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## THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The Spring School Elections were held last week, and there is an end altogether, or for the present, to the hopes and fears of the friends of the different candidates. Those who carried their cases have the satisfaction of knowing that their youthful *protégés* will be well looked after and educated for the next five or six years, while those who failed will have a further six months in which to renew their efforts. As a matter of course there was a full attendance of Governors and Subscribers at both Courts, and the polling, as we anticipated, was high, ranging, in the case of the Girls' School, from 4482 votes given for No. 1 on the Successful list to 2125 votes for No. 16; and in the case of the Boys' School, from 3490 votes for No. 1 to 2175 votes for No. 20. As regards the Unsuccessful candidates, there was only one girl who obtained no support worth speaking of, while three of the boys who failed obtained votes enough to have placed them, a few years since, well up on the list of the Successful. However, full particulars in respect of these and other points worth drawing attention will be found in the remarks that follow.

### THE GIRLS' ELECTION.

This was held in Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 7th inst., when 23 approved candidates competed for 16 vacancies, London furnishing eight candidates and taking a part interest in the success of two others, while the remaining 13 hailed from the Provinces and in one instance from a military lodge. The two children who were placed at the head of the poll were London girls, and obtained in the one case 4482 votes and in the other 3481 votes, both of them having but this one and only chance allowed them of obtaining admission into the School. The Sussex candidate stood third with 3348 votes, while the girl from Middlesex came next with 3343 votes. Hertfordshire had the satisfaction of placing its candidate at No. 5, the number of votes polled on her behalf being 3202, a third London girl being next in order with 3139 votes. Then followed the lassie from West Yorkshire, with 3056 votes, and then a girl with claims on London and Kent, for whom 2966 votes were polled. The ninth place was secured by a London girl with 2934, and the tenth by one hailing from Lincolnshire, who brought forward 12 votes from the election in October, 1891, and obtained further support to the extent of 2806 votes, making her total 2818. A candidate from Shropshire was placed at No. 11 with 2797 votes, and one from the adjoining Province of North Wales at No. 12 with 2641 votes. Cheshire had the good fortune to place its little friend at No. 13, the votes which enabled it to effect this purpose being 2562 in number. No. 14 hailed from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and scored a total of 2517, and No. 15, from Warwickshire, her poll being 2139 votes, the last of the fortunate ones being a London girl, and the number of votes polled for her 2125. The highest Unsuccessful candidate—from Essex—obtained 1917 votes, and the next—with claims on Gloucestershire and London—1884 votes; the girl from West Lancashire and Hants and the Isle of Wight being well up with 1732 votes, and a London girl next in order with 1321 votes. The three remaining candidates were from London and one of the military lodges, but one of them (London) cut a very poor figure indeed, only increasing by eight votes the small score of 45 votes which stood to her credit from last October, while *la fille de la loge regimentale*, with 278 votes already in hand, made up her total to 817, and the other girl (London) polled 704 votes. All these seven children, however, are still eligible in point of age to be admitted into the School, and if future elections are managed so well as that of last week, when all the last cases were successful, we may look to see them win the prize of which they have been adjudged worthy. As regards the total poll, the number of votes brought forward was 335, and the number issued for this election 62,323, making a total of 62,658, of these 55,642—exclusive of the votes from October last—were passed by the Scrutineers, so that there were 6681 unused or spoiled votes.

### THE BOYS' ELECTION

was held on the 8th instant, the number of votes available being 68,279, of which 3659 were brought forward from October, while 64,620 were issued for this election. Of the latter 58,337 were passed by the Scrutineers, the number unused or spoiled being 6283. At this election, the number of London candidates was 10, and of the Provincial 27, one of the Warwickshire boys having had his name withdrawn subsequent to the issue of the voting papers, the number of vacancies to be filled being 20. As in the case of the Girls' Election, London had the satisfaction of placing two of its candidates at the top of the poll, No. 1 having 3490 votes to his credit, and No. 2, 3356 votes. No. 3 was one of two boys from the late district of Victoria, which now has a Grand Lodge of its own, and, as he had, but this one chance allowed him, his friends made a supreme effort in his behalf,

