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MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 23rd Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund is appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd instant. Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, Past S.G.W., has very kindly undertaken to preside as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards which will support his efforts numbers at the present time about 140 brethren. This Fund, as our readers are aware, has had its sphere of operations very largely extended during the past few years. Originally, its purpose was limited, like that of our Craft Fund of Benevolence, to relieving temporarily the pressing needs of worthy members of this Degree who had fallen into difficulties. Subsequently its scope was enlarged, and there were established, firstly, an Educational and then an Annuity Fund, the children of both sexes of deceased or indigent Mark Master Masons being educated and in part clothed at the cost of the former, while under the laws governing the administration of the latter, indigent brethren were awarded life annuities of £26 each, with a Christmas gift of £5, and the widows of Mark brethren life annuities of £21 each, likewise with a gift of £5 at the same season. According to the Report of the General Board to the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge on the 2nd ult., there were at that time 14 boys and 15 girls receiving the benefits of the Educational Fund, and seven brethren and three widows on the Annuity Fund, the annual sum expended in behalf of the former being about £300, and for the latter £295. As the invested capital of the General, Educational, and Annuity branches of the Benevolent Fund taken all together is only about £9000, it will be seen at once that, with an expenditure of about £600 a year in respect of the Educational and Annuity branches only, it is most important that the Annual Festival should be made as productive as possible, and that most desirable consummation cannot be accomplished unless (1) the Board of Stewards is a strong one, and (2) the efforts of the brethren constituting it to obtain the much needed donations and subscriptions are ably and energetically directed. Last year the Festival, held under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Deputy Grand Master, was the most successful ever known since the Fund was established. The Board of Stewards—which included several ladies—numbered 179, and the total obtained was £2354. This year, with only 140 Stewards, the prospect is not so encouraging. We trust, however, that the eloquence of the noble Chairman and the exertions of his Stewards will secure such a Return as will suffice to meet the requirements of the year, and at the same time enable the General Board to increase by an appreciable amount the invested capital of all three branches. We earnestly appeal, therefore, to our Mark readers and Mark brethren generally to give all the assistance in their power towards rendering the approaching anniversary a success which will compare favourably with the greater successes of recent years; and that as one of the many means to this end the number of brethren acting as Stewards will be largely increased between now and the day appointed for the celebration. In such case the probability that Bro. C. F. MATIER, the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Stewards, will be in a position to announce a goodly round sum will be greatly increased.

APPROACHING JUBILEE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Bro. TERRY, as Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has just issued to the Worshipful Masters of lodges a circular letter, in which he calls their attention to the fact that at the anniversary Festival in 1892 will be celebrated the Jubilee of the foundation of the Charity. It was in 1842 that the Male Annuity Fund was established by Grand Lodge, and in 1849, when sufficient time had elapsed to show whether or not the Fund was a success, the Widows' Fund was added. At the outset 15 brethren and five widows were elected annuitants, the amount distributed among the former in annuities being £305, and among the latter £75. In the circular referred to, Bro. TERRY, by way of illus-

trating the progress made by the two branches of the Institution, tells us that the number of male annuitants at the present time is 181, who together receive £7240 per annum, and 230 widows, who receive £7360 per annum, while, in addition, there are 27 widows, each of whom is in receipt of one-half her late husband's annuity, or together £540. He further shows from the audited statement of account presented at the annual meeting in May last that the total expenditure during the past year in respect of annuities, maintenance of Asylum at Croydon, and cost of management was £17,882, to meet which there is a permanent income varying from £3500 to £4000. There is, therefore, an annual deficit of about £14,000—the exact amount for the last year being £13,882. In view of these facts, the Committee of Management have wisely resolved to turn the approaching Jubilee Festival to the best possible account, with the two-fold object of (1) increasing the invested capital, and by so doing, the permanent income; and (2) making an appreciable reduction in the number of candidates; or, in other words, of placing more annuitants on the establishment. Bro. TERRY, therefore, makes it known that the Committee will use their utmost endeavours to enlist the patronage of the most illustrious Freemason in England—who will himself have entered on the Jubilee year of his birth—in behalf of the forthcoming Jubilee anniversary of the Institution, and he makes an earnest appeal to the Worshipful Masters of lodges to co-operate heartily and energetically with him and the Committee of Management in carrying out their general project. We trust the appeal will be listened to on all sides, and that the additional privileges which will be accorded to Stewards and donors in return for such assistance as they may be able to render, will have the effect of securing a grand total at the Festival in question—a total which, by strengthening the funds of this important Charity and enlarging its establishment, will be the means of conferring untold benefits on the whole English Craft. We also most sincerely trust that the efforts of the Committee and Bro. TERRY to enlist the patronage of the illustrious Freemason whose countenance they are seeking will have the desired effect, so that it may be said of the approaching Jubilee of our youngest Institution, as it has been said of the first centenary of the eldest, that the whole body of English Freemasons, from the highest to the lowest, took part in its celebration.

"HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AND CONCORDANT ORDERS."*

DIV. XIII. THE CAPITULAR DEGREES.

A review of this intensely interesting and instructive section of what is undoubtedly a most splendid volume must be accompanied by a regretful reference to the lamented decease of the author, Bro. Alfred F. Chapman, P.G.G.H.P. of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the United States, which took place before the publication of the work.

The origin and antiquity of the Royal Arch Degree have been treated of by Bro. Chapman very fully, and, on the whole, with great success. He has, however, unfortunately in his preliminary observations, in following Oliver and other early writers, perpetuated some errors, which so far detract from the high value of his work.

The earliest reference to the Royal Arch is in Dr. Dassigny's "Serious and Impartial Enquiry," published at Dublin in 1744 (Hughan's "Origin," p. 47), and the Degree is first mentioned in the Grand Lodge Records of the "Ancients" on 4th March, 1752, shortly after the formation of that body, which was only inaugurated on 17th July, 1751, and hence the statement (on p. 555) quoted from Dr. Mackey that it was evolved out of this Schismatic Grand Lodge is absolutely without foundation, for the Degree was worked some 10 years or more before the "Ancients" had any existence. Moreover, Dr. Oliver's statement that the

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"fabrication of the English Royal Arch" was the work of the Ancients is likewise quite incorrect.

There is reason to believe that Dermott was mainly responsible for incorporating the Royal Arch into Craft Masonry, and by offering *Four* Degrees to his supporters instead of the usual Three, he undoubtedly attracted many adherents to the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. But as Dermott died in June, 1791, he can hardly be said "to have been the moving spirit" in this matter "until the beginning of the nineteenth century."

The Grand Lodge of the "Moderns" did not officially acknowledge the Royal Arch until the "Union" of the two Grand Lodges in 1813; nevertheless it has been shown, over and over again, that the ceremony of "Exaltation" was practised in many lodges under the supposed sanction of their Craft warrants, and Lord Blayney, who was the Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge from May, 1764, to April, 1767, shortly afterwards (*i.e.* on 22nd July, 1767), granted a "Charter of Institution and Protection" to the Grand Chapter formed from a Chapter held at the Turk's Head Tavern, Gerard-street, Soho, London. This, however, will scarcely bear the interpretation (on p. 556) that in 1776 [? 1767] the Degree was "adopted by the Constitutional Grand Lodge," or the "Moderns," because it really never obtained official recognition by that body until 1813, though virtually the ceremony was countenanced from the signing of this charter in 1767.

There are some references throughout this Division to the English Craft working under the name of the "York Rite," the members of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients being frequently designated "Ancient York Masons," as they were first of all, but most erroneously and absurdly termed (*vide* my preliminary observations to Division IV. of the volume under review). The statement (on p. 556) that the Royal Arch Degree was adopted into the system of the "Ancients" during 1738-40 is not at all consonant with facts, inasmuch as that body—as I have stated—did not exist prior to 1751.

The differences between the "Moderns" and the "Ancients" were far from being insignificant, although Dr. Dalcho is reported to have so considered them, especially in the Third Degree, but that subject cannot be adequately treated in this article. Suffice it to say that the quotation from Dr. Oliver (on p. 559), that "the 'true word' was never lost, but transferred by the seceding brethren at the great schism in 1740, to the Royal Arch," is utterly unreliable. The French engraving of 1745, with which I am well acquainted, only shows that at the period in question the Third Degree was more complete than it now is, in proof of which I have only to state that there is a very significant reference to the subject in an old work ("Masonry Dissected, 1730"), where in the examination in "the Masters' Degree," the question is asked "What was that which was lost and is now found?" The response being "The Master-Mason's word."

The "Grand Chapter of all England" referred to at p. 561, of course, means the body established at York, but the term *Athol York* Grand Lodge (on p. 562) is a misnomer; also the allusions to "Ancient York Lodges" (p. 627), are misleading and contrary to fact, though a distinction claimed for a time by Dermott and his friends.

It is evident that the lamented and talented author of this Division had not quite grasped all the difficulties with which English students are, I suppose, necessarily more familiar, but his quotation from Bro. Hughan's "Origin" in reference to the Royal Arch, that "the Degree or ceremony was known years prior to the inauguration of the Schismatic Grand Lodge of 1751," certainly indicates that had time permitted him a full revision of the text, our brother would have corrected the inaccuracies to which I have adverted. He would have been much happier, and the work more reliable, had he carefully followed the conclusions in Bro. Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite."

In this country the Mark Degree is altogether separate from the Craft and Royal Arch, hence it is not a pre-requisite for the chapter as in the United States and elsewhere. We do not in this country, moreover, work the Past Master's or Excellent Master's Degrees in connection with Capitular Masonry, but these are communicated in a separate and distinct organisation. The Past Master's Degree is, of course, a very different ceremony to that now in use when installing a Master in the chair of a Craft lodge. This "passing the chair," as it was termed, was generally a simple ceremony to qualify a Master Mason for exaltation in the Royal Arch.

The historical references to the "Chair Degree," as well as those of the Mark and the Order of "High Priesthood"—the latter having a supplemental chapter by Bro. E. J. Schultz (the well known historian of the Grand Lodge of Maryland)—are commendably dealt with, and the division is further enriched by a valuable plate of Masons' "Marks" from England, Scotland, India, &c. (prepared by Bro. Hughan); Chapter I. closing with

a history of the organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Canada, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and New Brunswick.

Chapter II. gives a very full account of the origin and organization of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, which rightly claims to be "the largest organization of Royal Arch Masons in existence;" and this is followed by a lucid account of all the Grand Chapters in the United States, the whole of which, with the exception of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, are constituent parts of this "General" body. There can be no doubt whatever that this history of the Capitular Degrees by Bro. Chapman is the best thing of the kind *in extenso* in the English language, especially if considered from an American point of view; and the splendid volume itself reflects the greatest credit on the Fraternity Publishing Company of Boston, U.S.A., by whom it is issued, being invaluable to American Craftsmen particularly, and to the Craft generally.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

Nearly 20 years have elapsed since the Newbury Lodge of Freemasons—the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574—received the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, presided over by the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., and therefore it was quite natural that the proposal to hold the first annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the newly-constituted Province of Berkshire, after the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, in the ancient Borough of Newbury, which can boast of one of the oldest lodges in the province, should evoke an unusual amount of interest and enthusiasm among the members of the Craft in the town and neighbourhood. At the onset the hope was entertained that his Royal Highness the Prov. Grand Master would be able to preside, and that Newbury would enjoy the honour of a Royal visit, which had not been accorded to it for a lengthened period, and there is no doubt that had the Royal Duke been present a most enthusiastic reception would have been accorded to him, not only by the Masons, but also by the townspeople generally, who are always to the front in manifesting their loyalty. Unfortunately, however, circumstances did not allow of the presence of the young Prince, and in his absence, the duties of the chair devolved upon his Deputy, Bro. John T. Morland, by whom they were performed with such efficiency as to produce a most favourable impression on the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was much complimented on the excellent manner in which he conducted the business of the day.

The local arrangements connected with the gathering were undertaken by an influential Committee, consisting of the Mayor (Bro. Stephen Knight, P.S.G.D.), the W.M. of the Hope Lodge, Bro. Reginald Maples; and the Past Masters and officers of the lodge, the secretarial work being ably performed by Bro. A. W. Neate. Bros. Skinner Hanington, William Knight, G. J. Cosburn, and F. J. Harrold formed the Banquet Committee. Bros. S. Knight, jun., and J. B. Ingram superintended the decorations, while the musical arrangements were entrusted to Bros. J. S. Liddle, P.G. Org., and T. Hawkins, Hubert Knight, and J. Ingram.

The W.M., with the Mayor and Bro. Cosburn, P.P.A.G.D.C., formed a deputation to receive the visitors on their arrival, and give them a cordial reception. The bulk of the brethren reached Newbury on the day by the 3.23 train, but the Abingdon Masons drove over.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the spacious Oddfellows' Hall, Craven-street, which, with the ante-rooms, had been admirably prepared for the purpose. The officers and brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope met at 3.30 to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge, and this being the first gathering since the lamented decease of Bro. George M. Knight, P.M. (brother of the Mayor), a vote of condolence with his widow and family was passed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the acting P.G.M., who was supported by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., who acted as D.P.G.M.; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and other distinguished Masons, who occupied the whole of the seats on the platform. All the 13 lodges in the county were represented.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Reading in December last, which was confirmed and adopted, after which the Grand Lodge Officers and several other distinguished brethren were saluted in due form. Then followed an anthem, which was well rendered by the musical brethren already mentioned.

The general balance sheet and also the Charity fund report were presented, and approved on the motion of Bro. TOMKINS, seconded by Bro. BELTON.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY presented a report as to the lodges in the province, which it appeared were in a flourishing condition.

Bro. DIXON, Secretary to the Charity fund, announced, amidst applause, that there was as many as 448 votes standing to the credit of this province at the present time, and also that the province had been able to secure an annual grant for a widow of a well-known Mason, who had rendered good service to Masonry in the Province of Berks and Bucks.

The acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. MORLAND, congratulated Bro. Dixon upon being able to hand over so large a number of votes for the Charities instead of being in debt.

The next business was the consideration of the new by-laws, and also the rules for the Charity Committee, which were gone through *seriatim*, and eventually adopted, on the proposal of the Senior Grand Warden, Bro. KIRCHHOFFER, seconded by the Junior Grand Warden, Bro. J. T. DODD.

The PROV. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN proposed the re-election of Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN (Bro. the Rev. Canon Garry), and unanimously agreed to.

Bros. S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.M. 1899, and Colonel E. A. Ball, I.P.M. of the lodge, were then invested with the Charity bar, and Bro. Martin, the Prov. Grand Secretary, with the tri-colour Charity ribbon, he having served the office of Steward at each of the Masonic Institutions. These brethren were much applauded as they retired from the dais with their new badges.

The Provincial Grand Officers appointed for the ensuing year were then invested as follows:—

Bro. Edward Horne, 1887	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. E. Goolden, 2228	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Canon J. A. Dalton, 771	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. M. Guilding, 1101	...	...
" C. Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. J. Ball, 209	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Martin, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. C. B. Tirbutt, 414	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Newbery, 574	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Renton, 795	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Gardener, 771	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. W. Bennett, 2043	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Col. E. Ball, 1899	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Warden, 1566	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. B. King, 945	...	...
" J. Greenaway, 1101	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. Maples, 574	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. J. Dyke, 1770	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. S. Liddle, 574	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. T. Hobbs, 209	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" E. K. Purnell, 1899	...	...
" T. E. J. Hawkins, 574	...	...
" E. T. Biggs, 1566	...	...
" E. W. Ridley, 1101	...	...
" J. Harding, 771	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Hemmings, 1101	...	...

The ACTING P.G.M. said it was his pleasing duty to present to the P.G. Secretary, on behalf of the brethren of the province, a testimonial in recognition of his great energy and labour in organising the important gathering at Reading last December, and for the zeal and ability with which he directed all the arrangements. The Committee appointed by the Board of Stewards at the last meeting to arrange for that testimonial had purchased a valuable gold watch and also an elegant silver bowl, both of which were then produced, and Bro. FERGUSON, who had acted as Secretary and Treasurer to the Testimonial Fund, was requested to read the illuminated address which accompanied the gifts, and which was as follows:

To Brother John Wesley Martin, P.M. 414,
Provincial Grand Secretary of Berkshire.

We, your brother Freemasons, whose names are hereafter subscribed, desire to express to you our appreciation of the energy and ability with which you carried out the arrangements for the installation by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master, of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., as Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire at the Town Hall, Reading, on December, 15, 1890, and for the luncheon, which was afterwards held in the Jubilee Banqueting Room of Messrs. Sutton and Sons.

We feel that to your able direction the great success of these important ceremonies was largely due, and in token of our appreciation of your efforts we ask your acceptance of a gold watch and silver bowl, which we trust may be fitting mementoes of these events in which you took so active a part, and will prove to be of personal and family interest for many years to come.

The ACTING P.G. MASTER said it only remained for him to ask Bro. Martin's acceptance of the gifts, with the expression of every good wish from the brethren of the province that he might be spared for many years to meet them at Masonic gatherings and elsewhere, and to wear the watch as a reminder of the auspicious event which had given rise to the testimonial.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY, in the course of a feeling response, said he could assure the brethren it was no easy matter to speak about himself, and his task was rendered more hard in consequence of the kind words and lavish gifts which had been bestowed upon him. A year ago he had no idea that he should be occupying the honourable position to which it pleased his Royal Highness the Provincial Grand Master to appoint him. It was intimated to him in August that he would be invited to succeed their late worthy and lamented Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Bradley, and here he would like to say a word or two in Provincial Grand Lodge in regard to that esteemed brother, whose memory they would ever cherish in the old Province of Berks and Bucks. To him (Bro. Bradley) they owed, in a great measure, the present high position in which the province now found itself. In November, he (Bro. Martin) received the news from Grand Lodge, fixing the date December 15th, 1890, for the installation of their Provincial Grand Master, and then it was the real work began. It would be affectation on his part if he were not to admit the fact that he had a great deal of responsibility placed upon his shoulders, which necessarily brought about the usual one or two sleepless nights, but he was thankful to say that with the help of the brethren throughout the province they made the day a success, and one never to be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to be present. The "all round" thanks he received on that occasion amply repaid him for all he had done, and the matter might very well have rested there, but it had pleased the brethren to go further, and to reward him still more for his services, by giving him these handsome presents. He thanked them all for their generosity, which he should never forget, and he should always treasure up the fraternal feelings and good wishes which he had had from all quarters as long as he lived.

It had been usual in previous years to announce where the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held, but the new by-laws, just adopted, specify that the place of Meeting shall be fixed by the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. MORLAND observed that he was therefore unable to make any definite statement, but he anticipated that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held in the Royal borough of Windsor.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY announced that he had received letters of apology from a large number of distinguished brethren, including Bros. Lord Carrington, P.G.M. of Bucks; Baron Wantage, S.G.W.; Viscount Valentia, Chief Justice Way, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bro. W. G. Mount, M.P.; C. T. Murdoch, M.P.; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.; Bro. Terry, and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed shortly afterwards, the business having occupied about an hour and a half.

Most of the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, to partake of the banquet, which had been provided in excellent style by Bro. John Hamlen, of the Queen's Hotel. The room had been effectively decorated with banners, flags, Masonic emblems, &c., and there was also a fine display of flowering plants and cut flowers, the W.M., Bro. Maples, being a liberal contributor in this department. To his courtesy also a large number of ladies were indebted for the privilege of seats in the balcony, to which they were admitted shortly before the banquet commenced, being cordially received by Mrs. Maples, who entertained them with light refreshments during the evening.

The ACTING P.G.M. commenced the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Craft," which was succeeded by that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," and "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past."

To the latter toast Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., made an able response. "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale," was suitably proposed by the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER.

Bro. BEACH, M.P., in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. MORLAND made an appropriate reply.

Bro. EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of an eloquent speech pointed out the great and good work done in connection with the three important Charities of the Order—namely the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows. He also spoke of the Charity exercised by provinces, lodges, and individual Masons, and referred, with grateful feelings, to the most successful Festival held at Brighton on the previous Wednesday in behalf of the Boys' School, when the amount raised reached the large sum of £29,000. Bro. EVE coupled with the toast the name of the Secretary to the Boys' School, Bro. J. M. McLeod, who made a fervent appeal in behalf of the Masonic Charities, expressing his high appreciation of the liberal support which had just been accorded to the Boys' School, which he regarded as a vindication of the satisfactory character of the work done by the Committee of Management by that Institution during the past two years.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the Mayor and Corporation of Newbury," and the MAYOR suitably returned thanks.

The next toast proposed was that of "The Worshipful Master and the Officers of the Lodge of Hope," whom the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER warmly thanked for the hearty reception given to the Prov. Grand Lodge, and for the excellent arrangements that had been made.

Bro. MAPLES, the W.M., responded, and expressed his hope that the Prov. Grand Lodge would renew their visit to Newbury on some future occasion.

"The Healths of the Prov. Grand Treasurer and the Prov. Grand Secretary" were then drunk, and Bros. CHARLES STEPHENS and J. W. MARTIN severally replied.

Bro. JAMES LEGG gave the Tyler's toast.

The bulk of the brethren then quitted the hall, but most of the Newbury brethren, with a few visitors, remained under the genial presidency of Bro. Maples, when a number of local toasts were proposed and honoured.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE AMITY LODGE, No. 283.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., the centenary of this lodge was commemorated by a banquet, held in the Public Hall, Haslingden. The hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the staircase was curtained off and carpeted. The assembly room was divided by the temporary erection of a screen composed of curtains, relieved with scarlet damask, and red, white, and blue flags, and surmounted with triplets of bannerettes. At the platform end of the room a space was reserved for dancing. The floor was covered with holland, with a broad border of green baize, and an ample supply of chairs for those who wished to rest or promenade between the dances, and on the side of the screen facing that part of the room were hung portraits of the Past Masters of the Amity Lodge, and also of Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, and the late Bro. Stephen Blair, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire. The platform was used for the purposes of an orchestra, where Messrs. Howarth and Warburton's quadrille band played for dancing; while on the wall overlooking the platform was hung a large silk banner bearing a likeness of her Majesty the Queen. At the opposite end of the room the space was utilised for the banquet, the caterer for which was Mrs. Yates, of the Grey Mare Hotel, Regent-street. The tables were conveniently arranged, and well filled by the brethren and visiting friends of the Amity Lodge, with their wives and sweethearts; and it is but due to Mrs. Yates to say that the way the banquet was prepared and served reflected the utmost credit upon the hostess. The presence of ladies was quite an innovation, but this was highly appreciated as a graceful feature, and no doubt will be repeated on future similar occasions. Among the officers present were the following: Bros. Harling, Freeman, Southerst, Worsh, Spencer, Sutcliffe, Hamer, Fletcher, Bradshaw, Mills, Greenwood, Barnes, Taylor, and Nuttall; and of brethren of the lodge and visiting brethren: Bros. Stallon, Baxter, Holt, Bury, Hunt, Dixfield, Hindle, Howarth, and others.

The following toasts were duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by Bro. FREEMAN; "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," proposed by Bro. BAXTER; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," proposed by Bro. HOLT; "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., Earl Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. BURY and acknowledged by the brethren; "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.," proposed by Bro. SOUTHERST; "George Mellor, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by Bro. WORSN, and acknowledged by the brethren.

Bro. STALLON also responded. He said he hoped it might please their M.W.G.M. to add more brethren there that night to his Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. BRADSHAW proposed "The Visiting Brethren."

Bro. HUNT responded. He said it was the first centenary meeting that he had ever had the privilege of being at, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was sure they were obliged for the kind way in which the toast of the visitors had been received, and they would be happy in another hundred years from then to pay them a second visit.

Bro. STALLON proposed "The Prosperity of the W.M., his Officers, and the Brethren of the Lodge." He said it would be surplusage on his part to say anything of the W.M. and the worthy officers; they were all well known, and he was sure their action must commend itself to them generally. Most of the visitors who were there were, in some degree or other, acquainted with the members and officers and the W.M. of the Amity Lodge. Their W.M., Bro. Freeman, had, ever since his initiation into Masonry, evinced the strongest regard for, and interest in, all those tenets which were so dear to

them, and he was quite sure that the lodge had been raised to its present pinnacle of greatness, mainly through the energy which he and his other brethren had shown. He was sure he was but reiterating the wish of all Masons present in expressing the hope that the W.M. and officers might have a prosperous year before them, and that those who followed them might imitate their example.

Bro. SPENCER responded. He said the lodge was beginning another 100 years, and he hoped that many of them might be spared to meet again at another centenary celebration.

Bro. DIXFIELD proposed "Success to the Centenary." He said he thanked them for the honour of being present on the occasion of that interesting ceremony, interesting not only by reason of the special circumstances of the occasion, but also on account of the presence of the ladies; that was an innovation so pleasing, so sensible, and so charming, that he should think it must commend itself to all present, and he was sure that one of the duties that a visiting Mason had was to carry away notions of that kind and try to imitate them. There were occasions when they lingered awhile, and looked back on the past with all its ups and downs, and then to the unknown future which T.G.A.O.T.U. most kindly hid from their view. They might enumerate occasions when a man and his wife, having journeyed together in companionship through life, invited their friends to celebrate their silver or their golden wedding, and those were occasions of legitimate congratulation. No less interesting than the occasions of those birthdays, or silver or golden weddings, was the commemoration of that centenary, and he considered it a great honour to meet them as a visitor, and to propose that toast of congratulation to their ancient lodge. It had had its vicissitudes, its lights and shadows, its ups and downs. He saw as he came into another part of the room the portraits of the worthy Masons who had preceded the W.M. in his office. It was owing to the efforts of those brethren that the lodge had succeeded in the past, and he was sure that whatever they found worthy of imitation that they would carry on the work of their lodge to the end of time. The principles of Masonry were worthy of all their regard, love, and loyalty, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the congratulations of the brethren of the Amity Lodge on the occasion of its centenary.

The toast was heartily drunk.

Bro. SUTCLIFFE, Sec., responded as follows: W.M., officers, and brethren, I suppose you will consider I ought to give you some sort of an outline of the existence of this lodge of ours. I will do it in as few words as I possibly can. The brethren of whom we are this day the representatives got a grant in June, 1791, from the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the Order in London, for the Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire to issue a warrant for our lodge, to be held at the Swan Inn, Rochdale. This warrant was issued on the 14th June, 1791, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, John Allen. It may be interesting to the brethren to know that there were two Grand Lodges in England at that time—one under the Duke of Athol, called the York or Ancient Masons; the other under the Duke of Sussex, from whom we hail, called by the York Masons Modern Masons. As to the title Modern or Ancient, I am not able to give you positive information, but I am glad to say the two Grand Lodges were re-united in December, 1813, under the Duke of Sussex, as the United Grand Lodge of England. Our Amity Lodge, in my opinion, was formed and held by Scotchmen, who were so plentiful in Rochdale and this district as their title was R.W.M. until the removal of the lodge to the New Inn, Haslingden, on Thursday, 13th June, 1816, since which time the title has been as at present. The lodge met at the New Inn, Haslingden, until February, 1819, when it was removed to a private room. There is nothing in the minutes to say where this private room was, but tradition says it was held in the top room of the house now occupied by Miss Fielding, called Ivy House, High-street, and was removed from thence to the Bull's Head Hotel, Church-street, where I may say now we met until February, 1873, our first meeting in the Swan Hotel, Haslingden, being 13th March, 1873, where, as you all know, we were so hospitably entertained by our late Bro. Thompson Yates. It was resolved we should remove to the Grey Mare Hotel, Regent-street, where we at present are so comfortably settled, under Mrs. Yates, our late brother's widow.

