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APPROACHING CENTENARY FETE OF THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

It is gratifying to know that our Irish brethren have resolved on celebrating in May of next year the one-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of their Masonic Female Orphan School. Indeed, from the particulars we have received, there is little doubt that the fête or fêtes which it is proposed to hold in commemoration of this important anniversary will be on the grandest and most imposing scale. The School was founded in 1792, enlarged in 1852, and established in its new and handsome buildings in 1882. At the present time it clothes, maintains, and educates 80 girls, the orphan daughters of Irish brethren of almost every rank and calling, and from every part of Ireland. The training the children receive is of its kind most thorough, and well calculated to enable them, on leaving the School at 16 years of age, to undertake such employments as reputable middle-class girls generally are accustomed to seek. The reports delivered at the annual Festivals of the Institution in Dublin, and the evidence furnished by the children themselves on those occasions have made this clear, nor is there in all Ireland another fête of a similar kind which is more deservedly attractive for its own sake as well as for the sake of those it is designed to benefit, than that of the Masonic Female Orphan School of Dublin.

As regards the Centenary fêtes, we have already said they will be on the grandest and most imposing scale imaginable. They will be held under the patronage of the QUEEN, the Prince and Princess of WALES, the Duke and Duchess of CONNAUGHT, the Countess of ZETLAND—wife of the present Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland—the Duke of ABERCORN, M.W.G.M. Ireland; the Archbishop of DUBLIN, Grand Chaplain; the Prince and Princess EDWARD of SAXE-WEIMAR, the Marquis and Marchioness of HEADFORT, the Marquis and Marchioness of LONDONDERRY, Viscount and Viscountess POWERSCOURT, the Marquis and Marchioness of HERTFORD, Lord and Lady ARTHUR HILL, the Earl and Countess of BANDON, Lord and Lady HARLECH, and many other distinguished personages. They will extend throughout the whole of the week commencing on Monday, the 16th May, 1892, and will include a bazaar and fancy fair, an open air fête, loan exhibition of pictures and other objects of art as well as an art union, an Irish and International athletic and cycling meeting, a grand concert by the Masonic Glee Club, the one-hundredth annual distribution of prizes, and a ballot for Vice-Patronship, Vice-Presidentships, and Life Governorships of the School. For the purpose of this grand celebration the whole of the buildings and grounds of the Royal Dublin Society at Ball's Bridge have been engaged, and in order to make it still more attractive it has been arranged that the Main Hall shall form "A Seventeenth Century Market-place," after designs furnished by Bro. B. McGuinness, R.H.A., while the South Hall will be transformed so as to represent "Old Dublin." The open-air fête will include "living chess," "musical whist," cycling and athletic sports, &c., but the bazaar and fancy fair, if we may judge from the strong list of stalls already arranged for, will form as it were the backbone of the fête. The Grand Master's stall (No. 1) will be presided over by the Duchess of ABERCORN, and the Deputy Grand Master's stall (No. 2) by Mrs. SHEKLETON. The School stall (No. 3) will be stocked by the pupils, past and present, and there will also be the Antrim (No. 4), the North Connaught (No. 5), the Midland Counties (No. 6), the Meath (No. 7), the Munster (No. 8), the North Munster (No. 9), the South-Eastern (No. 10), and the Wicklow and Wexford (No. 11) stalls, which have for their respective Presidents—the Marquis and Marchioness of HERTFORD, Lord and Lady HARLECH, Colonel COSBY and Lady GORING, the Marquis and Marchioness of HEADFORT, the Earl and Countess of BANDON, Sir JAMES and Lady SPAIGHT, Bro. STEPHEN MOORE, P.G.M., and Col. R. J. PRATT SAUNDERS, P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Armagh, South Connaught, Londonderry and Donegal, Down, and Tyrone and Fermanagh have

also promised their co-operation, but their several plans and arrangements are still under consideration. Many also of the most influential private lodges have either arranged to have stalls or have appointed Committees for that purpose, among them being the Grand Master's Lodge, Meridian Lodge, No. XII., the Abercorn Lodge, No. 27, University Lodge, No. 33, Trinity College Lodge, No. 357, University R.A. Chapter, No. 33, and University Preceptory H.K.T., St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 50, Military Lodge, No. 728, and Dublin Garrison Lodge, No. 730.

The great object of all this display is "to raise a Capital Fund, the interest of which will be applied to help deserving pupils during the two or three critical years after they leave the School to qualify themselves for callings and situations which will enable them to secure independence." This, we are told, is "the first object of the Centenary Fund, but power will be reserved to complete the infirmary, to build a drill hall and day room, and to carry out some other needful improvements in the School"; and in order to ensure the success of the project foreign and Colonial lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as well as all friends of the Irish Masonic Charities, are earnestly invited to lend their co-operation, so that the principal and secondary objects which the Committee have in view may be carried out successfully. For ourselves, we shall be only too pleased to render any service in our power, and we feel confident our numerous English and Scotch readers will not only wish God-speed to the proposed Centenary of their Irish brethren of this important Charity, but will readily do anything in their power to ensure its success. We will add that the General Centenary Committee, consisting of the Grand Officers and members of the School Committees, meets at the Masonic Schools Office, 16, Molesworth-street, Dublin, every Thursday at 4.30 p.m., that the Hon. Treasurers are Bros. J. CREED MEREDITH, J.G.D., and ANDREW THOMPSON, Sec. Lodge XXV.; and the Hon. Secretaries Bros. GEORGE DRURY, Sec. Lodge IV., and W. G. HUBAND, Sec. Lodge XII., G.I.G. Those, therefore, who may be desirous of obtaining further information than we have been able to give should address their communications to the last mentioned brethren, who will show them every courtesy.

CONSECRATION OF THE EXMOOR LODGE, No. 2390, AT MINEHEAD.

During the past few years Masonry in West Somerset has made considerable progress, and the ancient lodge, Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, at Taunton, has for some time held the proud position of being the largest in the province. Some nine years ago the plethora of members was relieved by the establishment of a daughter lodge at Wellington, Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966, and numerous brethren in and around Taunton had joined other lodges in the vicinity. But still it has for several years been felt that other outlets for Masonic energy were needed, and last year a movement was set on foot for the establishment of a lodge at Minehead. This project took form about the time of the death of the late Prov. G.M., Lord Carnarvon, and this circumstance led to a delay in the issuing of the charter by the Grand Lodge until early in the present year. Steps were taken for the consecration of the lodge by the new Prov. G.M., Lord Dungarvan, at as early a period after his assumption of the duties as could be arranged, and the ceremony was fixed for Tuesday, the 26th ult.

The lodge, which is No. 2390 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, is very appropriately named the Exmoor, and the charter names the following brethren as founders: Bros. F. T. Elworthy, P.M. 261 and 1966, P.P.S.G.W.; F. May, 261, P.P.G.D.; G. Saunders, P.M. 261, P.J.G.W.; R. Hole, 261; Rev. H. S. Hume, 261; H. Cox, 261; A. Hammett, 261; F. W. Roberts, 261; G. H. Kite, 261; E. Clatworthy, 261; E. Goodman, 261; H. Read, 261; and J. S. Haddon, 261, P.M. 1966.

The proceedings commenced with a short public service at St. Andrew's Church. Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Past Grand Chaplain of England, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain of Somerset, had undertaken to give the address, but the Bishop's visitation being fixed for Tuesday he was unable to do so, his place being worthily taken by Bro. the Rev. H. S. Hume, vicar of Staple Fitzpaine, J.W. of the Taunton Lodge. The rev. brother took for his text the words "The greatest of these is Charity." I. Corinthians, xiii., 13th verse.

He said that among the various features which were characteristic of the present day there stood out prominently this one—that they lived in an age of confederacies. On every side, for almost every purpose, they saw men binding themselves together in organisations for the purpose of self protection and class defence, for objects of certain good, and also, he feared, for objects that were not good—for objects of avowed evil. Men, in one word, organised, and out of that tendency of the day, one truth, he thought, had arisen with great vividness and clearness, namely, that if confederacies were needed for

any purpose, they were most certainly needed in the strife which was waged between right and wrong, between good and evil. One instinctively felt that if men were to make any headway at all against the sin, the evil, and the corruptions which abounded on every hand, if they were to do anything towards stemming the terrible tide, they must not strive single-handed or alone, for if so the strife would be intolerable, but they must remember that in this the saying held good, that in union alone there was strength. And if it were said in answer that that seemed to be a very obvious truth, it would be sufficient to say that it was a truth which men had been very slow to apprehend, and which had only grown with the growth of advancing centuries, so much so that in the twilight of antiquity or the mists of mediæval times there seemed to have been but one example of the great principle now so widely recognised, and but one single instance of a human organisation which stood four-square to all the winds of heaven, having within it any elements of universality and permanence. What was the consequence? As they looked back over the same tract of time there seemed to have been but one science and one art that existed in anything like unbroken beauty and perfection. For even at the time when such was the prevailing ignorance that those in the highest ranks could scarcely sign their names the science of architecture and the art of masonry was ascending to its height, and out of the mists of the Dark Ages, so called and rightly named, they saw rising the proportions of some of the most exquisite buildings that the eye of man had ever seen, as surely they, in this land of Somersetshire towers, could amply testify, witnessing to the slowness of men's minds to apprehend the truth they taught, the power of united action. It was then, during those ages, that bodies of men were found throughout the Continent of Europe, and in Eastern lands as well—as had lately been so notably discovered in the descendants of Hiram, King of Tyre, among the Druses of Lebanon—men who bound themselves together by the most sacred ties to maintain in its purity the art they practised. Those men were styled Freemasons in consequence of their being free in all European lands from certain dues and taxes imposed on the inhabitants by the Papal See—being exempted in consequence of the work which they did in building being almost exclusively ecclesiastical. With the object of preserving that science from corruption, they entrusted its principles to worthy men, and, so far as they could tell, to worthy men alone, and those they advanced by stages and degrees until at last they were set forth as masters of the science. But the question might arise in the present day, "Why does the Society exist any longer, now that a revival of learning greater than an Italian Renaissance has irradiated the whole world of civilisation?" or the question might be put in a different form, "How is it that our Order has gone on existing while other orders have risen and fallen and organisations have become have-forgotten dreams, Freemasonry still remaining among us with undiminished and increasing vigour?" Perhaps one of those questions was more easily asked than answered, but they might find the answer in such a passage as the one before them which formed his text. All things human, the Apostle told them, failed and passed away. Even the highest human gifts—prophecy, tongues, knowledge—vanished away; the eloquence of the most eloquent speakers before long became silent, and language the most cultured became in lapse of time a dialect that few could understand. If a man knew 50 languages in St. Paul's day, how many would be of use now? Knowledge and science was ever shifting and becoming obsolete. The science of the Apostle's day and the deep philosophy of Greece were only curious to the student now. The astronomy and physics of that age were gone, and one thing alone, the Apostle told them, could never fail, and that was Charity. One thing alone could impart an element of permanence to the changeful things of time, and that was the love of God and man; and as they realised that that was the spirit of Masonry, they saw there the secret of its permanence—the permanence of that Order as representatives of which they met that day, assisting in the raising of that spiritual temple, concerning the type of which God spake of old, "In strength will I establish my house to stand firm for evermore." Yes, Charity was the highest rung of the ladder that reached to heaven and rested on the volume of the Sacred Law, for the Mason who was in possession of that virtue in its highest extent might be justly deemed to have arrived at the summit of their science. "Charity never faileth," and therefore, as long as they were faithful to the ancient landmarks of their Order, faithful to the principles on which that Order rested, and loyal to its spirit, Masonry would never pass away with other passing things of human life—they might almost say that Masonry would never fail. The theme was capable of almost infinite expansion, but their time that morning was limited, and he would dwell no longer on it. He would, however, conclude with two brief words. First, to those who did not belong to the Order. It was sometimes brought against Freemasons as a charge with something of reproach that theirs was a secret Society. In reply to that he would ask—What was there that was worth knowing that was not a secret to the outer world? What human character of any depth revealed itself to strangers? Who, to quote Shakespeare, "wears his heart upon his sleeve for daws to peck at?" What branch of science had not its secrets, to be revealed to none but those who approached in a humble condition of acknowledged darkness? It was only those who knew what darkness was who truly longed for light and for truth. What, again, could have been more of a secret society than the body of the ancient Primitive Church meeting in the twilight of early dawn to celebrate in haste the sacred rites of the Christian faith? And was it not still the best answer to doubting unbelief in religious things to say—"Believe, accept, and thou shalt see"? So with their science and their Order, they, too, had their secrets and mysteries, but the door of the lodge was barred to none who came well and worthily recommended, properly prepared, humbly soliciting admission; they welcomed all who could answer that in cases of danger and difficulty they trusted in God alone. One word to those who belonged to the Order. Let them suffer the word of exhortation from one who would not presume to teach, but would prefer to be taught by some of those to whom he was speaking. Let it be their care that it be not said of them and of their Order that through their unworthiness Masonry had suffered more from its so-called friends than from its foes. Those who surrounded Masons could only judge of their principles and their Order by what they saw of them and their deeds. By their actions and by their character they could alone vindicate, in the eyes of the outer world, the purity and loftiness of Masonry. Let it be, then, their endeavour to show by its effect upon their lives that Masonry was something more than an interesting survival of the past ages, even a living active force wherever the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth were recognised and honoured. Those principles were in a small measure to be tested that day in the offertory to be given to the Minehead and Dunster Cottage Hospital. He need not dilate upon the claims of the sick and sorrowing upon every Mason's heart, and he need only invite them so to contribute to that object now that the inauguration of their lodge might be the means of bringing gladness and relief to some whose feet as they trod the mosaic work, the chequered course of an earthly life, were treading the uneven path of weakness, and suffering, and adversity.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Oh, worship the King," during which a collection (which realised over £6) was made in aid of the funds of the Minehead and Dunster Cottage Hospital. The brethren then proceeded to the Public Hall, and having assumed their regalia, took their seats in the lodge room, and received the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, Bros. J. Gill, 1966, and W. Bidgood, 261, undertaking and skilfully performing the duties of Directors of Ceremonies.

Before proceeding to the ceremony of consecration, the Consecrating Officer, the Earl of DUNGARVAN, said that looking over recently some old documents concerning Somerset Freemasonry, he could not fail to be struck with the great progress the Craft had made in recent years. The first records he found dated back to 1784, and at that time there were only 10 lodges in the province. There were many more now, and he had now the honour to consecrate another. Judging from the large gathering of brethren he saw there that day to assist in the ceremony, he had no doubt the lodge would find a field of usefulness in that popular neighbourhood.

The lodge having been opened, the founders proceeded to the dais, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. HUNT, read the petition and warrant.

The officers named in the petition and warrant having been approved, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. G. AUSTIN, delivered an able oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. He demonstrated the universality of the science by the use of many of its symbols and much of its ritual throughout the Eastern world and by the ancient Egyptians, while corroborative evidence was found in the fact that hundreds of years since symbols and ritual were used in England similar to those authorised by the Grand Lodge upon the revival of the science in 1717 and still continued.

The anthem "Behold how pleasant and how good" was sung, the dedicatory

prayer and invocation said, and the appointed portion of Scripture read, and then Weldon's anthem, "Praise God in His Holiness," was sung.

The Consecrating Officer, Lord DUNGARVAN, was attended by three Past Masters—Bros. T. Meyler, W. Board, and H. Watts—bearing the elements of consecration; corn, the emblem of plenty, was strewn; wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, and oil, the emblem of unity, were poured out, and salt scattered, each act being accompanied by a musical response by the choir. The anthem, "The spacious firmament on high," being sung, the Chaplain thrice censed the lodge, and the dedication ceremony was concluded, and the National Anthem sung. When this impressive function was brought to an end the installation of Bro. F. T. Elworthy, 261 and 1966, P.P. S.G.W., as W.M. of the new lodge, was proceeded with. The ceremony was ably performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Else, and the Master of the new lodge having been duly proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. F. May, I.P.M.; G. Saunders, S.W.; R. Hole, J.W.; Rev. H. S. Hume, Chaplain; H. Cox, Treas.; A. Hammett, Sec.; F. W. Roberts, S.D.; G. H. Kite, J.D.; E. Clatworthy, D.C.; E. Goodman, I.G.; H. Read, Org.; and Sergeant Macdonald, Tyler.