and secured his election with a total of 2863 votes. No. 4, with claims on the Provinces of Cornwall and Hants and the Isle of Wight, was close up with 2836 votes. Nor was there any material difference between the latter's score and that of No. 5 from Lincolnshire, who scored 2793. In the latter case, however, the total was made up of 827 votes from October last, and 1966 votes added on the day itself. No. 6, hailing from North Wales, obtained 2692 votes; No. 7—London—2685 votes; No. 8—Cambridgeshire—2679 votes; No. 9—London—2671 votes; and No. 10—one of two boys from Staffordshire—2662 votes. No. 11—London—polled 2587 votes, and one of the Cumberland and Westmorland boys, who was placed at No. 12, 2498 votes. As regards Warwickshire, we have already noted that the name of one of the two candidates from this Province was withdrawn prior to the election, but the other, who brought forward 269 votes from October, increased his total to 2478, and thus had the satisfaction of securing the 13th place. No. 14—from East and West Lancashire—obtained 2449 votes, while Worcestershire and Warwickshire together returned the next in order with 2407 votes. The lad who followed trod closely on the heels of No. 15 with a total of 2392 votes, made up of 531 already standing to his credit and additional support to the extent of 1861 votes, nor was there much of a gap between the latter and the Wiltshire boy, for whom 2380 votes were cast. No. 18 (London) brought forward 800 votes, and received support which raised his figure to 2365; No. 19 (Demerara) scoring 2392, of which 620 were already in hand; and No. 20 (London), 2175 votes. The highest Unsuccessful candidates had recorded for them 2046 votes (Victoria), 1958 votes (London), and 1941 (Kent) respectively, the middle one of the three being, unfortunately, a *last* case; while the last had already to his credit 551 votes, so that one cannot help suggesting that with a little more energy on the part of his supporters he ought to have stood higher on the poll. However, as the young gentleman is only eight years old, his friends have no reason to despair of being ultimately successful. There was one other candidate—hailing from London—who scored over 1100 votes, but with these four exceptions, the Unsuccessful children made little or no show, their friends presumably reserving themselves for some future ballot. It is to be regretted that of the three *last* cases two were unsuccessful and will have their names removed from the list, the number remaining eligible to compete in October next being reduced to 15.

It will be seen from our brief survey of the results that success has been pretty impartially divided between London and the Provinces. At the Girls' Election, the former carried five out of its eight candidates, while the Provinces elected 10 of its 13 candidates and share with London the credit of electing one of the remaining two. At the Boys' Election, London had seven of its 10 candidates elected and the Provinces 13 out of 27 candidates.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the supporters of this Institution was held on the 8th inst. in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, when the chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer. The Chairman was supported by Bros. George Everett, R. C. Else, John Bodenham, W. A. Scurrah, W. F. Smithson, Henry Smith, S. J. Attenborough, and James Willing, jun.

The CHAIRMAN moved the following resolution:

That in view of the favourable opinion that was expressed upon the suggestion of the desirability of changing the site of the Institution, made by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, at the last Festival, this Quarterly Court authorises the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution to the best advantage, and to report thereon to the next, or, if necessary, to a Special Court.

He said the motion was of great importance. At the last Festival of the Institution Lord Lathom intimated to the Craft the desirability of changing the site of the School, and the suggestion was received with a great amount of acclamation, many brethren thinking that the site might be changed with great advantage. The Board of Management then appointed a Sites Committee with the view of surveying sites in various suburbs of London. It was felt by that Committee and the Board of Management that it was undesirable to take a site until there was a reasonable prospect of realising the present site, and that they ought not to secure any site until a favourable opportunity offered itself of disposing of the property now held by the Institution. With these facts before them the Board of Management had to submit the present motion, and he must remind the brethren that by this motion the Board were only authorised to entertain the subject and to take steps they might feel desirable. Nothing would be done which would commit the Craft, no contract would be entered into, nothing whatever would be done unless it was first authorised by a Quarterly Court or a Special Court,

of which every brother would have due notice. All the motion proposed was to give power to the Board of Management to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the estate of the Institution.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH objected. Before they were asked to approve of a scheme they should have some details as to its cost, the cost of the site, and also of the erection of the new building. They had sunk over £100,000 in Wood Green, and it would only realise about £25,000.

The CHAIRMAN said he must ask Bro. Attenborough not to say anything of that kind, because they were not told anything of the sort. The Board of Management were not going to part with the property at Wood Green for that sum.

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH did not suggest that they would. But it had been suggested that only from £20,000 to £25,000 could be got for it. They were asked whether they were prepared to sanction a scheme without further consideration. Before doing so the Board should report to the Quarterly Court what the cost of new property would be—what would be the price of the land, and the best mode of realising the present site. They had valuable property at Wood Green, and ought not to throw it away. They were asked to endorse the Earl of Lathom's suggestion. If they did they would sink £60,000 of the capital of the Institution. Many brethren thought the Institution was very well situated at Wood Green. If they were asked to sacrifice just a few thousand pounds he would not object. He thought the Court ought to be asked to say offhand whether it was desirable to realise the site. He proposed the following amendment:

That, in view of the suggestion to change the site of the Institution made by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, at the last Festival, this Court instructs the Board of Management of the Institution to make enquiry into and obtain full information upon the following matters:

- (1) The cost of the present site and the buildings erected thereon and their present value.
- (2) The position most suitable for the situation of the Institution (if moved), the number of acres of land required, and the approximate cost price per acre of such land.
- (3) The accommodation to be provided in the new Institution, the number of boys such Institution should be built to contain, the best plan for same, and the estimated cost
  - (a) of the new buildings and premises complete;
  - (b) of the fittings, furniture, &c., complete; and
- (4) The best way
  - (a) to realise the present site and the buildings erected thereon, and
  - (b) to obtain the necessary funds to carry the suggested change into effect.

