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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for the School elections, which will be held early in April, have been issued, and it will be now possible for the friends and supporters of the different candidates to form some estimate of their respective chances of success. Speaking generally, it will be found on glancing down the lists of names, and at the particulars furnished of each case, in the first place that the number of unsuccessful candidates standing over from the elections in October last is, in the case of both Schools, small, and in the next place that the total number of candidates is by no means hugely disproportionate to the number of vacancies for which they will compete. Thus, as regards the Girls' School, there are only three candidates remaining over from last election, while the competitors for the 16 vacancies to be filled are 23 in number. As regards the Boys' School, there are 10 candidates remaining from October last, and 38 competitors for 20 vacancies. That the voting will be heavy, especially in the case of the Girls' School, we do not doubt, as the votes issued will be distributable among fewer candidates than usual; but at the same time if the friends of those children who have this one and only chance of success left them will but exert themselves, and those Governors and Subscribers who are not already pledged to support particular candidates will only give their votes and influence in behalf of these cases, there is no reason why the approaching elections should not terminate in such a manner that no one candidate in either list is rejected absolutely. This is a matter on which we have strenuously insisted for some time past, on the ground that if a child is worthy of being accepted as a candidate, and has but few friends to help him, it is the duty of unpledged voters to give him their support, in order, if possible, to prevent him—or her, as the case may be—from being finally and absolutely rejected. Having said this much generally, we now give our attention to the list of candidates for

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

As we have already pointed out, this contains the names of 23 children, of whom three were candidates for the first time in October last, and the remaining 20 are new cases. Of these London is directly interested in the success of eight—namely, Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 17, and 22, while there are two other girls in whom it is in part interested, that is to say, in No. 12, who has claims upon the Province of Kent as well, and No. 16, whose father was initiated in a Gloucestershire lodge, and afterwards migrated to London. Of the remaining 13, the father of No. 3, who has 278 votes to her credit, was a member of a military lodge (No. 316), while the other 12 hail from as many Provinces: that is to say, No. 2, from Lincolnshire; No. 6, from Hertfordshire; No. 9, from Sussex; No. 10, from Middlesex; No. 13, from West Lancashire and Hants and the Isle of Wight; No. 14, from Warwickshire; No. 15, from West Yorkshire; No. 18, from Shropshire; No. 19, from Essex; No. 20, from Hants and the Isle of Wight; No. 21, from North Wales; and No. 23, from Cheshire. Two of the children (Nos. 5 and 10) have both parents living, while Nos. 9 and 22 have lost both, all the rest being fatherless. In sundry cases, the father supported our Institutions either by contributing to their funds or acting for one or other of them as Festival Steward. The "last" cases are three in number, namely, Nos. 5, 8, and 22, and all hailing from London, on which, therefore, in the first instance rests the responsibility of seeing that they are not rejected. We may add that none of the three candidates remaining from last October election has any great advantage over the other 20 children by reason of the votes already standing to its credit.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Here, as we have said, the number of vacancies to be filled is 20, and the number of candidates 38, of whom London furnishes 10 and the Provinces and Abroad the remaining 28. The London 10 rank as Nos. 8—with 800 votes already standing to his credit—13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, and 34, and of these No. 24 has this one and only chance allowed him of securing admission into the School. Of the 28 cases hailing from the Provinces and Abroad, Cumberland and Westmorland, Dorsetshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Victoria furnish two each, the Lake Country pair being Nos. 27 and 29, and the Dorsetshire Nos. 12 and 14. The Kent boys are No. 5 with 551 votes, and No. 9 with 531 votes in hand, and the Lincolnshire No. 6, who brings forward 827 votes, and No. 26. The two from Staffordshire are No. 2, who brings forward 41 votes as the result of three previous ballots, and will have no further opportunity of competing if he fails on this occasion, and No. 30; while the two from Warwickshire are No. 1, who has already taken part in six elections, and has 47 votes to the good, this being his one remaining chance of

winning a place, and No. 7, who brings forward 269 votes from the ballot in October last. The two Victorians are Nos. 33 and 36, and if the former fails on this occasion his name will be removed from the list. The other 14 hail from as many Provinces or Districts abroad; No. 3 being from Herefordshire; No. 4, from Madras; No. 10, from Demerara; No. 11, from Worcestershire and Warwickshire; No. 18, from Somersetshire; No. 19, from East and West Lancashire; No. 21, from North Wales; No. 23, from Cambridgeshire; No. 28, from Cornwall and Hants and the Isle of Wight; No. 31, from Devonshire; No. 32, from Norfolk; No. 35, from Gloucestershire; No. 37, from Berkshire; and No. 38, from Wiltshire. In about one-third of the cases the father supported one or more of our Institutions, either by contributing of his means or acting as Festival Steward, while in a still greater proportion of the cases he had won distinction in lodge or lodge and Province together. There are 33 out of the 38 candidates who are fatherless, and one has lost both parents, the remaining four having both parents living.

It should be added that the elections will take place, in respect of the Girls' School, at the Quarterly Court, which will be held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 7th April; and in respect of the Boys' School, at the same place on the day following; and that on both occasions the chair will be taken punctually at the hour of twelve noon, and the poll be opened at the conclusion of the ordinary business and closed precisely at 3 p.m.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS.

The annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Orders of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 7th inst. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M. Ill. G. Sovereign, and the Earl of Euston, M.E.G. Viceroy, the chair was taken by Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, Intendant-General Jamaica, supported by

Sir Knights Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Gen., as G.V.; Rev. S. Maude, as G.H.P.; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, as G. Herald; C. F. Hogard, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, G. Rec.; H. H. Shirley, G. Cham.; C. H. Driver, G. Architect; C. E. Keyser, G. Orator; G. R. Cobham, A.G. Rec.; H. C. Heard, G. Sen.; A. H. Bateman, G. Sen.; H. J. Lardner, G. Sen.; W. M. Bywater, G. Sen.; J. Moon; Frank Richardson; Nelson Prower, P.S.; G. J. Robinson; W. F. Lamonby, Intendant-General Unatt.; G. Vincent Cotterell; J. A. Gartley; C. Chauffourier; W. Weiss, P.G.V.; J. Purrott, P.S. Gen.; T. Graham Robinson; R. C. Fillingham; W. C. S. Burney; G. Gregory; J. J. Pakes; Gordon Miller; and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Imperial Conclave was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held last year were read and confirmed. The annual report of the Executive Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Knight HOGARD, seconded by Sir Knight WALLS, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Sir Knight LAMONBY then proposed the re-election of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., as M. Ill. G. Sovereign. He had recently returned from Australia, where he had taken great interest in the manner in which Col. Sir Francis Burdett had performed his duties, and he was sure that the Order under his chieftainship must flourish in the future.

Sir Knight H. C. HEARD having seconded the nomination, it was carried by acclamation, and Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was duly proclaimed by the Grand Herald as M. Ill. Grand Sovereign for the ensuing year.

Sir Knight FRANK RICHARDSON said he had much pleasure in nominating the Earl of Euston for re-election as M.E. Grand Viceroy. All Masons knew the extreme interest taken by the Earl of Euston in every Degree in Masonry to which he belonged, and that if he put his hand to the plough in this Degree, it would become as prosperous as other Degrees.

Sir Knight C. H. DRIVER seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, and the Earl of Euston duly proclaimed by the GRAND HERALD.

On the motion of Sir Knight WALLS, Sir Knight C. F. Hogard was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, and returned thanks.

The following members of Grand Council were appointed to office by the M.I.G. Sov.:

Sir Knight Viscount Dungarvan	...	...	G. Sen. General.
" C. H. Driver	...	...	G. Jun. General.
" Rev. S. Maude	...	...	} G. High Prelates.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	...
" W. G. Lemon	...	...	G. High Chan.
" C. F. Hogard	...	...	G. Treasurer.
" C. F. Matier	...	...	G. Recorder.
" H. H. Shirley	...	...	G. High Almoner.
" H. J. Lardner	...	...	G. Chamberlain.
" C. E. Keyser	...	...	G. Architect.
" R. Berridge	...	...	G. Marshal.
" A. H. Bateman	...	...	G. Orator.
" G. Reading	...	...	G. Historiographer

The following were appointed members of Grand Senate :

Sir Knight Frank Richardson ...	...	...	G. Preceptor.
" Col. A. B. Cook ...	...	...	G. Examiner.
" Frederic Graves ...	...	...	G. Prefect.
" H. C. Heard ...	...	...	G. Sub-Prelate.
" G. R. Cobham ...	...	...	G. Vice-Chan.
" J. A. Gartley ...	...	...	G. Asst. Recorder.

The following were elected members of Grand Senate and appointed to office as under :

Sir Knight W. O. Robinson ...	...	...	G. Sub-Almoner.
" T. Le Seeleur ...	...	...	G. Insp. of Reg.
" W. Lake ...	...	...	} G. Std. Br.
" J. H. Thompson ...	...	...
" H. Roberts ...	...	...	G.S.B.
" J. D. Murray ...	...	...	G. Organist.
" W. M. Bywater ...	...	...	G. Preceptor.
" S. J. Brice ...	...	...	G. Vice-Cham.
" G. Dalrymple ...	...	...	G. Asst. Marshal.
" Valentine Brown ...	...	...	} G. Heralds.
" C. Vincent Cotterell ...	...	...
" C. H. Chauffourier ...	...	...	G.D. of C.

The rank of Past Grand Senator was conferred upon Sir Knight H. R. Hogg, P.G. Prefect.

The Earl of Euston was appointed President, and Sir Knight J. L. Thomas member, of the Executive Committee, and the following were elected members: Sir Knights C. H. Driver, J. Mason, T. C. Walls, W. G. Lemon, and G. Powell.

The following were elected members of the Grand High Almoner's Committee: Sir Knights C. F. Hogard, R. Berridge, and James Moon.

Sir Knight Gilbert was re-elected Grand Sentinel.

The GRAND RECORDER then read the following appointments made by the M. Ill. Grand Sovereign to the Patriarchal Council of K.H.S. and St. John :

Sir Knight Viscount Dungarvan ...	...	...	G. Senechal.
" C. H. Driver ...	...	...	G. Prior.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford ...	...	...	G. Sub-Prior.
" H. H. Shirley ...	...	...	G. Capt. of Gd.
" W. G. Lemon ...	...	...	G. Chan. Gen.
" C. F. Matier ...	...	...	G. Reg. Gen.
" C. F. Hogard ...	...	...	G. Treas. Gen.
" H. J. Lardner ...	...	...	G. Hospt. Gen.
" C. E. Keyser ...	...	...	G. 1st Lieut.
" R. Berridge ...	...	...	G. 2nd Lieut.
" A. H. Bateman ...	...	...	G. Guardian S.V.
" G. Reading ...	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" F. Richardson ...	...	...	G. Torch Br.
" Col. A. B. Cook ...	...	...	G. Verger.
" F. Graves ...	...	...	G. Harbinger.
" H. C. Heard ...	...	...	G. Warder.

Sir Knight BATEMAN having made some observations with reference to suggestions for the revision of the ritual, the Grand Imperial Conclave was formally closed.

A commandery of St. John the Evangelist was then held and the Orders of K.H.S. and St. John were conferred upon Sir Knights Gordon Miller and W. W. Lee. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, A. H. Bateman, H. J. Lardner, and Capt. T. C. Walls, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the proposition of Sir Knight HOGARD.

A banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern, presided over by Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, Intendant-General Jamaica, as M. Ill. G. Sovereign.

"The Queen and Christian Masonry" was the first toast subsequently given, after which

The ACTING M.I.G. SOVEREIGN gave "The Health of the M. Ill. G. Sovereign," and said there were many present who had seen more of Sir Francis Burdett than he, but he would yield to none in his appreciation of the geniality and the manner their Grand Sovereign carried on his work. He had attended a good many council meetings, but this was only the second time Sir Francis had been prevented from presiding, and they all regretted the occasion, and hoped he would be speedily restored to health and strength.

"The Earl of Euston, M.E.G. Viceroy, and Grand Officers" was next given by Sir Knight BELGRAVE NINNIS, who remarked that the Earl of Euston was one of the enthusiasts in Masonry, and whatever he did appeared to succeed. With regard to the Grand Officers, they all knew what Sir Knight Matier, Grand Recorder, could do, and this also applied to Sir Knight Hogard, Grand Treasurer, who occupied the office of Grand Recorder for many years.

Sir Knight C. H. DRIVER, Grand Junior General, returned thanks, and said the Grand Officers had but one idea, which was to do the best they could to promote the interests of this Degree.

Sir Knight F. RICHARDSON, on behalf of "The Grand Senate," said the members hoped that during the coming year there would be plenty of work, which they would endeavour to transact to the best of their ability.

Sir Knights GORDON MILLER and W. W. LEE replied for "The Newly-installed Sir Knights," after which

Sir Knight C. F. HOGARD, G. Treas., proposed "The Health of Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis," and said that when they heard their friend Sir Francis Burdett was unable to be present through illness, and that the Earl of Euston was away, they fell back upon the services of Sir Knight Ninnis, who had done so much for the Order in Jamaica and who established two conclaves although only there a short time.