A number of brethren were proposed as joining members and several candidates for initiation. The lodge was then closed, the ode, "Almighty Sire" (composed for the centenary of the Taunton Lodge, and set to music by Bro. the Rev. R. Bailey), being sung during the offertory.

The brethren who signed the attendance-book during the day included the following:

Bros. the Rt. Hon. Viscount DUNGARVAN, P.G.M.; R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng. and Dep. P.G.M.; W. B. Gregory, P.S.G.W.; Rev. E. G. Austin, P.G. Chap.; C. L. Fry Edwards, P.G. Treas.; H. B. Farington, P.G. Reg.; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Sec.; W. S. Gillard, P.S.G.D.; John Bryant, P.J.G.D.; T. F. O. Norris, P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Tyler, P.G. Stwd.; F. B. George, P.G. Stwd.; A. J. Salter, P.G. Tyler; and S. Bigwood, Asst. P.G. Tyler.

The Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who attended were—

Bros. F. T. Elworthy, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Saunders, jun., P.P.J.G.W.; James Cook, jun., P.P.J.G.W.; A. Villar, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Meyler, P.P.G. Reg.; T. G. Williams, P.P.G. Reg.; F. May, sen., P.P.G.D.; John Gill, P.P.G.D.C.; G. James, P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Vile, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Adams, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bidgood, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Knight, P.P.G. Purst.; B. C. Board, P.P.G.S.B.; and C. Symons, P.P.G.S.B.

Among the visitors from other provinces were Bros. S. R. Baskett, P.M. 329, P.M. 1367, P.P.G. Reg. of Dorset; T. Barber, 652, P.P.G.P. West Yorks; T. C. Smith, 1205; R. S. Purnell, 39; J. Gibbins, 1488; and W. T. Jennings, 586.

Subsequently a banquet was held in the Public Hall. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Elworthy, presided, being supported by the P.G.M., Bro. Lord DUNGARVAN, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Else; the vice-chairs were taken by the S.W., Bro. G. Saunders, Mayor of Taunton, and the J.W., Bro. Captain Hole.

The first toast was given by the CHAIRMAN, the S.W. giving that of "The Grand Master," and the J.W. that of "The Officers of Grand Lodge." To the latter Lord DUNGARVAN and Bro. ELSE responded, both remarking that the Grand Officers who attended Provincial Grand Lodge at Bath expressed the warmest approbation of the manner in which the work was done.

Bro. MEYLER proposed "The Health of the P.G.M.," expressing the belief that Lord DUNGARVAN's reign would be a prosperous one, and that he was emphatically the right man in the right place.

His LORDSHIP, in responding, said he believed that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and only by doing his Masonic duties well should he be satisfied that he was fulfilling the requirements of his high office.

Bro. HUME proposed the next toast, to which Bro. ELSE suitably responded.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the toast of the day ("The Exmoor Lodge"), saying he was proud to think that his first official duty should be the consecration of a lodge in that district, a lodge for which he looked forward to a brilliant future.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER responded, and proposed "The Visitors," for whom Bro. BASKETT replied.

The D.P.G.M. gave the next toast, and especially pleaded for help for the Charities, one of which (the Girls' School) had this year received much less than the usual amount of support.

Bro. W. ADAMS responded.

The arrangements for the day were made by Bros. Saunders and Cox, and the proceedings passed off throughout very satisfactorily. The music was rendered by a choir of the brethren, most of it having been specially arranged for men's voices by Bro. H. Read, Organist 261, who presided at the organ throughout the day.

The hall was handsomely adorned with flowers, kindly lent by Mr. S. Dobree.

CONSECRATION OF THE LORD CHARLES BERESFORD LODGE, No. 2404.

This new lodge for the Province of Kent was consecrated on Tuesday last, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Railway-street, Chatham, by Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent, who was assisted by Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; J. S. Lovett, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. H. M. Maugham, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec.; Horatio Ward, P.P.J.G.W., who acted as D.C.; G. W. Mitchell, as A.D.C.; and W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.

The lodge has been formed by members of the Craft belonging to the Chatham Division of Royal Marines, for the convenience of members of that corps and the Royal Navy at that port. It was thought appropriate to name the lodge after one of the gallant and popular members of the Royal Navy, of which the Royal Marines form an important part, and it is hoped that the lodge will become as popular as the gallant officer whose name it bears. The members of the lodge are particularly fortunate in having for their first Master Bro. Lieutenant and Quartermaster Francis Powell, who now fills the chair of W.M. for the third time, and has been a Grand Officer of Hants and the Isle of Wight three times. He has also been a Steward of the three Central Institutions of English Freemasonry; he is also in the Arch and Mark, and is a member of the Scotch and Irish Constitutions. The petitioners for the new lodge were Bros. Powell, W.M.; J. Trimble, 1424; J. W. Holdstock, 511, 2153; S. F. Morgan, 1424; J. J. Young, 797; F. Duffin, 1424; E. Evans, 20; J. W. Gunton, 1424; W. A. Phipps, 515; H. Mordy, 1424; W. Barratt, 387 (I.C.); W. J. Burgess, 1424; G. K. Wollaston, (American Constitution); B. Astle, 1424; J. Beale, P.M. 1096; J. W. Peart, 1424; J. E. Perkins, 736; W. Folkerd, 1424; H. J. T. Browne, 20; W. E. P. Crouch, 1424; and G. W. Parsons, P.M. 1050.

The town of Chatham was profusely decorated with bunting, &c., in honour of the consecration of the lodge.

The following answer was received from Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, H.M.S. Undaunted, Alexandria, on being asked permission to name the lodge after him: "I am much flattered by the request you make me, to allow a new lodge you are forming to be called 'The Lord Charles Beresford Lodge.' I shall be very pleased to accede to the request. I take such a deep interest in the splendid corps of Royal Marines, I am very glad to be associated with them in any way whatever." And on being informed that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to grant a charter for the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, he said, "I am very proud of the compliment which that renowned corps, the Royal Marines, have paid me in wishing to name a lodge after myself. I shall certainly give myself the pleasure of visiting the lodge on my return to England."

At the consecration ceremony about 150 brethren were present. After the lodge had been opened and the salutes given,

Earl AMHERST, addressing the brethren, said as they had assembled together in such large numbers they were all aware of the cause, which was to add another lodge to the already large number of lodges of Kent. It could not but be interesting to every brother who had the interests of the Craft at heart, and he was sure from the great number of brethren present that they all wished the new lodge a happy and prosperous career. It was established to afford a Masonic home for members of the two great services settled in the town, and he hoped it would be for the good of the town. It sometimes happened that a new lodge lessened the membership of another lodge, but it would not be so with this lodge. He had no fear that it would promote the great interest in Freemasonry, and stir and stimulate the other lodges of the town. He was perfectly certain that there was not one of the brethren present but had the interest of Freemasonry at heart, and he was also certain that from the numbers present they had stamped the lodge with success.

The consecration was then proceeded with, Bro. the Rev. H. M. MAUGHAM delivering the following oration—

R.W. Prov. Grand Master, W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Brethren and Brethren, —Were I to discourse fully of the nature and purposes of Freemasonry I should detain you far too long, and even if I could succeed in my attempt to describe the excellencies of Freemasonry, yet the youngest Master Mason might say to me—the one-half of the excellency of Freemasonry has not been told me. I therefore propose to speak but for a few minutes, not that I am able to say anything new, but to recall to your minds a few of the excellencies of Freemasonry. First, and in my mind foremost, Freemasonry is founded upon religion—on a belief of the oneness of God—the Creator and Preserver and Lover of the creatures of His Providence. In Freemasonry we are reminded how part of the 24 hours of the day ought to be spent in prayer to our Heavenly Father, whose watchful eye ever observes us, and whose Almighty hand is ever ready to help us in all dangers and difficulties; that to teach us what duties we owe to Him, to our neighbour, and ourselves. He has not left us to depend upon the uncertainty of tradition, but has caused His Holy Will to be written down in the Holy Book, which we call the Volume of the Sacred Law. Rightly do Masons venerate this Book, and place it in the most honourable position in their lodges; rightly, too, as Chaplain, shall I carry it in procession during the consecration service; rightly, too, will every Mason love it and study it every day, and by so doing will he find it a lantern unto his feet, and a light unto his paths, guiding him through his earthly pilgrimage to his heavenly home. Brethren elect of the lodge about to be consecrated, whether you remain in England or duty should take you to either of the cardinal points of the compass all will be well if you are armed with the four cardinal virtues, if prudence be present to direct you, temperance to chasten you, fortitude to support you, and justice be the guide of all your actions. Besides these, Freemasonry supposes her children to be animated by the three theological virtues—namely, Faith, Hope, and Charity; thus are we taught to realise the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Freemasonry inculcates brotherly love in a practical manner by her benevolent Institutions, to support which should be our duty and pleasure. Our hearts are constantly being moved to compassion by appeals to sympathise in the misfortune of our brethren, to relieve the distressed widow, to maintain and teach the destitute orphan, and to help the failing brother in his declining years. But now I would refer to another phase of Freemasonry, when brother meets brother at the festive board, and when is exemplified the proverb "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Such gatherings promote brotherly kindness; I think they are to be commended and therefore ought not to be given up because there may be some who suppose this is the chief business of our Masonic meetings. Having made these remarks about Freemasonry in general may I add a few words of counsel to the founders of this lodge in particular? To-day a new privilege will be yours, bringing with it a great responsibility, viz., the right to admit into our brotherhood those who desire to share our privileges. I trust you will only admit those who are well and worthily recommended. Masonry, which numbers among its members the highest in the land—the heir to the throne and most of the Royal Princes—the heads of the learned professions, the most distinguished ornaments of the Army and Navy, is deservedly greatly esteemed, and many desire to join its ranks and share its prestige. Much is expected of Masons and their conduct is observed, not always in that charitable spirit which rejoiceth not in evil. I trust then you will not admit anyone into its ranks whose conduct is likely to dim the brightness of the reputation of the Craft. Far better would it be that you should increase the members of your lodge but slowly than you should admit any who might bring discredit on Masonry in general or your lodge in particular. You have to keep up the high standard of excellence and moral worth to which you are pledged by the name of your lodge and your position as members of the united service of that country upon whose territory and dependencies the sun never sets. I hope you will take in good part these words of counsel, and now for myself, and I believe on behalf of all the brethren present, I wish the worthy Master elect and the founders of the lodge a successful year of office, and a bright and prosperous future for the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge.

Bro. Eastes installed Bro. Francis Powell, P.M., as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. J. Trimble, S.W.; T. W. Holdstock, J.W.; S. E. Morgan, acting I.P.M.; B. Astle, Treas.; J. W. Peart, Sec.; W. J. Burgess, S.D.; H. Mordy, J.D.; F. Duffin, D.C.; Edwin Evans, Org.; W. A. Phipps, I.G.; J. W. Gunton and J. J. Young, Stwds.; and C. J. Rose, Tyler.

The customary votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the lodge.

The W.M. was chosen Charity representative of the lodge for the province, and names of joining members and of proposed initiates were read in open lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said her Majesty was a real friend to Masonry; her eldest son was Grand Master, another son was a Provincial Grand Master, a District Grand Master, and Past Grand Master, and a grandson was a Provincial Grand Master and a Past Grand Warden. He therefore thought the quotation on the toast list attached to this toast was quite appropriate—

May one life-long triumph her reign e'er attend,
The Craft are assured she's firmly their friend.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," said he was sure that while Masons had such a Grand Master the Craft would not deteriorate. Sixteen years ago, when the Prince of Wales was first installed in his position, the lodges numbered about 1500; that day, as the brethren were aware, they mustered 2404, therefore in 16 years the number of lodges had been augmented more than 900, or more than one a week. More than that, notwithstanding the number had been augmented, Masonry had not deteriorated. It was therefore very gratifying. On one or two occasions he (the W.M.) had been present when the Prince of Wales was performing some Masonic ceremony; one was at the Jubilee celebration at the Albert Hall, when no doubt many brethren now at the table were there also; they must have been proud, as he was proud to be one of that number, and to see how well the Prince of Wales performed his work. He was also present when the Prince of Wales presided at the Albert Hall at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, when over £50,000 was subscribed. He (the W.M.) was a Steward on that occasion, and he heard the speeches of the Prince of Wales and the King of Sweden, and he was more than repaid for all the pains he had taken to perform his duty as Steward. Nothing more was required to be said to commend that toast to the favourable consideration of the brethren.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, when the toast had been duly honoured, proposed "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that all Masons knew how the Grand Officers of England did their duty; they all put their shoulders to the wheel to make Masonry a success. The Earl of Lathom was Grand Master of a large province, and as Pro Grand Master he had multifarious

duties. He had heard him say on one occasion that he exercised the greatest supervision of his province. The Earl of Lathom was always doing something; surely he never went to bed or went to sleep. He always devoted his time to one duty or the other, and to judge from all that he (the W.M.) had seen on various occasions the Earl of Lathom must be a most remarkable man. The other officers of Grand Lodge were like him. There was the Grand Secretary, who had a wonderful way of getting through his duties and his enormous correspondence. The brethren who wrote to the Grand Secretary always got a reply by return of post. Then there was the Grand Treasurer. There was a Past Grand Treasurer present, Bro. Edward Terry. They were very much flattered in having the presence of Bro. Terry, and he would call on Bro. Terry to respond.

