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OUR COLONIAL VISITORS.

There is every reason to hope that the present visit of several of our most distinguished Colonial brethren will have the effect of strengthening the bonds of brotherhood already existing between the Masons of our vast Colonial Empire and those living in the United Kingdom. There was a time—and not so very long ago—when it was by no means an unusual experience to hear people talk of the separation of some of our most important self-governing Colonies from the Mother Country as an event which was sooner or later inevitable; but the inevitable has not come yet, and the tie which unites them politically under our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady the QUEEN appears to be stronger than ever. In Masonry a separation between the brethren in four of our great Australasian Colonies, and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland has actually taken place during the last half-dozen years, just as such a separation took place some 35 years ago between the Masons of Canada and the same Grand Lodges; yet the feeling of loyalty in the four Australasian Colonies as well as in Canada towards the Grand Lodges in the Old Country remains, and as we have already suggested, will, in all likelihood, be strengthened all the more, the more they see of each other, and have the opportunity of hearing and understanding the opinions by which each is actuated towards the other sections of the Masonic community. The visit of the late Earl of CARNARVON to Australia, and the recommendations he made to his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER on the subject of Freemasonry in New South Wales must have had the effect of dispelling many absurd illusions which at one time existed in the minds of not a few Colonial brethren. One illusion, in particular, must, we think, have disappeared altogether, namely, that the Grand Lodge of England was determined to maintain under all circumstances the connections it had once succeeded in establishing with the Colonies and Possessions of the Mother Country. The idea prevailed—or, perhaps, we ought to say appeared to prevail—that our Grand Lodge—and for the matter of that the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland likewise—had no other policy than that of issuing warrants for the constitution of new lodges whenever they were applied for, and then keeping a tight rein on their allegiance ever afterwards. However, the course adopted towards our South Australian brethren when they resolved on setting up a Grand Lodge of their own had the effect of weakening this belief, and the action of our late PRO GRAND MASTER in reference to the Fraternity in New South Wales as it was when he visited that Colony, followed as it since has been by the cordial recognition of its Grand Lodge as well as of those of Victoria and Tasmania, must have pretty well destroyed it; while the reception accorded to Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice WAY, Pro Grand Master of South Australia, will have given it its quietus. We even venture to think that the refusal of our Grand Lodge to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand will remove any lingering doubts that may exist in any quarter as to our desire to maintain and promote the real interests of Freemasonry. Had the lodges in that Colony shown anything like unanimity in their recent attempt to establish an independent Grand Lodge, it would have been immediately recognised, and the Governor of the Colony, who is a Past Grand Officer of England, would have been accepted as its Grand Master. But only a minority of the lodges gave in their adhesion to the movement, and our Grand Lodge has rightly declined to recognise a state of things, which is in fact a reproduction of that discord, amounting almost to open hostility among the lodges of the different Constitutions, which the late Earl of CARNARVON so deeply deplored in the case of New South Wales, and which he was primarily instrumental in removing.

But our Colonial visitors, of whom Bro. WAY is the most prominent—the reception they have everywhere met with from our Grand Officers and lodges has been most cordial. They have had the opportunity of visiting our Institutions, and have

taken part in the Anniversary Festival of one of them. They have assisted at the installation of two Provincial Grand Masters, of whom one during his Governorship of New South Wales rendered most important services to the Craft as the first Grand Master of its newly-established Grand Lodge; and they have been entertained by our Empire Lodge, whose *raison d'être* is to provide a Masonic home in this country for brethren who visit us from the Colonies, and in the case of Bro. Way, by our Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, of which the Duke of Clarence and Avondale is W.M. That the attentions they have thus received on all sides have been fully appreciated is beyond all doubt. Indeed, it is impossible to read the eloquent speeches which Bro. WAY has delivered on various occasions without arriving at the conclusion (1) that the Fraternity in this country have spared no effort to show special honour to him and his brother visitors as representatives of British Colonial Freemasonry, and have succeeded in their efforts; and (2) that by the course which events have recently taken, and the hospitality we have had the privilege of dispensing towards him and them, the prosperity of the Craft generally throughout the whole of the British Empire has been very materially enhanced.

THE NEW HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

The "History of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and Concordant Orders,"* now published, is written by 22 specialists, including Past Grand Masters Anthony, of New York; Drummond of Maine; Graham, of Quebec; Hall, of Vermont; and Nickerson, of Massachusetts; J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of Canada; the late Colonel W. J. McLeod Moore; Dr. Perry, Bishop of Iowa; Charles E. Meyer, of Pennsylvania; John Lane, Torquay (England); E. T. Schultz, of Maryland; and C. T. McCleanchan, of New York; all of whom have signed the divisions for which they are alone responsible. There are also over 50 additional contributors, mostly Grand Secretaries, who supply the vital statistics, which are thus official, exhaustive in character, and down to date of issue.

Bro. Henry Leonard Stillson, of Bennington, Vermont, who is the originator of the enterprise, has been the editor-in-chief throughout, having as consulting editor Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, who requires no words of praise or commendation from the *Freemason* or any other organ of the Craft, his labours on behalf of the Fraternity being so widely known and appreciated. These two brethren are also contributors, their chapters materially assisting to render the work acceptable to the student as well as to the general body of brethren, for whom the volume is mainly written.

The introduction by Bro. Hughan will rank with his best efforts, and it is quite a Masonic history in brief. Our able contemporary, the *Keystone*, describes it "as alone worth the price of the book." It is more elaborate and descriptive than usual with such productions, and furnishes a valuable summary of the most recent facts and evidences in elucidation of the operative and speculative character of the Society prior to the formation of Grand Lodges. In this department unquestionably Bro. Hughan has no superior, and but few would be competent to present such an epitome or *résumé* of the present state of Masonic research and archaeological investigation in relation to the British Craft.

There are 21 divisions in all devoted to the Ancient Mysteries, the "Old Charges," Craft, Capitular, and Cryptic Freemasonry, Knight Templary, Ancient and Accepted Rite and Allied Orders, Masonic Jurisprudence, and various eulogiums, statistics, and an immense variety of subjects concerning the Fraternity, to enumerate which, and at all adequately describe, would require a small work of itself.

With so much of value, abiding interest, and of conspicuous ability, it is utterly impossible in a short notice of this massive

* George Kenning, European publisher, London, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow.

volume, extending as it does to some 900 pages, to do more than acknowledge the great merit of the volume generally, the lateness of the details, the fair and comprehensive treatment of the several subjects, and the extraordinary fulness of information respecting the origin, progress, and character of the Craft throughout the great continent of America, particularly in the United States and Canada.

The history of the Knights Templars especially may be cited as an example of thoroughness. The original Order, the Masonic creation of last century, and the American offspring are each separately attended to by noted authorities, the result being a series of chapters on Chivalric Degrees never hitherto obtainable or even attempted in either the Old or the New World.

The *Hauts Grades* are also duly represented in this grand and composite work, and the several divisions relating to these ceremonies will be eagerly perused by the many thousands of its members who desire the latest and most reliable information respecting these important rites.

If called upon to mention the most noteworthy of the chapters we should be inclined to single out the Templars by Colonel Moore and Bishop Perry; the "Old Charges," by Bro. Stillson, *brought down to the latest M.S. discovered and made known*; the Early Origin of Freemasonry in America, by Bros. Meyer and Nickerson; the Royal Order of Scotland, by Bro. Hughan, *the first of its kind*; the Lodges in America under the English Constitution, by Bro. John Lane, *which is a most valuable feature of the work*; and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, by Judge Drummond.

These in truth, and so also the other important divisions, would be best dealt with as distinct works, for practically the treatise is a series of books in one volume, thus forming a condensed Masonic library of itself. With this fact before us we hope ere long to obtain the fraternal services of brethren (having made certain portions of the work their especial study) who will present to the readers of the *Freemason* their own individual estimates of the merits of the several divisions.

The editor and his *confrères* have made no attempt to rival Bro. Gould's great History. Instead of seeking the impossible, they have faithfully done their part according to the lines laid down, to elucidate the portions entrusted to them, and have thus achieved the success and distinction they have so richly deserved. The volume is in many respects supplemental and additional to Bro. Gould's noble work, for which reason, assuredly, no student will rest content without having both.

Naturally the new history will appeal more directly to the brethren in the Western, than in the Eastern Hemispheres, and to them particularly it surpasses all other volumes of the kind ever published. Of this there can be no manner of doubt, for by its side there is not a history of Freemasonry generally (including the numerous rites and orders) worthy to be placed, of all those issued in America.

We shall, however, be much disappointed if it does not sell by hundreds in Great Britain, as it is already circulating by thousands in America, for even in this country there is no work that can take its place relative to the Degrees additional to the Craft, such as the Cryptic, Templar, Ancient and Accepted Rite, and Royal Order Degrees.

It is pleasant to note how ready the various authors in this new volume have been to give acknowledgment *unstintedly* to Bros. Gould, Hughan, Lane, Speth, and other British writers whose works and labours have necessarily been utilised by them. This is as it should be.

Many of the illustrations are exceedingly fine and appropriate, and the get up of the great volume reflects the greatest credit upon all concerned.

We tender to Bros. Stillson and Hughan (the editors) and to Bro. L. C. Hascall, the President of "The Fraternity Publishing Co." of Boston and New York, and to all concerned, our warm admiration of the handsome volume produced under their auspices, and trust that its reception by the Fraternity throughout the "wide, wide world" will be such as to abundantly justify their prodigious labours.

LONDON.—The history of Masonry in London commences historically with 1717. Previous to that, so far as present evidence helps us, we must consider we had prehistoric times. That lodges of Freemasons existed from which in 1717 the revival sprang is, we apprehend, an incontestable fact; but of their condition nothing is known; of their history, so far, nothing positively has turned up. Ashmole's evidence and Plot's statement point distinctly to the existence of a fraternity analogous to our own, but so far no positive evidence is known to be extant—of their work or their ways. No minute books (unlike Scotland) exist, so far as is at present ascertained, after much anxious research, previous to 1700 (e.g., the "Alnwick Lodge") though we do not mean to contend that none exist, or may not yet turn up. As our Masonic history may be greatly affected by the production of earlier documents, we say nothing more to-day than that if they are found we feel sure they will disclose the existence of a body very similar to our own. The revival of Masonry in London by the four old lodges, in 1717, is the source of all true Cosmopolitan Masonry at the present time.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M., presided; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as D.G.M.; and Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. of Middlesex, as P.G.M. There was a large attendance of brethren.

The Temple was inconveniently full, and the large number of brethren who attended were attracted to the place by the canvassing that had previously been carried on for the purpose of securing votes for membership of the Board of General Purposes, the election of which is held at this particular Quarterly Communication. The heat of the chamber was almost insufferable.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the March communication and of the Grand Festival were read by the GRAND SECRETARY and confirmed.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE then said his Royal Highness the Grand Master having appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes, he would ask Bro. Fenn to let him have the pleasure of investing him with the collar.

Bro. Thomas Fenn thereupon advanced to the throne, and was invested by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe with the collar of President of the Board of General Purposes amidst general applause.

Scrutineers of votes for the election of Board of General Purposes were then appointed and obligated, the balloting cards were collected, and the Scrutineers left the hall.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE stated that as only the requisite number of members of the Colonial Board had been nominated no election for that Board would take place, and he declared the following candidates duly elected:

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. 2128, and Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that the M.W. Grand Master had appointed on that Board Colonel Haldane, P.G.S.B., H. D. Sandeman, and Francis Bennoch; Major-General Gadsden to be Vice-President.

On the motion of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., Bro. John Smith was elected Grand Lodge Auditor.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said that only the required number of members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had been nominated, and he therefore declared those brethren duly elected.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL CLERKE said the M.W.G.M. had appointed Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Jabez Hogg, R. Turtle Pigott, J. B. Purchas, R. C. Sudlow, James Brett, and Samuel Valentine, as members of the Committee. The elected brethren were Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, W.M. 2348, Charles Alex. Cottbrune, 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. Tattersall, P.M. 140, Isaac Dixon, P.M. 1567, Robert Griggs, P.M. 228, and William Henry Hubbert, P.M. 1625.

The following report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was laid before the brethren, and taken as read:—

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

All these recommendations were confirmed, except the last but one, and this was remitted to the Board of Benevolence, on the motion of a Suffolk BROTHER, who stated that he did not consider £50 sufficient. The brother was a most deserving brother, and £50 was not a worthy return for what he had done. There were some very large grants on the list, one as much as £200.

The motion was seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, said all the cases were most thoroughly considered by the Board. The Board only relieved a brother once in 12 months, and the petitioner in question could come again in that time. This case had due consideration in the usual way; it was supported in the usual way before the Board; and this was the first intimation he as President of the Board had had that there was any objection to or dissatisfaction with the amount recommended.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE read to Grand Lodge the last part of the report referring to Bro. Thomas Fenn:—

"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.

Bro. JOHN ALBERT FARNFIELD moved, and Bro. JAMES BRETT seconded, the following resolution: "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."

Bro. PHILBRICK brought up the following appeal:—

By a brother against a sentence of suspension, with a fine, passed on him by the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab for un-Masonic conduct.

Bro. Philbrick explained the case, and said the brother was suspended from all his Masonic privileges for one year, and further suspended until he had made an unconditional apology for the conduct of which he had been guilty to the District Grand Lodge, and to the lodge of which he was a member; and, further, that the sentence of suspension be continued until he had paid a fine of 200 rupees, equivalent to £15, £16, or £17, as it might be, according to the rate of exchange. He pointed out that this sentence went too far according to the Book of Constitutions, Law 208, and he advised Grand Lodge to pass the following resolution: "That the appeal from the decision of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab be allowed, and the decision of the District Grand Lodge further be reversed so far as the infliction of the fine on the appellant, and withholding him from Masonic privileges until the same is paid in consequence, on the ground that

the same is *ultra vires* as being contrary to Law 208 of the Book of Constitutions, but that in other respects the said decision be affirmed."

Bro. THOMAS FENN seconded.

The motion was carried.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE announced that the M.W. Grand Master had appointed the following brethren members of the Board of General Purposes: Bros. Thomas Fenn, President, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Sir J. B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Robert Grey, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, S. Pope, Q.C., Leut.-Col. George Haldane, E. K. Bayley, and Sir George Goldie.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe at a later hour received the report of the Scrutineers in the Grand Master's private room.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes: Masters—Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, John Joseph Thomas, George Read, William Shurmer, Ernest Montague Money, P.G. Steward; Gordon Smith, Edward James Acworth; Past Masters—Samuel Cochrane, Ernest Pocock, M.D., George Ward Verry, Capt. Thomas Charles Walls, William Alfred Scurrall, George Edwin Fairchild, and Lennox Browne.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Dursley on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when, notwithstanding the considerable difficulty of access from outlying lodges of the province, there was a numerous attendance. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., who had only just recovered from an attack of influenza, presided, and received the congratulations of the brethren on his convalescence. He was attended by his Deputy, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, and there were present the following officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, viz.:

Bros. J. Bryan, P.M. 839, P.S.G.W.; W. Forth, P.M. 246, P.J.G.W.; Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, P.M. 82, P.G. Chap.; T. Nelson-Foster, P.M. 839, P.G. Treas.; James B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82, P.G. Sec.; E. L. Baylis, P.M. 82, P.S.G.D.; C. Sewell, P.M. 592, P.J.G.W.; W. Heath, W.M. 855, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; A. Baker, W.M. 900, P.G.D. of C.; T. Blinkhorn, I.P.M. 1005, P.G.S.B.; W. Edwards, I.P.M. 493, P.G. Std. Br.; L. W. Weston, I.P.M. 1363, P.G. Std. Br.; E. G. Woodward, P.M. 493, P.G. Org. (pro tem.); J. David, I.P.M. 702, P.G. Purst.; W. Gardner, A. Booth, and R. F. Pomeroy, P.G. Stwd.; and H. Phillips, P.G. Tyler.

