to this Fund	4	8	12	8	
Vice-President	52	10	0	...	20	"	"	"	"	"	
Vice-Patron	105	0	0	...	60	"	"	"	"	"	

USUAL NUMBER OF VOTES.					JUBILEE FUND.				
Ladies and "Lewises" (being minors) having attained, or on attaining, rank as—									
Life Governor	... £5	5	0 ...	4 Votes.	Donor of ...	£5	5	0 ...	6 Votes for life.
Vice-President	... 26	5	0 ...	20 "	For each £55s. to this Fund	8			" "
Vice-Patron	... 52	10	0 ...	60 "	"	"		16	" "

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Lodges, Chapters, &c., having attained, or on attaining rank as—																			
Governors	...	£10	10	0	...	2	Votes.	For each	£10	10s.	to this Fund	...	4	Votes.					
Vice-President		52	10	0	...	10	"	"	"	"	"	...	8	"					
Vice-Patron		105	0	0	...	30	"	"	"	"	"	...	8	"					

That a brother serving as a Steward for the first time have four votes in addition to those mentioned above. For second or subsequent Stewardships six votes. For every 20 guineas collected by a Steward, in addition to his personal donation, 3 votes for life.

11. APPEAL—

By Bro. Thomas Barnes-Cooke, of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 1439, Palumpore, against a sentence of suspension, with a fine, passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab for un-Masonic conduct.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C.—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes—

MASTERS AND PAST MASTERS.		NOMINATED BY	
Bro. Robert Main, W.M. 1593	...	Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.	...
" John S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128	...	" John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.	...
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012	...	" Thos. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B.	...
" George Ward Verry, P.M. 554	...	" George Everett, G. Treas.	...
" John S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128	...	" George Everett, G. Treas.	...
" Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3	...	" James Terry, P.G.S.B.	...
" John Barnett, jun., W.M. 2192	...	" Henry J. Lardner, P.M. 1623	...
" Capt. Thomas C. Walls, P.M. 141	...	" Lieut.-Col. G. Haldane, P.G.S.B.	...
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012	...	" Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W.	...
" F. Burgess, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 29	...	" John March Case, P.G.D.	...
" William Shurmur, W.M. 2374	...	" Charles F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.	...
" Arthur Orwin, M.D., W.M. 1491	...	" George Kelly, P.G.S.B.	...
" H. French Bromhead, W.M. 2318	...	" Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108	...
" G. Cecil Herbert, W.M. 2108	...	" D. Pestongee Cama, P.G. Treas.	...
" W. Browne Heagerty, W.M. 907	...	" Samuel H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642	...
" W. Eugene Chapman, W.M. 2190	...	" Frank Richardson, P.G.D.	...
" F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891	...	" Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.	...
" George Read, W.M. 1681	...		
" Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584	...		
" E. Charles Mulvey, W.M. 2353	...		
" John J. Thomas, W.M. 2150	...		
" Wm. Alfred Scurrah, P.M. 167	...		
" F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891	...		
" E. Charles Mulvey, W.M. 2353	...		
" Gordon Smith, M.A., W.M. 2243	...		
" E. Charles Mulvey, W.M. 2353	...		

Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168	...	Bro. Robert G. Webster, S.W. 2271	...
" E. M. Money, P.G.S., W.M. 23	...	" Edwin M. Lott, P.G. Org.	...
" George E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196	...	" Joseph Corbett, P.M. 22	...
" James Hemming, P.M. 1287	...	" Richard Glasspool, P.M. 723	...
" Edward J. Acworth, W.M. 2265	...	" John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas.	...
" Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108	...	" Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415	...
" E. Beaumont Cox, W.M. 1305	...	" Edward O'C. Terry, P.G. Treas.	...
" F. Burgess, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 29	...	" Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.	...
" John J. Thomas, W.M. 2150	...	" James Terry, P.G.S.B.	...
" Wm. Alfred Scurrah, P.M. 167	...	" William F. Bates, W.M. 1507	...
" George Read, W.M. 1681	...	" William H. Hosegood, W.M. 2202	...
" Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415	...	" Charles H. Holland, W.M. 1744	...
" Charles E. Keyser, P.M. 2323	...	" Samuel Lloyd, W.M. 2398	...
" William A. Scurrah, P.M. 167	...	" Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.	...
" William E. Chapman, W.M. 2190	...	" John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.	...
" Edward B. Cox, W.M. 1305	...	" Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.	...
" Geoffrey C. Herbert, W.M. 2108	...	" W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507	...
" William B. Heagerty, W.M. 907	...	" Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.	...
" Robert Main, W.M. 1593	...	" Hastings Miller, G.S.B.	...
" E. M. Money, P.G.S., W.M. 23	...	" Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.	...
" Gordon Smith, W.M. 2243	...		
" Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584	...		
" Frederick Burgess, P.M. 29	...		
" Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108	...		
" George Gardner, P.M. 2012	...		
" Charles E. Keyser, P.M. 2323	...		
" F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891	...		
" Henry Pritchard, P.M. 1415	...		
" Ebenezer Shedd, P.M. 276	...		

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bros. Major-Gen. Fredk. Gadsden, P.M. 434, James Brett, P.M. 177, Reginald St. A. Roumieu, P.M. 1537, Albert Escott, P.M. 1539, Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 141, John Speight Cumberland, P.M. 1218, and Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108, nominated by Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.M., P.G.D.; and Bro. Major-General Frederick Gadsden, P.M. 434, nominated by Bro. Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, Charles Alex. Cottebrune, P.M. 733, Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554, Charles George Dilley, P.M. 1155, Lieut.-Colonel Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569, Charles Kempton, P.M. 1287, Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567, Robert Griggs, P.M. 228, and William Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625, nominated by Bro. George Edwin Fairchild, P.M. 1196.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W.G.M. since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 2399, The Ordnance Lodge, Plumstead, London.	
" 2400, The Brentford Lodge, Brentford, London.	
" 2401, The Klip River County Lodge, Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa.	
" 2402, The St. George's Lodge, Larnaca, Island of Cyprus.	
" 2403, The Borneo Lodge of Harmony, Sandakan, British North Borneo.	
" 2404, The Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, Chatham, Kent.	

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Lady Carrington, who was accompanied by Lord Carrington, P.G.M. of Bucks, attended on the 12th inst. at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's Hill, Battersea-rise, to distribute the prizes to the successful scholars of the last year. The ceremony took place in the new Alexandra Hall, the exquisite beauty of which was seen to the best advantage, the day being brilliant, and a lovely light pouring on every part of the building. A large company attended, but no inconvenience was experienced, the capacity of the hall admitting of a much larger number of visitors.

Among the company present were Bro. Sir William, Lady and Miss Whiteway, from Newfoundland; Bro. Chief Justice Way, of South Australia; Bro. Thomas W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, and Mrs. Tew; Bros. H. Smith, Dep. P.G.M. West Yorkshire; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; and J. Gardiner. The visitors were received by Bro. Ralph Clutton, Chairman for the month of the House Committee; Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Peter de Lande Long, E. Monteuiis, Frank Richardson, H. Bué, E. Letchworth, J. H. Matthews, James Moon, Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; H. A. Hunt, and Rev. J. Toone, Chaplain to the Institution.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn "Now thank we all our God," which was followed by 24 girls playing on eight pianos Haydn's "Romance de la Symphonie La Reine," then 16 on eight pianos, and eight girls on eight pianos, all the work being done with wonderful precision. The recitations also were good, and so was the part singing.

The prizes, which were presented by Lady Carrington, were taken as follows:

PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Lucy Smith.
Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Amy Cutbush.

Cambridge Local Examinations (21 entered, 20 passed). Senior Examination.—Maude Hill, Ethel Fallding, Edith Mathews, and Caroline Weare. Junior Examination. Class I. Honours.—Lucy Smith and Amy Cutbush. Class II. Honours.—Ettie Chapman and Bertha Dean. Class III. Honours.—Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, and Olive Hurst. Satisfied Examiners.—Louisa Pincombe, Minnie Woodward, Charlotte Webb, Kate Allatt, Emily Carruthers, Lucy Harrison, Beatrice High, Fanny White, and Mary Nicholson.

College of Preceptors' Examination (37 entered, 36 passed). Prize Winners.—Ethel Gillett, Edith Tanner, Jessie Beilby, and Florence Bexfield.

General Proficiency in Lower Classes.—3rd, Nellie Cooper; 4th, Katherine Grindley; 5th, Mary Baverstock; 6th, Fanny Campbell; 7th, Edith Hopgood.

Needlework. Second Prizes.—Ellen Humphries, Ethel Vowles, and May Fulford. Order and Attention (as proved by conduct marks throughout the year).—Isabel Knight and Sybil Spalding.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at Cambridge Examination) (Bro. Robert Grey)—Maude Hill, Lucy Smith, Ettie Chapman, Bertha Dean, Beatrice Knott, Mary Tanner, and Bessie Locke.

Arithmetic and Mathematics (Bro. Thomas Fenn)—Lucy Smith and Bertha Dean.

Arithmetic (In memory of Mrs. D. P. Cama)—Ettie Chapman.
Music—First Prizes (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Amy Cutbush, Bertha Dean, and Maude Hill (Vocal). Second Prizes ("Wentworth Little" Memorial)—Fanny Heath, Kathleen Gibson, and Gertrude Lockwood. Third Prize (In memory of Mrs. D. P. Cama)—Alice Blunt. Little Girls (Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch)—Hester Burt and Edith Betts.
French (Bro. Eugène Monteuiis)—Beatrice Knott.
Drawing ("John Boyd" Memorial)—Eleanor Johnstone, Matilda Bennett, and Elsie Matthews.
Elocution (Bro. Robert Grey)—Mary Woodman and Rose Haworth.
The Best Prefect (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Amy Cutbush.
Good Conduct—First Prize (The Supreme Council, 33°)—Mary Tanner. Second Prizes (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Fanny Heath and Florence Dunlop.
Needlework—First Prize (In memory of Mrs. D. P. Cama)—Kate Allatt.
Cookery—First Prizes (In memory of Mrs. D. P. Cama)—Helen Grabham and Grace Musgrave. Second Prize (Bro. John Faulkner)—May Wheeler.
Usefulness in Domestic Duties ("Yates" Memorial, St. James's Lodge, No. 842)—Kate Sharland.
Calisthenics and Deportment (Bro. Col. James Peters)—Mary Nicholson and Beatrice High.
Swimming (Miss Godson)—Rose Woodforde, Ethel Kirkman, and Bessie Holleyman.
Amiability (Selected by her Schoolfellows) (Bro. John Faulkner)—Kathleen Gibson.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

General Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Hilda Liverd.
Arithmetic ("Henry Levander" Memorial)—Mabel Bohli.

Lady Carrington warmly shook each prize-winner by the hand after giving her a prize. At the conclusion of the ceremony,
Bro. CLUTTON proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Carrington, who, he said, had given real and lasting pleasure to all the company, and to the girls, especially to the girls who had received prizes.
The proposition was most enthusiastically received.

LORD CARRINGTON, in acknowledging the reception given to the proposal on behalf of Lady Carrington, said that he and Lady Carrington had had the privilege of seeing many pleasant sights, but they had never had a pleasanter afternoon than they had now spent. He had performed many Masonic functions in New South Wales, but there was always this inevitable drawback, that no young ladies were present. But he found himself here in England again, and upon his legs now having to address that great influential and distinguished gathering. He returned most grateful thanks for the great compliment they had been pleased to pay his wife, who had had before this an opportunity of seeing the great strides Freemasonry had made during the last 10 years. They were highly honoured by the presence of Sir W. Whiteway, Lady Whiteway, and their daughter. Sir William was the Prime Minister of the English Colony of Newfoundland, a colony which was one of the most loyal under the English Crown, and he (Lord Carrington) was very pleased to be able, as spokesman on this occasion, to convey to Sir W. Whiteway the sympathy of the people of England with the people of Newfoundland. They had also another distinguished visitor, Chief Justice Way, from South Australia, the Lieutenant-Governor of that colony, who would be able to tell the company how struck he had been with what he had just seen. So pleased was Chief Justice Way that he had offered a glass panel for the Alexandra Hall, which had been accepted by the managers of the Institution, from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of South Australia, of which he was the founder. It would be a memorial of the pleasure he had had that day. They had also the honour of the presence of Bro. Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and Mrs. Tew. He could not help alluding to two ladies who had worked loyally and well on behalf of this great Charity; one was Miss Davis, who worked well with her staff of teachers, and the other was Miss Buck, the matron. He felt that the best thanks of all the supporters of the Institution were due to these ladies, as well as to their assistants. To the girls he would give the advice of the old heathen philosopher—always to try and beat everybody else. That was very good advice, but it was somewhat difficult to follow it out. No doubt people nowadays would say the old Greek philosopher was an old fool, that he talked gibberish, and did not know what he was talking about—(laughter)—that they could not all win a gold medal like Miss Lucy Smith, or a silver medal like Miss Cutbush, and they could not all be elected for amiability like Miss Gibson—(laughter)—so what was the use of talking like that old Greek. Well, they could not all win, and that made him think that on Wednesday fortnight the great race of the civilised world, the Derby, would be run by the best horses in England, and only one could win. But he would say to the children who had not won prizes, don't be discouraged, and they would win in the end; they would become good members of society, good and honest women whatever situation in life they might be called upon to fill, a credit to themselves and to this Institution. But he would not talk long. He had some idea that the ladies had come to see the entertainment and to learn something about Masonry. If they would like to know anything about Masonic secrets he would tell them. The ladies always said there could be no secret in Masonry or they would have known it before now. It had been well put by one of the best Masons—that what they aimed at was the improvement, the consolation, and support of individual men, the cultivation of the virtues which made life happier for ourselves, and which benefited society by inculcating peace and order. Think of the good this Institution was doing; think how well it was managed; and let them also think of what the other Masonic Institutions were doing, and then they would see the secret of Masonic success, the guiding principle of Masonry, Brotherhood, Charity, and goodwill towards all men; and this he thought was what brought so many that bright spring afternoon to see the noble Institution he and Lady Carrington had the privilege of attending. (Cheers.)

The company then partook of refreshments, and afterwards inspected all the arrangements of the Institution, and in the evening the pupils were put through their calisthenic exercises, and subsequently joined the visitors in dancing.

INSTALLATION OF LORD CARRINGTON
AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

VISIT OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE
TO AYLESBURY.

The most numerous and distinguished assemblage of Freemasons ever held in the County of Bucks took place at Aylesbury on Whit Tuesday, on the occasion of the installation of Lord Carrington, G.C.M.G., Past District Grand Master of New South Wales, and P.G.W. of England, as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, the county having been formed into a Masonic province on the dissolution of the united Province of Berks and Bucks, which, in accordance with the wishes of the brethren of the two counties, followed the decease of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., who for many years, and up to the time of his death, occupied the position of Provincial Grand Master.

The presence of so many of the Buckinghamshire Masons, as well as numerous and distinguished visitors from the Grand Lodge of England and elsewhere, furnished ample evidence of the satisfaction which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Order, had afforded by appointing such a popular nobleman

and zealous Mason as Lord Carrington to preside over the Buckinghamshire province, and the enthusiasm felt in connection with his lordship's installation was naturally intensified when it became known that H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prov. Grand Master of the sister Province of Berkshire, had consented to perform the ceremony. The Royal Duke evidently felt a great personal pleasure in presiding on the occasion, and he gave expression to it in the course of the afternoon by referring to the fact that Lord Carrington was one of the oldest and dearest friends of his father (the Prince of Wales), and that he himself had had the pleasure of Lord Carrington's acquaintance for some years. Another popular appointment was that of Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past G. Chaplain, as Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Brownrigg having for a considerable period held a similar position in the united Province of Berks and Bucks, and also been in charge of the Bucks Province during the interim that had occurred since the dissolution of the province which covered the two counties.

The Duke of Clarence, accompanied by his worthy host, Lord Carrington, and several Masonic friends on a visit at Wycombe Abbey, proceeded by special train to Aylesbury, where they were received by a considerable body of Masons, and the local company of Rifle Volunteers, who formed a guard of honour, and headed by their band, escorted the Prince and the rest of the principal visitors to the County Hall, which had been admirably fitted up and decorated in honour of the event. The Prov. Grand Lodge assembled under the auspices of the Buckingham Lodge—the oldest in the province, and the Worshipful Master, Bro. Mayne, and the brethren of the lodge, upon whom the arrangements had largely devolved, were warmly thanked and much complimented upon the success that had attended their exertions. Several hundred Masons, attired in their handsome and distinctive regalia, took their allotted places in the hall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was close tyed at half-past one. The dais was reserved for the Grand Lodge Officers, the principal Provincial Grand Officers, and those immediately engaged in the day's ceremonial. A blast from the trumpet at a quarter to two heralded the approach of the Duke of Clarence and the other distinguished visitors, who, on entering the lodge, met with an enthusiastic reception, the whole of the brethren standing to order as the procession passed up the room to the dais. The Duke of Clarence presided, and the attendance included his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland; the Hon. Chief Justice Way Past G.M. of South Australia; Admiral Lord Alcester, Past G.W.; the Deputy Prov. G.M. in charge, Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg; Bro. Rev. Oliver Grace, G. Chap., who occupied the S.W.'s chair; Bros. Rev. H. Pickard, P.G.C.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Sir Geo. Harris, P.G.D.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., G. Sec. (Mark); H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Col. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; the Rev. Chas. Macmahon Ottley, Prov. G. Chap.; J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Thornhill Morland, D.P.G.M. Berkshire; J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec. Berkshire; Chas. Stephens, Prov. G. Treas. Berkshire; and others.

The Duke of Clarence at once proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, after which Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, who acted as D. of C., called for the salute usually accorded to a Provincial Grand Master, which was given in excellent time, and a similar salute was also given for Bros. the Duke of Abercorn and Chief Justice Way.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were then read by the P.G. SECRETARY, and confirmed, and an anthem followed.

The Duke of CLARENCE then addressed the brethren, briefly explaining the special business, and the patent appointing Lord Carrington as Provincial Grand Master having been handed to the Duke, and examined by him, a deputation of Past Masters, including Bros. Charsley, Fountaine, Tottle, Taylor, and Jarrett, retired with the D.C., and, after the lapse of a few minutes, re-entered the Prov. G. Lodge accompanied by Lord Carrington, who was then conducted to the pedestal, when the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered suitable prayer, after which Lord Carrington was obligated as Provincial Grand Master, and invested with his insignia. The Duke of Clarence himself put on Lord Carrington the handsome apron, while the Duke of Abercorn adjusted the gold chain or collar, and Chief Justice Way the gauntlets. Thereupon the Duke of Clarence placed Lord Carrington in the chair, amidst the hearty plaudits of the large assemblage. The Royal Duke having taken his seat on the immediate left of the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Carrington was proclaimed as Provincial Grand Master in the usual form, and saluted with "seven" in good style.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, who at once entered upon his duties in a spirited and efficient manner, said it gave him great pleasure to announce as his Deputy the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain.

Bro. BROWNRIFF having been conducted by two Deacons to the pedestal, was duly invested, and took his seat on the right of the Provincial Grand Master, when he was greeted with "five."

On the proposal of the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. the Rev. OLIVER GRACE, acting S.W., the brethren unanimously elected Bro. John Williams as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then proceeded to appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. King	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Morris	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Spencer	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. H. Harnett	...	...	...	...
" Bliss	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. E. Bowen	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Mayne	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G. Deacon.
" R. Hattersley	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G. Deacon.
" Baker	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Walter Howard	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Weston	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. B. Fendick	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. B. Cox	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Hipwell	...	...	...	...
" Woollett	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. H. Pike	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. T. Jones	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.

The Charity jewel was presented to Bro. Bliss, on whose breast it was pinned by the Provincial Grand Master, and an additional clasp was attached to the Charity jewel of Bro. George Gardner.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER observed that on that auspicious occasion the brethren were honoured not only with the presence of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, but also with that of a distinguished Mason, who hailed from another part of the world. He referred to the Hon. Chief Justice Way, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, who had kindly taken part in the ceremony of that day, and who would now address a few words to them.