Sir Knight BELGRAVE NINNIS, Intendant-General Jamaica, said that as regarded occupying the chair that evening, he was very pleased to do so although he very much regretted the cause.

"The Health of the Sir Knights who had so ably rendered the ceremonies of K.H.S. and St. John" was next given in cordial terms. The ACTING GRAND SOVEREIGN said that when they considered what the ceremonies were they must have been gratified to have seen them done in such an exemplary manner. The manner in which Sir Knight Shirley rendered the ritual, and the trouble taken by Sir Knight Bateman in bringing the necessary furniture from Belvedere, was worthy of all praise. They should not, however, forget the able assistance rendered by Sir Knights Walls and Lardner.

Sir Knight H. H. SHIRLEY, G.H. Almoner, replied, and said it had been a labour of love to use his best endeavours to perfect himself in the working of the intricate ceremonies. However much trouble he might have taken it would have been utterly impossible to have succeeded unless assisted in the most able manner by Sir Knights Walls and Lardner.

Sir Knight A. H. BATEMAN also replied, and said he hoped the meeting that night would be the first of many instructive meetings, and that the Order which had been somewhat neglected would be one of the leading Orders. They had many Masons with them whose names were household words in Masonry, and he felt that with such assistance they should make greater strides in the future than they had in the past. With regard to Kent, the province he represented, they had a new Intendant-General in the Rev. Hayman Cumming, whose enthronement would take place on the third Tuesday in May, when they hoped many of the Grand Officers and members would endeavour to attend.

The proceedings then terminated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Grand Chapter of this province was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, under the banner of the Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. In the unavoidable absence of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Geo. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, G. Std. Br. of England, presided.

Amongst those present were—

Comps. J. Barr, P.P.G.H., as P.G.H.; Henry Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.G.J.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.G.S.E.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.G. Treas.; E. G. Mitchell, Z. 371, P. 1st A.G. Soj.; J. Abbott, J. 371, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Loach, S.E. 962, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Starkey, J. 119, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Smith, Org. 371, P.G. Org.; John Mills, 119, P.A.G.S.E.; Wm. Hodgson, J. 2073, and J. Atkinson, P.G. Stwds.; J. Messenger, Janitor 371, P.G. Janitor; J. A. Scott, S.E. 371; J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371, P.P.G.H.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; E. B. Penrice, P.Z.; James Dickinson, Z. elect, P.G.S.B.; J. Gardiner, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; E. Clarke, P.Z. 119, P.P.A.G.S.; Rees Thomas, 119; J. Gibson, 1073; Rev. James Anderson, 119; W. Heathcote, P.S. 119; R. J. Nelson, 129, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Kassell, P.S. 1074; Rev. Wm. Cree, 339 and 1074; Chas. Whiteker, 1074; Thos. Rallinshaw, S.E. 1074; C. J. Nanson, Z. 310; J. Kerby, 962; F. Richardson, 327; T. Mandle, P.Z. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Atkinson, 371; J. Turney, and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Whitehaven, were read and confirmed.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £37 5s. 5d. to credit; and, on the motion of Comp. NELSON, seconded by Comp. BARR, it was unanimously passed as read; and, on the motion of Comp. GARDINER, seconded by Comp. J. NICHOLSON, Comp. Kenworthy was again elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

On the motion of Comp. DALRYMPLE, seconded by Comp. MCKAY, Comp. J. Messenger was elected Provincial Grand Janitor.

Comp. MCKAY, in the chair, invested, on behalf of the Grand Superintendent, the following companions as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Copland, P.Z. 129, Z. 1074 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" G. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" David Reece, Z. 962 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. B. Penrice, P.Z. 371 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. G. Mitchell, Z. 371 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Dickinson, Z. elect 371 ...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Rev. W. Cree, 339, 1074 ...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" A. W. Cozens-Hardy, S.E. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Atkinson, H. 1074 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Starkey, J. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Hodgson, J. 1073 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" John Kassell, P.S. 1074 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Mills, 119 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Henry Peacock, 371 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. O. Scott, 371 ...	...	...
" John Thompson, 119, 339 ...	...	...
" John Messenger, 371 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The PROV. GRAND SCRIBE E. said it gave him much pleasure to announce to the companions that a handsome gift had been made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons by their highly esteemed Comp. J. Nicholson, the respected father of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in the province. The gift was a donation of 50 guineas, in the name of Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, thereby receiving 40 votes in perpetuity. It was not only a gift to the chapter which had been honoured with his name, but to the province, and it was with pride and pleasure that he moved that the united thanks of this Provincial Grand Chapter be given to Comp. Jos. Nicholson for his handsome gift.

Comp. MCKAY said he was delighted to second the Prov. Grand S.E.'s motion. It was not only a valuable donation to the province, but a timely one, being the Jubilee year of the R.M.B.I., and he sincerely hoped they would have the pleasure of meeting their worthy companion for many years to come.

The motion was put from the chair, and received a hearty round of applause.

Comp. NICHOLSON briefly thanked the companions for their hearty thanks and good wishes, and said that he hoped every Degree of Masonry in the province would continue to prosper, and that the lodges and chapters would always work in love and good harmony.

The companions of Provincial Grand Chapter were pleased to receive a telegram from Comp. W. F. Lamony from London during the meeting.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY.

The vacant office is at length filled, and the post which was occupied for nearly a dozen years by the lamented Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke with so much credit to himself and such advantage to the Craft, is now held by Bro. Edward Letchworth, who, by special desire of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, was privately invested with the insignia of his office on Monday by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master. The appointment, so far as we have had the opportunity of judging, will give general satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Letchworth is a Mason of high standing, who has seen much service. He was initiated in 1875 in one of the Red Apron lodges—the Jerusalem, No. 197—and is one of its Past Masters and Treasurer. He is also a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and of the St. James's Lodge, No. 1579, Enfield, as well as a subscribing member of the Bard of Avon and Earl of Sussex Lodges. In 1877 he was appointed Prov. Grand Registrar of Middlesex, and in 1884 a J.G. Deacon of England. In the Royal Arch, he has twice occupied the chair of First Principal in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and is also a P.Z. of the Enfield Chapter, No. 1237, and the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, and Past Grand Std. Br. of Supreme Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree he is a P.M. of the Ruspini Lodge, a subscribing member of the Carnarvon Lodge, and a Past Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge, as well as a past member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Mariner Council. In the Order of the Temple, he is a Past E.P. of the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, a Past Prior of Malta, and a Past Officer of Great Priory, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a Past M.W.S. of the Bard of Avon Rose Croix Chapter, a subscribing member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, and has taken the 3^d of the Rite. He is likewise a Past M.P.S. of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, a Past Captain of the Guard in the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters, a Past Grand Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland for London and the Metropolitan Counties, and a member and Past Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor. These constitute a sufficient array of claims upon our respect, and clearly demonstrate that the new Grand Secretary has not only exhibited a deep interest in all, or nearly all, of the various branches of our modern system of Masonry, but has also attained to a position of eminence in each of them. But his chief claim upon our respect will be found in the important services he has rendered as a member for six years of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board for two or three years, and of the General Committee of Grand Chapter for 11 years, while as regards our Charitable Institutions he is not only a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution and a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, but he has also served very many Stewardships on their behalf, and, above all, has been for 11 years and upwards a member of the House Committee of the last-named Institution, and is, therefore, familiar with all the details of its administration. In short, though it is only about 17 years since Bro. Letchworth became a member of our Society, he has within that period of time discharged so many and such various important duties that the news of his appointment will be received everywhere with satisfaction. The post on which he has just entered is both an onerous and responsible one, but it will be recognised on all sides that in Bro. Letchworth the M.W. Grand Master has found one who in the matter of Masonic experience and general business capacity is in every way well qualified for the office.



BRO. EDWARD LETCHWORTH, P.G.D.,
GRAND SECRETARY.

RECORDS OF THE OLD GRAND LODGE OF YORK.

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Several warrants of constitution were granted by the Grand Lodge for the holding of subordinate lodges, the first recorded (which is of an interesting character) being granted on the 10th June, 1762, to certain brethren who were French prisoners of war on their parole, to enable them and others to open and continue a lodge at the Punch Bowl, Stonegate, but prohibiting them and their successors from making any one a brother who should be a subject of Great Britain or Ireland.

Constitutions were also subsequently granted to hold lodges at the Royal Oak, in Ripon; the Crown, Knaresborough; at Macclesfield, in Cheshire, at the sign of the Duke of Devonshire; at Hovingham, near Malton; Rotherham, and other places, all of which have, of course, long ceased to exist, and there was also one granted for a lodge to be holden at the "Sun" in Hollingwood, in the County of Lancaster, dated 27th November, 1790, the original of which was for many years in the custody of the Grand Lodge of London and was in 1886 transmitted to this lodge by the Grand

Secretary, and now adorns the wall of our lodge, and is a valuable addition to the records in our possession.

On the 23rd October, 1766, it is stated that the Grand Master offered an elegant medal as a prize for the brother who should best acquit himself in giving the three Lectures on the third Monday in December, but there does not appear to have been any competition for its possession, either at the lodge in December or at any other time, so far as I can discover.

The Festivals of St. John appear to have been kept with great regularity, the Grand Master and his officers being usually installed at that of St. John the Evangelist on the 27th December. Advertisements of this Festival generally appeared in the York newspapers, inviting the attendances of members and those belonging to other lodges in the city. There was a notable celebration in December, 1770, with a procession to St. John's Church, Micklegate, when Sir Thos. Gascoigne was installed Grand Master, and a large number of members and visitors attended.

In 1774 the Grand Lodge appears to have had some difficulty with the Grand Treasurer, who had absented himself for some time from the meetings, and no satisfactory statement of his accounts could be obtained from him. Ultimately, however, the Grand Treasurer found himself compelled to make an assignment to his creditors, and the Grand Lodge received from his assignees 10s. in the £ on the debt of £101 15s. 6d. due from him.

After this (in December, 1774) it was ordered that the business of the Treasurer and Secretary be for the future done by the same person, and Bro. Atkinson accepted the said office gratis. This arrangement, however, was altered the following month, when Bro. Kitson was appointed Grand Treasurer, and continued in the office for several years.

The minute book commencing 27th December, 1774, and ending 31st July, 1780, was discovered by Bro. Hughan in the archives of the Grand Lodge of London, along with a minute book of the Grand Chapter of York, and these valuable records were mainly through his exertions transmitted to this lodge on the 15th March, 1872.

I have before referred to the ancient Constitutions which have been discovered, and it appears from the inventory of 1779 that at that date the archives of the York Grand Lodge contained six of these valuable documents. Of these five are now in the possession of the York Lodge.

The first, which is numbered 1, is supposed to be of the date of 1600 or thereabouts, and is unquestionably the most interesting, as well as the oldest of all the documents. It is written on parchment, and endorsed: "Found in Pontefract Castle at the demolition and given to the lodge by Francis Drake, A.D. 1736." The demolition of Pontefract Castle commenced in April, 1649, but how this document found its way there, and how long it had remained in that fortress it is impossible to ascertain.

It was not, however, destined to remain at York after its presentation to the Grand Lodge, and it was, in fact, lost sight of for a long period until discovered about 15 years ago by Bro. Hughan in the Grand Lodge of London, along with another of the York MSS., and both were restored to the custody of this lodge in 1877.

The Roll No. 2 is the most modern of the York MSS., and is also written on parchment, and is headed "The Constitutions of Masonry, 1704." It is, I believe, the only one of the York Constitutions in which the

word "Freemason" is made use of, the word "Mason" generally occurring. Both the MSS., 1 and 2, contain an anagram on Masonry of a similar character.

The Manuscript No. 3 is unfortunately missing, and up to the present time has not been traced. It is referred to in the inventory of 1779 as "A parchment roll of charges on Masonry, 1630."

No. 4 MS., dated 1693, I have before alluded to as an early evidence of the existence of a lodge in York. It is written on a roll of paper, and was given to the Grand Lodge by Bro. George Walker, of Wetherby, in 1777. There is a peculiar clause in this MS., providing for the admission of females, which is as follows: "The one of the elders taking the Booke, and that hee or shee that is to be made Mason shall lay their hands thereon, and the charge shall be given." The MS. also contains a special charge to apprentices.

The MS. No. 5 is a long roll of paper containing neither date nor signature, but its date is supposed to be about the year 1670. It is evidently a copy of MS. No. 1, except that it indicates the Book on which apprentices were sworn to secrecy to be "Ye Holy Scripture." This also occurs in the MS. of 1704.

No. 6, the last of the MSS. (which was discovered in the Grand Lodge of London along with No. 1), is mentioned in the York inventory as "A parchment roll of charges whereof the bottom part is a-wanting." The date of it is about 1680, and its contents are similar to the earlier roll, but the conclusion is certainly different to all the known Masonic MSS. It is as follows: "Doe all as you would be done unto, and I beseech you at every meeting and assembly you pray heartily for all Christians. Farewell."