And to report thereon at the next Quarterly Court, or, if necessary, to a Special Court.

He had no hesitation in saying that the new scheme would cost a very considerable sum of money. Where was it to come from? The Board of Management should enquire into the matter and report to the Court upon it.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH seconded the amendment. The buildings had cost over £100,000, and as far as he could see they were to a very considerable extent suitable. Very recently alterations had been made which had given increased facilities for the education of the boys; they had now good class-rooms, and everything was on a sound basis. If that was the case why should they sell the property for a mere nominal sum, simply for the purpose of erecting other buildings further away. They must remember it would not only be the purchase of the site, but the cost of erecting new buildings on that site. He thought, after the generous response to the appeal made to the brethren last year, when so much money was got, it would be very wrong to sell the property for a small sum, and build a new School in another place. He asked all members of the Board of Management, although he was a member himself, and disagreed with many of his colleagues on this point, to reconsider the subject and not commit themselves to this dangerous experiment.

Bro. JOHN BODENHAM said this was entirely a provisional proposition. The matter would have to be submitted to a Quarterly Court at a future time when they were in full possession of information obtained in answer to enquiries. The result of enquiries might be that they could not get a site for the property, and that it would be better to stay where they were. They hoped to get a reasonable offer, and then they could go forward with the scheme. There was no scheme now before them, but he certainly thought they should now instruct the Committee to ascertain whether this was a practical question. It was not desirable that this question of removal should be hanging over them indefinitely. Let them see whether it was possible to get any reasonable figure, and without great sacrifice to dispose of the present site.

The CHAIRMAN said they had no intention of disposing of this splendid building until they could get a good price. They should not think of going away until they had got enough by the sale of one to purchase another that would be an ornament to the Order in some other part of the country where it would be for the benefit of the boys. The motion before the brethren was only preliminary: they should do nothing without the full consent of the Quarterly Court. They were not going to part with their present property for £25,000. They would get business men to help them, and if the scheme was not good enough, they would not lay it before the brethren.

The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. HENRY SMITH, seconded by Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The following brethren were elected the Council: Bros. Geo. Adamson, W. B. Blackmur, John French, Charles Greenwood, D. Jacobs, R. T. Redfearn, Walter Martin, E. Stimson, H. Webb, F. R. Farrow, Geo. Cook, and W. J. Rowe.

The following brethren were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Management, caused by the retirement of the five London and five provincial representatives as required by the laws of the Institution: London—Bros. J. J. Thomas, Edward Terry, William Masters, J. D. Langton, Thos. Hastings Miller. Provincial—Bros. Oliver Papworth, Charles E. Keyser, Richard Clowes, George Corble, and Charles K. Benson.

Scrutineers having been appointed, the Court proceeded to elect 22 boys out of an approved list of 37 candidates. The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham. There were present—

Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, G. Supt.; J. T. Collins, P.G.H.; E. Worrall, P.G.J.; F. G. Swinden, P.G.S.E.; T. Parkins, P.G.S.N.; C. F. Rowe, P.G. Treas.; J. H. Hawkes, P.G.P.S.; T. R. Arter, P. 1st A.G.S.; W. G. Hills, P. 2nd A.G.S.; A. G. Chamberlain, P.G.S.B.; J. Cooper, P.G.D.C.; D. Simms, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Beech, P.G.D.C. England; Fenn, Wood, Archer, Thomas, Rooker, Denne, Fridlander, Bladon, Tolladay, Shread, Cole, Harcourt, Chamberlain, Lawrence, Shackleford, Harris, Short, Price, Bate, Gordon, Adams, A. Pearsall, Gay, Gaunt, Birkmire, and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the circular convening the convocation was read, and the rolls of Provincial Grand Officers and the chapters were called.

The draft by-laws of Provincial Grand Chapter were submitted, and Comp. Rev. TREVOR PARKINS, P.G.S.N., moved, and Comp. W. G. HILLS, P. 1st A.G.S., seconded, that the same be adopted, when approved by the Grand Chapter of England.