The Hon. Chief Justice WAY, who was received with great cordiality, then rose

and addressed the brethren, remarking that he was fully conscious of the fact that the distinction which he enjoyed in taking part in the proceedings on that great historical occasion, was due to the circumstance that he had been honoured with the friendship of Lord Carrington, and had been associated with him in Masonic labours on the other side of the globe, and he accepted the distinction thus conferred upon him as a token of the fraternal feeling of the members of the Craft in the Province of Buckinghamshire with their Australian brethren. He offered his fraternal congratulations to the brethren on the favourable circumstances under which the newly-formed Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire had been completely constituted by the installation of his noble friend, Lord Carrington. They were honoured with the presence of a gallant and noble brother, Admiral Lord Alcester, whose career forms one of the brightest pages in the glorious annals of the British Navy. They were also honoured with the presence of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ireland. He took it that the Duke of Abercorn's attendance was not merely a gracious act of courtesy and fraternal feeling towards Lord Carrington and that Prov. Grand Lodge, but also as furnishing striking evidence of the imperishable alliance existing between England and Ireland. They were also honoured with the presence of the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who had so well installed their Provincial Grand Master. It was impossible to say how much the growth of Masonry in this kingdom, and indeed all over the world, was due to the gracious countenance and support it had received from members of the Royal Family of England, and from the occupants and heirs of the Throne for four generations and more than 100 years. The latest service to Masonry by a member of that Royal House had been rendered by the Duke of Clarence on that occasion, and he felt that however long and distinguished the history of the Province of Bucks might be, its members would always recall with pride and gratitude the fact that their first Provincial Grand Master was installed by H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the son of the Prince of Wales, the honoured and beloved Grand Master of the Masonic Order, the grandson of the Queen, and himself in the direct line of succession to the British Crown. He claimed, on behalf of his Colonial brethren, to share in the distinction which marked that day's proceedings, inasmuch as the Right Worshipful brother whom the Duke of Clarence had installed in the chair was Past Grand Master of New South Wales. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Master upon the great honour conferred upon him by the Prince of Wales in selecting him for that appointment in anticipation of his return to England, which, to his mind, afforded conclusive evidence that, although English and Colonial Masons might be ranged under different Constitutions, they were really one Brotherhood, and that distinguished service to the Craft on the other side of the world was not overlooked by the Grand Master, and was no disqualification for high office in Masonry in England. He thought all present would agree with him that the Province of Buckinghamshire had reason to feel grateful to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for appointing Lord Carrington to be their P.G.M. He desired for a moment to recall the prestige which Lord Carrington brought to his office, his lordship having been one of the most successful Pro-Consuls in the empire as Governor of New South Wales, and also the supreme ruler of the Craft in that great colony. Passing by those advantages of rank and fortune which fell to the lot of but few, and without pausing to dwell on those qualities of mind, of manner, and of heart which had won for Lord Carrington the admiration and affection of troops of friends all over the continent of Australia as true and as loyal as any of his brethren in Buckinghamshire, let him cite two testimonies as to Lord Carrington's capacity as a ruler. He would read to them a few lines, copied from *The Sydney Morning Herald*—*The Times* of New South Wales—in reference to Lord Carrington. The writer in that journal said: "People of our race would not long be satisfied by a Governor characterised merely by qualities of amiability. To retain their regard it is requisite that he have also the qualities of 'grit' and backbone. Lord Carrington has shown that this quality was not wanting. On three occasions, when unsupported by Ministerial advice and unsheltered by Ministerial responsibility, and called upon to determine for himself, he showed us that he could boldly justify his decisions." He would ask them to listen to a few words uttered in reference to Lord Carrington by Sir Henry Parkes, the nestor of Australian politics, and the "Old Man" eloquent of New South Wales, at a great banquet given in honour of Lord Carrington. Sir Henry Parkes said: "I who claim to have been a student of the public history of this colony regard him as one of the wisest Governors this colony has ever had. Any intelligent man now listening to me knows that we have had very critical and very great difficulties to deal with, and Lord Carrington at every juncture took a right view to find the right path, and did it in the large and liberal interpretation of an English statesman. His five years have been an eventful five years of Australian history. We have had to deal with questions which at no previous time we had to deal with—questions which touched the inmost fibres of the nation's heart, and which urge us on to the performance of a nation's destiny. In all these circumstances, in all these times of trouble, Lord Carrington had in him the instincts of a noble-hearted Briton, who loved his Queen, who loved his country, and who loved the country he was presiding over, and, above all, and on account of his love for these, he loved the preservation of liberty most." Chief Justice Way, continuing his address, said: Passing on to the great services which Lord Carrington rendered to Masonry in Australia, he could not help recalling that dramatic scene—the most imposing Masonic gathering south of the line, and rarely surpassed in English Masonic history—when in the presence of 4300 Freemasons assembled to do Lord Carrington honour, both as her Majesty's representative and also as head of the Craft, he was installed as the first Grand Master of New South Wales. Nor could he forget the great occasion when, supported by more than 3000 Masons, Lord Carrington installed Sir William Clarke as first Grand Master of Victoria, or his travelling between 2000 and 3000 miles to install his (Chief Justice Way's) own illustrious Masonic chief, the Earl of Kintore, as Grand Master of South Australia; or, again, the voyage they took together when they crossed Bass' Straits in one of the heaviest gales which ever swept across that stormy channel, in order that Lord Carrington might install the Rev. Paulet Harris as the first Grand Master of Tasmania. But these services, great and laborious and invaluable as they were, after all were occasional and incidental. Lord Carrington's great service to Australian Masonry was the patient, the persistent, the statesman-like, and the effectual influence he exerted in bringing about Masonic union in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, and in his firm and wise government of the Craft in New South Wales. His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence had travelled in Australia, and had had unusual opportunities of studying and forming an accurate opinion on the conditions of life in each of the colonies in that continent, and he was sure he might appeal to his Royal Highness to bear him out in saying that the development of their political institutions and the right that had been granted to them to manage their own local affairs had in no way diminished their love for the Mother Country, or their loyalty and devotion to the person of their Queen. In like manner the great movement for removing from Masonry in Australia the reproach of being divided into different Constitutions, and for cementing the Craft in each colony into one united Brotherhood, and which had had the approval and support of his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England, had not lessened, but rather increased their Charity, their loyalty, their faith, and their affection for their English brethren. But it was high time they got back from Australia to Buckinghamshire. Their Provincial Grand Lodge had now been completely constituted under the most distinguished and auspicious circumstances. The laggard sun had even shone out brightly on their proceedings. He felt sure the Provincial Grand Master would be assisted by a band of able and tried officers, and that he would have the confidence and support of the members of the Craft throughout the province. He could not doubt but that under Lord

Carrington's wise and benignant rule the Province of Buckinghamshire would take high rank in provincial Masonry, and that his lordship's connection with it would be for the advantage of the Craft, that it would bring new lustre to a noble name and a distinguished public and Masonic career, and above all, that it would be crowned with the blessing and approval of the Great Architect of the Universe. In conclusion, the learned speaker, whose eloquent and interesting address was listened to with deep attention, offered his hearty good wishes and congratulations to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire, on behalf of the Masonic brethren in Australia.

At three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a cold collation had been provided. The balcony was occupied by ladies.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who presided, proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by the National Anthem, led by Lord Carrington himself.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said he was sure the brethren would heartily join with him in offering their respectful solicitations on the happy event which had just occurred—the birth of the first grandchild of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" having been sung,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," associating with the toast the name of Lord ALCESTER, who briefly responded.

Bro. Chief Justice WAY gave "The Health of the Installing Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence," thanking him for his attendance, and complimenting him upon the manner in which he had performed the duty that had devolved upon him. That was the first visit of his Royal Highness to the old borough of Aylesbury, but, on behalf of the burgesses, he ventured to express his hope that it would not be the last visit which the Prince would make to that town. The display of beauty in the balcony, which he did not think could be surpassed by any other town in the kingdom, was doubtless due to the presence of the Royal Duke, whose health he had now the pleasure of proposing.

The Duke of CLARENCE, who was greeted with loud cheers, expressed his warmest thanks to the brethren for the very flattering manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and he also thanked Chief Justice Way for the far too kind and flattering terms in which he had submitted the toast. He assured them that it had afforded him very great pleasure to have had the opportunity of coming down to Aylesbury that day for the purpose of installing his worthy friend Lord Carrington as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire. He was deputed by his Royal Highness the Grand Master to perform the ceremony, and he felt at once that it would be a great pleasure and honour to do so. Lord Carrington was one of his father's oldest and dearest friends, and he (the Duke) was glad to be able to say that he had had the pleasure of knowing Lord Carrington for many years, and before sitting down he desired to propose Lord Carrington's health as their Provincial Grand Master. He felt sure Lord Carrington would ably fulfil the duties which the office would impose upon him. It was not necessary that he should dwell upon what Lord Carrington had done for Masonry in Australia, as they had been so well informed upon that subject by Chief Justice Way, and therefore he would content himself by simply proposing his lordship's health.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, who was enthusiastically cheered, replied at some length. In the course of his speech his lordship observed that he had been on various occasions and under varying circumstances on his hind legs a good many times in that historic hall, but he had never risen with such feelings of gratitude as on this occasion to tender his thanks for the very kind manner in which he had been received by his Masonic brethren. He valued that demonstration all the more because he was born and bred in the county, and he knew the men of Buckinghamshire very well, and that they never said what they did not mean. He heartily thanked the Duke of Clarence for having come among them, and said he regarded the presence of his Royal Highness not only as a compliment to the Masonic brethren of this county, but also as a compliment to the county itself. He hoped the demonstration of that day in which all classes had participated, would be accepted by the Duke as a proof of their loyalty to the Throne and to their Royal House, of which the Prince was such a popular member. The P.G.M. proceeded to refer to the prominent part which members of the Royal Family took in furthering every good work, and of the loyalty which pervaded every class and creed, not only in this country, but also in the Colonies and in our vast possessions in other parts of the globe. Having referred to the progress of Masonry in the Australian Colonies, his lordship expressed his hope and conviction that there would be mutual trust between the brethren and the lodges of the Province of Buckinghamshire, and that there was a bright and glorious future in store.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland," wishing success to the sister Grand Lodges all over the world.

The Duke of ABERCORN briefly replied, and spoke of the Grand Lodge of Ireland as being in a flourishing condition. Although comparatively poor and small in numbers, they were nevertheless a very loyal body.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in complimentary terms, gave "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master."

Bro. BROWNRIFF, in responding, said that Buckinghamshire had a Provincial Grand Master of its own in 1796, and he felt very pleased and thankful that after an interval of 95 years they had again a Provincial Grand Lodge of their own, with such an able, distinguished, and popular Provincial Grand Master as Lord Carrington. He desired to offer his hearty thanks to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Buckingham Lodge for the valuable help they had given to the Prov. Grand Secretary and himself, and for their indefatigable labour and careful attention to detail. He hoped the Buckingham lodge might long continue to deserve the distinction of being the premier lodge of the province, and he had much pleasure in proposing prosperity to it, coupled with the name of the Worshipful Master.

Bro. MAYNE, the W.M. of the lodge, having suitably acknowledged the compliment,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY gave "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, respectively returned thanks.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER gave "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," and bore testimony to the valuable services rendered by the Provincial Grand Secretary, observing that it was impossible to over-estimate the work and anxiety that had lately devolved upon him. He also alluded to the services of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Williams, and to the energetic exertions of Bro. Martin, the Secretary of the Buckingham Lodge. Not only his own personal thanks, but also the gratitude of the whole province were due to Bros. Mayne, Martin, Poulton, and others for what they had done with the object of making that gathering the great success it had proved.

Bros. Bowen, Williams, and Martin severally responded, and the company separated shortly afterwards. The Duke of Clarence returned with Lord Carrington by special train to High Wycombe, driving from the station to Wycombe Abbey.

In the course of the afternoon vocal selections were admirably given by Bros. George May, William Coates, and Sutton Shepley, who also sang in the lodge. Bro. R. S. C. Keymer presided at the organ.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE PUPILS AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

The ancient Guildhall has seldom been more prettily peopled than on the afternoon of Saturday last, when the Lord Mayor (a member of the House Committee) and the Lady Mayoress invited the children to be their guests in the City for a few hours, *en route* to the Mansion House. The girls who, with the members of the staff accompanying them, numbered some 200, were taken over the Guildhall, the Museum, and the Art Gallery—entirely novel sights to them all. Before leaving the new Council Chamber they sang with heart and voice "God save the Queen," in honour of its being the eve of the birthday of her Most Gracious Majesty. By the friendly aid of the City police, the whole party were then safely escorted to the Mansion House, which was reached at 4 o'clock. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress received their little guests in the saloon, and cordially shook hands with each one. His lordship then conducted them over the whole of the Mansion House, arriving finally at the great Egyptian Hall, where several long tables were laden with a substantial tea, to which most ample justice was done. The little girls in blue were then introduced to Bro. Charles Bertram, the prince of conjurors, who for upwards of an hour puzzled and entertained them to their hearts' content. Two or three part songs were then charmingly sung under the able baton of Mrs. Roworth, the singing mistress, and the Lord Mayor having kindly and feelingly addressed the children, and, with the Lady Mayoress, received their hearty and appreciative thanks, they were taken home to ponder at their leisure over some of the wonders of the great City of London. Miss Davis and Miss Buck, with several members of the staff, were present with the children, as were Bros. Charles Hammerton (Chairman of the month), Sir John B. Monckton, E. Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, J. H. Matthews, Col. James Peters, Frank Richardson, and James Moon, members of the House Committee.

CONSECRATION OF THE CROYDON LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

Mark Masonry having flourished so steadily in Croydon during the past few years, principally through the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, G. Stwd., it was but natural that success should attend the effort to establish a Royal Ark Mariners lodge, to be attached to the Croydon Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 198. The consecration ceremony was performed at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, the 9th inst., by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O., G.I. of W., as J.; A. R. Carter, P.G. Std. Br., as S.; Rev. J. Cater, Prov. G. Chap., as Chap.; Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. Vincent, P.G.I.G., as G. The following brethren were also present: Bros. H. M. Hobbs, Grand Stwd.; W. J. Nicholls, H. E. Vickers, H. Burgess, C. W. Mapleton, B. W. Wilson, T. G. Eldridge, W. Phillips, J. S. Fraser, G. Yaxley, P.C.N.; W. G. Fenn, W. J. Dyer, Fredk. West, P.C.N.; W. J. Day, J. R. Hooper, W. Ebbetts, Gordon Smith, H. Magee, W. Fox Hawes, C. H. Webb, J. Latham, J. H. Williams, W. H. Gates, S. Lee Smith, T. Griffiths, A. Tipson, and G. Pearson. Visitors: Bros. C. Hammerton, Deputy Prov. G.M. Middx. and Surrey; T. Poore, P.C.N. 22; J. R. Green, P.C.N. 112; T. C. Edmonds, S.W. 139, Prov. G.D.; J. Skinner, 4; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; E. M. Money, E. J. Mills, P.A.G.I.G.; H. W. Schartau, S. Scott Young, 139; W. W. Lee, and others.

Previous to the consecration ceremony a Royal Ark Mariners lodge was opened, and 24 brethren were elevated to the Degree by Bro. W. Vincent, P.G.I.G., assisted by Bros. E. M. Money, T. C. Edmonds, and others.

The Grand Officers then entered in procession, and the CONSECRATING OFFICER having taken the chair and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He expressed the gratification it afforded him to be present to carry out the wishes of the founders, and his assurance that under able officers the new Royal Ark Mariners lodge would progress as satisfactorily as the Croydon Mark Lodge had done. Good evidence of this was forthcoming in the fact that a large number of brethren had been elevated that evening, and this was a good augury for the future.

The founders were then arranged in order, and the warrant having been read, they expressed their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

An excellent oration appropriate to the occasion was next delivered by Bro. Rev. J. CATER, Prov. G. Chap., and the Consecrating Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge with the customary solemnities.

Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, G. Stwd., W.C.N. designate, was enthroned, and invested the following officers:—Bros. W. J. Nicholls, J.; H. E. Vickers, S.; H. Burgess, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Scribe; S. Lee Smith, S.D.; W. G. Fenn, J.D.; W. J. Dyer, D.C.; and G. Pearson, G.

On the proposition of the W.C.N., Bros. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., and C. Hammerton, Dep. P.G.M., were elected honorary members, for which the latter returned thanks.

The W.C.N. then asked the brethren to join with him

in sincerely thanking Bro. Matier, G. Sec., and his able assistants for their impressive rendering of the beautiful ceremonial, and he moved that the honorary membership of the lodge should be conferred upon them.

This was carried *nem. con.*

Bro. MATIER acknowledged the same for himself and colleagues.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. W. Vincent and those who had assisted in the ceremony of elevation previous to the consecration was passed, after which the lodge was formally closed.

Bro. Herbert Schartau rendered excellent service in the direction of the musical arrangements.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OLD MASONIANS.

The annual dinner of the above Association was held on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, under the able presidency of Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., who was supported by Bros. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; George Everett, Grand Treas.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. of the R.M.I.B.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W.; Newton, B. Cundick, and other influential Masons. Amongst the Old Boys present were Messrs. C. H. Uwins (Hon. Treas.), R. S. Chandler (Hon. Sec.), W. J. Packer (Hon. Sec.), R. H. Williams, Francis Pearson, Scurr, Platt, Hare, Motion, Kerr, Burgess, Barnes, Dyer, O'Doherty, Deeley, Johnson, Gough, Booser, Lucas, and others.

Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from Bros. Lord Lathom, Pro Grand Master; the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, J. Aird, M.P., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. H. Hebb, Head Master of the R.M.I. for Boys; Sheriff Augustus Harris, W. Roebuck, S. J. Attenborough, W. Paas, D. P. Cama, F. W. Imbert-Terry, Jas. Motion, Edward Terry, George Read, and others.

After a very excellent dinner, and when the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales" had been duly honoured, the CHAIRMAN rose to propose "Prosperity to the Old Masonians," and drew attention to the fact that the Association was now entering the sixth year of its existence. He hoped it would long flourish, and each year become more useful and powerful.

The HON. TREASURER and HON. SECRETARY responded on behalf of the Association.

Mr. C. H. UWINS (Hon. Treas.), in a vigorous speech, gave a statement of the present financial position, and made an earnest appeal for subscriptions to the Benevolent and Grant Fund of the Association, pointing out the necessity for such a fund to assist Old Boys in time of need.

Mr. R. S. CHANDLER (Hon. Sec.) made a very telling speech. He commenced by saying how pleasant it was to renew and continue the friendship of schoolboy days, quoting Johnson's lines—

Friendship, peculiar boon of heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied.

He then went on to say that during the five years existence of the Old Masonians 150 Old Boys had been enrolled, but a great difficulty had always been experienced in hunting up the very Old Boys, and as a society to be successful must also be progressive, they were obliged to look to the present boys at the School for further members. With this object he had approached the authorities of the School asking them to have one day a year set aside to be called "Old Boys' Day," that the officers of the Association and the boys should become acquainted with each other. He had not as yet received a reply, but hoped Bro. McLeod would take the opportunity that night of informing them if the Board of Management were willing to grant the request.

Mr. W. J. PACKER in a few well chosen words proposed "The Past Presidents," and said how sorry he was that Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., who had promised to be with them, had been unable to attend.

The toast of "The Vice-Presidents" was given by Mr. J. C. JOHNSON, and replied to by Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, who, in the course of his speech spoke words of good advice to his younger hearers.

Bro. R. H. WILLIAMS, in submitting the toast of "Prosperity to the R.M.I. for Boys," hoped that the Old Boys would not rest satisfied in simply toasting it, but in a practical way show their appreciation first by joining the Old Masonians and then by passing into the Masonic brotherhood and becoming supporters of the School.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), in his reply, said with what pleasure he had come among them that evening, and how he felt by the looks of those before him that the School had done good work in its time. He was willing to do all he could to advance in any way the interests of the Association, and would always be ready to give a helping hand to any individual member who might be in need of it. He knew the Association was doing a good work, and considered that in helping it he would also be assisting the School, for the old scholars exemplified the work done by the School. He hoped that the School and the Association would go forward in prosperity.

Mr. E. T. PLATT gave the toast of "The Chairman and President."

Bro. TERRY, in the course of his reply, nominated Major Geo. Lambert as his successor in the Presidency of the Association, observing how great was the interest

Major Lambert had taken in all three Institutions, and he knew that in asking him to undertake the position of President, he was doing the best thing he could for the Association. Bro. Terry then announced the various amounts that had been during the evening subscribed to the Benevolent Fund of the Association, Mrs. and Miss Terry, Bros. Geo. Everett, J. M. McLeod, C. Newton, and B. Cundick qualifying for Vice-Presidents, by the donation of three guineas each, Bro. Major Geo. Lambert's subscription of ten guineas and other amounts bringing the total up to the sum of thirty guineas.

Mr. SCURR, in a most humorous speech, proposed "The Visitors," which was most happily responded to by Bros. Newton and B. Cundick. A very pleasant evening was spent, the numerous toasts being interspersed by songs and recitations.



When one goes to see "The Corsican Brothers" it must only be at the Lyceum, for no one else, now Fechter is dead, can adequately either act or stage mount this drama but Bro. Irving. We boast that in the nineteenth century we are not superstitious or have any belief in the supernatural, yet where is the person who does not revel in a ghost story or not love a ghost play on the stage? We are inclined to think that time has improved Bro. Irving's realistic acting in "The Corsican Brothers," and that in 1891 it is even more fascinating than it was in 1880. The word blood-curdling is often used to throw ridicule upon a dramatic performance, but we use it here in token only of praise in its highest sense. We leave it to members of the Psychical Society to work out the problem whether there is any truth in the theory propounded in "The Corsican Brothers" that in twins what effects one effects the other, though distance may part them, and one not know what the other is doing. All we do know is that Bro. Irving, in his acting and by the splendid stage effects he introduces to illustrate the drama, makes every one in the audience sit breathless waiting for the next word and the next scene. Of the rest of the characters it is unnecessary to speak, as Bro. Irving is virtually as well as in name the Corsican Brothers. There being no part for Miss Ellen Terry in that tragic play, Charles Reade's "Nance Oldfield" has been put on, specially for this gifted lady to appear in a part admirably suited to her electrical style of acting. The story is similar to that of "David Garrick," with the sexes reversed. Miss Terry has never done anything better than her rendering of Nance Oldfield, the actress who undertakes to cure a foolish lad of his love for her. She soon convinces the boy that it is the acting and not the actress he is enamoured of. Mr. Gordon Craig (Miss Terry's son) most ably portrays the stage-struck young man, and gives promise of great things to come.

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There are four things which every one seemed agreed upon when they compared notes on Saturday after the re-opening of the commodious and comfortable Shaftesbury Theatre. These are—an excellent and thrilling first act, the abolition of all fees, three scenes of stage mounting which cannot be surpassed anywhere out of London, and Bro. Cyril Maude's splendid acting. We might say five, and add that Mr. W. H. Griffiths is still the acting manager, and the essence of courtesy. Had Messrs. Hamilton and Quinton's play, "Handfast," been as good in its two subsequent acts as in the first its success must have been phenomenal. When the curtain goes up we learn that Mr. Lewis Waller is dying. He is very rich, and according to the entail the property passes to the widow instead of to the next heir male. Is this as a stage license? We will allow it, however. Mr. Waller having succeeded to the property, knows that his predecessor was secretly married. As there would be much difficulty in her ever getting the estate, Mr. Waller, although he is betrothed to Miss Annie Hughes, determines to marry the widow, and so prevent his rascal of a cousin, Cyril Maude, coming into the entail. The woman is found, and a deathbed marriage takes place with Miss Hughes' full consent. Cyril Maude, aided and abetted by a worse man still, W. L. Abingdon, attempts to poison Waller before the marriage can be solemnised, but he is too late. But another thing happens. The poison comes from the East, and it is declared that, taken in moderation it is life, in excess death. He recovers. Two years after he meets a famous opera singer, with whom he falls in love, and rescues her from the machinations of Mr. Herbert. A duel is arranged, but when the lady finds that Abingdon has goaded Waller on to fight, she makes Abingdon himself go to fight Herbert. Of course Abingdon is killed. It then turns out that the opera singer (Miss Winifred Emery) is Waller's deathbed wife, and all ends happily. Miss Annie Hughes gives her hand to Reeves Smith, who has all along loved her much. Miss Hughes re-appeared for the first time since her marriage, and got a tremendous reception. As usual, she played excellently. Miss Emery was sweetly sympathetic. Mr. Lewis Waller again acted with all that force and nerve he can command at will. Mr. Abingdon was as fine a villain as he always is on the stage, and Bro. Cyril Maude, who has never failed in any part, made the big hit of the evening.