The toast of "The Ladies" was next drunk, on the proposal of Bro. TAYLOR, and was responded to by Bro. HINDLE.

Bro. SUTCLIFFE proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said that at the third meeting the lodge held, that was in 1797, one of the brethren proposed that we must really do something towards Masonic Charities. They had never been a large lodge, never more than 36 members, and sometimes they had got down to 18, but they always called themselves a lodge of 30, and he thought when their record was looked over that it would be found they had done pretty well towards all Charities, both the old men, the old women, the boys and the girls, and that they stood as well as any lodge in their province. That was what they might call "swaggering," but what he wanted them to do was to help the lodge to which they individually belonged with something, no matter how little it might be. Every time they had anything to spare, he asked them to give it to the Masonic Charities, for they were worked throughout England for less money than any other Charities, and when they found that most of the money went to the people who ought to have it, the Charities were worthy of their support.

The toast was heartily drunk.

Bro. HOWARTH, the oldest Mason in Haslingden, proposed "The Hostess." He said he had frequently had occasion, years ago, to do the same thing, and he might say, as he had repeatedly said, that they were very glad to go there, and at all times to partake of the bountiful repast which Mrs. Yates set before them. He thought that day she had almost exceeded herself in placing what she had done on the tables, and all he could say beyond that was that he hoped she might have the pleasure for years to come of repeating it.

The toast was heartily drunk, and responded to by Mr. HAMER, Mrs. Yates's son-in-law. He said on her behalf it gave him much pleasure to rise and tender to them her thanks for having so cordially drunk her health. It came about very agreeably in asking Bro. Howarth to propose that toast, inasmuch as he was the oldest Mason in Haslingden, because he believed Mrs. Yates was the oldest hostess; and he was sure that, so far as she was concerned, if she had satisfied them, which he was sure it had been her desire to do, she would be truly thankful; and on her behalf he begged to tender them her sincere thanks.

Bro. NUTTALL gave as the last the Tyler's toast, which was that he wished all poor and distressed Masons, whether on land or at sea, speedy relief, and a safe return home if they desired it.

This being acknowledged, brought the proceedings at the banquet to a close.

The social part of the evening, including dancing and singing, then commenced; and subsequently, during a short interval, presentations were made, of gold jewels in cases, to Bros. Joseph Sutcliffe, Secretary, and W. H. Shaw, Treasurer, the latter in his absence. The inscription on the former was—"Presented to Bro. Joseph Sutcliffe, P.M., P.G. Superintendent of Works, for 21 years Secretary;" and on the other—"Presented to Bro. W. H. Shaw, P.M., for 21 years Treasurer." Dancing was kept up to a late hour.

CONSECRATION OF THE PLUME CHAPTER, No. 1024.

For some years the Freemasons of Maldon who have proceeded to the Royal Arch Degree, have been compelled to travel to Colchester to attend a chapter, but being desirous of forming a chapter in their own town they petitioned the Supreme Grand Chapter, and being supported by a recommendation from the Grand Superintendent of the province, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R., their prayer was granted, and a charter issued, empowering nine companions to form the Plume Chapter, to meet at the Masonic Hall, Maldon.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the Grand Superintendent, attended by several of the Provincial Grand Officers, visited Maldon for the purpose of consecrating the chapter.

The Grand Superintendent reached Maldon by rail at four o'clock, and was met at the station by Comp. Barritt, Z. elect of the new chapter, and conducted to the Masonic Hall, when the proceedings at once commenced; the Grand Superintendent being assisted by the following officers: Comps. Richard Clowes, P.Z. 51, P.G.H., as H.; Alfred Welch, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J., as J.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.Z. 51, P.G.S.E., as S.E.; Albert Lucking, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and J. P. Lewin, P.Z. 276, P.P.G.S.N., as N.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in his address to the companions, said they were there to assist in a ceremony which must be of great interest to all R.A. Masons, for the consecration of a chapter was not of everyday occurrence. No doubt the place in which they were assembled had suggested to the founders the name of their chapter—the name of Plume recalled a benefactor to the town of Maldon, whose memory was cherished, and deservedly so, by the inhabitants. He commended the zeal of the founders in having travelled to Colchester from time to time for the practice of R.A. Masonry, and congratulated them upon the formation of a chapter in their midst, which he felt sure would be a source of strength to the province. It was, he thought, a happy augury that this chapter was the ninth in the province, the number nine being of special interest to all R.A. Masons.

An oration on "The Nature and Principles of the Institution" was delivered by the acting J., Comp. ALFRED WELCH, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J., who after remarking upon the comparative rarity of, and consequent especial interest in, an occasion of this kind, said—

It is well that at these times we should call to mind the grand purposes for which Masonry was originally founded, and the sublime precepts inculcated throughout its entire teaching. As you are aware, Masonry does not profess to be a religion, but it is most certainly an excellent handmaid to religion, and is fitly described as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue. No Masonic function is ever engaged in without first invoking the assistance and blessing of the Most High, and its entire teaching is in strict accordance with the divine precepts laid down for our guidance in the Volume of the Sacred Law, and by which our Masonic obligations enjoin us to regulate our lives and actions. The symbolism of Masonry, great in their number and varied in their kind, have all their various uses and distinctive lessons, and furnish a most interesting study to those who derive a pleasure in the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge. Many distinguished writers are of opinion that long before the introduction of written language ideas were expressed in visible form through the medium of symbolisms; that allegorical representations of natural objects was a thoroughly understood science, by the application of which it has been found possible to decipher the pictorial representations engraven on ancient monuments, and to read the history of nations whose records had been buried in the grave of remote antiquity, and whose very existence had been forgotten. The sacred volume itself abounds with symbolic teaching, the key to the knowledge of which furnishes in many instances the only true solution of the hidden meaning contained therein, and affords a potent weapon of defence against the assaults of the scientific scepticism of the age. The Jewish nation, from whom we derive much of our Masonic lore, and through whom many of our traditions have been transmitted, were eminently a people who were instructed through the science of symbolism and allegory. The first Temple (which stands in its relation to Craft Masonry, as the second Temple does to that of the Royal Arch) was the outward and visible expression of the teaching I have described. I need not detail to an assembly so instructed as this the various lessons we are taught in the plan and structure of that wonderful edifice; how the principles of order were inculcated in the workmen engaged in its construction, and how, in accordance with the orderly methods which our traditions inform us were then observed, we have our various Degrees of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons, each with its special functions and usages, and all bound by honourable obligations of fraternal unity and loyal obedience. The Jews, who were the builders and custodians of that wonderful Temple, were a chosen and eminently representative people, whose entire history, as recorded in the Sacred Writings, abound with lessons for our instruction and guidance. The various works undertaken by them which furnish the text and groundwork of Masonic teaching, and which were executed in accordance with the dictates of the Most High, not only for the generation then existing, but as lessons for our example upon whom "the ends of the world have come." Leaving the traditions and lessons of the first Temple which have from remote times constituted the basis of teaching in Craft Masonry, we find the institution of the Royal Arch derives its ritual and symbolic representations from that of the Second Temple, which, after the expiration of 70 years of captivity foretold by the prophet Jeremiah, was restored under Zerubbabel, the Prince of the People, whose history is so intimately blended with the rites and ceremonies of this exalted Degree. The constitution of this chapter in which we are now assembled, both as regards its forms and ornaments, is in strict accordance with Masonic plan, and has for its object the inculcation of lessons of the highest kind, as we are taught in various lectures which are given from time to time. It is scarcely necessary for me to refer to matters with which you are all perfectly familiar. You know that in every minute detail of our ceremonies, in all the Degrees of Masonry, in every object of use or ornament, is associated an idea made sacred by the source from which it originally came. It is well that at the consecration of a chapter from which the light of Masonry is to emanate we should be reminded of the great purpose and end of all our teaching, which is not merely the improvement of the intellectual faculties, nor even the exercise of those truly Masonic virtues—Benevolence and Charity—but that, seeing as we may do in every object of nature some record of the Divine mind, we may find "Sermons in stones and books in the running brooks." So shall our perceptions become enlarged, and with reverent minds we may hope to have a juster and higher conception of the great Author of all, the Eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues. May this chapter ever retain and jealously guard the high privilege of this teaching. May the blessing of the Most High rest upon its members, and may the traditions and beautiful ritual of our Order be handed down in unsullied purity to those who will fill our places when time with us shall be no more.

At the close of the consecration ceremony, the Principals were most ably installed by Comp. I. J. C. Turner, P.Z. 51, P.P.G.J., as under: Comps. Arthur Barritt, M.E.Z.; Edmund Gowers, P.P.G.O., H.; and C. S. Blyth, J.

The officers of the chapter were elected by ballot as follows: Comps. J. Hutley, S.E.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, S.N.; Francis Bird, Treas.; Wm. Howard-Flanders, P.S.; F. H. Bright, 1st Asst. Soj.; and John Wood, 2nd Asst. Soj.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Superintendent and the other Consecrating Officers for their attendance, and they were unanimously elected as honorary members, a compliment which was suitably acknowledged by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

Twelve candidates for exaltation having been proposed, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the King's Head, where a splendid dinner was well served by the hostess, Mrs. Rivett.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, and was attended by a large gathering of the Order in honour of the installation of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.G.M.O., as Provincial Grand Master. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, Provincial Grand Master, presided, and the other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present were—

Bros. O. Shellard, P.M. 243, D.P.G.M.; W. R. Porcher, M.A., P.M. 10, P.S.G.W.; T. Blinkhorn, P.M. 243, P.J.G.W.; J. S. Carleton, P.M. 10 and 340, P.P.G.M.O., acting P.G.M.O.; W. C. Ferris, P.M. 218, P.P.G.M.O., Prov. S.G.O.; E. Lea, P.M. 218, P.J.G.O.; the Rev. C. F. Lefroy-Austin, 10, P.G. Chap.; J. Balcomb, P.M. 10, P.G. Treas.; G. Norman, P.M. 10, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; W. Powell, P.G.D.; W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.G. Stwd., acting P.G.D.C.; J. Northam, 183, P.G.O. Bristol, acting P.G.O.; and J. Naysmith, P.P.J.G.W., A.G.I.G., acting P.G.I.G.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the routine business of Provincial Grand Lodge was transacted. The Treasurer's report, which showed a considerable balance in hand, was adopted, and Bro. Balcomb was re-elected Treasurer.

The arrival of the Pro Grand Master was then announced, and he was admitted with customary honours and attended by the following members of Grand Lodge, viz.:

Bros. R. C. Elsie, P.G.M. Somerset; Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.G.M. Mon.; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O., J.G.W.; Gordon Miller, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Rev. J. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; R. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; Pierpont Harris, P.G. Sec. Bristol, P.G.D.; W. Forth, P.P.D.G.M.; Surg.-Gen. Ringer, G.S.B.; G. Rennie Powell, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.S.; and J. Chandler, P.G.S.

The Pro Grand Master having assumed the chair, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the Prov. Grand Master designate, was introduced by the G.D.C. and installed in the chair with due formality and honour.

The newly-installed Prov. G.M. then similarly invested Bro. G. Norman, P.G.D., as Deputy Prov. G.M., and subsequently proceeded to the appointment of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. T. Blinkhorn, P.M. 243	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. R. Felton, P.M. 10, P.G. Stwd.	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" E. Lea, P.M. 218	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" S. W. Haddingham, W.M. 340	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. Barnes, P.M. 243	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. C. E. Lefroy-Austin, 10	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Balcomb, P.M. 10	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. J. Caldwell, 243	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. S. Carleton, P.M. 10 and 243	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. S. Collins, W.M. 243	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. Roberts, P.M. 218	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. S. Norton, P.M. 243	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. Heath, 10	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. A. Huband, 10	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Colonel R. Rogers, 10	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Caldicott, 243	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Cadle, P.M., 340	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" H. Phillips, 10	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Before Provincial Grand Lodge was closed a collar and jewel of past rank, with a cordial vote of thanks, were presented to Bro. Baron de Ferrieres.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to dinner in the banqueting room, the Provincial Grand Master presiding. Among the brethren present not before mentioned were Bros. Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340, P.P.G.W.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, W.M. 10, P.P.G. Chap.; W. J. Vaughan, 153 (South Africa); H. A. Berham, P.J.G.D. Bristol; W. E. Parry, P.M. 183, Prov. G.R. Bristol; Harold Lewis, B.A., S.W. 183, Prov. G. Std. Br. Bristol; H. Bevir, S.W. 401; J. Milligan, P.M. 218, P.P.S.G.O.; F. Fenner, 10; W. Heath, 10; J. Owner, P.M. 218, P.P.G.M.O.; E. Lawrence, 10; J. L. Butler, P.P.G.P.; S. Moss, M.O. 10; Colonel Moutray Read, P.S.G.O. Malta; J. Godwin Chance, 243, P.P.G.I.G.; W. H. Oswin, E. L. Baylis, 10; H. Gilling, 10; and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT VICTOR ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 117.

Freemasonry in Reading, which has long been known as vigorous and healthy, has again given proof of its progressive energy by the establishment in the town of a Rose Croix Chapter for the practice of the higher Degrees as cultivated in connection with the Ancient and Accepted Rite. This chapter, which at present is the only one in Berkshire, is named the Albert Victor Chapter, No. 117, and was consecrated on Saturday last under most favourable auspices. The proceedings commenced with a meeting at the Masonic Hall of representatives of the Supreme Chapter and brethren of the higher Degrees, who admitted to the Order of the Rose Croix 17 candidates, and then proceeded to consecrate the chapter.

The ceremonies were admirably rendered by the V. Ill. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, assisted by the V. Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. S. H. Burney, Col. G. Noel Money, and J. H. Matthews, all members of the Supreme Degree, while many distinguished Masons joined the chapter on the day of consecration.