Most of these valuable MSS. have been published in the pages of the "Masonic Magazine" or in the works of Bro. Hughan. They are undoubtedly transcripts of much older documents, and are well worthy of a careful and attentive perusal.

Amongst the furniture and paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge may be mentioned the large silk banner, with the arms of Grand Lodge, presented by Grand Master Sir Thos. Gascoigne, which is in an excellent state of preservation; a large painting of the crypt of York Minster, which is now hung on the lodge staircase; the mahogany obligation pedestal and cushion, with crimson velvet cover, given by Bro. Sir Thos. Gascoigne, Bart.; three columns of the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian Orders, with silver sockets; and the three gavels placed on the pedestals of the W.M. and Wardens of the York Lodge; a pair of gold compasses and a silver extinguisher (snuffers), presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Mayer on the 22nd February, 1762; also plates for summonses, and the seals of the Grand Lodge. With regard to the latter, the silver seal, bearing three regal crowns, was no doubt the one affixed to the York Constitutions and certificates, and is the one referred to in the inventory as the old seal of Prince Edwin's arms. The other two seals are named in the inventory as "a seal and counter seal," the first bearing the arms of Prince Edwin and the other the arms of Masonry. Above the three crowns in the former (the brass seal) is the date A.D. 926. The counter seal is of copper, and contains the arms and crest used by the Athol Masons.

There are many other interesting notes of the proceedings of the old Grand Lodge during the last 18 years of its existence, but I found it was impossible to embrace these in my notes so as to compress them within moderate limits. As showing the vigour consequent upon its revival and the prosperous condition of the Grand Lodge for many years afterwards, it may be mentioned that between 1761 and 1790 about 200 members were initiated, amongst them being many names familiar to Yorkshiremen, representatives of the principal families of the county.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge end with an entry of the 23rd of August, 1792, which records the election of officers. Bro. Edward Wolley, who I believe was Recorder of York, and whose portrait we have, being elected Grand Master, and Bros. Richardson and Williams, Wardens, and so far as is at present known this was the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of All England at York.

The more I think of this old Grand Lodge the more regret I feel that this grand organisation, which in all probability had been in existence for centuries, should have been allowed to collapse. Had there been during the last stages of its career a few active and energetic Masons, such as I am happy to say we now possess in this city and in the province, it is possible that this ancient Masonic Institution might have been in existence at the present day. Still, although we have now no Grand Lodge in York it is satisfactory to find that in the old Masonic city the ancient Craft continues to flourish and holds a prominent position. At the present time there are probably more members of the Fraternity in York than at any previous period.

The fact of mere numbers, however, is not always the best indication of the success and prosperity of an Institution, but rather the integrity and uprightness of its members. In this respect our Masonic ancestors of the Grand Lodge have left us an example worthy of imitation, the members of that body being for the most part men of honourable life and character. Many are the acts of liberality in favour of our local Institutions, and of Masonic Charity recorded in their proceedings, showing that the brethren of those days were actuated by the true principles of Freemasonry, the virtues of benevolence and Charity being practised by them in a large degree.

As York Masons we cannot but feel proud that this old Grand Lodge formerly existed here, and I trust we shall always endeavour to maintain the high reputation of the Craft in this city, and continue to merit the distinction which has ever been associated with the appellation of "York Masons."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Todd, and said that the lecture was not only interesting to York Masons, but to all.

Bro. M. SCOTT seconded the vote of thanks, and said although it was impossible to remember one tenth part of the facts related, he had listened with intense pleasure to the address, and he hoped Bro. Todd would give them a similar lecture before the members of the St. Germain Lodge. He could not, of course, expect that such valuable documents as had been exhibited could be removed for inspection from the York Lodge. He had learned from the lecture that in days gone by the secret of Masonic success was that its members were upright and honourable men.

Bro. A. BUCKLE, B.A., P.M., in supporting the vote of thanks, suggested that a history of York Masonry should be published, and Bro. Todd should undertake the editing.

The vote was cordially passed.

Bro. Todd suitably replied, and the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., the Grand Superintendent, presided, being supported by Comps. Butler Wilkins, P.Z. and D.C., P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. H.; and J. W. Kirby, Prov. G. J.

The other officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter who were present were:

Comps. R. Croft, M.E.Z. 360, P.G. Scribe N.; J. Kelleite, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; H. W. Watson, 465, P.G. Principal Ssj.; H. C. Clarabut, 442, Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.; T. P. Dorman, 360, Prov. 2nd A.G. Soj.; M. W. Packer, P.Z. 466, P.G.S.B.; F. B. Whitford, 360, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Ellard, P.Z. 360, P.P.G.D.C., P.G.D.C.; T. H. Vials, 360, P.G. Org.; H. Plowman, 442, P.G. Janitor; Richard Croft, M.E.Z., Tom Emery, H., Thomas Franks, P.S., Harry Hodges, 1st A.S., James Curdill, P.A.G.D.C., W. T. Knight, A. F. Mulliner, M. Warwick, Jno. Snow, Jas. Clayson, Thos. Wetherell, and G. Robinson, Janitor, of 360; Thomas Harrison, H., George E. Carter, J., W. Dixie, Scribe E., Chas. Foote, and Thomas Cook, Janitor, of 442; and W. Adam Burn, D.C. 466.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last regular convocation, held at Peterboro' on March 19, 1891, were read and approved.

In accordance with custom the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and of subordinate chapters was called, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account was received and passed.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the year. The offices of G. Supt. and Prov. G.H., held respectively by the Earl of Euston and Comp. Butler Wilkins, remained the same, those officers being appointed by patent from the First Grand Principal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then invested:

Comp. J. J. Hart, P.Z. 360 ...	...	...	Prov. G. J.
" F. G. Buckle, P.Z. 442 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" M. W. Packer ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Kelleite ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Haviland ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Alfred Cockerill, J. 360 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" James Clayson, 360 ...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Stephen W. Baumber, 360 ...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" G. Butcher, 360 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Ellard, P.Z. 360 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Harry Manfield, 360 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. C. Clarabut, 442 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Plowman ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. BUTLER WILKINS, P.G.H., it was agreed, "That the sum of 20 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and placed on the list of Comp. George Butcher, Steward of the Festival, 1892, from the Northampton Chapter, No. 360.

Comp. H. C. CLARABUT brought before the Provincial Grand Chapter the question of the stalls for Peterborough Cathedral, mentioning that two of the stalls given by the Freemasons of the province had already been completed and paid for, and that the sum of £25 remained due for the third stall.

On the motion of Comp. J. J. HART, the sum of five guineas was voted towards the payment of the debt on the remaining stall.

At the conclusion of the business, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

A banquet afterwards took place in the Masonic Hall, at which the Earl of Euston, G. Supt. presided.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal," and "The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Principal; the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Second Grand Principal; Lord Leigh, Third Grand Principal; and the other Officers of the Grand Chapter, Present and Past."

These toasts having been duly honoured, Comp. BUTCHER proposed "The Health of the Grand Supt., Comp. the Earl of Euston, D.L.," remarking on his lordship's popularity throughout the province, the excellent work he had done for Masonry, and the zeal and energy with which he devoted himself to his Masonic duties.

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, expressed his thanks for the compliment which had been paid him, and his desire to do everything that lay in his power for the advancement of Freemasonry in Northants and Hunts. Referring to the great Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Covent Garden Theatre, he congratulated the brethren upon the immense success which had attended it. He fully intended to have been present himself, but was at the last moment unable to attend. He noticed that the Charity had realised the very excellent total of £60,000. This was an amount with which it behoved them to be careful, for they could not expect to make as much every year. He did not think that they ought to spend all this money either in building or in any other way. At least £40,000 of it ought to be invested, and then they would be able to apply the income to the purposes of the Institution, the permanent endowment of which would be thus greatly increased.

Comp. WETHERELL proposed "The Prov. Grand H., Comp. Butler Wilkins, P.Z., &c.; the Prov. Grand J., Comp. J. J. Hart, P.Z.; and the other Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter, Present and Past."

Comp. J. J. HART responded in felicitous terms.

The next toast, that of "The Three Principals of the Northampton Chapter, St. Peter's Chapter, and Montagu Chapter," was proposed by Comp. T. P. DORMAN, and responded to respectively by Comps. T. EMERY, HARRISON, and M. W. PACKER.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Officers of the Northampton Chapter," to which Comp. COCKERELL replied.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, under the banner of Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when, in the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.S.G.W., presided, supported by a number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. MILLS, P.M. 1390, moved as a recommendation that the next annual meeting be held at Millom.

Bro. KASSELL, P.M. 1074, moved that it be held at Kirkby Lonsdale, under the banner of the Underley Lodge. To test the feeling of the members it was put from the chair, when 1074 had a decided majority, which will be laid before the Provincial Grand Master.

The PROV. ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY read the report adopted by the Charity, which was unanimously confirmed as read.

Bro. Col. SEWELL, acting Prov. Grand Master, proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, at the much regretted death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., which was seconded by Bro. G. W. KENWORTHY, acting D.P.G.M., and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. JOHN MILLS, Treasurer for the Provincial Educational Fund, moved as per notice of motion, that the title of the scheme be for the future "Educational and Benevolent Fund," which was seconded by Bro. MCKAY, and carried.

With other general business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren dined at Bro. Atkinson's Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, under the presidency of Bro. McKay, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

The fourth annual ball of this popular East-end lodge was held in the Pillar Hall of the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. Owing to the very inclement state of the weather, the number was not so large as expected, there being only about 100 present, including Bros. Tom Green, W.M.; W. Maxfield Mead, S.W.; G. E. Warn, J.W.; John Collier, Treas.; W. T. Potts, S.D.; Ben. Johnson, I.P.M.; J. Bailey, P.M.; and R. Toole, P.M. (officers of the lodge); Bro. and Mrs. L. Potts; Bro. and Mrs. Kirk; Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Moore; Bro. J. W. Gibbs; Bro. Fred. and Mrs. Allen; Mrs. and Miss and Master Green; Miss Willis; Mrs. Ben. Johnson; Mrs., Miss, and Master Mead; Bro., Mrs., and Miss Gould; Bro. F. and Mrs. Thornton; Bros. Evans and Hayns; Mr. Smith; Messrs. E. and D. and the Misses Robb; Mr. R. and Miss Purvis; Bro. and Miss Wilson; Bro. and Mrs. Johnson; Bro. G. and Mrs. Hutcheson; Bro. C. W. and Miss Hankey; Miss Collier; Bro. Laner; the Misses Hartwig; Bro. J. and Mrs. Owen; Bro. G. and Mrs. Minnett; Bro. and Mrs. W. de B. Seagrave; Bro. E. G., Mrs., and Miss Cormack; Bro. J., Mrs., and Miss Holland; Bro. and Mrs. Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Clark; and others.

Mr. Regan was an efficient M.C., and Madame Bradforde's band played an excellent selection of dance music, and the floor being in first-class condition, nothing more was desired by the devotees of Terpsichore to spend a most enjoyable evening, and when the close came all were very sorry the time was so short, and the company separated with mutual congratulations on the enjoyment of the evening, it evidently being one of the most successful dances of the lodge. The W.M. and S.W. were most energetic during the evening, so that happiness and goodwill should on this, as on all occasions, be united.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE NEPTUNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 22.

The annual supper of the above lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Monday, the 22nd ult., Bros. S. Cochrane in the chair, supported by Bros. George Everett, Grand Treasurer; W. W. Westley, Hopkins, W. Baldwin, J. N. Bate, W. E. Bennett, J. Broomfield, T. Davies, C. Donaldson, S. Ellison, J. B. Evans, J. W. Folkard, A. Fountain, A. Harvey, T. de B. Holmes, F. Howard, W. Lipscombe, C. F. Luckhurst, J. Lyell, W. J. Lyle, T. Nettleship, F. Orr, F. Penn, H. Pohl, H. J. Poole, A. Purvis, C. Reeves, A. Robertson, A. G. Sandberg, R. Steele, H. Wakeford, J. D. Webb, A. C. White, and H. S. Windsor.

After "The Health of her Majesty the Queen" had been proposed, Bro. COCHRANE said: I now propose the toast of the evening, namely, that of "Bro. Westley, the Preceptor of the Neptune Lodge of Instruction." Every one present has been taught by him, and he is one of the best known and beloved Masons in the South of London, where every Mason knows his genial and brotherly kindness. We thought that to show our appreciation of this, the best thing we could do would be to vote him a sum of money from the funds of the lodge on his going up as a Steward for the Old People. But the difficulty was how to do it without his knowledge, his attendance at the lodge being so regular. However, one evening he was absent, and the following resolution was proposed and carried unanimously (extract from the minutes of 1st February, 1892): "It was proposed by Bro. Cochrane, and seconded by Bro. Folkard, that £5 5s. be voted to Bro. Westley for one of the Charities, he being about to go up as Steward, and that with this object By-law No. 14 be suspended. This was carried unanimously in recognition of Bro. Westley's great services to the lodge, and of his genial and untiring help to all of the members." In addition to this some of the brethren held a meeting after the lodge was closed, and the following resolution was proposed and carried unanimously: "That the sum of £5 5s. be subscribed in sums limited to 5s. for the purpose of being presented to Bro. Westley on his going up as a Steward for one of the Masonic Charities, in recognition of his valuable services, and as a mark of respect and esteem." I therefore, Bro. Westley, now hand you a cheque for the latter, and the former you will hand to yourself as Treasurer from the funds of the lodge.