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

It was a graceful act of Bro. Lord Mayor Savory to entertain the children of our Senior School at the Mansion House. It is by no means the first occasion on which he has received and entertained our girls, but their previous visits have been to his private residence at Buckhurst Hill. On Saturday last, however, they had the pleasure and privilege of being his guests at the palatial residence which his lordship occupies as Chief Magistrate of the oldest and grandest Corporation the world has ever known, and we may be sure the privilege was one which the fair maidens from Battersea Rise most thoroughly appreciated. It will, indeed, be a satisfaction to those who had the good fortune to be present, to call to mind in after years, that one of the most delightful gala days of their girlhood was spent under the hospitable roof of the Lord Mayor of London.

The Empire Lodge has had another field-day worthy of its fame as the London home of brethren interested in or connected with our Colonies. A Colonial brother, even though he may owe allegiance to some other Grand Lodge than ours has always been and always will be looked upon as "one of us." He is certainly not a "stranger within our gates" in the sense in which a brother hailing from Germany, Italy the Netherlands, or the United States would be. He may belong to a different Masonic Constitution, but he lives under the same flag, is a subject of our Queen, and takes the same pride as we ourselves do in the great-

ness and glory of the British Empire. Therefore, when the Empire Lodge entertains a party of guests from other parts of the Empire, it is little else than entertaining a somewhat larger family party than usual.

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On Tuesday, however, they had around their festive board sundry visitors from the Antipodes, from South Africa, and the Dominion of Canada, such as are not often brought together under one and the same hospitable roof. It is much to be regretted that Sir William Whiteway and his co-delegates were at the last moment prevented from coming by the urgency of diplomatic business, but among those who were present were Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and its present Pro Grand Master; Bro. Major-General Laurie, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; and Bro. Dr. Egan, District Grand Master of one of the divisions of South Africa. In addition there were present Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M. of Essex—in whose Prov. Grand Lodge Bro. Lennox Browne, one of the founders and a P.M. of the Empire Lodge, has the good fortune to hold high office—and Bro. Sir Somers Vine, a P.G.D. of England, who, in the course of his travels in behalf of the Imperial Institute, has visited every part of the British Empire, and must be thoroughly familiar with the Craft of Masonry as it is known and practised in our various Colonies.

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Such a gathering of Masonic luminaries as this is of very rare occurrence, in the career even of our oldest and most distinguished lodges, and we congratulate the brethren of the Empire Lodge on the brilliant success they achieved on Tuesday, when it was their privilege to entertain as guests so many of the most eminent members of the Colonial Fraternity.

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Very sincere as well as very general will be the feeling of regret at the loss sustained by the English Craft through the unexpected death of Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Past J.G.W. of England. This distinguished brother was still in the very prime of life, and there are few who did not look forward to his being able to continue for many years his services as a magistrate, a politician, and a Mason. Bro. Sir R. Fowler was popular with all classes, even with those to whom in matters political he was diametrically opposed. Among the Fraternity in particular his genial temperament had greatly endeared him to brethren of all ranks both in town and country, and the void created by his death will not easily be filled.

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For several years past our Durham brethren have been giving a steady support to the Central Masonic Charities. In 1882 the Province appears to have established a Charity Committee and an Educational Fund. By means of the former it has been enabled to secure the election of 16 boys, five girls, three men, and one widow to the Masonic Institutions in London, while the latter has enabled it to assist in the education of 23 boys and 14 girls, the children of deceased or indigent members of the different lodges in their Province, the number at present on this fund being 10 boys and eight girls. Such a record of good work must be very gratifying, and we trust the Province will continue its labours in the same direction, but with increased energy and zeal.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held this year at Croydon in July. Colonel Money, the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master, will preside

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Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the able Grand Secretary of Scotland, "counted" well in the division recently respecting the proposition to admit *all Past Masters* to a vote in the Grand Lodge. Only 48 could be induced to support such an absurd proposition, *where the "proxy system" of voting prevails*, and 164 opposed such an ill-digested scheme.

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Doubtless Bro. Lyon's exhaustive report on the subject, adopted by the Committee and presented to Grand Lodge at their request, led to such a decided victory. It is difficult to understand how any one could possibly desire both the "proxy" and the Past Masters' systems to be worked. Any way, it is likely we have heard the last of so unpractical a union.

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The ancient Lodge of Aberdeen, so long numbered 34, has at last been placed in its proper position as the *third of the number one's*. There are now No. 1, Edinburgh, No. 12, Melrose (lately admitted with existing records from 1674, but independent until 1891), and No. 13, Aberdeen, with minutes from A.D. 1670.



MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

This directory makes a rather large book of the kind, because the province is a large one. The editors are Bro. Edgar Goble, the Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. G. F. Lancaster, the Assistant Prov. G. Sec., but we shall not err in assuming that the labour has mainly devolved on the latter indefatigable brother, who is so widely known and respected for his Masonic zeal. Bro. Goble's services must be considerable, when it is remembered that there are 47 lodges in the united province, having some 3200 members, making the very large average of over 68 to each lodge. The same brother is also Provincial Grand Scribe E., having to attend to the numerous wants of 22 Royal Arch chapters and 763 companions. The new features in this issue are most useful additions, and add much to the value of the excellent publication. The Abstracts of Returns of all the Lodges for 1890, Provincial Accounts at Last Audit, and the particulars of work done during the year are really most commendable departures from the old system, and will be eagerly welcomed by the subscribers. From the last-mentioned abstract we see that there are 38 Mark lodges with 352 members, and nine Ark Mariners with 75 members, the Rose Croix and Knights Templar adherents numbering 99 and 62 respectively. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is the esteemed ruler in all the provincial bodies. The information supplied as to the Central Masonic Charities is well condensed, but no mention is made of the votes held in the province. *These should be very numerous*, as Hants and the Isle of Wight (as one province) are receiving about £1500 per annum from the three Institutions. The "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge Correspondence Circle has a page devoted to its interests, and it says much for the zeal of the local Secretary and the interest of the members for 13 lodges to belong to that ever increasing department.

PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR. 1891.

The title, "Little Wilts," by which this province is familiarly known, does not apply in any way to the Masonic spirit manifested in the county, for in that respect it has a *big heart*, and is both united and enthusiastic. Our friend, Bro. F. H. Goldney, Prov. G. Treas., makes a capital editor of the calendar since the decease of Bro. Nott, and though the province is small, having but 11 lodges, with 522 members (an average of over 47 to each) the annual is one of the largest published, and also one of the most varied and interesting. In the preface Bro. Goldney gives a racy little sketch of the progress of the Craft, locally and generally, during 1890. Abstracts of the accounts are also printed for the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter, the report of the Prov. Grand Registrar (an excellent feature for other provinces to follow), and that of the Provincial Charity Organisation being both exhaustive and ably arranged. There are six Royal Arch chapters with 146 members, and two Mark lodges with 49 brethren. Particular attention is paid to the Central Masonic Charities, the votes for which amounting to some 1300 (being much above the average for the size of the province), say much for local zeal and effort. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W., is the Deputy Prov. G.M. and Chairman, Bro. H. Bevir being the Prov. Grand Secretary and Charity Secretary. Bro. Lord Methuen has been the Prov. Grand Master from 1853, and is thus next to Lord Leigh, the senior Prov. G.M. in England. Bro. Goldney concludes his preface with the lines, altered from the ordinary usage:

"In conversation, bold or meek,
Five things Masons beware:
Of what you say, to whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where."

FREEMASONS' MANUAL FOR KENT, 1891.

There are many brethren who will be glad to hail the advent of the "Immortal" out of the province, as well as in that county, for it is in the front rank for excellence, accuracy, and variety. Some idea of Bro. T. S. Warne's labours, as editor, may be formed from the fact that there are 57 lodges to enumerate, having 3380 members, an average of over 59 to each lodge. There are also 22 chapters fully described, having enrolled 508 companions; 19 Mark lodges with 418 members, besides Rose Croix chapters, Knights Templar preceptories, &c., the officers and past presiding officers being in like manner fully detailed. The by-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are printed for the guidance of the members, and clearly-prepared statements of the accounts of the province respecting the Craft, Royal Arch, and the Mark are also duly presented. An excellent feature of all such publications, particularly when thus duly audited and attested accordingly. Bro. Warne is probably the first to give the new Grand Officers. This might be more frequently managed than it is, because, although these handy volumes are mostly printed during April and May, the first eight pages might be left until the last, and thus include the new appointments for the Craft, if not for the Royal Arch. Elaborate tables are appended concerning the Central Masonic Charities

and prove how benevolent are the "men of Kent." During the last five years over £10,000 have been raised for the London Institutions, the county is receiving over £2000 per annum in benefits, and there are 9412 votes held by the brethren and various Masonic bodies, the total being less than in 1890 Manual, but still very creditable to the many concerned. This portion has been carefully done by Bro. J. D. Terson, of Dover, who is the printer of the work, and, as usual, has done his part most thoroughly. Bro. Warne deserves every encouragement for thus continuing to edit such a useful and accurate annual.

THE COLONIAL YEAR BOOK FOR 1891. By A. J. R. TRENDALL, C.M.G., of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, with Introduction by J. SCOTT KELTIE, Librarian to the Royal Geographical Society. London: Sampson Low, Marston, and Co., St. Dunstan's House, Fetter-lane, Fleet-street, E.C.

Englishmen are fond of boasting that the sun never sets on the Queen's dominions, but few among them possess even a general knowledge of the vast extent and resources of our colonial empire. Nor, indeed, until quite recently, were the means for obtaining a detailed knowledge generally available. People are too busily engaged in their regular avocations to have much leisure for the study of elaborate histories and Blue Books relating to our different colonies. The publication, last year, of a "Colonial Year Book" compiled by Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, went a long way towards supplying the deficiency, and its re-issue for the current year, but in ampler form and with a greater approach to accuracy, shows that the work has been justly appreciated. There is, indeed, no more valuable work of reference of its kind than this which Bro. Trendell, at the expenditure of so much pains and labour, has compiled. It contains a succinct, and as far as we have had the opportunity of testing it, an accurate account of each of our British colonies and possessions, how it was acquired, and when, its geographical features, its mineral and other resources, its trade and manufactures, and in the case of those which have had the blessings of self-government conferred upon them by the Imperial legislature, full particulars of the manner in which that self-government is administered, and the constitution of the governing body. In the case of Canada and the great Australasian colonies, an abundance of statistical matter relating to their produce and manufactures, their trade and commerce, is furnished, and there are several excellent maps in which the various outlying portions of our empire are very clearly delineated. The introduction by Mr. Scott Keltie gives in outline an excellent sketch of the trade and commerce of the whole empire, and accounts are also furnished relating to postages, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Imperial Emigrants' Information Office, the Church and Colonial Emigration Societies, and last, but not least, the Empire Lodge, which was founded in 1885 for the purpose of providing a lodge in England, in which our Colonial brethren would feel themselves especially at home and the membership of which would be limited to those more or less interested in things colonial. We consider the public service rendered by Bro. Trendell in compiling a work of such importance is well nigh incalculable, and we both hope and believe that it will be issued annually, with such additions and modifications as may be necessary from time to time, for many years.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Ubique Lodge (No. 1789).—The progress which this lodge has made during the past year was never better exemplified than it was at its recent meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, on Monday, the 11th inst., when, in the presence of a rare muster of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, and lay brethren, Bro. E. Morris, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed in the chair as Master for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Major-Gen. A. H. W. Williams, R.A., Commandant of the Woolwich Garrison, and the minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following brethren as joining members: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Lewis Wm. Taylor, R.A., 563; Lieut. Joseph Henry Bell Johnston, R.A., 413; Quartermaster-Sergeant Thomas O'Neill, R.A., 1536; Quartermaster-Sergeant W. H. O. Jones, R.H.A., 1043; Quartermaster-Sergeant Francis Russell Neall Orford, R.A., 63; Capt. Ernest Temple Young, R.A., 1427, and was proved to be unanimous. Bro. Major J. T. Ritchie, R.A., the first Master of the lodge, then, by request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and, in due course, placed Bro. E. Morris in the chair of K.S. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Gen. A. H. W. Williams, I.P.M.; Col. J. Alleyne, R.A., S.W.; Capt. A. C. Hansard, R.A., J.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.M., Treas.; W. R. Arnold, R.A., P.M., Sec.; W. Arnold (late R.A.), S.D.; Capt. W. V. Faber (late R.A.), J.D.; W. Shackleton, R.A., I.G.; Capt. W. Richey (late R.A.), P.M., D.C.; W. C. Haley, R.H.A., A.D.C.; Capt. W. A. Weston, P.M., P.P. S.G.D. Kent, R. H. Murdock, R.A., and T. C. Lawson, R.A., Stwds.; and W. Warren (late R.A.), Tyler. Bro. Major Ritchie then proceeded with the ceremony, and gave the addresses in such a manner as inspired the brethren present with the full importance of their Masonic obliga-

tions, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and for which he duly returned thanks. Ten guineas were voted to Bro. Ritchie's list for one of the Masonic Charities, and then the W.M. presented Bro. Gen. Williams, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, for services rendered during his (Bro. Williams's) year of office, and to mark the esteem of the brethren generally, for which Bro. Williams duly returned thanks.

Bro. Capt. W. Weston was appointed Charity Commissioner for the lodge, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Among the other brethren present, and not above enumerated, were Bros. Capt. Philips, P.G.D. (who, on entering the lodge, was received with Grand honours); Capt. G. Lambert, P.M. 199, P.G.S.B.; G. Lewis Thomas, P.G. S. of W.; E. Palmer, P.M. (Hon.); Gen. F. Cumming, P.M.; Capt. W. White, P.M.; Rev. C. Solbé, P.M.; Major P. L. Macgregor, Capt. W. Osborne, V. Paget, J. McCaffery, C. J. Simpson, G. N. Barlow, W. V. Fabier, and J. B. Askwith; Lieuts. A. Chamberlin, J. McLennan, J. Christian, R. T. Macdonall, S. Smith, J. Nicholas, W. J. Long, and W. Birch; and Bros. G. W. Gray, W. Laurence, A. K. Prescott, F. H. Gough, W. Bailey, W. Haley, T. Birmingham, J. Carnaghan, H. Swinard, A. Betinson, F. McGill, and R. Paley, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P. J.G.W. Kent, W. Sanders, J.W., W. T. Vincent, P.M., E. Palmer, P.M., W. C. Taylor, S.D., C. J. Clapham, I.G., D. Somers, R. B. Saunders, Lieut. E. W. Foster, G. W. Clifton, and B. Hammond, of 913; S. E. Southgate, W.M., J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas., G. H. Nichols, P.M., of 700; S. Clarke, P.M., F. G. Nichols, P.M., and S. Horton, of 706; Captain A. J. Lindsey, P.M. 730; C. R. Gramshaw, P.M. 483; Colonel Vansittart, S.W.; J. Bilton, J.W., Captain G. Hearn, S.W. 969, Sec., Captain W. Greenwood, and F. Hulley, of 2399; J. Morris, W.M. elect 104; A. W. Reynolds, W.M. elect 1165; J. Redgate, 2195; Rev. A. C. Gough, 1964; T. S. Kogus, S.D. 1536; R. J. Smith, 1000; E. Walker, 1536; J. James, 1602; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184; and others.

In proposing the first toast—that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."—the W.M. said he had had the honour of knowing and waiting on his Royal Highness, and also his beloved father and mother and brother at the Royal Artillery mess at Woolwich, and never found anything in him that was other than that of a nobleman and a gentleman, and he asked them to drink the toast most heartily—and well did every gallant brother respond to the invitation.

The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in putting it, the W.M. said they were on that auspicious occasion honoured with the presence of several Grand Officers. He spoke highly of their services, and said that from two of them, at least, he had received many hospitalities during his life in the Royal Artillery, and he believed that they had attended that night because the lodge had chosen the right man for the chair. The latter remarks of our excellent brother, whose nature is modesty itself, caused rare merriment, in which he heartily joined.

Bro. Capt. Philips, in responding, said it had given him the greatest pleasure to be with them that day, especially for the opportunity afforded of witnessing the admirable manner in which the Installing Officer had carried out his duties. The Pro G.M. was one who had worked hard for Masonry, as had also their Dep. G.M. He was sorry to see that their esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was a splendid worker in Masonry, was not present. He had known their W.M. for the last 33 years, and was glad to be present to see him installed into the chair of the lodge.

Bro. Lambert said it was a red-letter day in his life, and would be, because he had known their W.M. for many years—so many, indeed, that he was half afraid to think of them—and during the whole of that time he had always found him a just, upright, and honest man. He felt sure they had a good man and a good Mason for their Master, and he asked Bro. Morris to accept his thanks for many acts of kindness, and trusted they might meet for many years, for they were both boys as yet. For himself, boy as he called himself, he had gone through the chair of his mother lodge no less than six times, and trusted Bro. Morris might live to do likewise. He thanked them sincerely for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Thomas said they had heard such eloquent speeches from Bros. Philips and Lambert that he was rather at a loss how to equal them, but as an old member of the lodge, having been honoured with honorary membership at its consecration, he felt it incumbent upon him to say something, however feeble or unsatisfactory. He never felt greater pleasure in his life than he had that day at seeing his old friend, Bro. Major Ritchie, perform the ceremony of installation. He congratulated them upon their prosperity, and felt sure that as their I.P.M. was Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, so would the lodge become rooted in the affection of that distinguished regiment throughout the globe.

Bro. Gen. Williams said the honour of proposing the next toast devolved upon him, and he felt sure that it needed no words from him for it to meet with their enthusiasm. It was "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Morris." They had all known Bro. Morris for a long time, and they also knew the admirable manner in which he had filled the minor offices of the lodge. Bro. Capt. Philips had said that he had known Bro. Morris for some 33 years. Now he (Bro. Williams) had known Bro. Morris for nearly 40 years. He knew him and had the greatest affection for him, and felt sure he would do his duty, and all that in him lied for the success of the lodge. His knowledge of Masonry would be a great factor in achieving that success, and he asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Morris, in response, said he would at once thank them for the very kind and flattering manner in which the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. General Williams, had been received by them. All he could say was that he would do his best for the interest and prosperity of the lodge. It gave him great pleasure to be in the chair, for when he joined the lodge he had no idea that he should achieve the position. When Bro. Watkins first asked him to join, and assured him that he would soon get on, he replied "I don't want to get on, I only want to be with you." Well, he joined, and now he could safely say that he had achieved that which was the greatest ambition of his life. He remembered many of the faces round that room that he knew in his boyish days, and knew many of their boyish

tricks, but did not know but that if those days could return but that he should enjoy them now as then. Many a time when he had had to cross the common and seen the lights burning he had said to himself—"Ah, there they are, happy tonight." Well, he could only say, in conclusion, that he trusted he should be able to do his duty in such a manner as would not meet with the disapprobation of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Major Ritchie." The W.M., in putting it, said he knew Bro. Ritchie many years ago, when he was one of the prettiest boys that ever he saw in his life, and now he might safely say that Bro. Major Ritchie was well known to every brother and member of the Royal Artillery throughout her Majesty's dominions, and it would be a difficult task to point out any part of those dominions where the name was not as well respected as it was known. He (Bro. Morris) knew every member of the Royal Family, and they knew him, but he did not think that one of them knew him so well as they did Bro. Major Ritchie, and he trusted they of the lodge would have the honour of his membership and assistance for many years to come. The high eulogiums that competent authorities had passed upon Bro. Ritchie's work as Installing Officer precluded the possibility of his saying a word about it, but he would ask them to drink the toast with a Royal Artillery fire.

Bro. Ritchie, in response, said the happiest moments of his life was when he was performing some service for the lodge. He was privileged to be the first Master of the lodge, and consequently looked upon it as his Masonic child. With regard to any Masonic service that he had rendered, he could not find words sufficient to express the pleasure he felt that day in being privileged to install their esteemed W.M. into the chair of K.S. He had known Bro. Morris over 40 years, and as he was then, so he was that day—a genuine man, a genuine gunner, and a genuine Mason, and they might congratulate themselves upon having him at their head as Master of the lodge. As an old Mason of over 30 years' standing, he could safely say that Bro. Morris was one who would, in that lodge at least, make Masonry known and respected. He could only say that as their lodge was the best lodge of gunner Masons in her Majesty's service, so might they become the best gunner Masons throughout the world.