Bro. EDWARD TERRY, P.G.T., in reply, said he rose with a considerable amount of diffidence—he thought it was only right that on the present occasion he should support that fact by saying he told it to the Marines—when he rose to respond, as he often had the agony to do, for the Grand Officers. He felt considerably embarrassed because he felt he had to act in a dual position. As a Grand Officer he was supposed to combine a kind of dignity and as a comedian he was supposed to be funny, therefore he could not help thinking that he realised in his present position a tolerably well known picture of Landseer's known as "Dignity and Impudence." However, to quote a gentleman who in the early days of his career was known to him—Mr. William Shakespeare—"a skilful surgeon's cut beneath the wound to make the cut complete." Therefore he would not go so deeply into this matter as to cause the brethren any amount of annoyance. They had had a very good dinner and they had heard a very good amount of harmony in the shape of music, and it was not for him to cast a jarring note on such an amusement as that. It had given him very great pleasure to come down to Chatham and make a holiday and witness the consecration of the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge. Lord Charles Beresford was a man they had the greatest admiration for; he was an ornament to the country, and he pursued his duty to that country in a way which had marked out for him a most distinguished career. He might say to any of the brethren who might go abroad—and some he saw by their medals had been abroad—that Masonry had a very great power abroad. He had had the pleasure of going through India on a holiday trip, and he was certainly astonished by the power of Masonry there. He found in Bombay, where he was received in a Parsee lodge—a lodge which combined Parsees, Hindoos, Mahomedans, and at the same time of his visit to the lodge a Jew also happened to be present—and it was marvellous to him visiting the lodge to see the harmony in which those castes worked. There was only one thing that could do that, and that was Masonry. When they considered that that little spot on the face of the earth ruling a vast and enormous place like India, it was simply because the place was split up into castes—Mahomedans, Hindoos—all antagonistic castes; but there he found all these different sects working in a Masonic lodge with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasons. It was a great revelation to him, and if any brethren had the pleasure of going to India, as no doubt many of them would, they would find in Delhi, Lucknow, and Cawnpore, and every other station in India that they would have some of the happiest days of their lives, and they would find at Cawnpore in a Masonic lodge an oasis in an otherwise desert. However, he was afraid he was getting over-painful and serious, and therefore he would say no more than that the Grand Officers were very thankful to the brethren for the toast, and he himself was much obliged to them for receiving his name in the way they had, and he hoped to have the pleasure of visiting Chatham at some other time and visiting the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, and finding it in a flourishing condition.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next said he had now very great pleasure indeed in proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Earl Amherst." The very admirable way in which Earl Amherst had presided over that province so many years was quite beyond all praise. Some 17 or 18 years ago, when he (the W.M.) first became acquainted with the province, Earl Amherst's name was simply a household word in the province. What was it now, considering it had been making progress ever since? If there was anything wanting to satisfy the whole of the brethren of the province of his admirable qualities, of the splendid way he presided over the province, and the perfection with which he performed all other duties connected with the province, nothing could be better or more convincing than what took place when he presided over the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a few months ago, when the amount raised by the Stewards was between £15,000 and £16,000, and more than a fifth of that amount was from the Province of Kent in support of its P.G.M. Nothing could speak more powerfully than that. With regard to the minute way Earl Amherst went into the details of the province, he (the W.M.) had had some experience, and therefore he said without fear of contradiction no detail passed him as a matter of form. Earl Amherst went into it himself. That was in his favour, and showed the great amount of time and trouble he devoted to the interest of that province, because it all bore fruit in the end. All the brethren who assisted him felt that they also must do their duty; the chain of responsibility passed right through, and that accounted for the very great success of the province. That must also account for the very handsome sum obtained by the Stewards of over £3500 from Kent when the Provincial Grand Master presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Earl AMHERST, in reply, said he believed he ought to have waited a short time before he answered to that toast as a song had to be sung, but the W.M. had told him that the vocalist who was to sing it was unable to be present, being laid up with influenza. Influenza appeared to him to account for everything mortal that was evil in these days. (Laughter.) He therefore had to reply immediately. Any man would be very strange and foolish if he did not feel flattered by the way in which that toast was always received in the Province of Kent. He had now had the honour of presiding over that province for 31 years; during all that time the brethren had always received him with the greatest kindness, and always did their best to back up his efforts in the cause of Masonry. The W.M. had alluded to the last Festival of the Old People, when he took the chair last February. He need hardly tell the brethren that he was more than gratified by the show that Kent made at that Festival. In old days £2000 or £2500 was considered an enormous sum for any province to bring up. Certainly, at the Boys' Festival some years ago this province took up £3300, but this year it sent up £3500, which he believed was the largest sum any province had sent up in support of any one of the Masonic Institutions. He need hardly say there were larger provinces than the Province of Kent; they embraced more lodges, and consequently would have greater power of supporting the Institutions than Kent had; but of this he was certain, it would never be broken, that according to the number of lodges in Kent would be the subscriptions. No province had shown itself more zealous in supporting the Institutions or more united—he might say with pride—in support of their chief. The W.M. had been kind enough to say he (Earl Amherst) took some trouble about the affairs of the province, but he should like to know what sort of a Prov. Grand Master he would be if he did not take trouble in such a province. As in all the affairs of life, so in Masonry, if things were to go straight when one commanded some 58 lodges and 3500 brethren, if somebody did not take trouble the affairs of the province might get considerably mixed. He did not want to see the province get considerably mixed. He thought the province having got a good repute in England that was worth something, and it was the part of the chief to keep up the reputation. Although some of the brethren gave more trouble than he thought they ought it was more than repaid by the reflection of the success that the Province of Kent had obtained. He would like to know what man who was not wholly insensible would not be proud of presiding over such a province as that.

As he had said before if the chief did not do his duty the captains and lieutenants would not do theirs, the sergeant-majors and sergeants would not do theirs, the rank and file were the same, and the whole affair got demoralised. Every one must keep up to a state of efficiency. That they had done in the past and they must do it in the future, and so long as they did they would find the name of their province respected, and that should be a reward for any trouble they had taken. Now, it was customary on these occasions to thank the Provincial Grand Master for coming down to consecrate the lodge; but it appeared to him it was one of the Provincial Grand Master's duties to perform the act; it appertained to his office; it was one of his most important functions. The old Constitutions said "every new lodge shall be consecrated by the Grand Master in person." That was impossible in these days, and therefore the Deputy Grand Master, or someone else, had to do it for him. If a new lodge was to be consecrated it was part of the plain duty of the Provincial Grand Master to do it, and on that account alone he was glad to do it. But beyond that he was glad to see a lodge consecrated in due and proper form. It was a solemn ceremony—a ceremony, he dared say, many of the brethren saw for the first time that day; it was a solemn ceremony, and a very graceful ceremony, and for the honour of the Craft and the interests of Masonry he liked to see it properly performed, and therefore he thought it would show considerable laxity on his part if he were not prevented by circumstances over which he had no control, if he were to allow a lodge to be consecrated in his province without being present himself in the lodge and doing the work. He must acknowledge that that day he had had the greatest reason for being glad to perform the ceremony. He had not forgotten the time when he wore the Queen's uniform himself, and he was very proud to wear it, and the brethren might depend upon it that it gave him extra pleasure to come down and consecrate a lodge which he knew was to be the home of a branch of the service which were in high repute in the land. This branch of the service he knew had "one foot on land and one on sea," and he thought he must recognise that it was on the land that they got their recruits for that sister service which wore the blue coat. He had heard objections to special lodges, but for himself he did not share those objections. When there was a large body of men gathered together as they were in Chatham, there was among them an *esprit de corps* which made them proud to have a lodge of their own, and it arose from that—which was a very natural feeling, as he had said before in lodge that day—that they presented a petition. In indulging that feeling he was sure he was doing no harm to the lodges which already existed there. Masons were strong enough in Chatham to keep up the strength of Masonry and to support one more lodge; they were strong enough to support lodges at Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham, and without doing any harm to any of those they could support this lodge. That being so, he was very glad indeed to be able to be of some service to a number of his comrades in the service; although he had doffed the red coat some time ago, he still felt he had his comrades in the service, and at the same time to be of use to Masonry in Kent. Although there was no new thing he could say, as he had to return thanks five or six times in the year for the last 30 years, he might say now that he should look back with pleasure to that day when the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge was added to the roll of the lodges of the Province of Kent.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," and said there was also an equal interest attaching to that toast. There was no doubt their P.G.M. was perfectly A1, but he must be assisted by others. No one could go through all the work by himself; he must have some assistance, and in Bros. Spencer, Russell, Lovett, and a large number of others he had a collective strength which made the whole thing perfect, and secured the success of the province. He proposed their health.

Bro. LOVETT, replying, said Bro. Eastes had been obliged to leave to catch a train, but Bro. Eastes was an excellent assistant to the Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master had said that the captains could not succeed without good officers, and he (Bro. Lovett) did not think he was going beyond the mark when he said that the Provincial Grand Master had an excellent officer in his deputy; indeed, he heard him say so a fortnight ago. Bro. Spencer belonged to the executive, but he (Bro. Lovett) belonged to the ornamental branch, though he hoped a useful branch; they had not very hard work, and to come to this consecration was to him one of the greatest pleasures. He had never seen a consecration of a lodge before.

Bro. ALFRED SPENCER, Prov. G. Secretary, also replied, and thanked the W.M. for the compliment he had paid him in coupling his name with the toast. It had been his pleasure to take part in many of the Masonic ceremonies in Chatham and in other towns in the Province of Kent, and he was sure that that lodge was one they would be proud of. He hoped for many years he might have the pleasure of occupying the position he did, and of coming to Chatham and seeing the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge prosper and be one of the most distinguished lodges in the province.

Bro. WARNE said he was in a distant part of the country on one occasion and he had to respond to a toast of that kind, which had been given on the present occasion he thought in rather inappropriate terms by the W.M., inasmuch as he was afraid the W.M. had over-eulogised the competence and ability of the Prov. Grand Officers. Nevertheless he had found himself relating a tale which he had related before, which he thought was rather appropriate to the present occasion. He found himself on one occasion at Maidstone, and a poor wretch of a fellow was standing in the dock of the court there being tried. The crime of which he was accused was one easily brought home to him, and really admitted of no defence. Witness after witness came forward and spoke to his delinquencies, and at the close of the examination of every witness the judge, with that remarkable air judges only put on, looked over the top of his spectacles, and asked him if he had any question to ask the witness. Still the prisoner remained silent, and refused to ask a single question. After the witnesses had been examined, the judge asked him if he had anything to say to the jury, because if he had then was the time to say it. Then for the first time the poor wretch broke silence, and looking at the judge and jury, said—"No, my lord, I have not got nothing to say," and then, with a peculiar sort of twinkle in his eye, he said—"And if I had nothing I should not have said it, because too much has been said of it already." To the surprise of everyone in court, and no one more than the prisoner himself, the jury put their heads together, and brought him in not guilty. The judge looked at him once more with that look which judges can use, and said—"You had better go off; you have had a narrow escape: don't come again." Then he was equal to the occasion, and said—"No, my lord, and I should not have come here now if I had not been brought." That was the position he (Bro. Warne) found himself at that moment. He would not assume that too much had been said about the toast already, but everything that could be said had been said by the brethren who had preceded him, and he could only express the thanks of the Grand Officers for the exceedingly kind and cordial manner in which the brethren always received the Provincial Grand Officers. It had been to them a source of very great happiness and pleasure to be there on that occasion, and if he might take a simile from a worthy medical brother who stood very near him who wrote at the bottom of those delicious draughts which he sent out over and over again to his patients, a missive on which they found—"The mixture as before."

Earl AMHERST, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure the brethren would drink the toast most cordially. He congratulated the brethren on the choice of W.M., Bro. Powell, who had shown himself to be a very zealous and worthy Mason. He had taken a very great deal of trouble in the promotion of

the lodge and had paid attention to all the minutiae and details which were sure to lead to the success of a new lodge. He thought he might travel into territories outside the Craft and say that in the Royal Marines they were all proud of him. Twenty-five years as a non-commissioned officer and 13 years as a sergeant-major was a very rare occurrence indeed. And when he told them that a petition most numerous signed was sent to the Admiralty that he should receive the high rank of quartermaster, it spoke well indeed for the services he had done. He did not believe they could wish the W.M. a better record. Then in the Masonic world he had done equally good service. He had taken the trouble to found that lodge and the brethren knew the trouble he had taken in doing so. There were always some slight difficulties in the first years of a new lodge. It always was the case, but when the lodge first started on the tide it was for the brethren to take up the man who presided over it, and he was sure that the man they had chosen for their first Master would do credit to their choice, to himself, and to the Craft. He wished him a happy year of office, and at the same time asked the brethren to drink his health and success to the Lord Charles Beresford Lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said that during his career in Masonry of 26 years he had belonged to Masonry in various parts of the world. He had served under the Constitutions of England, Scotland, and Ireland. In one place where he was there was a Scotch lodge only, and he joined that; on another occasion he was where there was only an Irish lodge, and he became an Irish Mason. When he came to England he had joined English lodges. On two occasions he had joined lodges in the Province of Kent; one was at Walmer, No. 1096, of which he was S.D., and he was proud of it. The office of Deacon was not an inferior one, for if a Deacon did not do his work well a candidate might be deterred from coming for his other Degrees. If a Deacon was up to his work it was an encouragement to a candidate to come again. He felt very proud of being first Master of that lodge. It was one he did not ask for, as they knew, and he did not want it. When he was asked for his advice about starting the lodge, he said it was a matter which required consideration. He gave it that consideration, and in due time gave his answer. Then they popped another question, and asked him to be Master. It was one thing to give advice, but another to assume leadership. However, he thought it over, and the very nice way they put the matter before him determined him. It was an honour to be for the third time a W.M., and if he could be of any service to the brethren he did not mind taking the ordeal of being a third time W.M. They knew the result, and what had taken place that day had turned out more than a success. It was in a large measure due to the Provincial Grand Master and his officers. It was very gratifying to see the work done well. He would impress upon all the members of the lodge and the officers to do their work well. If they would give him their cordial assistance he would give them his. He wished to say as forcibly as he could that they must give all their assistance, and that every officer must make himself acquainted with his office. He should be with them to assist them. They had the authority of Lord Charles Beresford to assume his name as the name of the lodge, and he had promised to give them a visit on his return to England in 18 months. Lord Charles Beresford was a Past Grand Officer, and he would feel disgusted if he saw the work ill done in a lodge to which he had given his name. When he visited them they must do the work well. He (the W.M.) would be in the chair only 12 months; 12 months soon passed round, and they must make every effort to rally round him, and make the lodge worthy of the name it bore, worthy of the Provincial Grand Master, and worthy of the province.

Bro. MORGAN, I.P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and trusted that was not the only occasion on which they would honour the lodge with their presence. Of course that was an extraordinary occasion, but they hoped at their regular meetings the visitors would still visit them. He could promise them a reception they would not be ashamed of.

Bro. WIGGINS, W.M. 20, replied, and said the visitors were proud to be present at the birth of that lodge, which he was sure would be an honour to the province, a credit to the service, and a credit to the old town of Chatham. As W.M. of the oldest lodge in the province, he was proud symbolically to hold out the right hand of fellowship to the youngest lodge in the province. If the brethren would honour No. 20 with their presence they would be heartily welcomed. There was room for that lodge. He wished all men were Masons; there was plenty of room for them in Chatham and everywhere else. When he consulted the brethren of No. 20 about that new lodge they were all agreeable. He thanked the brethren for the hearty reception given to the visitors.

The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

CONSECRATION OF THE HALSEY CHAPTER, No. 1479, ST. ALBANS.

A sixth Royal Arch chapter was added to the roll of Hertfordshire on Friday, the 29th ult., when the Halsey Chapter, No. 1479, attached to the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, St. Albans, was formally consecrated by Comp. T. F. Halsey, Grand Superintendent, assisted by his Provincial Officers. The ceremony took place in the Town Hall, where, at the appointed hour of 4 p.m., there assembled together under the presidency of their respected chief Comps. George E. Lake, Prov. G.H.; John E. Dawson, Past G. Std. Br., Past Prov. G.H.; T. S. Carter, Past Prov. G.H.; Charles E. Keyser, P.G.J.; James Terry, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.D.C.; Charles Bullock, P.G.S.E.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G. Treasurer; the founders of the new chapter, namely, Comps. John Purrott, P.Z., P.P.J.G. Soj., M.E.Z. designate; the Rev. Philip Deedes, P.Z., P.A.G. Soj., H. designate; G. J. Wood, J. designate; the Rev. George Finch, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; W. Lewis, P.Z., Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.; E. P. Debenham, George Haynes, and J. Thornhill—the names of the other founders, Comps. Keyser and Terry having been already mentioned—and Comps. J. Brittain, P.Z.; Scott Young, H. 1385; S. Banker; J. Chalmers-Hunt, P.Z.; Rev. G. Letting, H. 403; A. C. Spaul, P.Z.; Nash, P.Z. 409; and others.

The Grand Superintendent and Comps. Lake and Keyser in the chairs of H. and J. respectively having taken their seats, and the chapter having been opened, the companions were admitted, and the petition and charter having been read, the founders expressed their approval of the companions designated as Principals. The ceremony of consecration was then carried out most impressively, the oration customary on such occasions being delivered by Comp. C. E. Keyser, P.G.J.

Comps. J. Purrott and the Rev. Philip Deedes being already installed First Principals, were severally obligated and inducted into the chairs of M.E.Z. and H. respectively by the Grand Superintendent, after which Comp. G. J. Wood was installed as J. by Comp. James Terry, P. Prov. G.J. and Prov. G.D.C. The following companions were then appointed and invested as officers for the year, namely, Comps. E. P. Debenham, Scribe E.; W. Lewis, P.Z., Scribe N.; George Haynes, Prin. Soj.; J. Thornhill, 1st Asst. Soj.; and W. Wright, Janitor.

A vote of thanks to the Grand Superintendent, and the Prov. Grand Officers who had assisted him, having been unanimously passed, and sundry propositions having been handed in, chapter was closed, and the companions dined together under the presidency of Comp. John Purrott, M.E.Z., a most enjoyable evening, and one to be remembered in the annals of St. Albans Masonry, being the result.

THE LATE GENERAL ALBERT PIKE.