Bro. WESTLEY, in response, said: I thank the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of my health has been proposed and received. It is now four or five years since I accepted the Preceptorship of this lodge of instruction. The testimonial you have presented to me was quite unexpected, and it has been given to me in the only way in which I could have received it, namely, in the cause of Charity, the greatest of all Masonic virtues. I have tried my best to help all the Masonic Charities, and have persuaded the brethren to do the same. This is not the first time that I have gone up as a Steward for the Old People, for I consider it to be the most deserving of all the Masonic Charities. I have to thank many brethren who have kindly assisted me in the lodge of instruction, Bro. Cochrane especially, who is always ready and willing to take my place when I am called away. This is a most united lodge of instruction, and has in it as many good workers as any lodge of instruction I know of. I hope that the lodge will go on improving in the future as it has in the past, and that I may be spared for many years, and may have many recruits to assist the Charities, which must require more and more help as Masonry progresses.

Bro. COCHRANE then proposed "The Health of Bro. Poole," saying Bro. Poole was not actually their Secretary, but he had been acting as their Secretary for a year or more, in the unavoidable absence of their proper Secretary. In rain, hail, blast, or snow he, like Bro. Westley, had always been with them. He had not only done the work of Secretary in the lodge, but regularly sent a report of the proceedings to the *Freemason*.

Bro. POOLE briefly replied, thanking the brethren for the kind feeling they had shown towards him.

Bro. EVERETT, G. Treas., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Cochrane," and said: As the Christy Minstrels are not expected to perform out of London, so the Grand Treasurer is not expected to perform out of Grand Lodge, but in the present case I am certain that it will be excused. I have to propose the health of Bro. Cochrane. Bro. Cochrane, in proposing his health, told you that Bro. Westley was endowed with all the geniality and all of the virtues of Freemasonry. With regard to Bro. Cochrane, you can say ditto. There is no better man or Mason than Bro. Cochrane. He is an ornament to the Craft, and South London could not now do without him. Everyone who takes an interest in Freemasonry will agree with me in wishing him a long life to carry out the duties he so ably performs. In his presence I cannot say half that which I would say if he were not here.

Bro. COCHRANE, in response, said: I thank Bro. Everett for his kind words, and the brethren for the way in which my health has been drunk. I have been on this side of the water about three years, and when I came I regretted that I had left at the West-end all my old friends with whom I had associated for 20 years, but I found after I had lived here a few weeks, the Neptune Lodge of Instruction. Last year I was, I am proud to say, voted on the Board of General Purposes at the top of the list of Past Masters, greatly through the assistance of the brethren of the South of London. On the evening of my election there were many there present from the East and from the West who congratulated me when the result was announced, and Colonel Clerke (peace to his memory) joined heartily in those congratulations on the honour conferred upon me. I thank you sincerely for the manner in which you have drunk my health. You may feel assured that if for the good of Freemasonry you ask me to go here or come there I will do it. Some very good songs were given by the brethren.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Under the Chairmanship of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., one of the Vice-Presidents, a meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 4th instant at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

The minutes of previous Courts and of the General Committee were approved, and the election of over 20 children for the benefits of the Institution, recommended by the General Committee, were confirmed, several others being placed on the Combined Fund, which includes education, maintenance, and clothing.

The report of the Committee of Charity, issued for the first time, was as follows: "In presenting the report for the year 1891 your Committee find cause for great satisfaction in the continued success and usefulness of the Institution. The important scheme of free education as instituted by the State has not materially affected the class of children with whom we are brought into contact, and, however far the system may be advanced, we feel sure that a great work will always be open to this Institution in supporting the necessitous, and affording higher class education to those children who are found capable of receiving it. The number of children at present on the foundation is 209, of whom 13 are on the Combined Fund, and are receiving entire maintenance. The number admitted during the year was 24 on the Educational, and three on the Combined Fund, whilst grants were made to six children (who had previously been on the foundation) for advancement in life. These numbers will, however, be exceeded this year, as the General Committee has already recommended for election at the Court of Governors 24 children on the Educational Fund, two on the Combined Fund, and three grants for advancement; in addition to which petitions are in course of preparation on behalf of other children. The income derived from donations and subscriptions for 1891 amounted to £1218 2s. 3d., being £164 10s. 4d. less than the year 1890. This decrease is well accounted for by the special efforts made on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (London), towards which the brethren and lodges of West Lancashire subscribed the magnificent sum of £6136 13s. 4d. A province capable of such an effort may safely be relied upon to render adequate support to its own local Educational Institution. The 41st annual ball, under the Chairmanship of Bro. Jas. de Bels Adam, with Bros. G. A. Harradon and E. R. Latham acting as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, realised the handsome profit of £420 12s. 4d., being the largest amount ever received from this source. We regret that Bro. Capt. John Macnab has been unable to again accept the position of Honorary Secretary. By his retirement the Institution has been deprived of a very energetic and able officer, but we have no doubt that the brother appointed to fulfil the office (Bro. W. E. Coxon) will prove a worthy successor. A reference to the lists of donations in this report will at once show the hearty support accorded to this Institution by a great majority of the lodges in West Lancashire, but it is to be regretted that no fewer than 36 lodges appear with 'No return' opposite their names. We trust this number will be considerably reduced in our next issue, and we earnestly appeal to every Worshipful Master in the province to assist in enlisting the active sympathy of the brethren of their respective lodges on behalf of the fatherless, and as this Institution has never yet been compelled to refuse its aid to deserving applicants, we trust that it may be enabled to continue and extend the good work to the benefit of present and future generations."

After the transaction of other business, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Smith for presiding.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following lists and additions to lists have been received since our last report:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
3	Bro. Samuel Cochrane, additional... (raising his list to £121 16s.)	1	1	0
Chapter	59 Comp. R. H. Stimpson, additional... (raising his list to £31 10s.)	7	7	0
Lodge	554 Bro. John Taylor, additional (raising his list to £52 10s.)	10	10	0
720	" A. C. Wood, new list ...	51	9	0
861	" H. Groome, jun., new list ...	58	5	6
898	" J. Byford, jun., additional ... (raising his list to £85 4s. 6d.)	0	4	6
1155	" G. Bolton, jun., new list ...	50	13	0
1159	" S. Lea Smith, additional ... (raising his list to £120 15s.)	5	5	0
1196	" G. E. Fairchild, additional ... (raising his list to £186 18s.)	10	10	0
1259	" C. Wakefield, additional ... (raising his list to £246 15s.)	36	15	0
Lodge of Instruction	1298 Bro. R. P. Angel and his list of £73 10s. to be transferred from Lodge 179.			
Lodge	1366 Bro. S. Mattock, additional (raising his list to £79 5s. 6d.)	26	5	0
1420	" J. T. Pilditch, new list... ..	12	1	6
1426	" F. E. Bailey, additional ... (raising his list to £20 9s. 6d.)	1	11	6
1571	" E. J. Morgan, additional ... (raising his list to £120 15s.)	5	5	0
1585	" W. C. Williams, new list ...	157	10	0
1625	" W. H. Hubbert, additional ... (raising his list to £375.)	18	0	0
1642	" Lieut. T. W. Heath, new list ...	115	0	0
1679	" George Clark, additional ... (raising his list to £66 18s. 6d.)	5	5	0
2108	" Lennox Browne, additional ... (raising his list to £56 14s.)	1	1	0
2202	" G. Lane, additional ... (raising his list to £31 10s.)	5	5	0
	PROVINCES.			
	BERKSHIRE.			
2228	Bro. J. Badger Clark, additional ... (raising his list to £15 15s.)	10	10	0
	CORNWALL.			
	" C. Truscott £31 10s. to be transferred from Unattached to Lodge No. 496			
	DERBYSHIRE.			
2355	" G. Slater, additional ... (raising his list to £38 17s.)	28	7	0
	Unattached			
	Bro. J. H. Lawson, transferred from Lodge No. 1235, additional ... (raising his list to £132 6s.)	1	1	0
	" W. Naylor, additional ... (raising his list to £121 1s. 6d.)	2	2	0
	Lodge			
	DEVONSHIRE.			
70	Bro. F. B. Westlake, additional ... (raising his list to £85 10s.)	10	10	0
1402	" T. H. Wills, additional ... (raising his list to £70 10s.)	5	5	0
	ESSEX.			
1024	" Edmund Gowers, new list ...	22	1	0
	HERTFORDSHIRE.			
2278	" C. M. Coxon, additional ... (raising his list to £75 11s.)	2	1	0
	KENT.			
1208	" C. Sims, additional ... (raising his list to £90 13s.)	5	5	0
2404	" Francis Powell represented No. 1174 as well as No. 2404			
	LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).			
1375	" J. Bradshaw £63, transferred from Lancashire (East Division).			
2294	" Eli Brooks, additional ... (raising his list to £16 5s. 6d.)	5	5	0
	MIDDLESEX.			
1503	" Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, additional ...	0	10	0
1056	" H. J. Bond, additional... .. (raising his list to £21 19s. 6d.)	1	1	0
1793	" J. R. Barns, additional ... (raising his list to £18 4s. 6d.)	3	0	0
	The Province			
	SOMERSETSHIRE.			
	Bro. Jas. S. Haddon, additional ... (raising his list to £381 10s.)	31	10	0
	Lodge			
	437 Bro. John L. Bewsey, additional ... (raising his list to £63.)	42	0	0
	The Province			
	SUFFOLK.			
	Bro. Lord Henniker, additional ... (raising his list to £89 5s.)	21	0	0
	Prov. Grand Chapter			
	Comp. J. M. Hervey, new list ...	49	7	0
	Lodge			
	71 Bro. W. J. Wilton, additional ... (raising his list to £220 10s.)	3	3	0
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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

We regret to inform you that the Widow of our late much lamented Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, has been left very inadequately provided for.

A Committee of Grand Officers and others, who have had many opportunities of knowing how conscientiously, efficiently and courteously Col. Clerke discharged all the duties of his important office, and the eminent services he has rendered to Masonry, has been formed for the purpose of inviting Lodges and Brethren to show their appreciation of his high character and services by joining with them in raising a Fund for the purchase of a Government Life Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

We send herewith a List of the Committee who have already given their names, to which additions are solicited.

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Yours fraternally,

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"SHADWELL CLERKE TRUST."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The reference in the newspapers to Col. Shadwell Clerke's will having caused some misconception as to the income left to Mrs. Clerke, we think it right to state that we have been furnished with a list of the securities in which the personal estate was invested. Their value at present prices is £10,461 8s. This includes the £1000 mentioned in the will, of which Mrs. Clerke has the testamentary disposition, and also a policy for £1000, payment of which is in question. The sum of £10,461 8s. invested in securities suitable for trusts would yield a yearly income of £310. Out of this by the will £100 a year is to be paid to each of the sons, and the balance to Mrs. Clerke on condition she provides a home for and maintains the daughter. Should the policy money not be received, the balance will be reduced to £80 a year. Mrs. Clerke has a small entailed property of her own in Ireland which brings in a precarious income, the average of the last two years being £133 10s.

So far as we are able to learn, the whole of her income will therefore be either £243 or £213 to provide a home and maintain herself and daughter, which is sufficient to show that for a lady in her position she "has been left very inadequately provided for."

When the will was read it was believed that Mrs. Clerke was left a life interest in her husband's real estate in Ireland, but this appears not to have been legally carried out, and it is to fulfil, to some extent, the evident intention of Col. Clerke that "The Shadwell Clerke Trust" has been formed.

The brethren to whom our circular was addressed are reminded that the case was not put before them as one of Charity, nor were they solicited for subscriptions. They were invited to join with the Committee in testifying by the purchase of a life annuity for Mrs. Clerke "their appreciation of Col. Clerke's high character and services."—Yours fraternally,

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Masonic Notes.

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The sister Institution at Wood Green has also scored a similar, and, considering the boys leave at 15 years, and are, therefore, a year younger than the candidates from other schools, perhaps even a greater triumph, one of the number having taken honours in the 1st class, 1st division (with distinction in religious knowledge and English), while four are placed in the 2nd class, five in the 3rd class, and 12 obtained certificates. The names are as follows: First class—first division: Haines (with religious knowledge and English); Second class: France, Gay, Higginson, and Moorcroft; third class: Angier, Bingham, Churchill, Fortune, and Harvey; certificates: Boulter, Cole, Coupland, Crompton, Davis, Fearon, Horner, Matthews, Murless, Robey, Scarfe, and Shorrocks. No 1st class 1st division has been obtained since 1886, when the boys remained till 16 years.

