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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

In the speech in which the Earl of LATHOM proposed the toast of "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" at the Anniversary Festival at Brighton, on the 24th ult., his lordship referred to two matters of surpassing interest to all who concern themselves about the welfare of this important Charity. One of these had reference to the boys themselves and the time they should be retained at school, the other to the Institution and the locality in which it is situated. As regards the former, we shall be brief in the remarks we have to make. It is in fact a question of money and money only. If the finances of the Institution, even under the more economical management of the new régime, will not admit of the boys remaining at school beyond the present limit of 15 years, that limit will have to be retained. But we recommend it to the serious consideration of the authorities, whether it might not be possible to readjust the limits of age for admission so as to enable the boys to remain till 16 years. As these now stand a boy is admissible between the ages of seven and 11 years, and he remains till 15 years. A few years ago the inferior limit for admission was eight years, the superior limit being the same as it is now, while the boys were kept at school till 16 years. We recognise that the process known as "chopping and changing" in these matters is most undesirable; but were a return made to eight years as the inferior limit for admission, and 16 years for leaving the School, the maximum number of years during which it is now possible for a boy to remain on the establishment would remain unaltered, and the cost of his education and maintenance likewise. We lay some stress upon this point, because we are convinced it is more to the advantage of the boys that they should remain till 16 years than that they should begin school at seven years. As to the generality of boys, it matters little whether they begin at seven or eight years, but the additional year from 15 to 16 years is of incalculable benefit to them all. Their mental powers have grown stronger, and the extra year's study enables them to comprehend better what they have previously been learning to a great extent mechanically. It is well worth the while of the authorities to consider this point to which Lord LATHOM has publicly called attention, especially as we have shown that by a very simple readjustment of the limits of age, the suggested change can be made without any extra cost to the Institution.

As regards the greater question concerning the locality of the School, Lord LATHOM pointed out the disadvantages of the present site. In the first place, the School stands on a clayey soil; in the second, it is now almost entirely surrounded by tenements of a very inferior class. When the greater portion of the present site was purchased some 35 years ago, the neighbourhood was but sparsely populated, Wood Green was a mere hamlet, and Lordship-lane may have been able to boast of a few country houses scattered along its entire length from Wood Green to the main road at Tottenham. The price of £3500 paid for Lordship House and the 10 acres of ground in which it stood, shows that in those days land was to be had cheaply enough in the locality. But ever since the construction of the Metropolitan Railway and its connection at King's Cross with the Great Northern, the process of building in and around Wood Green has been carried on with such amazing energy and rapidity, that what was a large expanse of fields, dotted here and there with mansions and cottage tenements, is now almost entirely covered with bricks and mortar, the "desirable villa residence" which our jerry builder delights in, being conspicuous everywhere by its presence. Noel Park, too—a most useful aggregation of houses for the *hoi polloi*, but not desirable, as Lord LATHOM pointed out, to have in the immediate neighbourhood of a large public school—has sprung up during the last few years within a stone's throw of the School, which, thus engirt on all sides, no longer retains the one great advantage it originally possessed of being located in the open country. Add to this the serious disad-

vantage caused by the premises standing on a clayey soil, and the plea in favour of a removal some miles further away from the Metropolis is, we think, very clearly established. But then there arises of course the question of cost, though, for ourselves, we think this need not prove a very serious obstacle. The value of land in the neighbourhood has increased immensely since 1856. Then, as we have said, Lordship House and its 10 acres of ground were bought for £3500, that is at £350 per acre. Six years later a plot of rather less than an acre and three-quarters was purchased for £865—say, about £500 per acre. In 1872, 34 perches were purchased in two separate lots for £262, or at the rate of over £1000 per acre, while in 1884 the Preparatory School site of about an acre and a quarter—elsewhere set down as about an acre and a half—on which stood Lindum Villas, Nos. 1 to 4, cost £3100, or at the rate of between £2400 and £2500 per acre. The whole of the site, covering upwards of 14 acres, cost £9013 10s., and the present value is estimated at £30,500, a sum which, if the authorities should resolve on moving the School further from London, would go a long way towards purchasing a far more eligible site and the erection of the necessary buildings. However, the question is one for very careful consideration, and when the general body of Governors and Subscribers has been educated to see how desirable it is that the project which Lord LATHOM referred to so pointedly and yet so briefly in his speech at Brighton should be carried out, we have little doubt the removal will be decided upon. In the meantime his lordship deserves the thanks of the Craft for having brought prominently to its notice a scheme which cannot fail to prove beneficial to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at Tunbridge Wells on Thursday, the 25th ult. The Prov. Grand Master, Earl Amherst, presided, and there were also present the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Smith Eastes, and a large number of Prov. Grand Officers and brethren numbering upwards of 200. The Prov. Grand Lodge was held in the Pump Room, the adjoining premises of the Neville Club being given up for the occasion, and which were pleasantly decorated, the exterior of the Pump Room with bannerettes and flowers, whilst the interior was decorated with plants.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Earl Amherst, under the banners of the Holmesdale Lodge, 874 (Bro. A. T. Simpson, P.M., W.M.), and the Pantiles Lodge, 2200 (Bro. T. Ryder, W.M.), when the necessary routine of business was gone through, and the newly-appointed officers were duly invested. The Prov. G. Organist, Bro. W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., presided at the organ.

The following officers were appointed:

Bro. Alfred Thomas Simpson, W.M. 874	...	Prov. S.G.W.
George F. Alexander Smythe, P.M. 2195	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. John Stewart, M.A., P.M. 1414	...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
Rev. George Denner Payden, M.A., P.M. 709	...	
Alfred Spencer (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Robert Jurel Cook, P.M. 213	...	Prov. G. Reg.
William Crawford, P.M. 127	...	} Prov. S.G.D's.
Charles Baker, P.M. 1206	...	
Edward H. Joynson, P.M. 2147	...	} Prov. J.G.D's.
Silas Wagon, P.M. 1063	...	
Richard Griggs, P.M. 133	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
John William Court, P.M. 1096	...	Prov. G.D.C.
William Francis, P.M. 558	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
John Hunt, P.M. 503	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
William Moulds, P.M. 1536	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Thomas Deane, P.M. 77	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
William Robert Tanner, P.M. 184	...	
W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., P.M. 31	...	Prov. G. Org.
Henry Iron, P.M. 1273	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
Jonas Hill, P.M. 483	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Thomas J. Nye, P.M. 1967	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
Thomas Bent, P.M. 784	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
Tibert Saunders, P.M. 1915	...	
James Trueman Tanqueray, P.M. 1965	...	
Francis William Wright, P.M. 2046	...	
Edward Cooper Fenoulhet, P.M. 2099	...	
William Charles Cripps, P.M. 2200	...	

The Provincial Grand Lodge Festival Reception Committee and Stewards were Bros. A. T. Simpson, P.M. 874, P.M. 2200, and W.M. 874, Chairman; Tom Ryder, W.M. 2200, Vice-Chairman; B. Sidney Wilmot, P.M., D.C. 874, P.P.G.R.; J. Burton, P.M., Treas. 874, P.P.G.R.; W. C. Cripps, P.M. 874, and P.M. 2200; T. Potter, Treas. 220; J. G. Calway, P.M. 1619, P.P.A.G.P., Treas., Sussex; E. Dunkley, S.W. 874; N. Grunwell, S.W. 2200; W. Skinner, J.W. 874; J. S. Fletcher, D.C. 2200; H. Harris, Sec. 874; and R. Stevenson, P.M. and Sec. 2200, joint Secretaries. Stewards: Bros. W. Luck, J.D., L. S. Beale, S., B. A. Fowler, A. Atherton, A. H. Tester, F. Graham, W. S. LeGrand, A. C. Skinner, J. A. Ancombe, J. W. Warrick, E. L. Cozens, F. Austen, and A. G. Nye, of 874; J. Wilmot, S.D., B. J. Colls, J.D., C. J. Gallard, I.G., J. Lessels, S., E. E. Fenwick, J. Corfield, S., W. H. Downes, W. Rule, W. Tupper, W. Wiseman, R. J. Langley, T. P. Hodson, and E. B. Wall, of 2200; and J. W. Boulter, 874 and 2200, Tyler.

The various lodges represented were from Bromley, Plumstead, Tonbridge, Ashford, Maidstone, Dartford, Malling, Deal, Gravesend, Sevenoaks, Dover, Whitstable, Faversham, Sittingbourne, Erith, New Brompton, Hythe, Riverhead, Sandgate, Rochester, Chislehurst, Canterbury, &c.

The service was held at the church of King Charles the Martyr, at two o'clock, being a shortened form of evening prayer, conducted by Bro. the Rev. G. D. Paden, M.A., Prov. J.G. Chap. The processional hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was first sung, followed by the Psalms xcvi., xcvi., and cl. Bro. Rev. W. H. Hornby Steer read the Lesson, I. John, iii., 1 to 25; after this followed the Nunc Dimittis; and the anthem "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness" (Kent) was sung before the sermon, Bro. W. H. Longhurst, Prov. G. Org., most efficiently presiding at the organ. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Stewart, M.A., Prov. Grand Chaplain, from the words, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father that is in heaven, the same is my brethren, and sister, and mother."

The banquet took place in the Sussex Assembly Room, the Prov. Grand Master presiding, and about 200 brothers being present. Bro. A. T. Dartnall, the successor to Bro. W. S. Parker, of the Pantiles, was the caterer, and the menu was an excellent one.

Bro. EARL AMHERST gave "The Queen and the Craft," following on after the National Anthem with "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking on the great labours and time they had devoted to the brotherhood, and the regret he felt that Bro. Sir John Monckton, an old Kentish man, and the Prov. G.M. of Yorkshire, were not able to be present. But still they had there the Grand Treasurer of England, Bro. George Everett, and Bro. Smith, the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Yorkshire, and with their names he would associate the toast.

Bro. EVERETT, who first responded, after alluding to the Chairman as one of the most popular Prov. Grand Masters of England, expressed his great appreciation at spending such a delightful day in Freemasonry, which, as they knew, was one of the most striking and impressive brotherhoods the world had ever known, and he believed that they were entitled to the best thanks for carrying out those grand principles on which their Order was founded.

Bro. SMITH, next responding, cordially reciprocated the good feelings which had been expressed.

Bro. J. SMITH EASTES, D.P.G.M., proposed "Bro. the Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master," dilating on his many good qualities, and the valuable assistance he had given to the Masons of Kent at a time it was most required. He added that whilst there were 58 lodges and 3500 members in Kent, there was yet room for many more.

Bro. EARL AMHERST, in responding, mentioned that that was the 31st occasion on which he had appeared in that capacity. They had during the past year, he mentioned, added one new lodge to their roll, and one new chapter had also been organised. He thankfully acknowledged the hearty support he had received from Kentish Masons when he occupied the position of Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. During the past year they had grown peacefully and prosperously, and he thanked them heartily for the unflinching support they had given him, and he hoped they would long continue as prosperous and united.

Bro. EARL AMHERST next gave the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Smith Eastes," in complimentary terms, and expressed his opinion that no Provincial Grand Master ever had a more faithful adviser and wise counsellor than he had in Bro. J. Smith Eastes.

Bro. J. SMITH EASTES responded in grateful terms, alluding to the length of time he had been connected with Masonry, and the proud privilege he felt in occupying his present office.

Earl AMHERST having to attend a Court function in London was obliged to leave at this stage, and

Bro. J. SMITH EASTES, who succeeded to the chair, then proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. A. T. Simpson, W.M. 874, and Bro. Captain W. H. Tylden-Pattenson, P.M. 1854, P.S.G.W.

In response Bro. SIMPSON, on behalf of the Present Provincial Grand Officers and himself, returned thanks, gracefully alluding to the honour paid through him to the lodge which he had the privilege to represent. That lodge was by no means insensible to the responsibilities it had incurred; the members recognised the great services which were expected of them, and it would be their duty during the following year to devote their energies to carry out the great objects of their noble Craft.

Bro. Captain TYLDEN-PATTONSON also responded to the toast.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, and the Pantiles Lodge, No. 2200," the respective Masters—Bros. A. T. SIMPSON, W.M. 874, and TOM RYDER, W.M. 2200—responding.

The Tyler's toast was responded to by Bro. BOULTER, who, it should be mentioned, was very energetic throughout the day in preparing the lodge rooms and in the performance of his duties.

During the evening a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, was performed by Miss Jessie Griffin, Bros. J. A. Brown, Edward Dalzell, F. H. Cozens, and Charles Ackerman, Mr. F. H. Cozens accompanying.

It remains to be said that Bro. R. Stevenson was the Secretary, and that he attended to the wealth of detail in connection with the occasion with considerable ability, assisted by Bro. H. Harris, joint Secretary.

A pleasant feature in connection with the visit to Tunbridge Wells was the presentation of the new edition of "Pelton's Guide," bound in purple covers, with gold lettering, to the principal visitors.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master, when there was a large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report, which was unanimously adopted, showed a substantial balance, notwithstanding the grants for charitable purposes amounted to £76 during the year. The Charity Committee's report was also very satisfactory, only one application for relief being received, as against two the previous year, the Committee being of opinion that this was in a great measure due to the care exercised by lodges in the admission of candidates.

Bro. H. D. Clements, P.M., P.Z., was unanimously elected as the Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the following appointments were then made:—

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp ...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" W. H. Preece, F.R.S., 2087 ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. B. Terrell, 1494 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. Crawford, 1460 ...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. Pelham Stokes, 1871 ...	...
" H. V. Clements, 1237 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. L. Wingate, 1423 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Howard H. Room, 1777 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Causton, M.D., 865 ...	...	} Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" H. H. Gurney, 1503 ...	...
" W. G. Kentish, 1293 ...	...	} Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" J. Sadler Wood, 2024 ...	...
" W. A. Brown, 1567 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" O. J. Von Holtorp, 1897 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. C. Austin, 1733 ...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" H. Wheatley, 1512 ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. Mayor Cooke, 946 ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Piller, 1793 ...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. A. Smith, 1326 ...	...
" W. T. Peat, 1656 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. H. Lee, 1897 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. Drummond, 1656 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" S. W. Keene, 865 ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. Stewart Brown, 2183 ...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" T. W. Carmalt Jones, 708 ...	...
" C. W. Mayne, 1238 ...	...
" W. A. Prince, 1691 ...	...
" W. H. Russell, J.L.D., 778 ...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" D. Stroud, 1637 ...	...
" J. Gilbert, 1194 ...	...

The following sums were granted from Provincial Grand Lodge funds: R.M.I. for Girls, 15 guineas; R.M.I. Boys, 15 guineas; and R.M.B.I., 30 guineas, on the occasion of its Jubilee Festival next year.

The next business on the agenda was a motion by Bro. WM. DODD, P.P.G.D., asking that each lodge in the province should pledge itself to contribute £1 annually to produce an annuity of £40 to be granted to an annuitant to be elected by Provincial Grand Lodge.

After a short discussion the motion was by leave withdrawn.

Bro. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Pritchard, P.G. Treas., drew attention to the fact that although exceptionally liberal grants were made, the balance was increased by £35.

Bro. PRITCHARD, P.P.G. Treas., returned sincere thanks for this mark of appreciation of the brethren, and also thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary for his assistance. He expressed the opinion that the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer should not be an annual one, but should be extended for two or three years, as there was a certain amount of work to do which it was only possible to learn with the assistance of the Prov. Grand Secretary.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, a vote of thanks was accorded the Dalhousie Lodge, and especially Bro. C. A. Walter, P.P.G.D., for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren then partook of a substantial repast.