The Grand Superintendent, Lord Leigh, presented to Comp. F. Worrall, Prov. G.J., the testimonial (a very handsome sterling silver fruit dish) which had been subscribed for by the companions of Warwickshire in acknowledgment of the services rendered by him to Royal Arch Masonry during the period of 25 years.

Comp. WORRALL, Prov. G.J., then stated he could not find words adequately to express his thanks to the companions for the handsome present. It was tenfold more that its intrinsic value as showing the fraternal regard of the companions. That would ever remain a red-letter day in his life. While feeling a pang at leaving the office, it was in some way compensated for by the very kind manner in which Lord Leigh had addressed him when making the presentation, and the applause with which those remarks had been endorsed by the companions, which showed the truly Masonic feeling was such as he had met with during the 25 years from all the brethren. Before sitting down he must congratulate the province on the appointment of Comp. F. G. Swinden as his successor. His energy and truly Masonic capabilities were such that he would transact the duties of the office with credit to himself and advantage to the province.

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

Bro. E. Worrall was initiated in 1862 in the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, and the year following assisted in founding the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, of which in 1865 he was elected and installed W.M. In 1884 he was a founder of the Masefield Lodge, No. 2034, and was installed W.M. in 1890. In 1869 his services were recognised by his appointment to the office of Prov. G.D.C., and in 1876 he received the more important post of Prov. G.W. In the Royal Arch he is a P.Z. of the Howe, Trinity, and Elkington Chapters, and having served as Prov. G.S.E. for about 25 years, was last year installed as Prov. G.J. He introduced the Mark Degree into Staffordshire and Warwickshire, has been W.M. Bedford Mark Lodge, and Grand Standard Bearer of the Mark Grand Lodge. In addition he is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served five Stewardships in their behalf.

## MASONIC INSTRUCTION.

In Pennsylvania, the only authority on Masonic work is the R.W. Grand Master. While he is the only authority, yet it is his prerogative, and he does frequently commission others, who in his judgment are competent to teach the work as authorised by him. This has become a necessity, for with over 400 lodges in the jurisdiction under his general supervision, 64 of which are in the city of Philadelphia, and under his immediate and special supervision, it is impossible for him to devote time sufficient to personally instruct the officers and members who are desirous of accuracy in the authorised work; hence the endorsement of the Temple School of Instruction, where the work as authorised by the Grand Master is correctly taught. In the country it is somewhat different, for the 337 lodges there are located in 36 districts, each presided over by a D.D.G.M., who is the immediate representative of the Grand Master, and whose duty it is to visit the lodges in their respective districts; inspect the work, correct errors and impart instruction in the work as authorised by the Grand Master, if circumstances require it. In consequence of some of the districts covering so much territory, and the D.D.G.M.'s being unable to devote time enough from their business, etc., to give the proper instruction in the work, the Grand Master directs and commissions Bro. Wm. A. Sinn, Inspector of the Work, and Bros. Richard M. Johnson, Principal, and Wm. B. Joslyn, Instructor in the Temple School, to go into the different districts to instruct officers and members who are desirous of becoming proficient in the correct work. By this judicious system the work is rapidly approaching uniformity throughout the entire jurisdiction. Years ago this was not so, for lodges receiving their instruction from the same school (unauthorised and now extinct), the same Grand Master, or some self-constituted instructor, and all claiming to render the work correctly as they received it, yet no two performing it alike, led the Grand Officers a number of years ago to determine upon a uniformity of the work. Their first effort was to determine what was the original and true work, and weed out all innovations and attempted embellishments by individual brethren. Their next effort was to have the work, thus purged from all excrescences, taught and performed in each and every lodge in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. This was a stupendous and laudable undertaking, but they have engaged in it heart and hand, and with such unanimity that in a comparatively short time almost universal success has crowned their efforts.

Masonic instruction, as some suppose, is not a new thing, nor of recent date, but has been given by the R.W. Grand Master in person, as will be seen from the following from Grand Lodge proceedings:

"Quarterly Grand Communication, March 6, 1837.

"Bro. John M. Read, R.W. Grand Master, in the chair. The R.W. G.M. was pleased to announce that on Monday, the 20th of the present month, he would open a Lodge of Instruction, and the Grand Secretary was desired to notify the members of the Grand Lodge accordingly.

"Lodge of Instruction, Philadelphia, Monday, March 20, 1837.

"Pursuant to notice given by order of the R.W.G.M., the members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R.W.G.M. opened a Lodge of Instruction and delivered a Lecture upon the Opening and Closing, and also on the Entered Apprentice degree. The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night two weeks.

"Lodge of Instruction, Philadelphia, April 3, 1837.

"Pursuant to adjournment from the 20th of March, the members of the Grand Lodge met, when the R.W.G.M. delivered a Lecture on the Fellow Craft degree. The Lodge of Instruction adjourned to meet this night two weeks."