Subsequently the E. and P. Bro. Arthur Viscount Valentia was installed as the first M.W.S. of the chapter, who appointed the following officers:

E. and P. Bro. J. T. Morland, Prelate; Ill. Bro. R. E. Goolden, 1st General; E. and P. Bros. J. Tomkins, 2nd General; W. Ravenscroft, Recorder; E. L. Shepherd, Grand Marshal; E. Horne, Raphael; J. W. Martin, D.C.; R. C. Mount, Herald; S. Wheeler, jun., Captain of Guard; Rev. J. Cater, Org.; and Bro. J. F. Stevens, Equerry.

E. and P. Bro. F. J. Fergusson was then elected Treasurer; and the business of the evening being concluded, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by E. and P. Bro. W. G. Flanagan.

The M.W.S. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Throughout the whole proceedings success attended the chapter, and all appeared to be of the opinion that a prosperous future awaited the Degree in Reading.

In addition to the distinguished names already mentioned the chapter was honoured by the presence of the following brethren, all of the 30th and higher Degrees: Ill. Bros. S. G. Kirchhoffer, Sir G. D. Harris, Bart., R. Eve, C. Belton, P. C. Smith, and C. C. Bell.

THE ANCIENTS AND MODERNS.

Bro. Ringer contributes the following notes to the *Freemasons' Journal*, published in New York, correcting certain historical inaccuracies which appeared in a former article in that Journal:

1. "In 1750 a secession from the Moderns resulted in the formation of a third body, calling itself Grand Lodge of England according to the old Constitution and known as 'Ancients or Atholls.' It collapsed about 1790."

2. "In 1779 there were four [Grand Lodges]—the Moderns, York, Ancients, and Antiquity—but after 1790 the number remained at two, until the Moderns and York united at the happy Union in 1813."

The historical facts are:—

1. Masonic guilds or lodges existed up to the year 1717 for operative purposes only. In the South of England some of the lodges contained—what is generally termed—a "speculative" element composed of gentlemen Masons, men of influence and learning, or of high station in life, who had been admitted to membership as friends of architecture. It is this speculative element which conceived about the year 1717 the grand idea—how will probably forever remain a mystery—of transforming a society of operative builders into a brotherhood of Symbolic Architects by preserving the moral principles of operative Masonry, allegorising its legends, symbolising the working tools, and spiritualising the art. For this purpose four, according to another account, six of the old lodges in London formed themselves into the first Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons, and became the constitutional mother of all other Grand Lodges dispersed over the surface of the earth. By throwing the doors of membership open to worthy men of all trades and occupations they soon became a very prosperous body.

2. The old lodge at York, seeing what was going on in London, remembered its old traditions, and stimulated by ambition, declared itself also a Grand Lodge, but in contradiction to that organised in London, it assumed the superior title of Grand Lodge of *all* England. However, it did not show much vitality, became even dormant for some years afterwards, until about 1760 it was once more galvanised into activity by the Grand Lodge of England establishing some lodges in its immediate vicinity, when it also warranted a few lodges in Yorkshire and Lancashire. It sank into its final slumber about 1790, having outlived all its daughter lodges.

3. The Grand Lodge of England, placing at its head brethren of the highest distinction and social standing, even members of the Royal family, became very fashionable, high-toned, and aristocratic. For the better adaptation to its social high standard many changes and alterations were made in its constitutional organisation much at variance with the simplicity of former customs and usages, in consequence of which the brethren were afterwards styled "Modern Masons." In course of time side by side with this aristocratic brotherhood arose in London a number of lodges of a humbler society composed of discontented members of the constitutional Grand Lodge of operative Masons who had never joined it, of mechanics and shopkeepers, and especially of Irishmen who had come from over the "say," seeking employment in the Metropolis. The aristocratic Grand Lodge of England at first looked with haughty indifference upon these organisations of brethren in the humbler walks of life, and only adopted active measures of suppression when the latter felt themselves strong and numerous enough to organise in 1753 under the vigorous leadership of Laurence Dermott, himself an Irishman, a Grand Lodge of their own, which by displaying much activity became a most formidable rival of the constitutional Grand Lodge, warranting many lodges at home and abroad, but especially in America. The Irish element being preponderant, they formulated their Constitutions as well as their by-laws for private lodges in accordance with those (Spratt's) of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and preserving and practicing more of the old customs than their rivals, called themselves "Ancient Masons." Their warrants for the constitution of lodges began as follows:

"We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of F. and A. Masons according to the Old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, A.D. 926, in ample form assembled, etc."

The words "according to the Old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, A.D. 926," were inserted for effect—historical researches having shown that these "Old Constitutions," like the Charter of Cologne, are apocryphal, and that Prince Edwin is a traditionary or mythical personage—but this insertion did wonders for the Ancients, especially in this country, where to this very day we often meet with the expression "Ancient York Rite," and where still a vast number of brethren labour under the delusion that they are descended from the real "Ancient York Masons," whereas their early lodges were constituted by a society that never had the remotest connection with the Grand Lodge of York, and as a matter of fact that old lodge was in abeyance and almost defunct when the Ancients started as an independent body.

There can be no doubt that the Grand Lodge of the Ancients exerted a corrective influence on the too progressive tendency of the Moderns by lowering their standard, and at the time of their union in 1813 they dictated terms to their rivals nearly akin to unconditional surrender.

4. The old Lodge "Antiquity," in consequence of dissensions having arisen betwixt it and the Grand Lodge of England, was constituted in 1779 by a deputation from the Grand Lodge of *all* England at York, as a Grand Lodge of England south of the river Trent. It met with little success, and 10 years after its constitution it returned repentant to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

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R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER DESIGNATE.
W. Bro. FREDK. WEST, P.G.D. (Eng.), Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

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.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, THE EARL OF LATHOM, will perform the Ceremony of Installation.

By command.

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

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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 install the R.W. Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

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.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets.

The word Luncheon has been inadvertently inserted in the Application Forms instead of Banquet. There will be no Luncheon, but the usual Banquet at Six o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

INSTALLING OFFICER.

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The M.E. Comp. COL. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B., Grand Superintendent Designate.

The Ex. Companion FREDERICK WEST, Provincial Grand H. in Charge.

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 Two o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.,
Provincial Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

12, Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.

To install the M.E. the Grand Superintendent Designate.

To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.

General Business.

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As regards a brother who acts as Steward for the first time, he will have four votes in addition to those recorded above, while Stewards will receive for every 20 guineas collected over and above his personal donation, three votes for life in addition. However, information on these and all other matters connected with the approaching Jubilee may be had on application to the Secretary of the Institution, Bro. James Terry, at 4, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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In our report of the proceedings at the distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, on the 23rd ult., we omitted to mention that the Matron of the Institution (Miss Harkom) was presented by the Chairman to the Countess of Lathom, who complimented her upon the successful care of the inmates, as shown by the healthy appearance of the boys.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held, under the presidency of Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M., in the Town Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. The proceedings will commence at 2.15 p.m., and will be more than usually interesting by reason of the Provincial Grand Master having undertaken to lay the foundation-stone of a new Hall for the parish of St. Andrew's, so that we may expect to find the town of Hertford *en fête* on the occasion. Among the grants proposed to be made from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge will be one of 50 guineas—instead of the customary 20 guineas—to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Halsey, P.G.M., as Steward at the approaching Jubilee Festival of that Charity.

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We have the satisfaction of announcing that Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, has consented to take the chair at the 94th Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School to be held in June, 1892.

Correspondence.

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

MASONIC LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Notices of Masonic libraries have recently appeared in your valuable paper. It has been lately decided to print a catalogue for the library here, and thus endeavour to create an interest in the history of the Craft among the younger members of the various lodges in this town. Copies of catalogues, rules for lending, or any hints which may be of assistance in our labour will be thankfully received, and duly acknowledged.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY S. BIGGS.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

THE IRISH CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The minds of our brethren of the Irish Constitution in this colony have been much exercised of late upon the proper readings of Clause 102 in the (Irish) Book of Constitutions, which reads thus: "In every lodge a P.M. shall be appointed Secretary, who shall keep a book * * * The Board of General Purposes may, upon fit cause been shown, give permission to any lodge to elect to the office of Secretary a brother below the rank of a P.M., provided that in the case of a lodge meeting within a Masonic province, such permission shall only be granted upon the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, or the Deputy Provincial Grand Master."

Bearing in mind that all offices in the Irish private lodges are elective, some complicated readings arise from the above rule. Thus some Masters contend that before proceeding to any election they must ask that permission be given to elect a Master Mason, below the rank of P.M.; others that the ballot should proceed, and that if a M.M. is elected over a P.M. that the permission should then be obtained; while others contend that if one Past Master, and one or more Master or Masters are nominated for the Secretary's chair, it would be illegal to proceed to the ballot, the clause being imperative, and the P.M., however unsuitable as Secretary, must be declared elected.

Will some of the home Masonic jurists let us have the benefit of their opinions upon the point?—Yours fraternally,

A QUEENSLAND CRAFTSMAN.

Brisbane, Queensland, May 25th.



946] ORIGINAL CHARTER OF HIRAM LODGE, No. 1, GRANTED A.D. 1750.*

L. S.

To all and every the R:t Worsh:l Brothers and Fellows of the Ancient and Hon:ble Society of Free and Accepted Masons now residing at or about New Haven in the Colony of Connecticut in New England, or that may hereafter Reside there; Thomas Oxnard, Esq:r of Boston in New England Provincial Grand Master of North America, Sendeth Greeting.

Whereas, Application hath been made to us by our worthy and wellbeloved Brother Cap:n David Wooster and Divers other worthy Brothers now Residing in or about the said New Haven, Praying that We would Impower them there to congregate and Form themselves into a Regular Lodge of Masons.

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That in consideration thereof and by virtue of the Power committed to us by the R:t Honour:ble and R:t Worshipful Grand Master of England We do hereby appoint and Impower Our True and Faithful Brother Cap:n David Wooster to be the First Master of the First Lodge in New Haven aforesaid. And Do hereby Order that he Summons (as soon as may be) all the Free and Accepted Masons in or about the said Colony of Connecticut, (taking especial care that they have been or shall be all Regularly made) to meet, and together make choice of Two Wardens, that to them may seem meet. And that the said Lodge shall meet in a Convenient place in New Haven aforesaid on such Days as shall be most Convenient, and that the said Lodge do annually on the Lodge Night immediately preceeding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist Chuse from Among their Members One Master and Two Wardens to Rule the said Lodge with other Officers necessary to the good Order thereof, and Further that they Strictly keep and Observe all and every the Rules and Regulations as Contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communications) with such other as they may Receive from us, or our Deputy Grand Master, or from the Grand Master and his Deputy for the time being and that the Master and Wardens of said Lodge do Transmit to us in writing a List of the Members of said Lodge, with the place of their abode and the Stated Days and place of Meeting. Given under our Hand and Seal this Twelfth Day of November A.D. 1750 and of Masonry 5750.

By the Grand Master's Command,

HUGH McDANIEL, D.G.M.

BENJ. HALLOWELL, S.G.W.

JOHN BOX, J.G.W.

CHAS: FELHAM, G.S.

* From a copy published by authority of the lodge, in 1887 (New Haven, Conn.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. James Brett, Alfred C. Spaul, H. Massey, F. Wright, W. F. Smithson C. H. Webb, William Vincent, G. P. Britten, Peter de Lande Long, H. E. Nash, W. G. Kentish, W. H. Saunders, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

After the advertisement announcing the meeting and the various minutes had been read,

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., moved "That as a 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." He said the motion was really a resolution of the House Committee although it stood in his name. The brethren had heard that the cheques for the final payment for the work for the new buildings were passed last time, and now the Institution was in complete possession of the buildings erected under the orders of the Centenary Committee with the money raised at the Centenary meeting. Those brethren who had seen the premises, he was sure, would agree with him that the Institution had now, in place of a very inconvenient building indeed, as perfect a building as was to be found anywhere in the country. There was every appliance there—large airy corridors—no going through one room to get to another, all rooms, kitchens, class rooms, and dormitories separate, a beautiful hall for children to do their exercise in, which were part and parcel of their education, and which were so necessary to their health; they knew as a fact that the first thing to do when a building

was to be erected was to employ an architect, and the last thing to do was to pay him a very large commission. As soon as it was suggested that they should enlarge the premises, two members of the House Committee, men well known in their profession, men of very great eminence indeed, of very large business, stepped into the gap and offered to do the whole thing for love of the Institution. They had carried it out most admirably, with the result that the Institution had saved at least £1500 in cash. Now the House Committee thought that such a Masonic feeling as that ought in some way to be recognised, and the House Committee had already passed a vote of thanks to these two brethren; but they also thought that some further recognition should be given, and therefore by direction of the House Committee he proposed his resolution that each of these brethren, Bros. H. A. Hunt and Ralph Clutton, should be elected Honorary Patrons, with the privileges attaching thereto. Of course, they knew if each of these brethren had given 200 guineas he would have had the rank and privileges, but they had given a great deal more. He therefore moved the resolution, which was a great deal of pleasure.

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., seconded the motion with a great deal of pleasure, as the senior member of the House Committee. If it were not for occupying unnecessary time, he would like to say a few words about the vast amount of trouble and care, patience and diligence of Bros. Hunt and Clutton during the works in question, but he endorsed every word the Chairman had said, and he could assure the brethren that too much could not be said of the great services to the Institution of Bros. Hunt and Clutton. Even what the Court was going to confer on these brethren was but a slight return to these brethren for those services.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., very gladly supported the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. LONG. On behalf of the Province of West Yorkshire, which he had the honour to represent, and which he was sure would commend his action, he supported this resolution.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A case from East Lancashire came before the Court as to whether it should be placed on the list, and after considerable discussion it was rejected, the ground being that the child's state of health was not such as to justify her being taken into the School. It was stated by the Chairman in assurance to Bro. Britten, that a resolution of the House Committee to educate one child out of the Institution after she had been there a long time arose from the fact that the child had spent 242 days in the infirmary. Consequent upon this a bed in the dormitories was vacant, and while there was an outcry for more admissions to the School this was a very serious matter. There were two other children in the infirmary who were deformed, and could not take part in any of the exercises that the other children engaged in, or go out for a walk with them.