The usual toasts followed, and were received with the customary heartiness.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said that Bro. Fenn was the best representative they could have, for he was one of the most able and efficient working Grand Officers they had. There was nothing in the Order Bro. Fenn was not able efficiently to perform—in the French as well as the English language.

Bro. T. FENN, Pres. Bd. General Purposes, in response, said the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, was devoted to the interests of the Craft, and his zeal and interest had been increased by his advancement to his present position. As the brethren had been told, the M.W.G.M. never took any step in Masonry without first consulting the Pro G.M., than whom they could have no better or more able adviser. At the last Grand Lodge they had a specimen of the way the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy G.M., could do his work, and the admirable way he conducted the meeting was an earnest of his future usefulness to the Craft. With respect to the other Grand Officers, he could assure them that the executive Grand Officers had an earnest desire to do all they could to create harmony amongst the brethren and the lodges, and to further the interests of Masonry in every possible direction. They had no other object in view, and that object, as far as his experience went, had been achieved.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," and said that some of those present might not know that that night was an epoch in that Provincial Grand Lodge. It was the 21st year of its meeting. They had been children up to the present time, but were now men, and could look any other Prov. Grand Lodge in the face, and hold up their heads with 40 lodges in the province. This had been done to a great extent by the good working and hearty support of the brethren in the province, but it was mainly owing to the kindness and genial support given to the province by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. Their Prov. Grand Master has shown himself a good Mason and a kind and courteous gentleman, who welcomed the junior Mason in the province as he did the oldest Past Master, and he had won for himself a name and a reputation that no other brother would ever gain in that province.

There was another reason why they should heartily drink the toast, and that was because the Prov. Grand Master had shown his interest in the province by initiating his own son in the Burdett Lodge. That lodge was started 21 years ago, when Sir Francis Burdett was installed as the first Master, and within 10 months he was the Provincial Grand Master for the first time. Sir Francis was once more among them heartier and stronger than last year, still the good old English gentleman, and they trusted for many years to be presided over by him.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said that, after the eloquent address of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he felt considerable difficulty in expressing his gratitude for the kind manner they had received the toast. It was gratifying indeed to see such an assembly to support the Provincial Grand Lodge in the manner it had been supported for a considerable number of years. During the time he had presided he had hardly had a single incident to make him regret his position, and it was gratifying to find that at the present time he was no less esteemed than he was when installed as their Provincial Grand Master. It was, of course, a source of anxiety for any brother in the position he held to find he was surrounded by brethren able to criticise his conduct, but he had found he had been ably supported and kindly received by every member of the province. As far as his powers would admit they might depend upon it that as long as he was able he would do what he could for the province, and as long as he lived he should be grateful for the kindness he had received.

Bro. SMITH, 34, replying for "The Visitors," said it was owing to the fact that he represented No. 34 Lodge that he had been called upon to respond, and also perhaps because he was the junior Mason present. In London they had no such important ceremony as they had witnessed that night, and might well take a lesson from the province.

Bro. T. FENN, President Board of General Purposes, said he had the honour of proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers." He recollected 21 years ago he was the S.W. on the occasion of the installation of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and the institution of the Middlesex Provincial Grand Lodge. There were few Masons who could claim that honour, and few who were present on that occasion were now living. He had taken a great interest in the province since that time, and was a member of it, hailing from the Bard of Avon Lodge. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was most proficient in the duties of his office, and he was sure they would all wish he might long continue in the office of which he had exercised great usefulness. With respect to the other Provincial Grand Officers, he would select the name of Bro. Preece to respond, that brother being a member of the Electric Lodge—a most appropriate name for a lodge which numbers the head of the Electrical Department of the Post Office. There was one provincial appointment which afforded him great satisfaction, and that was Bro. Kentish, whom he had known for several years as being a very enthusiastic member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and for some time its Secretary.

Bro. W. H. PREECE, Prov. S.G.W., in response, said he was sure he stated the feelings of every officer in the province when he expressed to Bro. Fenn their grateful acknowledgments for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and he also expressed their gratitude to the Prov. Grand Master for having selected them to the offices they filled. It was their lodges felt the honour rather than themselves. There was not a single lodge represented but every member in it felt that the lodge had been rewarded by being selected to furnish a Prov. Grand Officer. They all knew it was the hope of reward that sweetened labour, and the possession of reward that incited to labour, and there was nothing like the possession of office in Masonry that created an appetite for furthering the interests of Masonry. The only regret they felt was that they had not been called upon sufficiently frequently to show their zeal and energy in the service, and the result was that memory was apt to fail.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. Wm. Wright, P.P.G. Org., a selection of music was performed by Bros. Hugh Davies, James Bayne, Org. 1897; Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org. Essex; Sam. Wright, 1897; and Messrs. W. G. Churcher and Richard Evans.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey was held on the 29th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when there was a good attendance. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, was supported by the following:—

Bros. C. Hammerton, D.P.G.M.; A. H. Bircham, P.S.G.W.; J. C. Collier, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. F. Oliver, P.G.C.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G. Treas.; J. T. Briggs, P.G. Reg.; A. H. Bowles, P.J.G.O.; Harry Tipper, P.S.G.D.; H. Burgess, P.J.G.D.; J. Callaway, P.G.I. of W.; W. G. Brighten, P.G. Sec.; J. Byford, jun., P.A.G.D.C.; J. Skinner and J. Lancaster, P.G. Stewards; J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Past G.W., Grand Secretary; C. Passmore, J.W. 407; C. Slater, P.A.G.D.C.; A. W. Hobbs, P.M. 198; W. F. Bates, W.M. 4; J. Collins, W.M. 407; J. Handley, J.W. 284; Egbert Roberts, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Yaxley, P.G.S.; M. Christian, J.W. 109; Capt. Newington Bridges, P.P.G.W.; J. Stevens, P.P.G.J.O.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Hodgkinson, W.M. 224; R. Lawson, P.P.G.M.O.; J. F. Rumball, P.P.G.J.O.; Murray Hayes, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 239; C. W. Mapleton, S.D. 108; C. Chauffourier, W.M. 238; H. Goodwin, P.M. 251; Rev. J. Cater, G. Chap.; J. W. Mash, I.P.M. 4; J. L. Mather, P.G. Treas.; H. Dickey, P.P.G.M.O.; Frederick West, W.M. 198; J. H. Cureton; G. Gregory, P.G.S.; C. Mordey; G. H. Phillips, P.M. 139; E. J. Mills, P.M. 350; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 355; F. Pocock, W.M. 211; E. Storr, P.G.S.; J. Tickle, W. W. Lee, and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the P.G.M. saluted, and the minutes confirmed.

From the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was read and unanimously adopted, it appeared that the lodges in the province had been increased by two, making a total of 37, and that the number of members was 822, being an increase of 62 on the previous year's total.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's account and the Auditors' report were received.

On the motion of the D.P.G.M., the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of Bro. Rev. J. Cater, P.G. Chaplain, who was appointed the Steward to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. L. GORDON ROBBINS, Prov. G. Treas., said he felt it a high honour to be entrusted with the next motion. It was to recommend to the M.W. Grand Master a brother for the office of Provincial Grand Master for the

next three years. He need hardly say he recommended for re-election their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The way in which the nomination was received was sufficient to show how much they valued Sir Francis Burdett's services in the office, and that they looked forward to be presided over by him for many years with continued honour and prosperity to the province.

Bro. W. G. BRIGHTEN, P.G.I. of W., P.G. Sec., in seconding the recommendation, said it must not be forgotten that the forthcoming year was the 21st Sir Francis Burdett would reign over them. Under his beneficent sway they should at the end of the year attain their majority, and during his reign they had grown from three or four lodges to 37, and had increased to 800 members, which was largely due to the manner he had conducted the business.

The recommendation having been received with acclamation, the Prov. GRAND MASTER said he was extremely proud at the flattering manner in which his services had been appreciated. He should be much gratified to live to see the majority of the Provincial Grand Lodge which had flourished most satisfactorily, and would, he was sure, continue to prosper in the future.

The roll of lodges was called, when it was found that all were represented.

On the proposition of the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. HY. LOVEGROVE, P.P.S.G.W., Bro. Gordon Robbins was re-elected unanimously as P.G. Treas.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested.

Bro. Charles Hammerton	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Rev. Viscount Molesworth	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Col. C. H. Nevill	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Frederick West	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" William Mason Stiles	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Alfred W. Hillier	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Henry F. Oliver	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Richard Wood Samuel	...	...
" L. G. Gordon Robbins	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John W. Mash	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. G. Brighten	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" L. P. Coubro	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" John T. Skinner	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. J. Hone-Goldney	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Robert A. Marshall	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John T. R. Cresswell	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major-General A. H. W. Williams	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Philip H. Clisby	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Charles F. Passmore	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Murray Haynes	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. R. Arnold	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Dr. H. W. Kiallmark	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" John Webb	...	...
" Dr. R. D. R. Sweeting	...	...
" Chauffourier	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" John Gilbert	...	...

On the proposition of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, seconded by Bro. J. T. BRIGGS, a vote of thanks was accorded the Prov. Grand Treasurer for his services during the past year, and was suitably acknowledged.

The following were selected for nomination of Grand Stewards:—Era, Euston, West Smithfield, and Menatschim Lodges.

The Committee of General Purposes was re-elected, and several letters of apology for non-attendance having been announced, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

A large number of brethren subsequently partook of banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts were afterwards given.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said the Marquess of Hertford, Pro Grand Master, was a Mark Mason at heart, and always came forward to do what he could in the interests of Mark Masonry. The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, they knew to be a very enthusiastic Mason, who had been taken in hand by the greater part of the Masonic world. The Grand Officers were constantly among them, and performed their duties satisfactorily. There was one present whom he would call upon to respond—Bro. Matier—who would give them any information they required regarding Mark Masonry.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, said that while he must acknowledge the pride he felt in being called upon to respond for those who had since 1856 to the present time been sources of light and leading in the Mark Degree, he could have wished very much that the Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master could have been present to have responded for the manner the toast had been proposed and received. He should like to call to the recollection of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett the state of the Mark Degree over 20 years ago, when he was appointed to rule over the province, and Sir Francis would no doubt remember that they had something like 100 lodges, and a total aggregate of something like 10,000 connected with the Order. They had at the present moment nearly 450 lodges, and over 30,000 brethren connected with the Order. They had, in addition, laid the foundation-stone of a Benevolent Fund, which he was certain would bring forth far greater fruits in the future. They had endeavoured in every way to promote the honour of the Order and the prosperity of the Mark Degree, and the brethren, meeting as they did that night in the hall of the Mark Masons next door, could not fail to be struck with the large amount of interest taken by brethren in the Order in years gone by. He thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers, and hoped they would all pay such respect to the Order and such devotion to the Mark Degree as would entitle them to be numbered amongst the Grand Officers as rulers of the Order.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON, D.P.G.M., next proposed "The Provincial Grand Master," and said that few words were needed on his part, as the Provincial Grand Master was so well known to every Mason present. As a Mason Sir Francis Burdett had taken interest in every Degree for many years past, and in the Mark Degree in that province for 21 years, and the progress made since his appointment had been very great indeed.

Bro. Colonel Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., P.G.M., in response, said it was a great many years since he was first connected with the province, and he had never found so much goodwill and kindly feeling as exhibited by a large body of his constituents at the present day. He had endeavoured as far as he was able to carry out the wishes of the brethren in conducting the work of the province, and he felt satisfied they had not been very much disappointed in his exertions. He was gratified to see the advance the province had made during the time he had been connected with it, and though others might follow him and improve and do what they could, no Provincial Grand

Master would be more kindly received and more ably supported than he had been. The advancement was due to the able manner in which he had been supported by his officers, and it was owing to their exertions that the province now stood in as high a position as any in the kingdom. He thanked them most heartily and sincerely for the manner in which they had received the proposition for a further continuance of his rule for the next three years, and as long as he lived he should never forget their kind consideration.

The toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was submitted by Bro. C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary, who said that, knowing the good work done by these brethren from time to time, he could perhaps speak of their efficient services more positively than any other brother. Where all were so eager, and discharged their work so well, it seemed invidious to name one, but he would name one who stood head and shoulders above the others, and to whom they looked for guidance in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master. Since Bro. Hammerton had been connected with the province it had prospered in every way, and every officer appointed for years back had been imbued with the dignity attaching to his position. He had a large amount of respect for the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, knowing what he had to do, and Bro. Brighten had discharged his duty in an efficient, kindly, and genial way. He would couple the names of Bros. Hammerton, D.P.G.M., and Brighten, Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON, D.P.G.M., thanked the Grand Secretary for the terms in which he had proposed the toast, and assured the brethren that as long as he held the office he should continue with great pleasure to fulfil the duties to the best of his ability.

Bro. W. G. BRIGHTEN, Prov. G. Sec., in responding, said their ruler very courteously disclaimed any share in the success of the province, but the brethren would say that the Prov. Grand Master was the one for whom they had worked in connection with Mark Masonry, and it was he who had inspired them with the spirit to work. They would not care to work for anyone less popular or kind, and it was his spirit that made them do as they were doing for the credit of Mark Masonry in general and the Province in particular. He was glad the Grand Secretary could bear personal testimony to the feeling which animated them, and that it was Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., they wanted as their ruler for the next three years. The Prov. Grand Lodge had tried on various occasions meeting under the banner of one or more lodges, but on the last two meetings they had had a new institution, which he trusted would be kept up by many lodges, and that was having a table at the banquet devoted to one or more lodges. The table at which he then sat was composed solely of members of the Royal Savoy Lodge—with the exception of himself—and those members present numbered 17. The next table was the Royal Naval Lodge, which also had a good muster, and he hoped that each lodge would look upon that gathering as an opportunity of meeting together in the summer time, and make it an additional bond between them. He trusted they should celebrate their 21st birthday about December next in a manner that would once more make their province ring in the annals of Mark Masonry.

Bros. E. J. MASSIE, P.P.G.O. West Yorkshire, and J. TICKLE replied for "The Visitors," after which "The Mark Benevolent Fund" was given by Bro. Rev. J. CATER, P.G. Chap., the Steward for the year, who urged upon the brethren the peculiar claims of that deserving Charity.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Egbert Roberts, P.P.G.S.B., directed the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Miss Rosalind Haynes, R.A.M., who sang "Beauty's eyes" in a pleasing manner, and also with Bro. Roberts in a duet "See the land appears in sight."

CONSECRATION OF THE SAVAGE CLUB CHAPTER, No. 2190.

The success of the Savage Club Lodge, which was consecrated just five years ago, rendered the establishment of a R.A. Chapter in connection therewith a matter of certainty sooner or later, and it was not a surprise to those who knew what excellent material for the formation of a chapter existed in the lodge, to learn that such a course had been decided on. The necessary steps having been taken and the warrant granted, the chapter was consecrated at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 19th ult. The Consecrating Officer was the Grand Scribe E., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was assisted by Comps. R. Grey, P.C.G.P., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., as S.W.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D. of C.; and J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B., as A.D. of C.