Those in attendance also included—

Bros. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap. of England; Russell J. Kerr, P.M. and W.M. 1067, P.P.S.G.W.; T. G. Seymour, P.M. 1363, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Sole, P.M. 82, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Clifford, P.M. 1363, P.P.J.G.W.; E. C. Sewell, P.M. 592, P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. E. Crossman, P.M. 1363, P.P.J.G.W.; F. Milman, P.M. 855, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Dr. W. Lynes, P.M. 1067, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Fawcett, P.M. 592, P.P.G. Chap.; M. F. Carter, P.M. 1067, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Porcher, M.A., P.M. 82, P.P.G.R.; G. Norman, P.M. 246, P.P.G.R.; H. J. Francillon, P.M. 702, P.P.G.R.; J. Bruton, P.M. 839, P.P.S.G.D.; R. N. Hooper, P.M. 1363, P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Small, P.M. 761, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Chandler, P.M. 900, P.P.S.G.D.; J. S. Bretherton, P.M. 839, P.P.S.G.D.; R. W. Northcott, P.M. 702, P.P.J.G.D.; J. S. Gee, P.M. 1005, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Naysmith, P.M. 1363, P.P.S.G.W.; G. H. Perrin, P.M. 855, P.P.S.G.W.; Llewellyn White, P.M. 855, P.P.S.G.W.; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the proceedings of the last meeting were read, and signed by the P.G.M. They were the record of the interesting gathering held on Whit Tuesday of last year in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral, when a final subscription from Provincial Grand Lodge to complete the reredos erected in the Cathedral by the Masons of Gloucestershire, was made.

The report and accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were read and adopted. They showed a satisfactory balance in hand after payment of various contributions authorised by Provincial Grand Lodge, including one of 50 guineas towards the reredos fund.

The report of the Charity Secretary, Bro. VASSAR-SMITH, D.P.G.M., showed that the province had elected a candidate to the Girls' School, and by a contribution of 500 votes had assisted in the election of a second candidate from Oxfordshire, whose father had been initiated in a Gloucestershire lodge. The report continued—"The present position of the province as regards voting power is: in debt for Schools, 597 votes; in debt for Benevolent Institution, 1247 votes. The attendances at the Masonic Festivals have been—Boys' School, 1890, five Stewards collecting £74 11s.; Girls' School, 1891, three Stewards collecting £63—£137 11s. The subscriptions to the Provincial Benevolent Fund have been £43 1s. 4d. Grants have been made through the lodges amounting to £60, and the balance in hand is £135 12s. 8d. At the Quarterly Court of the Governors of the Boys' School, held in April last, the report of the Provisional Management Committee was received, and we may conclude that the Institution has been completely re-organised, and is now in a very much improved and more satisfactory condition. Under the revised by-laws the Board of Management now consists of 30 members—15 from London and 15 from the provinces."

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in putting the report for adoption, remarked that the thanks of the lodge were due to the Charity Secretary, both for his services in that capacity and for the part he had taken upon the Provisional Committee in the efficient re-organisation of the Masonic Boys' School.

On the proposal of the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, seconded by the PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, Bro. Nelson Foster was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. Phillips was re-elected Provincial Grand Tyler.

Various votes to Charities were passed, and other routine business of Provincial Grand Lodge transacted.

The roll of the lodges was then called.

The officers of the lodge having resigned their collars into the hands of the Directors of Ceremonies, the D.P.G.M. invested the following as the office bearers for the year ensuing, viz.:

Bro. General Walter J. Vizard, P.M. 761, P.P.G.D.C. ... Prov. S.G.W.
" Richard W. Northcott, P.M. 702, P.P.J.G.D. ... Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Chris. Venn Childe, Chap. 246, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Herts ... Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Naysmith, P.M. 1363, P.P.S.G.W. ... Prov. G. Reg.
" T. Nelson Foster, P.M. 839, P.P.G.W. ... Prov. G. Treas.
" Jas. B. Winterbotham, P.M. 82, P.P.G.W. ... Prov. G. Sec.
" J. W. Drew, I.P.M. 82 ... Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Anderson, jun., P.M. 592 ... Prov. J.G.D.
" R. J. Weston, P.M. 493 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Needham, M.D., P.M. 839 ... Prov. G.D.C.
" John Campbell, M.D., P.M. 839 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Heath, P.M. 246 ... Prov. G.S.B.
" J. P. Thomas, W.M. 270 ... Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" S. W. Hadingham, P.M. 1067 ... Prov. G. Org.
" E. G. Woodward, P.M. 493, P.P.G.O. ... Prov. G. Purst.
" Henry T. Jew, P.M. 1005 ... Prov. G. Purst.
" J. A. Goold, 493 ... Prov. G. Stwd.
" Sidney Bloodworth, 761 ... Prov. G. Stwd.
" William Rice, 900 ... Prov. G. Stwd.
" H. Phillips ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and a banquet, to which about 100 sat down, was served at the Bell Hotel, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Sale Rooms, Low-street, Keighley, on Wednesday, the 6th ult., by the invitation of Judea Chapter, No. 265, when there were present:

Comps. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., P.G.P.S., G. Supt.; Dr. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.A.G.S., Prov. G.H.; T. R. Vaux, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; F. Laxton, P.P.G.J.; H. Smith, Prov. G.S.E.; Mark Newsome, J.P., P.P.G.S.N., as Prov. G.S.N.; J. E. Wordsworth, Prov. G. Treas.; John Gerrard, Prov. G. Reg.; Thomas Richards, Prov. G.P.S.; Geo. Hill, Prov. G. 1st A.S.; Edwin Lee, Prov. G. 2nd A.S.; C. Crabtree, P.P.G. Soj.; Christopher T. Rhodes, P.P.G. Soj.; T. Riley, P.P.G. Soj.; R. Williamson, P.P.G.S.B., as Prov. G.S.B.; R. D. Kendall, P.P.G.S.B.; H. C. Pickersgill, Prov. G. Std. Br.; F. W. Turner, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G. Soj. as P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Spencer, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. of C.; S. T. Steele, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. Trevor, P.P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Admiral Marsh, Prov. G. Org.; G. F. Carr, P.P.G. Org.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G.S.E.; S. Barrand, Prov. G. Janitor; J. H. Roper, as Prov. G. Std.; J. Thripplleton, Prov. G. Std.; W. W. Seed, as Prov. G. Std.; J. Jenkin, Prov. G. Std.; and others.

Comp. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and officers entered Prov. Grand Chapter and were saluted, and Prov. Grand Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held at Dewsbury, on Friday, 7th November, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved, "That they be taken as read and confirmed."

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered an address, which we regret we cannot find room for this week.

Comp. J. GERRARD, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Reg., having read the centenary warrant of the Judea Chapter, the Grand Superintendent formally presented it, along with centenary jewels to Comp. Edwin Lee, Z., and other officers of the chapter.

Comp. J. E. WORDSWORTH, P.Z. 904, Prov. G. Treas., read and presented the balance-sheet, which showed the balance in Messrs. Leatham, Tew and Co.'s Bank, Wakefield, on the 30th April, 1891, to be £199 17s. 3d.

Comp. W. F. SMITHSON, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.D.C., moved, Comp. JOHN GERRARD, Prov. G. Reg., seconded, and it was resolved, that the balance-sheet be received and adopted.

Comp. WORDSWORTH, Treas., moved, Comp. BALME seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that Comp. John Leach, P.Z. 61, be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. J. L. Atherton, P.Z. 600	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. R. Vaux, P.Z. 208	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Henry Smith, P.Z. 387	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Geo. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. 448	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" John Leach, P.Z. 61 (elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Aulay Macaulay, P.Z. 258	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" S. T. Oates, P.Z. 304	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" H. Trevor Gardiner, P.Z. 458	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" John Thripplleton, P.Z. 306	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" James Jenkin, P.Z. 904	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. L. P. Pugh, P.Z. 521	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. H. Armitage, P.Z. 275	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Alfred Gill, P.Z. 264	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Alfred Scarth, P.Z. 289	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Herbert G. E. Green, P.Z. 1019	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Cornelius Wheall, P.Z. 290	...	...	...
" W. H. Jessop, P.Z. 521	...	...	...
" William Bingham, Z. 1042	...	...	...
" William Haigh, Z. 1283	...	...	...
" Samuel Barrand, Janitor 304	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Invitations to hold the November convocation were received from the Z. and companions of Chapters Sincerity, No. 61, Halifax, and Phoenix, No. 904, Rotherham.

Comp. TUDOR TREVOR, Z. 306, moved, seconded by Comp. F. LAXTON, P.Z. 275, and resolved, "That this Provincial Grand Chapter desires to record its pleasure and satisfaction at seeing the M.E. Grand Superintendent, Thomas W. Tew, P.G.P.S. of England, in his place at this annual convocation, and its earnest prayer that he may be blessed with many years of renewed health."

Comp. T. C. SMYTH, P.Z., P.G. Soj., moved, Comp. Tew, G. Supt., seconded, and it was resolved, "That this Grand Chapter desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss the Craft as well as the Church has sustained by the death of the Very Rev. Bro. William Connor Magee, Archbishop of York."

It was moved by Comp. SMITHSON, P.G. Std. Br. England, seconded by Comp. T. W. EMBLETON, P.Z. 1513, and resolved, "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. and companions of Judea Chapter, No. 265, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements."

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

Tea was provided at the Masonic Hall, Hanover-street, and was partaken of by 50 companions, the Grand Superintendent presiding.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on which occasion there was a full attendance of the brethren of the Order. The Marquess of Hertford, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master. Viscount Dungarvan was in the Grand Senior Warden's chair, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke in the Grand Junior Warden's chair. Bros. Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of South Australia; Colonel Lumsden, Grand Master East Aberdeenshire, and other visitors were present.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, the Pro Grand Master was saluted.

The minutes of the March meeting having been read and confirmed, Scrutineers of votes for the election of members of the General Board were appointed.

By command of the Pro Grand Master, the letter from the Duke of Connaught—which appears in the report of the General Board—was read.

On the motion of Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, President of the General Board, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., the following report of the General Board was taken as read:

During the three months ending 31st March, 1891, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 471; total number registered, 28,110. Warrants for new lodges, two, viz.: No. 429, Frontier, Peshawar, Bengal.

Royal Ark Mariners certificates, 92; total number registered, 3278. Three warrants for new Ark Mariner lodges have been issued:

Camden, attached to Camden Lodge, No. 418.

St. George, attached to St. George's Lodge, No. 103.

Croydon, attached to Croydon Lodge, No. 198.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, to be Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, in succession to Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, whose term of office has expired, and Bro. Charles J. Egan, M.D., to be District Grand Master for South Africa.

The Grand Secretary in due course notified to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., the fact of his appointment as Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, and also that the Board had unanimously voted that the insignia of that rank should be presented to his Royal Highness. The following reply has been received—

"Buckingham Palace, 9th March, 1891.

"My dear Sir,—I am desired by the Duke of Connaught to ask you to convey to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the expression of his sincere thanks to them for the honour they have conferred upon him in electing him a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. I am also directed to thank the brethren of Grand Lodge for the clothing of Past Grand Master, which his Royal Highness has much pleasure in accepting from them.—I am, my dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

"ALFRED EGERTON (Col.).

"To C. F. Matier, Esq., Grand Secretary."

The Duke of Connaught was invested with the insignia of his rank at Brighton, by the M.W. Pro G.M., the Marquess of Hertford. His Royal Highness was afterwards installed as Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, and was graciously pleased to express his warm appreciation of the compliment paid him by Grand Lodge.

Two brethren having been irregularly elected joining members of Lodge No. 404 on the day of consecration, contrary to Article 136, which provides that every candidate for joining member of a lodge shall be proposed at a regular meeting and balloted for at the next regular meeting after his name has appeared in the summons calling such meeting. The Board ruled that the so-called election was null and void, and that the names of the candidates must be placed on the summons for the next regular meeting of the lodge, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot.

The Board find that meeting at four o'clock, as enjoined by Article 159, is inconvenient to the majority of its members, and would therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that the words "five o'clock" be substituted for "four o'clock," and that the Constitutions be altered accordingly.

The Board regret to say that subscriptions to the Portal Memorial Organ Fund are coming in very slowly, and would ask the Masters of those lodges who have not already subscribed to again bring the matter before their respective lodges.

The Board acknowledge with thanks reports of proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have great pleasure in announcing that the 23rd Annual Festival will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 22nd July. Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Grand Senior Warden, has most kindly consented to preside, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board have elected, without a poll, the whole of the candidates for the Educational and Annuity Grants, as follows: Annuity Fund—Bro. Thomas Poore, Mrs. Catherine A. Pearson, and Mrs. Emily Goodall, making a total of seven brethren and three widows at present receiving annuities; Educational Fund—Henry G. Metcalfe and Frances Eva T. Consterdine-Chadwick, making 14 boys and 15 girls now being educated.

The Board have relieved the following cases:

Mrs. E. L. G.	...	...	...	...	£10 0 0
Bro. A. P. W.	...	...	...	...	20 0 0

And recommend to Grand Lodge—

Mrs. E. G.	...	...	...	...	£20 0 0
Mrs. L. J. P.	...	...	...	...	50 0 0

(Signed) A. B. COOK, President.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

The different recommendations in the report were then carried, on the motion of Bro. Col. BOTT COOK, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, and on the motion of Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, G.D.C., seconded by the Earl of EUSTON, the report was adopted.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then declared re-installed as M.W.G.M.M., and proclaimed as such by Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE.

The Marquess of HERTFORD stated that his Royal Highness had again been graciously pleased to appoint him Pro Grand Master. (Applause).

The new salute was given.

The Marquess of HERTFORD then said that H.R.H. had also been again pleased to appoint the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master. (Applause).

The Earl of EUSTON was then saluted, after which his lordship said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the announcement of his appointment by the M.W.G.M.

The following brethren were then invested as Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. the Marquess of Hertford	...	...	...	...	Pro G.M.
" the Earl of Euston	...	...	...	...	D.G.M.
" the Marquess of Carmarthen	...	...	...	...	G.S.W.
" Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.	...	...	...	...	G.J.W.
" Robert Grey (President Board of Benevolence)	...	...	...	...	G.M.O.
" Jabez Church	...	...	...	...	G.S.O.
" Richard Clowes	...	...	...	...	G.J.O.
" Rev. Canon O. W. S. Sanders, D.D.	...	...	...	...	G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Joseph Cater, M.A.	...	...	...	...	G. Treasurer.
" Gordon Miller	...	...	...	...	G. Registrar.
" Frank Richardson, P.G.W.	...	...	...	...	Pres. Gen. Bd.
" Lieut.-Col. A. Bott Cook, P.G.M.O	...	...	...	...	G. Sec.
" C. F. Matier, P.G.W.	...	...	...	...	S.G. Deacons.
" John Tomkins (Mayor of Abingdon)	...	...	...	...	J.G. Deacons.
" Frederick T. Elworthy	...	...	...	...	G.I. of W.
" Chas. E. Keyser	...	...	...	...	G.D. of C.
" John Cates Collier	...	...	...	...	G. Asst. D. of C's.
" Charles H. Driver, P.G.M.O.	...	...	...	...	G.S.B.
" Robert Berridge, P.G.W.	...	...	...	...	G. Std. Brs.
" Colonel Chas. Harding	...	...	...	...	G. Org.
" George Powell	...	...	...	...	G.I.G.
" Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, M.D.	...	...	...	...	G.A.I.G.