Bro. Coupland responded for "The Visitors"; Bro. General Williams for "The Past Masters"; Bros. Sculley and Arnold for "The Treasurer and Secretary"; Bros. Col. Alleyne and Capt. Hansard for "The Officers"; and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical portion of the business was entrusted to Bros. Nichols (who presided at the piano), Horton, Walker, Strugnell, and Hammond.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The Abbey Lodge (No. 2030).—This prosperous lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when a large number of members and visitors attended. Amongst the former were Bros. R. E. H. Goffin, P.M., as W.M.; C. Christmas Piper, S.W., W.M. elect; F. J. Smith, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; W. Bonwick, S.D.; J. Hambling, J.D.; J. Hayler, I.G.; T. Bull, P.M. 145, D.C.; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec.; J. E. Smith, J. H. Montague, W. Gilson Holland, H. H. Bridgman, R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; J. A. Poston, J.D. 2085; J. R. Roberts, W.M. 1642; A. J. Turner, 1767; N. Harris, 185; W. P. Chapman, 1585; C. A. Hume, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; T. H. Hobbs, J.W. 2308; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; J. W. Smyth, P.M. 1238; J. Dotterell, 1624; W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287; F. Purkess, P.M. 720; F. H. Doggett, W.M. 2024; S. Cohen, 2021; A. Piper, J.W. 177; E. J. Badderley, 1624; J. S. Cater, 9; H. G. Holland, 1624; H. Budd, 1604; T. W. Lightfoot, 1585; J. H. Campbell, 913; W. Pendred Applebee, P.M. 13; W. H. Beckton, Sec. 1624; C. W. Bennett, 1086; W. Bellamy, J.W. 1627; Sidney Smith, 857; E. Attenborough, S.D. 2348; J. A. Collings, Org. 1673; W. Bradford, S.D. 162; G. Evans, P.M. 172; F. W. Buxton, W.M. 1891; S. H. Basing, J. Edwards, Simons, J. J. Cantle, Crook, J. Roberts, W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. J. Pardoe was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. B. H. Pinto passed to the Second Degree. Bro. T. Bull, P.M. 145, then assumed the chair, and duly installed Bro. C. Christmas Piper as W.M. The following gentlemen having been elected by ballot, were initiated in an able manner by the W.M., the first-named being his son: Messrs. C. A. Piper, A. E. Bull, and H. Cheesman. Bro. A. Steer, 1139, was unanimously elected a joining member, and greeted as such. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. F. J. Smith, S.W.; W. Bonwick, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, Sec.; J. Hambling, S.D.; J. Hayler, J.D.; J. E. Smith, I.G.; T. Bull, P.M. 145, D.C.; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec.; J. H. Montague, W. G. Holland, and H. H. Bridgman, Stwds.; and W. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563, a founder of this lodge, was re-appointed Secretary for the seventh time. A letter was read from Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., P.M., together with a certificate from his medical adviser, expressing his inability to attend through ill-health. Bro. Seager Hunt, M.P., also sent an apology for non-attendance. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, and lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were given.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., replying for "The Grand Officers," thanked the W.M. and brethren for so kindly drinking this old constitutional toast, and also for coupling his humble name. He wished to thank the W.M. for the honour paid him by investing him as Chaplain—a highly prized honour—the duties of which he hoped to be able to perform. He regretted he was absent when the W.M. performed that most interesting ceremony of initiating his own son into the lodge. Recently in the Caveac Lodge he saw the W.M. initiate two sons, and he could remember the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch initiating his son on a remarkable occasion. He would say one word upon the loss the Craft had sustained in the death—not perhaps of a working Mason, but of one of the most eminent of Englishmen and one of the greatest orators of the present day—the late Archbishop of York. He remembered on one occasion at Willis's Rooms attending a meeting, and in one of the adjoining rooms were the details

of a lodge. On looking round the late Archbishop said: "Masons have been here." He replied that they were the outward and visible signs of Masonry. His grace said: "I am sorry to say I neglect them very much, but I hope I have the inward and spiritual grace." He believed him to be a true brother, and one spark of his wit he would mention. Dr. Magee was recommended by his medical man to go for a change and rest before undertaking his duties at York. He went to Scarborough, and on coming away the landlord of the hotel said how gratified he was with his visit, and asked him as a great favour to put his name in the visitors' book, and say whether he was pleased with the attendance. He readily assented, and wrote, "W. C. Ebor. I spent a very pleasant fortnight at this place and have been well attended to. I was recommended here for change and rest. The waiter has taken the change; the landlord the rest." They had lost a great man and a good Mason.

Bro. R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C., also responded.

Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, P.M., said it was his duty and pleasure, in the absence of the I.P.M., to propose "The Health of the W.M." He had had very pleasing duties devolving upon him in that lodge, but none he appreciated more highly than that of proposing that toast. As one of the founders and an officer from the foundation, Bro. Christmas Piper, W.M., had worked ardently and efficiently in every office from Steward to Master. He was sure every member was proud to see the W.M. in the chair, for he had shown himself anxious on all occasions for the welfare of the lodge and anxious to promote its honour, dignity, and prosperity. Freemasonry was one of those subjects that he had for a large number of years been proud of in connection with its ceremonial and ritual, and they knew his sentiments with regard to the many points of excellence attaching to Freemasonry. There was no man who had more deeply at heart the real principles of Masonry than the W.M. When it became possible for Bro. Piper to initiate his son, he was the first to say he claimed their privilege, and he had done so in a most efficient, genial, and heartfelt manner. The W.M. had done excellent work in the past for the lodge, and would continue to do so in the future.

Bro. C. Christmas Piper, W.M., in response, said no one could feel more delighted than he did to be in his present position, and none could be more gratified than he to see so many genial faces and neighbours of the old City of Westminster rallying round him. That was the happiest moment he should spend in seeing his friends and neighbours round him. He was obliged to Bro. Goffin, P.M., for the cordial and satisfactory way he proposed the toast. He did not deserve one half that had been said, but would try to do so. He hoped all present would enjoy themselves, and he should be pleased to welcome them on the next occasion.

"The Initiates" having been given and responded to, Bro. Goffin, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," welcoming them all, and especially Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said that as a Mason he rose to the call of duty, and had much pleasure in responding to the toast. He assured them it was a matter of very great regret that business in connection with the duties of his office prevented his being present at the banquet—which he was assured was an exceedingly good one—and at the lodge work previous. After all Freemasonry was not a matter depending entirely on one or the other,—certainly not the former; and he was happy to be present at the Abbey Lodge for the first time since he had occupied his present position and to make their acquaintance. He was glad to find the tenets of Masonry carried out most fully by the members, and so long as that went on the career of the lodge would be long and prosperous. It had been mentioned that Bro. Gibson, P.M., was going up as a Steward to represent the Abbey Lodge of Instruction at the Boys' School Festival. He was gratified to know that Bro. Gibson was prepared to take up an exceedingly good list, and he thanked them for the kind way they were helping him in that good work, which was the foundation of the Order. If they continued to carry out the tenets of Masonry as shown by that list, he was sure the lodge would exist and prosper. He was obliged to Bro. Goffin, P.M., for the kind terms in which he had been introduced, and to the brethren for the kind manner in which he had been received, and he trusted for many years to have the opportunity, as the Secretary of one of the Institutions, of receiving the same hearty welcome he had received that night.

Bro. Roberts, W.M. 1642, and others also responded.

Other toasts were given before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A selection of music was rendered by Miss Florence Lavender, and Bros. Arthur Weston, W. J. Dyer, J. Montague, Herbert Basing, and J. Foster, and Bro. J. A. Collings presided at the pianoforte.

An excellent photograph of the members was obtained during the afternoon by Bro. Arthur Weston.

Richmond Lodge (No. 2032).—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. J. M. Marjason, W.M.; A. Crew, S.W.; A. Aldin, J.W.; W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; T. Covell, S.D.; J. Aldredge, J.D.; S. Abell, D.C. and I.G.; H. F. Nash, Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; B. E. Blasby, P.M.; C. J. Digby, P.M.; E. Dare, P.M.; H. Sapsworth, I.P.M.; J. Hopkins, F. Hampton, J. Ambrose, F. W. H. Axter, F. H. Greay, G. B. Syrett, E. J. Goddard, W. B. Pentelow, A. Walker, H. Laker, T. Keyes, F. C. Mouffet, N. J. Payze, G. H. Hester, J. H. Ford, A. C. Amy, J. J. Ponting, W. Merritt, C. Capel Smith, F. R. Robinson, T. Skewes-Cox, E. Downs, J. R. West, P. L. Whittett, W. Clifford, and H. Young. Visitors: Bros. S. Roberts, W. H. Rydon, J. W. Brooking, A. Roberts, A. Skinner, R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. E. Brodrick, W. J. Peat, R. W. Simpson, F. C. Austin, C. W. Bennett, W. W. Morgan, T. Butler, N. Courlander, W. Morley, P. Collingwood, Louis Honig, W. G. Lowe, H. B. Tucker, J. C. Wildash, J. Kenyon, S. Hunt, and G. D. Leaver.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Mr. James Crouch was a candidate for initiation, and Bro. Whittett was raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Crew, was then duly installed into the chair of K.S., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. M. Marjason, I.P.M.; A. Aldin, S.W.; T. Covell, J.W.; W. F.

Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; J. Aldredge, S.D.; S. Abell, J.D.; H. F. Nash, I.G.; G. Trinder, D.C.; F. Hampton, Org.; G. H. Hester and T. Keyes, Stwds.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler.

A banquet afterwards took place, under the presidency of the W.M., at which between 60 and 70 members and visitors were present.

Empire Lodge (No. 2108).—This successful lodge gave a further convincing proof of its vitality and of its desire to carry out to the fullest extent the purpose for which it was founded—that of cementing more closely together the Masonic ties between the colonies and the Mother Country—by entertaining many distinguished colonial guests, together with a very large number of Grand Officers and brethren at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. The W.M., Bro. Geoffrey Herbert was supported by the following members: Bros. Andrew Miller, M.D., I.P.M.; E. E. Harding, S.W.; E. Behnke, J.W.; Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Essex, Treas.; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.M., A.G.D.C.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Bucks; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; E. Warden Dennis, Sec.; Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx.; C. Moses, P.M., D.C.; Dr. I. Zacharie; E. Berlandine, S.D.; C. J. Harrison, J.D.; W. Clifford, I.G.; E. Turner, P.M., and W. I. Shand, Stwds.; Hermann Klein, Org.; and many others. The visitors present were Bros. Chief Justice Way, Pro G.M. South Australia; Dr. Egan, Dist. G.M. East Division Cape Colony; Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. Essex; Major-Gen. Laurie, Past G.M. Nova Scotia; Col. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey; Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M. Sussex; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Sir Arthur Hodgson, K.C.M.G.; W. H. Preece, F.R.S., P.M.; T. Barratt; C. W. Cayzer; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Sir George Harris, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.; Sir Somers Vine, K.C.M.G., P.G.D.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D. of C.; Hastings Miller, G.S.B.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Richard Clowes, G. Std. Br.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Edward Cutler, Q.C., G. Org.; Edwin M. Lott, P.G. Org.; Under-Sheriff Beard, P.M.; Col. Ward, P.M.; Banning, M.D.; C. Bassano, P.M.; Wight; Uzielli; Novara; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; the Hon. Moses Munroe, P.M., Newfoundland; Gardiner, P.M.; Capt. Wetherall; Kennedy; R. Dickson, P.M. 152, Victoria; Russell Lochner; Major Cooper; H. Tanner, P.M.; Lionel Monckton, P.M., P.G.S.; Christy, P.M.; Massey, P.M.; Astley Cooper; Walter Wesche; W. R. Brighton; C. Schlesinger; C. H. de Grey Robertson; Wm. T. Boydell, jun., P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Herts; T. Middlemore; W. Lewis; Barnett, P.M.; Van Praagh; Walter Hill; W. Bennison; Cooper Rose, M.D.; W. Brown; T. Spink; J. Hume; the Rev. W. Pilot, Newfoundland; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Wells was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Edgar Robertson was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Farmer was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. proposed, Bro. A. Miller, I.P.M., seconded, and Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., supported, a resolution, which was carried unanimously, congratulating Bro. C. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.M., on his recent appointment to Grand Office as A.G.D.C., a compliment for which Bro. Trendell, P.M., returned thanks in suitable terms. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bros. Lord Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Sir J. Ferguson, Admiral Sir E. Ingfield, Sir A. Clark, and others, and a telegram was received at a later period from Bro. Sir Wm. Whiteway, K.C.M.G., D.G.M. Newfoundland, expressing his inability to attend owing to important business. Propositions were read, and the lodge was then closed.

Banquet was served in the Victoria Hall, and, at its conclusion, the usual toasts received due notice.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master" were first given by the W.M.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., Treas., regretted the absence of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, from whom he had received a kind letter stating he was obliged to take a holiday after considerable labours. They were all delighted to find the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe appointed Deputy Grand Master by his Royal Highness, and with regard to the other Grand Officers, the W.M. had told them of the excellent recent appointments. Bro. Lord Carrington had written regretting his inability to assist in the reception of so highly esteemed a Mason as Bro. Chief Justice Way. Still they had present a sufficient number of Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers to occasion a sense of congratulation among the members. They knew well that wherever there was anything Masonic going on of importance, the Grand Officers were to the front, and that evening they had come to assist the Empire Lodge in receiving the Colonial brethren with heartiness and cordiality, and with the distinction they deserved. They were obliged to the large number of Grand Officers who had honoured them, honoured the distinguished visitors, and honoured the lodge. They would excuse him if he associated the name of Bro. Lord Brooke, under whom he had the honour to serve as one of his humble but most enthusiastic supporters in the Province of Essex.

Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. Essex, said he felt they had called upon a most unworthy member of Grand Lodge to return thanks for this important toast, moreover he feared that in this portion of his Masonic work he was unprepared, not having received notice of the honour about to be conferred upon him. On an occasion of that kind he could only say, alluding principally to the reason for which they had met, that he was sure all the members of Grand Lodge were only too happy to meet those Colonial brethren so hospitably entertained by the Empire Lodge. As members of a great and important benevolent body, there was to him a very great interest attaching to the fact that they had so many Colonial brethren sitting around, and if Masonry were only existing for the purpose of knitting closer together those ties of love and regard existing between them and their brethren in the colonies, it would justify itself sufficiently. They had also between them that common wish for the good of all their fellow brethren, which existed to the fullest extent in England and in every part of Her Majesty's dominions. It was, of course, most pleasing to live in the old Mother Country, and to feel that institutions which they

respected so much were likewise respected and supported by those in the colonies. They could have wished to have seen several members whose names were upon the programme, but he could assure all those that in whatever part of the world they might be Freemasonry was always a bond of union between them, and he hoped they would convey to those absent brethren strong expressions of regard for them. On behalf of Grand Lodge, as a young Prov. Grand Master—as a young man from the country—he felt the honour conferred and offered sincere thanks.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast demanded far more eloquence than he could bring to bear upon it. It was "Our Distinguished Foreign and Colonial Guests." It was not a usual Masonic toast, but was not unknown in that lodge, as they had given it before, and hoped to do so many and many times again. It might appear strange to them that he used the term "Foreign and Colonial" when they were all under the same jurisdiction, but it was a technical Masonic term which was used in speaking of the colonies. The programme the lodge started with in life was to offer a Masonic home to those brethren who came from the colonies and wished to come among their brother Masons in England. They said "Come to us and we will receive you and do what we can," and he thought it would be admitted they had done their best to carry out that programme as far as in them lay. He would turn to the names of the special guests they were delighted to honour. Bro. Major-General Laurie they had had the pleasure of seeing before, and also Bro. Sir Arthur Hodgson, who were with them on the memorable occasion in 1886, when they entertained representatives from 39 colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. Bro. Chief Justice Way, Pro G.M. South Australia, was a most distinguished man and Mason. His honour was appointed in 1884 as Grand Master of South Australia, abdicating the office in favour of the Earl of Kintore on his arrival there as Governor, and was appointed Pro Grand Master. Bro. Chief Justice Way installed Lord Carrington as Grand Master of New South Wales on 18th September, 1888, and assisted him in installing Sir William Clark as the first Grand Master of Victoria on the 20th March, 1889, and also assisted in installing Bro. Harris as the first Grand Master of Tasmania in June, 1890. His honour had rendered the greatest assistance in bringing all the lodges in the colonies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and they had appointed him the representative of the Grand Lodge in Australia. It would be difficult to find any man who had a greater and nobler record of Masonic duties performed. In recognition of his many services other than Masonic, Bro. Way had also been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia. They ought to have welcomed Bro. Sir W. Whiteway that evening, but he was unfortunately absent. They had a distinguished guest in Bro. Dr. Egan, Dist. G.M. East Division, Cape Colony. He laid particular stress upon Bro. Egan's name because he (the W.M.) was a South African Mason and was initiated in Kimberley 13 or 14 years ago. He gave them the toast and regretted he had not done more justice to it.

Bro. Chief Justice Way, Pro G.M. South Australia, said he only wished he possessed the logical faculty of the Grand Registrar; he wished he possessed the eloquence to which he had the pleasure of listening the other evening from the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Sussex; he wished he possessed the ready faculties of his noble friend on his right, that he might adequately acknowledge the honour paid them. His duty on that occasion was a representative and personal one. In his representative capacity he desired to acknowledge the magnificent hospitality given them—the cordial terms in which the W.M. had proposed the toast and the fraternal and enthusiastic manner in which that toast had been honoured. Let him turn to the personal. He felt indebted to the W.M. and the brethren of that lodge for the opportunity afforded him of renewing friendships new and old. He looked round and found he was only a foreigner in a "technical" sense, and he had renewed in the person of the I.P.M., Bro. Miller, an old friendship across the sea. He looked round and found English friends in several directions and confessed he blushed to meet them—Bro. Sir John Monckton and the Grand Secretary, who had devoted so much time and energy to his entertainment—that it was impossible to return the kindness. The W.M. said that the object of the establishment of that lodge was to offer to their Colonial brethren a Masonic home. That sentiment so lucidly stated was expanded by Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., in the oration which he pronounced at the occasion to which the W.M. had referred—an oration which will always be a part of Masonic literature, and which for grace and eloquence of language was not to be surpassed in the whole literature of England. When he looked round and saw so many distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of England and brethren from the most distant colonies meeting on such amicable terms of friendship and brotherhood, the great object and establishment of this lodge had been accomplished. Some would ask him about the relations of Colonial and English Masonry, and why they had set up business on their own account. He would ask them to look at the records of their own families, where young people would set up house-keeping. Did they love the old home less? and did the brethren think the Colonial Masons were not as much attached to the English brethren as ever? Speaking from personal experience he would say if all the lodges in Australia had been under the English Constitution they would never have consented to the separation, but they were divided into three Constitutions, and it was necessary if they were to have strength and union to say—if we are to be united in the great work of Masonry, union in Australia should be accomplished. Some questioned him about the loyalty of Freemasons and of colonists in Australia to the British Crown. He was sure his friend Major-General Laurie, of Nova Scotia, would be proud to answer as to Canada, his friend, Bro. Raynes Dickson, from Victoria, would speak for that part, and Bro. Dr. Egan would speak with no uncertain sound as to the British Possessions in South Africa. Sir A. Hodgson, whose name was as well-known in England as in Australia, was only burning for the opportunity of speaking for the great Colony of Queensland. He had lived in Australia for 40 years, and had passed from one part to another, and could confirm this. The number of British colonists scattered over that continent was nearly as numerous as the inhabitants of this great Metropolis, and he challenged contradiction when he said they were as loyal to the British Crown as any here. Why should they turn their backs on the great and noble history of which every Englishman was proud? Why should they wish and desire to deprive themselves of the protection of the British Fleet?

He desired to point out, and every Colonial brother would agree, that their connection was not a mercenary one. The great Premier spoke of the crimson thread of kinship that united them, but it was interwoven with a golden strand of loyalty. If they were asked for proof he might refer to the well-worn topic of the contingent sent to the Soudan, and the great Colony of New South Wales had that privilege, because it was the first to make the offer. Every one of the Australian Colonies joined in the offer, not that they thought the English nation was in any stress or required assistance, but because they wished to show they regarded the cause of England as their own. They would all remember Isandula, when Australia and the other Colonies offered to send a band of brave men to stand shoulder to shoulder with their English brethren. That offer escaped the notice of their Queen, and every man of South Australia felt a thrill of pride when a telegram, thanking the loyal colonists, was communicated to them. They gladly paid a contingent towards the maintenance and strengthening of the English fleets in foreign waters. They knew they would have that without the payment, but they were anxious to say they were in partnership with the greatest fleet the world had ever seen. Let him refer to Masonry in Australia. In Victoria they had at the head of the Craft Sir William Clarke, than whom a more loyal subject and better Mason never lived, and it would be impossible to displace that distinguished Freemason from the position. In the colony of Tasmania the Governor possesses every excellence except the crowning one of being a Mason. In New South Wales, not alone for his personal qualities, but first of all because he was the representative of Her Majesty in that Colony, the Masons asked Lord Carrington to honour them by standing as her Majesty's representative at the head of the Craft. He was succeeded by one—the Earl of Jersey—who held office. In South Australia, the Earl of Kintore—whose name was as well known in Scotland as in England—as soon as he landed every member of the Craft felt it was the duty and privilege of the occupant of that office to place him as her Majesty's representative in his right position at the head of Masonry. Looking to the future, there were four or five millions of loyal British subjects, and they had 25,000 Masons obligated to loyalty, and his view as to the future was that he triumphantly pointed to the fact that Masonry would leaven and spread loyalty throughout the whole of that great Empire. As long as they had brave men in England and as long as Masonry illuminated the eastern and western hemispheres, as long as the polar star shone down upon Masonry, as long as they looked upon Australia as they looked at the radiance of the southern cross, so long they could well say to the prophets of evil, "Quis separabit."

Bro. Major-Gen. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, said that as he had visited them before they would not wish to hear him at any length that evening. He endorsed all the eloquent remarks of Bro. Way respecting the loyalty of colonists. In Canada they had a better sky than here, but they did not have a better sovereign. He might suggest one thing. Would not they say Colonial and Foreign Visitors instead of Foreign and Colonial Visitors?

Bro. Dr. Egan, D.G.M. E. Division Cape Colony, also briefly replied, and said the excellent working of the W.M. spoke for South Africa, he being a South African Mason.