The visitors present were—

Comps. Hon. Chief Justice Way, Pro G.M. So. Australia; Col. G. Noel Money, G. Supt. of Surrey; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal; Eugene Monteuuis, P.D.G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Wm. Lake, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Harry Nicholls, L. B. Wooldridge, S. Johnson, Egbert Roberts, M.E.Z. 1623; A. GreatRex, P.Z. 2 and 1657; C. W. Stephens, H. 8; W. Sampson, G. M. Atkinson, Gordon Smith, H. 1319; E. Richardson, H. W. Schartau, W. Register, 2060; and W. B. Fendick.

The GRAND SCRIBE E. addressed the companions on the object of the meeting, and stated with what pleasure he was called upon to consecrate a chapter in connection with the lodge which he had helped to bring into existence. He felt assured that in the capable hands of the founders it would be as successful as the parent lodge.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and, when completed, the Principals and officers were installed and appointed as follows: Comps. E. Terry, Past Grand Treasurer, M.E.Z.; W. E. Chapman, H.; Walter J. Ebbetts, J.; Sir Somers Vine, P.G.D., Scribe E.; R. J. Maitland Coffin, Treas.; J. D. Beveridge, Scribe N.; and Raymond Tucker, P.S.

A long list of propositions for exaltation and joining at the next meeting was then announced, and votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants were passed, and they were also elected as honorary members of the chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Savage Club, where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of "The Visitors" receiving special attention, from the fact that there was present as a guest the Hon. Chief Justice Way, Pro Grand Master of South Australia, who, in response to the toast, spoke in eloquent terms of the truly masonic reception he had met with in this country, and of the bond of union that existed between Colonial Masons and those of the older body at home. The presence of Chief Justice Way afforded the Scribe E., Comp. Sir Somers Vine, an opportunity of entertaining the companions with some very humorous reminiscences of

his visit to Australia, Comp. Way being not the least amused of those present.

The vocalists who assisted in the musical portion of the ceremony were Comps. Schartau, F. Cozens, and Egbert Roberts, and Comp. W. Ganz, P.G. Org., was the conductor.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRITANNIC MARK LODGE, No. 433.

The above new lodge was consecrated at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, the 9th ult., by the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Previous to the ceremony a lodge was opened, under authority of the Grand Secretary, by Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M., as W.M., assisted by Bros. Barnett, as S.W.; Heaps, W.M. 309, as J.W.; Wood, P.M., M.O.; Traill, S.O.; Grellier, J.O.; Williams, P.M., S.D.; Tamburini, J.D.; and Korb, I.G.

A letter of authorisation having been read, lodge was opened, and Bros. R. C. Rapier, 33; Jas. Cleminson, 33; Bishop, 1892; and Aldin, 2032, were balloted for as candidates for advancement, and unanimously elected. The ceremony of advancement was ably worked by the acting W.M., and the lodge was closed.

Immediately thereafter the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with by the Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Gordon Miller, G. Treas., as S.W.; James Moon, P.G.T., as J.W.; Rev. Joseph Cater, G. Chap., as Chap.; Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C., as D.C.; and A. R. Carter, P.G.S.B., as I.G. The music was ably rendered by Bro. Fred. A. Jewson, 3.

The lodge being opened, and the petition and warrant read, an oration was delivered by the Chaplain, who referred to the universality of Masons' Marks in every quarter of the globe, and directed special attention to the fact that to a very large extent these were not paraded before the eyes of the world but rather hidden from view, being placed on the inner sides of stones, and deduced therefrom the important lesson that without obtruding our work we should be careful to leave its impress on what we touch, even if we thereby miss the applause of the world, being rather satisfied with the approving testimony of a clear conscience and the knowledge that it is not concealed from the Allseeing-Eye of the Master Builder.

The ceremony was then proceeded with in the usual form, and was completed in the admirable manner for which the Consecrating Officer is justly famous. The W.M. designate, Bro. Thomas William Traill, was then ably installed, and the officers appointed and invested as follows: Bros. A. H. Bateman, P.M., P.G.M.O. Kent, S.W.; Thomas Fletcher, J.W.; T. R. Shervinton, M.O.; Arthur G. Browning, S.O.; Francis S. Courtney, J.O.; W. Ackland, Treas.; E. Rich Gabbett, R. of M.; W. Grellier, Sec.; J. Trueman Tanqueray, S.D.; J. S. Tamburini, J.D.; F. F. Korb, acting as I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. A Committee was appointed to frame by-laws.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER expressed the cordial thanks of the founders to Bro. Matier, Grand Sec., for the exceptionally able manner in which he had carried out the ceremonies of consecration and installation, as well as to his assistant officers, and proposed that they be elected honorary members of the lodge.

The motion was seconded by the SENIOR WARDEN, and carried by acclamation.

Bro. MATIER acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and brother Consecrating Officers, and called attention to two happy coincidences—the number that had fallen to the new lodge being 433, that of the Royal Arch chapter from which it had emanated being 33, and to the fact that that day the new W.M. completed his 33rd year as a Mark Mason, he having been advanced to the Honourable Degree 9th June, 1858.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then expressed the thanks of the founders of the new lodge to Bro. Bateman, P.M., S.W., who had acted as Secretary, and carried out all the preliminary details, and presented him, in their name, with the first founder's jewel, suitably inscribed.

Bro. BATEMAN, P.M., gratefully acknowledged the compliment, and took occasion to inform the brethren that the W.M.'s collar jewel, of solid silver, enamelled, and bearing the names of the founders and first officers was, together with the collar, the gift of the first W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most enjoyable banquet was served in the Duke's saloon. Short speeches and good music were the order of the evening. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were pithily given by the W.M. and cordially responded to, that of "The Grand Officers" by Bro. PHILBRICK in a peculiarly happy manner, and that of "The Consecrating Officers" by Bro. C. F. MATIER, who expressed his pleasure at being a party to the launching of a new craft bearing the time-honoured name of Britannic, and his expectation that a crew consisting so largely of Past Masters in the Craft would not fail to ensure a successful voyage under so worthy a head, concluding by proposing "The Health of the W.M."

"The Visitors" elicited a hearty response, and the toast was responded to by several brethren.

Bro. ALDIN replied for "The Advancers," and "The Mark Benevolent Institution" being proposed by the S.W. (at the invitation of the W.M.) was referred to as a singularly successful illustration of Masonic usefulness worked at low cost under the enthusiastic management of the Grand Secretary, who, in response, announced that the W.M. had decided to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was heartily responded to and acknowledged by the S.W., and the Tyler's toast brought a very successful evening to a close.

Especially mention must, however, be made of the very charming music that formed so important an item in the evening's entertainment. The singing of Miss Bertha Colnaghi in "Charmante Marguerite" and "Beauty's Eyes" afforded the liveliest satisfaction alike from beauty of voice and purity of style, while Madame Dunbar Perkins charmed her audience by the delicacy and refinement of her violin solos, ranging "from grave to gay from lively to severe," and including "Andante relegro," "Mazurka," and "Fantasia on Scotch Airs." Nor must mention be omitted of Bros. Edward Shall in "Tell her I love her so" and "The Distant Shore" and Sackville Evans in "I fear no foe" and "The Postillion." Bro. Jewson accompanied throughout in the admirable manner for which he is justly celebrated. It is understood the Britannic Mark Lodge intend making good music a special feature of its meetings, and it has certainly begun well.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

A meeting of the Grand Conclave of this Order was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The Grand Supreme Ruler, Bro. Issachar Zacharie, M.D., was supported by Bros. Lord Brooke, M.P., Deputy Ruler; the Earl of Euston, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Major George Lambert, R. Eve, W. G. Lemon, LL.B., G. S. H. Gottlieb, W. H. Kempster, M.D., J. B. Cumming, Adolphus Clark, C. F. Goode, M.D., G. Gregory, J. Tickle, Col. Gordon, J. J. Thomas, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, C. F. Matier, W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Grand Recorder; Capt. T. C. Walls, E. C. Mulvey, W. Maple, Harry Tipper, J. Castello, H. H. Shirley, Dr. W. H. Roberts, J. J. Pakes, Dr. Sansom, T. C. Heard, A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., H. Manfield, N. Brokenshire, W. R. Shutt, W. G. Weiss, W. W. Lee, and many others.

The Grand Officers having entered in procession, the Grand Conclave was formally opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.R., in announcing to the brethren the fact that Bro. I. Zacharie had been re-elected by the Grand Council for the fourth year as Grand Supreme Ruler, drew attention to the progress the Order had made under Bro. Zacharie's direction, and expressed the hope that he would be re-elected for many years to come.

The GRAND SUPREME RULER having briefly replied, appointed the following Grand Officers:

- Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.C. D.R.O.
- Baron Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) ... G. Chancellor.
- W. G. Lemon, LL.B., L.C.C. G. Treas.
- The Earl of Euston, P.G.G. G. Chamberlain.
- Samuel Pope, Q.C. ... G. Guide.
- His Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, P.G. Std. P.G. Guide.
- W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.P. G. Treas. Middlesex ... G. Recorder.
- H. E. Juler, F.R.C.S., Sec. Board of G. Stewards ... G. Visitors.
- C. F. Goode, M.D., P.G. Std. ... P.G. Visitor.
- W. R. Kempster, M.D. ... G. Std. Bearer.
- H. R. Mackintosh, M.D., P.G. Std. ... P.G. Std. Bearers.
- Captain T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. ... G. Bow Bearer.
- A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G. ... P.G. Bow Bearer.
- J. B. Cumming, P.G. Std. ... G. Gdr.
- J. P. Joaquim, Dist. Dep. G.S.R. Eastern Archipelago ... P.G. Gdr.
- J. J. Thomas, Pres. Bd. of G. Stds. ... G. Councillors.
- H. Manfield, P.G. Std. ... G. Councillors.
- N. Brokenshire, P.G. Std., Sec. Sup. Con. of Instruction ... P.G. Councillors.
- E. C. Mulvey, P.G. Std. ... G. Sentinel.
- W. R. Shutt, P.G. Std. ...
- W. G. Weiss, P.G. Std. ...
- James Castello, P.G. Std. ...
- G. S. H. Gottlieb, P.G. Std. ...
- Edwd. J. Mills ...

The names of the Grand Stewards for 1891-2 were announced, viz. —Bros. Dr. H. W. Roberts and T. J. Haughton, No. 1; F. W. Clark, No. 2; G. S. H. Gottlieb, P.G.S., No. 3; H. P. Hay, No. 4; F. Weiss and H. C. Heard, No. 5; J. Skinner and E. Jessurun, No. 6; E. B. Fletcher and H. Hodges, No. 7; G. Gregory, No. 8; W. C. Canton, No. 9; J. A. Thilthorpe, No. 10; E. G. G. Bax, No. 11; C. P. Bellerby, P.G.S., No. 12; J. Husbands, No. 13; J. B. Barton, No. 14; T. Cook, No. 15; S. P. Sarbadhary and H. M. Rustomjee, No. 16; Harry Tipper, No. 17; Arthur Gamman, No. 18; and E. S. P. Stantial, No. 19.

The Grand Treasurer's report was adopted, and several letters expressing regret for non-attendance were announced.

Grand Conclave was then closed, and a banquet was subsequently partaken of in the Crown Room, Freemasons' Tavern.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given.

"The Health of the M.W.G.S.R." was proposed by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.R., who said that he had the honour of formally announcing in Grand Conclave that Bro. Dr. Zacharie had been re-elected for the fifth time as the G.S.R. of the Order, and now at the social gathering he had to put before them less formally, but more pleasantly, the same fact. They remembered the introduction of the Order into London, but, owing to Bro. Dr. Zacharie's indomitable perseverance, and assisted by Bro. Spratling and others, it soon came to the front. The Order possessed a certain amount of merit, and inculcated excellent Masonic principles, and he was glad to see it progressing. Its success was owing to Bro. Zacharie, than whom no better Ruler could be found.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., in reply, said: I thank you, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, for proposing my health in such flattering terms, and you, my brethren, for the kind manner in which you always receive it. It affords me the opportunity of thanking you for the confidence placed in me in electing me for the fifth time your Grand Supreme Ruler. As I have said on former occasions, it is an honour which the proudest Mason in the land might feel proud of. To be elected Master of a Blue lodge for five successive years is almost an unprecedented honour. How much more so must it be to be honoured with your confidence in re-electing me your Grand Supreme Ruler for the fifth time? I only hope

that it will be in my power to reciprocate that honour. When I look around me this evening and see so many old and distinguished Monitors, men who entertain the great and I may say the glorious principles of Freemasonry, men whom I know to be good and true friends, who have come here to-night to assist me in fulfilling a duty I owe to this Order—not only do I feel proud, but you, my brethren, must, I know, join with me in congratulations at the success our Institution has attained. I can only say that I appreciate the honour you have conferred upon me, and be assured that nothing shall be wanting on my part to maintain the dignity of my office, and to promote the good feeling, friendship, and brotherly love that prevails within our ancient and honourable Order.

Bro. Lord BROOKE, M.P., replying to the toast of "The Deputy Ruler of the Order," thanked the brethren very sincerely for the manner in which the toast had been received, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be with them. He also returned thanks for the honour conferred by again placing him in the position of Deputy Ruler of the Order. He feared his promotion had not been gained by seniority, although he could look back to the earliest history of this Order in London. It was most satisfactory to find the Order had made such rapid and important strides in this country, for its principles were such as should impress themselves upon the hearts of all Masons. In these days, when so many in the country were Freemasons, it was unnecessary to dilate upon the subject, but he was sure that the more Freemasons they had, the better for the general community. In these censorious days, those feelings which they had impressed in their hearts of Charity to their neighbours were well formulated in the Orders of Freemasonry to which they belonged, and he thought it was well for all not only to be charitable in their actions, but to one another in their feelings in every sense of the word. He again thanked them, and expressed his regret that other duties prevented his earlier attendance at their meeting.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the G.S.R. regretted the absence of Bro. Lord Halsbury, but said he was sure the Earl of Euston would be heartily received and do justice to the response.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, G.C., having expressed his thanks, said the world would be much better if every man in it became a Freemason, for many of the bickerings of class against class would be done away with, and there would be one common brotherhood. All the Grand Officers wished the Order well, and would do to the utmost of their power what was right, assist brethren in distress, and welcome any brethren who had success. Before they became Secret Monitors they were all Freemasons, and in going into the various Degrees, they only increased the duties imposed upon them as Masons. On behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked them again.

"The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder" was next given, and Bro. LEMON, Grand Treasurer, having replied, Bro. W. J. SPRATLING, Grand Recorder, said it was one of the great pleasures of his life to carry out the behests of those who held office superior to his own. It was good of the Grand Treasurer to say all the work was left to him, but Bro. Lemon knew there was no step taken without the G.S.R. and the Grand Treasurer were first consulted. Any suggestion likely to advance the Order was received most gratefully and carefully considered. He was grateful to find they had had a successful meeting, and that the Grand Officers had supported them. He was pleased to say that one brother present that evening had promised to start a conclave in connection with one of the best lodges in London. The pendulum of success in the Order swung very swiftly at first, and that it had progressed could be seen by the registration of new members. He hoped the Order would continue to flourish and be a bond of union to those who had Freemasonry at heart. There were hundreds of Freemasons in name and in that only. Each of the brethren present should disseminate the principles of the Order amongst those who were Freemasons at heart, for if they were Freemasons at heart it would be acknowledged they had done their duty to the world and to their brethren in particular.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF replied for the toast of his health, and Bro. Dr. H. W. ROBERTS responded in an appropriate manner for "The Grand Stewards."