Lodges of Instruction, at which the R.W.G.M. presided, were held April 17, May 1, 15, and 29, 1837.

"Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, Monday, March 5, 1838.

"The R.W.G.M. gave an interesting and instructive Lecture on the Opening and Closing a Lodge."

*Lodge of Instruction.*—The R.W.G.M. held a Lodge of Instruction and delivered a Lecture on the Opening and Closing, and also on the E.A. degree, Monday, March 19, 1838; on the F.C. degree, April 16, 1838; on the M.M. degree, May 7, 1838, when Bro. William B. Schnider, a F.C. and member of Lodge No. 71, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and on the 23rd of May, 1838, the R.W.G.M. announced that as this was the last night of the Lodge of Instruction it was his intention by virtue of the power and authority in him vested, to Enter, Pass and Raise to the sublime degree of a M.M., Signor Fiorelli, which was accordingly so done.—*Keystone.*

### THE BALLOT AND OBJECTIONS.

Among the many laws and regulations which have been passed and established, from time to time, for the government of Masonic bodies and the guidance of the Craft of Free and Accepted Masons, there are none more important and far-reaching in effect than those which control the making of Masons, and thereby the admission of new members. The central controlling idea is established that there must be perfect unanimity among the members of a lodge, or other Masonic body, before an outsider can be admitted. That each one may exercise his own will in this matter entirely independent of considerations of fear or favour, and without a knowledge of how he voted being known to anyone except himself, the privacy of a secret ballot has been established, and as a further protection, it is made a Masonic offence for any member to disclose the nature of his ballot, whether white or black.

But the secret ballot when favourable to the petitioner was not made final in its effect. It has been further provided that any member, whether present or not when the ballot was taken, may interpose an objection at any time before the candidate has been admitted, and thus close the door against him. This objection may be made in open lodge, or privately to the presiding officer if the objector does not desire himself to be known to anyone else.

All this precaution in the admission of new members was evidently intended to sustain the dignity, peace, and harmony of the Body itself, and to promote good fellowship and fraternal love among the brethren. It would seem that it ought to accomplish that purpose. It would if all members were Masons, in accordance with the tenets of their profession; properly understood their duties and obligations as such, and were disposed to act in accordance with them. Unfortunately, however, all Masons do not stand on that plane. With all this precaution in making Masons, we are sorry to say that in nearly every lodge in the world may be found one or more members who are not Masons. The law designed to protect Masonry against the admission of unworthy members, in their hands is made a convenient means of keeping out many worthy applicants, and thus instead of promoting the peace and harmony of the lodge is often destructive to both with all its resultant bad effects. As the result of our long experience in Masonry we are ready to affirm that no regulation for the government of the Craft has been so grossly abused, and has been as much instrumental in destroying the usefulness and prosperity of Masonic bodies as that which enables an unworthy member to do his evil work under the protection of secrecy, which, if it could be exposed, would expel him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

We are not, however, finding fault with this law, for we believe it the best that can be enacted. We have called attention to it to take the opportunity for trying to impress upon the minds of the brethren the importance of acting under it for the sole purpose for which it was intended, and not pervert it to an unlawful and un-Masonic use. Never let it actuate you to revenge some real or imaginary wrong that you have suffered. Never let it cause you to cast a black ball, or file an objection on personal grounds, when you know the petitioner is otherwise worthy of admission. Never use it to aid a clique in the lodge acting in opposition to another of the same character. Remember that in such matters the true Masonic principle is to do unto others as you would be done by, and always act in this spirit. If you know others are acting to the contrary, do not try to get even with them by retaliation, but rather strive to influence them to act as Masons should, and thus reclaim them from their evil ways, for their own good and for the best interests of the lodge. Put in practice the sublime lessons taught you on the five points of fellowship, and no harm will come from the secret ballot or the right of objection. Thus may you prove yourself a true Mason, and promote the best interests of Masonry in its original design of wisdom, strength, and beauty.—*Masonic Advocate.*

### HOW TO HAVE A GOOD LODGE.

It is in the power of the members of any Masonic lodge to make it a good lodge, and equally in their power to make it the reverse. To make or to mar their lodge is the prerogative of its constituent members.

But what is a good lodge?

It is one which it is pleasant to belong to and pleasant to visit; one which is distinguished for its correct and impressive rendering of the work; one which is noted for the high character and fraternal good feeling of its members; one which scans closely the qualities of every applicant for initiation and membership, and approves or rejects him according as he is morally and materially fit or unfit, and does not accept him simply because he comes with money in his hands; one which is at unity with itself, and not a divided household; one which is noted for its Charity, wisely and liberally dispensed; and one that combines refreshment with labour on all convenient occasions. Such a lodge is a good lodge, a credit to the Grand Lodge of which it is a constituent, and a beneficent power in the Craft and in the community. Now, how shall such a lodge be created or fostered?