The following is a list of the new Grand Stewards approved by the M.W.G.M. Bros. Alfred F. Church, 104; J. H. Gration, 127; A. G. Hayman, 155; W. Fisher, 181; Mark U. Weyland, 247; W. Brown, 293; F. H. Miller, 294; Major Clifford Probyn, 354; Adam Pringle, 357; Col. A. H. Bircham, 361; Harry Tipper, 385; F. Mead, 399; J. P. White, 410; and Major C. W. Carrell, 415.

The Marquess of HERTFORD announced that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had appointed Bros. Alfred Williams, George Cooper, C. H. Driver, R. Loveland Loveland, James Moon, and J. E. Dawson on the General Board.

The following brethren were elected: Bros. Church, Clowes, Godson, Carter, and Hayman Cummings.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS wished to ask a question, not with a view to disturb any arrangement made by or under high authority in Mark Masonry, but only to protect if necessary old landmarks of the Order, for he was happy to say the Order had old landmarks. He wished to know how it came to pass that the ordinary form of salutation of the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Officers had been altered as it had been that evening. For the first time in 30 years he had seen that evening a different mode of salutation, and he thought it was necessary to consider alterations made with reference to their old usages and customs. If they

allowed any latitude it might grow to some great extent, and they did not want, in this Degree at all events, any alterations which might lead to dissension among themselves in that regard. He asked the question with all deference to this Grand Lodge. Some might think it did not matter; but it might be that great differences might arise, and as an old member of this Grand Mark Lodge and having been interested in it so long ago as 30 years, he ventured to put his question most respectfully.

The Marquess of HERTFORD said no doubt the Grand Director of Ceremonies would answer the question.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said it was as the M.W. Pro Grand Master might decide. It was not for him (Bro. Stevens) to decide; he merely asked the question in open Grand Lodge.

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE said that of late years the salute had been that which was given after the toasts. That had been considered not sufficiently dignified as a salute for the Grand Master. They had now thought it better to adopt a salute more in accordance with the salute in Craft Grand Lodge. That was the reason it had been altered.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS wished to ask who "we" were. When they had distinctly set before them that it was by high authority that a change was made they would not raise their voice against it unless the change was against a direct principle. He thought the change about which he was asking was an attack upon an old custom from which they ought not to depart, and he most respectfully asked who were the "we."

The Marquess of HERTFORD thought the Deputy Grand Master could satisfy Bro. Stevens on that point.

The Earl of EUSTON said Bro. Stevens had a perfect right to ask the question, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies had explained the reason for the change. Bro. Stevens had asked who the "we" referred to by the Grand Director of Ceremonies were. The matter was brought before the Grand Master's Council, and the change was approved by them. The Grand Master's Council was a body which had the confidence of the Grand Master.

Bro. STEVENS enquired whether Grand Lodge was to understand that from this time henceforth the usual custom of salutation was to be abandoned, and the new one the brethren had seen that night was to be adopted without any reference of the subject to Grand Lodge, and without even asking Grand Lodge if it met with its approbation; because if so they might as well say that the members of the Mark Degree were yielding certain points which they might hereafter regret doing; they might not have a voice in stopping abuses, and this might be one of them.

Bro. RICHARD EVE did not think this was a matter which could be allowed to slide on the simple statement that the Grand Master's Council had adopted a certain change. If the General Board had reported upon it, the brethren would have had it before them in print, and Grand Lodge could have considered it; that was a process which had been adopted previously, and it ought to be carried into operation now. Instead of which a new salute had been introduced without the consent of Grand Lodge. He thought Grand Lodge should express an opinion on the salutation itself, and he would move that in the absence of any direct report from the General Board, Grand Lodge regrets that the old salutation was dispensed with, and advises that the old salutation be adopted and used on future occasions. The old salutation was very unique, and was in itself a Mark. The salutation of to-day was not.

Bro. Colonel A. BOTT COOK said the question of that new salutation was never brought before the General Board.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said it was sprung on Grand Lodge without notice. It was competent for Grand Lodge to mark its feeling on that new mode of salutation being adopted without notice. He would move "That this Grand Lodge regrets that the old salutations have been disused in this Grand Lodge, and is of opinion that the old form of salutation shall be retained and used in future."

The Marquess of HERTFORD was not sure that it was quite regular to put this motion now without notice.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said this was a matter concerning the conduct of Grand Lodge. The new salutation had been brought before the brethren without consulting the feelings of Grand Lodge.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried, only two or three dissentients holding up their hands against it.

Bro. STEVENS asked whether anything had been done in the last 12 months with respect to the Portal memorial organ?

Bro. Col. A. BOTT COOK said the subject was mentioned in the report of the General Board. He was glad the subject had been mentioned; perhaps it would increase the funds, which were coming in very slowly.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet, over which the M.W. Pro Grand Master presided. The brethren afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

FREEMASONRY IN HUNGARY.

The present governing body of Hungarian Freemasonry is the "Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary," which was formed in 1886 by the union of the two Grand Bodies then existing, namely, the "St. John's Grand Lodge" and the "Grand Orient." The former of these worked and recognised *only* the three Craft Degrees, but the "Grand Orient" worked, in addition, all those of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The descendant lodges of these two bodies carry out the traditions of their ancestors, in that lodges formed by or the offsprings of lodges formed by the St. John's Grand Lodge neither acknowledge nor allow their members to receive any "higher" Degrees, whilst those constituted by the Grand Orient still allow their members to receive the *hautes grades*, although the (United) Symbolic Grand Lodge does not officially acknowledge any such ceremonies. The Supreme Council, 33°, of Hungary still exists, but is very limited in its operations, there being only two Rose Croix chapters, and the same number for the 30°, in Budapest, with a few in the Provinces. In the matter of clothing and jewels and also of Craft furniture, Hungarian lodges differ considerably from those of England, and also even amongst themselves, according as their descent is from one or other of the former two original Grand Bodies. The members of Grand Lodge wear a golden five-pointed star, in the centre of which are inscribed the principal symbols of Masonry. This jewel is attached to a four-inch collar of light blue ribbon, edged with a narrow border of red, white, and green, the national colours of Hungary. All the Grand Officers wear this star in addition to their jewels of office, if entitled to any, the latter being similar to our own. The jewels of the previous Grand Orient were worn on a collar of deep orange, edged with dark green, as in the G.O. France, and the Grand Master's jewel was a gold irradiated equilateral triangle instead of a square as at present.

In private lodges the jewels are of silver and are as follow: W.M., a square; Deputy W.M., a square; S.W., a level; J.W., a plumb rule; Orator, an open book; Secretary, two pens crossed on a triangle; Treasurer, two keys crossed on a triangle; Almoner, a little box; Preparator (who sees to the introduction of the candidates), a silver skull; D.C., two staves crossed; I.G., two swords crossed on a triangle. Another peculiar custom was that in the "St. John's lodges" the brethren wore little trowels either around the neck or at the button hole, that of

the E.A. being of rough silver suspended from white leather; that of the F.C. of smooth silver suspended from a blue ribbon, and that of the M.M. of gold from the same colour. M.M.'s also wore ivory keys attached to light blue ribbons. The members of the G. Orient lodges wore a medal suspended from variously coloured ribbons on the left breast, and M.M.'s wore a blue ribbon, red edged, from the right shoulder to the left hip; but since the Union all these decorations are abolished except the medal.

The aprons are rounded instead of square, as with us, and have no tassels, being made of plain kid edged with blue, and bearing three rosettes, there being no difference of clothing even for the Grand Master in this respect.

As regards lodge membership the Hungarian rule is different from that of England and rather resembles the American custom, in that a brother can only be an *active member* of one lodge at the same time. He can be an *honorary member* of any number of lodges, but only *member of one*. All the Grand Officers are *elected* by Grand Lodge at the annual general meeting, the Grand Master having no power to appoint any officials. The governing body consists of the Grand Office Bearers, and 30 "members of the Council of the Order," of these the Deputy Grand Masters (two) are elected for one year only; the Grand Master and remaining Grand Officers for three years; whilst of the 30 members of the Council, ten retire in rotation each year but are eligible for re-election. The "Annual General Meeting" is composed of the W.M. of each lodge, and elected representatives. Each lodge of 50 members, or less, elects one representative; if there are from 50 to 100 members two are elected, and if any greater number three are allowed, but no more. These Masters and Representatives are not to be instructed by their lodges how to vote, but must use their own discretion. The Grand Officers at this meeting as such have *no votes** although they occupy their places, unless they should be *also* W.M.'s or elected Representatives. This applies even to the Grand Master.

The interior arrangements of Hungarian lodges are considerably different to those of English lodges, and as in most matters concerning modern Hungarian Masonry, these also must be considered during three periods, viz.—(1) St. John's Grand Lodge, 1870—1886; (2) Grand Orient of Ancient and Accepted Rite, also 1870—1886; (3) Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary since the Union—1886—of the first two mentioned bodies. Although the essential elements were everywhere the same, still there were, and are yet, noteworthy differences in furniture, clothing, rituals, and so on. Since the Union a common ritual has been elaborated, which combines the two former rituals; but, in spite of this, there is not uniformity between the former Johannite and Scottish lodges, nor even between new lodges founded since the Union, which follow generally the traditions of their respective mother lodges. In the following notes we will speak about the lodge furniture, and will begin with the common features, and then pass to the differences. The lodge room is an oblong square, with the entrance on one of its *broad* sides. The part of the room just opposite to the entrance door is called the "East," although not always coinciding with the true east of the place. This dais (that is to say that part of the lodge through its whole breadth) is elevated generally on three steps. In the midst thereof is the chair of the Worshipful Master under a canopy, and before a table called the "altar," on which must be placed at least the following objects—a flaming sword, a pair of compasses with the points towards the Worshipful Master, a square, and Book of Constitutions, and one or more candlesticks. On the left of the Worshipful Master is the place of the Deputy Worshipful Master. On the right and left are places for the M.W.G.M., D.G.M., Grand Officers, members of the Council of the Order, representatives of foreign Grand bodies, and W.M.'s and their deputies of other lodges. All these brethren if visiting any lodge have seats in the east. The official place of the Secretary is in *south-east*, and the Orator of the lodge sits in *north-east*. Both have smaller tables before them. Returning to the entrance door, which naturally is at the west, we perceive two pillars towering up to the ceiling. On entering, the right one bears the letter J the left one the letter B. (There is no difference as to these between the Rites). Should a lodge not be able to afford the expense of the pillars, it is permitted to have them replaced by two miniature pillars, placed on the "altars" of the Wardens. The floor of the lodge is a tessellated pavement. The ceiling is always vaulted, and always light blue, studded with golden stars. As for the places of the Wardens, there was a difference between the Rites. In the St. John's Rite the S.W. sat in the west, just opposite the W.M., and the J.W. sat in the south; both on elevated places with "altars" before them. In the Grand Orient (Ancient and Accepted Rite) the S.W. sat on the left hand from entrance, and the J.W. on the right hand, close by the pillars, so that the entering brethren had to pass between the two Wardens. The latter situation has been adopted by the Symbolic Grand Lodge also, and is now generally accepted. Close to the Orator (but not at the East) is the place of the Treasurer.

As to the other officers: In the St. John's lodges the Almoner sat in a distinct place in the north, opposite the Junior Warden, close to the Secretary; and opposite the Treasurer sat the Senior Deacon or Steward; all these officers had also tables before them. Behind the Senior Warden, and on his right hand, the Junior Deacon or Steward. Near the door were the places of the Director of Ceremonies (right hand) and Inner Guard (left hand). In "Scottish" lodges there were, the Almoner, who sat opposite the Treasurer (close by the Secretary); on the right hand of Treasurer the Standard Bearer; on the left hand of the Almoner the Sword Bearer. Behind the pillar J, Director of Ceremonies, behind the pillar of B, the Great Expert. On each side of the two pillars the two Experts. Just before the door the Inner Guard. It may be noted that in "Scottish" *private lodges* there was a Great Expert, *elected* as were nearly all officers, and besides there could be (as his helpers) two Experts, who, however, were appointed, as well as the Standard and Sword Bearers, the Master of Banquets, and Inner Guard, by the W.M. In Johannite lodges all officers were elected, and so they are at present everywhere. Each lodge has its banner, which is generally of triangular (equilateral) shape, being of white silk, trimmed with gold, and bearing on one side the name of the lodge, and on the other the date of foundation, both in golden embroidery. The pole is nicely carved, and has gilt ornaments. On the top of it is a gilt globe or sphere, and from under it hangs a large silken ribbon, bearing some proper dedication in gold embroidery (generally a lady's gift). The colour of the ribbon differs, it being light blue or red on the standard of the former Grand Orient, but in the present Grand Lodge it is light orange. One noteworthy difference, too, is that all the altars and other tables are quadrangular or square in the St. John's lodges, and were triangular in the "Scottish" lodges. In the latter the canopy of the W.M.'s chair also is of this shape. Just behind the chair, at the background of the dais, is a representation of the Sun, on a radiant delta, with the proper letters according to the Degrees of each working. The candlesticks and candelabra used in lodges must be triple as to number of lights, and triangular in shape. To return to the lodge under consideration; in the midst of the tessellated pavement lies the tracing board, or "tapis" as it is called generally, the colour of its background being mostly *blue* in former St. John's lodges, *red* in former Scotch ones. Round the "tapis" stand the three great candlesticks. In John's lodges they stood N.E., N.W., and S.W. In Scottish lodges they stood S.E., N.W., and S.W. In Scottish lodges at the N.E. of the tapis there stood, and stands even now, in a socket resembling a candlestick, the standard or banner of the lodge.

The east is *always*, and the other walls of the lodge are *sometimes*, painted or tapestried with *blue* in the John's lodges, and *red* in "Scottish" lodges. After the

Union, the combined new ritual orders them to be *blue*. Still, in spite of it, some lodges, even new ones, descending from "Scottish" lodges, work in *red* lodge rooms. All the covers of tables, chairs, seats, and benches, as well as the carpet of the east, and the canopy of the W.M.'s chair were in John's lodges, and are, or ought to be in all present lodges, *blue* (with silver adornments, if any) in "Scottish" lodges, they were, and are even now in lodges descending from Scottish lodges, *red* with *gold*. Here we must mention that after the Union the St. John's Grand Lodge left their former meeting place (which, of course, was "blue"), whilst the new Symbolic Grand Lodge sits in the meeting place of the Grand Orient, which was, and is *even yet*, temporarily *red*. It remains to be mentioned that down the long sides of the lodge room are the benches or seats for the brethren, in two or three rows on either side. In the first row on the north side are the places for E.A.'s; in the first row on the south side those for F.C.'s; in the remaining (elevated) rows on *both* sides *alike* are the places of the M.M.'s Guests, if M.M.'s, but not entitled to seat at the east, generally sit also in the first row in the south. This will give a general idea of the furniture of a modern Hungarian Masonic lodge room. The ante-chamber from which we step into the lodge room is called "Hall of the lost steps" ("Salle des pas perdus").*

The following statistics will show the present strength of the Order in Hungary:

Number of lodges in active work	37
" " dormant, but not erased	9	
Total	46

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When we consider that Hungary is a Roman Catholic country, and that consequently the Order is banned by the clerical powers, the foregoing figures show a considerable amount of prosperity, and evince a strong love and reverence for the great Brotherhood of Freemasonry in those who have to suffer for its sake. Neither must we forget that Freemasonry has *not* become a *semi-political* organisation in Hungary, as in some other European countries, and is therefore worthy of warm friendship and support from the Craft in every land.