The Grand Sentinel's toast then closed the proceedings.

Bro. Harry Tipper arranged an excellent selection of music, and was assisted by the Misses Watkins and Tipper, Messrs. René Payne, Ryall, Belton, Wise, and Bro. Brittan. Bro. G. S. Graham also contributed his whistling selection from "Il Trovatore" in excellent style.

SUMMER TRIP AND LADIES' BANQUET OF THE SCOTS LODGE, No. 2319.

The above lodge celebrated its first annual summer trip and ladies' banquet on Thursday, the 18th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Jno. Whitehead, P.M., M.E.Z., the W.M. of the lodge, and in a word it may be said that, characteristic of everything the Scots Lodge takes in hand, the trip and banquet was in every detail and *tout ensemble* a grand success. From beginning to end there was not a single hitch nor *contretemps*, but every "order of the day" was filled to time, and carried through like clock-work. Undoubtedly the Clerk of the Weather's kind co-operation with the secretary of the meteorological lodge in granting a choice summer's day had much to do with the pleasurable enjoyment derived from the glorious outing, but

the arrangements made by the W.M. in particular, assisted by Bros. D. F. Gellion, the J.W., and James Thomson, the Secretary, were so thoroughly complete, they, as the Committee, deserved all the praise that was bestowed upon them.

The party, numbering exactly a hundred, including about 45 ladies, the Tyler, piper, and a photographer, met in Paddington (G.W.R.) Station, and travelled in three specially engaged first-class saloon carriages by the 10 o'clock express train to Windsor, where the well-appointed steam launch My Queen was in waiting to start up the river Thames for Henley. Luncheon was served on board immediately, and at three o'clock tea and coffee refreshed every one. Henley—22 miles above Windsor—was reached at 4.30 p.m., and at five o'clock the company sat down to an excellent banquet in a large marquee on the lawn of the Royal Hotel, and leaving by the 8.25 train for London, Paddington was reached at 10 o'clock, so that every one arrived home in good time.

The programme, by the W.M.'s special request, was compiled by the Secretary, and formed a pretty little brochure of 36 pages, so that the ladies and visitors might preserve it as a souvenir of the first summer trip and ladies' banquet of the Scots Lodge. The cover is artistically lithographed in blue ink. Inside the cover is a map of the country from Windsor to Henley, showing the geographical position of the two riparian towns and the course of the river, while the lodge officers and the lodge arms are shown on back of cover. The programme is given in brief on the first page, and then follows a descriptive guide to the river between Windsor and Henley, illustrated by views of Windsor Castle, Bray Church, Maidenhead, Clevedon, Cookham, Marlow, Bisham Church, Medmenham Abbey, Aston Ferry, Greenlands, and Henley, all being views that are actually seen from the river in passing. A brief history of the Scots Lodge, together with a list of its founders and members, fills the last pages of what is a most readable and historical little pamphlet. The luncheon and banquet menus are also given, and the latter is so thoroughly original that we should like to print it *verbatim*, but space will not permit.

After dinner the Queen and Royal Family were toasted with Highland honours, and the toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. J. BALFOUR ALLEN in brief and well-chosen words.

Bro. Dr. D. M. FORBES, in replying on behalf of the "sisters" present, made a most humorous and clever speech, thanking the gentlemen for giving the ladies such a treat, and hoping they would each and all be invited next year.

"The Health of the President, Bro. Whitehead," was then proposed by Bro. PAGE, the W.M. elect, and was enthusiastically drunk by everyone upstanding and cheering. Bro. Page only expressed the feelings of everyone present when he congratulated and thanked the W.M. for the day's outing.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER having briefly returned thanks, the company were then photographed in the garden, and after further harmony, returned to London by train.

Whilst on board the steam launch the piper and friends at the piano kept the "ball a-rolling," Scottish songs with the usual harmonious chorus being best liked and most frequent, but as the locks, bridges, and villages were approached the lodge piper, MacLean, skirted up the echoes of the valley and astonished the natives.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

We mention elsewhere that several additions and corrections in respect of sundry of the Stewards' lists have been received since last week, but in the case of many of the smaller amounts it is not easy to trace whether they may not have been already included in the general total. About the following, however, there is no doubt, and we publish them accordingly.

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
34	Bro. W. H. Glazier, additional ... (raising his list to £75 12s.)	2	12	0
197 } 1118 }	W. H. Masterman, additional... (raising his list to £114 9s.)	1	1	0
1185	Francis Knight, additional ... (raising his list to £63)	10	10	0
1791	J. J. Cantle ... (raising his list to £140 3s. 6d.)	1	13	6
Unattached				
Bro. H. R. Marshall, jun., revised list ... (reducing his list by £5 5s.)	10	10	0	
PROVINCES.				
Lodge	BERKSHIRE.			
1101	Bro. J. Greenaway, new list ... (raising total for Province to £140 3s. 6d.)	36	15	0
DERBYSHIRE.				
253	Bro. A. J. Flint, new list ...	53	13	6
DEVONSHIRE.				
1254	Bro. A. J. Truscott, additional ... (raising his list to £253 15s.)	3	15	0
ESSEX.				
453	Bro. Andrew R. Motion, additional (raising his list to £136 10s.)	31	10	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
	Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., additional (raising his list to £87 3s.)	29	8	0
	Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, revised list ... (reducing his total by £50 8s.)	68	5	0
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Province	Revised total ... (being less by £10 10s. than the total announced).	404	5	0

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Names and Addresses of Candidates, with the name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 8th of July.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held at THE SHIP, Greenwich, at 6.30 o'clock precisely.
By order.
FRANK RICHARDSON,
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, JULY 9th, 1891, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the list for the election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under.

NOTICE OF MOTION
By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron:—
"That as some slight recognition of the valuable services of Bros. Henry A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton, Honorary Architects, by which the Institution saved a sum of about £1500, the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron be conferred upon each of them."
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

No. 5, Freemasons' Hall,
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 10th day of JULY, 1891, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following notice of motion, by Wor. Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, Vice-Patron:—
"That Law 89 be expunged."

To consider, and if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court, on Friday, 9th October, 1891, and to determine the list of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order.
J. M. McLEOD,
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London, June 29th, 1891.

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R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER DESIGNATE.

June, 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE PUBLIC HALL, CROYDON, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of JULY, 1891, at FOUR o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.R.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.
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BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.
To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.
To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually.

The Entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Lodges meeting in Croydon.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets, or have returned the Post Card sent, and no Ticket will be issued after July 18th.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST,
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June, 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE PUBLIC HALL, CROYDON, in the County of Surrey, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of JULY, 1891, at THREE o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

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SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

It is indeed good news which has reached us at the moment of going to press that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, Prov. G. Master of Sussex, has graciously consented to preside at the 104th anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1892. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on the good fortune which awaits the Institution of which he is Secretary.

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We must also congratulate the Province of Sussex on the opportunity this will afford them of displaying yet once again the interest they have so constantly manifested in all our Institutions. As recently as the 24th ult. the Province contributed nearly £750 to the Boys' School, while in 1888 it raised over £884 for the Girls' Centenary, and in 1885 £1850 at the Festival for the same Institution, which that year was held under the presidency of the late highly respected Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. Indeed, we see no reason why, as a compliment to Sussex, the Girls' Institution should not celebrate its next year's Festival at Brighton—provided always such an arrangement should fall in with his Royal Highness's convenience.

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In our report of the speech in which Bro. the Earl of Lathom proposed the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys" at the Festival at Brighton last week, two literal errors occur, which will have been noted by those who know anything of the past history of the Charity, but which, if left uncorrected, will convey a very erroneous impression of the extent and cost of the original freehold at Wood Green. His lordship is reported to have said that "in 1856 Lordship House, Wood Green, was purchased, with about 20 acres of land, for £35,000." It should have read "with about 10 acres of land for £3500."

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Bro. Alderman Savory, Lord Mayor of London, who was Hon. President of the Board of Stewards, was to his very great regret prevented attending the Festival on the 24th ult. in consequence of his official duties in connection with the election of Sheriffs for the ensuing year detaining him in town.

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We have received a number of additions and corrections to the Stewards' Lists as published in our issue of last week. These will be fully accounted for in the reprint of the Festival report and analysis, which will

be issued when the final meeting of the Board of Stewards has taken place. We may state, however, with reference to the £105 given by the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, which, in the absence of any advice as to its allocation, we placed to the credit of Bro. George Miller, D.P.G.M. should have been assigned to Bro. Ald. Harwood, J.P., as one of the Stewards for Lodge No. 1723. We also desire to state that though the West Lancashire total was given correctly as £6025 10s., the details of the Stewards' Lists are in some instances short of the full amount that should have been given, while the sums contributed by lodges which were not represented by Stewards were not, in the absence of any authority as to where they should be placed, entered at all. All these matters will be set right in the aforesaid reprint.

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The visit customarily paid by the Stewards of the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the Asylum at Croydon took place on Tuesday, when about 200 brethren and ladies attended, and, after inspecting the building and making or renewing acquaintance with its worthy inmates, partook of a light repast, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer, Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, being likewise conspicuous, as usual, by his kind attentions to the Old People, as well as to their friends and visitors.



HISTORY OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS. Compiled by HORACE STEWART, citizen and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawer (Master 1888). Illustrated by Estelle D'Avigdor. London: Printed for the Company by the Leadenhall Press, E.C. 1891.

Though the Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers is one of the youngest of the City Guilds, yet the "Trade Art & Mystery of Drawing & Flattening of Gold & Silver Wyre, & Making and Spinning of Gold & Silver Thread & Stufte," which it is its object to promote, dates back from the very earliest times. This, indeed, is clearly shown in the opening chapters of this history, Evidence is also furnished that the Art of Embroidering with Gold Thread was practised in England in Anglo-Saxon times, while under the Plantagenets and Tudors the art made very great progress. In 1461 the Court of Common Council gave their attention to the "Wire-drawers," while the mere mention of what is known historically as "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" in the reign of Henry the VIII., is enough to show that the industry must have been of the greatest importance, though those who practised it may not have been incorporated as a Guild, and were dependent mostly for protection on the Guild or Company of Brodieres. It was not, however, till the commencement of the Stuart dynasty that a really serious attempt was made to establish in this country the manufacture of Gold and Silver Thread, and the working of it into lace, and it was only after encountering the most strenuous opposition from the Goldsmiths and others, that at length in 1693 a charter of incorporation was granted to the freemen of the trade Gold and Silver Wire-drawing, constituting them "as one Body Corporate and Politic in Deed, Fact and Name; with the title of—Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flattening of Gold and Silver Wyre; &—Making & Spinning of Gold & Silver Thread & Stufte in our City of London." This charter secured to the Company many important rights and privileges, not only for its own government, but likewise for the regulation of the Trade, Art, and Mystery which it represented. The above summary has been compiled from the earlier chapters of Bro. Stewart's work, while the subsequent history of the Company, its difficulties, the opposition it met with, its struggles, ultimately successful, to obtain a Grant of Livery, its decline, and revival in 1879—thanks to the exertions of Bros. Colonel Sewell, George Kenning, Major Joseph, Gabriel Lindo, the late Colonel Duncan, M.P., Major George Lambert, and others—are more fully and very ably described in the chapters which follow. It is evident, indeed, from what has been done during the last 12 years of its existence that the Company has been making great and successful efforts to place the Art and Mystery of Wyre-drawing on a substantial basis, so far as the promotion and protection of its interests are concerned, and we are far from flattering Bro. Horace Stewart, the painstaking author of this most interesting volume, unduly, when we say that his admirable compilation will be of considerable service to the Company in their further efforts to expand the industry over which they preside. We may add that Bro. Stewart's style is very clear and concise, and that the book, while containing all that is needful to the illustration of the trade, is not cumbered with a mass of details. The volume, too, is well printed and handsomely bound in cloth, and the illustrations, by Estelle D'Avigdor, are characterised by a true artistic spirit. The appendix, containing particulars as to the Acts of

Parliament relating to the Company, lists of the Masters and Clerks from 1693, and of the present Master, Wardens, &c., with the Index, add largely to the value of the book. It is to be regretted however that Bro. Stewart was unable to find a corner for a list of the "Gifts" which have been made from time to time to the Company, namely, the "Silver Tankard," given in 1719 by Christopher Blower, who was Master in 1701; silver salver, in 1742, by Mrs. Christian Russell; silver loving cup, in 1849, by James Scovell, Master in 1839; snuff box in tortoise-shell, in 1862, by F. F. Camroux, Master in 1844; Freeman's declaration book, in 1880, by Bro. H. W. Henniker Rance; banner of the Company's arms, by Bro. Col. Sewell, in the same year; arms of the Company, worked in gold and silver wire (framed), by Bro. George Kenning, Master in 1882 and 1883; and banner of donors' arms, by Bro. Major Joseph, C.C., Master in 1884, 1885, and 1886.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

945] A RARE WORK.

Bro. G. W. Bain drew my attention to a work on Architecture of 1724 which was quite unknown to me, and possibly to most students of the Craft. Since then I have succeeded in finding a copy, though from what Bro. W. H. Rylands tells me there is not one in the British Museum. The English edition seems to have been published in two separate volumes of different years of issue and partly different publishers. What doubtless was the first issue is entitled "A Treatise of Architecture, with Remarks and Observations necessary for Young People, who would apply themselves to that Noble Art.—By Seb. Le Clerc, Knight of the Empire, Designer and Engraver in Ordinary to the Cabinet of the French King. London, &c., 1723." [8vo. pp. vii., and 144.] The second volume has for title (*engraved*, with vignette), "A Treatise of Architecture, &c. (as before), Engraven in Two Hundred Copper Plates by John Sturt, Translated by Mr. Chambers. London, &c., M.D. CCXXIV." (8vo. plates, and list of subscribers at end on two engraved plates). There are four plates of dedications to the Master and Wardens of the Masons, Bricklayers, Carpenters, and Joiners, being in most complimentary language by their "obedient servant, John Sturt," and each has its appropriate plate of arms, with proper heraldic description at the head of the dedication. That for the first of the quartette reads—

"To the Master and Wardens of the Compa. of MASONS LONDON.

"May it please your Worships

"This company was incorporated in Anno 1410. Having been call'd the Free Masons a Fraternity of great Antiquity being Honoured by Several KINGS & very many of ye Nobility & Gentry being of their Society. And are a body of Workmen which have advanc'd their Art to such a height that they out do all their Brethren in Europe both in Number & Art to the glory of their Nation.

"This Treatise of Architecture by the most Correct Designer & Architect Sebastian le Clerc, that has yet Appear'd in the world; whose Rules and Proportions well follow'd may advance it yet farther, is most humbly Dedicated by your Worship's obedient Servant,

"JOHN STURT."

The last plate is numbered 181 in all three copies, so far traced, so it is likely the number 200 refers to the original work, about which it would be interesting to know a little, at least. There is no plate 61, but 61A, 61B, and then 62, and 79 is not enumerated. Several plates may have represented two each in the first issue.