This work is not, and can not be, the work of any one brother, but must be the result of the harmonious co-operation and action of many, if not of all. If there be even one decided "crank" in a lodge, he will mar the work of all the rest. But while one can destroy, no one can create. The honour of making a good lodge cannot be claimed by any one brother, although some, from their official positions of influence and power, naturally may contribute more than others to the happy result which the brethren of all lodges should aspire to accomplish—viz., the credit of having the best lodge in their city or vicinity.

The first brother in influence and power is unquestionably the W.M. of a lodge. He is an officer whom the Craft has entrusted with regal prerogatives. He has no equal in the lodge. Every proceeding is under his control. He may convene his lodge at pleasure, and close it at pleasure. Yet, though he be possessed of such authority, he rarely, if ever, uses it for aught but the promotion of the welfare of the Masonic body. The possession of great power is almost invariably accompanied by a sense of responsibility for its right exercise. Very, very few Masters of lodges err in wilfully exercising their prerogatives for improper purposes. More than any other brother, therefore, the Master has the ability to promote the highest prosperity of a lodge. This he may do by the regularity and punctuality of his attendance at all meetings, the correctness and force with which he works the degrees, the example he sets of fraternal fellowship with the members, thereby promoting their mutual acquaintance, and the social virtues taught by the Craft; the promptness with which he visits, sympathises with and relieves the sick, and the solemnity and fraternal feeling with which he buries the Masonic dead; the grace with which he presides over his brethren while they surround the social board at refreshment, and the interest he displays in all of the affairs of the lodge. The Master who is facile in the performance of all these duties contributes thereby the lion's share towards making a good lodge.

The subordinate officers are the next most potent factors for good in the lodge. If they be always in their places, doing their own proper work, it will be well done, and the machinery of the lodge will be in good working order. With a good Master, Wardens, and other officers, promptly in their places and knowing their work, one of the most valuable elements in a lodge will be always present—skillfully performed work. Without this no lodge can prosper; with it no lodge can fail.

Next, the Past Masters should adequately and well support the officers of a lodge, if it is to be permanently a good lodge. The experience of the Past Masters cannot be dispensed with, if the lodge is to prosper. They are the anchors of the lodge when storms arise, while the officers are the sails of the lodge when favouring breezes blow. Under any and all circumstances it is important that they be present, to lend, whenever needed, the aid of their counsel and advice.

Last of all, it is the duty of every member to contribute his proper share to the promotion of the general welfare, and if any large number of the members fail to do this, the difficulty will be measurably increased for the remainder to make a good lodge. There must be hearty co-operation from all the members to insure the ready accomplishment of this work.

Every lodge ought to be, and might be, a good lodge. Now that the Craft has fully entered upon another season of labour, let each brother see to it that he does his best to secure its prosperity. No one will enjoy this result more than himself. The monitions equally of duty and of pleasure unite to incite one to action in this matter; and remember this—he acts twice who acts quickly.—*Keystone.*

HENRY VII., KING OF ENGLAND.—Anderson, in his 1738 Constitution, seems to assert that having been elected, as he says, by the Knights of St. John, or rather by the "Grand Master and Fellows of the Order of St. John at Rhodes, now at Malta, assembled at their Grand Lodge," as their Protector, A.D. 1500, the Royal Grand Master chose for his Wardens of England or Deputies, John Islip, Abbot of Westminster, and Sir Reginald Bray. According to Anderson, the King summoned them to a Lodge of Masters in the Palace, with whom he walked in ample form to the east end of Westminster Abbey, and levelled the footstone of his famous chapel, June 24, 1502. But of this statement there is much doubt. According to Widmore ("History of the Church of St. Peter, Westminster"), the first stone was laid January 24, 1502-3, by John Islip, abbot, and some of the King's Ministers. There is a MS. account of Islip's funeral extant, and no trace in it appears of the presence of the Operative Freemasons, unless indeed the two conductors, John Gardyn and William Alene, and the four pall-bearers, Messrs. Hawkes, Jude, Andro, and Docarawe, and the banner-bearers, John Sheder, William Middleton, and Thomas Kemp, can be identified by the fabric-rolls as being among the Masons employed. Still the fact that Islip did not patronise the Masonic Guild is not by this disproved; but we may assert its inherent probability, though not its positive and historical certainty. There were several Acts passed in the reign of Henry VII., about artificers, especially the xxii. chap. 11th year of Henry VII. (A.D. 1496), fixing the wages of all artificers. This, however, as to wages, was repealed in the following year, 12th Henry VII., cap. iii., 1497. By cap. 11th Henry VII., "No artificer, etc., shall play at any unlawful game but on Christmas, a provision incorporated in the guild regulations from Downland's Constitution downwards." The prohibition took place in 1496. After a diligent search we cannot find, as often quoted, the 11th Henry VII. c. 3, 4, as against "unlawful assemblages," and the giving and receiving of "liveries signs and tokens unlawfully," etc., "contrary to the statutes of labourers and artificers." But we find in 3rd Henry VII., 2nd Parliament, in the preamble of cap. 1, a declaration against "unlawful main-tenances, giving of liveries, signs, and tokens," but nothing is said of the statute of artificers, so that this Act seems to refer simply to the retainers of the nobles. There is also another Act against "giving or taking of any livery," the 19th Henry VII., cap. xiv., A.D. 1504.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1892.