Bro. Sir A. Hodgson, K.C.M.G., also responded. "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Andrew Miller, P.M., who said the sentiment he wished to return was that Bro. Herbert, the W.M., was the epitome of all the Masonic virtues—an expert master in Masonic Craft Masonry, and a host who could not be surpassed. He would like to say how cordially they welcomed the Colonial guests, and it gave him personally great pleasure to welcome at their festive board an old friend of long ago—Bro. Chief Justice Way.

Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert, W.M., in reply, said he would merely say that in accepting the Mastership of that lodge he accepted a very responsible position, and in doing his best he had only done his duty. He would pass on and propose "The Past Masters." As he had said before every P.M. had in some way distinguished himself and benefited the lodge. Bro. Miller, P.M., had brought the ritual to its present state. Bro. Trendell, P.M., did his utmost to further their interests in the Colonies, and Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., who was the head and front of the whole concern, worked hard night and day, and spared no time or trouble to bring the lodge to prosperity. He took that opportunity of thanking Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., for organizing this function, for having many acquaintances in high places he had managed it with great credit and better than he (the W.M.) could possibly have done.

Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., A.G.D.C., said he could have wished that the first W.M. of the lodge, so well-known and beloved by all—Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen—could have been present, but he was in Surrey, and not in good health. No member of any lodge could look with more anxiety upon its position than did the P.M.'s of the Empire Lodge, for they constituted in some sense a sort of Board of Control, and brought their experience to bear for its benefit. They were all in their various offices impressed with the importance of promoting the growth of that young and prosperous lodge. None looked with more pride than the Past Masters on the proud function of that evening, and none felt more keenly those magnetic touches which bound them together in the bonds of unity. If at any time any distinguished Mason was visiting this country, they were more than honoured if he attended and took his place at their board. He was sure the younger members would feel it was an honour to have office and join a lodge of this description.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., said the W.M. had given him the privilege of proposing the toast of "The Visitors." They had heard a great deal of the three watchwords,—loyalty, charity, and hospitality, and in the name of the hospitality of the lodge he called upon the members to rise and cordially drink the health of their visitors. He would connect with the toast the name of a distinguished, able, and amiable brother—Bro. Sir W. Marriott.

Bro. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex, returned hearty and sincere thanks for the kind hospitality they had enjoyed, and for the eloquent and amiable speech in which the toast was proposed. At that late hour he would not trouble them with any remarks, but they felt more honoured that evening in having had so many foreign and colonial brethren present. He entirely disagreed with the brother who thought the word colonial should come first, for they looked upon foreigners as

strangers, and therefore they put the colonials last, being of the same flesh and blood.

"The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed an evening which will live in the memory of those present for many years to come.

Bro. Hermann Klein, Organist, presided at the piano-forte, and several brethren rendered musical selections.

Barnato Lodge (No. 2265).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Cafe Monico, Piccadilly-circus, on Thursday, 21st inst. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, this being the first occasion on which the lodge had met in its new home. The Masonic Rooms, which have been specially arranged for the purpose, are splendidly adapted to lodge meetings, and besides being furnished and decorated with elegance and comfort, have the attraction of being situated in a central position. The members present included Bros. E. J. Acworth, P.M. 133, 1612, 2077, W.M.; T. Honey, S.W.; I. B. Joel, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; M. J. de Leeuw, Sec.; A. Levy, S.D.; I. H. Gluckstein, J.D.; H. L. Warner, D. of C.; M. Bash, A.D.C.; W. Wright, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; C. Vandyk, I.G.; M. A. Hyman and J. Whiteway, Stwds.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; F. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 1260, I.P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Barnato, S. Abrahams, W. Brook, J. Somers, L. Tannenbaum, R. Warner, and L. Koel.

Visitors: Bros. George Everett, G. Treas.; Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Col. H. Radcliffe, P.G. Stwd.; J. Fettergill, 206; G. Corble, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; L. M. Myers, P.M. 185; S. Genese, 188; R. V. F. Seton, W.M. 1905; G. Gardner, P.G.S.B. Bucks; Dr. I. Zacharie; W. J. W. Beard, P.M. 101; M. de Freu, 205; H. Lazarus, W.M. 188; D. Cane, 1710; W. Hempsted, 180; E. St. Clair, I.P.M. 2060; L. Spitzel; Capt. A. Simpson, 1477; J. S. Rivers; and W. W. Lee S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and a communication from the M.W. Grand Master, authorising the change in the abode of the lodge, was read. Mr. B. L. de Gorter was duly initiated into Freemasonry, and Bro. Isaac White (late 205) was elected a joining member. Bros. J. Somers and W. Brook were impressively raised to the Degree of Master Mason. The elections then took place, and resulted as follows: Bros. M. J. de Leeuw, W.M.; J. Joel (re-elected), Treas.; and Walkley, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Jessop, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. as a slight token of appreciation of his services. The W.M. being a Steward for the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, 10 guineas was voted to his list, on the motion of Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br. The report of the Ball Committee was read, and announced a great success, a balance of £21 15s. 8d. being handed over to the Benevolent Fund. Propositions were received, and lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Egyptian Room, where an excellent banquet was served, and the usual toasts were afterwards heartily given and received.

Bro. Geo. Everett, G. Treas., responding for "The Grand Officers," said it afforded him great pleasure to pay his second visit to the lodge, and to have the honour of responding for so important a toast. His elevation to that distinguished body was of such recent date that he might be excused for making no remark regarding their services. He would, however, observe that Lord Lathom as Dep. Grand Master, had for a number of years rendered excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had rewarded those services by promoting him to the position of Pro Grand Master. That appointment was richly deserved, and was received by the Craft with unanimous approval. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was the Prov. Grand Master of a large province, and his fitness for the position of Dep. Grand Master to which he had been appointed, was amply shown by the ability with which he presided at the last Grand Festival. He thanked the lodge for its magnificent hospitality, and wished them every success in their new quarters.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., also replied. He said the Grand Treasurer had referred in terms of the most befitting kind to the services rendered by Lord Lathom as Deputy Grand Master, and his popular promotion. The new Deputy Grand Master required only to be as well known amongst the brethren as he is in his own province to earn for himself a popularity such as that attaching to Lord Lathom. With regard to the other Grand Officers, he would only mention one who was entitled to their good wishes and opinions. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to the part he had taken in the consecration of that lodge, but the Consecrating Officer was Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Secretary, and if that distinguished brother had been able to attend that evening he would have rejoiced to see the success of the venture he then launched. On the part of the Grand Officers, he (Bro. Philbrick) tendered thanks for the reception—the kindly and appreciative reception—given them, and to the W.M. for his thoroughly Masonic remarks. They were extremely glad to see the success and prosperity of the lodge, and on their part he sincerely offered best wishes for its extension and continuance.

Bro. M. J. Jessop, I.P.M., said they saw the W.M. presiding as such for the last time, and they all wished him God-speed, and that he would be as successful in all his life as he had been in that lodge. Bro. Acworth, W.M., had done good suit and service for Freemasonry, and still was not satisfied, but was doing his best to place himself in more than one position where he could do further service. At the present moment the W.M., Bro. Acworth, was a candidate for the Board of General Purposes, and for the Prov. Grand Treasurership of Essex. He (the I.P.M.) was sure they would do all they could and wish him a success.

Bro. E. J. Acworth, W.M., in reply, said he should be wanting in respect if he did not in the first place thank the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, which he heartily appreciated, but which he hardly deserved. He knew they all had good wishes towards him, and he had striven to satisfy them, and if he had failed it was not for the want of energy. There was some allusion made that he had been Master of three lodges, and that a great deal would be expected of him. He hoped they had not been disappointed. If an earnest desire to meet their approbation would suffice, then indeed he was satisfied. He hoped that would be a red-letter day in the lodge, and its importance had been shown by the visitors coming in large numbers to share their hospitality. As the Immediate Past Master had alluded to one or two offices for which he was an aspirant, he would say a

word on that subject. With respect to the Board of General Purposes, if the brethren felt they could really help him, he should be glad to be enrolled as a member of that Board. He had on two occasions been asked to contest the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer of Essex, and on the first occasion was defeated by a single vote. He was a P.M. of an Essex lodge, and he hoped his services would be recognised in that province. He hoped that in the future the Barnato Lodge would prosper, and every Master make it a continued success, so that it would be second to none in London. He thanked them for their kindness, and trusted to be of some service to the lodge for many years.

Bro. Col. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras, replying for "The Visitors," expressed his gratitude for their reception. He rejoiced to find the lodge increasing in strength, and the members anxious to maintain its high reputation.

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., in response, said he was afflicted with a sense of modesty that was very painful, and rendered it difficult to adequately respond to the toast. It was, in fact, a difficulty to respond to any Masonic toast, because he always felt he appeared in a kind of dual capacity. As a comedian he was expected to be funny, and as a P.G. Treasurer he was expected to be dignified, so that it was anticipated he would represent those two qualities of Sir Edward Landseer's great picture, "Dignity and Impudence." He had the great pleasure of being present at the consecration of the lodge, and also at their successful ball. He hoped to be present for many years to come and congratulate future Masters on the prosperity of the lodge.

Bros. G. Corble, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; H. Lazarus, W.M. 188; and E. St. Clair, I.P.M. 2060, also responded.

Bro. M. J. de Leeuw, Sec., in response to the toast of "The W.M. Elect," said he hoped to see all those pleasant faces around him during his year of office. He would do his best for the lodge, and hoped the members and those who visited them would say he was trying to maintain the high reputation of the lodge.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, acknowledging the toast of "The Masonic Charities," thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. He knew the toast always commended itself to them, and that many of the members were always ready to respond to the cause of Charity, and especially the Masonic Charities. Their W.M. was seeking many laurels, and he hoped he would be successful in every point, and that he would become Prov. Grand Treasurer of Essex, and a member of the Board of General Purposes, which he was so well fitted to adorn. He was sure they did not want that evening a history of the Charities, but he was grateful to know the members had that night accorded the W.M. the support of the lodge by a grant from their funds for his list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He was also grateful to know they had subscribed their names most liberally for the forthcoming Festival, and he hoped they would do all they could to help on that work which was dear to all their hearts.

The W. Master's list was then handed round, and resulted in 36 guineas being subscribed.

Bro. Jessop, I.P.M., briefly replied for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Honey, S.W., for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

During the evening a numerous array of artists, whose services were gratuitously secured by Bro. R. Warner, enlivened the proceedings with musical selections, Bro. W. Wright, P.G. Org. Middx., Org., presiding at the piano-forte.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The members present included Bros. S. Cochrane, W.M.; George Everett, G. Treas.; W. W. Westley, P.M., W.M. elect; J. W. Folkard, J.W.; J. Andrews, S.D.; A. Harvey, J.D.; R. Steele, Treas.; C. Woods, Sec.; E. Beaven, I.G.; J. Langdon, D.C.; J. Lyall, Stwd.; G. Winny, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Powell, P.M. 1185; Shapoorji N. Bhedwar, 177; W. Smith, 917; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bros. Stovell and Shapoorji N. Bhedwar, 177, were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. W. W. Westley was next presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed by Bro. S. Cochrane, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. W. Folkard, S.W.; J. Andrews, J.W.; R. Steele, Treas.; C. Woods, Sec.; A. Harvey, S.D.; E. Beaven, J.D.; J. Langdon, I.G.; J. Lyall, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Stwd.; and G. Winny, Org. Several apologies for non-attendance were read owing to the Board of Benevolence meeting on the same date, and also owing to the unpropitious weather. The W.M. in presenting Bro. S. Cochrane, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel, said no brother could be more deserving of it, and as the first Master, the I.P.M. had had a very successful year. Bro. Cochrane, I.P.M., having acknowledged the gift, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts afterwards received hearty recognition. The W.M., in proposing "The Grand Officers," said they delighted to see present Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer, with whom he had been working for a great many years.

Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer, said the toast of the Grand Officers—time honoured though it might be—was always received with great favour and the fact that it was so received gave great satisfaction to Grand Lodge, and was duly appreciated by all Grand Officers. The Grand Lodge was the great centre of Freemasonry, and it numbered many men of eminence and distinction, and one ought to feel proud to have the privilege of being the mouthpiece of that body and respond on their behalf. He was not unmindful that he occupied his present position to the favour of his brethren in Freemasonry. He was now in the proud position of Grand Treasurer solely through the regard his brethren had had for him, and for their estimation of his services during the 33 years he had been in Masonry. They could not find one more worthy to follow in the footsteps of the estimable Earl of Carnarvon—whose loss they all deeply deplored—than Lord Lathom. It was a popular appointment, and was received by the whole of the Craft very heartily. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was not so well known, but judging from the excellent President he made at the recent Festival he would speedily be popular, and the other appointments to Grand Lodge had also given the general satisfaction. That was the first time he had the honour of addressing them since his elevation to the Upper House. The brethren had received the toast with more

than usual warmth that night, and he thought he might venture to divine the cause. He thanked them for the way they had received the toast, and for the manner in which they had always treated him, and for their support in achieving that great object of his heart—that of becoming Grand Treasurer. He had also to thank them for coming in such large numbers to the dinner given in his honour, which he should remember as long as he lived. He would remind them that the Earl of Lathom was about to preside at the next Boys' School Festival, and as he was on the Board of Management he took a great interest in it. The new Secretary, who was most earnest, had done a great deal to get Stewards, and they anticipated a great success. He again thanked them for their warm reception of the toast.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. S. Cochran, I.P.M., who said that throughout the South of London where Freemasonry was known there was but one opinion of Bro. Westley, and that was the opinion the brethren of that lodge held, and which would be held for the remainder of their lives. He should have to propose that toast on many occasions during the coming year, and he, therefore, hoped they would not that evening wish him to explain the W.M.'s character in full. He would only say the W.M. was one of the best they could possibly have, and ask them to drink his health.

Bro. W. W. Westley, W.M., returned thanks, and hoped he should prove worthy of the honour the lodge had conferred upon him by electing him as Worshipful Master. He would try to do his best for the welfare of the lodge, and hoped at the end of his year he would receive as cordial a greeting as he had that night. He was happy amongst Freemasonry, and took a great interest in it. It was the highest ambition anyone could attain—that of being W.M. of a lodge, and especially of a lodge of which he was a founder.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Installing Master," said that most of them knew the able manner in which Bro. Cochran, I.P.M., worked the Third Degree, and installed his successor that evening. It might be equalled in few lodges, but would be surpassed by none. Bro. Cochran, I.P.M., was one of the best Masons in England, and one of the most kind-hearted and genial men he knew. He asked them to drink the toast, and wish him many years of life and happiness.

Bro. S. Cochran, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the hearty reception given the toast. If he had gained their good wishes he was amply repaid, and he took that opportunity of thanking them for their kindness to him during his year. No Master could have passed through the chair more pleasantly, and the officers did their duties well and worthily. There was not a lodge in London that could boast of such officers as that lodge could, and all could work the Three Degrees. He had also to thank them for their attendance at the presentation to Bro. Everett, and for supporting their W.M., who was the Chairman of the evening. He was delighted on that occasion to have the opportunity of saying something in favour of such an old friend as Bro. Geo. Everett. He again thanked them, and as long as he was connected with the lodge, which he hoped would be to the end of his life, he hoped to receive the good opinion of the brethren of that lodge.

"The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were also honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. G. F. Winny, Organist, a selection of music was performed, in which the following took part: Miss Constance Adams, and Bros. Hambleton, Harvey, and Nye.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Columbia Lodge (No. 2397).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; F. Stathan Hobson, P.M., J.D.; E. Jessurun, I.G.; B. Crumplin, D.C.; J. Morgan Richards, A.D.C.; W. Henry, P.M., Org.; F. Van Duzer and C. Hubbard, P.M., Stewards; J. J. Wedgwood, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 2128, P.P.G.W.; G. C. Trent, W.M. 176; S. Hinkley Kinsey, 3; J. G. Jayson, 820; J. H. Asman, 1347; A. Stribling, 1347; T. S. Cooke, 1347; A. Crawley, 2191; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. M. Jewell; J. Keller, 386; D. W. Dickson, 165 (S.C.); G. H. Hames, 1635; W. Pond, 231; G. L. Tomkins, 1035; G. J. M. Kearton, 820; J. W. Courtenay, 424; and Dr. G. W. Field, 3. Mr. R. F. Johnson was initiated by the W.M. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., for his gifts to the lodge. The by-laws were approved and adopted, and apologies for non-attendance announced.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts were afterwards heartily honoured.

Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said it must be a matter of sincere congratulation to all in the Order to find Lord Lathom promoted to preside over them in the capacity of Pro Grand Master.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M., who said the brethren had all seen how admirably Bro. A. Clark, W.M., had done the work that evening and on many previous occasions. They could not have a better Master, and they would therefore heartily drink his health.

Bro. Adolphus Clark, W.M., thanked Bro. Wedgwood and the brethren for the cordial proposition and reception of the toast. Bro. Wedgwood had said the work had been admirably done, but he (the W.M.) knew his own shortcomings, and could assure them he did not perform the ceremony to his own satisfaction. He took a great deal of pride in working the ceremonies in a lodge, and it was not new to him as he had had a good deal of experience. He had not, however, performed the initiation ceremony for four or five years, when he worked it in the Anglo-American Lodge. They had a small company present that evening, but there were a good many reasons for it. They hoped at the next meeting to have a much larger attendance, but he welcomed those present that evening most heartily.

"The Initiate" having been cordially given, the W.M. proposed "The Acting I.P.M.," remarking that Bro. Wedgwood, P.M., took a great deal of interest in Freemasonry, and did all he could to promote its prosperity.

He was obliged to Bro. Wedgwood for acting in the absence of Bro. Major Lambert, for it was impossible for a W.M. to carry on the work without the assistance of an I.P.M.

Bro. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M., said he felt highly honoured in being asked to act as I.P.M. that evening. In his peregrinations last year in Japan, China, and India, he found the great benefit of Freemasonry, for everywhere was the right hand of friendship cordially extended. In Calcutta a banquet was given especially in his honour. He thanked them all most cordially for the kindness with which the toast had been received.

Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., proposed "The Joining Members," and expressed the hope that the prevalent harmony and good fellowship would long continue and strengthen the lodge, which was founded on such excellent lines. He welcomed the valuable acquisition made that evening to their numbers by several joining members whom they received with the greatest goodwill.

Several brethren having responded,

Bro. Chapman, P.M., acting J.W., gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. Kinsey, 3; Cooke, 1347; and others replied.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, the harmony of which was promoted by Bro. Henry, P.M., Org., and others.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following were present:—Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; T. C. Horobin, P.P.G.W., Charity Steward; W. Burtonshaw, I.P.M.; J. M. B. Behrendt, S.W.; R. N. Brunyee, J.W.; T. Stanforth, P.P.G.P., Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. Fox, S.D.; T. Chamberlain, acting J.D.; J. Drury, Std. Br.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; R. Wressel, acting I.G.; E. Shillito, R. Meadley, W. S. Scholey, Turner, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. P. Robotham, Sec. 2259.

The lodge having been opened, ballots were taken for Messrs. J. Franks, T. T. Oates, and J. W. Ashmell, all of which were unanimously successful. Bro. Meadley was duly passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. invited all his brethren to accompany him to the Prov. Grand Lodge, to be held at Barton on the 8th prox.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment.

DATCHET.

George Gardner Lodge (No. 2309).—The third installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Manor House Hotel on Saturday, the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. W. B. Fendick, P.G.S.B., W.M.; A. Skinner, S.W.; R. P. Laundy, J.W.; E. B. Cox, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; C. P. Bellerby, Sec.; Dr. Stanley Mansfield, S.D.; W. H. Hanham, J.D.; J. Broderick, D.C.; Louis Lee, Org.; J. Corpe, I.G.; H. R. S. Pulman, Std.; George Gardner, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; T. S. Ellis, Tyler; A. Druce, R. Bennetts, E. G. Sonrell, T. Pritchard, J. H. Manning, Geo. W. Kirkham, and R. Dennis. Visitors: Bros. W. Woodruff, P.M. 957; H. Von Joel, P.M. 957; W. E. Chapman, W.M. 2190; A. Crew, W.M. 2032; J. E. Bowen, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; G. May, 771; L. Polak, 11; F. J. Mason, 2148; T. Hardman, 2163; B. Blasby, P.M. 780; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; A. Edwards, 2148; R. Groom, 1969; G. Baldwin, 1426; F. Perkins, A. Goodwin, 898; and R. Fraser, 1507. Apologies were received from Bros. Lord Carrington, Prov. G.M.; S. Whittaker Ellis, P.G.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Dr. F. Lawrance, P.M.; D. Bernard, F. Hartzorne, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George Gardner, acting as D.C., presented Bro. A. Skinner, and the W.M. installed him in the chair of K.S. in a very efficient manner. The W.M. then invested the officers as follows: Bros. Fendick, I.P.M.; R. P. Laundy, S.W.; Dr. Stanley Mansfield, J.W.; E. B. Cox, Treas.; C. P. Bellerby, Sec.; W. H. Hanham, S.D.; James Corpe, J.D.; H. R. S. Pulman, D.C.; Louis Lee, Org.; J. Broderick, I.G.; R. Bennetts and E. G. Sonrell, Stewards; and S. Ellis, Tyler. After the first address the W.M., being summoned on urgent business affairs, was compelled to leave, but not before being presented with a very handsome jewel, well deserved for his able Mastership during the previous 12 months. Bro. Cox continued the addresses. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Herbert James Squire and R. Dixon Smith, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they were initiated in a very excellent manner by the W.M. The audit report being received, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. George Gardner, first Master, then presented to the lodge an excellent portrait of himself, by Messrs. Elliott and Fry, which was received and much admired, and a vote of thanks given for the presentation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to a very excellent banquet served in Host Druce's well-known excellent way.

The banquet being finished, the usual toasts were given, interspersed with an exceptional programme of music and recitations by the brethren and visitors to the lodge.