The frontispiece by "J. Sturt, Sc." is of Le Clerc, and is a fine production. Bro. Rylands agrees with me as to the rarity and value of this book.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., W.M.; Colonel S. C. Pratt, I.P.M.; W. M. Williams, I.G.; as S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Kupferschmidt, Stwd.; R. F. Gould, P.M.; P.G.D.; W. H. Rylands, P.G.S.; and Dr. W. B. Richardson. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Colonel Sir N. Pringle, Bart., as J.W.; Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, R.N.; C. W. Mapleton, C. B. Barnes, R. P. Couch, J. Vallentine, S. Vallentine, G.P.; F. H. Ansell, H. W. Williams, Colonel M. Petrie, G. Gottlieb, R. Roy, E. H. Ezard, E. H. Cartwright, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, J. Newton, E. C. Armitage, R. A. Gowan, J. G. Koch, C. N. MacIntyre North, G. Gregson, J. B. Mackey, W. F. Vernon, H. M. Hobbs, Palmer Thomas, and E. H. Bramley. Also the following visitors: Bros. G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69; Gordon Smith, G.S.; and W. Fooks, J.D. 2033. Captain Albert Hastings Markham, R.N., A.D.C. to the Queen, the leader of the sledge parties in the last Arctic Expedition, who planted the Union Jack in a higher latitude than ever before reached,

the author of the "Great Frozen Sea," and of several other books of travel and discovery, was elected to the membership of the lodge.

The following three lodges and 37 brethren were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle: The Douglas Lodge, No. 577 S.C., Rockhampton, Queensland; Mount Morgan R.A. Chapter, and Mount Morgan Lodge, No. 763 S.C., Mount Morgan, Queensland; Bros. L. C. Hodgkins, 956, and W. H. Harris, P.M. 956, Pietermaritzburg; J. H. Liley, 1832, Kimberley; H. Beak, 677 S.C., Rockhampton, Queensland; G. F. Bennett, 775 S.C., J. A. Boyce, 775 S.C., and C. Kemp, 2338, all of Toowoomba, Queensland; J. Simpson, 4, Waitangi, Tasmania; T. A. Taylor, P.M. 1198, Madras; R. D. Mehta, Dist. G.D., Bengal; W. H. S. Perkins, 3, Nanaimo, Vancouver Island; T. A. Williamson, 452, Albany, New York; E. Rund, Fosston, Minnesota; T. F. Knock, 124, Petersburg, Virginia; J. R. Charleston, 9, Richmond, Virginia; R. MacDonald, G.S. Scotland, Glasgow; S. Bell, P.M. 1626, Newcastle-on-Tyne; H. Soderberg, P.M. 1119, Jarroon-Tyne; J. Jackman, 139, and F. E. Nickols, 1513, both of Sheffield; M. Newsome, J.P., P.M. 208, Southport; E. Lee, C.E., P.M. 265, Leeds; G. T. Hawkins, 360, Northampton; O. Parker, 737, Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, 393, Amptill, Bedfordshire; F. P. M. Schiller, 357, and H. G. W. Drinkwater, P.P.G.W. Oxon, both of Oxford; W. K. Thomas, P.M. 65, Bristol; F. F. Cornish, F.S.I., P.M. 303, Teignmouth, Devon; Rev. J. W. Horsley, 913; Rev. G. P. Merrick, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; J. W. Stevens, A.R.I.B.A., 2234; L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813; A. F. Lamette, 271; E. H. Bramley, P.M. 957; and R. Palmer Thomas, P.M. 1929.

A curious ring—the property of the Salopian Lodge, No. 262—was exhibited, the opinion expressed by the brethren being that it was probably rather monastic than Masonic. Bro. Dr. B. Ward Richardson, F.R.S., delivered a lecture on the curious book, printed in English in 1732, "The Legend of Sethos," stating his reasons for thinking that it had probably influenced the ritual of the Craft, and that it was the production of the Jacobites. Bro. Speth demurred to the first conclusion, in which he was supported by Bro. Gould, who, however, thought the second one very likely to be correct. A vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, who replied on the discussion.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHINGFORD.

Chigwell Lodge (No. 453).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Forest Hotel, Bro. F. C. Dixie, W.M., presiding. The other brethren present were Bros. W. T. Christian, P.M., S.W.; F. A. Renshaw, J.W.; John Glass, Treas.; G. Corble, Sec.; A. J. Dixie, D.C.; H. S. Homewood, Stwd.; J. R. Brading, P.M.; A. Buck, P.M.; G. Motion, P.M.; R. Martin, P.M.; W. Holloway, P.M.; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; E. Tholander, P.M.; O. Abennis, Grand Lodge of Sweden; W. Abbott; W. Salter; Rev. H. Hebb, Master R.M.I.B.; T. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; G. Everett, G. Treas.; J. Blundell, P.M.; H. J. Day, Wm. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas Scoresby Jackson, P.S.G.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.G. Reg.; Henry Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; and Orlton Cooper.

Bro. Edwin Purkiss was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Frederick Arthur Cox was initiated by the W.M., and after Bro. Dr. William Ernest Dring, 2318, had been elected a joining member, the W.M. installed Bro. Walter T. Christian, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren were invested as the W.M.'s officers for the year: Bros. F. C. Dixie, I.P.M.; F. A. Renshaw, S.W.; E. Hobbs, J.W.; John Glass, P.M., Treas.; George Corble, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Homewood, S.D.; W. A. Glass, J.D.; A. J. Dixie, D.C.; R. Secker, P.M., I.G.; Bonsall, Stwd.; and Goddard, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. C. Dixie, I.P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet, after which the usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. George Everett, Grand Treas., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said it was with great pleasure he attended that day as the guest of the Chigwell Lodge, and had the honour of responding to the toast of the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past. The pleasure of his visit had been much enhanced by the fact that the lodge numbered amongst its members many valued friends with whom he had been associated for some time past, in what he hoped, was good Masonic work in connection with that deserving Institution, the Boys' School, notably that grand and stalwart Mason, Bro. John Glass, their Treasurer, and that most genial and large-hearted of souls, Bro. George Corble, their present worthy Secretary. With regard to Bro. Glass, he (Bro. Everett) owed to him a deep debt of gratitude, because Bro. Glass did him the honour to nominate him for the post he now had the pleasure and privilege of occupying. He (Bro. Everett) was not present when the nomination was made, but those who heard it had done nothing but speak of it ever since, and those who did not hear it regretted it much. It was, however, a matter of history now, and could it not be read in the chronicles of London? Bro. Glass, with that discernment and discrimination with which he was so largely endowed, had discovered in him qualities that he had no idea he possessed, and had said such kind things with regard to him on the occasion in question that he drove away all opposition, and he (Bro. Everett) had in consequence a walk over, instead of the trouble and anxiety of a contested election. Another attraction to him as a visitor to the lodge was that he had been told on each recurring installation day Bro. John Glass delivered himself of an oration which was worth going miles to hear. When this came on presently all the brethren would, no doubt, be very much delighted. He had spoken of the pleasure given him in coming here, and he might now say he considered it also somewhat of a duty. The brethren were aware that his was an elective office, and every brother who was a member of Grand Lodge was a constituent of his, and he felt when the opportunity served he had a right to come and visit his constituents and report his stewardship. He was glad to find the Province of Essex was going on well. His accession to

Grand office was so recent that he could not say much about the Grand Officers. Generally speaking they were credited with being more ornamental than useful. But there was a lot more in it than that. Grand Lodge, was, no doubt, the great centre and authority of Freemasonry, and the Grand Officers for the time being had a large amount of responsibility on their shoulders, and, as the W.M. had said, they were always ready and willing to do everything in their power to further the interests of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Everett) had had to sign some 13 or 14 cheques for aged and distressed Freemasons, and he did not know anything better a Grand Officer could have to do than that. He had no doubt his brother Grand Officer on his right (Bro. T. J. Ralling) would bear him out in saying that the manner in which that toast was always received was very gratifying to the Grand Officers, Present and Past, and met with their approbation. In conclusion Bro. Everett expressed himself highly pleased with the way in which the lodge ceremonies had been worked that evening, and thanked them very sincerely for their splendid hospitality, and for the cordial manner with which they had received the toast.

Bro. T. J. Ralling also thanked the brethren for the honour they had paid to the toast.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Lord Brooke; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Philbrick; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." Lord Brooke, he said, was second to no other Prov. Grand Master. He had visited their lodge, and they knew what he was, not only in Masonry but in the outside world—a man very highly respected. They knew what he was in Masonry, and when he visited the lodge they were all proud of him as their Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Secretary, who was now present, was a Past Grand Officer of England. Happy was the province which had such a Provincial Grand Secretary, a brother whom every one respected, and who, whenever the brethren asked him a question on Masonic rule, line, or law was always ready to give the required information. At the same time, he was always pleased to come among the brethren and assist them in any way they might require. They were all deeply grateful to him, and he (the W.M.) felt so himself that day. It was a great honour that had been done the lodge that both the Grand Treasurer and Bro. Ralling should visit them on that occasion. They had also another Provincial Grand Officer, who had lately made his mark in Essex—Bro. Shurmur, Prov. Grand Treasurer, who had worked hard and heavily in the cause of Masonry, and had done a vast amount of good for the province.

Bro. Ralling, P.G. Sec., in reply, said he thought it was hardly necessary he should say how much the Provincial Grand Officers present endorsed what the W.M. had said about Lord Brooke, because those Grand Officers who had had to do with him constantly in the business of the province knew what a sterling good Provincial Grand Master he was. They also knew what a good Deputy he had. Bro. Everett had told the brethren that Grand Officers had duties to perform, and the Grand Officers present would bear him out in that. Those Grand Officers who were coming on would find that there were duties. There were times when they could all lend a helping hand to a brother in a province, and Essex would not be behind hand in showing what its Grand Officers could do. They hoped soon to be meeting under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, and he looked forward to its being a very successful gathering. He could not help remembering, but not without sadness, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the auspices of the Chigwell Lodge by Lord Tenterden; it was a very successful gathering, and was in that house. It was the largest gathering in Essex, and Lord Tenterden was very pleased indeed with what took place, and charged him, which he did afterwards, to convey to the members of the lodge his gratification at the arrangements. The next Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex would be held at the Epping Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Tuesday, July the 28th, and the arrangements for it would be made by the six lodges meeting at that hotel. He thanked the W.M. for the very kind allusions he had made as to the assistance he was always ready to give to brethren of the province. He felt a pleasure in doing so.

Bro. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treasurer, also replied, and thanked the brethren for attending at Walton-on-the-Naze last year and voting for him.

Bro. Salmon and Bro. Glass likewise responded.

Bro. Cox responded to the toast of "The Initiate."

Bro. W. T. Christian, W.M., replying to the toast of "The Worshipful Masters," which was proposed by Bro. Dixie, I.P.M., said he would try his best to do the work of the lodge, and to preside at the banquet table as became a W.M., and to give the brethren satisfaction. It had been his wish for six or seven years to occupy that chair, and he hoped that when he went out of the chair he would receive similar thanks to those which had been given to the I.P.M. It was no great difficulty to rule the Chigwell Lodge; it was a work of pleasure and not of labour. All the time he had been connected with the lodge he had received a kindness and friendship which he had never seen exist in any other lodge. As long as the G.A.O.T.U. gave him strength he hoped to be always among the brethren, and to do all he possibly could for the brethren of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," referred to the excellent work done by Bro. Dixie, which the brethren had seen that evening.

Bro. Dixie, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the toast, and also for the Past Master's jewel they had presented to him.

Bros. the Rev. H. A. Hebb, Rawle, and Abennis responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Glass and Corble to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant day's proceedings.

GREAT STANMORE.

Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).—The installation of Bro. Japheth Tickle, C.C., P.M., P.P.G.R., as W.M. of this distinguished lodge took place at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 25th ult. Bro. Tickle was the first Master of the lodge, having been installed at the consecration about 14 years ago by the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, and this meeting was especially interesting on account of his being installed by the present Grand Secretary and also of it being the third time of his taking the chair in this lodge. The following brethren were present, being nearly all Masons connected with the City of London. Bros. A. J. Oliver, W.M.; A. J.

Goldney, S.W.; R. W. Bilby, I.P.M.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas., W.M. elect.; John Hill, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Southgate, S.D.; W. R. Shutt, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; E. C. Kelsby, P.M., P.G.D.C.; W. T. Buck, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; G. H. Carter, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. P. Hepburn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; and J. Very, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; J. Lionel A. Monckton, P.M. 197, P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Spratling, P.P.G. Treas.; A. Brown, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.D.C.; C. B. Cooper, 449, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Herts; G. J. Thompson, 1457, P.P.G.O. Essex; T. W. Greenwood, P.M. 747; W. A. Pocock, J.W. 59; H. Follitt, P.M. 45; H. Glenn, P.M. 19 (known in the Craft as Charity Glenn); A. V. Barker, 2048; E. Hobbs, J.W. 453; V. W. Morfitt, P.M. 1861; E. Faux, 77; S. W. Larkin, J.D. 742; Milton Smith, J.D. 19, Sec. 2396; J. H. Merrett, 19; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; C. W. Webb, P.M. 174; T. H. Hicks, P.M. 1597; A. Moore, W.M. 173; J. T. Crawford, 766; W. A. Needes, 53; C. F. Bristol, 766; G. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; G. Parker, P.M. 145; and W. Richwood, P.M. 192. Most of the brethren proceeded from town in parties, some by coach, and others by saloon car, L. & N.W.R., *via* Harrow.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes read, and the audit report adopted, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and at the invitation of the retiring W.M., Bro. A. J. Oliver, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, took the chair, and appointed as his Wardens Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., and C. B. Cooper, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, Bros. Oliver, acting as I.P.M.; W. R. Shutt, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; and R. W. Bilby, P.M., P.P.G.R. (R.A.), as I.G. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Lionel Monckton, P.G.S., who attended especially for the purpose, but was obliged to leave early. Bro. Tickle having been duly installed, invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. A. J. Oliver, I.P.M.; W. R. Shutt, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., S.W.; E. C. Kelsby, P.M. P.G.D.C., J.W.; R. W. Bilby, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Southgate, S.D.; E. Stockdale, J.D.; W. T. Blatchford I.G.; J. F. Hepburn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; and J. Very, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge was presented to the retiring W. Master. The Secretary read letters of regret from several brethren who were unable to attend, including the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.S.G.W.; Bros. T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. Herts; Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.; Dr. Zacharie, and Alderman Green. Bro. T. W. Greenwood, C.C., P.M., was nominated for membership. Two candidates were nominated for initiation.

The business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren dispersed for an hour's drive or walk in the gardens and surrounding country.

Returning to the hotel, a sumptuous banquet was served and a pleasant evening followed, harmony being added to by the vocal and musical talent of Bros. G. W. Mackney, Spratling, and several other visitors.

The usual toasts were honoured, the first being that of "The Queen," which, the W.M. remarked, was the first customary toast at all loyal assemblies, and especially at Masonic gatherings, her Majesty being a pattern and model for all society.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next, the W.M. saying that he enjoyed the confidence and respect of the Masonic body.