A West Yorkshire girl, whose father had withdrawn her candidature was restored to the list, Bro. Smithson explaining the whole circumstances of the case, and stating that he could not understand how it was the father withdrew her.

The Court then settled the list of candidates for the October election as 27 candidates, for whom there were 18 vacancies.

It was resolved to consider at a future time the point whether the petitioners should have henceforth a discretion to admit petitions which were presented less than 14 days before the meeting of the General Committee—14 days being the regulation time.

The CHAIRMAN announced that his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M. for Sussex, and Past Grand Master, had consented to take the chair at the 104th Anniversary Festival of the Institution next year.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Reviews.

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

The compiler of this handsomely got up annual is Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the D.P.G.M. of the province, whose valuable services as the "Charity Secretary" in the past, and which are still happily continued, have endeared him to Gloucestershire Masons. The printer is Bro. John Bellows, so that the artistic (as well as Masonic) excellence of the directory is fully explained. The painstaking editor has followed in the lines he has so carefully laid down in previous issues, so there are no novelties to record or special additions to enumerate. Unquestionably this welcome annual is one of the best published, and in its own quiet way tells its story of skilful management, continued prosperity, and hearty response to the appeals of Charity, under distinguished and trusted leaders. There are 14 lodges in the county, with 589 subscribing members, being an average of 42 to each (which is less than usual); three Royal Arch chapters, with 148 members, and Mark lodges, &c., all duly detailed and set forth in due order. The Masonic Charity Association is evidently a real live organisation, the elaborate tables speaking volumes in praise of the well directed efforts of the Secretary and representative Committee. Though there are not 600 members enrolled in the province, the total votes for the Central Masonic Charities exceed 3600. Ten years ago the number amounted to but 1463. Surely Gloucestershire has, and is, doing its duty most nobly.



Cratt Masonry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ASHBURTON.

Ashburton Lodge (No. 2189).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. Hallett ably conducted the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Pengillyas W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. G. S. Acoc, I.P.M.; G. C. Foot, S.W.; W. Ford, J.W.; Rev. C. Forster, Chap.; R. E. Tucker, Sec.; J. Eales, S.D.; J. J. Mitchell, J.D.; Dr. Ackerley, I.G.; W. Lear, D.C.; J. R. Eddy, Stwd.; H. Steele, P.M., Almoner; and G. Furneaux, Tyler.

A banquet was subsequently held at Bro. Sawdye's Golden Lion Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

BARNET.

Ravenscroft Lodge (No. 2331).—The members of this flourishing lodge assembled in good numbers at the Red Lion Hotel on Saturday, the 4th inst., for the second annual "ladies' night," when the Ravenscrofts are permitted to bring their wives and lady friends to enjoy the hospitality of the lodge. Bro. Fraser, P.M. 2206, the W.M., presided in the lodge, and after raising four candidates and passing another, the members assembled round the festive board, each of the brethren being accompanied by a lady. The W.M. and Mrs. Fraser were at the head of the table, the S.W. and J.W., accompanied by their ladies, occupying their usual places.

Bro. Phillips, the host, put on an excellent dinner, and during the disposal of the good things, &c., Mr. Peach's quadrille band played a capital selection of music, much to the delight of the diners.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave "The Ladies" in happy terms, the response being entrusted to Bro. Baker, the Treasurer.

"The Visitors" was also duly honoured.

"The Officers" was given by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. Hudson, S.W.

All the toasts and responses were commendably brief, and much time was thus saved in order that the entertainment in the way of dancing, with songs after each dance, should be as full as possible.

The dinner disposed of, Bros. Hudson and Fearie, who made first-class M.C.'s, intimated that the exercises on the light fantastic might commence. The W.M. and his wife then led off the first dance, and in a few moments the whole party joined in. Bro. Thom, the I.P.M., and the Wine Stewards looked after the refreshment department, while the D. of C. did whatever was necessary to ensure the comfort of all present.

The dancing was kept up with much spirit until 12 o'clock, and soon after that hour the guests were speeding homeward, expressing satisfaction with the excellent programme which had been provided by the W.M. and members of the Ravenscroft Lodge.

A Committee is about to be formed to carry out a series of Cinderella dances during the vacation of the lodge, and if the opinions of the ladies are any guide, the "small and early's" should be a big success.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th ult., when there present Bros. Samuel A. Auty, P.M., W.M.; Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Thos. Jowett, S.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., as J.W.; John Haigh, P.M., Chap.; Chas. H. Ellis, Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; John Thornton, S.D.; Alfred J. Boyle, J.D.; Arthur Holmes, I.G.; Thos. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; John Hill, Tyler; G. Root, John Morton, J. B. Fearnley, A. E. Harris, Robert S. Hird, and W. Sangwine. Visitors: Bros. W. Wright, W.M. 61; Robert M. Kerr, D.C. 61; Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387; A. Swaine, Org. 387; George Beanland, I.G. 302; Rev. Thos. J. McNulty, 265, Prov. G. Chap.; W. O. Hinchliffe, P.M. 1018; Hans Meyer, 439; Wm. Moxon, I.G. 600; Jas. Clifford, 600; Tom Holdsworth, 600; Wm. A. C. Sutcliffe, 97, 254; John Vorr, W.M. 1034; Joseph Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.G. Std. Br.; Richard Revell, P.M. 1034; A. Roberts, 1034; E. Schumann, 1034; F. P. Carter, W.M. 1648; F. Pelham Browne, I.P.M. 1648; C. V. Woodcock, 1648; F. W. H. Durant, S.D. 1648; H. G. Cope, 1648; John Sheard, 1648; and J. Barraclough, 1648.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Sangwine was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Stephenson, I.P.M., who afterwards, assisted by Bros. Bailey, P.M., and Brown, I.P.M. 1648, gave the traditional history, and explained the symbolism of this Degree to Bros. Sangwine, Harris, and Hird. Apologies having been tendered for the unavoidable absence of Bro. Niven, J.W., and other brethren, "Hearty good wishes" were given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent, several of the visiting brethren contributing to the harmony with songs and recitations.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The 89th meeting and 16th anniversary of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. C. F. Quicke, W.M. and W.M. elect; T. C. Nunn, P.M., S.W.; J. Marshall, J.W.; G. W. A. Gleaves, S.D.; C. A. Dettmer, J.D.; A. J. Perriam, Stwd.; T. Smith, I.G.; J. Rawles, Tyler; W. Hollis, I.P.M.; W. T. Brailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; E. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. R. Behenna, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; Wm. Tunstall, G. N. Tanner, G. Proctor, G. D. Bundy, P.M.; G. Whomes, Andrew Muir, W. J. Kipps, and G. H. Dowsett. Visitors: Bros. Morris, P.M. 933; R. A. Homan, P.M. 1602; J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13; J. Muir Smith, P.M. 289; R. D.

Cummings, P.M. 2168; and J. S. Macdonald, 1216. Bro. William Tunstall was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. Bro. William Hollis was re-elected Charity representative for the ensuing year, and in a few well chosen words accepted the office. It was then proposed by Bro. Wm. Hollis, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Wm. T. Brailey, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Kent, that the report of the Audit Committee be taken as read, adopted, and entered on the lodge minutes, which was unanimously agreed to. The alteration of by-laws in accordance with the I.P.M.'s, Bro. Wm. Hollis, notice of motion, after being duly seconded, was adopted by the brethren. The W.M., Bro. C. F. Quicke, was then proclaimed Master for the ensuing year by the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Hollis, Bro. Wm. T. Brailey, acting as D. of C., under whose direction the W.M. received the customary salutations. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. J. Marshall, S.W.; C. A. Dettmer, J.W.; Wm. Hollis, I.P.M.; Treas.; E. J. Goodale, P.M., Sec.; T. Smith, S.D.; A. J. Perriam, J.D.; G. Proctor, I.G.; A. Muir, Stwd.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The addresses to the Wards and the lodge generally were then delivered by the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Hollis, in a very impressive manner, who afterwards, in the name of the lodge, presented to the W.M. a handsome jewel and collar as a mark of the brethren's esteem and appreciation of his services to the lodge during the past year, expressing the hope that he might be spared to wear it in the lodge for many years. The W.M. in a few felicitous words thanked the brethren, and reiterated his previous promises to make the well-being of the lodge his constant aim, and further stating that the kindness he had received during the past year was an earnest of the support he should receive during his present year of office. Mr. John Wilde and Mr. Walter Herring were then duly proposed for initiation into Freemasonry.

After receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. About 30 brethren and guests sat down in the Village Hall to a very *recherché* banquet, provided by mine host, Bro. G. Whomes, of the Bull Hotel, to which adequate justice was done.

The W.M. announced that it was his intention, in conjunction with his predecessor, Bro. William Hollis (so long known to the brethren in connection with the Masonic Charities), to stand as Steward to represent the lodge at the jubilee celebration of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and sincerely hoped that the goodwill expressed towards him would find a ready response, when he asked them to put their hands in their pockets to swell his list in February next on that all important occasion.

All the usual Masonic toasts met with full honour, the provincial toasts being very heartily responded to, especially that of Earl Amherst, the much esteemed Provincial Grand Master, also his Deputy, Bro. J. S. Eastes.

There being some excellent musical talent amongst the brethren present, the evening passed in a most harmonious manner.

DEVONPORT.

St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 954).—This lodge held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at Ebrington Hall. Bro. A. A. Donovan was installed W.M. Bro. C. Watson, P.P.G.D.C., carried out the installation in a very able manner, assisted by Bros. J. Jolliffe and J. R. Dugdale. The officers invested were Bros. H. Nichols, I.P.M.; J. T. Allingham, S.W.; W. G. Watson, J.W.; C. Tozer, Treas.; J. Osborn, Sec.; R. Parsons, S.D.; T. Ellis, J.D.; C. Newton, D.C.; W. Everett, Org.; H. Worth, I.G.; F. R. Ellis, G. Trick, A. Roberts, and T. Dunstan, Stewards; and J. Henderson, Tyler.

The brethren dined together in the evening at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth.

Sympathetic reference was made to the continued ill-health of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, the Prov. Grand Master, who had just been obliged to leave England, and hopes were expressed that he would return in improved health to preside at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in August.

Bro. Tresise responded for "The Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall" in a learned *résumé* of the Masonic history of that province.

Bros. W. L. Lavers, 1255, and S. Jenkins, 156, replied for "The Visitors."

Among the entertainers of the evening were Bros. W. L. Lavers, W. G. Watson, Ashworth, and Kellard, and F. Watson, Ball, and others.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. J. Fitzgerald, W.M.; F. J. Forth, I.P.M.; F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D.; G. E. Wilkie, P.M.; G. Gouldthorpe, P.M.; F. Webb, S.W.; G. Newsum, J.W.; J. Rayner, Sec.; T. Anelay, S.D.; F. Hanson, J.D.; T. Foster, I.G.; J. Hurst, Tyler; T. Barron, W. Blake, W. H. Chambers, F. H. Buckland, H. C. White, H. Foster, W. Turner, G. White, J. Constable, W.M. 1482; A. E. Harding, 1437; J. Hardy, P.M. 1386; T. Barber, 2259; S. Leyster, and others. Bros. H. E. White, W. Hopkinson, and G. White were passed to the Second Degree.

After the usual proclamations the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a light repast.

EPSOM.

Greenwood Lodge (No. 1982).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, on the 27th ult., when there present Bros. E. H. Minns, W.M.; F. S. Smyth, S.W.; C. R. Ellis, P.M., as J.W.; F. Hallows, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Gardiner-Salt, S.D.; C. J. Parke, J.D.; H. W. Noakes, I.G.; C. J. Boyd Wallis, Stwd.; and Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Moss, P.M. 133; R. Jackson, P.M. 169; T. H. Ellis, 1339; and S. W. Minns, 1339.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting, and the revised by-laws were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Curtis, proposed at the previous meeting, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance, was regularly introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. H. F. Gardiner-Salt proposed that Bro. Joseph Steele, the first W.M. and one of the founders, be offered the honorary membership of the lodge, which was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. S. F. Smyth, S.W., gave notice of his intention of becoming a steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked to be allowed to represent that lodge, which was unanimously

granted. The W.M., Bro. E. H. Minns, informed the brethren that his list for the Boys' Festival amounted to the sum of £75 12s., being the largest in the Province of Surrey. The notice of the removal of the lodge was taken into consideration and agreed to. The summons notifying the meeting of P.G. Lodge, at Croydon, on the 23rd July next, was read, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel for banquet, when the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Ellis, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying he did not think he could do adequate justice to the toast, but he would say that every brother of the lodge was truly happy to see him in the capacity of W.M. that evening, as he was an excellent worker and had his heart in his work, and he felt sure that when his year of office had expired he would receive a hearty vote of thanks for the thorough way he had performed his duties while in the chair.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was not good at speeches, but would do his best for the Greenwood Lodge, and he was pleased to see that under the new arrangements they were making progress, and he felt sure they would have a very successful lodge in a short time. All the members had their hearts in the work, and everything was now going on well.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiate" in very feeling terms, saying he had known him as a straightforward gentleman for upwards of 20 years, and in introducing him to the lodge he felt sure he would become an honoured and useful member.

The Initiate, in reply, said he would always remember his entrance into Freemasonry, and from his heart he promised to assist in doing all he possibly could for its benefit, and cordially thanked the brethren for the kind reception he had received from them that evening.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by them all.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were also given, and the evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., W.M.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.P.G.D., I.P.M. and Treasurer; W. W. Lee, S.W.; A. Blenkarn, J.W.; Geo. R. Langley, P.M., Sec., W.M. elect; H. Wicks, P.M., S.D.; H. Hooper, P.M., as J.D.; C. Fruen, P.M., as I.G.; S. Latham, Stwd.; C. R. Cutler, A. W. Fawkes, J. Durno, J. Mayer, P.M.; A. Galbraith, and others. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Orford, 657.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. A. W. Fawkes was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Durno, and Bro. H. J. Orford, 657, were passed to the Second Degree.