FRED. J. W. CROWE.
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THE NEW MASONIC HOME AT NEW YORK.

A great gathering of Masons took place at Utica, State of New York, on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home. The procession stretched to about two miles in length, and amongst the eloquent speeches delivered on the occasion was the following address by Grand Master VROOMAN:

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"The plan and purpose of this asylum was not born in a day; it had its small beginning. Eighty-three years ago 20 lodges, representing a few hundred members, assembled in Grand Lodge communication in the city of New York. A resolution was then adopted, 'That a Committee be appointed to devise and report a plan for the education of children of poor Masons.' A few months later that Committee reported 'That they are of opinion that a fund may be raised sufficient to defray the expense of an establishment to consist of 50 children; and in order to ascertain the probable expense of education, including all articles necessary for that purpose, your Committee applied to the Trustees of the free school incorporated in the year 1805, who have agreed to educate in their seminary 50 children constantly for \$300 annually.'

"The report was adopted, and on the 27th day of December, 1810, the School Committee delivered over to the Trustees of the New York Free School 50 children. Mention is made from time to time of the progress of the scholars; their physical comforts were duly cared for by the brethren, and much good seems to have been accomplished. Without further detail concerning this, our first Masonic home and school project, I will briefly state that record was made from time to time of its existence until June 4th, 1819, when it appears that this most worthy Charity in behalf of children came to an end.

"The seed sown by our Masonic fathers did lie dormant from 1819 to 1842, when it again took root in the hearts of Greenfield Pote, James Herring, and other noble workmen, who will be for ever remembered by a grateful brotherhood for bringing to Masonic light that most wonderful memorial, which prayed for the building of a hall and 'the founding of an asylum for worthy, decayed Masons, their widows, and orphans.' The historic fact should be recorded that this memorial was conceived and written by James Herring, Grand Secretary, and the first subscription of \$1 was made and paid at that time by Greenfield Pote, Grand Tyler. Therefore, we properly claim that the Hall and Asylum Fund had its origin in the year 1842, although the interesting document did not officially reach the Grand Lodge until the 8th day of June, 1843.

"Forty-nine years have passed since that memorable event: years full of marvellous growth and improvement. The small beginnings of 1808 and 1842 have developed into the broad and grand field of May 21st, 1891. The seed sown by the original Charity fund of \$300 was scattered broadcast throughout this grand jurisdiction, and none of it has ever fallen on unfruitful ground. It has brought forth a hundred, aye, many hundred fold. Among other good things, it has brought forth in money, \$3,514,359.50, which has builded and furnished a Masonic hall, paid a debt, purchased these broad and beautiful acres, placed in bank on the 1st of the present month \$226,464.16, a sum more than sufficient to erect and equip this asylum, the corner-stone of which we have just placed with loving hands and grateful hearts."

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* *Vide Freemasonry in Holland* by Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, in *Ars Quatuor Coronarum* page 4, vol. iii.

* Can any brother suggest in a *private* communication the origin of this curious title?—F. J. W. C.

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CRAFT—

Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396.

Consecration of the Exmoor Lodge, No. 2390.

CORRESPONDENCE—West Yorkshire.

Several reports of Lodges of Instruction also unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

The meeting of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday—of which we publish a full report in another page—passed off without any incident occurring which is specially worthy of remark. The appeals were dealt with in the manner indicated, and the election of brethren to serve on the Board of General Purposes resulted in the success of an equal number of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters.

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The Craft must have heard with very sincere regret that Bro. Lord Methuen, who has been Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire for 38 years, has been so seriously ill that he has found it necessary to resign a post in which he has rendered such important services to Freemasonry, and during whose tenure of which the small Province of Wiltshire has acquitted itself of its appointed duties so admirably. With the exception of Bro. Lord Leigh, who was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire in 1852, Bro. Lord Methuen was the senior of the Provincial Grand Masters, his appointment having been made by the late Earl of Zetland in 1853. We understand that Bro. Earl Radnor has already been selected as his lordship's successor. We sincerely trust, however, that, though Lord Methuen may find it more consistent with the present state of his health to be relieved of his responsibilities as Provincial Grand Master, his lordship will be speedily restored to health, and will still be able to give our Wiltshire brethren the benefit of his long and varied experience.

We are once again in a position to report an increase in the Province of Hertfordshire, but in this instance the increase has taken place in the number of its Royal Arch chapters, of which, till Friday, the 29th ult., there were only five. On that day, however, Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., G. Supt., had the satisfaction of consecrating a sixth, which meets in the Town Hall, St. Albans, and is known as the Halsey Chapter, No. 1479. The first M.E.Z. is Comp. Purrott, who is a P.M., and has been for many years the Secretary of the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, and under his auspices and those of the companions who will in all probability follow him in the chair of First Principal, we are confident the chapter will have a prosperous career. We shall give a brief account of the proceedings in our next issue.

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We are glad to find that the arrangements which are being made for the comfort and convenience of brethren and ladies who propose to visit Brighton on the 24th instant in order to be present at the Boys' School Festival are making satisfactory progress. The railway facilities will be very great. The London, Brighton, and South Coast will run special first-class and saloon trains from Victoria at 10.35 a.m., and London Bridge at 1.40 p.m., returning at 9.30 for Victoria, and 9.40 p.m. for London Bridge. Brethren will also be permitted to travel by the ordinary trains which leave Victoria at 1.50 p.m. for Brighton, and Brighton at 8.40 p.m. for London. In the event of their missing the special trains provided, they will be allowed to travel by the next ordinary train, and if they desire to prolong their visit, their return tickets will be available for the following day by any ordinary train.

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The London and North-Western Railway Company have also agreed to give similar privileges to all Freemasons travelling on their system, and will issue tickets to parties of six first-class or 10 second or third-class at a fare and a quarter, also available from June 23rd to 26th.

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It is of interest to observe anent the letter which recently appeared in the *Standard* against the practice denominated by the writer, "Masonic touting," and which was directed to the general dissemination of printed circulars and cards soliciting votes for the Board of General Purposes, that those who pursued this course are amongst those highest in the list. Those brethren might well claim, therefore, that the end justifies the means, but, for ourselves, we can have no doubt, considering the high position and esteem in which certain brethren are held who have not been successful, that the custom is more honoured in the breach than in the observance, and we should not be surprised to hear of some change being made before another yearly election comes round.

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As regards other arrangements, we may state that the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons has been engaged to play in the grounds of the Pavilion or in the Pavilion itself, according to the state of the weather, from two p.m. to nine p.m., and that a concert will be given in the Music Room by the Meister Glee Singers and Madame Clara Samuell at about six p.m. Dinner is arranged for four p.m. for 4.15 p.m., and will be purveyed by Bro. J. Sayers, whose taste and experience in these matters is well-known, and may be taken as a guarantee that the guests will have their wishes attended to. In fact, the arrangements, so far as they have been completed, incline us to believe that in this as in other respects the approaching Festival of the Boys' School will be a very brilliant success.

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The annual sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place in the grounds of the Institution on Saturday next, the 13th instant. We hope the Clerk of the Weather will favour the boys and their friends with something specially bright and sunshiny, such as is desirable when an outdoor function of this kind is held.

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A new Mark lodge is to be consecrated by the Dep. Grand Master, Lord Euston, at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 12th instant. The lodge—to be named the Hibernia, and numbered 431—has several Grand

Officers named as founders. They have selected Bro. Major Carrell as the first W.M., while Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, the Prov. Grand Master designate of Surrey, will act as S.W., and Bro. Col. Ward as J.W. Bros. Lord Dungarvan and Col. Cook will assist Lord Euston as Wardens at the consecration, whilst Bro. C. F. Matier will, as D.C., make most perfect arrangements for the ceremony. Several Grand Officers have already accepted invitations, and doubtless the ceremony will be a great success.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk has been fixed for the 31st prox., at Thorneham Hall, the seat of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker. It is anticipated that H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence will honour the brethren with his presence.

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His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., as Worshipful Master, presided at the second meeting, on Monday, for this season of the Royal Alpha Lodge at the Hôtel Métropole. The following members were present: Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Carrington, the Earl of Euston, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Lord Suffield, Sir Albert Woods, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Reginald Hanson, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Pro Grand Master of South Australia, was the invited guest. After the conclusion of Masonic business, the brethren dined together under the presidency of the Duke of Clarence.

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The report of the Honorary Librarian of the West Yorkshire collection of Masonic books and curios, laid before the Provincial Grand Lodge quite recently, is now being circulated through the province, and is a very readable production. Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, is the Librarian, and has been so diligent in the discharge of his duties that the collection thus accumulated at Wakefield is now one of the most valuable in England of the kind. In fact, some of the MSS. particularly, are special features of the library, and one in particular (the "William Watson MS." of the "Old Charges") is the sole representative known of that particular text.

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The report is a most interesting one, and contains a list of contributions and donations for the year ending April 15th, 1891. Several of these we have already noted, and it is most gratifying to find that brethren outside the province, even residents abroad, are sending books and curios to this important library and collection. We quote from the excellent report a few of its suggestive references and statements, and are rejoiced to know that this new departure has already taken such deep root in Yorkshire.

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"By the liberality and generous pecuniary support of R.W. Bro. Tew, invaluable additions to the literary treasures of the library have been secured, which might otherwise have been lost to the province, and probably to this country. Foremost amongst these may be mentioned a unique and priceless manuscript of the *Old Charges and Constitutions*, dated A.D. 1687, the text of which (accompanied by a critical report) was published in the *Freemason* of January 24th and 31st, 1891, by that distinguished authority and writer, Bro. W. J. Hughan, as the "William Watson MS.," a title bestowed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. in honour of your Librarian."

"A reprint of this article in pamphlet form has been sent, by desire of the R.W. Prov. G.M., as a gift from him to every lodge in the province."

"Since the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in October last two disastrous fires have occurred, inflicting irreparable loss on the Craft. The splendid Temple at Baltimore, U.S., has been swept away, and with it many precious treasures of archaeology, literature, and art. Our sympathies must also be accorded to the Goole brethren, whose entire lodge and chapter furniture, jewels, minute books, and warrants have been utterly destroyed."

"A year ago your Librarian was able to announce that *every lodge* in the province had responded to his suggestion to send in a photographic copy of its warrant. The chapters have also been invited to send in photographs of their charters, but, as yet, *few have been received*. The value of having these copies placed in the P.G.L. Archives is now too apparent, it is hoped, for further urging to be necessary."

It will be seen that Bro. Watson is determined to make the West Yorkshire Library second to none in the kingdom.

Reviews.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR
1891-92.

This admirably compiled directory is for the largest province in England. It is then but a divided county, the other portion of Lancashire being the next largest, or, in other words, both have over 100 lodges on their rolls. West Lancashire in 1890 report, recorded 104 lodges and 6561 members, being an average of over 63 to each lodge, whereas in many provinces the proportion is considerably less. The painstaking editor is Bro. W. Goodacre, the Prov. Grand Secretary, whose labours surely cannot be light, either as respects editorial or general Masonic duties. He tells us that in 1872 West Lancashire numbered 61 lodges, with 3016 members, so that the province has more than doubled in less than 20 years. In Liverpool alone there are 32 lodges, that city making quite a large province of itself. There are also 41 Royal Arch chapters in West Lancashire, proving that the Craft under the rule of the esteemed nobleman, the Earl of Lathom (now M.W. Pro G.M. of England), this Degree, or completion of the third—is valued and appreciated in that province more even than it is in not a few smaller ones. The Calendar gives the numbers of the lodges and the chapters under the days of the week devoted to their several meetings, a compilation of great usefulness but excessive labour. Then, again, all the 104 lodges are arranged under towns, with days of meetings and the dates for the year of all such meetings in tabular form. The names of the officers and Past Masters (or Past Principals) of these lodges and chapters form a very handy guide to the personnel of the province, and Bro. Goodacre has done exceedingly good service in thus preparing and publishing such a valuable handy book for the members. It is issued at one shilling, though the present issue is the largest yet published of the series.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Burgoyne Lodge (No. 902).—On the 26th ult. there was not a large attendance at Anderton's Hotel, probably on account of the absence of work, which is quite a rarity in this lodge. Since the previous meeting Bro. Jeffreys, P.M., an old member, and for some years past Secretary, had passed away, and as a token of respect the brethren appeared in mourning. Bro. Beddoes, W.M., was absent through illness, and Bro. Walter Smith, P.M., presided. A letter was read from the W.M. notifying his appointment of Bro. S. J. Byng, P.M. 902 and 424 (S.C.), as Secretary, and the investiture accordingly took place. In Bro. Byng the lodge will have an excellent officer. This was the night for electing the W.M., and the ballot proved unanimous for Bro. White, S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour. Bro. G. Gabb, P.M., was again elected Treasurer with one voice, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler in a like way. Bro. Gabb announced that he and the W.M., with other brothers, attended the funeral of the late Secretary, and on behalf of the lodge laid a wreath upon the coffin. Their action was approved, and the Secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to the widow of the deceased brother. The resignation of Bro. Field, P.M., one of the oldest members of the lodge, through failing health, was received with very great regret, and the Secretary was asked to express the same in writing. One proposition was made for initiation, and then the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper, but music, which is so pleasant a feature at the meetings of the Burgoyne Lodge, was dispensed with on this occasion.

The visitors included Bros. Lister, W.M. 1320, and W. Drewett, P.M. 889 and 1638, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, who made response to the cordial welcome given them by the acting W.M.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge (No. 224).—The installation meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 20th ult. Bro. W. T. Buck, the W.M., opened the lodge, and, after the reading of the minutes, Bros. Crowther and Goodman were raised by Bro. F. Tayler, P.M. The W.M. then installed his successor, Bro. C. S. Buck, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., who invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. T. Buck, I.P.M.; J. F. Hepburn, C.C., S.W.; J. R. Reep, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; F. Potter, S.D.; A. T. Hawkins, J.P., D.L., J.D.; R. Greening, I.G.; C. J. Wilkinson Pimbury, D.C.; and A. Wright, R.C. Mason, A. P. Dunstan, and A. J. Soper, Stewards. The addresses were delivered by Bros. H. Lovegrove and F. West, P.G.D. and D.P.G.M. in charge Surrey.

The musical arrangements, both in the lodge and after the banquet, were under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., who was assisted by Miss Annie Matthew, Miss Annie Wilson, Mr. F. H. Wilson, and Bro. Stanley Smith.

The banquet was well served under the direction of the manager of the hotel.

Bro. Alderman Col. Cowan and many other brethren attended.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 29th ult. In the absence through serious illness of the W.M., Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., the chair was occupied by Bro. R. F. Young, P.M., D.C.,

P.P.J.G.D., and there were present Bros. S. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; J. H. Baxter, I.P.M.; C. Gray, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Martin, P.M.; J. B. Poole, P.M.; Euerby, P.M.; F. Collingwood, J.D.; Oldfield, I.G.; Annefeld, Stwd.; Goddard, Tyler; Marshall, Mason, Rainsford, Phillips, and others. Visitors: Bros. Haskins and S. Moore, of 2278.