We take the following sketch of this remarkable man from the *American Tyler*:

The subject of this sketch lingered long upon the stage of life. While a few live a greater number of years, he was one of the small number who passed the four score mark. And useful and profitable years they were, even up to the very last. The city of Boston has the honour of his birth, the great West the honour of his active manhood years, and the city of Washington, the Capitol of the nation, the honour of his residence, for the last quarter of a century of his life and to the end of his days.

Of all the great names that centre about these three sections none surpass him in those qualities which make the great man. His name, particularly within the past few years, has not been so prominent before the public as many of the leading politicians and the leaders of society and taste, so the masses at large may not have heard much about him. Still for more than the ordinary years of life he was actively employed in many important branches of the intellectual field. His peculiar labour in the line of philosophical research brought him to the notice of the scholars of the world. Few Americans were so well known throughout the world as he; probably none so well known the world over. And yet his life work, that is the work whereby he is so well known, was not commenced until he had lived a half a century.

Though many years on the border line of civilisation, the man kept up his studies, that of law and literature, and became noted for his thorough knowledge of all the deep and learned points of his profession. His parents were poor, so in early life, like many others of the great and active men of his day, he taught school, and thereby obtained the means to aid him in his studies. He entered Harvard, but for lack of means was unable to remain and graduate. In 1831, when about 22 years of age, he started for what was then the Wild West, beyond the Mississippi river. He there lived a romantic life, often taking excursions to the woods and prairies, where he was closely associated with the Indians and free spirits, the hunters and trappers of the border. He evidently was not satisfied with the frontier or local practice. The intellect and culture of the man aspired after something higher. The higher fields of law were then his aspirations, and even quite early in life he had obtained much practice before the higher courts for claims and the like. On his first appearance in Washington, a characteristic story is told of him. The opposing attorney thought to overpower the Western man, right from the frontier, with erudition. So made a great exhibition of his learning, and particularly enlarged upon the old Roman law. Pike, the simple lawyer Pike, quietly listened to his polished opponent from one of the municipal centres of the cultured East. When the gentleman had finished, one would have thought that there was little for the other side to say; indeed, it seemed as though the frontier lawyer was completely *non plus*. But he was not so badly frightened it seems, but that he arose and quietly remarked to the court that he would pick up the subject of the Roman law where the learned gentleman on the other side had left it. And he did "pick it up," and launched forth in his courtly and vigorous style, and gave the court more "Roman Law" than it had heard for many a day. The Eastern lawyer, could not, had he tried, have given Mr. Pike a better opportunity. He embraced it, and established himself before the Supreme Court as one of the most able and accomplished attorneys that ever practiced at the bar. Mr. Pike made his home at Little Rock, Ark., and there married and raised a family.

It was very amusing and instructive to meet him on quiet evenings, when he felt in the mood for talk, and to hear his reminiscences of those early days, before there were any railroads, when the people of the frontier took life easy, went on long hunts, were on friendly terms with the Indians, and enjoyed generally a backwoods life.

When the Mexican war came on, Lawyer Pike, like many other prominent men in the South and West, raised a company for that war; and herein he got his military education and experience.

While he was not only a prominent Mason, but the most prominent brother of the Order the world over, and undoubtedly the most prominent Mason of all time, he did not, it seems, enter the brotherhood at as early a date in life as many others, and not until a few years before the war did he join the Scottish Rite branch of the Order, for which he did so much, and which gave him so fine a field in which to labour.

In 1859 he became Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and that position he held from that time until his death.

During the war of the rebellion, living many years in a Southern State, it was quite natural for him to espouse the Southern cause. He did not, as it was generally thought at the time, organise an Indian force. The Indian companies were already in the brigade when he took command. His differences with the Richmond government grew out of his effort to keep the Indians in their own country, for the defence of their interests there. So he was not responsible for their participation in battles within the borders of the States. The war to him was a great sacrifice. His home in Little Rock was pillaged, and the treasures and keepsakes of a lifetime were destroyed or stolen, so when he returned to it at the close of the war he found himself a very poor man; nothing of the comfortable home and household treasures left. His valuable library and cabinet scattered, as war only can scatter and destroy such things. Indeed, like many others, he must begin life again. And yet this very misfortune was, perhaps, only the turning of the tide that has carried him on with its flood to greater fortune than he could ever have hoped for had he remained in that sleepy romantic West. In his early days, before the war, he had often been to Washington, and met and seen all the great men prominent in the affairs of the nation, in the forties and fifties.

Being a man of fine imagination, it was quite natural that he should try his hand in the field of poetry, and in this he succeeded very well, but his poetry, though superior, is a mere bagatelle and pastime beside his prose writings, which are voluminous and far reaching.

After the war he wandered about from place to place, practising his profession in different cities of the South and South-West, even trying his fortune in New Orleans. But finally he decided to come to Washington and establish his home. About this time, somewhere about 1870, he became more and more interested in Masonic research and study. The Scottish Rite presented a fine field for such an intellect. The Order, with its many Degrees, was there, but was neglected, by men of intellect. Other men, and even men of ability, had written on Masonry, and many had thought the subject exhausted. But these writers had not seen, or if seeing, had not the mental culture and training to enter and cultivate so vast a field. In an architectural sense they had built good, strong, and even comfortable buildings, but had not attempted an Alhambra, combining wisdom, power, and harmony in its erection. They had painted even some grand pictures, but a Master appears and paints a grand panorama. They had written some fine songs, but a Master now appears who writes a grand opera, combining many fine airs, with wisdom, power, and harmony running through the whole from prelude to finish.

The literary work represented by this great man's years of labour is immense, and the variety great. He was a fine linguist, but language to him was not a mere accomplishment but a means to an end. He studied the Sanscrit and mastered that ancient language, together with the Hebrew, in order to translate and the better understand the Vedas, the ancient writings of India. One at all acquainted

with language knows the difficulty of translating even a spoken tongue, much less one that has been dead for centuries. His knowledge of the Spanish, he often remarked, helped him out of many a difficulty where all seemed entangled and impossible to comprehend. Then the study of language is a fine key to the migration of races. While the people of India to-day are as "Crenoids," or the stone lily of prehistoric times, as it were so fastened to a place as to not think of leaving it, the people of ancient India typified the modern phraseology of "going West." They moved westward and settled along the shores of the Mediterranean, especially on its northern shores. In the roots of the Spanish language an oriental scholar of to-day obtains "light" that it is not possible for him to obtain elsewhere. And this is a good illustration of the extent of the fields that such a scholar has to travel over in order to obtain the material that he would introduce into his Alhambra, and without which that Alhambra would not be the Master work it is, replete with beauty, usefulness, and high satisfaction to the master builders of all time. The Scottish Rite is divided into two jurisdictions. The Southern is the Mother Council of the world, and was established in Charleston, S.C., about the year 1801. Later it was divided, the Northern taking the more thickly settled territory comprising the Northern States, as far west as the Mississippi river; the Southern the original Southern States and all territory west of the Mississippi. So it will be seen, the Southern jurisdiction includes much northern territory, and in course of time will far exceed the northern in point of membership. But there is no knowing what may occur as years roll on. There has been a rumour to the effect that the two jurisdictions may some day be united, and there be only one for the United States. But it would seem useless to count on this; such a thing may happen and it may not; or there may be a re-organisation of jurisdiction of territory. I would not attempt to be a prophet in this line. It matters little, the two jurisdictions are as one in spirit, there is no clash of authority. Their aim is one, and as one they rule over a large and united Masonic world. After coming to Washington, General Pike gradually abandoned his law practice, and at his death he had none. He presented his fine library, costing him some \$25,000, to the Order, and the Southern jurisdiction, in view of what he had done for the rite, and I may say for Masonry at large, granted him a moderate salary. In addition to this the Supreme Council bought a fine piece of property in Washington, where this valuable library and auxiliary museum is provided for.

Here the General made his home, here the Supreme Council came every two years to consult and legislate on the affairs of the Order. Here, in a large upper room the venerable Commander worked, as even few younger men work, 12 or 14 hours a day, year in and year out. Yet this busy man was always approachable and treated all, from the most humble to the most exalted, with the utmost courtesy and kindness. He was too great a man to put artificial and impossible barriers between himself and the brethren of the Order. But because of this free and good natured manner of the man, it would not do to make the mistake that there was any want of dignity, nor for one to presume to take unwarranted liberties. General Pike had the happy faculty of being genial to all, while yet he commanded the respect of all. In approaching him you were, as by instinct, at once put on your metal as a man; and so long as you acted the gentleman you would be treated as such. But to repeat it would not be well to so presume on his kindness and courtesy as to take unwarranted liberties. General Pike was a large man. He wore his hair and beard *à la nature*. The lines of the head were of the round type, rather than the square. The perceptive were large; the head as a whole large, wide, and high, and arched from front to rear. He was a good speaker, the subject matter appealing to the intellect rather than to the ideal. Indeed, he was a most matter of fact and practical man, at least in this line; his whole aim was to make his thoughts clear and practical. He was a domestic man, and delighted in old friends and associations. He had a great fondness for pet birds, and the first thing that one saw on entering his quarters were bird cages of all varieties, some with a single bird in a cage, others with scores of the winged creatures of the air. He had one large cage that was some four feet square and five or six feet high; this was full of small birds, and a happy family they seemed to be. There you would find him surrounded with books and birds, the mind wealth of the ages and these creatures of the air. He loved the birds, and they seemed to know and love him.

The General was particularly happy in his manner of speaking of the dead. His obituaries are models; he has written many, advancing into the hundreds. I have heard many of them read, and no two alike. With most people the obituary is no easy task, many can write one of a friend, but few can find something new to write about the twentieth, much less the hundredth. At his death General Pike had reached his 81st birthday. Few live to such length of days, and still a much less number are able to continue their labours at those years, to raise, and continue to add, such an enduring monument to their fame. And yet this monument was more a matter of accident than intent. I do not think it ever entered General Pike's head to attempt to build such an enduring monument. He became interested in a certain work; he discovered a new field, he entered it, little dreaming of the mine of wealth he would there find, or even the wealth within his own mind. He developed the mine within and without. He became more and more interested in his labours. One step in advance necessitated another and another. To a man thus gifted there was enjoyment in pursuing the development of these treasure fields.

This great work he did not enter upon until past 50. What a lesson in this to others. In his earlier days the opportunity had not presented itself, yet when it did it found him well prepared to assume its responsibilities. The world is better for his having lived in it. Indeed this was one of his great teachings, "That it is better to love than to hate." The influence of the labours of such a man will go on to eternity, and the name of Albert Pike will be for ever associated with the immortal few whose names their fellow mortals will delight to honour. In every civilised country and in every clime his name will be honoured—everywhere where civilised man has established a home.

Born the 29th day of December, 1809, died April 2nd, 1891. "*Consummatum est*, that is his life here on earth; his name goes down to the posterities."

We, at the end of the nineteenth century, here in the Great Republic, where so much seems given up to the gods of trade and ambition, are glad to send our greetings to the great hereafter, and point with pride to the immortal flower that grew up among us and which we helped to nourish, and in our feeble way tried to appreciate.—ISAAC P. NOYES.

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To Correspondents.

F. E. R.—If the Master of a lodge is incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in the absence of the Senior Warden the Junior Warden acts as Master in *summoning* the lodge, and only in the event of both these officers being absent does the Immediate Past Master take upon himself that duty; but in the absence of the Master the Immediate Past Master *takes the chair*. The law in respect to this is very clearly laid down in the Constitutions, Rule 141.



SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., was the heaviest on record, over 880 voting papers being collected by the Scrutineers. Notwithstanding this enormous number their report was handed in a few minutes after ten, or in a little over two and a half hours.

The preparations for the Boys' School Festival, which is now so near at hand, are fast approaching completion, and there is every reason to hope that when the day arrives everything will go off smoothly. Our experience of Brighton in connection with sundry past anniversaries of this Institution fully justifies this expectation. On the three occasions on which the Festival has been held at this popular seaside resort, the gathering proved very successful—we are not so much referring to the amounts raised as the manner in which everything was carried out. As a mere excursion to the seaside, the visit to London-super-Mare was most enjoyable, and we dare say that on the 24th instant, whatever may be the pecuniary result, the meeting itself will leave nothing to be desired.

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Nor from the fact the Board of Stewards already exceeds 750 brethren is there any reason to be despondent about the total of the subscriptions and donations. We must caution our readers against being too sanguine, against anticipating the very high returns we have heard suggested—returns which are certainly not impossible, but which may be regarded as very improbable. We may look to have a good round sum announced. The Chairman's and other large Provinces are working hard, and the London section of the Board is strong in numbers and will doubtless give a very good account of itself. But we must not expect too much, or the figure we hope to hear announced, high though it may be and most creditable to the Stewards, will be disappointing to some of us at all events.

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We must remind our readers that the Boys' School Annual Athletic Sports will be held to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon in the grounds of the Institution at Wood Green, and given fine weather, which is indispensable to the success of such a meeting, there is certain to be a large and attractive gathering. Several special prizes are to be awarded, and the boys are in good form for the contests. Although invitations have been issued to what must, of necessity, be a limited circle, we are able to state that all members of the Craft will be gladly welcomed on presentation of their cards.

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The Countess of Lathom has graciously consented to distribute the prizes awarded to the pupils of the Boys' School, at Wood Green, on the 23rd inst.

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We have referred elsewhere to the great loss which the Craft in England has sustained through the death of Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, a death which is all the more to be deplored from its having come upon us unexpectedly. But another distinguished brother has also passed away, after a somewhat protracted illness, and to judge from the bulletins which were issued after considerable suffering, but at the ripe age of 76. We allude, of course, to the death of Bro. Sir John Alexander Macdonald, G.C.B., Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, and its ablest and most influential statesman for many years past. Our deceased brother was a Past S.G.W. of England, and representative of our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was therefore a foremost Anglo-Canadian Mason, and as such we must regard his death as involving a great loss to the Masonic community both in the dominion and the United Kingdom.

Correspondence.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The annual sports in connection with this Institution will take place at Wood Green, on Saturday next, the 13th inst., commencing at 3 o'clock p.m.

Tickets of admission have been freely distributed, but as we may unwittingly have omitted some friends of the Institution, I shall be glad if you will make it known that *any* brother will be admitted and welcomed on producing his card.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., June 11th.

VISITORS AT LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My experience as a visitor has been entirely confined to country lodges, but I have always observed, although frequently almost an entire stranger to the brethren, the hearty welcome with which I and other

visitors have been received, and the marked attention shown to visitors at refreshment. This I will assume is the usual welcome accorded to visitors generally both in London and country lodges. Now it happened that very recently a prominent member of one or more London lodges, with all his honours (in the form of a redundancy of Masonic jewels) thick upon him, having business in Yorkshire, had the opportunity of visiting two or three lodges in that county, and at refreshment took the opportunity when acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors" of contrasting the custom as regards visitors prevailing in town and country lodges. The brother referred to stated that he was delighted at having been informed that he was the guest not of any one brother in the lodge but of the lodge itself. The supper, consisting of fish and joints, was frugal, but all that need be desired, whereas our visitor went on to state that the banquets at even the regular or ordinary meetings of many of the lodges in London were usually costly, often ranging from half a guinea to a guinea each, and what is more to the point that I desire to call attention to is that a visitor was received as the guest of the brother who had invited him, and who was responsible to his lodge for the cost of the visitor's entertainment, and, moreover, that many Freemasons were often deterred from visiting a London lodge at the invitation of a brother simply from the fact that he knew that the acceptance of such an invitation would cost his friend the banquet fee (which I have seen from the by-laws of some London lodges ranges from 10s. to a guinea each meeting), because it might possibly not be in the power of the invited brother to return the compliment, and notwithstanding that he would have been delighted to have visited the lodge and seen its working, the invitation had for the reasons stated to be declined. Our visitor concluded his remarks by wishing that the system of refreshment as practised in the country lodges could be adopted more generally in London, where many of the lodges partook more of the character of high-class clubs, so that only rich brethren could be members. My object in writing to the *Freemason* is to ascertain the views of other brethren, through your columns, with regard to the entertainment of visiting brethren in lodges. Freemasons' lodges are proverbial for the generous welcome and hospitality usually accorded to visitors amongst them, but I venture to think that the visitors cannot fail to be more at their ease when they know they are actually the guests of the lodge than when the cost of their entertainment is being paid by the brother at whose invitation they are present. No doubt there is much to be said on the other side.—Yours truly and fraternally,

WEST YORKSHIRE.