We very much regret to find that in our review of the Festival Returns in the Special Jubilee Number of this journal, we inadvertently described Bro. Dr. Strong in connection with the admirable list he compiled as Steward for Lodge No. 1616, Surrey, as "lately Honorary Surgeon to the Institution" at Croydon. Our respected brother is still, we rejoice to say, the honorary medical adviser of the inmates of the Asylum, and we trust it will be many, many years before he feels it necessary to vacate a position which he has occupied for the last 30 years and in which he has won so much distinction as well as the lifelong gratitude of his patients. As a set off to this mistake, however, we may plead that in speaking of Miss Strong and her list we described her as "daughter of Bro. Dr. Strong, honorary surgeon to the Institution at Croydon."

Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and S.W. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London (the successor to the lamented Dr. W. Woodman, P.G.S.B. of England), was installed as *Supreme Magus* of the Rosicrucian Society of England by the R.W. Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, Past S.M. of Scotland. Bro. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., was, some years ago, installed as the Rosicrucian Head of the Northern Country by the late R.W. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Supreme Magus, assisted by the R.W. Bro. William James Hughan, Past Supreme Magus of England. This has been declared to be really "Apostolic succession."

General regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Bro. Raphael Costa, who was J.G.D. of England in 1878, and a brother of the late Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W. Bro. R. Costa was also a leading member of and had taken the 33rd in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Latterly, he had been in failing health, and had, therefore, been unable to attend our Masonic gatherings, but formerly he was an active and efficient member. It is worthy of remark that this makes the third death among the Grand Deacons of 1878 which has occurred during the past three months.

FREEMASON'S HYMN.—THE MYSTIC TIE. Words and Music composed by F. J. STEIN. Price 1s. 6d. nett. London: GEORGE KENNING, 16 & 16A, Gt. Queen-st.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke being the first, and Bro. J. M. P. Montagu the next. The other Grand Deacon of the same year—Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson—died in 1884.

At the installation meeting of the Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on the 19th ult., the companions presented Comp. James Terry, P.Z., with a case of handsome silver dessert knives and forks as a mark of their esteem and regard for his past services to the chapter since its foundation in 1875, at the consecration of which he assisted, and in which he has twice served the office of First Principal. A solid burnished Defries' safety lamp, with large fancy silk and lace shade, was also sent to Mrs. Terry for her acceptance, with the best wishes of the companions.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., Ill. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston was advanced to the 33°. Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham received the 31° on the same day.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire will be held at the Mechanics' Institution, Park Parade, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, the Grand Superintendent, will preside.

Correspondence.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I ask your permission to enlist the sympathy of subscribers to the Masonic Girls' School—partly from compassion and partly from sentiment—on behalf of a candidate at the next election named Harriot Mehetabel White, who (so far as I know) is the last relic of a long line of very prominent and useful members of the Craft. Her ancestor, William White, in 1770 was one of the founders of the Emulation Lodge, now No. 21, a few months after his own initiation, in the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. The Emulation was established on the ruins of two moribund lodges—"The Constitution" and "The Mourning Bush"—the latter being one of the 12 Red Apron lodges which the Emulation inherited. He was the first S.W., and the following year W.M. of the new lodge. In 1780 William White was appointed Grand Secretary, and in 1799 initiated his son, the well-known William Henry White, as a member of the lodge, who succeeded him as Grand Secretary in 1810, and he continued to hold that office until he retired in 1857, after a service of 47 years. On his retirement the Grand Master (the Earl of Zetland) remarked of him in Grand Lodge, "He knew no one and he believed there never was a brother who had done such eminent services for Freemasonry." During the long period of 77 years the father, and after him the son, had been Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of England, a length of time which includes the first establishment of the Girls' School in 1788, and the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813.

W. H. White in 1813 initiated his brother, Thomas Edward White, who continued a member of the Emulation Lodge until his death in 1835, as was also his son, Thomas Reynolds White, who was appointed S.G.D. in 1851, and again the son of this last named Thomas William White, who is the father of the candidate for whom I plead, the direct descendant of four generations of Freemasons, and all members of the Emulation Lodge. Further, the child's father was a Vice-President and a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School. He died last year, leaving his widow in straitened circumstances. Her address is Agnes Cottage, Long Benton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Yours fraternally,

BRACKSTONE BAKER,
P.G.D. and P.M. Emulation, No. 21.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me through your columns, as the most universal medium I can adopt, very cordially to thank those brethren who, by recording their votes in my favour on Wednesday last, elected me to the proud position of Grand Treasurer.

Such a result could only have been brought about by the united support of London and the provinces, and I feel deeply grateful to both.

I do not know how sufficiently to thank those brethren who, at the sacrifice of both time and money, came even from the most distant provinces to record their votes. Nor can I say how much I appreciate the earnest support and personal kindness I have received from so many of the London brethren, to whom only a short time ago I was quite unknown.

I am deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon me, and my endeavour shall be so to discharge the duties as to prove my gratitude and justify their confidence.—With fraternal regards, yours faithfully,

J. D. MURRAY,
P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire, W.D.

Mytholmroyd, Wigan.
March 9th.

WHO IS HE ?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you or the readers of your journal throw any light upon the antecedents and present social status of a certain amiable Eastern potentate who has for some time past been honouring a select few of the Metropolitan Lodges with his distinguished presence, and even condescending occasionally to partake of the banquet after labour in the most affable and friendly manner imaginable?—I allude to "His Highness Bro. Prince Nawab Mahomed Eusoof, M.D. of Afghan, of Lodge No. 1422, Rookie, Punjab, also of 55, Cornwall Gardens, South Kensington." The foregoing is extracted from a printed summons to a lodge of Mark Masters wherein our noble brother was a candidate for advancement, and, as a matter of course, "errors excepted," it must be taken as a correct description. Yet, strange to say, there exists a feeling of doubt as to its authenticity. Some few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending a lodge in which this illustrious brother was also a welcome guest. Having been announced in terms suitable to his princely station, his Highness was conducted by the D.C. with due ceremony to the post of honour, which, to my agreeable surprise, he, with deprecatory gestures, modestly declined, preferring a seat amongst the brethren who were on a level with himself in the ranks of Masonry. This is as it should be, I said to myself. Here is a beautiful exemplification of one of our most cherished principles—in Masonry there is no distinction between prince or peasant. You will, I feel sure, scarcely believe that this simple act of princely humility which so excited my admiration actually prompted some of the brethren to insinuate that our distinguished visitor was not a real prince, as if anyone but a real prince would have behaved in that gracious manner. I felt quite indignant with them, and in order to convince them of their mistake, I enquired of the brother who had introduced him to the lodge. Of course, I was perfectly satisfied before, but when that brother told me *his guest himself had informed him that he was "a prince in his own country,"* I naturally concluded there was no room for the shadow of a doubt on the subject: some people, however, are so dreadfully sceptical. Eventually we had recourse to the attendance book, when I pointed triumphantly to the sign manual of his Highness, "Prince Eusoofus," written in a fine bold hand as good as any schoolmaster could have done it. I thought this was a clincher, but, incredible as it must appear, the malcontents were not all convinced even then. One of them said he did not believe that a prince ever lived who could write like that; another pugnacious Past Master had the audacity to assert that a real prince would not write his title before his name, but as he was only a "Preceptor" of one lodge of instruction nobody paid much attention to him. On and off we have been arguing about this matter ever since, and I should be very glad to have it settled. If, therefore, you can assist me in any way you will greatly oblige.—Yours fraternally,

AN ADMIRER OF PRINCES.

Reviews.

THE INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY FOR THE YEAR 1892. Lists of all the Regular Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, &c., in India and Burma, with their places and times of meeting, and a variety of information respecting every Degree in Freemasonry, &c.

This big, comprehensive, and valuable work—the largest Masonic directory published in Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown—is now in its 24th year of issue, and is a marvel of condensation, research, and general accuracy. The editor is Bro. P. C. Dutt, 14 Sektaram Ghose's-street, Calcutta, who has laboured hard to bring his most interesting volume to its present perfect state, and it is to be hoped that the Indian Craft (English and Scottish) warmly appreciate his exertions on their behalf. Though there are four columns, closely printed, to indicate its "contents," they do not anything like describe the varied and important character of this most admirably edited publication, for whether it be present-time information or concerning the *eventful past in India*, that country where Freemasonry has done more good than anywhere else to break down all manner of caste between man and man, the work is equally well posted up and reliable. It is to all intents and purposes a condensed history of the Fraternity in that great land during the last 150 years, and is without a rival in its particular department, so that Bro. Dutt spares neither time nor expense to do his utmost in thus catering for the Anglo-Hindoo-Mahomedan-Parsee brethren in India and Burmah.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1892, Containing Dates and Places of Meeting and Lists of Officers of the various Lodges and Chapters in Rawal Pindi and Murree. Bombay, 1892.

This handy wee guide has been edited by Bro. Captain J. H. Leslie, R.A., S.W. of the celebrated and most generous Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, *Rawal Pindi*, who has done wonderfully well in such a small space to produce a Calendar and Directory for the brethren more immediately concerned. So full are the particulars that even the fees and dues of the several bodies—Craft, Arch, and Mark—are duly given, and we hope the response to this effort of Bro. Leslie's will encourage him to aim at still more important literary labours in connection with the Craft in India. The history of Freemasonry (from the earliest period to the present time) in India has yet to be written, and surely, with the powerful aid of Bro. H. J. Whympier, C.I.E., Past D.D.G.M. Punjab, and of the various District Grand Secretaries, our zealous brother might be the historian for that purpose.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those present were Bros. Welsh, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Ryan, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., S.c.; Trott, S.D.; White, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; Wetzlar, P.M.; and Langdale, P.M. Bros. J. W. Parsons, W.M. 1564, and Cursons, 1681, were visitors.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. Wright was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Isaacs passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well performed. The ballot having been taken for Mr. A. Salmon, he was impressively initiated. Apologies for non-attendance having been received and read from many brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. The W.M. presided in an able manner. It being an off-night, the proceedings were not unduly protracted.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This prosperous South London lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Dennis, W.M.; Lundie, S.W.; Hearn, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., G. Treas., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Meham, S.D.; Millsom, J.D.; Colwell, I.G.; Burrows, D.C.; Thornley, Stwd.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Foalé, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Hopkins, Org.; and Reinardt, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Candick, 72; Yemans, 501; Hoskisson, 879; Pickering, 1539; Goldstein, 1563; Arter, 1572; Wakeham, 1625; Lewin, 1768; Jacobs, 1839; and Jager, 81, U.S.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. H. S. Cutler, A. P. Finn, and F. Wills, and, it being unanimous, two of the three, viz., Messrs. Finn and Wills, were duly and ably initiated by the W.M. The petition of the widow of a deceased member of the lodge was recommended to the Board of Benevolence. Several names for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit on the caterer, Bro. Buxton.

The customary toasts followed. Bro. George Everett responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his remarks he touched upon the fact that the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, had presided over the great Festival of the R.M.B.I. on the previous Wednesday, when the unprecedented sum of upwards of £60,000 had been subscribed to its funds. He said that his lordship presided most ably, and was well supported by many Present and Past Grand Officers, of whom he, the speaker, had the honour of being one.

"The Health of the W.M." was fluently proposed by the I.P.M., and was duly responded to.

"The Initiates" followed, and gave Bros. Finn and Wills an opportunity of expressing their thanks to their proposer and seconder and the brethren of No. 1381 for admitting them members of the ancient and honourable Order.

"The Visitors" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. Jager, Candick, and White.

In giving "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master said that they had all been good to him during his progress in the lodge, but there was one in particular to whom he owed a great debt of gratitude, and that was Bro. W. W. Westley, their excellent Preceptor at the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, and he should therefore couple his honoured name with the toast.

Bro. Westley, P.M., said a few modest words in reply. "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" toasts terminated the proceedings, which were enhanced by the excellent instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Arter, Davis, and others.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th instant, when there were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.W.; Dr. B. W. Richardson, as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., D.C.; and C. Kupferschmidt; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. C. Fletcher, Stephen Richardson, C. B. Barnes, J. Seymour, J. Kemsley, T. Charters White, J. Mortimer Davis, Mark Newsome, E. Howard, J. Balfour Cockburn, Rev. J. H. Scott, F. W. Wright, G. Grenier, H. Le Strange, G.D.; W. G. A. Gilbert, R. Palmer, Thomas, Col. Martin Petrie, R. A. Gowan, C. F. Hugard, P.G. Std. Br.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Gregson, J. Newton, and C. Fruen. Visitors: Bros. H. M. Beddington, 10; H. French Bromhead, 2318; H. W. Noakes, 108; Dr. Lloyd Tuckey, 1694; Mark Scott, 556; and H. B. Chamberlin, 2 (S.C.).