The summons convening the meeting was read. Sums of £1 1s. and £2 2s. each were voted to the Hertfordshire Convalescent Home and the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, respectively, after which Bros. Phillips and Rainsford were passed to the Degree of F.C. The brethren then dined together and spent a very pleasant evening.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. A. Raper, W.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; W. J. Pepper, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G. Chap., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Jesse Chance, acting S.D.; L. F. St. John, acting J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; J. Fielding, Org.; F. W. Hotham, I.G.; W. J. Newman, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Till, Martin, Honisett, Belchamber, Hodson, Towner, and others. Visitor: Bro. C. R. Ellis, P.M. 1882, 2398, P.P.G.D.C. Cambridgeshire.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of an emergency meeting held on the 15th ult., at which Bro. McMillen was raised and Bro. H. N. Cruttenden passed, were read and confirmed. A successful ballot having been taken for Mr. Henry John Noakes, he presented himself for initiation, and the ceremony was very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Raper, assisted by the S.W., Bro. Foster, who very successfully delivered the charge. This being the annual meeting for the election of W.M., &c., Bro. Foster, S.W., was duly elected to that office, Bro. Wells, for the 21st time, to the important office of Treasurer, and Bro. Newman was re-elected Tyler. It then became the melancholy duty of the lodge to propose votes of condolence to Bro. Lord Brassey, on the lamented death of his brother, Mr. H. A. Brassey, and to the widow of the late Bro. R. E. Wilson, and also a vote of sympathy with Bro. R. T. Davison, M.D., I.P.M., who had unfortunately broken his leg while in the enjoyment of a well-earned holiday in the North. These were carried unanimously, amidst many expressions of regret at the circumstances. Stewards having been appointed for the ensuing installation banquet, and a jewel voted to the outgoing Master for his successful working of the lodge during his year of office, and for his genial bearing on all occasions, the lodge was closed.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. S. A. Auty, P.M., W.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C., as I.P.M.; T. Jowett, S.W.; John Niven, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; John Thornton, S.D.; A. J. Boyle, J.D.; J. B. Fearnley, as I.G.; J. Morton, Stwd.; J. Hill, Tyler; M. Hayes, and R. S. Hird. Visitors: Bros. J. Gallie, M.A., P.M. 974, P.P.G.C.; A. H. Stamford, W.M. 600; J. Kenworthy Blakely, W.M. 1214; Wm. Leach, 408; W. H. F. Schutte, Sec. 2330; and A. Swaine, Org. 387.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been duly confirmed, Bro. R. S. Hird, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Bailey, P.M., D.C., who also delivered the charge. The working tools were explained by Bro. Niven, J.W. The W.M. referred to the severe loss the Lodge of St. Lawrence, No. 2330, had recently sustained by the death of Bro. John Symonds, P.M. 387, and a founder and first W.M. The late Bro. Symonds was very highly esteemed in the town, and had qualified as a Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Schutte, Sec. 2330, in suitable terms, acknowledged the sympathy which had been expressed, and remarked that the death of Bro. Symonds was an irreparable loss to his lodge. A telegram was received from Bro. Rev. Thos. J. McNulty, P.G. Chap. West Yorks, regretting his inability to be present at the lodge.

After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and spent a pleasant evening.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The 88th meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd ult., at the Bull Hotel. A goodly number of brethren and visitors (for the latter of whom this pretty country lodge is famous) assembled, amongst whom were Bros. C. F. Quicke, W.M.; Thos. C. Nunn, P.M., S.W.; J. Marshall, J.W.; William Hollis, I.P.M.; W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; E. J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; Richard Nevill, P.M.; W. J. Gleaves, S.D.; C. A. Dettmer, J.D.; A. J. Perriam, Stwd.; T. Smith, I.G.; A. Muir, G. Procter, G. N. Turner, G. Whomes, J. E. Drinkwater, G. H. Dowsett, and W. Tunstall. Visitors: Bros. Milburn, 13; J. P. Fitzgerald, 2168; A. C. Villers, 499; Miller, Sansom, Callaghan, Dana, and Kitson.

The lodge being opened, Mr. Tunstall, after being approved, was initiated into Freemasonry, and Bro. W. J. Kipps, 1275, was duly elected a joining member. Bro. Charles Francis Quicke, the present popular Master of the lodge, was unanimously re-elected to the office of W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and considering the progress the lodge has made owing to his personal efforts, the brethren were giving the best proof in their power of their appreciation of his services to the lodge by re-electing him to rule over them for another year. Upon the election for the office of Treasurer being brought forward, the Secretary requested permission to remind the brethren that upon his retirement in 1887, the former Treasurer, Bro. William Hollis, had upon retiring to take office in the lodge, at the pressing request of the brethren, promised that when he had passed the chair he would be willing, if the brethren so desired it, to resume the office of Treasurer again. The Secretary pointed out that no brother in the lodge more merited that compliment than their popular Charity representative, who by his exertions had done so much on behalf of Charity and Freemasonry generally. The brethren showed their appreciation of his services by unanimously re-electing Bro. William Hollis to his old position of Treasurer, which he promised the brethren should receive the same attention from him in the future as in the past days. The office of

Tyler was given to Bro. Rawles, and the names of Bros. G. H. Dowsett, G. Whomes, and W. Tunstall were accepted to form the Audit Committee. Bro. Hollis gave notice to alter certain by-laws, and also brought forward his proposition, which was cordially seconded by Bro. W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G.O.—that the sum of £7 7s. be taken from the lodge funds to purchase a Past Master's jewel, and £1 1s. for a collar and jewel, to be presented to Bro. Charles Francis Quicke, W.M., for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office in the past year.

At the festive board full honours were done to the usual Masonic toasts, and the evening passed in a most harmonious manner, several of the brethren and visitors present contributing in no small measure to the enjoyment of the company by their splendid rendering of some excellent songs and music.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo, for the purpose of initiating three candidates. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren, including Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; T. Staniforth, P.P.G.P.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. Horobin, P.P.G.W.; H. P. Bellerby, P.P.A.G.S.; T. Chamberlain, P.M.; W. Burtonshaw, I.P.M.; J. M. Behrendt, S.W.; C. Fox, S.D.; J. F. Watson, Treasurer; J. Drury, G. Std. Br.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; W. S. Scholey, S.D.; J. Wessel, acting I.G.; R. W. Wrooff, J. Batty, G. Robinson, J. Turner, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Pawson, 242, A. Goodhind, W. P. Robotham, 2259, and others. The W.M. announced that Bro. H. L. Burtonshaw had been offered the post of P.G. Org., and complimented him on the honour. Messrs. J. Franks, T. T. Oates, and W. J. Ashmell were then duly and severally initiated, and the lodge was closed.

DARTFORD.

Emulation Lodge (No. 299).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge house, the Victoria Assembly Rooms, Bull Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th ult. The lodge was opened, and there were about 50 members and visiting brethren present. The W.M. elect was Bro. Frederick Thomas Barton, a popular member of the lodge, who was installed into the office of W.M. by Bro. Charles Hind, the I.P.M., with the customary honours and ceremonies of the Order, and in a very impressive and admirable manner. The new W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. T. W. Page, S.W.; J. M. Longley, J.W.; W. Greig, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Treas.; T. Wills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Wks., Sec.; C. C. Potter, P.M. 1343, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, S.D.; C. J. D'Orley Mears, P.M. 1076, J.D.; J. G. Turner, I.G.; O. O. Dale, Org.; T. Burton, D.C.; E. C. Reed and A. J. Hobart, Stwd.; and T. Wills, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., as Stwd.

The installation banquet afterwards took place.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. Chapman followed with the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst," which, it is needless to remark, was received with every manifestation of cordiality, his lordship enjoying the greatest popularity throughout the province.

Bro. F. Snowden, P.M., next gave with due honour "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was drunk very cordially.

Bros. W. J. Light, P.M., and Mitchell having replied in suitable terms,

Bro. Charles Hind, the I.P.M., then proposed in a most complimentary and hearty manner "The Worshipful Master," and the reception accorded to the toast amply testified to the high estimation in which the newly-appointed W.M. is held by his brethren.

Bro. F. T. Barton, W.M., acknowledged the compliment in well received and diffident terms.

The succeeding toast was that of "The Installing Master," the toast being accompanied by a very interesting incident, namely, the presentation of a beautiful jewel to the I.P.M., in recognition of his valued services to the lodge during his year in the office of Worshipful Master.

Bro. C. Hind, who was accorded a glowing reception, tersely expressed his gratitude for the honour and greetings bestowed upon him.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," and Bro. Noah Martin effectively replied.

The Worshipful Master then with much cordiality gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. R. S. Chant, Cranford Lodge, responded in an able speech, which was freely applauded.

Bro. Cronk also responded felicitously.

Bro. C. C. Potter gave "The Masonic Charities" in an appreciative speech, and Bro. T. Wills, the local representative, responded.

The W.M. eulogistically gave "The Officers of the Lodge."

The toast list finished with the Tyler's toast, according to time-honoured custom.

The musical arrangements, which left nothing to be desired, were under the direction of Bro. T. W. Page, and Bro. J. Kift rendered valuable assistance as pianoforte accompanist.

The annual festivities were amongst the pleasantest in the long history of the lodge.

DISS.

Montgomery Lodge (No. 1741).—A large and representative body of Masons assembled at the King's Head Hotel, on Monday, the 25th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Harry Chase Green as W.M. Amongst those present were the following members of the lodge: Bros. D. Simpson, W.M.; G. W. Webb, I.P.M.; Harry Chase Green, S.W.; G. S. Panks, J.W.; J. Flatman, Sec.; A. Tyrrell, S.D.; John J. Rash, J.D.; Arnold Bobby, I.G.; John Evans, P.M.; W. G. Rice, P.M.; T. W. Gaze, P.M.; W. A. Smith, W. Spink, A. G. Bobby, and Robert B. Clarke. The visitors included Bros. H. Strange, 60, D.P.G.M.; A. Sidell, W.M. 807; H. Buckingham, jun., W.M. 85; G. Booth, P.M. 81; Cyril C. Tuck, P.M. 516; J. Oakley Green, P.M. 388; J. S. Offord, 215, P.G.T.; G. W. G. Barnard, 943, P.G. Sec.; J. M. T. Anderson, Sec. 516; G. Booth, jun., J.D. 81; W. Brady, 1095; S. Sleigh, 376; A. Simpson, 376; and W. Seaman, 704.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. H. O. Lyus, P.M., the chair of S.W. being filled

by Bro. W. G. Rice, and that of J.W. by Bro. J. Evans. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. D. Simpson, I.P.M.; G. S. Panks, S.W.; A. Tyrrell, J.W.; T. Slack, Treas.; J. Flatman, Sec.; J. J. Rash, S.D.; A. Bobby, J.D.; T. B. Madgett, I.G.; W. Cracknell, Org.; J. Evans, P.M., and W. G. Rice, P.M., Stewards; and R. Staff, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Burrage. The W.M., Bro. Green, presided, Bro. G. S. Panks, S.W., occupying the vice chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and Bro. H. Le Strange, G.D. and D.P.G.M., responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. D. Simpson, I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The W.M.," who, in response, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received his health, and assured them that he felt it a high honour to occupy the chair of the lodge. He had striven all the time he had been in office to attend regularly to his duties, and obey his superior officers in everything connected with the lodge. He looked forward to a happy year of office, for he was confident that he had selected a body of officers who would do any lodge credit, and whom he could depend upon for their assistance in the work of the lodge.

Other toasts included "The Installing Master," "The I.P.M.," "The Masonic Charities," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

A capital musical programme was arranged, amongst those who contributed songs or recitations being Bros. G. S. Panks, J. S. Offord, Geo. Booth, jun., Burrage, A. Tyrrell, George Booth, Alfred Bobby, J. Evans, and others. Bro. Arnold Bobby presided at the pianoforte.

EPSOM.

Greenwood Lodge (No. 1982).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall on Saturday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. E. H. Minns, W.M.; C. R. Ellis, P.M., Treas., as S.W.; H. W. Noakes, as J.W.; F. Hallows, P.M. 861 and 1662, Sec.; H. F. Gardiner Salt, S.D.; C. J. Parke, J.D.; C. J. Boyd-Wallis, I.G.; and Ball, as Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The by-laws of the lodge were read and revised. The notice of motion for the removal of the lodge was put and carried, and a Committee was elected to find a more convenient centre and suitable premises, and to report to the brethren at the next lodge meeting. Letters of regret for non-attendance from several brethren were read. The name of a candidate for initiation was handed in, also that of a brother for joining. The notification of the appointment of Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, was announced to the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Electric Lodge (No. 2087).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd ult., at the Mitre, when Bro. P. T. Estler, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by the following officers: Bros. T. Fletcher, S.W.; R. C. Leversedge, J.W.; Major Williams, Treas.; G. Gregory, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; J. Thwaites, S.D.; T. M. Mumford, J.D.; E. May and H. J. Vose, Stwds.; G. Harrison, Tyler; H. C. Hart, I.P.M.; J. Hookey, P.M.; W. H. Preece, F.R.S., P.M.; R. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. (hon. mem.); C. Graham, P.P.S.G.D. (hon. mem.); A. Dennis, C. Hager, E. Hislop, W. H. E. Stone, and C. E. Wetton. Visitors: Bros. T. G. Nicholson, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; J. Strong, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; J. Parker, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; F. C. Watts, P.M. 91, P.G.S.; J. Strapp, P.M. 33, P.G.S.; J. E. Mundy, P.M. 1670; E. Huxley, S.W. 1670; A. Gregory, 1636; A. J. Heath, 2041; G. W. Hatch, P.M. 1538; C. W. Bennett, 179; A. Aldron, 2032; D. A. Churchward, 1139; and E. King, 1139.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was approved and adopted. Bro. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., then occupied the chair and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Fletcher, into the chair of K.S. in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. C. Leversedge, S.W.; J. Thwaites, J.W.; Major Williams, Treas.; G. Gregory, Sec.; J. M. Mumford, S.D.; M. F. Roberts, J.D.; E. May, I.G.; H. J. Vose and C. E. Wetton, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

Other business having been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of one of the Mitre's choice banquets, which Bro. Sadler personally superintended.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

HANLEY.

Gordon Lodge (No. 2149).—The annual Festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. G. W. Bradford as W.M. of the above lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when over 40 brethren, including numerous visitors from other lodges, attended. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Ashwell, P.P.S.G.W., who was the retiring W.M., and he was assisted by Bros. T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.S.G.W.; and F. Montford, P.P.S.G.D. After the ceremony of installation, the newly-installed W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. E. D. Boothman, S.W. and Chap.; F. Lodge, J.W.; J. Lowe, Treas.; Elijah Jones, Sec.; W. J. J. W. Heath, S.D.; I. Clare, J.D.; J. B. Piercy, D.C.; F. Mountford, Org.; C. H. Phillips, I.G.; J. Goodwin and Chadwick, Stwds.; and W. Woods, Tyler.

In addition to the above brethren there were present Bros. J. Bromley, P.P. Senior Grand Warden; R. Tooth, 637 and 2214, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. Vincent Litchfield, W.M. 1914, P.G. Chap.; D. Smith, 637 and 2214, P.P.J.G.D.; H. C. Faram, 637, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Stevenson, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Tunnicliffe, 418, P.P.G.S. of Works; J. Charlesworth, 418, P.P.G. Steward; W. Garner, W.M. 451; A. Newton, W.M. 451; W. H. Bamber, W.M. 637; S. Keeling, W.M. 456; W. R. Woolridge, W.M. 1942; H. Palmer, P.M.; H. R. Strange, S.W. 1242; D. Jones, Sec. 418; J. T. Howson, J.D. 418; J. Young, J.D. 2064; C. F. Barker, Org. 418; G. Ellis, 418; T. C. Slaney, 418; J. Munro, 418; G. P. Bradford; J. H. Collings, 546; H. J. Gover, 418; C. E. Hedge, 2214; W. R. Tooth, 2214; P. M. Cox, 2064; A. Baines, A. C. Bourner, A. J. Henstock, and A. E. Ramsdale.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet, served in an excellent style by Bro. Munro, was provided in the Council Chamber. The

W.M. presided, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

Bro. Piercy proposed "Bro. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, P.P.G.S.B. England." Bro. Piercy said their Prov. Grand Master was well known in that part of the province, and he had promoted the interests of the Craft to a very great degree. He might say that during the last 12 months the Prov. Grand Master had made no less than 52 visits to the various lodges in the province.