PROV. S.G.W. OR PROV. G.S.W.?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the provinces, where Provincial Grand Officers are more numerous than in the Metropolis, the coveted capital letters are often seen on lodge summonses and communications. The question, therefore, frequently arises whether a brother who is, or has served the office of Prov. Grand Warden—Senior or Junior, as the case may be—should be styled P.S.G.W. or P.G.S.W.? The former, I think, is correct, for, to begin with, he is a Grand Warden, while the Senior or Junior is simply the distinguishing title between him and his brother Warden. The Grand Secretary, I observe, always puts it so, but for all that it is often put the other, and, in my opinion, the wrong way. Will any expert brother who can give an authority either way kindly do so?—Yours fraternally,

A. H., No. 39.

June 8th.

HOLIDAY HOMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

As among the thousands of subscribers and helpers of the Ragged School Union (founded in 1844) are many Freemasons, I trust the Craft will still further increase our obligations to it by supporting our Holiday Homes Fund. The object is a fortnight's holiday in the country for the poor children attending our 200 schools and missions. The number who received the holiday last year was upwards of 4000. It is always health-giving, not seldom life-saving, in its effects, and we desire to give it to a largely increased number of children sorely needing it. Our wants are personal offerings of money, collections in lodges, clubs, hotels, and among families and friends. The loss of 1000 shillings means that we must deny the holiday to 100 children, so that those of your readers who have many calls upon them will, if only able to send a trifle, do us considerable good.—Yours obediently,

JOHN KIRK, Secretary.

Holiday Homes Fund, Ragged School Union, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, W.C.

The Duke of Connaught as Ranger of Epping Forest, visited Higham Park on Saturday last for the purpose of dedicating to the use of the public for ever the plot of ground covering about 40 acres recently acquired by the Corporation of London as Conservators of the Forest. Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, the Epping Forest Committee, and the Corporation officials were present. The ceremony having been carried out amid much enthusiasm, the company afterwards lunched at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, the chair being accepted by Bro. the Lord Mayor, while among those present were Sheriff Farmer, Bros. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Deputy Rose-Innes, H. H. Crawford, City Solicitor, and many others.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1891.

Bro. T. J. Ralling, the P.G., Sec., has been the editor for seven years, and has ably superintended the publication of this excellent Masonic guide. The members of the province, it is hoped, warmly appreciate such laborious efforts on their behalf. The frontispiece this time is a capital portrait of the V.W. Bro. Frederick A. Philbrick, O.C., Grand Registrar, who is the Deputy Grand Master of the province. A brief sketch of this distinguished brother is presented by the editor, from which it appears that our legal adviser was initiated in the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, in May, 1864, and was installed W.M. in 1870, and in 1874 was Deputy Master to the lamented Prince Leopold when W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity. In 1873 our brother became J.G.D. of England, and has been Grand Registrar from 1884. Bro. Philbrick was appointed D.I.G.M. in the year 1880, and has continued to act in such capacity. "By his untiring interest in the work of Masonry in the province has won for himself the esteem and affection of the brethren." There are 32 lodges in the province, with 1521 members, or an average of 47 to each; seven Royal Arch chapters, and 190 companions, and five Mark lodges with 146 members. The list of votes for the Central Masonic Charities is both complete and well arranged by Bro. R. H. Ives. There are 4412 held in the province—one of the largest totals in England!

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR PROVINCE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, 1891.

The editors of this very comprehensive manual are Bros. H. R. Hatherly, Prov. Grand Secretary, and A. Stubbs, Prov. Assist. Grand Secretary. The expenses are defrayed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and copies are distributed *pro rata* amongst the lodges. There are 15 lodges, with 725 members, eight *Royal Arch* chapters and 228 companions, and three *Mark* lodges with 111 members. The list of subscribers for the Masonic Charities is suitably arranged and carefully compiled, but, strange to say, the totals are not given. We suggest this omission being rectified in another year, so as to increase its usefulness, and add to the interest in these excellent Institutions. The names of all the members of the several lodges, chapters, Mark lodges, and other bodies are given, so it will be seen that the information supplied is very considerable, and must have entailed immense labour on the editors. The "Masonic Notes" appended are very useful, and their due observance cannot fail to greatly assist the officials in carrying out the duties of the Craft. This work is a *multum in parvo*.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Temperance in the East Lodge (No. 898).—The installation meeting of this large and important lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Poplar, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. G. Shearman, W.M., assisted by the following brethren: Bros. J. C. Armstrong, S.W., W.M. elect; A. W. Duck, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; W. Bigg, S.D.; E. T. Williams, J.D.; F. S. Churd, I.G.; R. T. Ringrose, Steward; W. W. Sherwin, Org.; T. W. Pulsford, P.M.; H. Rogers, P.M.; G. Graveley, P.M.; Geo. Siddars, P.M.; E. J. Carter, P.M.; H. Carter, P.M.; J. G. Gordon, P.M.; J. Byford, jun., P.M.; B. C. Johnson, F. J. Gardiner, F. J. Burdett, A. Avis, A. C. Carter, J. T. Grearson, W. J. Legg, T. Russell, W. Gibson, J. T. Richardson, W. F. Day, W. J. Cowell, J. J. Lowman, W. Bagstaff, W. W. Ripon, R. H. Wood, E. C. Clarke, W. Bussey, C. Lewington, and many others. The following were present among the visitors: Bros. H. Stewart, 1816; W. Borman, 65; J. J. Berry, P.M., P.Z., &c., 554; S. Neville, P.M., 781; W. Forty, 1733; G. Parrett, W.M. 1259; J. Mills, 1765; R. J. Scriven, 1489; C. Penton, 1382; D. R. Duncan, 2319; G. C. Filsher, 1185; G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554, 1278, and 1421, and P.Z. 554 and 933, &c.; C. Arvard, 40; G. J. Thompson, 1457, P.P.G. Org. Essex; B. F. Spencer, 1076; and J. McLeod, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. R. M. Beale was balloted for, and the choice being unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bros. Grearson and Carter were raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Armstrong, was then presented to the W.M. to be placed in the chair of K.S. A Board of Installing Masters was then formed, and Bro. Armstrong was duly installed in the W.M.'s chair. The new W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. A. G. Duck, S.W.; W. Bigg, J.W.; J. Waller, P.M., Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; E. F. Williams, S.D.; T. Craze, J.D.; T. Ringrose, I.G.; H. Rogers, P.M., D.C.; Sherwin, Org.; and W. Legg, W. Bussey, and F. Wallin, Stewards. The duties of Installing Officer were ably enacted by Bro. Shearman, and his various addresses were marked by impressiveness. He was materially assisted by Bro. Rogers, who officiated as D.C. The W.M. then presented Bro. Shearman with the Past Master's jewel, and the brethren accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for his attention to his duties during the past year, and for the very creditable way in which he had performed the beautiful ceremony of installation.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, where they partook of a sumptuous and well-erved banquet.

The loyal toast and those of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were proposed and received with Masonic fervour.

To the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Armstrong briefly responded, and in terms equally concise, Bro. Shearman replied to that of "The Installing Officer."

Among those responding to "The Past Masters'" toast, Bro. Pulsford called upon the brethren to do their utmost to secure the election of the boy Midgely in October, as this is his only chance. The young widow is the mother of eight children.

For "The Masonic Charities" Bro. McLeod responded. He complimented the Temperance in the East Lodge for their unique position among London lodges. They were the patrons of two of the Charities, and were ambitious to add the third to their list. He thought the case they had taken up—that of the boy Midgely—a most deserving one.

Among those responding for "The Visitors" were Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, and G. Ward Verry, both active and prominent among East-End Masons. Bro. Verry expressed his intention of giving his interest on behalf of the case referred to.

In the intervals various musical brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening. Among them were Bros. Kolle, Parrett, Siddars, Duck, Legg, and J. J. Berry.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The election meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead. Bro. Colonel E. Hughes, M.P., in the chair as W.M. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Dr. E. Williams, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bro. C. H. Stone was then passed. The time having arrived when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year must take place, Bro. Walter Busbridge, S.W., and who is well known as one of the most successful science teachers of the day, was unanimously elected to that exalted position. Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. C. Warren, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Colonel Hughes, and an Audit Committee was chosen, and then the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. T. Vincent; H. J. Butler, P.M., P.G.R.; J. Cook, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.R. designate; H. Mason, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Somerset; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Sanders, J.W.; W. C. Taylor, S.D.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.D.; C. J. Clapham, I.G.; J. J. Collins, D.C.; D. K. Somers and J. O. Cook, Stewards; W. Wren, E. Morris, J. Turton, J. J. Messent, A. W. Jackson, B. Littlewood, R. Saunders, W. Freeman, G. Laurance, J. Farrier, G. W. Clifton, W. Lock, J. Griffiths, J. Luckley, G. Taylor, J. Haslett, B. Hammond, G. M. Taylor, C. Scantlebury, H. Toures, H. Steward, H. G. Baker, W. A. Fenn, T. Quick, T. J. Nell, J. Mitchell, W. H. Chaney, Capt. E. H. Foster, A. D. Capon, T. G. Arnold, J. O. Widgery, G. Frost, W. J. Young, A. Moore, J. Franklin, F. Hayward, D. Sedgley, L. Mills, H. J. Spencer, Lieut. C. J. Swiss, Lieut. J. J. Murphy, J. W. Dickenson, W. Sallenger, G. Roberts, C. Hager, J. S. Stratton, W. Davidson, S. Horton, T. Hambrook, W. H. Pryce, R. Ginman, and M. A. Bless, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. Capt. Hearn, S.W. 969; A. Fenn, E. J. Vallom, H. Tufnell, and W. Batey, of 700; W. G. Forder, 1238; F. Howell, 2239; J. Loveridge, 615; C. Howard, 13; T. H. Widgery, 2399; and R. Grice, 1399.

After partaking of a handsomely served dinner, the first part of the evening was mainly devoted to singing, contributed by Bros. Grice, Clifton, Hammond, and Sallenger.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M. Elect," Bro. Col. Hughes said that next year the burden of the business of the lodge would rest upon the shoulders of Bro. Busbridge, who had been unanimously elected to the high position of W.M. of the lodge. He trusted his year of office would be a pleasant and successful one.

The W.M. elect said he did not expect to have his health drunk in such an enthusiastic manner, and he was afraid that he could not reply to it as he ought, because there had not been a song between the proposition of it and the expected reply. By their unanimous vote he had been elected head of that lodge, and the responsibility for its success would during the next 12 months devolve upon him. He should do all he could to maintain the prestige of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—This prosperous civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Schultz, acting W.M.; Sherer, S.W.; N. Prower, M.A., J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; F. Kent, P.M. 177, S.D.; P. N. Lardner, J.D.; Capt. Walls, P.M., D.C.; H. Herbert, I.G.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Organist, Organist; Bachnoffner, Stwd.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. George Everett, P.M. 177, G. Treas.; A. McDowall, P.P.G.D.C. Berks; E. J. Hoare, P.M.; S. W. Harvey, P.M.; W. Drew, P.M.; B. Lane, P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., E. Brenelli, A. J. Street, P. O. Ashby, C. P. Coles, Cuming, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M. raised three candidates most impressively to the Third Degree. He then, with the assistance of Bros. J. Young, as S.W.; T. Simpson, as J.W.; Walls, as D.C.; and G. Herbert, as I.G., installed Bro. Nelson Prower as W.M., the ceremony leaving but little to be desired. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Sherer, S.W.; F. Kent, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, Sec.; P. N. Lardner, S.D.; H. Herbert, J.D.; Captain Walls, D.C.; Bachnoffner, I.G.; Dr. Lott, Org.; and Mallett, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The sum of five guineas was voted to Bro. F. Kent as Steward to the Royal Free Hospital Festival.

The Grand Treasurer having been saluted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The

customary loyal toasts having been drunk, "The Health of the Grand Officers" was fluently proposed by the W.M.

Bro. G. Everett having exhaustively dealt with the subject toast, touched upon his recent election as Grand Treasurer. He stated that happily there had been no contest, but had there been he felt confident that his supporters would have placed him at the top of the poll. He took that opportunity of thanking two old Past Masters of No. 1745 who had interested themselves so much upon his behalf, and had been very energetic as members of his Executive Committee. That was his third visit to their lodge, and he congratulated them upon the great progress that they had made since his last visit. The work that night had been most admirably performed, and he thought that the acting W.M. had deservedly earned the compliment that had been paid to him in the lodge room.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Jackson, P.M.

The W.M., in reply, stated that it had been his ambition to become Master of a London lodge, and thanks to two of the founders of the Farringdon Without Lodge, who had proposed him as a joining member, that desire had been gratified. He was also pleased to see around him so many old friends, some of whom had at considerable inconvenience attended to see him placed in the chair of K.S. He hoped that his year of office would be a happy one, and that the members would never have cause to regret having elected him to preside over them.

The other toasts quickly followed, and the proceedings terminated.

Bro. Dr. Lott and others greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren by their talented instrumental and vocal selections.

Regent's Park Lodge (No. 2202).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., acting as W.M., in the absence of Bro. W. H. Hosegood; John Powdrell, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Hall, J.W.; Chas. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; J. Passingham, S.D.; G. Lane, J.D.; J. P. Pointer, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey, Stwd.; J. Kew, P.M., D.C.; N. J. Goodchild, P.M.; H. F. Bangs, J. Bangs, G. H. Rutter, A. Ward, J. Podger, G. Clampitt, W. J. Holden, and R. W. Whiting, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx.; W. W. Styles, P.M.; S. Parkhouse, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; and J. Hemmings, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, Bro. D. P. Cama vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Kew, who duly installed Bro. John Powdrell in the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. D. P. Cama and E. C. Mulvey. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hall, S.W.; J. Passingham, J.W.; Charles Sheppard, Sec.; G. Lane, S.D.; J. P. Pointer, J.D.; H. F. Bangs, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey and W. F. Haden, Stwds.; James Kew, D.C.; G. Clampitt, A.D.C.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. James Kew. The proposition by Bro. Chas. Sheppard that the visitors' fees be 10s. and 15s. was carried. The notices of motion in the names of Bro. N. Goodchild, P.M., Treas., absent through illness, and Bro. N. John Goodchild were adjourned until the next meeting. The Auditors' report was received and ordered to be printed. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Parkhouse, Styles, and Mulvey for their assistance in the lodge. The W.M. accepted a Stewardship on behalf of the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I. and and Bro. D. P. Cama headed his list with 10 guineas. The lodge was then closed.

Bishopsgate Lodge (No. 2369).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, on Monday, the 1st instant. Amongst those present were Bros. George Noah Johnson, P.M. 1, P.G.S., W.M.; Henry J. Tibbatts, 1385, J.W.; Frederick Dadswell, 201, Treas.; Milton Smith, J.D. 19, Sec.; Alfred Hollington, P.M. 58, P.G.S., S.D., as S.W. (*pro tem.*); Samuel Jacobs, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P., J.D.; Edwin G. Cherry, 861, I.G.; John Collinson, P.M. 862, as I.P.M. (*pro tem.*); Alfred Wagstaff, 188; Francis M. Mercer, 295 and 2256; F. E. H. Dadswell, 569; and Arthur P. Little, P.M. 1685. Visitors: Bros. Weston, I.P.M. 1278; Merrett, 19; Stauffer, 19; Cohen, 360; Bredin, 1365; Bouffler, 901; Adams, 1687; and Grant, 1278.