In response for the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. T. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec., said it had given him great gratification to be present for the second time to witness the excellent working in the lodge and its great success. Among its members were three Past or Present Prov. Grand Officers—honours that have been won by the worthy Bros. Gardner, Fendick, and Cox. Being the youngest lodge in the province the brethren must know that such a number of honours in such a short time would not have been conferred unless they were deserved. He could only recommend the younger officers and brethren to emulate the example set them by those brethren, and to feel assured that there were more honours in store for those who distinguished themselves in that or other lodges in the province. He thanked the W.M. on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, and hoped that he should have the pleasure of being present again before long.

Bro. George Gardner, acting I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying it gave him much pleasure, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Fendick, P.M., to propose the toast. He was partly the cause of Bro. Skinner becoming a Mason, and he was a founder of the Chiswick Lodge. Bro. Skinner had become a founder and

first S.W. of that lodge, having discharged the duties of the offices he had held in a most exemplary manner, and from the manner he had performed the duties that evening it was patent that he intended to still discharge the duties of any office he might be called on to fulfil. He understood he would be a Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which he hoped would be a great success; and that the brethren who were asked for support would rally round their W.M. and send him up with a list that he would be proud of.

The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Gardner and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. He wished to assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to enhance the prosperity and usefulness of the lodge. It was true that he owed his proud position to the founder, and he thanked and assured him that he intended to follow the example set him by his predecessors. Before sitting down he would propose "The Visitors." They were a good representative sample of Masons, most of them being well-known workers in regular as well as lodges of instruction, and he assured them that they were heartily welcomed by the members of that lodge, and hoped that they would have the pleasure of their company at any subsequent meeting.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Crew, Chapman, Bowen, Hardman, and Von Joel, all expressing their pleasure at being present at the meeting, which had been so successfully carried out, both in the working and hospitality, Bro. Bowen saying how proud the rest of the province would be in having such an acquisition as that lodge had proved itself in the past, and its future seemed assured.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M., who expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M.

Bro. G. Gardner, in response, apologised for the absent I.P.M., and said it was no paltry excuse that compelled it, but urgent private affairs, and assured them that they would have the services of both Bro. Fendick and himself in carrying out the work of the lodge as long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared them to be present. He urged the junior officers and brethren to support their present W.M., and so give encouragement and gratification to the Past Masters.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were suitably given, and responded to by the several officers, all expressing their willingness and intention of doing their level best for the prosperity of the lodge.

We cannot close this report without testifying to the excellence of the singing of Bros. Groom, May, Bennett, the recitations of Bro. Hardman, and the solos and accompaniment of Bro. Professor Louis Lee.

DIDSbury.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The eleventh regular meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Didsbury Hotel on Saturday, 9th inst. There was a large gathering of members and visitors on this very interesting occasion of the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. W. W. Wilkinson, which proved favourable, and he was initiated by the W.M. Bros. Wm. Sharples and J. Lawrisch were raised respectively by Bros. Smith and G. A. Myers, P.M., S.D. Bro. C. Edgar Towell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. A. H. Jefferis elected Treasurer.

GUILDFORD.

Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 777).—The installation meeting of this old country lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when Bro. Arthur J. Newman was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Charles Belton, P. Dep. G.D.C., a P.M. of the lodge and Past S.G.W. of the province, who occupied the chair in the absence of Bro. Pink, the W.M., from illness, the Wardens' chairs being filled respectively by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., and Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., the duties of D.C. being ably performed by Bro. Fairchild, P.M. The officers invested for the ensuing year included Bro. J. C. Collier, P.M., as Treasurer, and Bro. W. E. White, P.M., as Secretary, both of whom are Past Provincial Grand Officers.

An excellent banquet was afterwards provided, at which some charming music was performed. The speeches, which were commendably short, included one from Bro. Dr. Gooding, P.G.D., on behalf of "The Grand Officers," one from Bro. Dr. Strong, P.P.G.W., on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and one from Bro. Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C., in response to the toast of "The Installing Master." The whole of the proceedings were conducted in the most harmonious manner, and in every respect the meeting was most successful.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. F. J. Hayward, W.M., assisted by Bros. Levy, S.W.; J. Edgell, J.W.; J. Bond, S.D.; Long, P.M., acting J.D.; C. Gardiner, I.G.; Colbron, I.P.M.; W. Chapman, P.M.; and W. Drewett, P.M., acting as Secretary in the absence of Bro. Elsam, P.M., through indisposition; and other brethren. By request of the W.M. of Surbiton Lodge, No. 2146, the W.M. raised Bro. Cross of that lodge to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the said brother having to leave in a few days for foreign parts. Mr. W. H. Gaze, having been elected, was initiated by the W.M., who worked both ceremonies in a very perfect manner. The address to the candidate was impressively given by the S.W.

All business being ended, lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of supper.

LEICESTER.

John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 21st inst. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, it being the last meeting of the lodge under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., P.P.G.O. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Barrow, presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. W. J. Curtis, S.W.; A. Laurence, J.W.; G. Newsome, P.M., Treasurer; T. B. Neale, Secretary; F. G. Pierpoint, S.D.; F. Cartwright, Org.; A. F. Holland, I.G.; W. Bream and W. A. Spencer, Stwds.; and J. Tauser, Tyler. There

were also present Bros. D. Challis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. I. Thorp, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, J. J. Curtis, W. J. Withers, J. D. Horn, R. Curtis, J. Vickery, J. F. Boyd, J. H. Hancock, C. R. King, and many others. The visitors were Bros. S. S. Pridmore, W.M. 50; J. J. Hart, P.M. 560, P.P.G.D.C. Norths and Hunts; Rev. H. J. Mason, M.A., P.M. 1146; T. S. H. Ashwell, W.M. 1391; S. Knight, P.M. 1391; E. Holmes, S.W. 279; C. W. Potter, W. Tyler, W. Finn, J. W. Barker, and E. F. Birch, 279; A. Page, W. Walters, Thos. Smith, E. Lester, and A. Chambers, 1391; J. Spriggs, H. W. Dymock, and H. G. Marriott, 2028; A. Tacey, 2081; and J. J. W. Knowles, 1007.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read, approved, and confirmed, and a ballot taken for two joining members, which proved unanimous. Bros. Vickery, Boyd, Hancock, and King, being candidates for the Sublime Degree of a M.M., were duly raised by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Hart and Thorp, the work being performed in a most impressive manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously upon the S.W., Bro. W. J. Curtis, who acknowledged the honour conferred upon him in suitable terms. Bro. G. Newsome, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Tauser re-appointed Tyler. It was unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M. at the forthcoming annual festival. "Hearty good wishes" were given on behalf of the various visiting lodges, and the lodge was closed.

The business being ended, a large number of brethren sat down to supper in the supper-room, which had been most tastefully decorated by Bro. W. H. Noble, 279, and did full justice to the good fare set before them.

The usual loyal toasts were given, and then the brethren were entertained by Bro. F. G. Pierpoint, who exhibited some views of Windsor, the Thames, a few local scenes, and a representation of the great fire in Wood-street, by means of the oxyhydrogen lantern.

"The Healths of the W.M. and W.M. elect" were given, and suitably acknowledged, whereupon Bro. S. S. Pridmore gave a specimen of his skill in manipulating a pack of cards in such a manner as to mystify and amuse the brethren.

The proceedings were further enlightened by music, in which Bros. Birch, McRobie, Page, and Biggs assisted, most ably accompanied by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Barrow.

The pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and the recollection of it will linger in the memory of those who were present.

LINCOLN.

Ermine Lodge (No. 2351).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the County Assembly Rooms, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when a large number of brethren assembled to congratulate the members on the success attained by the lodge in its first year. The Assembly Rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion by Bro. W. Mortimer, W.M. 1386 (one of the two sister lodges in Lincoln), and the interest evinced in the occasion by the brethren in the city was further shown by their presence in large numbers. The first W.M., Bro. Henry E. Cousins, P.M., P.P.G.W., whose Masonic experience and untiring energy has in no small degree contributed to the success of the lodge, was supported by Bros. Colonel Richard G. Ellison, D.L., Exon of the Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, W.M. elect; Major W. H. Smyth, D.L., Prov. G.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; the Hon. Victor A. Pelham, S.W.; Rev. T. Gregory, Chap.; R. C. Carline, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Percy Dalton, Sec.; Eustace A. Cousins, S.D.; F. L. Thornton, I.G.; R. Witton, Stwd.; the Hon. H. C. A. Pelham, W. Watkins, P.M.; G. Parsons Torney, B.A.; R. C. Hallows, P.M.; W. Scorer, P.M. 297; R. A. Stevens, C. P. Kemp, and W. Strangward, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas. Eng.; Capt. D. Grant, J. W. 2328; E. M. Money, P.G. Steward Eng.; A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M. Cambs.; O. Papworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cambs.; J. Clare, P.M. 588; J. S. Vortley, J.W. 588; G. H. Gregory, W.W. 385, P.P.G. Org.; J. Constable, W.M. 1482; W. Mortimer, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Smyth, P.M. 588; Col. H. V. Grantham, P.P.S.G.W.; J. S. Lord, S.D. 588; C. E. Williams, 588; T. Brander Jacobson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; L. M. Chapman, 588; H. S. Fawcett, 1304; J. E. Dickinson, D.C. 1386; W. George, 297; J. J. Allott, P.P.G.D.; G. S. Stephenson, S.D. 1294; E. Von Schulz, 1086; C. F. Liversidge, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. G. Pearson, 10; Martin Cole, 1386; F. W. Shaw, 297; W. R. Lilly, 297; W. Dixon, I.P.M. 297; W. Dawson, 297; W. George, 2971; W. Penn, 1386; C. Smyth, 1600, P.P.G. Stwd.; C. Hartley, J.W. 1386; H. B. Kirkby, I.G. 297; R. Slingsby, 297; G. Peck, 1386; W. Steeper, 1386; E. T. Foster, 297; P. Colville Smith, W.M. 357; E. Dunkerton, 297; W. Harris, S.W. 1386; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and a dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master authorising the alteration of the date of meeting duly read. The Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers entered in procession, and were saluted. The Audit Committee's report was received and adopted, after which Bros. the Hon. H. C. A. Pelham and G. Parsons Torney, B.A., were duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The chair was then assumed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who consecrated the lodge a year ago, for the purpose of installing Bro. Colonel Richard G. Ellison, D.L., Exon of the Royal Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard, the W.M. elect, which ceremony was proceeded with and successfully accomplished. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; Hon. Victor A. Pelham, S.W.; Eustace A. Cousins, J.W.; Rev. T. Gregory, Chaplain; R. C. Carline, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Percy Dalton, Sec.; F. L. Thornton, S.D.; R. Todd Ellison, J.D.; R. C. Hallows, P.M., D.C.; C. P. Kemp, I.G.; R. Whitton and Hon. H. C. A. Pelham, Stwds.; and W. Strangward, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Grand Secretary, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed, on the proposition of the I.P.M., for his kindness in attending in the midst of his numerous engagements, and in such unpropitious weather. The Grand Secretary thanked them for their fraternal reception and kind acknowledgment of his services. It was always a pleasure to attend a lodge which he had consecrated, but it was an especial pleasure that day to install a very old personal friend, Bro. Colonel

Ellison. Letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from Bros. Fowler, D.P.G.M.; Capt. N. G. Phillips; T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire; the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; the Dean of York, and others.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet at the White Hart Hotel.

After dessert, the customary toasts were honoured, the first given from the chair being "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

"The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by Bro. H. E. Cousins, I.P.M., who said they were all particularly pleased to know that the late Deputy G.M., their present Pro G.M., had obtained his well-earned promotion after so many years active service as a Mason, and H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. could not possibly have made a better or more popular choice. The Deputy G.M. was also an old Mason, and, as a Prov. G.M., had done good suit and service in Masonry. Last year the brethren in Lincoln were honoured by the presence of a considerable number of Grand Officers at the consecration of the Ermine Lodge. This year, through the alteration in the date, they had been disappointed by several Grand Officers, but they still had the pleasure to welcome a numerous list. Not to mention the esteemed Prov. G.M., they had Bro. Woodall, P.G. Treas., in whose election a few years ago country Masons took a great interest, and travelled to London to assist him in obtaining the office of Grand Treasurer. It was unnecessary to say much respecting the Grand Secretary, for, as the Consecrating Officer last year and the Installing Master on the present occasion, they knew what work he could do, and what an excellent Mason he was. It was not every Mason who would travel from town to be present at the installation of a country lodge in such weather, and it showed what an enthusiastic Mason the Grand Secretary was. They had also pleasure in welcoming an old Lincolnshire Mason, Bro. Moyes, D.P.G.M. Cambridgeshire, and also Bro. Capt. E. M. Money, P.G. Stwd., who was a very hard-working Mason in London, and whom he had met on many occasions in different Masonic meetings there.

Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas., in reply, said that if there was anything that could render the task of returning thanks on that occasion more difficult it was that he felt he was in the presence of those who knew so much more of the Grand Officers than he did. With regard to the first two names, having had the pleasure of the acquaintance of one for some years, and having been the school and college friend of the other, he felt they would all endorse his remark when he said they were both anxious to do their duties satisfactorily. He begged to thank them for the honour paid him in placing him in the position he had held for some years, and trusted he was always imbued with a sense of gratitude for the service rendered him. The other Grand Officers esteemed the honour a great one to be appointed, and would do their best to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Craft in general.

Bro. Latham Cox next gave "The Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers," and said it would be an impertinence to bring before them what Bro. Major Smyth, their Prov. Grand Master, had done for Masonry in Lincolnshire during the period of a quarter of a century he had been at its head. He regretted that Bro. Fowler, the Dep. Prov. G.M., was not present, but there were a large number of Prov. Grand Officers in attendance, including his great friend, a member of that lodge, Bro. Cousins, P.P.G.W.

Bro. Major W. H. Smyth, D.L., Prov. Grand Master, returned thanks for the kindly reception accorded that comprehensive toast. He had now been connected in office with that province for 26 years, and he told them last year of the great advance of Masonry in that time, and how it had increased from 11 to 24 lodges, and from about 300 or 400 Masons to over 1000. They were indebted, as Bro. Cousins had said, to the Grand Officers for their presence, and to the visitors for their kindness in attending, and he thanked them most heartily on behalf of the province, and as it was an honour to that lodge for those distinguished Masons to come, it was also an honour to the province, which they appreciated as such. He had one little interesting circumstance to tell them which they had discovered that day. They found that next year was the centenary of the first Provincial Grand Lodge in that province and, the brethren would take that fact to their respective lodges and consult what had better be done, as some notice ought to be taken of that great fact. It would be a satisfaction for the province to know that the Provincial Grand Lodge was 100 years old and they ought to commemorate the fact. He was obliged to them for their kindness and trusted to pay many pleasant visits of this kind to the Ermine Lodge.

Bro. Col. R. G. Ellison, W.M., then proposed "The Installing Master," and said that nothing could have impressed them more with the beauties of Freemasonry than the nice way in which the Grand Secretary performed his duties. He had known Bro. Col. Clerke for many years, but had never been more impressed with the performance of his duties than that evening. He hoped to see the Grand Secretary with them on many future occasions.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, said he was grateful to the W.M. for his kind and fraternal proposition of the toast. It was a great pleasure to him to be the recipient of such a feeling on the part of provincial Masons. He was, as they were aware, their Grand Secretary, and had been so for nearly 12 years, and it had always been his utmost endeavour to do what he could to further the interests and good of the Order and meet the wishes of Worshipful Masters and brethren, whether in London or the country. When last year he was asked to consecrate the Ermine Lodge at which they were present that day, he felt it a great and high honour. It was a duty falling to the privilege of the Prov. Grand Master, but Bro. Major Smyth in a very kind manner waived that and asked him to perform the ceremony, and therefore he need scarcely say he met the wishes of the brethren with a great deal of pleasure. He came down to their county and went back carrying very pleasing reminiscences of the day he spent there. On the present occasion he had been honoured again by being asked to install his old friend, and fortunately, though he was a busy man, he was able to devote that particular day to that service. He had enjoyed his visit despite the bad weather, and should go back with a most pleasing recollection. The Prov. Grand Master had told them that the province was coming on to its hundredth year, having been founded in 1792, and he might mention one little fact about its formation which might interest them. The first Provincial Grand Master held a most curious and unique position in Masonry. He was a Rev.

William Peters, and it was somewhat a curious fact that although a clergyman of the Church of England, he was also a Royal Academician and was clever at portrait painting. He painted several pictures for Grand Lodge, which were unfortunately burnt in 1883, when the fire at the Hall took place. His talent was so great that the Grand Master of the day took counsel as to what could be done to honour him, and the result was that a novel appointment was made and he was appointed Grand Portrait Painter. He was the first and the last, so that any talented brethren need not apply for the post. He (the Grand Secretary) thought he would mention that, and hoped the brethren would fall in with the ideas of the Provincial Grand Master and celebrate the centenary in some manner worthy of the occasion, and he hoped he might have the opportunity of coming down on that occasion. Passing on, he would like to go to a pleasanter toast which he had been allowed, by the kindness of the I.P.M., to have the privilege of proposing, "The Health of the Worshipful Master in the chair." The W.M. had referred to their own friendship in what he might term a somewhat effeminate speech. He said he did not know how long they had known each other. It was 36 years ago since he first had the pleasure of knowing the W.M., Bro. Col. Ellison, who was then on the staff of one of the most gallant and most distinguished generals—Sir John Pennyfather, who was also an old and distinguished Freemason. Just about that time the W.M. was initiated in a lodge in Malta that he belonged to, and he was also initiated about the same time. They therefore began their Masonic career together, but the W.M. as years passed on had various other avocations to follow, and was by the course of circumstances carried away from Masonic work, and was unable to follow it up until recently when the opportunity offered. When this lodge was proposed, it was suggested that Col. Ellison should join, and he readily fell in with the idea, but with his usual modesty objected to being put into office, but after persuasion he became the Junior Warden. Unfortunate circumstances preventing the S.W. going on for the moment, Col. Ellison had arrived at the chair, and the brethren now had a distinguished soldier who had attained high position and who was an old Mason as their W.M. He thought the members were to be congratulated upon having such a W.M., and when Col. Ellison became accustomed to the situation, he would be as efficient as they could wish and desire him to be, and at the end of his year he would hand over the chair to the S.W., after having done his duty well, zealously, and efficiently. He would ask the brethren to join him in drinking the health of their W.M., hoping he would have a pleasant year of office, that his health would remain good during that time, and that he would always have pleasing reminiscences of his services in the chair of the Ermine Lodge.

Bro. Col. R. G. Ellison, W.M., in response, said he was sure he should have a pleasant year, as unanimity and good feeling always prevailed in the lodge. He was afraid that in selecting him for the chair they would have but a very indifferent Master, but he would try his best to carry on the work as well as their late W.M. had done.

"The Visitors" was given by Bro. Watkins, P.M., and duly responded to by Bros. P. Colville Smith, W.M. 357; Capt. E. M. Money, P.G. Stwd. Eng.; and Capt. Donald Grant, J.W. 2328.

The Provincial Grand Master then said he would interpolate a toast that was always drunk on these occasions—that of "The I.P.M.," and no brother could deserve it more than Bro. Cousins, I.P.M., who was the founder and first Master of the lodge. Before founding that lodge the I.P.M. had done excellent service as a Mason, and had been their Charity Steward several times. When he gave Bro. Cousins Provincial honours he felt the I.P.M. was honouring the office more than the office was honouring him. They knew what an energetic man the I.P.M. was in everything he undertook, and would be sorry if the evening were to pass without his health being drunk.

Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W., I.P.M., expressed his thanks to the Prov. G.M. and brethren for the proposition and reception of the toast. Any work he had been able to do for Lincolnshire and Masonry had been done with great pleasure, and anything he could do in the future to forward Masonry in their good old city of Lincoln would be more than a pleasure. He should be pleased to help the present Master during his year and make it a successful one, and his efforts in that direction would be given with the greatest cordiality and good feeling. By permission of the W.M., he would give "The Sister Lodges in Lincoln." They had received the greatest amount of assistance from those lodges, and last year at the consecration they provided an excellent choir.

Bros. Scorer and Ramage acknowledged the toast, after which Bro. Hallows, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Vickers, Prov. G. Sec., replied.

Bro. the Hon. Victor A. Pelham, S.W., returned thanks for "The Officers," which was proposed by Bro. H. E. Cousins, I.P.M., and the Tyler's toast then closed a successful and pleasant meeting.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SURBITON.

Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).—On the 19th inst. the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Maple Hall, at which a good number of members and visitors attended, though the prevailing sickness kept several away. Important business took the W.M., Bro. J. W. Allen, away from England soon after his installation, and an extended tour in America and our colonies has kept him a traveller ever since, and though neither poor nor distressed, yet desirous of returning to his native land. In his absence the lodge has been well governed by Bro. F. P. Hill, I.P.M., whose services have been acknowledged by the addition of a clasp, suitably engraved, to the ribbon of the jewel given him on leaving the chair. During the past year the lodge has been materially strengthened in numbers, and so the officers have been kept well employed, the result being, owing also to their regular attendance at the lodge of instruction, perfect acquaintance with the ritual in the respective Degrees. All the officers being in their places, the W.M. proceeded with the installation ceremony, having first requested Bros. W. Drewett, P.M., and G. Moorman, P.M., to fill the Wardens' chairs. Bro. Wilson, P.M., then presented Bro. S. Hewett, P.M. 1614, to the Installing Master, and in due form he was placed in the chair of K.S. The new W.M. is well skilled in the Craft, as the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge know, so that the prestige of No. 2146 for correct working is sure to be maintained. In this ceremony Bro. Wilson, P.M., acted as

D.C., and the brilliant delivery of the addresses by the Installing Master made the whole complete and enjoyable. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. T. H. Beck, S.W.; G. F. Budden, J.W.; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M.; Treas. (absent through illness); Albert Storr, P.M.; Sec.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; G. Gilby, J.D.; Rev. Isaac Levinsohn, Chap.; R. Babbs, I.G.; F. E. Babbs, D.C.; J. Williams and J. B. Tomkinson, Stwds.; and J. List, Tyler.