Bro. Ramsdale proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers of Staffordshire, Present and Past," to which Bro. Mountford replied.

Bro. Ashwell next submitted the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M., Bro. G. W. Bradford," and at the outset of his remarks congratulated Bro. Bradford on his restoration to health. He proceeded to speak of the many excellent qualities possessed by the W.M., and said he had worked his way up through all the various offices in the lodge, and they had every confidence that his work as Master of the lodge would be done efficiently and well and to the honour and glory of the Gordon Lodge.

Bro. Taylor made some supplementary observations in also speaking to the toast.

In suitably responding, the W.M. said he was doubly proud of his position that night, because he was the first W.M. who was an initiate of the lodge. He then gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Ashwell," and spoke of the excellence of the work that brother had done during his year of office.

Bro. Ashwell having acknowledged the toast,

Bro. Bromley submitted "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the fact that owing to recent agitation and inquiry the Boys' Charity would be placed in a position it had formerly occupied.

Bro. Tunnicliffe replied, and pointed out that £40,000 was contributed annually by Masons in England.

The remaining toasts included "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Gordon Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

HORNSEA.

Alexandra Lodge (No. 1511).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when the chair was occupied, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Scott, by Bro. G. Heslop, P.M. There were also present Bros. T. A. Haigh, I.P.M.; M. C. Peck, P.M.; G. Spink, P.M.; A. Elsom, P.M.; W. C. Whiteside, P.M.; T. B. Redfearn, P.M.; P. Gaskell, P.M.; F. Carter, S.W.; E. G. Hewardine, J.W.; G. Stephenson, S.D.; C. Shaw, J.D.; W. H. Farrah, I.G.; W. Garton, Tyler; G. Dimbleby, J. C. Holme, and others. The visitors were Bros. R. R. Hawley, P.M., and J. G. Fowler, S.W., of 250.

The usual business of the lodge being transacted, a lecture was delivered by Bro. M. C. Peck, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, and Prov. Grand Secretary, on "Freemasonry in the Last Century." The address comprised a sketch of the state of society in England at the period of the revival of 1717, the Jacobites Risings in 1715 and 1745, the tavern customs, Masonic usages and clothing, the two degrees then practised, the knavery and remarkable adventures of Cagliostro, his visit to the Lodge of Antiquity in 1786, the pretended exposures of the Craft, the caricatures of Gilray and Hogarth, sufferings of John Coustos, inauguration of Robert Burns in Edinburgh, &c. The lecture was illustrated by many examples of ancient Masonic clothing and jewels, prints and engravings, including an interesting series of coloured drawings after rare French engravings of 1745. The address was received by the brethren with the most complimentary attention, and at its conclusion a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the lecturer.

After the lodge was closed the brethren supped together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

MANCHESTER.

Integrity Lodge (No. 163).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. P. Bedson, P.G.O., W.M.; G. B. Kershaw, I.P.M.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; J. Studd, P.M., P.G.D.C.; D. McPherson, P.M.; T. G. Sparkes, S.W.; T. H. Schofield, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, Treas.; J. Wildgoose, Sec.; J. M. H. Blamey, S.D.; A. Youle, J.D.; T. Studd, I.G.; J. W. Sparkes, J. Gardner, jun., F. Neild, C. Slee, J. E. Jack, J. Clemeney, John Thornton, Geo. Taylor, J. G. Mead, A. Dunn, G. Gaskell, H. R. Yates, James Bell, T. W. Broster, Ben. Eastwood, M. B. Sumner, Edwd. G. Hiller, Walter A. Stott, Isaac Taylor, R. L. McMillan, Wm. Moorehouse, G. H. Morley, R. Alf. Hepworth, James Lowndes, P.M., Edwd. Graham Wood, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Robt. Hy. Potter, P.M. 1045; Jas. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bowden, P.M. 467, P.A.G. D.C.; A. B. Chadwick, W.M. 467; W. Rawlinson, 1322; W. H. Ballard, I.P.M. 350; and G. T. Mullock, P.M. 204.

Bro. Taylor was passed by the W.M. Bro. Thornton was raised by Bro. Sinclair, and Bro. Neild by Bro. Studd. The lodge was afterwards closed.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE

(No. 2363).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Victoria Hotel on Monday, the 25th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. M. Thomas, P.G.D., W.M.; Seth Wrigley, S.W.; F. W. Wollaston, J.W.; C. Harrop, Treas.; F. Hilton, Sec.; Edwyn F. Smith, Org.; G. R. Ward, I.G.; Humphrey C. Lilly, Herbert Geddes, Arthur Barlow, and J. Heywood Waddington. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Mackay, J.W. 2231; John Studd, 163, P.G.D.C.; John Lilly, 970; W. Biggs, P.M. 1406; E. Howes Boult, 990, 1764; J. M. Norton, S.D. 1534; J. G. Wilson, 633; David Hills, 185; Thos. Black, 1170, P.M. 204; and J. J. Meakin, 992, P.P.J.G.W.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The last meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. Hood, W.M.; B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervord, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; C. W. Barnard, S.D.; F. J. Cumine, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; E. J. Bowmaker, I.G.; B. Farnside, Org.; C. H. Bownaker and R. J. Smith, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler; R. J. Smith, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler;

W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, P.G.S.B.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; Dr. J. C. Creswell, Dr. H. O. Grenfell, G. Reed, W. T. Darke, L. Warren, C. J. Dobson, G. Brown, Captain T. Dickson, J. Pritchard, E. F. Wood, and J. A. Hobday. Visitor: Bro. Marden, 1817.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. C. Palmer and Captain T. Dickson were elected as joining members, and Bro. W. T. Darke passed.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Previous to the meeting of the lodge the members present were photographed in a group by Messrs. Elliott and Fry.

SWADLINCOTE.

Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1739).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms at the Town Hall on Friday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. John Hall was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Morley, next proceeded to install Bro. John Hall, W.M. elect, into the chair, which he performed in a highly creditable manner. The following officers were appointed and invested by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. Samuel Morley, I.P.M.; John Hay Moir, S.W.; Thomas Wm. Kyle, J.W.; W. S. Allen, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; George S. Bagge, Sec.; John Hassall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; Samuel J. Parkhill, S.D.; Robert B. Wragg, J.D.; Walter Jones, Org.; G. Price, I.G.; J. H. Haywood and J. H. Nicholls, Stwds.; and E. Zouch, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren of the lodge were very effectively rendered by the Installing Master.

Among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. B. J. Fisher, W.M. 731, I.P.M. 353, P.P.G.D.; E. Stockton, W.M. 353; Wm. Hart, S.D. 1085; John Wood, P.M. 624; G. Bullen, P.M. 779; J. E. Whitehead, P.M. 1179; E. Spalding, 353; W. Baker, I.G. 353; T. Hearn, 353; W. S. Enden, J.W. 1228; T. Jesson, W.M. 779; R. Peach, 353; and C. J. Dredge, 624.

The brethren, after closing the lodge, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, prepared by Host A. C. Faulkner, and duly honoured the customary toasts.

The banqueting tables were very beautifully decorated by Mrs. J. Hay, Mrs. S. J. Parkhill, Miss Wragg, and Miss Haywood.

The banquet hall was also very artistically arranged, with a dado of curtains and lace by Bro. Robert Cartwright, P.M., with his usual taste.

Royal Arch.

CROYDON.

Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 19th ult., instead of the 18th ult.—that being Bank Holiday. Among those in attendance were Comps. E. J. Hoare, M.E.Z.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.P.A.G.S., H.; R. P. Thomas, P.Z., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Middx., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Castello, S.N.; and Capt. T. W. Richardson, 1st Asst. Soj. Comp. N. Prower, M.A., S.N. 1745, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. T. Cotton, 69, for exaltation, but he was unable to attend. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place as follows: Comps. H. H. Shirley, M.E.Z.; F. Weiss, H.; Castello, J.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; Walls, S.E.; Alliston, P.S.; Richardson, A.S.; and Lane, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Dr. Lott, P.Z. 1929, P.G. Org.; F. Weiss, J.; Alliston, P.S.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The M.E.Z. presided most genially and ably.

Mark Masonry.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 4).—The installation of this lodge was held on Monday last at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. J. W. Mash presided, and there were present Bros. C. Hamerton, D.P.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; W. R. Brighten, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.I. of W., P.G. Sec. Middx. and Surrey; H. Lovegrove, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G.I. of W., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, G. Std. Br.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Heath, P.P.G.D.; F. A. Powell, E. Lewcock, and others. Bro. S. McClellan was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, and Bro. W. Turner Bates was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Scurrah, and appointed and invested his officers.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

HEREFORD.

St. Ethelbert Lodge (No. 243).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Bro. F. S. Collins, was installed as W.M. in succession to Bro. J. S. Norton. The ceremony was performed by Bros. J. Barnes, P.M., and T. Blinkhorn, P.M. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Norton, I.P.M.; B. Cullwick, S.W.; T. G. Chance, J.W.; W. Margrett, M.O.; Parly, S.O.; T. Blinkhorn, J.O.; J. Davis, Treasurer; J. Barnes, Secretary; H. S. Marchant, R. of M.; T. D. Morgan, S.D.; George West, J.D.; G. J. Caldwell, Org.; John Marchant, D.C.; J. W. Morrison, I.G.; and C. A. Stephens, Tyler.

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Eagar, S.O.; Cooksey, J.O.; H. M. Jackson, Sec.; W. E. Walker, R. of M.; Herbert A. Jones, D. of C.; Bromwich, S.D.; E. J. Chambers, J.D.; J. Jones, I.G.; Matthew Smith and G. H. Parke, Stwds.; and J. Dugard, Tyler.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This prosperous lodge met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Porter, I.P.M., acting W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Meacock, R. of M.; Conway, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Several important matters having been discussed, a vote of sympathy was passed to the W.M., who was absent through illness. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Simmonds, W.M.; George Everett, J.O.; W. W. Westley, J.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The I.P.M. presided most ably, and also vocally entertained the brethren.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M. (also acting as Preceptor); T. H. Hamblay, S.W.; F. Jackson, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; J. H. Warwick, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; A. Cogliati, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Wise, and G. Herbert Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Wise having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. A. Cogliati, offering himself a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. T. H. Hamblay was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, P.G.S., W.M.; J. Powell, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, P.M. 2246, Sec.; H. D. Smith, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; W. P. Hatton, I.G.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; R. C. Green, P.M. 1642; C. Mote, P.M. 1732; J. W. Curtis, P.M. 733; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.G.P.; J. Gillingham, P.M. 1238; C. Breitbart, P.M. 1828; J. M. Chapman, P.M. 907; T. W. Heath, W. Wadham, R. H. Broom, H. Armfield, M. J. R. Dundas, and E. J. Day. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Thomas, W.M. 2150; and W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. W. Heath was presented and obligated as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Heath was duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, acting as D.C. The lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degrees respectively. The W.M. having invested his officers, the charges were given by Bros. G. Davis, W. J. Mason, and E. Rogers. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. Rogers, and the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. T. W. Heath, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. T. W. Heath being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. J. J. Thomas, W.M. 2150, and W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753, were elected members. The officers for the next meeting being already appointed, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. A. J. Turner, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, S.W.; W. Dresden, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 334, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; W. G. Danby, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; J. H. Neville, E. E. Gelfowski, James Wiggins, James Sims, P.M.; J. B. Cory, G. Swann, W.M. 865; and C. E. Betts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wiggins offered himself as a candidate for passing, and proving proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Cochrane offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Powell, W.M.; A. Williams, P.M., S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; H. Bright, Sec.; M. Spiegel, S.D.; J. Cox, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; T. Wilcox, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Craggs, W. S. Whiteley, G. Kirkham, and R. H. Wimpey. Bro. J. J. Johnson, 2012, was a visitor.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Whiteley offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by the brethren,

worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. J. J. Johnson was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. A. Williams, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Piper, W.M.; Shand, P.M., S.W.; Bonwick, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; Hobbs, S.D.; Hayler, J.D.; Stutfield, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Barber, Riley, White, Power, Roberts, Baddeley, and Poole.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Riley, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Riley being the candidate. The lodge was closed down. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 29th ult., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, Preceptor and M.E.Z.; Phillips, P.Z., H.; C. Wilson, H. 1369, J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; H. Martin, 1275, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; J. Hill, H.; G. F. Smith, P.Z.; R. J. Vincent, P.Z.; West, P.Z.; Jackson, Z.; G. Powell, P.Z.; Benedetti, Z. 1275; Wicks, Corpe, R. Davis, C. Mayo, and C. Plant.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Third Principal was rehearsed by Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. R. Jackson, Z., personating the candidate. Comp. Hilton installed Comp. Benedetti into the First chair, Comp. Phillips into the Second chair, and Comp. Wilson into the Third chair. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ex-Preceptor for his able services for the past year, which was most suitably acknowledged. Comp. F. Hilton, P.Z., was elected M.E.Z. for the first Friday in September, when the three installations will be rehearsed by the ex-Preceptor.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.).—This prosperous council met for the despatch of business at Mark Masons' Hall on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. W. G. Lemon, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.M., acting J.W.; G. Powell, Treasurer; Capt. Walls, Secretary; A. McDowall, Conductor; G. Graveley, S.D.; E. Sweny, I.G.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.M.; N. Prower, M.A., W. Vincent, and E. Mills, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. invested Bro. W. Vincent as J.W. It was resolved unanimously that the annual subscription be increased to 10s. It was also resolved that in future the meetings be held on the third Friday in June, July, and September. The resignation of Bro. Britannia was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Williamson, Major Lambert, H. H. Shirley, R. Roy, and others.

The council was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dine at the Holborn Restaurant, under the genial presidency of the W.M. A few toasts were given, and the proceedings then terminated.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1).—This old council met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, as D.M.; B. R. Bryant, Grand Lecturer, P.C.W.; G. Graveley, Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, Recorder; G. Powell, C. of C.; R. Roy, M.A., 2nd M.; A. McDowall, S.S.; W. A. Scurrah, J.S.; G. Briggs, H. Rogers, H. Hay, N. Prower, M.A., and J. J. Thomas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Thrice Illustrious Master ably installed Bro. Baron de Ferrieres as T.I.M. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Lardner, as P.D.M.; B. R. Bryant, D.M.; G. Graveley, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; Rev. R. Peck, Asst. Chap.; C. Storr, P.C.W.; G. Powell, C. of C.; H. H. Shirley, C. of C.; R. Roy, 1st Marshal; A. McDowall, 2nd Marshal; W. A. Scurrah, 3rd Marshal; Williamson, S.S.; J. J. Pakes, J.S.; D. P. Cama, Warden; G. Gregory, J.S.; and E. Mills, O.S. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Major G. Lambert, R. Loveland Loveland, C. F. Matier, G.R.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; Alderman Williamson, H. H. Shirley, W. Maple, J. N. Frye, and many others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant. The T.I.M. presided most ably.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave.—This distinguished conclave met at the Holborn Restaurant on the 12th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. M. Collins, S.R.; Bastone, Guide; Dr. Gross, P.G. Gdr., Sec.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G. Stwd., 1st V.D.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, 2nd V.D.; Dr. Roberts, R. Roy, M.A., W. G. Lemon, Grand Treas., Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.D.R.; and others. Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.G.C., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the Secretary announced that in consequence of illness, Bro. W. Glynes, S.R. elect, was unable to be present. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Bastone, C.; W. G. Lemon, Treas.; Dr.