The next toast was that of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom," who, the W.M. said, was like himself, a Lancashire man, and he therefore had a great regard for him, and hoped he would live long to enjoy his high office.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and referred to the Grand Officers present (Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., and Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.) whom he meant to propose as honorary members. The lodge recognised the honour that these distinguished guests, holding as they do such high and dignified positions in the Craft, conferred on the lodge by coming and assisting with such willingness in the work of the lodge. He looked upon Col. Clerke's coming down to install him as a great compliment to himself, and, in the name of the lodge, wished him a hearty welcome. Referring to Sir John Monckton, the W.M. said that there were Masons and Masons, but that there never could be more than one Sir John Monckton. His genial manners made his name a source of pleasure wherever he went.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., replying for the Grand Officers, prefaced his remarks by a reference to the presence of Bro. G. W. Mackney, who had just sung "Just behind the battle, mother." He said it took him back 50 years, when he was a boy at Maidstone, and enjoyed the talent then displayed by that popular artist. He expressed the very great pleasure he felt in receiving the hospitality of the lodge, and his very cordial thanks for the unusual compliment paid him in proposing to make him an honorary member. He jocularly likened his joining the Sub-Urban to his being made a sportsman—the "City and Suburban." He could not overrate his admiration of the lodge and its agreeable surroundings. He congratulated the lodge on its selection of Bro. Tickle as W.M., he being most businesslike, a man of tact, and one of their most esteemed corporators. He was also pleased to see present several other members of that body he would call a great institution.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, said Sir John's silver tongue always took the wind out of his sails and left him little to say. He felt flattered at the invitation, and especially at being requested to install Bro. Tickle. He knew something of the history of the lodge, of its Past Masters, and of Bro. Tickle, who the lodge had elected to the chair for the third time. He well knew his qualities—one who was able to fill the chair so worthily was sure to do great credit to the lodge. He was exceedingly pleased with his visit and to meet so many old friends and new friends, and hoped he might have another opportunity to come down amongst the brethren.

In proposing the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" the W.M. thought that amongst all the provinces under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, Middlesex stood foremost, and that their Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, was of all Provincial Grand Masters the most looked up to. There was perhaps none more popular nor more beloved in the Craft

than he, it being the delight of his life to spread peace wherever he went, and give honour where honour is due. He had generously recognised the claims of the Sub-Urban Lodge in the dispensation of provincial honours.

Bro. J. F. Hepburn, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and Bro. G. H. Carter, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., both responded to the toast.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," premising that it was the toast of the evening. He remarked that Bro. Tickle was so well known to all the brethren, and having occupied the same position so ably on two previous occasions, besides having passed the chair in his mother lodge, that it was unnecessary to say much. With his superior qualities as a Mason of so many years standing, he had stood good service to the lodge in the past, and would do so in the future. The lodge could not have a better brother to fill the chair, and he heartily wished him health and long life.

The W.M., Bro. Japheth Tickle, P.P.G. Treas., briefly responded, complimenting the I.P.M. upon the handsome terms in which he had proposed the toast, saying he was always willing to do any services he could for the lodge, and that it afforded him very great pleasure to again occupy the chair after a lapse of so many years.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," and drew attention to the number of members who joined the lodge in consequence of having visited it, nearly all the Past Masters having been so influenced. The visitors were so charmed with the place and its surroundings that they could not resist joining.

Several brethren responded, remarking how pleased they were, how nicely everything was done, and how hospitably, and that the lodge had a great name in London.

The toast of "The I.P.M., Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers" followed.

Bro. Oliver, I.P.M., expressed his thanks for the handsome jewel presented to him, which would be a lasting reminder to him of their esteem and kindness.

Bro. W. T. Buck, P.M., P.P.G.W., responded for the Past Masters.

Bro. R. W. Bilby, P.M., Treas., in reply, said he had passed nearly office in the lodge, and had been in the chair in four lodges, but that the office of Treasurer was a dignity now cast upon him for the first time, and he hoped at the end of his year of office to give a good account of his stewardship. He had a great regard for the honour and dignity of the lodge, and respect for its members.

Bro. J. Hill, P.M., Sec., responded for that office. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HARROW.

Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—A large number of brethren assembled at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 20th inst., the occasion being the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge. Special interest centred in the proceedings as Bro. W. Wright, Prov. G. Org., W.M. elect, who is well known to the brethren in the Metropolis for his musical ability and proverbial geniality, was installed into the chair by his father-in-law, Bro. John Osborn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec., and immediately afterwards enjoyed the unique pleasure and privilege of initiating two of his brothers into the mysteries of the Craft.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Hughes, W.M., supported by Bros. W. Wright, Prov. Grand Organist, S.W.; C. J. Davison, J.W.; J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Howard H. Room, Prov. Grand Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Weston, Prov. G.P.; O. J. Von Holtorp, P.M.; P. Young, S.D.; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, J.D.; Horace G. Banks, I.G.; W. J. Ball, W. H. How, J. Bayne, J. T. Wrathall, C. G. Gray, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Weeden, P.M. 813; J. Potter; W. R. Plaford, 1793; F. C. Everett, J.W. 1602; J. E. Overed, I.P.M. 1708; J. R. Langley, P.M., W.M. elect 2381; C. H. Cox, W.M. 1839; A. Weston, 101; E. Eagle, Treas. 1901; E. Holland, J.W. 1708; Geo. J. Read, J.W. 1910; F. N. Smallbone, 1839; and J. Bunker, P.M. 1158.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the audit report, which was of a very satisfactory nature, was received and adopted, and Bro. Rae was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., Sec., then assumed the chair, and installed his son-in-law, Bro. W. Wright, Prov. Grand Organist, W.M. elect, in an excellent and impressive manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. John Hughes, I.P.M.; C. J. Davison, S.W.; Peter Young, J.W.; Wm. Hurrant, Treas.; John Osborn, Sec.; Wm. W. Lee, S.W. 2381, S.D.; Horace G. Banks, J.D.; W. J. Ball, I.G.; W. H. How, D.C.; J. J. Wrathall and C. G. Gray, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. John Hughes, I.P.M., after which the W.M. initiated Messrs. Alfd. J. Wright, S. Wright, and F. Barber with considerable ability. Bro. J. Hughes, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Masters' collar and jewel by the W.M., which was duly acknowledged. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read, and the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards being photographed on the lawn by Bro. Arthur Weston.

An excellent banquet having been well served under the personal superintendence of the genial host, Bro. Hodsdon, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," regretted the absence of the Prov. G.M. and Deputy Prov. G.M., but expressed his pleasure at seeing present a very distinguished brother—Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.—who was so much beloved in the province. Whenever Bro. Room's name was mentioned it was always as well received as it had been that evening, and he hoped it would be many a long day before there was room for another Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., said the W.M. had called upon an unworthy member to reply to a very comprehensive toast. He felt proud, however, of the honour of replying for the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M., whom they would have been delighted to have seen present. From what he knew of them—and Bro. Lec would support him—he was sure their hearts were with the brethren that evening, and they would have been very pleased to have been present. He was the mouthpiece of a worthy body of Masons, of whom he need not say much, for the members could look round their own lodge and see the brethren wearing the purple, for the Citadel Lodge could hold its own with any lodge as far as Provincial Grand honours were concerned. The selections of the Provincial Grand Master were made with great care and wisdom, and

if evidence was wanting, they had that evening seen an act of courtesy by Bro. Hughes, the I.P.M., who, though able and willing to perform the installation ceremony in an excellent manner, had, by an act of kindness and Masonic affection, given way, and allowed the esteemed Secretary, Bro. Osborn, P.M., to render the ceremony. That Prov. Grand Officer could come forward and take the duty at a moment's notice, and take it in a perfect, able, and feeling manner, which proved that the Prov. Grand Master made wise selections in his officers, for they not only won their purple, but were anxious to come to the front and do anything they could for the dignity and honour of the lodges to which they belonged. It was a great source of pleasure to him to come to such a lodge, where everything was so well done, and where good feeling and unanimity were so much exhibited. He must speak of the good working. He was pleased to see a new W.M. come forward so perfect in his duties, who performed the initiation ceremony in an excellent manner. He must express his admiration at the magnificent manner in which the Deacons worked. They all knew the confusion which arose when there were two or more candidates if it was not worked properly, for in that case it would not possibly impress the initiates. The manner in which the Deacons worked was excellent, there being no confusion, and everything being done in proper order, and it was a great gratification for him to see it, and a great credit to the lodge. He was deeply grateful for the kind way in which the toast had been received.

Bro. J. Hughes, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said it had fallen to his lot to assist in installing a Provincial Grand Officer into the chair that evening. The choice of the brethren in selecting Bro. Wright Prov. G. Org. had given every satisfaction, and the working of their W.M. would please the brethren more every time. He was reminded that time was short, and he would therefore at once give the toast.

Bro. W. Wright, P.G. Org. Middx., W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind words used in which the toast had been proposed. Having been elected and placed in the position of Worshipful Master, he should endeavour to fulfil the duties, and not disgrace the post. He was the second initiate in the lodge who had attained the chair, and had been the Organist for many years. He had worked hard for the position, and had had the help of his dear old father-in-law, Bro. Osborn, P.M., and of Bro. Weeden, P.M., in the lodge of instruction. He had tried to do his best, and no Mason could do more. He was pleased to initiate two of his brothers and an old friend, and believed they would prove a great acquisition to the lodge. Bro. S. Wright had long wished to be a Mason, but had waited until he (the W.M.) reached the chair. He would do his duty as a Mason, and try to act as their W.M. should, so that when he left the position it would be a credit to them and himself.

"The Initiates" having been heartily honoured, and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Visitors."

Bro. Cox, W.M. 1839, returned sincere thanks. They had been impressed with the admirable manner in which the initiation ceremony was conducted, and congratulated the lodge on its W.M.

Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.M., W.M. elect 2381, also responded, and said the pleasure of his second visit had not diminished, but had exceeded that of his first visit. He congratulated the lodge on the able manner in which the whole of the ceremonies had been carried out, and on the high position it held in the province as evidenced by the provincial collars he saw. It had accorded him great pleasure to be present at Bro. Wright's installation, and asked to be allowed to congratulate that brother on his excellent rendering of the initiation ceremony.

"The Installing Master, Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," was next proposed by the W.M. Having referred to the Past Masters, he said he was very much indebted to Bro. Osborn, P.M., Sec., for what Masonic knowledge he had. Bro. Osborn initiated, passed, and raised him, exalted him in the Royal Arch, and had installed him that evening into the chair. He regretted the absence of Bro. Bird, P.M., through illness, but hoped he would soon recover. Bro. Hurran, Treas., had rendered valuable service to the lodge, and deserved the gratitude of the members.

Bro. J. Hughes, I.P.M., said he was glad to be succeeded by such an honourable brother as their W.M. He felt a certain sense of disappointment at not installing Bro. Wright, but the circumstances were peculiar and pressing, and he could not refuse to give way to Bro. Osborn. He was pleased to think he had given satisfaction, for he had always endeavoured to perform the ceremonies attached to his office to the best of his ability.

Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec., said he was in a peculiar position to which he had looked forward with the greatest pleasure. He had the honour some years ago of initiating his son, but unfortunately the Great Architect took him away before he was enabled to fill the Mastership of the lodge. The next pleasurable thing that occurred to him had been the opportunity, for which he cordially thanked the I.P.M., of installing the one he loved best on this earth, his son-in-law, into the chair that evening. Bro. Wright was the second initiate of the lodge, but from reticence on his own part had not reached the chair before. He was quite sure whatever might be Bro. Wright's shortcomings that he would prove a good W.M. of the lodge. Looking round the table at the number present to support him, he was sure he would also be a popular and genial Master.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful gatherings ever held by this lodge.

An excellent selection of vocal music was performed under the direction of Bro. A. J. Wright. Miss Jessie Hotine sang two songs in a pleasing manner, and Mrs. Horace Banks rendered "Angus Macdonald" in a charming and sympathetic style that was much appreciated by the brethren. The humorous element was well sustained by Bro. Sam Wright, and amongst others who assisted were Bros. Arthur Weston, James Bayne, and W. W. Lee.

LEICESTER.

John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., P.P.G.O., W.M.; W. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., W.M. 1560, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; J. T. Thorp, P.M.; R. T. Taylor, P.M.; F. J. Baines, P.M.; T. G. Charlesworth, P.M.; J. B. Waring, P.M.; W. J.

Curtis, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Lawrence, J.W.; Rev. F. Tibbits, M.A., Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., Treas.; T. B. Neale, Secretary; F. G. Pierpoint, S.D.; G. Neighbour, I.D.; F. Cartwright, Org.; A. F. Holland, I.G.; W. Bream and W. A. Spencer, Stwds.; J. Tanser, Tyler; and a large number of members of the lodge. The following visitors were also present: Bros. T. Coltman, P.M. 1265; T. S. H. Ashwell, W.M. 1391; J. G. Parr, W.M. 2081; F. W. Billson, 1391; A. Page, 1391; C. E. Birch, P.P.G.O.; C. W. Potter, 279; J. N. Sedgley, 221; W. J. Payne, 455; and J. S. Cooper, 541.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read. The W.M. requested Bro. J. T. Thorp to take the S.W.'s chair, after which Bro. S. S. Partridge presented Bro. W. J. Curtis to the Worshipful Master for installation, who admirably performed the ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Lawrence, S.W.; T. B. Neall, J.W.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Pierpoint, Sec.; G. Neighbour, S.D.; A. F. Holland, I.D.; J. B. Waring, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Rev. F. Tibbits, M.A., Org.; W. A. Spencer, I.G.; W. Bream and F. Cartwright, Stwds.; and T. Dunns, Tyler. The addresses to the Wardens and brethren were given in his usual impressive manner by Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Barrow, by the W.M. in a felicitous speech, and was gracefully acknowledged by the recipient. The Treasurer's report, as also that of the Stewards, was received and approved. Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M., was unanimously elected as Preceptor to represent the lodge at the Union Lodge of Instruction during the session 1891-2. Bro. Thorp, in acknowledging the honour done to him, said that he had held that office now for a number of years, and while accepting it with gratitude, should not like to feel he was preventing any one else from occupying that important position. Two propositions for initiation having been handed in, Bro. S. S. Partridge made a statement with respect to the library in the Freemasons' Hall, saying that the Library Committee were anxious to make it more useful, and more easily accessible to members than it had hitherto been. With this object in view it was thought proper that as the member of the lodge already on the Committee had been appointed Secretary and Chief Librarian, another member should be chosen to fill the vacancy and so strengthen the Committee. Bro. S. S. Partridge proposed, and Bro. W. Kelly seconded, the appointment of Bro. the Rev. H. S. Biggs to represent the lodge on the Library Committee. This was supported by the W.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. the Rev. H. S. Biggs suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. A number of letters of apology were read, and "Hearty good wishes" were given from Provincial Grand Lodge, and from Lodges 279, 451, 541, 1007, 1265, 1330, 1391, 1561, and 2081.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren to the number of 50 sat down to the banquet, after which a long list of toasts was disposed of.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," which was received with musical honours.

With the next toast proposed by the W.M., "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Lodge" were coupled the names of Bros. W. Kelly, D.P.G.M., and S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England.

This toast was also received with musical honours, and in reply,

Bro. W. Kelly said that it was 45 years since he was installed as the first W.M. of the John of Gaunt Lodge, and though owing to his increasing years and business engagements he had been unable to visit the lodge as often as he should like to have done, yet now he had more leisure he hoped to come among them more often. With respect to Grand Lodge, he begged to thank the brethren present for the very cordial reception they had given to the toast.

Bro. S. S. Partridge briefly acknowledged the toast. The W.M. then proposed "The P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the D.P.G.M., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge."