**Masonic Notes.**

The election for members of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys resulted, as regards the London contingent, in the re-election of only two out of the five retiring members, the other three successful candidates being new men. Bro. J. J. Thomas headed the poll with 159 votes, and was followed by Bros. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., and William Masters, members of last year's Board, who polled 155 votes and 131 votes respectively; Bro. J.

D. Langton, with 98 votes, and Bro. T. Hastings Miller, with 89 votes, obtaining the fourth and fifth places. The unsuccessful candidates were Bros. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., 87 votes, W. Shurmur, 85 votes, and H. F. Nash, 77 votes, retiring members, and Bro. R. P. Stevens, 73 votes. Bro. S. Cochrane withdrew before the poll was opened.

As regards the Provincial contingent, the five retiring members were re-elected by substantial majorities, Bro. Oliver Papworth (Cambridgeshire) heading the poll with 160 votes, Bro. Charles E. Keyser (Herts) being second with 153 votes, and then in order as given: Bros. Richard Clowes (Sussex), G. Std. Br., 146 votes; George Corble (Essex), 113 votes; and C. K. Benson, who was nominated by both North Wales and Cheshire, 111 votes. The highest unsuccessful candidates were Bro. C. Pulman (Northumberland), who polled 76 votes, and W. H. Spaul (Shropshire), P.A.G.D.C., with 53 votes.

With reference to the suggestion thrown out by the Pro Grand Master at the Boys' School Festival in June of last year as to the desirability of changing the site of the Institution from Wood Green to some other and more suitable neighbourhood, we consider the Quarterly Court acted wisely in giving the Board of Management authority to entertain negotiations for the realisation of the present property. A move is desirable from a locality which has a clayey soil and is being fast over-run by small tenements; but there is no immediate hurry, and the Institution will be likely to obtain better terms if it bides its time than if it exhibits an undue anxiety to be rid of a property which has cost so much and may by comparison realise so little. The outlay from first to last cannot have been much less than about £100,000, while the value of the estate is estimated at about £30,000. Therefore, the Institution will have to exercise a considerable amount of patience in finding a purchaser for its property.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, at 4 p.m. The Secretary reported the deaths of four widow annuitants, and that one male annuitant had resigned his annuity in consequence of having inherited some property. The usual Committee was appointed to prepare the annual report.

A short while since Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, who has been so seriously ill and for so long a time, addressed a letter to his worthy Deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., in which he requested the latter to be the medium for communicating to the brethren in the Province his grateful thanks for the many kind inquiries they had made at frequent intervals during his protracted illness, and the honour they had done him by raising the necessary funds for the purchase of a Thomas William Tew Perpetual Presentation to the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The inquiries were too numerous for Bro. Tew to acknowledge each of them separately, as he would have liked to do, but he desires Bro. Smith to make it known that his (Bro. Tew's) appreciation of their kindness is to the full as sincere as if he had been able to address them individually.

We learn from the same source that with Bro. Tew's full consent and co-operation, Bro. Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Secretary West Yorkshire, and one of the Secretaries of the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society, will shortly bring out a volume of his (Bro. Tew's) Masonic Addresses, to which will be added a brief sketch of his Masonic relations and visitations to the lodges in his Province. We shall look forward to the appearance of this volume, which we feel sure will be filled with matters of interest not only to our West Yorkshire brethren, but to the general body of the Craft.

We have been favoured by Bro. J. Brindley James, P.M. 1441, W.M. 2410, with a letter in which he advocates the sub-division of the London Masonic district into a number of Districts or Provinces, each with its District or Provincial Grand Lodge, so that more London brethren than is possible under the present system may have the chance of winning the much-coveted purple. Bro. James does not appear to be aware that the subject was brought to the notice of Grand Lodge some years ago, and that on the advice of such distinguished brethren as the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and the late Bro. McIntyre, at the time Grand Registrar, the motion for such a sub-division was, if we remember rightly, unanimously rejected. We do not know of anything which has

occurred in Freemasonry in the interval which has since elapsed that would induce us to regard the proposal with greater favour than we did at the time it was brought forward.