C. Gross, Sec.; F. West, Guide; Capt. Walls, Stwd.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., 1st V.D.; Tickle, 2nd V.D.; S. Brown, 3rd V.D.; A. Gammon, 4th V.D.; N. Prower, M.A., D.C.; and Macintosh, Guard. Bros. Haughton and Dr. Roberts were nominated as Grand Stewards. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Glynes, Sir Bruce Seton, Bart., Major Lambert, W. J. Spratling, G.R., and many others. A notice of motion was given by the 1st V.D. to make Bro. Spratling an honorary member, in recognition of his great services to the Premier Conclave. The same brother also gave a notice of motion as to the altering of one of the by-laws. The question of having a summer outing was also discussed.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

A few toasts were proposed, and the proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable character, then terminated.

BRIGHTON.

Royal Sussex Conclave (No. 10).—A meeting of this conclave was held on the 9th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, when there were present Bros. A. F. Lamette, S.R.; Dr. C. F. Goode, G.; Dr. H. Pearce, Treas.; T. A. Thilthorpe, Sec.; E. Mitchell, Org.; W. Wright, V.D.; E. Tebbs, V.D.; H. Hughes, Sentinel; R. Weston, Guard; Dr. A. S. Brown, P.S.R., Grand Councillor; H. W. Seager, M.D., G. P. W. Mugliston, M.D., H. Dyer, W. H. Rean, M.D., E. Histed, W. Gill, A. Upton, M.D., W. J. Spratling (hon. member), Grand Recorder; W. G. Lemon, 1, G. Treas.; J. Tickle, 1 and S. P.G.B.B.; C. J. Jessop, S.R. 9; H. Juler, 2; and H. Brookes, 11.

The conclave was opened by the S.R., Bro. Lamette, who after the usual preliminary business inducted Bro. Dr. Mugliston, P.M. 1228 and 1421, and Bro. Dr. Rean, 1636, into the Order of the Secret Monitor. Bro. Dr. C. Fox Goode was then duly installed as S.R. by Bro. Lamette, Grand Councillor, in his usual masterly manner. The Supreme Ruler then appointed and invested his officers as follows for the ensuing year: Bros. A. F. Lamette, G.C., I.P.S.R.; H. Pearce, Councillor; J. A. Thilthorpe, Guide; J. C. Buckwell, Treasurer; W. Wright, G.S., Sec.; H. W. Seager, P.G.S., 1st V.D.; E. Tebbs, 2nd V.D.; Capt. G. P. Airey, 3rd V.D.; E. Mitchell, 4th V.D.; R. Willard, Org.; R. Wester, D. of C.; W. E. Morrison, Guard; J. A. Thilthorpe, G. Stwd. for 1891; and H. Hughes, Sentinel. The V.D.'s then gave their reports, and the Treasurer reported a substantial balance to the credit of the conclave.

The conclave was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, catered for by Bro. Sayers.

During the after proceedings Bro. Lemon, G. Treas., gave an interesting account of the Order, very greatly to the edification of the brethren.

RE-OPENING OF THE ST. JOHN'S ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE.

The St. John's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Langley Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 28, and which was founded some 20 years ago, was formally re-opened at the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 28th ult., by Bro. William Vincent, P.G.I.G., member of the Grand Masters' Royal Ark Council. The lodge, the charter of which was granted in 1870, has been in abeyance for upwards of 18 years, and as Mark Masonry has made such rapid progress in the Province of South Wales, it was resolved to revive the Degree. Of the original members there were present Bros. Joseph Thomas, P.P.S.G.W.; Nelson D. Marks, P.G.S.; and John R. Ingram, P.M. 28. A large number of Mark Master Masons presented themselves at the opening ceremony, and were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner according to ancient custom. Bro. Vincent, the Installing Master, by dispensation from the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, installed as P.C.N. Bros. Captain Geo. Homfray, Samuel Davies, and N. D. Marks. Bro. John Sheridan, P.S.G.W., I.P.M., who had been unanimously elected by his brethren to fill the first Worshipful Commander's chair, was then enthroned.

Bro. Sheridan appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Munday, P.P.S.G.W., S.W.J.; N. D. Marks, P.G.S., J.W.S., Treasurer and Scribe; Ben Jenkins, Assistant Scribe; Henry Frazer, S.D.; John Henry Taylor, P.P.G. Reg., J.D.; John R. Ingram, P.M., D.C.; Thomas George Jones, P.M., D.C.; A. P. Fabian, P.P.S.G.W., A.D.C.; J. M. Gerhold, P.P.G.O., Org.; G. F. Green, P.G.I.G., G.; Tom P. Kerman and Arthur Price, Stwd.; and Amos Jenkins, W.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where Bro. Bland, who catered in his usual first-class style, provided a *recherche* banquet.

Bro. John Sheridan presided, and interspersed with the loyal and Masonic toasts were recitations and musical contributions from Bros. Edward Fletcher, J. M. Gerhold, Alfred Phillips, J. H. Taylor, Walters, Jenkins, Kerman, Simpson, and Ferrier.

Bro. Charles Arnold, now appearing as Hans the Boatman at the Theatre Royal, attended the banquet and entertained the brethren in his inimitable manner.

A special feature of the evening's entertainment was the programme of operatic and musical selections by the Theatre Royal orchestra, and by kind permission of Bro. Edward Fletcher, under the leadership of the talented conductor, Bro. H. R. Wallace, P.M. 24.

The following brethren attended the lodge, and most of them were present at the banquet: Bros. Samuel Davies, P.P.G.I.W. Mon., A.D.C. England; A. P. Fabian, P.M., 30°, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Thomas, P.M. 28, P.P.S.G.W.; Nelson D. Marks, P.M. 28, P.G.S.; W. C. Dobbs, P.M. 28; John R. Ingram, P.M. 28; W. C. Hurley, P.M. 28, G.S. England; John Munday, P.M. 28, P.P.S.G.W.; John Hussey, P.M. 28; J. Sheridan,

I.P.M. 28, P.S.G.W.; James Colman, W.M. 28, P.S.G.O.; J. M. Gerhold, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Williams, J.O. 28, P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Taylor, J.W. 28, P.P.G. Reg.; G. T. Green, S.D. 28, P.G.I.G.; T. James, S.O. 28, P.P.A.D. of C.; F. H. Simpson, P.G.S.; E. J. Champneys Smith, P.G.S.; Tyeth E. Bounsell, P.G.R.; Harry Frazer, jun., S.W. 28; S. O. Williams, S.D. 28; T. S. Perkins, I.G. 28; Benjamin Jenkins, Stwd. 28; William C. Anstice, 30°; George Abraham, C. E. Dovey, Harry Samuel, Albert W. Hellier, Alfred Phillips, Tom Payne Kerman, H. W. Phillips, Arthur W. Price, D. Edmunds, William Page Wood, Charles Knabe, George H. Walters, W. Henry Hooper, John Lancaster, W. H. Cullum, Charles Davies, Albert J. Beer, Thomas Rees, Edwin Eastabrook, Lawrence E. Conway, Alfred Freke, Samuel Gillard, E. B. Robson, D. W. Edwards, Morgan Rees, J. H. Turvey, H. Goldmann, M. Proctor, T. Watts, S. G. Homfray, 109, P.A. D.C. England; George Hazell, W.M. 109, P.G.M.O. Mon.; C. F. Gooch, 30°, P.G.R.M.; T. G. Jones, 30°, P.M. 109, P.S.G.O. Mon.; Samuel Dean, 109; E. J. Poole, P.G.S.B. Mon.; Walter Codet, 109, P.G. S.B. Mon.; George Senior, 109, P.G.I.G. Mon.; Gilbert Price, 109, P.G.D.C. Mon.; Azariah Thornton, 109, P.G. Sec. Mon.; Frederick Phillips, 109, P.P. A.G. Sec. Mon.; Ernest A. Teele, Brychan Lodge; Edward Fletcher, T. Clarkson Wakeling, and G. F. Rowe.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Bro. Goodacre, the respected Provincial Grand Secretary for the Western Division of Lancashire, has issued the following circular, and as it puts very forcibly reasons why a special effort is needed, we have much pleasure in reproducing it in our columns:—

"Swinley-road, Wigan,
" 1st May, 1891.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"You are no doubt aware that our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has promised to preside at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at Brighton, on the 24th June next. May I venture to ask your co-operation in a determined endeavour to make the occasion a great success.

"This may be done by your serving as a Steward at the Festival, or inducing some other member of your lodge to do so, and by advocating as large a vote from the funds of the lodge as its finances will allow (payment of the same not being absolutely necessary before the end of the year).

"Our province does not largely contribute to this Institution, notwithstanding the fact that we derive considerable benefit from it year by year; hence there is the greater need of a special effort being made on such an occasion as the present, when the Festival is to be presided over by our own Provincial Grand Master.

"There are three reasons I would suggest for a special effort being made during the present year:—

"Firstly—The Institution has for some years past been suffering from causes into which I need not now enter, and is in great need of liberal support.

"Secondly—The Secretary (Bro. McLeod) is a West Lancashire Mason, and his election was effected largely by the votes of Lancashire and Yorkshire brethren upon whose generous co-operation he depends to enable him to place the Boys' School on a footing at least equal to that of the other two Institutions.

"Thirdly—The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, feeling the pressing needs of the Institution, and trusting to the loyal support of his province, has consented to preside at the forthcoming Festival, on the 24th June. It is hoped that every lodge will do something this year in support of the Institution, so that the aggregate amount contributed by West Lancashire may be in every way worthy of the position occupied by the province.

"I propose in a few days to print a list of Stewards and lodges contributing, and shall feel obliged if you will fill up the enclosed form and return it to me in the course of the next week, with names of brethren willing to serve as Stewards, and also the probable amount the lodge and its members will contribute during the present year.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"W. GOODACRE, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec."

MEETING AND FESTIVAL AT SCARBOROUGH.

On the afternoon and evening of the 27th ult. some important functions in connection with the benevolent and philanthropic Institutions of the United Grand Lodge took place at Scarborough, members of the Craft being present from most parts of the Provinces of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. In the afternoon the half-yearly meeting of the Charities Association was held in the reading room at the Masonic Club, St. Nicholas Cliff, the Chairman, Bro. J. W. Woodall, Past Grand Treasurer of England, presiding, and Bro. Joseph Todd being in the vice-chair. The business transacted included the reading of the reports as to the health and conduct of the children who are being educated by the province, and of whom there are nine. These reports, as well as those relating to their educational progress and health, were of a very satisfactory character. The Association adopted four more children, and granted sums of money appropriate to each child, the total number of children receiving the benefits of the Educational Fund being thus raised

to 13. A boy was adopted as the candidate of the province for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London, and a widow was also adopted as the candidate of the province for admission to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The brethren present included Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Deputy Prov. G.M.

In the evening the third annual festival in connection with the Educational Fund of the province took place at the Royal Hotel. The Dean of York presided, and those present included the brethren named and upwards of 50 other members of the Craft.

After the banquet a long toast list was gone through, the toasts including "The Queen and the Craft;" "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master;" "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy Grand Master;" "His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of the M.I. Order of St. Patrick, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire, and Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, Deputy Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire;" "The Educational Fund;" "The Chairman;" "The Scarborough Lodges;" and "The Masonic Charities."

Later the regular meeting of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, was held, the W.M., Bro. A. G. Wellburn, presiding, many of the brethren from various lodges in the province being present.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

The 27th annual meeting of the governors of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester-square, was held on Saturday last, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, under the presidency of Lord Alfred Churchill. The report, which was adopted, stated that the income of the past year had been £2969, an increase of £922 over that of the previous year. The number of beds had been doubled—now being 32. The number of applicants admitted during the year was 4843 (170 in, and 4667 out-patients), as against 4345 (99 in, and 4246 out-patients) in 1889. In consequence of the heavy expenditure the hospital had had to meet during the past year, the Board had been unable to appreciably reduce the old debts of the institution, which amount to £804.

FUNERAL OF BRO. SIR ROBERT FOWLER, M.P.

The interment of the remains of the late Bro. Sir Robert Fowler, M.P., took place on the 26th ult. at Corsham. The body was removed from London on Saturday, and conveyed by road from Chippenham Station to Gastard House, from which the funeral took place. The procession started for the house shortly after mid-day, and proceeded to Corsham, a distance of about a mile. The principal mourners were Mr. T. Fowler, only son of the late M.P., and the daughters, Misses Jean Octavia Bertha and Alfreda Fowler. The coffin was conveyed in a closed hearse, and as the procession neared the town it was joined by several friends and relations who had travelled by the 10.15 express train from Paddington, in connection with which a special train was run from Swindon.

Among those who journeyed down were Sir Joseph Pease (brother-in-law), Lady Pease, Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., Mr. Birwood, M.P., Mr. Horsburgh (University College, London), the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. J. Howard, M.P., Mr. B. L. Cohen, Sir J. Whitehead, Sir John Monckton, Mr. J. Dimsdale, and Mr. Gurney, Mr. Waterhouse, Mr. Leathan, and Miss Fowler, cousins, Mr. P. and Mr. P. D. Tuckett, and Mr. A. Fox, nephews, Mr. Howard and Mr. George Henry Fox, brothers-in-law, Mr. F. E. Fox, cousin. The Mayor and Town Clerk of Chippenham, and the Chief Constable of the county, as well as many county magistrates were also present, together with members of several local bodies with which the late baronet was connected. The service was performed by the vicar of the parish, assisted by the deceased's son-in-law, Rev. J. S. Flynn. Wreaths were sent by Bro. Sheriff Harris, East St. Pancras Conservative Association, Chippenham and St. Pancras Masonic Lodges, Directors of the Metro-Electric Supply Company, Orphan Children of the Theatrical Mission, Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Sir Polydore De Keyser, and Sir J. H. Puleston, M.P.

THE LATE BRO. GENERAL PIKE.

At the Lodge of Sorrow in "Memory of the late Bro. Gen. Pike, 33°" held at the Church of the Messiah, Louisiana, U.S.A., an oration was delivered by Bro. Joseph P. Hornor, upon Albert Pike as "The Lawyer, the Soldier, the Mason." Bro. Hornor showed an intimate knowledge of the long career of the deceased and a just appreciation of his works and worth. Albert Pike was born in Massachusetts in 1809, and after the wonderful feat of mastering the college course with scarcely any aid removed to Arkansas. There he opened a school, graduated naturally into the newspaper business, and was admitted to the bar. He was certainly a great lawyer, and after mastering the common law, he became imbued with a preference for the civil law. He studied and translated the 50 volumes of the original Roman law, came to New Orleans, and was

admitted to the bar here without an examination, his fame having preceded him. Pike became wealthy at the law, and his name figures in many celebrated cases. He finally withdrew from the profession, when he ceased to believe that there was justice in the courts. As a soldier Pike showed his loyalty and bravery in the Mexican war and in wars against the Indians, raising his own command. When the civil war broke out he was given a Brigadier-General's commission and sent to enlist friendly tribes of Indians. He again displayed loyalty and bravery, and the failure of the plan was in no way due to him. As a Mason Pike was the highest of the high. For the last 30 years of his life Masonry was his love, and he did wonderful work for it, mastering ancient languages and religions, tracing and rewriting rituals, and the very ritual being read to his memory was a hundredth part of his Masonic work in that direction. He made Masonry respected and potent everywhere, and won for the southern jurisdiction the leading place among the jurisdictions. General Pike's character was beautifully rounded; he never forgot a friend or a face, his thoughts and his deeds were for good, and, instead of a "Lodge of Sorrow," it seemed that there should be a lodge of glory and rejoicing that his life was so long spared, and that such a life was given to Masonry and his fellow-men. Bro. Hornor concluded with a verse which General Pike wrote from his bed of sickness last Christmas Day, as follows:

"Our afternoon of life has come,
Its dark hours are here;
The evening shadows lengthen out,
The night is drawing near;
To some the sky is bright, to some
With clouds is overcast;
But still upon our present shines
The light of days long past."