In reply, Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.G.S., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and remarked that he thought the Province of Leicester and Rutland was unique in one respect. It was proud to possess in Bro. Kelly an I.P.P.G.M., an officer which no other province had, so far as his recollection went.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The W.M.," who, in reply, expressed his thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and requested the assistance of the P.M.'s to maintain the working of the lodge in its present very satisfactory manner.

"The Visitors and Sister Lodges" was next proposed by the W.M., and was replied to by Bros. Payne, 455; Cooper, 541; T. Coltman, P.M. 1265; S. S. Partridge, W.M. 1560; T. S. H. Ashwell, W.M. 1391; and J. G. Parr, W.M. 2081.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Masters and the Past Masters of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. W. H. Barrow, I.P.M., who returned thanks, and said that the John of Gaunt Lodge had during the last ten years been considered a musical lodge, and so long as it was in his power to do so, he should strive to maintain that title for it.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next given, and responded to by the S.W., and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Interspersing the toasts, Bros. A. Page, C. E. Birch, J. McRobie, and the Rev. H. S. Biggs sang songs, and Bros. King and Garner gave recitations.

LIVERPOOL.

Derby Lodge (No. 724).—Bro. William Gosling was, on the 24th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year of the above lodge, the ceremony of installation being very efficiently performed by Bro. Joseph Sharples, P.M. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. Philip Armstrong, S.W.; Thomas P. Hodgson, J.W.; George Becken, P.M., Treas.; Arthur S. Heath, Sec.; Gustav C. Rostock, S.D.; John Parry, J.D.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, D.C.; William Hudson, Org.; Wm. Briscoe, I.G.; and Geo. M'Donald, D. W. L'Amie, R. Robertson, and J. Pritchard, Stwds. Among the numerous visiting brethren present were Bros. John Tunstall, P.P. G.P.; A. Samuels, P.P.G.D.; D. Dunkel, W.M. 504; T. Ramsay, W.M. 1299; J. A. Hignett, W.M. 1393; W. B. Bridge, W.M. 249; H. Round, P.M. 1609; J. Ashley,

P.M. 1536; F. A. Rainbow, P.M. 1393; S. Haden Jones, P.M. 1299; Robert W. Gow, P.M. 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. H. Light, S.W. 1609; B. Allenby, S.W. 594; and A. B. Ironside, S.W. 1264. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. T. H. Evans, I.P.M.; Robert Cain, P.P.G.S.B.; D. Davies, Thos. Chesworth, Jacob Comins, G. Gordon, W. Stephenson, and D. H. Ogley.

The musical brethren at the banquet were Bros. Nicholls, Ironside, Busfield, Melloy, Latham, Griffiths, Smart, Parr, Robertson, and Hudson, the Organist of the lodge, who officiated as accompanist.

During the evening a gold enamelled jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. T. H. Evans, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ROMFORD.

Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—The above excellent and prosperous lodge held a meeting on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Golden Lion Hotel, and installed the new W.M. in the presence of a goodly array of brethren, who attended from far and near to do honour to the occasion.

The lodge was opened by Bro. G. B. Gilbey, P.P.G.S., W.M., and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. R. K. Bull, P.M. 781, as a joining member, and proved unanimous. Bro. T. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., then, by the request of the W.M., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. F. A. White, P.M., P.P.G.R., acting as D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Jennings, to him to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course Bro. Jennings, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. T. Hardy, S.W.; G. W. King, J.W.; F. A. White, P.M., Treas.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Secretary; W. D. Child, S.D.; J. W. Armour, J.D.; J. Spencer, D.C.; F. A. Stratford, A.D.C.; J. S. Hammond, I.G.; W. G. Bayley, Org.; J. Boreham and G. Paul, Stwds.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The ceremony was then concluded by Bro. Humphreys reciting the charges in his own eloquent and impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted. Bro. White, P.M., &c., was re-elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee, for which honour he returned thanks, and Bro. Humphreys acknowledged a hearty vote of thanks for the able and efficient manner in which he carried out the duties of Installing Officer. Letters of regret at being unable to attend were then read by Bro. White, acting Secretary *pro tem.*, from the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Sec., and other distinguished brethren, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet, which was in every way worthy of Bro. Peter Reynolds's fame, was partaken of in a cool and lofty building, which, if not designed for the purpose, was especially adaptable, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed the excellent menu and delicious wines and fruits served by the worthy host in profusion.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Warren, P.M., P.P. G.P.; W. Burroughs, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Theo. Davey, P.M.; J. H. Sharpe, P.M.; A. W. Norris, G. Bailey, J. Wild, L. G. Marlton, C. H. Woodcock, F. Smith, Harold Smith, R. Bull, G. Edwards, and E. Mercer. Among the visitors were Bros. R. J. Symonds, P.S.G.D. Suffolk; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; E. S. White, W.M. elect 902; H. J. Day, W.M. 1457; J. J. Briginshaw, W.M. elect 2256; H. W. Clarke, S.W. 2255; H. Ward, 1471; T. J. Swaffer, 503; J. Hill, 173; C. Gray, 51; T. Adams, 1420; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The P.G. Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom; and the D.G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured, that of "The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, M.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed and drunk with enthusiasm.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." in glowing terms, and heartily wished him a pleasant and successful year of office, and, in response,

Bro. Jennings thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, so eloquently and kindly put by their I.P.M. He hoped the brethren would give him plenty of work and then he had no doubt that his year of office would be no discredit to the lodge. He then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Humphreys," and assured them that the impression made upon him by Bro. Humphreys's masterly working would never be forgotten by him. He asked them to drink the toast with all the honour it deserved.

Bro. Humphreys, who is eloquence itself, in the course of a lengthy and elaborate speech, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to install their W.M., whom he had known so long, and who had risen step by step to his present exalted position by virtue of his hard work in Masonry. He did not consider that it reflected any special credit upon himself, because he felt certain that either of the Past Master's could have performed the ceremony as well as he, but he could assure them that any service he could at any time render the lodge should always be at their disposal.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Burroughs.

Bro. Gilbey was then presented with a Past Master's jewel to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the services rendered by him to the lodge during his year of office, for which that brother returned his hearty thanks.

Bro. Sharp, P.M., was then presented with a handsome framed and mounted illuminated vellum (encircled with photograph of the officers of the lodge), on which was inscribed a cordial vote of thanks—copied from the minutes of the lodge—to Bro. Sharp for the perfect and masterly manner in which he had installed his successor, Bro. Gilbey, now I.P.M., 12 months ago, and, in presenting it, the W.M. hoped that Bro. Sharp might live for many years to look upon it with pleasure and gratification, for with it went the hearty good wishes of every brother of the lodge for his future happiness and prosperity.

Bro. Sharp, who, on rising to respond, was received with cheers, thanked them sincerely for their handsome present, and could assure them that when he looked at the features of his colleagues in office on the testimonial he should

always remember with pride and pleasure that which was certainly an epoch in his life—his year of office as Master of the Liberty of Havering Lodge.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Secretary and Treasurer," and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and were heartily responded to.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. F. A. White, P.M.

The Tyler's toast then concluded the proceedings, which were most enjoyable, the hospitality of the brethren of Romford being unbounded, while some capital singing and reciting gave a rare fillip to the pleasures of the day.

TIPTON.

Noah's Ark Lodge (No. 347).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th ult., at the Star Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Smith, W.M.; W. H. Smith, S.W.; E. W. Smith, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; R. Mason, Sec.; J. Bott, S.D.; W. H. Fellowes, J.D.; Powell, D.C.; G. H. Newnes, I.G.; J. Totty, Tyler; G. M. Waring, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; J. Whitworth, P.M.; Powell, P.M.; Pemberton, Dainty, Walton, and Fletcher. Visitors: Bros. Col. Foster Gough, Prov. Grand Master; J. Clement, Hudson, Allen, and W. Stansfeld.

The lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Master was welcomed, after which he addressed the members on the work of the province. Bro. Dainty was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., Bro. A. Smith. The Prov. Grand Master complimented the W.M. and officers upon the efficient manner in which they had performed their respective duties. The lodge was afterwards closed.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.

Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—The half-yearly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 24th ult., when 34 companions attended. The Principal's chairs were occupied by Comps. T. Nichols, Z.; Oliver Papworth, H.; and J. V. Pryor, J. The visitors included Comps. J. M. Harvey, P.Z. 100S, P.G.J.; E. H. Jennings, P.Z. 441, P.P.G.H.; J. Sheldrick, J. 441, P.G.S.; and Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.Z. 685, P.P.G.H. Northumberland.

After the minutes of the December meeting had been confirmed, a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Comp. G. McCallum, Treasurer. Bros. F. J. Moden, 88, Rev. L. R. Tuttielt, 2107, and J. R. Geard, 88 and 114, were unanimously elected and exalted. The work of the Principal Sojourner was ably performed by Comp. W. P. Spalding. The lectures from the three chairs were afterwards given in an effective manner. The Principals and officers for the ensuing year were elected as under: Comps. Oliver Papworth, Z.; J. V. Pryor, H.; W. Purchas, J.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., Scribe E.; F. Piggott, Scribe N.; W. P. Spalding, P.S.; C. H. Banham, 1st A.S.; W. B. Redfarn, 2nd A.S.; E. Hills, P.Z., D.C.; and C. H. Ellis, Janitor. Auditors, Comps. W. H. Jarrold and C. F. Charlton.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to banquet.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. H. J. Poole, W.M.; R. Evans, S.W.; R. Steele, J.W.; J. W. Folkard, acting as Sec.; J. Langdon, S.D.; H. S. Windsor, J.D.; J. Balcombe, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, P.M.; Laker, Stock, G. Lavington, F. Reeves, and Rashleigh. Visitor: Bro. Jas. Bolding, S.W. 1632.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was carefully performed by the W.M., with Bro. Laker as candidate. The W.M. afterwards gave the charge in an excellent manner. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and then closed down. Bro. J. Bolding, 1632, having been unanimously elected a member, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. Henry Sadler, W.M.; C. F. Cox, S.W.; J. Corp, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; C. E. Bulling, Treas.; W. Baker, Sec.; D. G. Imlay, S.D.; J. B. Corp, J.D.; Dr. Barrett, I.G.; F. T. Rushton, Beaufort Hinks, and W. Freemantle. Bro. Francisco Oviedo (Cazon Lodge, Buenos Ayres) was a visitor.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Purkiss, 2222, which was declared unanimous in favour of his becoming a joining member. Bro. Freemantle kindly volunteered to act as candidate, and answered the questions before raising, and retired whilst the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. W. H. Kirby then worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. P. Oviedo was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. D. G. Imlay was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work for rehearsal would be the ceremony of initiation and the charge, and the ceremony of installation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Harrow-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas., W.M.; James Sims, P.M. 834, S.W.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. Godfrey, S.D.; R. T. Godfrey, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; J. V. Woodman, Stwd.; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328; W. Death, P.M. 511; A. Cadbury Jones, P.M. 1441; John Davies, P.M. 169; S. Barrow, J. Kruse, G. Milne, A. Crossingham, and J. C. Conway. Visitor: Bro. F. T. Ginder, 1563.

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 after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Davies being the candidate. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bros. Crossingham and Milne were instructed in the questions leading to the Third Degree. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture, and after the lodge had been closed in the Second Degree, the 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked, also assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ginder was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Gellion was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The brethren were invited to attend at the working of the Fifteen Sections at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, at the Windsor Castle, King-street, Hammersmith, on the 11th inst., Bro. J. Sims in the chair. 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 25th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; F. W. Buxton, S.W. (also acting as Preceptor); G. Reynolds, Treas. and Secretary; J. H. Warwick, J.W.; T. W. Hambly, S.D.; James Rowe, J.D.; G. A. Bergholz, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Cogliati, R. Kirk, and J. Reed.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. A. Cogliati having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree and then to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. W. Buxton, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation, and on rising for the third time a letter was read by the Secretary from Bro. Joseph Greenway, Preceptor, and the same was ordered to be placed on the minutes for reference. Bro. W. Hoggins, W.M., in accordance with his notice of motion, proposed that this lodge have an Assistant Preceptor; seconded by T. W. Hambly, and carried unanimously, the brother to be appointed this day fortnight. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. H. Wadham, W.M.; E. J. Day, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; J. C. Conway, Preceptor (pro tem.); W. J. Mason, P.M. 2246, Sec.; W. R. Hatton, S.D.; H. D. Smith, J.D.; and E. T. Ginder, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. R. Hatton having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. W. R. Hatton being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. E. J. Day was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. A cordial vote of thanks was also recorded to Bro. J. C. Conway for acting as Preceptor.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. G. Danby, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; J. Wiggins, S.D.; W. H. Dresden, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; and G. Swann, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams acting as candidate. Bro. Danby vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Hillier. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Foster offered himself as a candidate for raising, when he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The chair of W.M. was re-occupied by Bro. Danby, who resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Jesse Collings, P.M., W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; B. H. Dames, J.W.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; G. Swann, P.M., S.D.; T. W. Heath, J.D.; Joseph Cox, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; H. Pinnock, and T. W. Lightfoot.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinnock acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Williams offered himself as a candidate for raising, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. H. Pinnock was elected a joining member. Bro. Heath was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Pine, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; J. Davies, P.M., S.D.; M. Spiegel, P.M., J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; F. Craggs, T. W. Biggs, J. Brown, and H. Gane.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. M. Spiegel, P.M., acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davies, P.M., assisted by the brethren,

worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, and the Deputy Preceptor that of the 2nd. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hillier was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 11th inst.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Gibson, P.M., W.M.; Hayler, S.W.; Barber, J.W.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, S.D.; Fernando, J.D.; K. White, I.G.; Stutfield, Hamborg, Poole, and Power.

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

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. P. Trickett, W.M.; J. J. Briginshaw, S.W.; James Speller, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; C. H. Bestow, S.D.; W. W. Cooke, J.D.; T. Fuller, I.G.; J. Collett, Stwd.; T. W. Stacey, Org.; A. Oakden, S. C. Bateman, J. Clark, G. R. Browne, E. James, W. Smith, J. Ives, P.M.; W. J. Short, S. Thorogood, T. H. Lloyd, L. Young, P. D. Parsons, J. Pinder, P.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Kempthorne, 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. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Clark was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Shurmur delivered the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. J. J. Briginshaw was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. As this was the first time that Bro. Percy Trickett had officiated as W.M., a very hearty and cordial vote of thanks was passed, and recorded upon the minutes, for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The lodge was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Harrow-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. G. March, M.E.Z. 733, M.E.Z.; T. Jobson, 733, H.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, J.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, S.N.; T. Woodbridge Biggs, 1st A.S. 975, P.S.; J. Davies, H. 733, 1st A.S.; W. Hillier, 834; and E. Fox, 975.

The chapter was duly opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hillier being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Jobson, as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Secretary of the Girls' School, Bro. Hedges, has handed us the following copy of a letter which has been addressed to Sir John B. Monckton by Lieut.-Col. A. Egerton, Esq., Equerry to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

"Buckingham Palace, June 26th, 1891.

"Dear Sir John,
"I am desired by the Duke of Connaught, in reply to your letter, to acquaint you that it will give his Royal Highness great pleasure to take the chair at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next year.

"I am yours very truly,
"ALFRED EGERTON."