The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee appointed to frame the by-laws was read and adopted. Five candidates were on the agenda for initiation, and all being present they were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Six candidates were also elected as joining members and five candidates were nominated for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Dr. Haskins was appointed and invested as Organist.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. It may be noted that the five initiates all made admirable responses to the toast of their health, and expressed themselves as much gratified and impressed with the ceremony.

Several brethren added to the evening's enjoyment by their musical aid—these included Bros. Tibbatt, Romaine, Bouffler, Milton Smith, Richardson, Cherry, Merrett, Stauffer, and Dr. Beswick.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY EDGE.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. A. Lawley, Treas. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. G. Small, S.W.; T. M. Markland, J.W.; F. Baxter, Sec.; J. B. Gemmell, J.D.; A. Henry, Org.; W. D. Davies, Steward; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; E. T. Everett, P.M.; E. A. Crompton, James Walsh, Robt. L. Browne, Hartley Johnson, R. Hilditch, and J. Urquhart, jun. Visitors: Bros. A. T. McGregor, P.M. 654, P.J.G.D. Derbyshire; H. Smith, S.W. 287, S.D. 1030; and Julius Lasurisch, 2359.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, when there was a goodly number of brethren present, it being the first night of the Worshipful Master. Among those present were Bros. J. Fitzgerald, W.M.; F. J. Forth, I.P.M.; F. Webb, S.W.; J. H. Newsum, J.W.; J. Rayner, Sec.; A. Ainley, S.D.; F. Hanson, J.D.; F. Rand, P.G.D., D.C.; H. Woodhouse, Org.; W. Buckland, I.G.; F. J. Walker, P.P.G.D.; G. Wilkie, P.M.; G. Goldthorpe, P.M.; H. T. Bellerby, P.M.; Blake, Pawson, J. H. Pawson, Baron, T. Foster, Chambers, W. Foster, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, W.M. 1482; J. Sharpe, 2169; and others.

The lodge having been opened, two candidates were initiated, the ceremony being creditably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. F. Rand. Refreshment followed labour.

FRIZINGTON.

Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., assisted by his officers, and the minutes were confirmed and two brethren raised, when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., was invited to preside, and Bro. John Wakefield was presented and installed W.M., and invested the following as his officers: Bros. William Robinson, S.W.; W. Shaw, J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, Treas.; W. Brown, Sec.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; E. Jackson, J.D.; J. Singers, D.C.; R. Douglas, I.G.; Jenkinson and Barwise, Stwds.; and C. Bland, Tyler. The following were also present: Bro. Dr. J. I. Lace, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Hartley, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; B. Craig, P.M.; J. Webb, S. Nicholls, R. Nicholls, W. Monroe, Jas. Toye, W. Heathcote, W.M. 1989; and others.

The W.M. elect having had a bereavement in his family only a few days before, no invitations were sent out, and the usual banquet was dispensed with. Two chairs have been endowed during the year, and the future of the lodge appears quite as good as the past.

LIVERPOOL.

Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, the chair at the opening being taken by the W.M., Bro. William Kohn, supported by a full staff of officers and Past Masters. Bro. Wm. Kohn concluded a successful year by installing his successor, Bro. J. J. Harley, as W.M., a service which was recognised by the lodge in passing a unanimous vote of thanks. The W.M. elect invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Wm. Kohn, I.P.M.; E. B. Ironside, S.W.; J. H. Linaker, J.W.; Alexander Cotter, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Samuel Fraser, P.M., C.R.; Wm. Jones, P.M., D.C.; T. S. Tickle, Sec.; T. Clarke, S.D.; Wm. Cautle, J.D.; J. Mottershed, I.G.; Geo. Barclay, J. H. Greenough, J. Robinson, J. T. Roach, and Capt. Jay, Stwds.; W. Hudson, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The assembly included Bros. William Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec.; G. S. Willings, P.P.G.D.; Cross, P.G.D.; Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Ellis, P.G.D. Cheshire; Wm. Pye, P.M. 1094; George Eyton, P.M.; J. A. Hignett, W.M. elect 1395; L. Phillips, P.M. 1356; and J. Bowyer, W.M., and A. Bucknall, P.M., of 667. Before the lodge was closed Bro. C. Fothergill, P.M., was elected Steward to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Boys' Institution to be held at Brighton on the 24th inst., when the chair will be taken by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire.

The *post-branchial* proceedings included the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the retiring Master, Bro. W. Kohn.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Master and I.P.M., Bro. William Kohn," and in alluding to the excellent year of office just completed, presented him with a valuable Past Master's jewel, and a Life Governorship of the W.L.M.E.I.

Bro. Kohn responded to the toast in suitable terms.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was then proposed by Bro. Fothergill, P.M., who took occasion to say how gratifying it had been to him to find, after the unanimous manner he had been elected to a Stewardship for the Boys' Institution in London, that the brethren round the board had contributed the handsome sum of 50 guineas.

Bro. Robert Foote, P.P.G. Treas., responded to the toast, and heartily congratulated Bro. Fothergill on the satisfactory result of his appeal to the members of the Neptune Lodge on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. W. Pye, P.M. 1094, and others.

The musical brethren who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Bros. Eyton, Fargher, Batty, Pugmire, Dickman, Hughes, Antwis, and Hudson, Org.

Bro. Harley was congratulated on the happy auspices under which he enters his year of office.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. R. Barns, W.M.; W. Middleweek, S.W.; W. H. Windeatt, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; B. Müller, S.D.; J. E. Ruffe, J.D.; J. Hall, Org.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Stwd.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; T. Middleweek, E. Hall, J. Barns, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Finch passed Bro. E. D. Morris as a F.C. The ballot having been taken for Mr. E. Irwin Packington, he was most ably inducted into Craft mysteries. Numerous apologies from absent members having been received and read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given and heartily responded to. A most agreeable evening was spent, thanks to the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. J. E. Ruffe, J. Hall, E. Hall, W. Middleweek, W. J. Porter, and E. I. Packington.

THORNTON HEATH.

Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 4th inst., when Bro. R. G. Fleming, W.M., opened the lodge in the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The work for the evening was unusually heavy, there being five candidates for initiation and two brethren to raise previous to the installation of the W.M. Bro. Fleming by his working reflected great credit on the lodge, not only by the working of the Degrees as W.M., but in performing the installation ceremony in so admirable a manner, giving the addresses with much ability. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. S. Horsnail, W.M.; E. Symmons, S.W.; Turpin, J.W.; Foulsham, Treas.; W. J. Day, Sec.; Bolton, S.D.; Sherry, J.D.; Grew, D.C.; Rayner, I.G.; Tarry, Stwd.; and Lane, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where the caterer, Bro. C. Tarry, had provided a sumptuous spread, for which he is deservedly famous.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. proving himself an adept in the art—one speech in particular, the portrayal of the Past Masters, Bros. Foulsham, Baber, Hobbs, Ridpath, and Kilvington, illustrating their special qualities, was particularly good.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Fleming," the W.M. presented him with the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the brethren as a mark of their appreciation of the manner he had performed his duties in the chair.

The musical part of the programme was arranged by Bro. Kilvington, and gave much pleasure. The brethren, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening, parted with the utmost good feeling and in perfect harmony.

TOPSHAM.

Brent Lodge (No. 1284).—A meeting of more than ordinary interest—at which a large number of brethren from Exeter and sister lodges in the immediate vicinity were present—took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., it being the 21st anniversary. Bro. F. Hubber, who has been the W.M., has worked in conjunction with the officers and members of the lodge to make it memorable, they having subscribed and presented to the lodge a very handsome pair of Corinthian pillars, also portraits of the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon. Several of the Past Masters have also presented their portraits, and the friends of some of those who are deceased. But chief, and one which is highly prized by the members, has, through the kindness of the widow of Colonel Brent, been lent *pro tem.*, a fine work of art, a painting in oil of the late Colonel Brent, who was the founder of the lodge. It is hoped that it may remain permanently where it is now hung.

The installation of the present Master, Bro. W. Edwards, took place, and the ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. F. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec., after which the following officers were invested: Bros. F. Hubber, I.P.M.; W. K. Moxey, S.W.; J. Way, J.W.; Otton, Chap.; C. Ashford, P.M., Treas.; F. Sanders, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. Ridge, S.D.; G. L. Stile, J.D.; G. H. Fowler, D.C.; G. W. May, Org.; C. Shipway, I.G.; W. A. Stone and A. W. M. Bickford, Stwds.; and H. Shooter, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, but before the brethren dispersed, Miss Brent and several friends were escorted into the lodge, and expressed themselves as very pleased to have been allowed to view the lodge and her father's portrait.

A banquet was afterwards held, at which many brethren were present. The P.S.G.W., Bro. John Stocker, was present during the working of the lodge.

WITHINGTON.

Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Friday, the 6th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. Hy. Nall, W.M.; John J. Tiller, I.P.M.; W. D. Fryer, S.W.; C. H. Beever, J.W.; James Laidlaw, Treas.; John G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Morrison, S.D.; J. W. Wilcock, J.D.; Alfd. Pickford, I.G.; W. Mout, Org.; W. C. Flint and Thos. Holland, Stwds.; A. A. Moss, P.M.; John Bradshaw, P.M.; A. T. Hesketh, P.M.; John Coupland, L. R. Kirkham, Thos. Dodd, J. Root, A. Redfeare, Chas. Rawle, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. T. Mout, 1140; H. G. Small, J.W. 1140, S.W. 2368; J. R. R. Jeffery, J.D. 1140, 2368; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M. 317, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Chiswell, 645; W. W. Wilson, P.M. 1140; Fredk. J. Kobbins, 645; and J. J. Lambert, 1387, 2229, P.P.G. Reg.

Royal Arch.

Mount Lebanon Chapter (No. 73).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on the 4th inst. Present: Comps. Coleman, M.E.Z.; J. M. McLeod, P.Z., Sec. R.M.I.B., Z. elect; John Mason, P.Z., S.E.; Schmidt, P.S.; Beddoes, Schafer, W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E. Middx.; Valeriani, and others. Visitors: Comps. Pritchard, P.Z. 28, and Dr. Corrie Jackson, P.Z. 534.

The chapter was opened by Comps. W. H. Lee, as Z.; Corrie Jackson, as H.; and J. McLeod, as J. Ballot was taken for Bros. Pratti, 1687, and Mantill, 1897, as candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they were exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. McLeod, P.Z., was inducted into the chair of Z., and Comp. Valeriani was installed in the chair of H. by Comp. Lee. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Coleman in recognition of his services during the past year.

The companions then adjourned to banquet, presided over by Comp. McLeod, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. T. Farthing, M.E.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z., acting H.; Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z., acting J.; Captain T. C. Walls, S.E.; Gaze, S.N.; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas.; and H. H. Nuding.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the following elections took place:—Comps. T. A. Woodbridge, M.E.Z.; J. Benningfold, H.; Gaze, J.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; C. Moore, S.N.; Nuding, P.S.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Woodbridge, C. Moore, and others.

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

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—This lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. E. Pocock, M.D., W.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; Huish, J.W.; Monson, M.O.; Wadham, S.O.; Dr. Kiallmark, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., Sec.; Lawson, P.M.; F. C. Frye, L.C.C., P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; and Mallett, acting Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the sum of one guinea was voted to the W.M.'s list as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Festival. Bros. D. P. Cama, P.M.; T. Rickwood, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; G. Gardner, S.D.; and others sent apologies for non-attendance.

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

The W.M. presided most ably. After proposing "The Mark Benevolent Fund," the W.M.'s list was most liberally supported by the brethren present.

During the evening a selection of instrumental and vocal music were given by Bros. R. Lawson, J. N. Frye, and Mr. and Miss Lawson.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Gilbert, W.M.; Scott, S.W.; Russell, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treasurer; Poole, acting as Sec.; Laker, S.D.; Windsor, J.D.; G. Lavington, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Evans, Rumsey, Balcombe, Janau, Bate, G. J. Reed, Morris, and Folkard. Visitor: Bro. J. McNamara, 1288.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Evans having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Evans duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. G. J. Reed having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Reed duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. McNamara was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Scott was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Cochrane returned thanks to the brethren who had recorded their votes for him on his election to the Board of General Purposes. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and adjourned.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. Wilts, W.M.; Morrish, S.W.; Ingram, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, Sec.; Thomas, S.D.; Ollive, J.D.; Neville, I.G.; Methrell, Manzoni, Nathan, and Ambler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Neville, who had previously answered the usual questions, and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Thomas being the candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by Bro. Carlstrom, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. H. H. Nuding, W.M.; D. D. West, S.W.; D. G. Imlay, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; H. Neville, S.D.; H. Nock, J.D.; M. Evans, I.G.; F. T. Rushton, H. Johnson, C. F. Cox, J. W. Drysdale, and J. Corp.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Drysdale volunteered to act as candidate, and answered the usual examination, and was entrusted, and retired. The opening in the Third Degree was then performed, and the ceremony of raising very ably rehearsed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. F. T. Rushton, P.G. Stwd., &c., being W.M. elect. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Imlay was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The work for rehearsal at the ensuing meeting will be the ceremony of initiation, the charge, and the 2nd and 4th Sections of the First Lecture. All business having been fully attended to, the lodge was closed.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., when there were present Bros. W. E. Windsor, W.M.; J. W. Hunt, S.W.; E. Loder, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; J. P. Pointer, Sec.; A. J. Sherriffe, S.D.; T. J. Patrick, J.D.; J. Heilbrun, I.G.; T. Casely, P.M.; G. Wood, P.M.; C. Shepherd, P.M.; C. Itter, J. A. Myzoule, R. Corry, G. H. Venden, and E. Styles.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Itter

then offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Itter, and Bro. R. Corry having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. R. Corry acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair, and rose for the first and second times, and Bro. J. W. Hunt, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., Bro. W. E. Windsor, for the able manner he had conducted the business of the evening for the first time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Charles Godfrey, W.M.; M. J. R. Dundas, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 571, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; G. Campbell, S.D.; A. Clark, J.D.; E. S. Reed, I.G.; R. T. Godfrey, Stwd.; A. Crossingham, G. Urquhart-Milne, W. Hillier, S. Barrow, O. W. Battley, and T. M. Lamble.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barrow being the candidate. Bro. Crossingham answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Dundas was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The brethren promised to support Bros. Read, Shedd, and Thomas for the Board of General Purposes. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. T. W. Hambly, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; G. H. Foan, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary; T. W. Warwick, S.D.; G. A. Bergholz, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; J. Wise, I.G.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. J. Wise offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined, and answering the necessary questions satisfactorily, retired. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. H. Foan, acting Preceptor, proposed that a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. T. W. Hambly, W.M., for the very able manner in which he had occupied the chair of this lodge of instruction for the first time, and also for the very clear manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies, which were a great credit to him, and he (Bro. G. H. Foan) hoped that the W.M. would be often amongst them. Seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Bro. G. Reynolds asked the permission of the W.M. and the brethren for Bro. F. Kedge, I.P.M. 2191, and Bro. James J. Woolley, W.M. elect, to rehearse the ceremony of installation and the appointment and investiture of officers at their next meeting, which proposition was most willingly granted, and Bro. G. Reynolds thanked the brethren for their kindness, and hoped they would bring many brethren on that evening. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; C. E. Everett, S.D.; Joseph Cox, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed. The 2nd Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. Wm. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., W.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; P. Trickett, J.W.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; W. W. Cook, J.D.; H. G. Brasted, I.G.; J. Collett, Stwd.; F. Taylor, G. Bateman, C. Horst, G. Thorogood, J. Kempthorne, S. Casey, J. King, B. Mann, C. MacColla, T. H. Lloyd, J. Iye, P.M., W. Baillee, W. Smith, T. Maynard, G. Parsons, W. Solomon, A. Oakden, W. Short, E. James, C. H. Bestow, R. Jeremy, L. Young, T. Howe, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the ancient charge delivered. Bros. Clark, Solomon, Thorogood, and MacColla were elected joining members. Bro. Westfield was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. There being no other Masonic business, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.