Lodge was closed, and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M.

HULL.

Minerva Lodge (No. 250).—The 24th ultimo, being the time-honoured feast of St. John the Baptist, this lodge celebrated its 108th installation festival in the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane. There was a large attendance of members from the local and district lodges, who witnessed the installation of Bro. L. P. Brekke as W.M., and he afterwards invested the following brethren as the officers: Bros. L. E. Stephenson, I.P.M.; J. A. Brown, S.W.; James Y. Torr, J.W.; R. R. Hawley, P.M., Chap.; H. Haigh, P.M., Lecture Master; M. C. Peck, Treas.; Walter Reynolds, P.M., Treasurer Benevolent Fund; W. Holder, P.M., Treasurer Building Fund; J. J. Adamson, Sec.; William Thirsk, S.D.; S. Boyd, J.D.; John E. Walker, D.C.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., Almoner; John R. Corke, A. G. Browne, T. H. Dixon, F. J. Palethorpe, F. Oldfield, and W. H. Templeman, Stwds.; V. King, Org.; F. C. Manley, I.G.; and Wm. Clayton, Tyler. The installation was conducted by Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.G. Treas., and several Past Masters of the lodge, and the full ceremonial was performed in admirable style. A fine oil painting of the late Bro. Arthur Octavius Arden, who was formerly one of the leading spirits in this important lodge, was presented by Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br., and Treas. of the lodge, as a tribute of affectionate respect to the memory of his late friend. The W.M. gratefully accepted the presentation on behalf of the brethren. The portrait, which is life-size, represents Bro. Arden in Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, as Swd. Br., and is the latest production of Mr. T. Tindall Wildridge, upon whose skill it reflects great credit, the details of the Masonic clothing being very artistically subordinated.

An elegant collation, at which 73 brethren were present, was subsequently served in the spacious dining hall, and during the evening the utmost cordiality prevailed.

Amongst those present we noticed Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas. of England, the W.M.'s from the sister and visiting lodges, and several brethren from distant parts.

LIVERPOOL.

Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—Bro. Burton Allenby was, on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. H. D. Dunkel, the retiring W.M., the W.M. elect being presented by Bros. Isaac Turner and Wm. Roberts. The members of the lodge in attendance included Bros. H. D. Dunkel, W.M.; E. Dow, P.M.; E. R. Latham, P.M., C.R.; W. Blunsum, P.M.; W. H. Veevers, P.M.; W. R. Roberts, P.M.; B. Allenby, S.W.; J. Phelan, J.W.; Isaac Turner, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Ernest Smart, Sec.; Haydn Cowell, S.D.; J. Bellingham, J.D.; Joshua Howley, I.G.; Charles Trense, E. Jefferies, W. H. Parkinson, W. H. Buck, and F. Wilkinson, Stwds.; W. Hudson, Org.; and T. Malcolm, Tyler. The visitors present included Bros. John Tunstall, P.P.G.P.; J. R. Bottomley, Past Prov. G.D. of C.; W. B. Bridge, W.M. 249; A. J. Lett, W.M. 1094; J. A. Hignett, W.M. 1393; W. Gosling, W.M. 724; G. A. Henser, W.M. 292; J. Edwards, I.P.M. 1182; Thos. Vernon, I.P.M. 2290; Thos. Airey, I.P.M. 1620; R. J. Cullen, P.M. 1339; J. Hocker, P.M. 673; James White, P.M. 249; and Samuel Fraser, P.M. 1264.

Having been duly installed, Bro. Allenby proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. D. Dunkel, I.P.M.; J. Phelan, S.W.; E. Smart, J.W.; Isaac Turner, P.P. G.S.B., Treas.; H. Cowell, Sec.; J. Bellingham, S.D.;

J. Howley, J.D.; W. H. Veevers, P.M., D.C.; W. Hudson, Org.; E. Jefferies, I.G.; C. Trense, F. Wilkinson, W. H. Parkinson, J. S. Buck, D. McCleave, F. Kirsop, S. Howley, and J. Wainwright, Stwds.; T. Malcolm, Tyler; and E. R. Latham, P.M., Charity Representative.

The annual installation banquet was served by Bro. Casey, the House Steward, and subsequently the toast list was interspersed by the musical contributions of Bros. M'Can, Eaton Batty, J. Busfield, J. B. Antwis, Howley, Gaskin, Cowell, Smart, Griffiths, and Vernon, Bro. Hudson, the Organist of the lodge, being an efficient accompanist.

Bro. Dunkel was, during the evening, presented with a silver cigar case, and also with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

PORTLAND.

Portland Lodge (No. 1037).—On Thursday, the 18th ult., this lodge held its usual monthly meeting for the transaction of general business, and according to its by-laws, to install the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. After the lodge was opened the reports of the Audit and Accommodation Committees were passed, the latter being the outcome of the steady growth of the lodge during the last few years. Bro. Hy. Cooke, S.W., was then installed as W.M. by Bro. T. Eveleigh, Chap., who performed the ceremony with his usual ability. The ceremony was rendered more effective by the introduction of a musical service, the brethren joining heartily in the hymns, while the anthems were exceedingly well rendered by Bros. J. W. Board, G. E. C. Collinson, G. W. Dowell, F. T. Dowdeswell, and E. Mills, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. C. Bennett, S.W.; A. Hodder, J.W.; E. Mills, P.P.G.S.B., Chap.; F. T. Dowdeswell, Treas.; N. Ruddock, Sec.; Hy. J. Butcher, S.D.; J. Baker, J.D.; T. Eveleigh, P.M., D.C.; G. E. C. Collinson, Org.; S. Wallis, I.G.; J. Hussey and J. Casey, Stwds.; and John Cooke, Tyler. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the usual banquet was held, the room having been kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by Bro. Eveleigh, whose artistic taste and untiring energy were displayed in the graceful arrangement of the tables, which were the source of general admiration during the evening. The labours of Bros. W. Osborne and J. Baker in this respect, too, deserve honourable mention.

After responding to the toast of "The Charities," Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, P.G.D. England, who was the founder and first Master of the lodge, expressed the satisfaction he felt at seeing the high position which his lodge had attained (considering its numerical standard) with regard to the great Charity votes, and also to seeing it outgrow so steadily its present accommodation.

During the evening several very musical brethren obliged both with glees, solos, and duets, keeping the kind brother who accompanied constantly at work.

To give plenty of time for the installation ceremony and the banquet after, a First and Third Degree was postponed till the ensuing month.

On the whole, this was about the most successful of June meetings which the Portland Lodge has known, and it is to be hoped this will be still further eclipsed.

SHEFFIELD.

Wentworth Lodge (No. 1239).—A lodge of emergency was held on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, for the purpose of presenting Past Masters' jewels to all the Past Masters of the lodge who continue as subscribing members of the Craft. The presentations were made by the W.M., Bro. F. S. H. Wilson, who, after appropriate remarks, pinned the jewels on the breasts of each of the Past Masters. The following are the names and the Masonic titles of the brethren who were thus honoured, with the year in which each served the office of W.M.: Bros. H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., P.P.G.H., 1869; J. Wostinholm, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., 1873; F. M. Tindall, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., 1875; W. R. Thomas, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.D., 1878; J. E. Darling, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., 1880; H. T. E. Holmes, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., 1881; J. Broadhead, P.M., 1882; H. Nixon, P.M., 1883; E. E. Holiday, P.M., 1884; J. P. Hewitt, P.M., P.Z., 1885; T. Clarke, P.M., 1886; H. A. Styring, P.M., 1887; Isaac Eyre, P.M., 1888; A. Simonson, P.M., P.P.G. Org., 1889; and J. Robertshaw, P.M., 1890. The I.P.M., Bro. Robertshaw, J.P., at the request of the Past Masters, returned thanks on behalf of the whole. The jewels, which are of 18-carat gold, are chaste in design, and have each two bars of the same quality of gold, on which is enamelled the name and number of the lodge. On the back of each is engraved the name of the brother to whom it was presented and the year of office.

A banquet was afterwards held, at which the W.M. presided.

A number of distinguished brethren, including Bros. W. H. Brittain, P.G.S.B. England; R. Arnison, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Harold Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Isaac Ellis, W.M. 296; G. Franklin, W.M. 1779; V. G. S. Dearden, W.M. 2263; and many others, honoured the lodge with their presence.

Masonic toasts, sentiments, speeches, and musical selections contributed to make a most enjoyable evening.

The numerous presentations of jewels—15 in all—is quite unique, if not unprecedented, in the annals of Freemasonry.

SOUTHPORT.

Fermor Lodge (No. 1313).—At the Freemasons' Hall on the 25th ult. Bro. J. G. Ripley, J.W., was installed to the office of W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Sharrock, assisted by Bro. Roberts, P.P.A.G.D.C. The other officers invested were Bros. F. Wood, S.W.; J. G. Emmison, J.W.; S. D. Fane, S.D.; W. Morecroft, J.D.; C. M. Kershaw, I.G.; J. Johnson and H. W. Kay, Stwds.; and J. Rockcliffe, Tyler. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. the Rev. J. Ashby, Chaplain; John Brierley, and James Leyland. Visitors: Bros. M. Blundell, P.M. 613; T. Williams, J.W. 2295; J. Fletcher, 1473; and others.

Subsequently the gathering sat down to supper, the usual toasts followed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

STAFFORD.

Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th ult., at the lodge room, Swan Hotel, when there were present Bros. E. W. Taylor, Mus. Doc., W.M.; W. G. Taylor,

S.W.; C. J. Nevitt, J.W.; George Wormal, Sec.; J. Mottram, D.C.; W. Hall, I.G.; P. H. Harston, Stwd.; J. J. Tomlinson, Tyler; F. Taylor, I.P.M.; F. Woolley, P.M.; E. J. Mousley, P.M.; John Mottram, P.M.; Col. Foster Gough, Prov. Grand Master; David Hollin, T. R. Worthington, and H. Riley. Visitors: Bros. Walter E. Allen, 419; W. H. Smith, A. Smith, E. W. Smith, and G. H. News, 347.

The lodge having been opened, the balance sheet was read and ordered to be printed, and the Prov. G.M., Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, complimented the lodge upon its punctuality and its working, and thanked the brethren for their attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting and for the loan of their lodge furniture.

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—This new and progressive chapter met at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, on the 18th ult., when there were present Comps. S. Hewett, M.E.Z.; J. Cox, acting as H.; F. Kedge, J.; C. O. Burgess, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Scribe E.; J. Coltart, acting as Scribe N.; W. Hancock, P.S.; C. W. Frommholz, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, Janitor; J. Rowe, G. H. Foan, G. A. Bergholz, A. Harris, J. D. Graham, J. Woodward, A. L. Bullen, W. Hoggins, and H. G. Walker. Visitors: A. Wilson, 898; and F. W. Buxton, 1891.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry G. Walker, 1614, was duly balloted for, approved, and exalted. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from several companions, and also from three brethren who had been unanimously balloted for as exaltees. The election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year then took place and Auditors appointed to Audit the accounts. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. S. Hewett, M.E.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a capital repast, and after refreshing themselves the M.E.Z. gave the usual Royal Arch toasts in a few kind and brief words.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Comp. A. Wilson, 898, alluded to the excellent working in the chapter and wished it every success, and Comp. F. W. Buxton, 1891, regretted he had not joined the chapter when it was started, for he felt he was among old friends.

The Treasurer, replying to his toast, said that he felt sure there was a prosperous time in store for the chapter, and the Scribe E. said he was sorry that the three exaltees had failed to be present, as they would have completed the original number of members for the first year, but he hoped they would be with them at the next meeting in October. All had gone smooth and harmonious, and the companions of the chapter, both present and absent could congratulate themselves on the success of the chapter from its commencement in July last.

The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. Comps. W. Hoggins, J. Woodward, and F. W. Buxton, amused the companions with some capital singing.

SALTAIRE.

Moravian Chapter (No. 387).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 2nd ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. Woody, Z.; J. L. Atherton, P.Z., Prov. G.H., as H.; John Tillotson, J.; J. T. Last, as P.S.; John Niven, as S.N.; Denby, Treas., acting S.E.; and others.

The chapter was duly opened, and a resolution of regret and sympathy with the widow and family of the late Comp. John Symonds, H., who had died since the previous convocation, was carried in silence. Comp. Atherton was then elected H. for the residue of the current year, *vice* Comp. Symonds, deceased. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. Thornton, 2321, which being in his favour, he was duly exalted by Comp. Atherton, Prov. G.H., who also added the mystical lecture. Three candidates having been proposed for exaltation at the next convocation, the chapter was closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. D. G. Imlay, W.M.; Jas. Corp, S.W.; J. B. Corp, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; C. E. Bulling, Treas.; J. W. Drysdale, S.D.; W. Baker, Sec., acting J.D.; J. G. Cooper, I.G.; Francisco Oviedo, F. Purkess, W. G. Cubitt, Morris Evans, G. Pridmore, and W. Freemantle. Bro. F. W. Ershu, S.D. 194, 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. Francisco Oviedo, which was unanimous in favour of his being a joining member, and he was accordingly welcomed. Bro. Purkess volunteered to act as candidate, and Bro. D. G. Imlay rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, the charge being delivered by Bro. Jas. Corp, S.W. The chair was then occupied by Bro. W. H. Kirby, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Imlay acting as W.M. elect, and also delivering the addresses to the officers upon investiture. Bro. F. W. Ershu, S.D. 194, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. James Corp, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of passing, an explanation of the tracing board, and the 4th Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Banks, W.M.; A. Williams, P.M., S.W.; E. Fox, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; J. Davies, P.M., S.D.; R. Read, J.D.; Bone, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; and others.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Banks vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of the W.M. of the mother lodge. The ceremony of initiation

was rehearsed. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the S.W., the questions being put by Bro. J. Davies. Bro. A. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Harrow-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Chappell, S.W.; S. Barrow, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; A. Cadbury Jones, P.M. 1441, Stwd.; A. Clark, G. F. Ginder, A. Finch, and T. Barnett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ginder being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Chalfont being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Read, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. Chappell was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Gellion for presiding that evening, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. S. Whiteley, S.W.; Powell, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; T. W. Biggs, S.D.; J. N. Baxter, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M. 169; M. Spiegel, P.M. 1981; A. Williams, P.M. 2090; T. Willcox, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Dyne, R. Reid, and J. Barber.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. R. Reid offering himself as a candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. G. Foster then rehearsed the 1st Section of the Lecture, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies, P.M. 169. Lodge was then resumed to the Third Degree. Bro. T. W. Biggs then rehearsed the 1st Section of the Lecture, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims, P.M. 834. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Whiteley was unanimously elected W.M. for the 18th instant. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on the 11th inst.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. K. White, W.M.; Hobbs, S.W.; Bonwick, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, Asst. Sec.; Smith, J.D.; Hiscocks I.G.; Roberts, Badderley, Stutfield, and Piper.