The following six corporate bodies and 65 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, 17 of whom had been introduced by Bro. Connor, P.G.M. Tennessee, whose visit in November, 1891, had afforded the lodge so much pleasure: The Supreme Council, A. No. A.S.R., So. Juris. U.S.A.; St. George's Lodge, No. 2042, Larnaca, Cyprus; Lodge Sir William Wallace, No. 768 (S.C.), Croydon, Queensland; Lodge Caledonia, No. 661 (S.C.), Meerut, India; Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809; Lodge Fraternity and Perseverance, No. 1740, Benares, India. Bros. G. R. Metcalf, 3, St. Paul, Minnesota; C. W. Thompson, 449, Paducah, Kentucky; C. A. Nesbitt, P.M. 9, T. Whittet, 40, and Rev. H. Carmichael, W.M. 207, all three of Richmond, and J. M. Clift, 63, of Roanoke, Virginia; J. H. Burnham, of Providence, Past G. Sec., R.A.C., of Rhode Island; J. Frizzell, Past G.M., W. F. Foster, Past G.M., T. O. Morris, Past G.M., J. B. Garrett, Grand High Priest.

last regular meeting confirmed, Bros. A. C. Smith, Wm. Howell, and A. M. P. de la Haye were passed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. F. T. Beck. Bro. R. Gibson, the representative of the lodge at the recent Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, gave an interesting account of the Festival and its extraordinary results.

The rest of the evening, after the closing of the lodge, was spent in a social manner, interspersed with Masonic toasts, and songs well rendered by Bros. Sidney Dean, W. Howell, and others.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—This centenary chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 4th inst. Among those present were Comps. Capt. W. Williams, M.E.Z.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas., acting H.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E., acting J.; Stevens, S.N.; Larcombe, P.S.; S. Cochrane, 1st A.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., 185, P.P.G.P.S., 2nd A.S.; Mapleton and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., 1623, P.P.G. Std. Br., Stwds.; Goddard, Janitor; Weeks, P.Z.; and Nash.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. J. C. Pratt, 1623, who had been duly balloted for, was impressively exalted by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by the Acting Second and Third Principals and the officers. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Birch, H.; Radcliffe, J.; F. Graves, P.Z.; and Pearce, P.Z.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served.

Before the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

The M.E.Z. presided most ably and genially, the proceedings terminating at an early hour.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hide, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Treas. and acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M., 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); J. R. Cumming, P.M., S.D.; H. Pearson, J.D.; J. Banks, I.G.; H. Blackman, G. Gardner, P.M.; W. C. Dickey, S. H. Thorpe, W. F. Bell, and R. Millbourne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blackman acting as candidate. Bro. Blackman offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. W. F. Bell and R. Millbourne were elected joining members. Bro. Reid was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. T. H. Salmon, W.M.; F. W. Bate, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; T. Grummant, acting Preceptor; Stone, Sec.; C. H. Stone, J.D.; Butcher, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; Smith, and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Miller candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Salmon, W.M., assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Grummant, P.M., assisted by the brethren. A letter was read from the M.W.G.M., through Bro. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary, tendering sincere thanks for condoling with his Royal Highness on the death of the Duke of Clarence. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on the 28th inst., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., President. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. W. Heath, W.M., 1642, W.M.; B. H. Dames, S.W.; C. G. Hatt, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M., 834, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; Philip Howard, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; C. E. Betts, and T. W. Lightfoot.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Betts acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. W. C. Williams, and the 3rd Section by Bro. Craggs, the questions being put by the Preceptor. Bro. Dames was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. H. Tucker, W.M., 144, W.M.; Robt. Kerr, S.W.; R. J. Williams, J.W.; Arthur Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M., 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. C. Dickey, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; F. Walden, Stwd.; J. Brown, P.M.; J. H. Cumming, P.M.; W. Hillier, W. S. Whiteley, P. Cronin, and J. W. Sharp.

The lodge was duly opened, and Bro. Whiteley offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been duly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Cumming offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and that ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Kerr was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. J. W. Sharp was elected a joining member. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed to Bro. Spiegel, Secretary, in consequence of his severe illness, and the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when the chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. W. J. Rowe, supported by Bros. Godfrey, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Cleghorn, P.M., and Greenway, P.M., Preceptors; Cane, P.M., Treas.; Wood, P.M., Sec.; Palmer, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Homewood, I.G.; Weekes, Tyler; Lundberg, and Brett.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Cleghorn. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, and the lodge being opened in the Second and Third Degrees, the Third Degree was worked in a most impressive manner by the Preceptor, Bro. Cleghorn. The lodge resumed to the First Degree, and was regularly closed by the W.M., who re-occupied the chair.

The annual dinner of the lodge will take place on the 11th inst., at 7.30 p.m., at the Criterion. It is hoped that a good number will rally round the Preceptors on this occasion, particularly as the opportunity will be taken to present an esteemed past Secretary with a testimonial of the appreciation by the brethren of his past services. Tickets may be obtained on application to Bro. Walter Wood, 147, Strand, or to any member of the lodge.

WALTHAMSTOW LODGE (No. 2192).—Through the fraternal consideration and courtesy of Bro. F. M. Mercer, the meetings of this prosperous lodge will be held at Field House, High-street, Walthamstow. The first meeting took place on Monday, the 29th ult., and was held in the large and well-ventilated room admirably adapted for the purpose, when a large number of brethren attended, among whom were Bros. H. F. Bromhead, P.G.S. of W., W.M.; S. C. Bateman, S.W.; N. Fortescue, J.W.; W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., Preceptor; J. Clark, S.D.; W. W. Cook, J.D.; P. Trickett, I.G.; C. H. Bestow, Sec.; W. J. Short, Stwd.; G. R. Brown, F. Taylor, J. Ives, P.M.; E. James, G. Lloyd, F. R. Peck, J. King, W. T. Lewis, J. Schummer, L. Griffith, J. J. Briginshaw, P.G.S.; B. C. Kirby, G. Molick, S. Wildash, C. Horst, G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Nichols, P. Felsenshal, J. Hamilton, W. Fortescue, Holmes, R. Jeremy, H. Miles, A. J. Stacey, T. H. Lloyd, B. Mann, T. How, jun., G. S. Fulford, G. R. Lambert, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the Preceptor, Bro. Wm. Shurmur, W.M. elect of the mother lodge, No. 2192, was duly installed in a most impressive manner, Bro. H. F. Bromhead acting as Installing Master. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed and recorded upon the minutes to Bro. F. M. Mercer, for his great kindness and consideration in allowing the gratuitous use of the lodge room. Bro. S. C. Bateman was elected to occupy the chair at ensuing meeting. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, M.E.Z. elect 975, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; W. R. Hatton, 1642, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, P.S. 862, S.N.; H. F. Williams, 742, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, 1st A.S.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196; and W. Binns, 448.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Turner being candidate. A vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was passed to Comp. Hatton for the manner he had rehearsed the duties of J. for the first time. A communication from Comp. March was read. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. Hill, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; Moore, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Phillips, S.N.; Towers, P.S.; H. G. Martin, Addington, Pullen, Lazenby, F. Swinford Smith, and Wm. Price.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the ceremony of installation of First Principal was rehearsed by Comp. Hill installing Comp. Phillips. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pullen personating candidate. Comp. Frank Swinford Smith, 2182, was elected a joining member. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed. The chapter was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, M.W.S., presiding. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed, when Ill. Bro. Fendelow, 33, was received in due form. Several letters and messages of apology from absent brethren were received, including one from Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33, S.G. Inspector-General, whose continued absence through ill-health was sincerely regretted by all present. The G. Marshal then presented E. and P. Bro. Dodd, M.W.S. elect, to Ill. Bro. Fendelow, who ably installed him on the throne of the chapter. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers as follows: Bro. Rev. J. Walker, P. M.; Ill. Bro. J. T. Armstrong, 30, 1st General; Bros. J. Usher, 2nd General; J. J. Forster, Recorder; Seymour Bell, Treasurer; J. McCarthy, G. Marshal; F. F. Schnitzer, Raphael; W. F. Carmon, D. of C.; T. B. Payne, Herald; and J. A. Scott, C. of G.

There being no other business to bring before the chapter, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to celebrate the annual festival.

High prices were obtained at a recent sale of works by George Cruikshank, 24 designs for "Oliver Twist," differing materially from the plates as they afterwards appeared, being sold for £140, and the drawings for Brough's "Life of Falstaff" from £10 to £11 apiece. Other drawings were equally successful.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following is the report of the Board of Management which was adopted at the meeting of the Council on Saturday last. We shall offer some remarks next week on the statements of account which accompanies it, but for which we are unable to find space:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

"The Board of Management have pleasure in handing to each subscriber the accompanying statements of accounts for 1891, which have been submitted to and adopted by the Council of the Institution, after being prepared by the Finance Committee and duly audited. "The friends of the Institution may be congratulated upon what must be regarded as a gratifying result of the past year, which has been occasioned in a large measure by the generous support of the Craft at the Anniversary Festival.

"It will be found that the expenditure will bear comparison with previous years. An increase in the cost of maintenance has been unavoidable in some items, consequent upon a serious epidemic during the autumn, which was happily overcome without serious or fatal results, and at the present time the establishment shows 'a clean bill of health.'

"Some additional expenditure in cleaning, painting, and renovating the whole of the buildings, and an amount of £718 9s. 7d. under the head of special expenditure have been incurred in providing necessary class-room accommodation (and other extraordinary requirements) which the Board resolved upon rather than erect new buildings at a much greater cost as previously intended and sanctioned by the subscribers.

"The amount of invested funds of the Institution as stated in the balance-sheet is £25,045 14s. In this amount the following presentations and bequests have been ascertained to be included:

"Perpetual Presentations—	
"Province of East Lancashire, 'Blair'	£1050 0 0
"Province of West Yorkshire, 'De Grey'	1050 0 0
"Province of West Yorkshire, 'Marquess of Ripon'	1050 0 0
"Province of Cheshire	1050 0 0
"Life Presentations—	
"Province of North Wales and Shropshire, 'Sir Watkin' *	525 0 0
"Province of Devon, 'John Huyshe' *	525 0 0
* These two have hitherto been regarded as of a value of £1050 each, but have now been ascertained to be only £525 each.	
"Province of Stafford, 'Duke of Connaught'	525 0 0
"£5775 0 0	
"Prize Funds—	
"W. Winn	525 0 0
"C. Greenwood Memorial	103 13 0
"E. Cox	84 0 0
"Edgar Bowyer Memorial	45 14 0
758 7 0	
"Sustentation Fund	500 0 0
"Investments out of Income	18,012 7 0
"£25,045 14 0	

"The number of boys chargeable to the Institution during the past year was 255.

"Owing to the popular support so generously given by the Craft to the sister Institutions during the present year, the Board seriously urge that your lodge or chapter will send a Steward to the forthcoming Festival on 29th June next, in order that the small amount of our invested funds may not require to be reduced to meet necessary current expenses.

"By order.

"J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

"5th March, 1892."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. J. Perceval, J. Newton, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. J. Strong, M.D., Hugh Cotter, G. Bolton, Charles E. Keyser, A. Mullord, G. E. Fairchild, W. Belchamber, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; W. Fisher, John Barnett, jun., George Mickleby, M.A., M.B., Major Carrell, W. J. Crutch, C. G. Hill, Henry Cox, Charles Lacey, W. H. Hubbard, E. M. Money, W. Webber, G. P. Gillard, C. Kempton, L. G. Gordon Robbins, T. G. Bullen, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the February Committee having been read and verified,

The SECRETARY reported the deaths of two male annuitants and one widow annuitant, and a sum of £10 was voted in the case of one of them for funeral expenses to be placed in charge of Bro. Sampson. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the Secretary reported (1) receipt of £525 voted by Grand Lodge towards the Jubilee Festival; and (2) that the said Festival had been held at the place and on the day appointed, when subscriptions were announced to the amount of £59,539 16s., with many lists outstanding, and that this sum has since been increased to

£62,185 2s. 6d., with several lists still to come. It was resolved that the vote of thanks to the Chairman be engrossed on vellum.

It was resolved that a permanent clerk, at £100 a year, should be engaged for the service of the Institution, and also that the Secretary, in consideration of his recent arduous labours on behalf of the Festival, should take rest from time to time.

It was resolved that in consideration of the services rendered to the Institution by the Province of West Yorkshire, the sum payable for a perpetual presentation to the Male Fund should, in the case of the "Tew Presentation," be 1100 guineas instead of 1200 guineas, as settled at the meeting on the 9th September last, but the latter to be the amount payable in ordinary cases.

The application of the widow of a recently deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted, and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

A final meeting of the brethren associated with the arrangements in connection with the 43rd annual Masonic ball, which took place at the Town Hall on the 12th January in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on the 4th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. The financial results of the social gathering "beat the record" of any similar assembly in that city, and hearty congratulations were given to all concerned in securing the splendid success, especially to the Executive Committee.

Bro. Councillor A. J. Bamford, W.M. 1570, Chairman of the Committee, occupied the chair, and Bro. G. A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., Vice-Chairman of the Committee, was also in his place of honour. The Hon. Treasurer, Bro. E. R. Latham, P.M. 594, submitted the financial statement, which showed the most gratifying result of a balance of £452 13s. 6d., the announcement of the figures being received with hearty acclamation. The tickets sold realised £257 15s.; the 306 Stewards increased this amount by about £321; donations amounted to £57 18s., of which sum 10 guineas were contributed by Mrs. Bamford and 20 guineas by Bro. Bamford.