W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—This council met at the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Monday, the 8th instant. Amongst those present were Bros. Jos. Clifton Thompson, G.I.G. of England, W.M.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G.W. of England, Representative to Grand Council; Jos. Nicholson, P.M.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.G.D. of England; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., G.D. of England; J. Paterson, S.W., W.M. elect; Jas. Dick-

son, J.W.; Thos. Mandle, Sec.; Jos. Abbot, R. Brown, J.D.; Thos. Alkinson, I.G.; Jos. O. Scott, acting Sec.; Jno. Messenger, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the following Knights of Constantinople were admitted to the Degree of the Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon: Comps. Dickenson and Salkeld. The council was then opened in the Degree of the Grand High Priest, Bro. Collin in the chair, when the Degree was conferred on Bro. Jos. Abbot, J. 371. The council was then closed down to the Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr, when Bro. Jno. Paterson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Collin, P.M., &c., as Installing Master, and was duly installed in the chair by him in his usual able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Jas. Dickenson, S.W.; T. Mandle, J.W.; P. de E. Collin, Treas. and Representative to the Grand Council; J. Eden, Sec.; R. Brown, S.D.; Thos. Atkinson, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. O. Scott, I.G. and acting Sec.; and Jno. Messenger, Tyler. The sum of one guinea was voted to Bro. Paterson, W.M., who is acting as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and with "Hearty good wishes" and several letters of apology for non-attendance, the lodge was closed.

On the invitation of the W.M., the brethren retired to the ante-room, where a splendid banquet was prepared by Bro. Atkinson, of the Star Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly responded to.

CONCERT AT STEINWAY HALL.

Bro. Henry Cross, A.R.C.M., 2098, Orpheus Rose Croix Chapter, gave his annual concert at Steinway Hall on Monday evening last, at which he was ably supported by Madame Cross-Lavers, Mdle. Krüger-Velthusen, Miss Ethel Bevans, Bros. Edward Branscombe, Vivian Bennetts, and Alfred E. Izard. Amongst the patrons and subscribers were the Dowager Marchioness of Waterford, the Earl and Countess of Harewood, Lord and Lady Hillingdon, the Hon. Mrs. Hope, the Hon. Mrs. Mitford, Sir W. Cunliffe Brooks, Bart., M.P., Sir John H. Thursby, Bart., Mr. Justice and Lady Kekewich, Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, Dr. J. Griffiths, F. Seager-Hunt, M.P., E. B. Florence, C. M. Barker, G. Bishop, E. W. Cathie, C. Coote, J. B. Gallie, Chas. Ollier, J. B. Orgill, O. C. Robson, and others. An excellent programme was provided, Madame Cross-Lavers' rendering of Bro. F. H. Bevan's "The flight of Ages" and Spohr's "Rose softly blooming" deservedly received warm applause, and Miss Ethel Bevans, whose contralto voice is of marked power and range, being very effective in Goring Thomas's song, "A summer night." Bros. Branscombe and Bennetts were the tenors, the former's solo, "Come sing, my Lute," and that of the latter, "Stars of the summer night" (ably accompanied by the composer, Mr. G. J. B. Aitken), being admirable in their sympathetic execution. Bro. Izard not merely accompanied most of the vocal selections faultlessly, but gave several pianoforte solos to the great satisfaction of the audience. Mdle. Krüger-Velthusen also did every justice to a composition of Rubinstein's, and Mr. James O'Brien was a good clarionet soloist. We must not forget Bro. Cross, who sang in his very best form in both solo and concerted pieces, his fine baritone voice telling with great effect in F. H. Cowen's "My lady's dower." It was but the other day his musical services at the installation banquet of the Harlesden Lodge were highly appreciated.

Ireland.

ROYAL ARCH.

BOYLE.

Abbey Chapter (No. 242).—This chapter held a very successful convocation on Thursday, the 28th ult., when three candidates were exalted, viz.: Bros. the Earl of Kingston, Major W. H. White, D.L., and Joseph Irwin.

There was a large attendance, and the companions subsequently sat down to refreshment, Comp. Robert Devenish, M.E.K., presiding.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, "The Health of the Newly-exalted Companions" was most cordially received and responded to.

Lord Kingson then proposed "The M.E.K.," who in turn proposed "The Registrar, Comp. Dr. F. L. Clarke, 30."

Other toasts followed, some music was rendered, including the new Masonic song "Fidelity" by its composer, Comp. Joseph Gillespie, and the companions departed highly pleased with the harmony and goodwill which so heartily prevail in the Abbey Royal Arch Chapter.

Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

On the 4th April last the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Victorian United Constitution, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., &c., and the Grand Lodge Officers, paid a visit to Williamstown to consecrate the new hall of the Excelsior Lodge of Industry, No. 16, V.C., and assist at the installation of the officers for the ensuing 12 months. The consecration service having been performed and the building inspected, it was duly dedicated to the purpose of Freemasonry. After the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. A. Harper, who had been elected by the lodge, was installed into the chair of K.S., and the following officers were invested: Bros. W. H. J. Thomas, P.M., I.P.M.; J. Dodgson, S.W.; W. Farmer, J.W.; Isaac Barlow, Treas.; E. Ernest Press, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., D. of C.; S. Hobson, Secretary; A. L. Haslam, Organist; T. Lons-

dale, S.D.; A. J. L. Sims, J.D.; D. G. Inglis, I.G.; J. Meatchem, G. V. Baker, and J. B. Waters, Stwds.; W. F. Laming, Tyler (this being his 29th year of office). The installation ceremony was performed by the Past Masters of the lodge, assisted by Bro. Henry, P.M., and the Grand Lodge Officers. Before the lodge closed Bro. Suiter, P.M., on behalf of the members, presented Bro. W. H. J. Thomas, P.M., with an illuminated address bound in morocco. The musical portion of the services was under the control of Bro. A. Hayter, Grand Organist, assisted by Bro. W. Henderson and the choir of the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge, No. 49.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Mechanics' Institute. The Excelsior Lodge of Industry is one of the oldest lodges in the colony, and is also one of the strongest both in members and finance. The new hall has cost a little over £1000, and nearly the whole debt has been paid.

MELBOURNE.

Gordon Lodge (No. 99).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, April 9th, in the Masonic Hall, Ascotvale, Bro. Sydney Hayles, W.M., presiding, supported by a large number of members and visitors, amongst the latter being several Grand Lodge Officers. After the routine business, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.S.G.W., the senior Past Master, took the chair, and Bro. J. C. M. Cowan, P.M. 11, S.G.W., S.W., W.M. elect, was presented, and formally installed. The following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. S. Hayles, I.P.M.; J. E. Kigby, S.W.; R. J. Larnach, J.W.; J. Swaine, Treasurer (re-elected); C. J. Brown Sec. (re-appointed); E. Wilson, S.D.; R. W. Denyer, J.D.; A. Eastwood, Org.; W. Stoffers, D.C.; F. J. Tadjell, I.G.; W. Matthews and W. M. Knight, Stwds.; and G. W. Plummer, Tyler (re-elected).

It was decided to hold a ball in connection with the lodge, and a Committee was appointed to arrange details. The balance-sheet for the past year having been presented and adopted, and a running fire of "Hearty good wishes" tendered by the visiting brethren to the newly-installed W.M., the lodge was closed.

The customary toast list was gone through subsequently at the banquet, included therein being the names of Bros. Guy Montgomery and R. Fraser, who are leaving this week on a trip to the Old Country.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. T. COCHRANE, M.A., P.G. CHAPLAIN.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death of Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, M.A., Past G. Chaplain of England. The sad event occurred on Tuesday, the 9th inst., after only a few days' illness, and as our deceased brother was still in the very prime of life, the loss will be felt all the more intensely. Bro. Cochrane, who was educated at Eton and Oxford, and graduated at the latter as B.A. in 1858 and M.A. in 1860, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in March, 1858, and was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in June of the following year. In 1867 he was installed W.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 567, Warwick, and 10 years later he became W.M. of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood, while in 1878 he occupied the chair of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. He received his first provincial honours in 1873, when he was appointed P.G. Chaplain of Oxfordshire, while in 1877, and again in 1878, he occupied the chair of P.S.G.W. of Essex. In 1882 his Royal Highness the Grand Master was pleased to appoint him one of the Grand Chaplains of England. In Royal Arch Masonry he won almost equal distinction, having gradually risen to the chair of First Principal of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, in which he was installed in 1877, and to that of First Principal in the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, Romford, in 1879. In 1882 he was invested as 1st Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was installed a Knight Templar at Warwick in 1865, was E.P. of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Oxford, in 1876 and 1877, and Deputy Preceptor to his Royal Highness Prince Leopold in 1878, in which year also he was invested as Grand Prelate of the Order in England and Wales at the meeting of Great Priory. In Mark Masonry he was a member of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Middlesex and Surrey, and was Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1886. In 1865 he was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, and was a P.M.W.S. of the University Chapter of that Degree. As regards our Institutions, he had constituted himself a Life-Governor of all three, and had served several times as Steward on behalf of one or other of them, so that in this respect, as well as from the fact of his being thoroughly conversant with the work in lodge, chapter, and preceptory, his death will be looked upon as a very serious loss to our Masonic community. To the family and numerous friends of our lamented brother we offer our most sincere tribute of sympathy.

Death.

VASSAR-SMITH.—On the 5th inst., at Charlton Park, Cheltenham, Edith, eldest daughter of W. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, and R.W. Prov. G.M. designate M.M.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, in her 20th year.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, June 20, 1891.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13.

GRAFT LODGES.

- 1146, Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hotel, 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 2206, Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 2309, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall,

MONDAY, JUNE 15.

GRAFT LODGE.

- 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

- 239, Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall. 294, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

GRAFT LODGES.

- 1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall. 1095, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern. 2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall. 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel. 1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal. 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall. 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17.

- Board of Benevolence, at 6.

GRAFT LODGES.

- 760, Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 1182, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town. 2140, Huguenot, Criterion. 2260, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8. Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15. Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30. Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8. La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30. Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30. Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 216, Old Kent-road, at 8. Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Ken-sington, at 8. St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

- 105, Cour de Lion, Mark Masons' Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.

GRAFT LODGES.

- 6, Friendship, Criterion. 1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel. 1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal. 1716, All Saints, Offices Board of Works, Poplar.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall. 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall. 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 3.30.

GRAFT LODGES.

- 143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern. 975, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern, Kennington.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. 92, Moira, Albion Tavern. 1591, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGE.

- 226, Excelsior, New Masonic Hall, Woolwich.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

- 6, St. George's, Albion Tavern.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

- 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. 1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2041, West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, June 20, 1891.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15.

- GRAFT LODGES. Congresbury ... 1199 Handsworth ... 482 Gravesend ... 77 E. Stonehouse 1205 Driffield ... 734 Harleston ... 85 Twickenham ... 1238 Ashby-de-la-Zouch ... 779 Dukinfield ... 89 Plymouth ... 1255 Zouch ... 779 York ... 236 Dawlish ... 1443 MARK LODGES. Whitby ... 312 Gorleston ... 1631 Portsmouth ... 17 Southampton ... 359 Worsley ... 1814 Redruth ... 73 Gateshead ... 424 Stevenage ... 2086 Lincoln ... 117 Stamford Baron 466 Bournemouth ... 2258 Altrincham ... 148 Monkwearmouth 949 R.A. CHAPTERS. Wilmington ... 322 (oston ... 986 Sheffield ... 296 Fowey ... 325 Heaton Norris 1030 Blackburn ... 345

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16.

- GRAFT LODGES. New Milford ... 990 R.A. CHAPTERS. Rochford ... 160 St. Day ... 1006 Bath ... 41 Plymouth ... 223 Manchester ... 1053 Sunderland ... 80 Nunceaton ... 432 Sheerness ... 1089 Guernsey ... 84 Ashton-in-Makerfield 484 Batley ... 1214 Wolverhampton 419 Burton-on-Trent 634 Newcastle ... 1477 Walsall ... 539 Liverpool ... 667 Liverpool ... 1570 Newcastle ... 685 Launceston ... 789 Buckingham ... 1787 Hull ... 2124 Crewekerne ... 814 Bedlington ... 1902 MARK LODGES. Jersey ... 958 Portsmouth ... 1903 Liverpool-Lebanon Crewe ... 979 Newton-e-Willows ... 2155 Hayle ... 87 Folkestone ... 380

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Whitehaven ... 119 Broadstairs ... 429 Stockton ... 940 Margate ... 127 North Shields ... 431 Jarrow ... 1119 Weymouth ... 170 Halifax ... 448 Edmondton ... 1237 Liverpool ... 241 Aylesbury ... 591 Blandford ... 1266 Batley ... 264 Woolwich ... 700 Harrington ... 1400 Dartford ... 299 Lee ... 704 Huddersfield ... 1783 Lewes ... 311 Crewkerne ... 814 Dartford ... 1837 Maryport ... 371 Wotton-under-Edge ... 855 Beckenham ... 2166

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17.

- GRAFT LODGES. Stockport ... 654 Hornsea ... 1511 Poole ... 137 Colchester ... 697 Park Gate ... 1576 Wigan ... 178 Stafford ... 726 Kingston-on-Thames ... 1638 Scarborough ... 200 Llandudno ... 755 Barmouth ... 1988 Deaton ... 210 Hampton Court 778 Dore ... 2355 Norwich ... 213 Liverpool ... 823 R.A. CHAPTERS. Bolton ... 221 Hounslow ... 865 Hyde ... 361 Guernsey ... 243 Tunbridge Wells 874 Aylesbury ... 591 Cheltenham ... 246 Fleetwood ... 950 Honiton ... 847 Oldham ... 277 Worthington ... 962 MARK LODGES. Lewes ... 311 Wakefield ... 1019 Hyde ... 51 Mottram ... 320 Driffield ... 1040 East Stonehouse 48 Yeovil ... 329 Kirkdale ... 1086 Frizington ... 216 Rye ... 341 Ilkestone ... 1179 Portmadoc ... 259 Sandbach ... 363 Wymondham ... 1193 Hythe ... 266 Ipswich ... 376 Stoke Damarel 1212 Warwick ... 15 Morley ... 380 Oakham ... 1265 Darlington ... 96 Haverfordwest 464 Durham ... 1334 Ormskirk ... 580 Lancaster ... 1353 Bingley ... 439 Eastwood ... 1493

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Cnatham ... 20 Haverfordwest 464 Sowerby Bridge 1283 Shrewsbury ... 117 Newbury ... 574 Bromley ... 1805 Uwer ... 199 Liverpool ... 594 Herne Bay ... 2099 Bingley ... 439 Manchester ... 1166 Hendon ... 2206

THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

- GRAFT LODGES. Aberavon ... 833 Boscombe ... 2158 Burslem ... 98 Stockton ... 990 Rhydney ... 2216 Colne ... 116 Southend ... 1000 Ashford ... 2305 Liverpool ... 203 Manchester ... 1011 Durham ... 2352 Devsburry ... 208 Chorley ... 1032 R.A. CHAPTERS. Devonport ... 230 Portland ... 1037 Chichester ... 38 Jersey ... 245 Leeds ... 1043 Hull ... 250 Huddersfield ... 275 Melton Mowbray ... 1130 Manchester ... 317 Chelmsford ... 270 Bury ... 1130 Penrith ... 339 Haslingden ... 283 St. Germans ... 1164 Peterborough 442 Uppe mill ... 337 Battle ... 1184 Tofts, Cleck-heaton ... 603 Preston ... 343 Buxton ... 1235 Blackpool ... 703 Blackburn ... 345 Liverpool ... 1299 Sittingbourne 1273 Rochdale ... 307 Crediton ... 1332 MARK LODGES. Bideford ... 489 Northallerton 1337 Bristol-Canynges Birkenhead ... 605 Eccles ... 1345 Hampton Court 6 Howden ... 630 Prestwich ... 1534 Plymouth ... 50 Blyth ... 659 Risca ... 1562 Aldershot ... 54 Totnes ... 710 Landport ... 1776 Plymouth ... 66 Runcorn ... 758 NewSouthgate 1950 Shepton Mallett 128 Belper ... 787 Narborough ... 2028 Maryport ... 151 Derby ... 802 Settle ... 2091

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Gravesend ... 77 Liverpool ... 673 Sandown ... 1869 Sheffield ... 139 Rochester ... 1050 Shanklin ... 1884 Liverpool ... 203 Liverpool ... 1183 Wallingford ... 1887 Liverpool ... 249 Wimbledon ... 1300 Carshalton ... 1892 Batley ... 204 Romford ... 1437 Dover ... 2195 Leeds ... 289 Harneld ... 1580 Bradford ... 2321 Leyton ... 1615

FRIDAY, JUNE 19.