Business ended, the brethren went to the Assembly Rooms close by, where Messrs. Packham and Sons had prepared the banquet, to which 50 sat down. The various items on the menu were excellently served, and by the liberality of the W.M. dessert was put on the table in profusion and of the very choicest description now to be obtained. As there was an attractive programme of music before the guests the W.M. set the example of brevity in speech, and all who had to make reply to toasts did likewise, so that a highly enjoyable evening was spent. There were no special features in the remarks made, but the W.M. in wishing their absent brother, W. J. Allen, a safe return home, referred to the very able way in which his duties had been discharged by Bro. Hill, to whom, he considered, the lodge was greatly indebted for undertaking and carrying them out so efficiently.

The visitors, who were called on to respond to the toast in their honour, all spoke in terms of the highest praise of the work in the lodge and of the hospitality extended to them afterwards.

In this lodge "The Masonic Press" is always proposed, and with it was coupled the name of the representative of the *Freemason*.

According to custom, the Charity-box was sent round, and its contents (£2 10s.) were given to the caretaker of the Assembly Rooms, whose wife died suddenly just after she had been engaged in preparing the room for the banquet.

Among the visitors who enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge were Bros. F. J. Hayward, W.M. 889; W. Drewett, P.M. 889 and 1638, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Moorman, P.M. 1638, P.P.G.P.; Horace White, P.M. 1257; W. Poupert, P.M. 9; John Hodgkin, S.W. 1872; S. H. Hodgkin, J.W. 1872; V. Beauman, J.D. 1840; J. H. Collinson, 1194; W. F. Manners, 859; F. Merton Clark, 2182; and others.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Chapter (No. 946).—The regular convocation of this old established chapter was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. Dare, M.E.Z.; Higerty, P.Z., acting H.; Austin, P.Z., acting J.; J. M. Stedwell, P.Z., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.Z., S.E.; R. R. Collick, P.Z.; Trinder, Grundy, Chapman, Tavener, and Burcham Cooper. Visitors: Comps. W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., and Askham, P.Z. 723.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the last convocation having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. H. Barton, J.D. of the Strawberry Hill Lodge; J. G. Carter, W.M. 1044; Henry Baker, S.D. 1360; and Wallace Ingram, W.M. 1441, resulting unanimously in their election. Comp. Burcham Cooper, of the Highgate Chapter, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Barton being in attendance, was exalted, the ceremony being rendered in a most efficient and impressive manner. The S.E. read letters from several companions excusing their non-attendance owing to illness. A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Comp. W. Smeed, one of the oldest members of the chapter, after which the companions adjourned to banquet at the King's Head Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent, Comps. Lee, Higerty, Grundy, and Burcham Cooper contributing to the harmony.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 13th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., M.E.Z.; T. W. H. Saunders, P.Z., acting H.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.Z., P.P.G.J., acting J.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; H. Jenkins, S.N.; and A. Toulmin, jun., as P.S.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Bennett and Roberts, of 1503, and it proved to be unanimous, but, from unavoidable circumstances, they were prevented from attending. Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders then impressively installed Comp. H. Jenkins as J. The First and Second Principals elect were unable to attend to be installed. Comps. T. C. Walls and W. Taylor were respectively invested as S.E. and Treasurer. Comp. A. Toulmin, jun., was invested as S.N., and Comp. Harrison, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. Between the speeches Comp. Dunkley instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

TENBY.

Dinbych Chapter (No. 1177).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 21st inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals, the ceremony being performed most ably by Comp. Phipps, P.Z. 464. Comp. F. E. Remfry was installed as Z.; Comp. J. A. Jenkins, as H.; and Comp. A. H. Brookman, as J. The following officers were invested: Comps. R. Lock, P.Z., S.E.; C. S. Allen, S.N.; W. H. Richards, P.Z., Treas.; J. Bancroft, P.S.; G. James, 1st A.S.; H. Smith, 2nd A.S.; Col. W. Lewes, D.C.; Rev. G. Rowe, I.G.; and J. Pratt, Janitor.

The chapter being closed by the newly-installed M.E.Z., the companions adjourned to the Gatehouse Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, and a pleasant evening spent.

WITHINGTON.

Architect Chapter (No. 1375).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Town Hall on Monday, the 11th inst. There were present Comps. W. Wilson, Z.; J. G. Bromley, H.; W. T. Hesketh, J.; G. D. Pochin, Treas.; H. G. Small, S.E.; E. T. Everett, P.Z.; J. Wood, P.Z.; J. R. R. Jeffery, J. A. Gee, W. T. Cairns, M. Aspden, T. W. Mottershead, Geo. Reston, and J. B. Kirk, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

CAMBRIDGE.

York Lodge (No. 334).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on the 21st inst. Present: Bros. W. Ingram Pashler, W.M.; J. E. L. Whitehead, S.W.; E. Hills, P.M., as J.W.; W. Purchas, M.O.; W. Fawcett, J.O.; Oliver Papworth, Treas.; E. H. Jennings, Sec.; A. E. Chaplin, J.D.; G. R. Barnes, I.G.; J. F. Miller, Steward; A. H. Moyes, P.M., P.S.G.D., Prov. S.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.M., P.S.G.W., G. Sec.; and several brethren. Visitors: Bros. Major Carrell, W.M. designate Hibernia Lodge, G. Steward, and Clowes, J.O. Royal Connaught Lodge.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, assumed the gavel, and proceeded to install Bro. John E. Ledsam Whitehead, M.A., into the chair of A., performing the ceremony in his usual graceful and impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Oliver Papworth, S.W.; W. Purchas, J.W.; Geo. Tindall, M.O.; W. Fawcett, S.O.; John Fuller, J.O.; A. W. Bishop, Chap.; A. H. Moyes, P.M., Treas.; B. W. Beales, Reg. of Mks.; E. H. Jennings, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Chaplin, S.D.; J. Dempster, J.D.; G. R. Barnes, I.G.; and Jas. F. Miller, Stwd.

After some further Masonic business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were afterwards submitted. Bro. A. H. Moyes, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke of the high estimation in which he was held, alike in the Craft and by his fellow-townsmen.

Bro. Whitehead made a suitable reply. Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., in responding to the toast of his health, expressed the great pleasure he had in coming down to Cambridge, and performing the ceremony of installation, which he had done for every Master of the lodge since its consecration.

The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

CROYDON.

Croydon Lodge (No. 198).—The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held, by dispensation from the Prov. Grand Master, at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 9th inst., when there was a large attendance. The members present included Bros. W. Fox Hawes, W.M.; Fred. West, S.W.; H. E. Vickers, J.W.; A. Adams, M.O.; J. S. Fraser, S.O.; W. J. Dyer, J.O.; S. Lambert, P.M.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M.; W. J. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; G. Yaxley, P.M.; H. Burgess, P.M., Treas.; J. Rhodes, P.M., Sec.; T. Eldridge, Reg. of Mks.; C. W. Mapleton, J.D.; and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Hammerton, Dep. Prov. G.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; H. E. O. Miller, P.M. 250; J. R. Green, P.M. 112; W. Stevenson Hoyt, P.G. Org.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; E. Scott Young, P.G.S.B. Lancs.; T. C. Edmonds, S.W. 139; J. Skinner, J.W.; Herbert Schartau; Gordon Smith, 363; W. J. Ebbetts, 363; Robt. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D. of C.; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O.; A. R. Carter, P.G.S.B.; W. Vincent, P.G.I.G.; Rev. J. Cater, Prov. G. Chap.; C. W. Carrell; W. W. Lee; and many others.

Lodge being opened, the dispensation from the Prov. G. Master was read and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Fredk. West, W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed by Bro. Hugh M. Hobbs, P.M., who rendered the ceremony with the ability and impressiveness characteristic of all his Masonic work. The following officers were invested: Bros. Vickers, S.W.; Adams, J.W.; Fraser, M.O.; Dyer, S.O.; Eldridge, J.O.; Burgess, P.M., Treas.; Fenn, Reg. of Marks; Rhodes, P.M., Sec.; Mapleton, S.D.; Phillips, J.D.; and Gates, I.G. On the proposition of the W.M., the Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master were elected honorary members of the lodge. The W.M. signified his intention of representing the lodge at the next Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and expressed a hope that the members would loyally support him.

The lodge was closed, and an excellent repast was followed by the customary toasts.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said they had all witnessed the ceremony of consecration performed by the Grand Secretary, who had taught them some excellent lessons, which he hoped the Ark Mariners lodge consecrated that day would deem worthy of following. They one and all welcomed such an excellent gathering of Grand Officers, and especially the Grand Secretary of the Order, and as he believed that was Bro. Matier's first official visit to Croydon, he hoped it would not be the last by many.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., said that after the kindly speech of the W.M. he should be wanting not only in gratitude but also in common courtesy if he did not rise at once to reply. Those Grand Officers who had been present that evening and had received the kindly recognition of the W.M., had endeavoured for a long series of years to do their best for the good of the Order in every way. Bro. Berridge had rendered distinguished service, and had been made a P.G.W. Bro. Driver had for many years been in the Order, as also had Bro. Carter. Bro. Hogard's name was a household word, and last, but not least, Bro. Vincent's services were known to them all in connection with the prosperity of the lodge of instruction. Bro. Rev. Cater, who had acted as Chaplain that night and delivered such a suitable oration, was, they would be pleased to hear, to be invested on 2nd June next, by command of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., as a Grand Chaplain of the Order. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them most cordially, and wished them every prosperity, not only in that lodge but also in the Royal Ark Mariners lodge consecrated that day.

Bro. Nicholls responded to the toast of the "Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. Fox Hawes, M.A., I.P.M., next said that the few words necessary to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master" would be received with the greatest enthusiasm. That toast, no matter whether in the Craft, Royal Arch, or Mark, was always received with enthusiasm. It was entirely owing to the W.M., Bro. F. West, that there was such a large assembly that evening, and during his year of office he would do all he could to promote the success of their lodge.

Bro. F. West, W.M., in reply, said he was exceedingly

obliged to the brethren for permitting him to occupy his present very proud position. He appreciated it because it brought home to him the fact that he had worked with a great many of them in another sphere for many years past, and he was sure it was a kindly appreciation on their part of what he had done elsewhere that prompted them to permit him to occupy that position on the present occasion. It was now 20 years since he first saw the light of Masonry. During that time he had made many very valuable friends, and as far as he knew his friendship had been fully carried out. With regard to what one had done in Masonry, he could only say that he had endeavoured to carry out the spirit instilled into him at a much earlier period of his existence—a public school spirit, which was nothing more or less than appreciating duty. From the first step a Mason took he realised there was one thing he ought to do, and that was, respect those placed above him, and he was taught what became those who rule. The great success of Masonry was entirely owing to the appreciation by those who entered of the fact that a man could not rise to success in the Craft without going through the various offices. He believed that all Masons in the Province of Surrey had been good enough to say and feel that he had endeavoured to carry out the onerous duties cast upon him for the past three and half years, and it was owing to that appreciation that he was occupying the chair that night. When at the very earliest period of his existence in that honourable Degree they put him in a position which was emblematic of his cognomen, on the present occasion they had put him in juxtaposition. He thoroughly appreciated their kindness, and they would excuse his digression, but he wished to thank all those officers who, having worked up to the position they occupied 12 months ago, agreed to stand on one side to allow him to take precedence. He would use his best endeavour to promote the success of that most successful Mark Masons lodge, and he looked to his brother officers and those who had passed the chair to assist him. As it was owing to them he was in his present position, he might tell them that the Grand Secretary had been good enough in consecrating the Royal Ark Mariners lodge that day to convey to him the intelligence that the Grand Lodge had permitted him to confer the rank of P.C.N. upon him, an act of kindness which he appreciated. He thanked the brethren for placing him in the chair, and for responding so enthusiastically to the toast.

"The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Gordon Smith.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Past Masters," to whom he said the lodge owed its present proud position. It was a matter of sincere congratulation that the Past Masters should take a continued interest in the lodge. Bro. Yaxley, P.M., had been rewarded with Provincial honours, and the lodge owed him a debt of gratitude for his labours. He was not wrong in saying that Bro. Hobbs, P.M., was one of the most distinguished Past Masters of the lodge. There was also Bro. Nicholls, P.M., who had rendered good service. He had to present the I.P.M. with a jewel as an acknowledgment by the lodge of the duties so faithfully carried out by him during his year, and hoped it might rank not altogether least among the numerous jewels on his breast.

Bro. Fox Hawes, M.A., I.P.M., in response, said that although he felt he had not done the work as he ought, yet during his year the lodge had increased, and its prosperity had been really and successfully attained. He thanked them for rewarding his services with the handsome jewel, which he should wear as a mark of confidence and esteem.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. H. Schartau and several brethren rendered excellent musical selections.

GUILDFORD.

Percy Lodge (No. 114).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, (prior to the meeting of the Royal Alfred Craft Lodge), on Thursday, the 21st inst., when, after the ordinary business of the lodge, two candidates were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason by Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.O., in a most able and impressive manner. The brethren afterwards dined with the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge.

MARYPORT.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Bro. James Dickenson, P.P.J.G.W., W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Gibson, P.G. Std., S.W.; J. Swainson, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. of England, Treas., as M.O.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G. Sec., P.G.S. of England, S.O.; Jos. O. Scott, P.P.G.I. of W., Sec., as J.O.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., S.D.; Robt. Leach, P.P.A.G.D. of C., R. of M., as J.D.; Jos. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., I.G.; Jno. Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler; and others.

The business of the evening being to elect Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, Bro. Jos. O. Scott, P.P.G.I. of W., Sec., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. of England, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the 17th time; and Bro. Jno. Messenger was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. Dickenson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., were elected Auditors for the year, and with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was duly closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. James Wiggins, W.M.; W. G. Danby, S.W.; E. E. Gellowski, J.W.; G. Swann, W.M. 865, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; A. J. Turner, S.D.; J. H. Neville, J.D.; P. J. Davies, I.G.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463; W. H. Dresden, C. G. Hatt, C. E. Betts, R. Kew, and D. Boyce.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hubbard acting as candi-

date. Bro. Turner gave the charge incidental to the First Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Kew answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hatt offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Danby was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. There were present Bros. J. Brown, W.M. 2012, W.M.; R. H. Elkin, S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M.; Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M.; Sec.; Catling, S.D.; Bury, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; R. Josey, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Kirkham, Hagan, Arnott, and G. Higginson.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the brethren. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Kirkham having been examined as to his proficiency in that Degree, the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Kirkham acting as candidate. Bro. Elkin was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After the usual risings, the lodge was closed. In the absence of the Preceptor, Bro. Higginson fulfilled the duties of that office in a very efficient manner.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; B. H. Dames, S.W.; Joseph Cox, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M.; Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. E. Everett, S.D.; T. W. Heath, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; and J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dames was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; W. C. Clark, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M.; Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; A. Williams, P.M.; S.D.; J. Davis, P.M.; J. D.; J. Browne, I.G.; W. G. Foster, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; W. Hillier, W. F. Harbord, and J. Wilson. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Medley and Hiscott.

The lodge was duly opened, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wilson acting as candidate. Bro. J. Davis, P.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Powell was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Hiscott as a joining member.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Hobbs, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Moloney, J.W.; Gibson, P.M.; Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M.; Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; Hayler, S.D.; Stutfield, J.D.; Barber, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Badderley, Roberts, and Leete.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brindley, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; Urban Smith, S.W.; F. Tayler, J.W.; W. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas.; Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; W. J. Bastick, S.D.; J. J. Briginshaw, J.D.; W. W. Cooke, I.G.; C. Spurgeon, Org.; J. Collett, Hon. Stwd.; C. Horst, J. Baker, T. H. Lloyd, J. Clark, S. Herbert, R. Jeremy, T. W. Stacey, T. Maynard, C. H. Bestow, P. Trickett, J. Ives, P.M.; T. Howe, A. H. Wilson, T. Bateman, R. Eustace, T. Casey, James Pinder, P.M.; T. Body, J. C. Francis, J. King, Geo. Long, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Lloyd and Clark answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. T. H. Lloyd and J. Clark were passed. Bros. Lloyd, Body, and Clark answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Ives, P.M., was raised. Bro. Smith was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 22nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, H.; J. C. Tilt, J. elect 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733; and George Gregory, 2nd A.S. 862.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being the candidate. Comp. Dean, after his absence in the country for several months, expressed great gratification at the way the ceremony had been rehearsed. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. Sir Robert Fowler was passed. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Comps. T. C. Corpe, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H.; W. Wingham, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Plant, S.N.; Mayo, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; T. Grumman, P.Z.; Jackson, Z. 169; and Dale.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Second Principal was rehearsed by Comp. J. Hill installing Comp. Hilton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dale personating the candidate. Comp. Hilton was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing meeting, when the three installations will be worked.

MUNIFICENT GIFT TO MELBOURNE.

Through the munificence of Lady Clarke, wife of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W. Grand Master of Victoria, and formerly District and Provincial Grand Master English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions, a very important addition has been made to the University of Melbourne. The institution is a "hostel" for lady students, the foundation-stone of which was laid last year by the Countess of Hopetoun, wife of the Governor of the colony, whilst it was formally opened by Lord Hopetoun on the 15th of April. Lady Clarke, in the first instance, subscribed £5000, supplementing that handsome gift with another £1000. The hostel is styled the "Janet Clarke Buildings." The Principal is Miss Hensley, of Newnham College, Cambridge, and that lady delivered a long and interesting address on the higher education of women at the opening. We may add that Sir William and Lady Clarke leave Melbourne for England next November. The object of their visit to the Old Country is to place one of their sons at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR R. N. FOWLER, BART., M.P., P.G.W.

This distinguished brother, whose death occurred with painful suddenness last week, was one of the foremost citizens of London of our time. Had he confined his energies and the exercise of his great abilities to the business of banking, he would still have stood high in the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. But a single occupation, however exacting, was not enough to occupy his mind, and he had barely attained to middle age when the opportunity, of which he readily availed himself, was afforded him of taking an active part in civic affairs, and having, in 1878, been elected Alderman of the Ward of Cornhill, he very speedily made his mark as one of the Conscript Fathers of London. Having duly served the office of Sheriff, he was by good fortune elected out of the usual order of seniority to the Chief Magistracy, and installed in office in November, 1883, and during the term of his Mayoralty he succeeded in making himself especially popular, and when his successor, Bro. Alderman Nottage, died as Lord Mayor, after occupying the position for a few months only, the vacant chair was offered to and accepted by Bro. Alderman Fowler, whose further services were of such a character that her Majesty, by the advice of the Prime Minister, was pleased to confer on him a baronetcy. He was also the senior representative in the House of Commons of the City of London, and in his political, as in his civic, capacity had always shown himself a sterling friend of the Corporation of London. As a Mason, our late brother had seen considerable service. He was initiated, passed, and raised in the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, in the year 1867. In January, 1870, he was elected a joining member of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, and having filled sundry of the minor offices he was at length elected and installed as its Worshipful Master in 1876. In 1880 he joined Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and on the 2nd January, 1884, during his tenure of the office of Lord Mayor, was installed as its W.M. in the presence of a large gathering of the members and of the Grand Officers of England. In the following April his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint him to the post of J.G.W. of England, and in this capacity he presided very successfully as Chairman at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He completed his term of office as Lord Mayor of London, by entertaining the officers and members of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and a very numerous company of the Grand Officers of England at a magnificent banquet at the Mansion House. But previous to this, however, he had assisted in founding the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, and was appointed its first S.W. and second W. Master. In 1886, in conjunction with two of his predecessors in the civic chair, he assisted in founding Grand Master's Chapter, No. 1, and when the chapter had been consecrated, Comps. Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., were severally installed in the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively. Two years later Comp. Sir R. N. Fowler was installed in the chair of First Principal, and in 1889 his Royal Highness the Grand Z. conferred upon him the office of G.S.N. in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was also a P.P.S.G.D. and P.P.S.G.W. of Wiltshire, and, as we have seen, took a considerable interest in our Charitable Institutions. His death, at the comparatively early age of 63, and when his still vigorous constitution

appeared to justify the belief that he would still be capable of rendering further and still more valuable services both in his civic and Masonic capacities, will be felt as a very serious loss both in the City, in Wiltshire, and in the Craft of Masonry. We tender our respectful sympathy to the surviving members of his family.

BRO. JAMES WILLIAM BALDWIN, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. MIDDLESEX.

The Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, has been heavily visited during this month. On the 9th inst. we recorded the death of its I.P.M., Bro. C. W. Baker, and now its highly-respected Secretary has passed over to the majority. Bro. Baldwin died on the 17th inst. after only a comparatively short illness. Initiated into the Lebanon Lodge 16th November, 1871, he successfully passed through the different offices, and became W.M. in 1881. He was exalted to the Lebanon Chapter 20th March, 1873, and advanced to the Degree of a M.M. 12th October, 1877. In the cause of Charity Bro. Baldwin was ever to the front. He was a Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions, and served as Steward on six or seven different occasions. He was appointed Secretary of his lodge in 1887, and devoted himself so earnestly to his duties and to the interests of his lodge as to call forth and to merit special commendation on several occasions. If any one branch of his work interested him more than another, it was that of advancing the cause of the Masonic Charities, and of eliciting sympathy and support in forwarding the claim of some less fortunate brother, his widow, or child. It was largely due to the enthusiasm with which he always alluded to the Charities that the lodge held so many Life Governorships, and that induced so many brethren to act as Stewards. Bro. Baldwin was buried at Highgate, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The coffin, of polished elm, with brass fittings, was covered with most beautiful wreaths. In the unfortunate absence, through illness, of the W.M., the Lebanon Lodge was represented at the grave by Bros. James Lawrence, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. J. Marsh, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; F. Dunstan, S.D.; W. H. Davey, and Harry Davey. In his death the Lebanon Lodge has lost a most hard-working, genial, and popular Secretary, the brethren, a true-hearted and a devoted friend, the Charities, one of its most enthusiastic supporters, and the Masonic world in general, a brother who was a Mason in the truest sense of the word.