THE LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that commencing on Monday, July 6th, Luncheon and Dining Cars will be attached to the following trains between London and Glasgow for the accommodation of 1st class passengers. London (Euston) departure, 2.0 p.m.; Glasgow Central, arrival, 11.0 p.m.; Glasgow (Central) departure, 2.0 p.m.; London (Euston) arrival, 10.50. Luncheon will be served on departure, and dinner en route (about 6.30 p.m.). Edinburgh, Perth, and Aberdeen, passengers to and from the South, can make use of the saloons, changing at the most convenient junction. The saloons will also be available between Preston and Glasgow, for Liverpool and Manchester passengers to and from Scotland. The charge for luncheon will be 2/6 each, and for dinner, 3/6 each.

Marriage.

POWDRELL—BOOTH.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., at St. Michael and All Angels, Walthamstow, by the Rev. E. B. Clarabut, B.A., John Powdrell, M.R.C.S., Esq., 160, Euston-road, London, to Elizabeth Turner, eldest daughter of the late J. G. Booth, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., Padiham, Lancashire.

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

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

Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., has been elected a member of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Poulterers.

The 19th anniversary festival in aid of the Surgical Appliance Society was held at the Hôtel Métropole on the evening of the 25th ult., the amount of subscriptions announced by the Secretary being £755.

The Handel Festival at the Crystal Palace was brought to a conclusion on Friday, the 26th ult., with a performance of "Israel in Egypt." There was a crowded audience and the enthusiasm with which the efforts of the soloists and chorus were greeted was very great.

By command of the Queen a levee was held by the Prince of Wales at St. James's Palace on Saturday last. The Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge, Prince Christian, and Prince Henry of Battenberg were present, while the diplomatic and general circles were numerous attended.

The Grand Duke of Hesse, Prince Louis of Battenberg, and Princess Alice of Hesse took leave of her Majesty on Saturday last, and left Windsor Castle for Darmstadt, being accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg as far as Paddington, while Prince Henry of Battenberg took leave of the visitors at Charing Cross.

A festival was given by the executive of the German Exhibition on Saturday last in aid of the German Hospital at Dalston and the German Society of Benevolence. The fête took place under Royal patronage, and among the distinguished persons present were the German Ambassador and Prince Pless. The programme was an admirable one and well carried out, and the attendance very large.

The presentation of the gift from the pupils of the Princess Helena College, Ealing, to Princess Christian took place in Buckingham Palace on the 25th ult. The gift consisted of a large silver centre bowl and four smaller ones for horns, and the presentation was made by the Lady Principal and six of the scholars, to whom her Royal Highness expressed her most cordial thanks for the present.

We are desired to state that on and after the 7th inst. the meetings of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will be held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. On the above-mentioned date Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M., Preceptor, will rehearse the ceremony of installation in its entirety, when it is anticipated he will be supported by a goodly number of brethren.

A State concert was given by command of the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, the 25th ult., at which there were present the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Grand Duke of Hesse and his daughter, the Princess Alice, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian, and other members of the Royal Family.

A medal commemorative of the Royal Naval Exhibition has just been issued by the authorities. It is made of white metal, and on the face has a representation of the Eddystone Lighthouse, flanked by effigies of the Camperdown, 1891, and the Victory, 1805, while on the reverse is inscribed "In commemoration of the Royal Naval Exhibition. Patron, the Queen. 1891."

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, accompanied by Earl Fitzwilliam and a number of distinguished personages visited Rotherham on the 25th ult. for the purpose of opening a public park which has recently been purchased for £22,000. The Royal visitors, who met with a most enthusiastic reception, returned to Marlborough House the same day.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited Aldershot on Friday, the 26th ult., for the purpose of inspecting the 19th Hussars, who are under orders for India. The Royal party on arriving at the Camp were received by Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., and his Staff. At the close of the proceedings the Prince expressed himself as being well satisfied with the appearance and discipline of the regiment and the steadiness and precision of its movements.

The Old Etonian dinner in commemoration of the 450th anniversary of the foundation of Eton College was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday last, under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster, among those present being Bros. Lord Carrington, the Earl of Kilmorey, the Earl of Bandon, the Hon. J. S. Gathorne-Hardy, Sir R. E. Welby, the Hon. A. N. Hood, Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., Sir John D. Astley, Bart., and Sir Francis B. Alston.

The Secretary of State for War and Mrs. Stanhope received a large and distinguished company in the banqueting room, Whitehall, on Saturday last. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, with the Princess Victoria and Prince Francis of Teck, Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Athole, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Yarborough, and others were present.

It has been arranged that the guard of honour at Guildhall on the occasion of the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Germany to the City next week shall be composed of regular troops. The presentation of the Corporation address will take place in the library, and the luncheon in the Guildhall. On Saturday next, the 11th instant, the Emperor will review a force of volunteers on Wimbledon Common, and afterwards with the Empress will visit the Crystal Palace. On the following day his Majesty will dine with the Prime Minister and the Marchioness of Salisbury at Hatfield.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will attend the Royal marriage at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Monday next.

The date of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, which was provisionally fixed for the 31st of July, has been altered to Friday, August 7th. The gathering is at Thornham Hall, the seat of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Henniker.

The directors of the Empire Palace, Limited, have declared the second interim dividend for the present year at the following rates: 1s. 8d. on each share of £1 on which 10s. has been paid, and 2s. 6d. on each share of £1 on which 15s. has been paid, the said interim dividend to be payable on the 7th inst.

On the occasion of the Volunteer review on Wimbledon Common on Saturday, the 11th instant, the Duke of Cambridge will take command of the troops, who will be formed in two divisions, the first being under the command of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, and the second under the Duke of Connaught.

The new Exmoor Lodge at Minehead is making an uncommonly good start. At the monthly meeting recently 12 new members were elected, four of them being initiates, and the P.G.M., Lord Dungarvan, and the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Else, were also elected honorary members. A number of proposals were submitted for consideration at the next meeting, and Bro. Haddon was appointed the delegate on the Charity Organisation Committee of the province.

The invitations issued by the Corporation of London to the *déjeuner* which will follow the presentation of the address of welcome to the Emperor of Germany on Friday next, the 10th instant, have been so generally accepted that it has been found necessary to erect a temporary gallery at the east end of the Guildhall in order to accommodate them all. At the same time, though many notable people have not been asked, the list of invitations has been closed.

Bro. Arthur B. Hudson, C.C., President, in the chair, the members of the Aldersgate Past Officers' Club held their annual summer dinner on Tuesday last at the Grand Hotel, LITTLESTONE-ON-SEA. Those present included Mr. Deputy George Pepler, Mr. Churchwarden C. S. Houlder, C.C., Rev. T. Selby Henry, Mr. Tubbs, and Bros. T. M. Jans, (Hon. Sec.), Churchwarden George Kenning, R. F. Fell, G. M. Taylor, J. Rowley, W. H. Jackson, and Thomas Roderick, Secondary City of London.

The Lord Mayor has granted the use of the Egyptian Hall for a meeting to be held on Monday, the 13th inst., in connection with the Fruiterers' Company, of which Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., is Master, for the purpose of considering what further steps shall be taken in the promotion of fruit culture in homesteads and cottage gardens. The medals and certificates awarded at the great exhibition of fruit in the Guildhall last year will be presented at the meeting, and the Lord Mayor will preside.

An evening entertainment in aid of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for incurables and children was, by the kind permission of Lady Alexander Gordon-Lennox, held at 25, Pont-street, on Saturday last. Those present included the Duke and Duchess of Teck and their daughter, Princess Mary of Teck, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon and Lady Florence Gordon-Lennox, Bro. Sir Baldwin Leighton, the Countess of Sefton, the Dowager Countess of Sefton, the Lady Alice Portal, and others.

The second meet of the season of the Four-in-Hand Club took place on the Horse Guards' Parade on Thursday, the 25th ult. Among the spectators were the Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Grand Duke of Hesse and his daughter, the Princess Alice, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, with the Princess Victoria and Prince Alexander of Teck. Among the members of the Club who put in an appearance were Bros. Lord Chylesmore, the Earl of Lonsborough, and Lord Hothfield.

After providing for the amortization of leases, depreciation of plant, sinking fund for the redemption of Debentures, and the payment of Income Tax and Debenture Interest, the report of Spiers and Pond, Limited, recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. free of Income Tax, for the year ending the 31st March, 1891, leaving £5002 9s. 3d. to be carried forward to next year. The warrants will be posted after the shareholders' meeting, to be held on the 13th inst. The share transfer books are closed from the 30th ult. to the 13th inst., both inclusive.

Bro. Harry Foster, the newly-elected Sheriff of the City of London, is the subject of a biographical notice in the *City Press* this week. His career has been a busy and useful one in connection with the City and its philanthropic and educational institutions. The notice concludes as follows: "He is a prominent Freemason, being a member of the Alliance Lodge and of the Royal Arch Bayard Chapter. The kindly feelings he entertains for the City Guilds are evidenced by the fact that he is a member of no fewer than 13 companies, viz.:—Wheelwrights, Fruiterers, Horners, Loriners, Clockmakers, Turners, Framework Knitters, Shipwrights, Spectaclemakers, Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, Makers of Playing-cards, Fanmakers, Patten-makers, Innholders, and Glaziers. He is also a member of the City Carlton, Scottish Conservative, and Constitutional Union Clubs. His private residence is Walton Grove, Walton-on-Thames." Bro. Foster's Under-Sheriff will be Bro. Clarence Halse, and his chaplain the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, sub-dean of the Chapels Royal.

The late Bro. Sir Robert Fowler was the Treasurer of the Howard Association, 5, Bishopsgate-street Without, and the Committee of that body, at their meeting on Thursday, the 25th ult. (being their first meeting since his decease), unanimously adopted the following resolution, which was moved by Mr. Henry Gurney, and seconded by Mr. E. Clarke: "The Committee of the Howard Association desire to place on record their sense of the great loss which they have sustained by the death of Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart., M.P., who for many years was their Treasurer and colleague. He was also especially helpful to the Committee by his frequent and cheerfully rendered services to them, in bringing before the attention of Parliament and of the Government, subjects connected with the work of this Association. The unexpected decease, in the prime and vigour of life, of one so gifted and so genial as Sir Robert Fowler was, is sorrowfully felt by the Committee; and they would offer to the family of their late honoured friend this expression of their profound sympathy."

Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun., has taken the degree of M.A., at Dublin University.

Bro. Geo. Brinsley, C.C., president, in the chair, the members of the United Wards Club held their annual summer dinner on Thursday, at the Railway Hotel, Catherham.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses, and attended by the Hon. Mrs. Dalrymple, visited the Japanese Gallery, 28, New Bond-street, on Wednesday, to inspect the second series of the "Land of the Rising Sun," by John Varley, and pictures by other artists, including an idealistic portrait of her Royal Highness by Henry Campotos.

The Holiday Fashion Number of the *Gentlewoman* is an evidence of the spirited management of that journal, and should largely help to still further establish it as the leading lady's paper. It contains a complete set of fashions for costumes for every purpose required during the holidays. There is also a story by Walter Besant, and one by Nathalie, ex-Queen of Servia.

Bro. Lord Carrington on Wednesday last distributed the medals, prizes, and certificates to the students at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School awarded during the summer session, 1890, and the winter session, 1890-1. Mr. O. C. Johnston was awarded the Llewellyn Scholarship (certificate and £25); Mr. W. J. Robertson, the Golding Scholarship; Mr. A. W. W. Hoffman, the Governors' Clinical Gold Medal; and Mr. H. D. Senior, the Pereira Prize. The year had been very active and satisfactory, as was shown by the fact that the average daily attendance was 220.

The pretty theatre of the Lyric Club is to be the scene, on the afternoon of Wednesday next, of an entertainment to be given in aid of the fund for building a children's convalescent home at Glynde, Lewes. A feature of this entertainment will be the representation, for the first time, of a new duologue by Mr. W. R. Walkes, entitled "A Short Engagement." This will be rendered by Mrs. Copleston and Mrs. Charles Sim. Lady Augusta Fane, Mr. Arthur Bouchier, and Mr. H. A. Newton will appear, the same afternoon, in Sir Charles Young's "That Dreadful Doctor," and Mr. Hermann Vezin and Miss Laura Johnson will be seen in selections from "Macbeth."

During the past few days further interesting relics of Roman London have been discovered by the workmen engaged upon the excavations which are now in progress on the site of Dimsdale's old banking house, Cornhill. The wall which has been discovered, almost 12 feet in thickness, was probably one of the boundary walls of the old town of Londiniensis, a stone slab of 12 inches to 18 inches in thickness, and of great length, being probably the corner stone of some important building. Many human bones have been found, as well as pieces—broken, of course—of armour. Last week, at a depth of nearly 30 feet, a skull was found embedded in a layer of white clay, and later, portions of leg and arm bones were picked up.

The Queen left Windsor Castle for London on Monday morning for the purpose of standing sponsor to her granddaughter, the infant daughter of Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife. The ceremony took place in the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, the rite of baptism being performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Among those present were the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, the Duchess of Edinburgh and her three daughters, the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, the Duchess of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary, Duchess and the Duke of Teck, the Princess Victoria of Teck, and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg. The infant was christened Alexandra Victoria Alberta Edwina Louise, the water with which the child was sprinkled being brought from the Jordan by Prince George of Wales. The other sponsors besides the Queen were the Queen of Denmark, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princess Victoria of Wales. After the ceremony her Majesty returned to Windsor, while most of the other members of the Royal Family lunched with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House. In the evening the Prince and Princess and the Princesses Victoria and Maud dined with Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn at Hampden House.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES H. FORSHAW AT ABERDEEN.—An interesting ceremony took place in the Imperial Hotel on Saturday, the 27th ult., when Bro. Jas. H. Forshaw was presented with his portrait and entertained at a cake and wine banquet by his friends of the St. Nicholas Lodge, in recognition of his services to the lodge and to Freemasonry during the period he held the office of Right Worshipful Master of the lodge. Bro. Bartlett, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting, and called on Bro. Alexander Wilson to make the presentation, which he preface by an excellent speech, calling attention to those services and excellencies of character which had called forth that expression of regard from the members of the lodge. The gift, which was a portrait of Bro. Forshaw, the unveiling of which, in the course of Bro. Wilson's speech, was greeted with loud applause, is by Mr. John Shirreffs. It is half length, and represents Bro. Forshaw comfortably seated in an arm-chair. He has been reading a book, but having been interrupted by a visitor, has laid down the volume on his left knee, with his other hand he is holding his *pince-nez*, and his head is turned a little to the right as if to converse with the intruder. A favourite fox terrier—Nellie—is represented with its head on its master's right knee, its head erect, and peering anxiously into his face. From Bro. Forshaw's neck hangs the 33° jewel, while from the left breast are dependant the jewel given him by St. Nicholas Lodge on the occasion of the jubilee concert, and the cornucopia. The likeness is excellent, and the whole work reflects the highest credit on the artist.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The ills of life are increased tenfold by the mode of life so many have to lead; most especially is this the case amongst the toilers in our factories and huge workshops of the manufacturing districts, whose digestions become impaired and nervous systems debilitated by the protracted confinement and enforced deprivation of healthy outdoor exercise. The factory workers may almost be said to have diseases of their own, readily amenable, however, to treatment if not allowed to proceed unchecked. Holloway's Pills are the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of liver and stomach complaints, as they act surely but gently, regulating the secretions without weakening the nerves or interfering with the daily work.