- GRAFT LODGES. Stowmarket ... 516 Clacton-on-Sea ... 2063 Manchester ... 152 Newcastle ... 541 Godalming ... 2101 Brighton ... 271 Selby ... 566 Felixstowe ... 2371 Heiston ... 318 Holmthirch ... 652 Oldbury ... 2385 Tipton ... 347 Louth ... 712 R.A. CHAPTERS. Spilsby ... 426 Abergavenny ... 818 Norwich ... 52 Towcester ... 445 Levenshulme ... 993 Huddersfield ... 521 Newcastle-under-Lyme ... 460 Eccleshil ... 1034 Hull ... 1605 Chingford ... 2005

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Liverpool ... 1393 Sandown ... 1869 Penis one ... 462 Shanklin ... 1884 Bristol (Province) Wallingford ... 1887 Carshalton ... 1892 Dover ... 2195 Bradford ... 2321

SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

- GRAFT LODGES. Chingford ... 453 Hampton Court 1597 Metham ... 149 Romiley ... 1128 Gt. Stanmore ... 1762 Chertsey ... 370 Swanage ... 1146 Hampton Court 2105 Starcross ... 444 Hampton Court 1194 Cookham ... 2228 Feltham ... 1326 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Birkenhead ... 478



Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has received a cheque for £5000 from his Grace the Duke of Cleveland as a contribution to the Hospital Sunday Fund.

At the regular meeting of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, on Monday, the 1st instant, Bro. Spencer Broadbent, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.

At the annual meeting of the Cumberland Lodge of Mark Master Masons, at Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, Bro. Thomas Ormiston was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Masonic commemoration ball of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, takes place at the Corn Exchange, Oxford, on Monday next, the 15th inst., and promises to be largely attended.

It has been definitely arranged that the German Emperor's visit to the Guildhall for the purpose of receiving an address of welcome shall take place on Friday, the 10th prox. The presentation of the address will be followed by a luncheon, in which the invited guests, to the number of about 800 will take part.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has accepted the invitation of the Guardians of Bakewell, Derbyshire, to fill the office of Chairman, rendered vacant by the death of his brother, Bro. Lord Edward Cavendish, M.P., and has expressed to them his thanks for their sympathy in the great loss which the family have recently sustained.

The silver wedding gift to the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein will be presented to their Royal Highnesses in the Windsor Guildhall on Friday, the 3rd prox., and will consist of an elegant set of four silver *entrée* dishes, while the Princess Louise, their daughter, will be presented with a diamond star as a wedding gift.

The Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by the Duchess, presided on Monday evening at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, of which his Royal Highness has accepted the office of President, when the Duchess presented certificates signed by the Duke, to 73 ladies and 22 men who had passed this year's examination as "first aid" and to 18 ladies for nursing.

Bro. Lord Wantage presided at a meeting held at his residence in Carlton Gardens on the 4th inst. of the Committee on the "Terms and Conditions of Soldiers in the Army." His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief was present, and gave evidence at some length on the present state of the Army, the physique of the men, the question of enlistment, the conditions of service, promotion, &c.

The usual 4th June celebration at Eton was this year cancelled out of sympathy with the Provost, the Rev. Dr. Hornby, whose wife died a few days previously. The ninth jubilee, or 450th anniversary of the foundation of the college will, however, be celebrated on Wednesday, the 24th inst., when the new Lower Boys' Chapel is to be consecrated, and a number of distinguished persons will be entertained by the school authorities.

By command of the Queen the Prince of Wales held a levee at St. James's Palace on Friday, the 5th inst., when presentations to his Royal Highness were deemed equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. Among those in attendance on his Royal Highness were Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe (Lord Steward), the Earl of Lathom (Lord Chamberlain), and Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. In the evening the Prince and Princess, with their daughters the Princesses Victoria and Maud, were present at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, and witnessed the performance of "Rigoletto."

The 19th annual collection in aid of the hospitals and dispensaries of London took place in the churches and chapels of all denominations throughout the Metropolis on Sunday last, the amount realised being about £42,000. The morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral, attended by Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, Sheriff Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, the amount received at that and the afternoon and evening services reaching £165. Other amounts obtained were— at the Temple Church, £164; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, £110; Westminster Abbey, £163; St. Margaret's, Westminster, £264; Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, £1015; and Union Chapel, Islington, £92.

Bro. Lord Herschell presided at the annual meeting held in Exeter Hall on the 4th inst. of the friends and supporters of the National Refuges for Homeless and Destitute Children. The movement to establish began in St. Giles's on a very modest scale about half a century ago, when a ragged school was opened for about a dozen boys and girls, but public sympathy in its behalf was so quickly and so substantially assured, that up to last year some 12,200 destitute children had been admitted into the refuges, where they have been fed, clothed, lodged, and educated to earn their own livelihood. His lordship made an earnest appeal for the deficit which, exclusive of the mortgage on the Jubilee Home, amounts to £1026.

On Whitsun Eve a P.M., writing to the *Star*, brought charges of political animus against Somerset Freemasons in general, and the Bath lodges in particular. The *Bristol Mercury* on Whit Tuesday discussed the matter at some length, and questioned whether the writer was entitled to the signature that he used. After a week's interval the *Star* reproduced this article, and after a further interval of at least a week P.M. has rejoined. He says "the *Bristol Mercury*, not being in the Province of Somerset, can know nothing of the action between the oldest members of the province and the Grand Lodge in the matter of the Provincial Grand Master." On the testimony of the Lord Lieutenant, the *Bristol Mercury* has a large circulation throughout the county of Somerset; it was fully cognisant of all the circumstances to which P.M. refers, and wrote with a fuller knowledge of Masonic law than he evidently possesses. He endeavoured to persuade the general public that Masonry was a political institution; the *Bristol Mercury* demonstrated that it was not. He now tries to shift the ground to a question not open to lay discussion.—*Bristol Mercury*.

Dr. Adler will be installed as the Chief Rabbi at the Great Synagogue, Aldgate, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

Her Majesty's State concerts are fixed for the 17th and 25th inst., and the second State ball for the 10th prox.

The *Bicycling News* says that Freemasons in the Leith district use the cycle as a means of locomotion between their own lodge and a friendly one at Roslin.

The annual dinner of the Royal Regiment of Artillery was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of its Colonel, the Duke of Cambridge.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx., Lady Burdett, and family have arrived at Ancaster House, Richmond-square, from Foremark Hall, their seat in Derbyshire.

Towards the end of the present month the Secretary of State for War and Mrs. Stanhope will give a party in the banqueting room, Whitehall, to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., though he resumed his Parliamentary duties on the 4th inst., has found his strength inadequate, and has been ordered to Brighton by his medical adviser.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Eastbourne on Saturday next, the 20th inst., when the Princess will open the new Children's Hospital. Their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary Duchess and the Duke of Teck, with their daughter the Princess Victoria of Teck, visited the Royal Italian Opera on Monday and witnessed the performance of "Manon."

Bro. Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at the annual festival, on the 5th inst., in aid of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, when subscriptions were announced to the amount of £3150.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Marlborough House on Monday for St. Leonard's Hill, near Windsor, where they have been residing during the present (Ascot) week.

For the benefit of the building fund of the Great Northern Central Hospital, a grand concert, arranged by the Ladies Committee, will be given at St. James's Hall on Wednesday next. Many eminent vocalists and entertainers have kindly promised their services on the occasion.

The Duke of Cambridge presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Engineers, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last. The Duke of Connaught was the guest of the evening, and there was a very large number of distinguished members of the corps present.

The Order of the Secret Monitor will hold Grand Festival on Thursday next, the 18th inst. The Supreme Grand Ruler has called the meeting for 6 p.m. at Mark Masons' Hall, but the convocation of Grand Council will be held an hour previously. The banquet will be held in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern, at 7 o'clock.

The Prince of Wales visited Camberwell on Saturday afternoon last for the twofold purpose of opening the Mission Room and Institute in New Church-road and the Trinity Court Hall in Addington-square. His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, met with a most enthusiastic reception.

The four professors of fencing from the French National School of Fencing, who attended the Royal Military Tournament at the Agricultural Hall last week, were present at Marlborough House, by invitation, on Saturday last, and gave an exhibition of their skill in presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud.

The directors of Spiers and Pond, Limited, notify that the Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th inst. to the 30th inst., both inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the Interest Warrants, on the 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, the 5 per cent. "A" Mortgage Debenture Stock, and the 5 per cent. Debenture Stock of the Company. The Warrants will be posted on the evening of the 30th inst.

The Duchess of Albany visited Chertsey on Saturday afternoon last for the purpose of opening the "Providence Home," which, by the munificence of an anonymous donor, has been added to the School of Handicrafts for Boys. On the same day the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Louise, opened the Shaftesbury Institute and Labour Home for Men and Lads in Lisson-grove.

Although the Government did not confer the Order of the Crown of India upon Mrs. Grimwood, she has received two tributes to her heroism. One, the Royal Red Cross, conferred by the Queen, and the other, the Gold Victoria Olive Wreath, which is awarded by the proprietors of *The Gentlewoman* to those who distinguish themselves by some act of womanly devotion. Mrs. Grimwood richly merits both these distinctions.

About £700 has been subscribed in Richmond, Kingston, and the surrounding district towards the silver wedding present to the Duke and Duchess of Teck. The gifts to the Duchess will include an album containing a congratulatory address, a commemorative piece of jewellery, and a grand piano, while that to the Duke will consist of a horse and trappings. It is expected that the presentation will take place to-day (Friday) at the White Lodge, Richmond.

A trade mark action of considerable public interest and importance came before Mr. Justice Kekewich on Saturday last. Messrs. Holloway, of 78, New Oxford-street, London, the well-known proprietors of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, had become aware that penny boxes of pills called Holloway's Pills were being offered for sale, although the proper retail price is one shilling and three halfpence per box. On analysing the pills sold, Messrs. Holloway found that the pills were not manufactured by them at all, and accordingly brought an action in the High Court of Justice to restrain Mr. James Best, a chemist and druggist, from selling any pills as Holloway's Pills which were not really made by them. No defence having been put in, Mr. Israel Davies, on behalf of Messrs. Holloway, applied to Mr. Justice Kekewich for an injunction, and counsel for the defendant admitting he could not resist the motion, a perpetual injunction was granted restraining the acts complained of, and further awarding to Messrs. Holloway damages and all costs.

Her Majesty's judges will hold their annual whitebait dinner at Greenwich to-day (Friday).

Bro. J. B. Maple, M.P., is the subject of the cartoon of this week's *Vanity Fair*.

The foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall for Bridgend will be laid about the latter end of next month.

Bro. Herbert Gardner, M.P., and Lady Winifred Gardner have left Brighton and gone to Biarritz, for the purpose of enjoying a few weeks' change and rest.

Bro. Joseph C. Dimsdale has been elected Alderman of the Ward of Cornhill in succession to Bro. the late Alderman Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

The christening of the infant daughter of the Duchess of Fife will take place immediately after the Prince of Wales returns from Ascot. The ceremony will be performed at the Chapel Royal, St. James's.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress have extended their patronage to a charitable fête, to be given at the German Exhibition, Earl's Court, on Saturday, the 27th instant. The proceeds of the fête will be divided equally between the German Hospital and the German Society of Benevolence.

On Friday, the 5th instant, the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, opened a bazaar at No. 6, Carlton House Terrace, in aid of the Scottish Home Industries Association. The articles on sale consisted of homespun tweeds, Shetland knitted goods, Ayrshire embroideries, and other articles of Scottish home-work.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, at the end of July, to lay the foundation-stone of an important and extensive block of buildings about to be erected in Praed-street, completing the hospital in accordance with the original plan of the founders.

One more survivor of the Balaclava Charge, Lieutenant-Colonel Edmond D'Arcy Hunt, has died within the last few days. He first served with the 9th Lancers in the last Punjab campaign, being present at the battles of Chillianwallah and Gujerat. He was in the Inniskilling Dragoons at Balaclava, Inkerman, Tchernaya, and the siege and fall of Sebastopol.

The Queen has, on the recommendation of the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, conferred a commission on Sergeant-Major James Chase, of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, who has been promoted to the rank of Quartermaster of the battalion, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant in the Army. Mr. Chase, who was born in the Tower of London (his father at the time being a Guardsman), is still a young man. He was present with his battalion in the Egyptian campaign in 1882, being awarded medal, clasp, and the Khedive's star.

A discovery has been attracting the attention of scientific men. A beam of sunlight is made to pass through a prism so as to produce the solar spectrum or rainbow. A disc, having slits or openings in it, is made to revolve, and the coloured light of the rainbow is made to break through it, and fall on silk, wool, or other material contained in a glass vessel. As the coloured light falls upon it sounds will be given by the different parts of the spectrum, and there will be silence in other parts. If the vessel contains red worsted, and the green light flashes upon it, loud sounds will be given. Only feeble sounds will be heard when the red and blue parts of the rainbow fall upon the vessel.

At a special court of the Master, Wardens, and assistants of the Needle-makers' Company, held on Friday last, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, D.L. (Senior Past Master and Junior Warden), seconded by Bro. J. H. Matthews (Senior Warden), "That this court takes the earliest opportunity of congratulating the Master of the company, Bro. John Aird, M.P., on the complete success of the annual banquet held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 29th ult., under his presidency, and at which lady guests and a very distinguished company were present. The court places on record at the same time its warm thanks to the Master for the great personal services rendered by him to ensure this success; and, as a mark of its high appreciation, requests Bro. John Aird, M.P., to allow himself, at the proper time, to be nominated for re-election as Master for a second year of office."

Bro. Albert Hamer Battye, W.M., and about 40 officers and members of the Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219, Manchester, on the invitation of Bro. Lowery, of Winnington Park, visited Northwich on Saturday, the 6th inst., and, by permission of Mr. T. Ward, inspected one of the salt mines, 112 yards deep, and said to be the largest and one of the oldest in the district. The vast excavated space was on Saturday illuminated with hundreds of candles, some arranged in various pleasing devices. Supplied with lighted "dips," the party perambulated the workings, "interviewed" the workmen, saw a number of shots fired in the blasting operations, visited the stables, inspected a set out of special "curios," joined in a glee, and came to the surface evidently much interested and edified by what they had seen. The mine presents the appearance of a huge hall, which would comfortably accommodate an immense army or a Hyde Park demonstration on a large scale, where the words of the speakers might be heard. The acoustic effect of the shots fired by the workmen resembled peals of thunder. The process of manufacturing salt on the surface was consequently seen in operation; and after a voyage by steamer on the Weaver, the famous hydraulic lift at Anderton for raising the canal boats between the river and the Mersey and Trent canal was visited, and the party, by permission of Captain Saner, C.E., were raised and lowered by the huge apparatus. Another steamboat ride, during which all were subjected to the lens of the photographer, and the party were entertained at tea by Bro. Lowery at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Northwich, which brought the afternoon's proceedings to a close.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Some occupations tend to the development of certain diseases, and those who toil as miners are peculiarly liable to rheumatism, lumbago, and other allied complaints. In the gold fields and copper mines Holloway's remedies have been largely patronised by the workers to their very great advantage, and they can be confidently recommended as invaluable remedies for inward congestions, spasms and cramps in the bowels, and all those conditions of the lungs and liver to which those who work underground or in impure atmospheres are so peculiarly liable. For cuts, bruises, sprains, and stiffened joints the action of Holloway's Ointment is eminently healing and soothing, and a supply should always be at hand in case of need.—ADVT.