The report of the joint Honorary Secretaries (Bros. W. E. Collister Jones, I.P.M. 1325, and W. Kohn, P.M. 1264), was afterwards read, special reference being made to the fact that amongst the 306 Stewards only a few of the numerous lodges in the province were represented.

The report and financial account were passed, and thanks given to Bros. Jones, Kohn, and Latham for their very valuable services.

Votes for the Charity according to the amounts contributed by Mrs. and Bro. Bamford were then cordially agreed to, and the two Honorary Secretaries were each voted Life Governorships.

It was further resolved that the executive officers of the ball in association with the executive officers of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution should be appointed to allocate the balance of the proceeds of the ball in votes to the lodges which had sent Stewards.

Thanks were voted to Bros. Molyneux and Ramsay, the brethren of the press, the Chairman, and the Vice-Chairman, and before the proceedings closed the ballot was taken for 29 Life Governorships of the Charity out of the large body of Stewards who so largely contributed to the success of the ball. Subjoined is the result: Bros. W. Dean, P.G.S.; W. Duncan, P.G.D.; W. Marwood, 786; W. W. Thomas, 2316; W. C. Erwin, 1393; W. Corner, jun., P.G.D.C.; J. H. W. Walker, P.P.G. Treas.; W. E. Coxon, P.G.S.; S. Howard, P.M. 1013; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; S. J. Hibbert; A. H. Hallwood, P.M. 1505; S. Turner, 2316; F. Lipsham, 425; J. Greenlees, 1505; C. Wycherley, 2114; Thomas Andrews, 203; Stanley Ball, 314; H. Bagot, 1620; Martin Nicholas, 1325; J. Bramley, 1603; C. Johnson, Canadian Lodge, Canada; D. Dunkel, P.M. 594; R. Shacklady, W.M. 249; E. Sherwood, P.M. 786, P.P.G.D.; A. R. Ansell, 2290; W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 1182; J. Larkin, 1620; and E. Pierpoint, P.M. 155.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

About 35 brethren met at Taiping, on Wednesday, January 13th, the occasion being the consecration to the purposes of Masonry of the newly completed lodge rooms. The lodge was opened in the old lodge rooms in Barrack-street, when the order of the procession to the new building was arranged. The D.G.M., Bro. Sir Charles Warren, being unable to be present, the duty of consecrating the new lodge buildings was delegated to Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M., and P.G.S.B. England. The procession set out from the old lodge, Bro. Hewett being Director of the Ceremonies. The banners of the following lodges were present in the procession: District Grand Lodge, Prince of Wales Lodge, Reed Lodge, Zetland-in-the-East

Lodge, and St. George's Lodge, while the Grand Lodge regalia was specially lent for the occasion.

The brethren having assembled within the new lodge buildings, the District Grand Lodge Officers were admitted, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, Bro. Gottlieb, P.G.S.B. England, D.D.G.M., declaring the lodge duly consecrated for the purposes of Freemasonry, and the brethren departed to re-assemble later on for the purposes of the ordinary business of Masonry, to be followed by a banquet.

The new Masonic Hall itself is a commodious and substantial structure, amply meeting the requirements of the Taiping brethren. The banqueting room and the bar are on the ground floor, while the upstairs part of the building is devoted to more strictly Masonic purposes.

We must not forget to mention that during the heavy choral ceremony of consecration Bro. R. G. Watson officiated as Organist.

Among the Past Masters present were Bros. Leach, MacFarlane, Gottlieb, Christiansen, Hanson, Caulfield, and Proctor.

In the evening the brethren re-assembled, when, after the usual Masonic business had been got through, 32 brethren graced the festive board, prepared by Bro. Gleeson.

An excellent menu was done justice to, and was followed by the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts.

"The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," were given by Bro. HEWETT with the usual honours.

"W. Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, P.D.D.G.M., P.G.S.B. England," was feelingly given by Bro. CAULFIELD.

"The Newly-consecrated Building" was toasted by Bro. CHRISTIANSEN, who prefaced his remarks by saying that he intended to be "short and sweet," and so he was.

The next toast—"Our Visitors and Sister Lodges"—was proposed by Bro. SHEPPARD, and responded to by Bro. MACFARLANE.

About this period a telegram offering congratulations was received from the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, Penang.

The next toast given was "The Two Junior Brethren, Bros. Treacher and Mark," by Bro. GINSON, to which Bro. TREACHER responded.

The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren dispersed, after witnessing one of the most impressive ceremonies, it is possible to participate in. We wish Perak Jubilee Lodge, No. 2225 (E.C.), a bright and prosperous career.

Obituary.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE, P.G.S.B., &c.

We much regret to record the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, P.G.S.B., &c., which occurred at his residence at Blackheath, on the 13th ult., at the comparatively early age of 55, after a very suffering illness of two years, the last two months of which he had to remain in one chair day and night, and he was never heard to utter a murmur or impatient word; his only distress seemed to be that he gave his affectionate and attentive nurses so much trouble. He entered the Army as Ensign in the 64th Regiment, in 1855, and served in that corps till his retirement as Lieut.-Col. in 1878, on a pension. His services were as follows: He served in the Persian campaign of 1856-57, including the storm and capture of Reshire, surrender of Bushire, night attack and battle of Kooshab, bombardment of Mohumrah, and expedition to Ahwaz—in command of the Light Company (medal). Served in Bengal and N.W. Provinces in suppressing the mutiny in 1857-58; present with Havelock's column in the actions of Futtehpore, Aoung, Pandoo Nuddee, Cawnpore (wounded), Onao, Buseerut Gunge (1st and 2nd); was an Assistant Field Engineer in the defence of the Alumbagh (mentioned in dispatches); present at the actions of Dilkoosha and second relief of Lucknow, defence of Cawnpore and defeat of the Gwalior mutineers, and actions of Kala Nuddee and Kerkeroulie, capture of Barilly, and affairs of Shahjehanpore, Bunnie, and Mahomdie (medal and clasp). Bro. Haldane was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 767, at Kurrachee, and became W.M. of No. 349, St. John and St. Paul, at Malta, in January, 1869. He served as Junior and Senior District Grand Warden, Malta, 1869 and 1870, and on the 21st November, 1871, was appointed Deputy District Grand Master of Malta. He was given the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer at her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in April, 1864, in All Souls Chapter, No. 170, Weymouth, and installed Z. of Melita Chapter in March, 1870. He was a Knight Templar, and having joined the Temple Crossing Preceptory in 1879, he was installed Preceptor of that preceptory in 1880, and was appointed Provincial Prior of Kent and Surrey in succession to Sir Knight General Studholme Brownrigg, 23rd April, 1889; and after passing through the different Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite he was promoted to 33rd in July, 1889. He served as Steward to the R.M.I. for Girls 1883, R.M.I. for Boys 1886, and R.M.B.I. in 1884. He was W.M. of the Studholme Mark Lodge in 1885; he most kindly undertook the arduous duties of Secretary of the Bayard Lodge from October, 1880; Scribe E. of the Bayard Chapter, March, 1881; Recorder of the Bayard

Rose Croix Chapter, October, 1879; Secretary of the Studholme Mark Lodge, December, 1888; and Registrar of the Temple Crossing Preceptory, November, 1881. He was nominated Vice-Chairman of the Colonial Board in 1884, and Chairman in 1889. The estimation in which he was held by the brethren is shown by the following resolution, proposed in the Bayard Lodge at their last meeting, and a similar one was voted at the Bayard Rose Croix Chapter. The following resolution was proposed and unanimously carried: "That the brethren of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, have heard with sincere sorrow of the death of W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, who for nearly 12 years most kindly accepted, and undertook, the arduous office of Secretary, to the great benefit of the lodge and to the assistance of the various W.M.'s. The W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the lodge desire to place on record their appreciation of the services Lieut.-Col. Haldane rendered to the lodge, and to the kindly, zealous, conscientious, and courteous manner in which he carried out all his duties; and it was further moved that this resolution be entered on the minutes, and that a copy be sent with the sincere sympathy of the brethren to Mrs. Haldane, with the earnest prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may give her comfort and support in this hour of her affliction." At the funeral some very beautiful wreaths and crosses were sent by friends and by the numerous bodies to which our lamented brother belonged, especially by the Knight Templar Province of Kent and Surrey—a Preceptor's cross of red tulips. The Bayard Lodge and Bayard Rose Croix Chapter also sent most lovely wreaths, as did many others too numerous to mention.

BRO. JAMES INSKIPP, P.M. 311.

The death occurred on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., at the residence of Mrs. Brook, High-street, Lewes, of Bro. James Inskipp, one of the oldest inhabitants of the town. Deceased was unmarried and of a very retiring disposition, but, nevertheless, much respected. Deceased died just upon his 93rd birthday. He was the oldest member of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, having been initiated on the 1st of April, 1835, when the meetings were held in the chief room of the Barbican at Lewes Castle. He appears to have filled all the minor offices, and was appointed W.M. in 1840. It is believed that at the time of his death Bro. Inskipp was the oldest subscribing Mason in England. About 1840 Freemasonry was in a state of "suspended animation" in Lewes, and the warrant of the South Saxon Lodge was kept alive by the deceased, the late Bros. D'Albiac, W. Bridger, R. Butcher, Gavin E. Pocock, and one or two others. He was a splendid penman, an accomplishment which he maintained to the last. Our deceased brother was interred at St. Michael's Cemetery, Lewes, on Saturday, the 5th inst., when several Past Masters and brethren of the South Saxon Lodge attended to pay a last tribute of respect to our departed brother. Amongst those present were Bros. T. Adames, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.; S. Tanner, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. W. Broad, P.M.; W. Wright, I.P.M., P.M. 1303, Prov. J.G.W.; T. R. White, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of C.; R. H. Elman, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; A. Holman, P.M.; R. Turner, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; G. Wilson, P.M. 1303; T. Farncomb, jun.; Lloyd, Lemey, S. L. Wright, H. Hall, R. Hayler, S. Starnes, and others.

BRO. F. G. BURSTOW, P.M. 212.

At the West Ham Cemetery on Saturday, the 5th inst., a large number of brethren and friends were present at the interment of Bro. F. G. Burstow, P.M. of the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212. The deceased died on Tuesday, the 1st inst., after two days' illness. He was initiated in the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, and having passed all the various offices in the lodge was installed Worshipful Master in January, 1889. The body was enclosed in a polished oak coffin, with brass fittings and Masonic emblems, and was borne to the grave in an open hearse, which also contained a beautiful collection of wreaths, the gift of Bro. Mason and friends. The wreath from the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, measuring two feet in diameter, was beautifully worked with lilies, acacia, and evergreens, and was placed at the head of the grave. Following the hearse was a long string of mourning carriages, containing the personal relatives and friends of the deceased, and a number of brethren of his lodge, amongst whom were Bros. R. Woods, W.M.; J. Wagstaff, I.P.M.; T. Rushton, Secretary; J. West, P.M.; J. Day, S.D.; T. Taylor, I.G.; G. Fann, J. Vallance, J. Boniface, M. Tomlinson, W. Saxby, Harriston, C. Foden, J. W. Vale, F. Simpson, Jones, Brooks, Vocey, Roby, Davis, Gedersend, J. J. Marsh, and several others. The friends and visitors, numbering over 100, stood round the grave to pay the last tribute of respect to departed worth. The lodge will be put in Masonic mourning.

Birth.

MILLS.—On the 5th December, 1891, at the Tower, Penang, the wife of Lieut. J. F. Mills, R.N., of a daughter.

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The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., when the accounts will be submitted, passed, and ordered to be paid, and the Board dissolved.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who has not been in good health for some time, will leave England this week for the South of Europe, visiting Naples, Malta, and probably Tangiers. He will be away about a month, and we trust the change will restore him to his usual vigour.

The Richard Jeffries memorial bust was unveiled in Salisbury Cathedral on Wednesday by Bishop Wordsworth. An address was given by the Dean.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress returned to the Mansion House on Saturday last, having concluded their visit to the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort at Badminton.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire had an audience of the Queen at Windsor Castle on Saturday last, when his Grace delivered to her Majesty the badge of the Order of the Garter worn by his late father.

Hitherto the Duke of Argyll has sat in the House of Lords as Baron Sundridge and Hamilton, but recently her Majesty has been pleased to confer on his Grace the dignity of a dukedom of the United Kingdom.

The Duke of Teck and his daughter, the Princess Victoria Mary, visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Monday and stayed to lunch, afterwards visiting the Mausoleum, and returning to the White Lodge, Richmond.