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., the remains of Bro. W. Bainbridge were interred in the cemetery, Tunstall. The funeral procession formed at his residence, 11, Madeley-street, and consisted of many personal friends, representatives of the trustees of Wesley-place Chapel, the teachers of the John-street Sunday School, and the Sir Smith Child Lodge of Freemasons, in all of which bodies the deceased had been a prominent member and official. The *cortege* moved to Wesley-place Chapel, headed by the Freemasons in full regalia, where it was received to the accompaniment of Beethoven's "Marcia Funebre." The service was conducted by Revs. P. Featherstone, G. V. Byles, and T. Baines, the latter of whom gave an interesting sketch of deceased's life and character. While the procession re-formed, the Dead March in "Saul" was played by Mr. Espley, the Organist. Along the route the great concourse of people testified to the respect in which Bro. Bainbridge was held. At the grave the Rev. T. Baines read the prayers, and was immediately followed by Bro. T. K. Pedley, who, on behalf of the Masonic Order, concluded the ceremony by reading from the ritual prescribed for the burial of a brother Mason. The deceased brother at one time was a member of the Local Board and the Tunstall Building Society.

Birth.

MAKEHAM.—On the 23rd ult., at 330, New Cross-road, the wife of Bro. H. W. Payne Makeham, M.R.C.S. England, L.R.C.P., L.S.A. London, J.D. 1559, 1st A.S. 1275, of a daughter.

Bro. Lord Ernest Hamilton, M.P., youngest son of the late Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, and brother of the present Duke and of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was married to Miss Pamela Campbell, daughter of Mr. Frederic A. Campbell, late Equerry to the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, among those present at the solemnisation and the wedding breakfast being the Princess Christian and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Louise, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe and the Lady Albertha Edgcumbe, and Bro. the Earl of Faversham.

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The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its next regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.

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

Bro. J. Tickle, C.C., has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, which meets at Great Stanmore. Bro. Tickle was one of the founders and first W.M. at the consecration of the lodge in 1877.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Prime Minister's residence in Arlington-street on Saturday last.

A stained glass window in memory of the late Lady Watkin, wife of Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., has recently been unveiled in the parish church of Hythe by the Dean of Canterbury. It was subscribed for by the inhabitants of Hythe, Sandgate, and Folkestone.

The Duke of Cambridge, as Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment, presided at the annual dinner, at Limner's Hotel, on the 28th ult., of the 17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Prince Adolphus of Teck being among the guests.

The annual regimental dinner of the 10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars took place at the Hôtel Métropole on the 28th ult., under the presidency of Colonel the Prince of Wales, among those present being Major the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and Bros. the Earl of Airlie and Viscount Valentia.

The 82nd anniversary festival of the Artists' Benevolent Fund was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. the Duke of Fife, the subscriptions announced in the course of the evening, and including her Majesty's annual subscription of £100, amounting to about £700.

We regret to announce the death at his residence at Upper Norwood, on Monday, the 25th ult., of Bro. John Pringle, P.M. of the William Preston Lodge, &c. Bro. Pringle was a liberal contributor to the Masonic, as well as other Charities, such as the Caledonian Institution, &c. He was highly esteemed by his brethren and will be much missed in Masonic circles.

The Jesuit Mission at Antananarivo having published a Malagasy pamphlet declaring that the evil fruits of Freemasonry were innumerable, but especially "rebellion and filthiness unspeakable," the principal members of a newly-established French lodge sued Mgr. Cazet, head of the Mission, for libel in the Resident General's Court, and on February 18th he was fined £40 and ordered to pay damages £400 and costs.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have promised to attend the opening ceremony of the Royal Counties Agricultural Show, which will be held at Portsmouth during the month of July. The Mayor has placed his suite of rooms in the new Town Hall at the disposal of the Council of the Society for their banquet on the 14th July, at which his Royal Highness will preside.

The marriage of the Hon. George Keppel, 2nd Gordon Highlander, third son of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Albemarle, with Alice, youngest daughter of the late Admiral Sir W. Edmonstone, Bart., was solemnised in St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Monday. Among the guests at the wedding breakfast, given by Lady Edmonstone at her residence, 32, Belgrave-square, were Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, Viscountess Wolseley and the Hon. Frances Wolseley, Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, and Bro. Admiral Sir George and Lady Willes.

The first ballot for a Life Governorship in connection with the Warwickshire Masonic Musical Union resulted in favour of Bro. Blake, W.M. Holte Lodge, Aston. The amount—10 guineas—has been forwarded to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Owing to the number of brethren who have joined the society being members of lodges in the adjoining counties of Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire, &c., it is contemplated altering the title from Warwickshire to "National Masonic Musical Union," which will enable the union to cull a good supply of talent when required for special entertainments, and to generally extend its usefulness.

The 72nd anniversary of the Queen's birthday was officially celebrated on Saturday last, but owing to the very unpleasant state of the weather the usual ceremony of "trooping the colours" on the Horse Guards Parade did not take place. There were, however, the customary illumination at the West End in the evening, and as the weather had in the meantime improved, the streets were thronged with spectators. The usual ministerial banquets were also held in honour of the event, the Prince of Wales being the guest of the Marquis of Salisbury in Arlington-street, together with most of the foreign Ambassadors and Ministers in London, while the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, the Earls of Erne, Dunraven, and Loderborough, Lord Harlech, Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., dined with the First Lord of the Treasury. The Duke of Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and Bros. Lord Wolseley, Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., and Lord Eustace Cecil dined with the Secretary of State for War, and Prince Christian, the Marquis of Lorne, and Bros. the Duke of Abercorn and Lord Carrington with the Colonial Secretary. The Duke of Teck, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England), Bros. Lord Herschell, Lord Field, and Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), dined with the Home Secretary. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, as Lord Chamberlain, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Lord Steward, were also among those who gave banquets on the occasion. Later in the evening there was a grand reception at the Foreign Office.

Prince George Frederick of Wales, the younger son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, completed his 26th year on Wednesday, having been born on the 3rd June, 1865.

Bro. Lord and Lady Burton entertained at dinner at Chesterfield House, on Friday, the 29th ult., the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck and the Duke of Teck, and afterwards had a small and early reception.

To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon the Prince of Wales will visit Camberwell for the purpose of opening the new Mission Buildings and Trinity Court Hall, which have been erected in connection with St. George's Church.

The Lady Mayoress will give an "At Home" this (Friday) afternoon at the Mansion House in aid of the Church House, Westminster, the foundation-stone of which will be laid by the Duke of Connaught on Wednesday, the 24th instant.

We are asked to announce that the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186, held at the Hanover Arms, Kennington Park-road, is adjourned till the first Thursday in October, and future meetings will be held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E.

The marriage of Major Close, 13th Hussars, eldest son of Bro. Maxwell Close, M.P., with the Lady Muriel Stuart, eldest daughter of the Earl of Castle-Stuart, was solemnised at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday, in the presence of a numerous and fashionable congregation.

The Royal Albert Hall was filled with an immense audience on Saturday last, on the occasion of the grand concert given by Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G. Org., the principal vocalist being Madame Adelina Patti, whose successive songs were received with the most enthusiastic applause.

Sunday last being the first Sunday of Trinity Term, several of her Majesty's judges with Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, Sheriff Farmer, Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, the Recorder, and several Aldermen and members of the Common Council attended Divine service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The annual regimental dinner of the Royal Horse Guards was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening. The band of the regiment being specially engaged at the Royal Military Tournament, that of the 1st Life Guards attended, by permission of Col. Needham, and played a choice selection of music.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., was prevented by an attack of influenza from being present at the dinner given by the Colonial Secretary of State on Saturday last in honour of the Queen's birthday, and the subsequent reception at the Foreign Office by the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury.

Bro. Lord Robartes presided at the anniversary festival, held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, of the Friends of the Clergy Corporation, which was founded some 40 years since to provide pensions for the widows and unmarried daughters of clergymen of the established church. The subscriptions amounted to about £900.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton has returned to the Admiralty and resumed his official duties, having greatly benefited by his week's cruise in the Admiralty yacht Enchantress, and Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., has also returned to his duties at the Foreign Office, having derived similar benefit from his cruise to Gibraltar.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory presided at the annual meeting held at the Royal United Service Institution on Saturday last of the subscribers to the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, among those present being the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, President of the Institution, the Princess May of Teck, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Lady Mayoress.

An interesting ceremony took place on Friday evening, the 29th ult., at the Rose and Crown Inn, Lower Edmonton, when the members of the Enfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1237, entertained Bro. Bryant, P.M., at supper and presented him with a handsome marble clock in recognition of his valuable assistance as Preceptor during the past five years.

The Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway, has received a donation of £500 from Dr. W. F. J. Turner and James R. Upton, Esq., executors to the late Miss J. G. Harrison, being a share of the bequest left by her for charitable purposes. This sum has been added to the fund now being raised for the completion of the hospital, which is so urgently needed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales leave Marlborough House on Monday next for St. Leonard's Hill, near Windsor, where they will reside during the Ascot Races. St. Leonard's Dale, a villa on the estate, has also been placed at the disposal of their Royal Highnesses, who will entertain a large party of guests. The house party will include the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Duke of Cambridge.

On the evening of Friday, the 29th ult., at the Theatre Royal, Gateshead, there was a "Grand Masonic Night," under the patronage and presence of the Worshipful Masters, Officers, and brothers of Lodges of Industry and Borough and the lodges in the vicinity, the occasion being the presentation of a public testimonial from the inhabitants of Gateshead to Bro. Montague Turner, the lessee and manager. The programme included "Money" and the Trial scene from *Bardell v. Pickwick*, with a local "jury," and Dr. Cook as "foreman."

The working result of the Coachmakers' dinner of the previous week was a most charming dinner given last Thursday at the Conservative Club by Sir George Harris to the Masters, Wardens, and several members of the Court of the Company, as well as to those who received the freedom at the same time as himself. In addition to these, Freemasonry contributed Grand Registrar Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Secretary Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Captain N. G. Philips. The politicos included Mr. Aird, M.P., Mr. Seager Hunt, M.P., and Mr. Cohen, M.P., while the Hon. Chief Justice Way, of Australia, Messrs. J. Guedella, Thrupp, and Edmistone were among those who praised the excellent dinner, the magnificence of Heidseck 'So, the white floral decorations, and the commendable curtailment of the toast list.—*The Hawk*, June 2.

The Duchess of Albany on Wednesday opened a bazaar at Surbiton in aid of the building fund of the Christ Church parish room.

Earl Stanhope will distribute the prizes and diplomas to the successful students of the Horticultural College, Swanley, on the 13th inst.

Mr. George Holt, a Liverpool shipowner, has given £10,000 to Liverpool University College for the endowment of a chair of physiology.

Wednesday being "Grand Day" of Trinity term at the Inner Temple, the Treasurer, Judge Bristow, and the Benchers entertained a number of guests at dinner in the Inner Temple Hall.

The German Emperor, on the occasion of his approaching visit to England, will be accompanied by the Empress, and it is expected that their Majesties will be present at the marriage of the Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein.

At the Bath and West of England Society's 114th show at Bath on Wednesday there was the largest attendance since 1888, 4000 persons paying for admission—a figure which has only been exceeded at Maidstone, Cardiff, and Bristol.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale, attended by Capt. Holford, was present at the annual dinner of the King's Royal Rifle Corps on Wednesday evening at the Hôtel Métropole. The Duke of Cambridge, Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment, was in the chair.

The Duchess of Albany opened an exhibition of industrial and artistic objects at the Drill Hall, Penton-street, Clerkenwell, on Saturday last, in connection with the London Diocesan Council for the Welfare of Young Men. Her Royal Highness was very heartily cheered both on her arrival and departure.

The ceremony of installation and appointment and investiture of officers will be rehearsed at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at seven o'clock, by Bro. S. Kedge, I.P.M. 2191, and Bro. James J. Woolley, W.M. elect 2191.

Bro. Augustus Harris is about to come forward in a new role, that of an operatic librettist. He has sketched the scenery of an opera based upon Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth," and, of course, with Amy Robsart as heroine. It will be adapted and written in Italian by Signor Mazzucato, and will be set to music by Massenet, composer of "Manon" and of "Leroi Delahore."

Bro. Alfred Brookman, C.C., was on Tuesday last the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial in recognition of his services as Chairman of the Epping Forest Committee of the Corporation. This presentation took the form of a handsome clock, and the present Chairman, Mr. Deputy Dadswell, accompanied the gift by some eulogistic remarks on the firm, manly, and straightforward conduct pursued by Bro. Brookman during his period of office.

It will shortly be announced that the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P., has left his fine collection of postage stamps to the British Museum. The conditions upon which the gift is to be accepted are that the collection shall be called the "Tapling Collection," and shall be shown in a room or portion of a room set apart for it, and that it shall always be open to the inspection of the President and Secretary of the London Philatelic Society, of which Mr. Tapling was the Vice-President.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday for the purpose of opening the seventh exhibition for the Home Arts and Industries Association. The Royal party was received by the Earl Brownlow, who is President of the Society, and the Countess Brownlow, and having been conducted to the stall of the Sandringham Alexandra Technical School in the theatre, her Royal Highness in a clear voice, was pleased to declare the exhibition open. In the evening the Princess and her daughters visited the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, and witnessed the performance of "Romeo and Juliet."

The Acacia Club, of Chicago, is engaged in the laudable task of establishing and maintaining a purely Masonic library. It claims that it has already brought together the largest and most valuable collection of Masonic works in the State of Illinois. The books are designed primarily for the Club, but are at the command of the Craft generally, and of any person who may desire to consult them for a legitimate purpose. It invites persons in sympathy with the movement to send contributions of such works on Masonic subjects as they may be willing to spare, especially old ones. It is a common remark that Masons do not read enough, and any attempt at improvement in this direction is worthy of recognition and encouragement. We wish it success.—Keystone.

We must confess to a feeling of strong scepticism when we are asked to investigate the merits of a new pen or a new gas burner. We have spent a considerable sum during the last 20 or 30 years in improved economical inventions, by which we were to have double the light at half the cost, but with only very small results. The pen inventor has not been so persistently irritating, but he has turned up at short intervals for an equally long period. It has, however, been practically confined to a battle of the points; the changes have been rung on the fine point, the broad point, the round point, and the turned-up point, but there has been nothing new until now. The ingenious gentleman who has invented what he terms the centric pen has hit on a very simple, but an important, device, which is something more than an improvement, and seems to be as near perfection as can be. The many advantages are set forth in a well-written pamphlet issued by the manufacturers, Messrs. John Walker and Co., of Warwick-lane, E.C., who offer to send a sample card of 10 pens and two penholders for six stamps, which, we venture to think, would prove a good investment on the part of those who desire the maximum of comfort and the minimum of effort in writing.

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