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. Budd being the candidate. Bro. Piper, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Piper being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hobbs was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Comps. W. Hillier, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, H.; M. Spiegel, J.; F. Craggs, S.E.; James Sims, P.Z., S.N.; T. W. Biggs, P.S.; Joseph Cox, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. The three incidental Lectures were given by the Principals in an impressive manner. Comp. John Davies was elected M.E.Z. for the next two meetings, and the chapter was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Harrow-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. Jobson, 733, M.E.Z.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, H.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; A. Finch, 854, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, P.S.; W. Hillier, 834, 1st A.S.; and W. Chappell, 753.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chappell being candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Comps. Jobson and Tilt for the very able manner they had rehearsed the duties of their respective chairs for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged by both. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Knights Templar.

HAMPTON COURT.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—The summer meeting of this old encampment was held at the Mitre Tavern on the 24th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights T. Wood, E.C.; H. J. Lardner, Prelate; Capt. Walls, P.E.C.; Reg. N. Prower, C. of L.; W. Maple, Herald; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; H. Hills, and Egbert Roberts.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P., &c.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B.; Sir Love-Jones Parry, Bart., G. Graveley, P.E.C.; C. Slater, L. Steele, and many others. A vote of condolence was passed to Sir Knight Steele on the recent death of his wife. The encampment was then closed.

A pleasant excursion to Chertsey and Staines on one of Bro. Tagg's steam launches was an enjoyable feature of the day's proceedings.

The subsequent banquet at the Mitre, under the personal and courteous superintendence of Bro. C. Sadler, gave universal satisfaction.

Among the visitors were Bros. T. Simpson, P.M. 1745; T. O. Harding, M.A., E. Brown, C. Schultz, P.M. 1745; and Burrot.

A few Masonic toasts were given.

During the evening Sir Knight Egbert Roberts discoursed "most eloquent music."

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable nature, terminated at an early hour.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Saturday, the 27th June (the last Saturday in the month), was, according to ancient custom, ex-pupils' day, and the Institution was *en fête* from three o'clock. The weather was all that could be desired, and the visitors enjoyed themselves for a few hours again with lawn-tennis and croquet on the spot they had so often played in former days. About 50 ex-pupils turned up, together with several members of the House Committee, whom we are glad to see still take a lively interest in all that concerns the Institution and its inmates. Amongst them were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Edward Letchworth, J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, Chairman for the month, and others.

Tea was served at 5 o'clock, and a frugal supper at 8.30, after which the visitors departed, one and all expressing themselves delighted at once more returning for a few hours to the old place where they had spent so many happy days.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the whole of the children spent the day at the Crystal Palace, out of the grant so kindly provided by the Stewards of the Festival. Notwithstanding the rain in the morning a most enjoyable day was spent by all. The manager of the Palace, with every kind consideration, provided seats for the whole party at a nominal figure to see the happy family of wild beasts perform, which gave infinite amusement to the little folks, who were, after an hour's ride on the steam horses, all safely housed again by about nine o'clock, rather tired and quite ready for bed. The children were in charge during the whole day of Bro. Frank Richardson, Chairman for the month, and amongst other members of the Committee present were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Charles Hammerton, J. H. Matthews, and others, whilst as visitors Lady Whiteway and her daughter went down and most materially assisted in the day's amusement.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of Council of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. G. Everett, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Bodenham, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. E. Le Feuvre, L. Bourgoyne Pillin, C. Kedgley, John Glass, F. A. Harris, H. Massey, James Brett, James Linzell, George P. Gillard, Charles J. Cuthbertson, C. H. Webb, G. Adamson, Richard Eve, J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Saunders, Rev. Harry Hebb (Head Master), W. Finch, T. Hastings Miller, Robert Martin, J. J. Thomas, and J. Morrison McLeod (Secretary).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed the report of the Petitions Committee was adopted, and eight boys were immediately placed on the list for the election in October. A motion made by a brother that the rule that the printed paper of cases reported by the Petitions Committee and in the hands of each member of Council be not taken away, was rejected on the ground that it was a private and confidential document, the same as the printed list monthly before the Board of Benevolence.

It was resolved to recommend to the Quarterly Court of Subscribers to be held to-day (Friday) at 4 p.m., that 21 new cases be added to the 16 unsuccessful candidates at the last April election for election in October next, and that there be 19 vacancies in addition to a vacancy for a presentation which will be sent in.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer, thought Council could not separate without expressing its gratification at the successful result of the 93rd anniversary Festival of the Institution which was held under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro Grand Master, at Brighton, on the 24th ult. Over £29,000 was sent in by the Stewards on that occasion, and he thought that not only was the Institution, and its Secretary, Bro. McLeod, to be congratulated on that result, but that the best thanks of every well-wisher of the Institution were due to Bro. McLeod and his assistants for the exertions made in achieving that success, and for the great labour they had gone through in connection with the Festival, and he begged to move the following resolution: "This Council in recording its great gratification at the unprecedented subscriptions at the recent Festival for the benefit of the Institution, expresses its high appreciation of the unwearied exertions rendered by the Secretary, in bringing about such a highly successful result."

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, as one who had taken great interest in the late Festival, felt that he ought to second the motion. The Institution had derived great benefit under the Secretaryship of Bro. McLeod, and in connection with the late Festival his exertions had been unsparing. The chairmanship of the Earl of Lathom, Bro. McLeod's Provincial Grand Master, had

been a great success. It was a high honour to have the Pro Grand Master of England for their President, and Bro. McLeod and the Province of West Lancashire had most ably supported him. Bro. McLeod's labours had been unremittingly given, but he had the satisfaction of finding a brilliant return.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND could not allow this opportunity to pass without adding the expression of his own feelings on the subject mentioned in the resolution. There was no doubt the Institution had been most fortunate in acquiring the services of Bro. McLeod, and the way he had acquitted himself during his retention of the office of Secretary was a good omen for the future of the Institution. The pecuniary result of the Festival had only been exceeded by the Girls' School, and that was on one exceptional occasion. Bro. McLeod was to be congratulated, but at the same time thanked.

The resolution having been unanimously carried, Bro. McLEOD returned his acknowledgments, and stated that while he had pursued what was to him a labour of love he had to thank from the bottom of his heart all those numerous brethren who came forward and gave him their hearty support.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following additions and corrections have been made since last week, namely:—

LONDON.			
Lodge		£	s. d.
6	Bro. C. Compton Seton, new list...	21	0 0
14	" C. W. Stephens, new list ...	11	11 0
18	" Major Clifford Probyn, new list ...	52	10 0
969	" Capt. G. Hearn, additional ...	3	3 0
	(raising his list to £50 8s.)		
1614	" A. Bush, new list ...	10	10 0
1743	" John Stait, additional ...	5	0 0
	(raising his list to £30)		
1839	" F. J. Humphreys, additional ...	1	1 0
	(raising his list to £22 1s.)		
2233	" T. Walkley, jun., additional ...	1	1 0
	(raising his list to £56 3s. 6d.)		
Unattached			
	Bro. W. J. Cattle, new list ...	10	10 0
	" W. M. Foxcroft, new list ...	10	10 0
	" F. S. Guy, new list ...	10	10 0
	Maurice Spiegel, new list ...	5	5 0
	" W. Webber, new list ...	10	10 0

PROVINCES.

DERBYSHIRE.			
Lodge		£	s. d.
1026	" G. J. Wood, new list ...	15	15 0
EAST LANCASHIRE.			
221	" J. W. Draycott, new list ...	10	10 0
645	" Carl Götz, additional ...	1	10 0
	(raising his list to £31 10s.)		

NORFOLK.

52	" H. G. Barwell, additional ...	5	5 0
	(raising his list to £84)		

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Unattached			
	Bro. Ralph Thompson, additional...	36	15 0
	(raising his list to £47 5s.)		

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s. d.
1909	Bro. J. T. Spalding, revised list ...	84	0 0
	(reducing his total by £5 5s.)		

SHROPSHIRE.

611	" C. W. Wicksted, new list ...	15	15 0
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SOMERSETSHIRE.

Unattached			
	Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, additional	10	10 0
	(Making his total £21).		

SURREY.

Unattached			
	Bro. W. H. Brodie, new list ...	10	10 0

SUSSEX.

1821	" A. P. Dollman, additional ...	2	2 0
	(raising his list to £23 2s.)		

ISLE OF MAN.

Province—	Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, additional	10	10 0
	(raising his list to £100 10s.)		

The result of these additions and corrections and of those enumerated last week is a net addition of £371 13s. to the grand total, which now amounts to £29,225 os. 6d.

CHIEF JUSTICE WAY.

The *South Australian Freemason* of the 15th of May gives the Masonic career of the Pro Grand Master of that Colony, the Hon. Chief Justice Way, who is now on a visit to this country:—

"Our distinguished brother was initiated in the Lodge of Harmony, E.C., No. 505, now No. 3 on the register of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, on the 13th October, 1862. Upon the establishment of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, in April, 1884, he was unanimously elected to the high office of Grand Master, and was re-elected at each annual meeting for the succeeding five years. In October, 1889, he resigned the office to allow of the nomination and election of His Excellency the Earl of Kintore. Most Worshipful Brother Way was immediately after the Installation of his successor, appointed as Pro Grand Master, which office he now holds. Upon his retirement from the office of Grand Master he was presented with a very handsome Past Grand Master's Jewel by the Brethren, as some slight token of their appreciation

of his faithful and zealous services as Grand Master for over five years; he is also the Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and wears the very handsome Jewel presented by that Grand Lodge. Upon the inauguration of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons he was installed as the First Grand Principal, and being a member of the Adelaide Mark Master's Lodge, No. 41, E.C., he was, by the authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, made a Past Master of the Order, and subsequently had the rank of Past Grand Warden conferred upon him by special resolution of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Our sketch would not be complete if we did not refer to the valuable aid rendered by him as the Grand Master of the senior Grand Lodge of Australasia to the cause of Masonic union in the Colonies, and which has everywhere been warmly acknowledged. His services were called into requisition at the installation of the first Grand Masters of New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania. The charges he delivered on each of these occasions are recognised as masterpieces of Masonic eloquence and learning. He is undoubtedly the most popular member of the Craft in the Colonies, and that he may long continue to hold office in the Grand Lodge is the fervent desire of every Mason in South Australia."

SUMMER SERVICE TO SCOTLAND.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns, the London and North-Western and Caledonian companies—whose railways form the Royal Mail West Coast route between England and Scotland—are making timely provision for the increase of tourist traffic to Scotland, which sets in from about the middle of July until 12th August. In addition to the usual day expresses leaving Euston Station at 10.0 a.m. for Glasgow and Edinburgh, and at 10.30 a.m. for Stirling, Perth, and Aberdeen, a new fast afternoon train is now running with dining saloon for 1st class passengers attached. This train leaves Euston at 2.0 p.m., and is timed to arrive in Glasgow at 11.0 p.m., Edinburgh at 10.50 p.m., Perth at 3.5 a.m., and Inverness at 6.30 a.m. With regard to the night service, special arrangements have been made with the Highland Railway Company to afford additional facilities for sportsmen and visitors, and to avoid as far as possible detention at Perth. A special express will leave Euston for Perth and Inverness at 7.30 p.m. from Monday, July 27th, until Tuesday, August 11th, inclusive (Saturday and Sunday nights excepted). The Highland Company will take this train forward specially from Perth in advance of the mail train, so as to reach Inverness at 10.40 a.m. The 8.0 p.m. Highland and Aberdeen express from Euston will run on Sundays as well as week days (Saturday nights excepted). It will run specially on Saturday, 8th August. From 3rd to 10th August a relief train will leave Euston in advance of the 8.0 p.m. express, with saloons and family carriages for the north. The old "Limited Mail" is now being run in two portions, the 8.50 p.m. train taking the traffic for Glasgow, Greenock, Gourock and the Clyde; and the second portion leaving at 9.0 p.m. taking traffic for Perth and the Highland line. For the conveyance of gentlemen's horses and carriages going to all parts of Scotland, special train will leave Euston at 6.20 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) from July 13th to August 10th. A carriage specially constructed for the conveyance of dogs will be attached to this train.