BRO. JOHN CRAVEN TAYLOR.

The funeral of the late Bro. John Craven Taylor, of 12, Morningside, Manningham, took place in Cullingworth churchyard recently. Bro. Taylor was a native of Cullingworth, and was 77 years of age. He never took an active part in public affairs, but was a zealous and devoted Mason. He was initiated in August, 1834, and at the time of his death ranked as one of the oldest and most respected Masons in West Yorkshire. The lodge he entered on initiation was the Three Graces, No. 408, at Haworth. Bro. Taylor became a Mark Mason during the first year of his membership, a Royal Arch Mason in September, 1835, and was installed a Knight Templar on December 4, 1835. He was the first Worshipful Master of the Scientific Lodge, No. 439, meeting then at Cullingworth, but now at Bingley. Subsequently Bro. Taylor served with distinction in various offices in the Province of West Yorkshire. The funeral was attended by a large number of members of the Order. Bro. Taylor retired from business as a wool merchant about 20 years ago.

Craft Abroad.

**CRAFT.
SINGAPORE.**

St. George Lodge (No. 1152).—The annual installation meeting was held on St. George's Day, when Bro. C. G. Garrard was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. V. H. S. Charlwood, S.W.; C. D. H. Currie, J.W.; E. J. Khory, Treas.; A. Knight, Sec.; E. M. Sang, S.D.; C. G. Logan, J.D.; G. Bruce-Webster, I.G.; and J. Lannory, Tyler.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, June 6, 1891.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 30.

House Committee R.M.B.I. at Croydon, at 3.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Fleeton, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Industry Chapter, Hanover Arms, Clapham-road, at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, JUNE 1.

CRAFT LODGES.

16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
2098, Harlesden, National Schools, Harlesden.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Aisle-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.
St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Zeland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.

RED CROSS.

Premier, Mark Masons' Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2.

GRAND MARK LODGE.
Colonial Board, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

171, Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2124, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7 p.m.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
1155, Excelsior, White Swan, Deptford.
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
1950, Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 7.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.
Elliott, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Fredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
143, Mount Moriah, Albion Tavern.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
1275, Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7 till 9.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
259, Prince of Wales, Criterion.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6.

General Committee Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m.

CRAFT LODGES.

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Gater, Kew Bridge.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, June 6, 1891.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, JUNE 1.

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Bolton ... 37 Wakefield ... 154 Torquay ... 328
Bath ... 53 Plymouth ... 156 Gainsboro' ... 422
Preston ... 113 Dover ... 199 North Shields, ... 431

Oxford ... 478 Birmingham ... 1180 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Handsworth ... 482 Leeds ... 1211 Exmouth ... 106
Wimborne ... 622 Silloth ... 1220 Whitby ... 312
Ashbourne ... 850 Sheffield ... 1239 Bury St. Ed-
Fowey ... 977 Exeter ... 1254 munds ... 1008
Altrincham ... 1045 Swansea ... 1573 MARK LODGES.
Lancaster ... 1051 Wadebridge ... 1954 Tenby ... 256
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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74 Ventnor ... 551 Bromley ... 1692
Chatham ... 184 Workington ... 962 Landport ... 1776
Norwich ... 213 Saltash ... 1071 Walton-on-the-
Bradford ... 302 Ramsgate ... 1209 Naze ... 1799
Brighton ... 315 Mossley ... 1218 East Retford ... 1802
Pembroke Dock ... 378 Carlton Hill ... 1221 Snaresbrook ... 1804
Reading ... 414 Sutton ... 1347 Hull ... 2134
Newport, Mon. ... 471 Canterbury ... 1449 Walthamstow ... 2256
Huddersfield ... 521 Alford ... 1600

TUESDAY, JUNE 2.

CRAFT LODGES. Sutton Coldfield ... 794 Padstow ... 1785
Plymouth ... 70 Havant ... 804 South Shields ... 1970
Bristol ... 103 Honiton ... 847 Manchester ... 1993
Durham ... 124 Linslade ... 941 Stratford-on-
Sheerness ... 158 Cardiff ... 965 Avon ... 2133
Dudley ... 252 Penryn ... 967 Chingford ... 2255
Brighton ... 315 Bradford ... 974 Bisley ... 2317
Oxford ... 340 Ulverston ... 995 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Neath ... 364 Cockermouth ... 1002 Exmouth ... 106
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Erith ... 615 Mare ... 1222 Truro ... 78
Liverpool ... 673 Brigg ... 1232 Liverpool ... 161
Bridlington ... 734 Harrow ... 1310 Ringwood ... 381
Southampton ... 1780

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Darlington ... 111 Halifax ... 448 Willington Quay ... 911
Whitehaven ... 119 St. Austell ... 496 Jarrow ... 1119
Margate ... 127 Aylesbury ... 591 Edmonton ... 1237
Weymouth ... 170 Cleckheaton ... 603 Harrington ... 1400
Liverpool ... 241 Woolwich ... 700 Bootle ... 1473
Batley ... 264 Lee ... 704 Newquay ... 1548
Dartford ... 299 Crewkerne ... 814 Liverpool ... 1615
Lewes ... 311 Wotton-under- Huddersfield ... 1783
Maryport ... 371 Edge ... 855 Dartford ... 1837
Broadstairs ... 429 Stockton ... 940 Beckenham ... 2614

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3.

CRAFT LODGES. Hull ... 1010 Hampton Court ... 2014
Birmingham ... 74 Liverpool ... 1013 Farnborough ... 2293
Sunderland ... 94 West Malling ... 1063 Alderney Edge ... 2368
East Stonehouse ... 159 Derby ... 1055 Hay ... 2382
Rochdale ... 298 Alnwick ... 1107 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Bristol ... 326 Sandwich ... 1206 Barnstaple ... 251
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Dorchester ... 417 Street ... 1274 Yeovil ... 329
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Manchester ... 645 Solihull ... 1431 MARK LODGES.
Kersley ... 678 Wcolston ... 1461 Todmorden ... 56
Boston ... 838 Portmadoc ... 1509 Wotton-under-
East Looe ... 910 Tue Brook ... 1620 Edge ... 299
Lr. Broughton ... 932 Frixington ... 1660 Seaton ... 372
Jersey ... 1203 West Hartlepool ... 1862

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20 Longton ... 546 Chorlton-on-
Shrewsbury ... 117 Newbury ... 574 Medlock ... 1459
Dover ... 199 Liverpool ... 594 Bromley ... 1692
Stungley ... 439 Worthing ... 851 Herne Bay ... 2099
Havertordwest ... 404 Sowerby Bridge ... 1283 Hendon ... 2106

THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

CRAFT LODGES. Beccles ... 305 Barnsley ... 1513
Canterbury ... 31 Fareham ... 309 Lymington ... 1565
Chichester ... 38 Manchester ... 317 Rhyll ... 1674
Hull ... 57 Wolverhampton ... 419 Brighton ... 1829
Merthyr Tydvil ... 110 Accrington ... 462 New Southgate ... 1950
Ipswich ... 114 Stockton ... 509 East Cowes ... 2109
Richmond ... 123 Hartlepool ... 531 Chingford ... 2255
Bournemouth ... 195 Walsall ... 539 Bisley ... 2317
Devonport ... 20 Stoke-upon- Hindley ... 2350
Liverpool ... 249 Trent ... 637 R.A. CHAPTER.
Coventry ... 254 Grimsby ... 792 Ramsgate ... 429
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Blackburn ... 259 Plumstead ... 913 Totnes ... 26
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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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Liverpool ... 249 Rochester ... 1050 Sandown ... 1809
Batley ... 204 Liverpool ... 1182 Sanklin ... 1884
Leeds ... 289 Wimbledon ... 1360 Wallingford ... 1837
Bideford ... 480 Thirsk ... 1416 Dover ... 2195
Liverpool ... 073 Romford ... 1437 Bradford ... 2321
Hartfield ... 1580

FRIDAY, JUNE 5.

CRAFT LODGES. Aldeburgh ... 936 Gosforth ... 1664
Manchester ... 44 Welchpool ... 998 Rickmansworth ... 2054
Leeds ... 300 Manchester ... 1009 R.A. CHAPTERS.
Huddersfield ... 521 Barnard Castle ... 130 Southampton ... 130
Ripon ... 837 Withington ... 1375

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newbiggin ... 123 Bristol ... 326 Gosforth ... 1664
Bristol ... 107 Bradford ... 1034 York ... 1991
Keighley ... 105 Saltash ... 1071 Bristol (Province)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6.

CRAFT LODGES. Plymouth ... 1552 Wilmington ... 2148
Riverhead ... 1223 Feltham ... 1567 Gravesend ... 2205
Halliford ... 1400 Croydon ... 1929 Chipping Barnet ... 2331

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Lirkenhead ... 478

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The Grand Lodge of South Australia has elected the Earl of Kintore to the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has left Foremark Hall, his seat in Derbyshire, for Ancaster House, Richmond, Surrey.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., had sufficiently recovered from his recent attack of illness to be able to attend in his place in the House of Commons on Monday.

It has been decided to place a memorial window in St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square, to the late Bro. Lord Magheramorne, who held the office of churchwarden for 20 years.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, arrived at Balmoral Castle early on Friday morning, the 22nd inst., having travelled all night after their visit to Derby.

The Duke of Connaught, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade, presided at the annual regimental dinner at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday. Among the numerous guests were Bros. the Earl of Euston and the Earl of Limerick.

Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough has provided a number of allotments in the most convenient part of Little Driffield for a number of the labourers on his estates, and has expressed his willingness to afford them every facility for the acquisitions of small holdings.

The annual Hungarian ball will take place on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox., under the patronage of the Duke of Teck, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess, Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress, and many members of the Diplomatic Corps.

The 64th anniversary festival in aid of the funds of the Printers' Pension Corporation was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 22nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. Edward Lawson. The donations and subscriptions, including £105 from the Chairman, amounted to about £5000.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, Past G. Org., will give a morning concert at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, tomorrow (Saturday). Among the artistes who will appear are Madame Adelina Patti, who will sing three songs, Madame Antoinette Sterling, and Messrs. Edward Lloyd and Foli.

The 48th anniversary festival of the Iron, Hardware, and Metal Trades' Pension Society was held in the hall of the Ironmongers' Company on Tuesday, under the presidency of Mr. H. J. Kennard, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Robert Colver. Subscriptions amounting to about £4270 were announced.

Messrs Digby and Long have just published a fifth edition, new and revised, of "The Author's Manual," by Percy Russell, which contains prefatory remarks by Mr. W. E. Gladstone, who has read and approved the volume. This should lend additional interest to the work, and stamp it as the author's *vade mecum*.

According to the report just issued of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the boats of the institution were instrumental in saving during the year 1890 the lives of 555 persons and 27 vessels from being destroyed. Though several very severe storms occurred during the year, not a single lifeboatman lost his life.

In accordance with the request of a majority of the leading electors of the Cornhill Ward Bro. J. C. Dimsdale, a member of the banking firm of Prescott, Dimsdale, and Co., and a partner of the late Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has consented to become a candidate for the Aldermanic gown rendered vacant by the death of the latter.

General Sir Donald Stewart presided at the sixth annual meeting at the offices, Buckingham-street, Strand, on Monday, of the National Association for the Employment of Reserve Soldiers. From the report, which was adopted, it appeared that since the establishment of the Association permanent employment has been found for no less than 7106 soldiers.

The Duke of Cambridge visited Nottingham on the 22nd instant and reviewed the South Notts Hussars in Wollaton Park. In spite of the very unfavourable weather, the regiment, which was 282 strong, went through a variety of manoeuvres with considerable success, and the Duke warmly congratulated the regiment on its appearance and discipline. The Duke afterwards left for Bartwood Hall, on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale visited Great Yarmouth on the 21st inst., for the purpose of opening a Rainbow Bazaar in aid of the restoration of the parish church, and attending an inspection of the Prince of Wales' Own Norfolk Artillery. His Royal Highness was heartily welcomed by the municipal authorities, and having opened the bazaar in the Assembly Room, proceeded to South Dene for the inspection of the Artillery, with whose movements he expressed himself satisfied. The day closed with a ball, and the Prince returned to town the following morning.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Royal Order for the Western Counties was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 19th inst., at St. John's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and there was a large attendance of the members. Sir James R. G. Maitland, of Sauchie and Barnton, Captain Alfred H. Middleton, late 93rd Regiment; Adam Elliot Black, C.A.; and William Stewart, were admitted as members of the Order. The companions afterwards dined together in the Central Hotel.

On Sunday last the Queen completed her 72nd year, having been born on the 24th May, 1819. With the exception of the Pope, there is only one reigning Sovereign in Europe who is her Majesty's senior in point of age, and that is King Christian of Denmark, who is 73 years of age. The Queen's birthday will be publicly celebrated to-morrow (Saturday), when the usual ceremony of trooping the colours will take place on the Horse Guards' Parade, and her Majesty's principal Ministers will give their customary banquets in honour of the event.

At a Special General Court of the Trinity House, Tower Hill, on Monday, Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh was re-elected Master, and Capt. Sir J. Sydney Webb, Deputy Master for the ensuing year.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., have returned to London from their visit to Boulogne, and have gone to reside at Holly Lodge, Highgate. The Baroness has greatly benefited by her excursion.

On Saturday last the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck opened an exhibition of pictures in Morley Hall, Regent-street, in aid of the Mildmay Mission Hospital at Bethnal Green. The Princess was most cordially received.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., to be Lord-Lieutenant and Custor Rotutorum of the county of Montgomery in succession to the late Earl of Powis.

It is stated in the recently issued report of the Deputy Master of the Mint that the amount of coinage during the past year was—gold, £7,680,156; silver, £1,694,688; and bronze, £90,285; the weight of metal used being 192 tons of gold, 388 tons of silver, and 74 tons of copper, &c.

Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has taken a sea voyage to Gibraltar for the purpose of completely restoring himself to health after his severe attack of influenza. He hopes to be in his place in the House of Commons early next week.

The Goldsmiths' Company have sent a donation of £50, and the Skinners' Company one of £10 10s. to the funds of the Crippled Boys' Home, Kensington. The former Company has also sent £50 to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road.

The Duke of Connaught, with the members of his staff, attended the funeral, on the 21st instant, of Colonel W. Davis Welch, Second Commandant of the Royal Marine Artillery, Portsmouth, whose death had occurred quite suddenly the Monday previous.

The members of the 1st Life Guards Club dined together at the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Powerscourt, among the principal guests being the Prince of Wales, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and Bro. Viscount Combermere.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale gave a grand banquet in the Picture Gallery of Holyrood to the moderators of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on the 21st instant, a distinguished party of guests, including Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh being present on the occasion.

Bro. Lieutenant-General the Hon. Somerset and Mrs. Calthorpe have left London for Ems for the purpose of going through a course of the waters, which the General's medical adviser anticipates will completely restore him to health. The Hon. Mrs. Calthorpe, who has been suffering from influenza, has recovered her health.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House on Saturday morning last for Sandringham, where they arrived about six p.m. On Sunday afternoon the Prince of Wales visited his daughter, the Duchess of Fife, who has been progressing so satisfactorily that for several days past no bulletins have been issued.

Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth presided at the 52nd annual meeting, on the 22nd inst., of the Governors and Members of the Royal Agricultural Society, and was supported by Prince Christian, Bro. the Earl of Faversham, and other leading members. Bro. the Earl of Faversham was elected President of the society for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth.

The detachment of calvary from Australia which is competing at the Royal Tournament at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, has been practising at the Riding School at Windsor for the past week or two, and were entertained at a banquet on Friday night at the Hôtel Métropole by General Philip Smith, C.B., Commanding the Home District, and the Committee of the Royal Military Tournament.

The Princess Mary Duchess of Teck and the Duke of Teck, with their daughter, the Princess Victoria, honoured Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress with their presence at dinner on the 21st inst., among the guests invited to meet her Royal Highness being the Duke of Grafton, the Countess of Bective, and the Lady Olivia Tylour, Bro. Admiral Sir Leopold and Lady M'Clinlock, Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Harris, and others.

In our summary of elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which appeared in last week's issue, we referred to No. 16 (Bro. Benjamin Smith) as a West Lancashire candidate; but the Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, Bro. Chadwick, reminds us that Bro. Smith was from East Lancashire, never having belonged to any lodge but the Royal Lancashire, Colne, No. 116, and that West Lancashire had no candidate on this occasion.

The Duke of Cambridge, as Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, presided at the annual dinner of the 1st or Grenadier Guards' Club, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday, among the guests being the Prince of Wales, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and Bros. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, Lord A. Gordon-Lennox, the Marquis of Hertford, and the Earl of March. The band of the regiment, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, played a selection of music during dinner.

The local Masonic bodies are preparing to move actively in the organisation of the proposed library, an association to conduct which was formed some time ago, and duly incorporated. A circular letter, under date of April 30, has been sent to every member of the Fraternity in the city, soliciting contributions of money and Masonic literature. The library will be in the Masonic Temple, and before a great while will be formally opened with appropriate ceremonies. Already contributions have been liberal, and the nucleus of the library formed.—*Minneapolis Journal*.

Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, F.R.G.S., who has been for many years connected with emigration, purposes sailing with his seventh protected party for Canada on the 24th July. Bro. Cooper will be glad to take charge of brethren, their friends, or relations who may be proceeding to Canada. He will also give information to parents as to openings for their sons on Canadian farms. No premiums required for the sons of Masons who are eligible for a farming life. Application to join the party to be made to Bro. Cooper, 10, Delahay-street, Westminster, S.W.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn returned to town towards the close of last week from their visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Carrington at Wycombe Abbey, Bucks.

In consequence of the sudden severe indisposition of Miss Florence West, the first performance of the three act farcical comedy, entitled "A Night's Frolic," is unavoidably postponed until Monday next, June 1st.

The "Serpent Fund" matinee has been postponed again—this time from Monday next to Wednesday next. Mrs. Patrick Campbell also has postponed her "As You Like It" matinee from June 9th to June 18th.

Has the original text of the "Divina Commedia" been found? Professor Monaci has discovered an original codex of Dante's great poem in the national library of Milan. It bears the coat of arms of the Alighieri family.

An addition to the fine collection of pictures at the Foundling Hospital has just been made by the gift of Mr. Wm. Agnew of a large work by Francesco Mola, representing a shepherd boy piping in the midst of his flock. The picture was formerly among the treasures at Hamilton Palace.

The ways of the Post Office authorities are past finding out. The last vagary is an order issued to a coal company to omit from their notice-cards the word "Please," the form on the post-card challenged running "Please deliver," &c.

Londoners were afflicted with the influenza even in 1563. In the third volume of Walford's "Old and New London" are the following words—"In 1563, a plague similar to the influenza visited Westminster, and the inhabitants were compelled to perform quarantine."

The 100th performance of Mr. Haddon Chambers' extremely successful play, "The Idler," will be given at the St. James's, on Wednesday next, on which occasion a photographic souvenir of the entire company will be presented to each member of the audience.

A bazaar and fancy fair will be opened on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox., in the Town Hall, Kensington, in aid of the funds of the Queen's Jubilee Hospital, Earl's Court, which has done a large amount of good, but is unfortunately in debt. The bazaar will remain open to the end of the week.

The Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, Broadstairs, has presented Bro. R. Morley, P.M., with an illuminated testimonial as a mark of recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor and Treasurer. Bros. Welden and E. H. White have been successful in drawing Life Governorships of the Masonic Charities of the value of £5 each.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Wednesday, the 3rd prox., Bro. T. Poore, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor of the lodge, in the chair, supported by Bros. W. S. Dunkley, P.M., P.P.G.P., S.W., and H. Fortescue Williams, S.W. S34, J.W. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m., and brethren are invited to attend.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught dined with the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Deym at the Embassy in Belgrave-square on Saturday evening last, among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being the German Ambassador, the Portuguese Minister, the Duchess of Manchester, Bro. Lord and Lady Hindlip, and the Secretary of State for War.

The Princess Christian completed her 45th year on Monday, having been born on the 25th May, 1846. Her Royal Highness was married on the 5th July, 1866, to Prince Christian, of Schleswig-Holstein, and will therefore celebrate her silver wedding early in the month of July, when will also be solemnised the marriage of her daughter, the Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, with Prince Aribert of Anhalt.

A syndicate formed by Mr. Newson-Smith has purchased the Tivoli Theatre of Varieties and Restaurant. A company will shortly be formed for working the establishment at a reasonable capital, with a board consisting of the directors of the London Pavilion, and Mr. G. A. Payne, of the Canterbury. Mr. Charles Morton (late of the Alhambra) will be the acting manager.

Eminently characteristic of the man (says a writer in the *City Press* of Sir Robert Fowler) are the beginning and the end of his last journey round the world. He dined at the Mansion House on the night of his starting, and left Euston by the mail train to catch his steamer in Liverpool. On his return he first went "to the House of Commons and had a brush up."—*Echo*.

Her Majesty, acting on the representations of the Duke of Edinburgh, has been pleased to approve of the words "St. Vincent" being added to the distinctions already borne on the regimental colours of the Welsh Regiment, now stationed at Plymouth, in commemoration of the services rendered in that engagement by the 69th Foot, now known as the 2nd Battalion of the Welsh Regiment.

The Sussex brethren will learn with deep regret that Bro. R. T. Davison, M.D., the genial and much-esteemed I.P.M. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 1184, Battle, has met with an accident. It appears that Bro. Davison had gone to the North to enjoy a well-earned holiday, and to restore his health which had somewhat broken down with the heavy work falling upon him through the inclemency of the past winter. He had been away but a few days, when in driving out with his brother they had the misfortune to be upset out of their vehicle, Bro. Davison fracturing his leg just above the ankle. He is, we understand, progressing favourably, and the brethren will unanimously wish him a speedy restoration to health and strength. His brother, we are glad to say, escaped with but a few bruises.

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