By the kind permission of the Corporation of London, the British and Foreign Bible Society held their 88th annual gathering in the Guildhall on Saturday last, when, after a series of appropriate addresses, tea, cake, and other light refreshments were partaken of in the Crypt.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, and the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

Bro. the Rev. H. M. Maugham, M.A., vicar of Whitstable, P.M. of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, and W.M. of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, at Canterbury, and P.P.G. Chap. of Kent, was on the 25th ult. duly installed in the first Principal's chair of the Chapter of Harmony, No. 133, at Faversham.

Bro. Col. L. G. Dundas, late 62nd Wiltshire Regiment, has kindly granted permission to Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, formerly in the 4th Royal Fusiliers, to parade the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Essex Regiment in the barrack square of Finsbury Barracks, City-road, this day (Saturday) previously to the Essex men having a march out.

The 29th anniversary of the wedding day of the Prince and Princess of Wales was observed at Windsor on Thursday. The bells of the Chapel Royal, of St. George's, and St. John's Church were rung, and the usual salutes were fired in the Long Walk. No festivities were held at the Castle, owing to the death of the Duke of Clarence.

With truffles selling at prices all the way from 4s. to 14s. the pound, the gourmet will hear with delight that there are ample supplies at the base of the Himalayas. The species, it would appear, is not yet known to science, and is described by Dr. Cooke as *Tuber indicum*. It is closely allied to the French black truffle, but much smaller.

The Marchioness of Londonderry has given permission for a sale of real Irish-made work, to be held towards the end of the current month at Londonderry House, in behalf of the Irish Industries' Association, Motcomb-street. The Duchess of Abercorn, the Countess of Aberdeen—who is President of the Association—and the Marchioness of Londonderry will take charge of stalls.

In the minute book of an old New Hampshire lodge, date 1790, it is recorded—"The Master proposed Thomas Hall Costlo, a gentleman from the West Indies, and having the appearance of a gentleman and a stranger, he was accepted." Many lodges to-day are no more exacting than their New Hampshire predecessors.—*South African Freemason*.

At the meeting of the Rose Croix Chapter of St. Aubyn, at the Fidelity Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 29th ult., Frater A. J. Verdi was installed the M.W.S. Frater E. Aitken-Davies, P.M.W.S., was the Installing Officer, assisted by Frater C. Watson, W. G. Watson, P.M.W.S., and J. Kinton Bond. The officers invested were Frater W. G. Watson, I.P.M.W.S.; F. T. W. Curtis, Prelate; T. W. Payne, 1st Gen.; J. Chapman, 2nd Gen.; C. Watson, Treas.; W. G. Watson, Recorder; J. Allen, G.M.; E. Woodland, C. of G.; J. Austin, R.; E. A. Davies, H.; W. Trevena, D.C.; C. Newton, O.; and W. Henderson, Equerry. At the close of the business the fratres adjourned to the Masonic Hall, Plymouth, where they dined together, Frater A. J. Verdi presiding.

The brethren of the Agricola Lodge and their friends held their annual ball at the Albert Rooms, Stonegate, York, on the 1st inst. The event had been postponed from the 2nd ult., in consequence of the death of the Duke of Clarence. The function was of the most pleasant and enjoyable character, the arrangements being admirably carried out. The M.C.'s were Bros. J. McGee, G. H. Stott, and D. Young, S.D. Bro. B. Stephenson acted as Tyler, and Bros. Riley and Poynts as Stewards. By the dispensation of the Provincial Grand Master the members of the lodge were permitted to wear Masonic clothing and jewels. In the absence through indisposition of Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, I.P.M., Bro. Captain Hewson, P.M., P.Z., P.D.G.D. Malta, officiated as W.M., and among those also present were Bros. Manton, S.W.; T. N. Latham, Sec.; and J. Booth, Treas. The company consisted of forty couples, and an excellent programme was not concluded until past three.

Bro. Thomas Benskin is a candidate for Parliamentary honours at the next election for South-west Bethnal Green.

Bro. William G. Lemon has been re-elected on the London County Council for the Lewisham division.

Bro. Lord Brassey's yacht the Sunbeam arrived at Jamaica on the 2nd instant, the party on board consisting of Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, and others.

We are glad to hear that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has entirely recovered from her recent severe chill, but the continuance of the cold weather has prevented her leaving the house or going away for a change of air.

Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., M.P., has very kindly consented to preside at the 53rd Anniversary Festival of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution, which will be held on the 29th June next at the Hôtel Métropole.

Among the art treasures which have been lent to the Corporation of London for their approaching Spring and Summer Loan Exhibition at the Guildhall, her Majesty has graciously sent "The End of the Day," by the late George Mason, A.R.A., and "Rorke's Drift," by Lady Butler (Elizabeth Thompson).

Bro. Henry Irving presided at the annual meeting of the Actors' Association, which was held on the stage of the Lyceum Theatre towards the close of last week, when the report, which was most satisfactory, was adopted, and it was resolved that more energetic measures should be taken for bringing the objects of the Association more prominently to the notice of members of the profession.

The London and South-Western Bank continues to make satisfactory progress. According to the balance-sheet recently issued, the gross profits for the half-year after providing for bad and doubtful debts, &c., amounted to £101,685 12s. 8d., and after placing £10,000, in addition to £200,000 already to the credit of that account, a dividend was declared at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.

The Mayor of Eastbourne has received a letter from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, in which the Prince and Princess of Wales express their appreciation of the delicacy and forbearance in respecting their privacy which the inhabitants of this popular Sussex watering-place have observed during the recent visit of their Royal Highnesses to Compton Place.

Among literary treasures which have realised high prices at recent sales may be mentioned an uncut copy of the first edition of Smollett's "Peregrine Pickle," which sold for £31 10s.; the "Black Brooke of St. David's," with signature of Henry VIII., £28 10s.; Buydall's "Shakespeare's Gallery," £19; Carey's "Life in Paris," £16 5s.; and Ireland's "Life of Napoleon Buonaparte," £11.

Bro. the Rev. Canon W. H. Cooper, who has lately returned from Canada, and was Incumbent of Kamloops, British Columbia, will send out a protected party for all parts of the colony by the Sardinian, on the 21st April, in charge of Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. A. Cooper, who will gladly give all information and forward papers on receipt of a stamped envelope to 10, Delahay-street, Westminster.

The Princess Henry of Battenberg has written to Lady Egerton of Tatton to the effect that she will visit Stockport on the 28th April, for the purpose of opening the bazaar in aid of the Cheshire Girls' Friendly Society. Her Royal Highness will be accompanied by her husband, and during their stay they will be the guests of Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton at Tatton Park, Knutsford.

The temperance propaganda in American Masonry is making rapid progress, and has even spread to our British colony of Canada. A motion to forbid the use of liquor at Masonic banquets obtained 404 votes out of a total number of about 1000 at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada. To us, although we sympathise with temperance Lodges, this attempt to force upon the Craft an universal rule on a point whereon public opinion is much divided, seems very ill advised.—*South African Freemason*.

I have ever felt it my duty to support Freemasonry and encourage its principles, because it powerfully develops all social and benevolent affections; because it mitigates without, and annihilates within the violence of political and theological controversy; because it affords the only neutral ground on which all ranks and classes can meet in perfect equality and associate without degradation or mortification, whether for purposes of moral instruction or social intercourse.—*Lord Durham*.

On Thursday evening, the 3rd instant, at the usual meeting of the Walpole Lodge at Norwich, the opportunity was taken by the officers and brethren of testifying to the esteem and regard entertained by them towards Bro. S. J. Carman, who is about to leave England for New Zealand. Bro. Carman has filled the various offices in the lodge in an exemplary manner, and for about eight years discharged the onerous duties of Secretary with a zeal and ability that left nothing to be desired, hence it was scarcely a matter for surprise that on the announcement of his departure from England the members should have unanimously resolved to give him a tangible memento of his connection with the lodge to carry with him. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Farrow, threw himself into the movement with fervour, and headed the subscription list, which was so well supported that an amplification of the original design was rendered possible. The testimonial consisted of an illuminated address recording the circumstances and containing the names of the subscribers, together with a jewel appertaining to the rank held by Bro. Carman in the Provincial Grand Lodge. The presentation was made in open lodge by the W.M., and during the evening several brethren joined in paying tribute to the many good qualities evinced by Bro. Carman during his Masonic career, while all joined in wishing him "God-speed," with good health and prosperity in his new sphere of labour.

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In some American jurisdictions every member wears his hat in lodge in token of equality. In others only the W.M. wears his, in token of authority.

The next Horse Show will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, from the 5th to the 11th of May, when the prize list will be on a liberal scale, and the seating accommodation in the Hall much improved.

Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M., P.Z., &c., who has for some years filled the office of Secretary of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, has resigned, and the W.M., Bro. Lieut. T. W. Heath, has appointed Bro. Reuben C. Green, P.M., P.Z., in his stead.

Every Master of a lodge, every Past Master, and those aspiring to this honour; in fact, every Mason, ought to cultivate a taste for literary and scientific Freemasonry in addition to a knowledge of its ritual and ceremonial observances and landmarks.—*Ohio Masonic Chronicle*.

It may save disappointment and trouble to persons seeking presentations for Christ's Hospital to know that the number of boys in the boarding schools is still in excess of the number prescribed by the scheme of 1890, and that as no donation governor is in future to have more than one child on the foundation by direct presentation, no presentations or nominations are likely to be issued to donation governors for some years to come.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince George and Princess Victoria of Wales visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Sunday, arriving in time for Divine service in her Majesty's private chapel. They afterwards visited the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, where lie the remains of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and subsequently lunched with the Queen, remaining till the evening, when they returned to town by special train to Paddington.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a dinner party at the Mansion House on Wednesday, to meet Mr. John Pound, the new Alderman of Aldgate Ward, and Mrs. Pound. The guests, about 60 in number, included the members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and Under Sheriffs, the Town Clerk, and other high officers of the Corporation, Mr. Rose-Innes, the Deputy of Aldgate Ward, and Major Roper Parkington and Mr. Beatley, the proposer and seconder of the new Alderman.

At 10 o'clock on Sunday evening an aurora borealis, vivid despite the bright moonlight, but lasting only a short time, was seen from the Observatory at Göttingen. The dark segment was distinctly seen near the horizon, the parts above it being light green, and surmounted here and there by masses of red light. A large number of yellowish rays shot up into the sky from time to time. The instruments in the Magnetic Observatory showed that a considerable disturbance of the terrestrial magnet had previously taken place.

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Grace Aslett, wife of Bro. Harry Dan Aslett, P.M. Wallington Lodge, 1892, the well-known and respected superintendent of the Kensington and Chelsea District Branch School at Hammersmith. Mrs. Aslett had for some time been suffering from consumption, and after an illness borne with the greatest patience and resignation, she sank to rest on Friday, the 19th ult. The funeral took place on the 23rd ult., at the Hammersmith Cemetery, and was attended by many well-known residents and sympathising friends.

The Speaker gave his second Parliamentary full-dress dinner on Wednesday to the following noblemen and gentlemen, viz.: Mr. Gladstone, the Earl of Cavan, Hon. C. R. Spencer, Hon. E. Marjoribanks, Mr. Stansfeld, Sir Lyon Playfair, Mr. Mundella, Mr. Osborne Morgan, Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, Sir George Trevelyan, Mr. J. B. Balfour, Mr. H. Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. J. Morley, Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth, Mr. H. H. Fowler, Sir C. Russell, Mr. Duff, Mr. Flower, Mr. H. Gladstone, Mr. A. Morley, Mr. Woodall, Ven. Archdeacon Farrar (Chaplain), and Mr. E. Ponsbury (Secretary).

The Duke and Duchess of Teck and Princess May left London for Cannes on Wednesday, travelling in a large saloon carriage attached to the 11 o'clock train from Victoria. A number of relatives and personal friends were at the station to bid them good bye, among these being the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Wm. Neville, and the Hon. Sidney Greville. Princess May looked very pale, but appeared to have regained some of her usual good health. The Duke of Cambridge took leave of his sister and niece in the saloon, the parting being of a most affectionate character. As the train steamed out of the station the crowd raised their hats, and the Duchess and Princess May bowed their acknowledgments of the salute.

The death, at Wimbledon, is announced of Mr. Francis Grantham Faithfull, 20 years clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company, an office which he resigned 18 months ago on account of ill-health. He was the son of the Rev. Francis Faithfull, rector of Hatfield, Herts, and was born in 1845. He was educated at Harrow and Oxford, and entered the War Office in 1866. He was assistant private Secretary to Sir John Pakington, when Secretary of State for War in 1868, and subsequently private Secretary to Lord Northbrook. In the latter part of 1870 he was elected clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company out of more than 50 candidates.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, left London on Wednesday evening for the South of France. Sister Edith, who was one of the nurses in attendance upon Prince George during his recent illness, is now in attendance upon Princess Maud, who is not very strong. The Royal party arrived at Charing Cross from Marlborough House at 25 minutes past eight, and were received by Col. Smees, Director, and Sir Myles Fenton, General Manager, of the South-Eastern Company, the latter of whom took charge of the special train to Dover. The party crossed from Dover to Calais in the steamer Calais-Douvres, of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, and thence took train to Mentone, a villa having been secured for them within 25 minutes' drive of that place.

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