THE BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

The 40th annual meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held on the 1st inst., at the Offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery-lane. The report adopted, states that the receipts during the year which ended 31st March last reached £9,519,070, making a total from the commencement of the Society of more than one hundred and forty millions (£141,766,177). The deposits received were £7,993,047, and the subscriptions £244,927. The gross profits amounted to £284,315. The surplus funds have been augmented by £244,167 and now stand at £5,098,507, of which £1,628,240 is invested in consols and other securities guaranteed by the British Government, and the cash in the hands of the bankers is £317,929. A further sum of £25,000 has been added to the permanent guarantee fund, thus bringing up the amount to £150,000, and the balance £134,315, making together £284,315 in excess of the liabilities. The whole amount being invested in consols. The subscriptions and deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £5,247,712. The 13th triennial bonus on investing shares has been allotted, and the amount placed to the credit of all shares in existence at the close of the 40th year is £33,933. The surplus funds (which are invested in readily convertible securities) are sufficient to pay the depositors 114 per cent. on the amount of their deposits. The new accounts opened during the year were 10,951, and there are altogether 60,045 shareholders and depositors on the books. Since its establishment the society has returned to the shareholders and depositors more than one hundred millions (£117,071,323), the whole amount having been repaid upon demand.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Technical and Secondary Education Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., who is its president, was able to give a very satisfactory account of the progress of the society and its work.

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Grand Masters' Lodge, of which Bro. H. Holmwood Crawford (City Solicitor) is W.M. for the year, will have a river trip in the Maria Wood on Wednesday next.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, held at the Moorgate Tavern on Wednesday evenings, are adjourned till September 2nd.

The Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., has adjourned for the summer vacation until the first Wednesday in September.

An interesting and representative exhibition of heraldry is now in progress at Edinburgh. Conspicuous amongst the exhibits is the grant of arms that was made to the Tallow Chandlers' Company.

We regret to announce the death of Lady Florence Enid Wyndham Quin, eldest daughter of Bro. the Earl of Dunraven. The deceased lady had only recently completed her 21st year, having been born on the 13th June, 1870.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk is to be held on Wednesday next at the Corn Hall, East Dereham. The brethren will afterwards proceed from the Corn Hall in their Craft clothing to Divine service at the parish church, and a banquet will follow at the King's Arms Hotel.

The annual excursion of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1923, and their lady friends took place on Saturday last, when a party of between 50 and 60 proceeded from Waterloo to Guildford in saloon carriages placed at their disposal by the London and South-Western Railway Company. We shall give a full report next week.

The annual meeting of the Alfred Rose Croix Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on the 25th ult., when Bro. C. W. Sampson was installed M.W.S. by the outgoing M.W.S., Bro. T. W. Chaffin. The newly-elected M.W.S. invested his officers for the ensuing year.

Speech-day at Harrow was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when among those present were the Danish Minister, Bros. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., Lord Mayor Savory, Sheriff Farmer, and Sheriff Augustus Harris.

The fourth edition of Mr. Thomas Greenwood's "Public Libraries" is now in the press. The work has been brought down to date, and a great amount of new matter has been added. This is the book to which Mr. Gladstone repeatedly referred when opening one of the London public libraries a few months ago. The new edition will be published by Cassell and Co.

Last week Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Sir Morell Mackenzie, M.D., J. C. Parkinson, Major Arthur Griffiths, F. Drummond, and S. B. Bancroft visited Bro. Edmund Yates at Holmwood, in Surrey, to present him, on behalf of the subscribers, with a massive richly chased silver bowl, bearing this inscription: "Presented to Edmund Yates on completing three score years, by three score friends and well-wishers 3rd July, 1891."

Already nearly £3000 has been received towards the memorial which is being raised for the late Bro. Archbishop Magee, and which, it is hoped, will ultimately reach £12,000. The claims on the late Archbishop's estate for his translation from Peterborough and dilapidations amount to close on £2000, and the Committee are anxious to discharge these, and at the same time provide an additional income of £300 a year for the Archbishop's widow and two aged sisters.

The first of the two matches between the Gentlemen and Players during the present season was played at Kennington Oval in the latter half of last week, when the Gentlemen came off victorious in one innings by 54 runs. The scores were—Players, 105 and 59; Gentleman, 278. For the former Abel and M. Read scored 27 each, Ulyett, 22, and Peel (not out), 22; for the latter Mr. E. Smith made 76, Mr. W. W. Read, 50, Mr. A. E. Stoddart, 39, and Mr. R. N. Douglas, 30.

The German Emperor, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, rode over to Eton on Monday morning and inspected the volunteer battalion, some 280 strong, of the College, there being in attendance on his Majesty Bros. Admiral Sir E. Commerell and Sir E. Baldwin Malet. The boys went through their drill and several manoeuvres with great credit, and at the close were congratulated in a brief speech by his Majesty, who expressed himself well pleased with their appearance and discipline.

According to the day census recently taken of the City, the total number of employers and employed in the City on the 27th April last was 301,381, or 40,320 more than at the census in 1881. The number of women at work was 50,416, or nearly 6000 more than at the previous census, and the number of children under 15 years 21,305, or upwards of 2000 more than before. The census of street traffic was taken on the 4th May, when it was found that the number of persons entering the City on foot or in vehicles at 80 different points was 1,121,708, as compared with 797,563 in 1881, while the number of vehicles was 92,488, or nearly 21,000 more than in 1881. These returns do not include passengers by train, of whom only a partial census was taken.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany arrived off the Nore on board the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern early on Saturday morning last, and some hours later reached Port Victoria, where he was received, on behalf of her Majesty the Queen, by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were attended by their respective suites as well as by the German Ambassador and his attachés, and Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, our Ambassador at Berlin. After luncheon on board the Hohenzollern, the Imperial and Royal party left by train at 2.25 p.m., the journey being safely accomplished to Windsor, where they were met by the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, and were escorted from the railway station to the Castle, where her Majesty received them and greeted them most affectionately.

Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., organist of St. Sepulchre's, resumed his duties on Sunday after a short vacation.

With his family, Bro. Benskin, late of the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, is making a tour of the world.

The new Town Hall of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields will be formally opened by the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., on Thursday, the 16th inst.

The Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., is held on Tuesday evenings at eight o'clock instead of Thursday as heretofore.

The Accident Insurance Company (Limited) give notice that interim interest on the paid capital of the company at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the half-year ending the 30th of June, 1891, is now payable.

The Duchess of Teck has graciously consented to open a bazaar in the grounds of the British Home for Incurables, Clapham-rise, on Tuesday, 21st instant, on behalf of the London and South-Western Railway Servants' Orphanage.

The Duke of Cambridge dined with Bro. Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller, there being present, among others, to meet his Royal Highness, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage.

The annual dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., the guests being Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, and Admiral H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 3rd inst. at the Masonic Hall, where, after some routine business, about a dozen children were elected on the Educational Fund, and grants given for advancement in life.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Metropolitan Counties of the Royal Order of Scotland, of which Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke is Prov. G.M., will meet at 33, Golden-square, on Monday next, at 3.30 p.m. The banquet will take place at the Ship, Greenwich, at 6.30.

The 21st annual meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association was held in St. James's Hall on Thursday evening, the 2nd instant, when a number of substantial subscriptions was announced. It was stated that there are 13,000 licensed men in London, of whom 8000 were actually in employment. The number of annuitants on the list of the Association is 58.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught dined with the Duke and Duchess of Westminster at Grosvenor House on the 3rd inst., among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt, Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, and Bro. General Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller.

In the advertisements of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey which appeared last week some inaccuracies occurred, which a reference to this week's issue will put right, but we have, notwithstanding, to express our regret that through a misunderstanding on our part the advertisements appeared before the proof had been approved by the Prov. Grand Secretary.

A party of bluejackets, numbering 130, under the command of Lieut. Pearce, R.N., with a battery of six 9-pound muzzle-loaders, arrived at Waterloo Station from the gunnery ship Cambridge, Plymouth, on Monday morning, and marched to the Royal Naval Exhibition, preceded from Birdcage Walk by the band of the Royal Marine Artillery. An enormous crowd lined the streets and gave the men a hearty welcome.

The Prince of Wales attended the second biennial sale of his shorthorn cattle and Southdown sheep at Wolferton, on the 3rd instant. The proceeds amounted to £3184, the highest price being £210, given by Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild for Duchess Lancaster, among the other purchasers being Bros. the Earl of Faversham and Lord Fitzhardinge. His Royal Highness returned to Marlborough House the same evening.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral have granted permission to the Imperial Federation League to erect a monument in the cathedral to the memory of the late Bro. Sir John Macdonald, Premier of the Dominion of Canada. Subscriptions to the fund which is being raised for the purpose will be received by the honorary Treasurers, Bro. Lord Brassey and Sir Daniel Cooper, at the offices of the League, 36, Charles-street, Berkeley-square.

The Emperor of Germany, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Duke of Connaught drove to the Victoria Barracks, Windsor, early on Saturday morning and inspected the 2nd battalion Scots Guards and the 2nd Life Guards, which had marched from Spital. When the inspection was over, the two regiments, headed by their bands, marched to Holy Trinity Church, where the Emperor and the Princes attended Divine service in which the bands took part.

Chicago is bound to supply by art the distinction denied her by nature. Naturally about as "low-down" a city as New Orleans itself—built, indeed, on a swamp beside Lake Michigan—her buildings vie with each other in a kind of Tower-of-Babel competition. Now it is the Oddfellows, who, jealous of the Freemasons' buildings, have decided to rear a stupendous temple for their Order at the corner of Van Buren-street and Fifteenth-avenue. The new pile is to cost a million dollars and to be 16 stories high.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The remains of the late Bro. J. Drago, naval pensioner, were buried on Wednesday at Chatham Cemetery. The deceased, who was 73 years of age, was only ill three days, and died on Saturday last at his residence in Middle-street, Old Brompton. He was an old Freemason and well known in local Masonic circles, having carried out the duties of Tyler to lodges Nos. 184 and 1424 for over 30 years. About three years ago he received a pension from the above lodges in recognition of his past services. Among the mourners were the only son, the brother of the deceased, a few personal friends, and Bros. Russell, W.M., Varren, P.M., P.P.G.P., Tanner, P.M., P.G.S.B., and Baldwin, P.M., from No. 184; and Bro. L. Salt, W.M., T. Morgan, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., Burrell, Stwd., and Rose, Tyler, from No. 1424. Wreaths were sent from the different lodges, and deep sympathy was expressed throughout the town where the deceased had so long resided.

Bro. Sheriff Harris and Mrs. Harris will be "At home," at The Elms, Avenue-road, on Saturday, the 25th inst.

Bro. Professor Shuttleworth occupied the pulpit of St. Stephen's, Gloucester-road, on Sunday morning.

We are happy to state that Bro. George Pole Britten has been elected to the benefits of Morden College, Blackheath, and will go into residence on Monday next.

Bro. Sir Henry Knight and Lady Knight have removed from 6, Stratford-place, and are now staying at their country seat, Elm Side, Hampton. Their future town residence will be 2, Whitehall-court.

Personalty to the amount of £35,903 has been left by the late Mr. Henry Sampson, of the *Referee*. Conditionally, the testator bequeaths half of his residuary estate to Charitable Institutions.

We notice that the brands of champagne ordered by the Corporation of the City of London for the entertainment to the German Emperor are: Périnet et Fils, Heidsieck, Bollinger, and Dèutz and Geldermann.

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

For the Mrs. Grimwood Fund, the Princess of Wales has already received a substantial amount, the contributors including Lord and Lady Rothschild, £20; Mrs. Leopold Rothschild, £10; Miss Alice de Rothschild, £10; the Duchess of St. Albans, £5; Baroness de Rothschild, £5; and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, £20.

General Boulanger has written a book, which was published in Paris on Thursday. It is entitled "Reflections, Thoughts, and Maxims." In a volume of 300 pages the General discourses on politics, love, and literature, and in a somewhat lengthy preface explains the scope and object of his unlooked-for contribution to the field of letters.

That Bro. Augustus Harris's arrangements for the State Performance at the Italian Opera on Wednesday night were without a hitch is merely recording a foregone conclusion, but on this occasion the popular impresario appears to have surpassed himself. Festoons of roses, lilies, and other flowers were hung around each tier, looped at the box divisions by posies of similar flowers, which completely concealed the pillars, while bouquets were placed in every box. The Royal box was festooned from end to end with ropes of English roses—the whole wafting a grateful perfume throughout the house. The performance itself was as near perfection as possible, and the Emperor more than once expressed his admiration of the magnificent spectacle. During the evening their Imperial and Royal Highnesses conveyed to Bro. Augustus Harris their satisfaction at the arrangements.

At the recent annual meeting of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, the Rev. Benjamin Waugh, in thanking the hospital for admitting a number of little ones "rescued by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children," alluded to the difficulty of procuring the admission of convalescent patients of the hospital into the general convalescent homes, because of the contagious and disfiguring nature of their disease. He concluded by moving that a convalescent branch of the institution be established. The proposition has been promptly adopted, and the hospital now has a convalescent branch of 10 beds in the most rural part of the Finchley-road. The home was opened on Saturday, when the beds were at once filled with cases from the hospital in Leicester-square.

Black and White of this week is enlarged by 16 pages in order that the visit of the German Emperor and the Royal Wedding may be adequately illustrated. Mr. Frederic Villiers and a staff of special artists have been busily engaged in sketching the chief events connected with the Emperor's landing at Port Victoria, his journey to Windsor, and subsequent events of the week. In addition to these illustrations the number will contain a fine engraving of an entirely new portrait of the Emperor, which has just been exhibited in Berlin, and a full-page portrait of the Empress. Mr. Lanley Sambourne contributes a special cartoon illustrative of the Emperor's visit, and there are besides portraits of the Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein and her husband, Prince Aribert of Anhalt, and other illustrations.

The marriage of the Princess Louise, youngest daughter of Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and grand-daughter of her Majesty the Queen, with Prince Aribert of Anhalt was solemnised in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Monday. Among those present on the occasion were the Queen, the Emperor and Empress of Germany, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princesses Victoria and Marie and Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, the Duchess of Albany, the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Victoria and Prince Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, the German and Austro-Hungarian Ambassadors, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Princes Adolphus and Francis of Teck, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bradford, Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage, Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran. The bride was given away by her father, and the ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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