We know of old that the Roman Catholic priest is not the only opponent of Freemasonry. Numbers of other sects have before now attacked us, and quite recently—that is, in the latter half of last month—an Anti-Masonic convention, composed of some 20 or 30 United Presbyterian ministers and laymen was held in Pittsburg, Pa., when the usual style of denunciation of all secret societies, but especially of the Freemasons, was indulged in, with the usual result that no one seems to be any the wiser or any the worse. The moving spirit of the convention appears to have been a Rev. J. P. Stoddart, but what he is reported to have said is neither new nor striking. The effect which the maledictions uttered at this convention are likely to exercise on the public mind in Pennsylvania will probably be *nil*. Indeed, we may put these interesting Presbyterian creatures in the same class with the three tailors of Tooley-street and other self-opinionated people, whose utterances amuse the public but do no harm to anyone.

We understand that the "Madras Masonic Review" has changed its title to "Indian Masonic Review," and that in future it will open its columns to Masonic news from all parts of India, Burmah, and Ceylon.

Only recently we alluded to the excellent Quarterly Reports published by the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, for which Bro. H. M. Rustomjee is the efficient District Grand Secretary. Another issue is now before us, giving a succinct account of the "Emergent Communication" held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on January 26th, 1892, as a memorial of the late and lamented Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.W., &c. The meeting was largely and influentially attended, the District Grand Master being in the chair, and the R.W. Bro. the Maharaja of Kuch-Bihar, G.C.I.E., Past G.W. of England, with other distinguished brethren, attending to exhibit their loyalty and sorrow. The addresses were duly agreed to, and suitably prepared.

The agenda of the Supreme Council, 33°, for Scotland, notices that they are looking forward to a visit from the Supreme Council of England on the 19th inst., when, among other work, the 32° is to be conferred upon Ill. Bros. Dr. James Middleton, P.G.M. of Roxburgh and Selkirkshires; John M. Martin, P.G.M. of Dumbartonshire; and C. M. Pelham Burn; and the 31° upon Ill. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Hadington, Grand Master of Scotland; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Depute P.G.M. of Perthshire East; and Sir James Buchanan, Bart., Substitute P.G.M. of Dumbartonshire.

We learn that at least four or five out of the nine members of the Supreme Council of England intend to be present at the above meeting, and we feel confident that such interchanges of friendly visits cannot but be productive of great advantage to the general interests not only of the Ancient and Accepted Rite but of the Masonic Order in general.

An advance proof of the new work by Bro. James Stevens, "The Evolution of Freemasonry," has been forwarded to us. The dedication of the book has been accepted by Bro. W. J. Hughan, and we learn that it has his decided approval as an epitome of Masonic history with which every member of the Craft should make himself acquainted. We shall take an early opportunity to review the work.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

981] "THE NEW ATLANTIS."

I am much obliged to Bro. Yarker for the information. Bacon's works are rather too much for me I fear to buy simply to look at this, but if any brother could lend me the volume containing this paper for a few days I should be very grateful. Would the Quatuor Coronati note Bro. Yarker's suggestion for their next volume of reprints.

LEX SCRIPTA.

982] Your enquirer "Lex Scripta" will find both "The Wisdom of the Ancients" and "The New Atlantis," by Bacon, in No. 15 of Cassell's National Library, published in 1886, at sixpence. John Heydon, the famous mystic and geomancer of the seventeenth century, drew largely from this latter work, but without acknowledging his indebtedness.

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## Reviews.

## THE FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY, &amp;c, OF KENT, 1892.

Fifteen years ago this manual was projected by Bro. T. S. Warne, of Rochester, and that same brother is still the editor, and as vigorous and able as ever. Bro. Warne's "Manual" has no superior and but few equals. What is done is done well, hence Kent has long been to the fore with one of the best provincial directories published in England. Some 200 pages of condensed and valuable information, arranged year by year, and carefully printed, must mean considerable labour and no little anxiety, but the result pays for all the trouble, the usefulness of the work being so manifest, and its information being always reliable and down to date. There are 58 lodges, with 3479 members, being an advance on previous years; 23 chapters of the Royal Arch; 23 Mark lodges, with nearly 500 members; three Knights Templar preceptories, Rose Croix chapters, &c., the officers of which bodies are all duly given, and then comes the roll of Masonic Charity votes, running up to the grand total of considerably over 10,000. About all these, many are the interesting details furnished. Copies may be had for 13 stamps, post free, from the editor.

## FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR OXFORDSHIRE, 1892.

The editor, printer, and publisher of this large and most useful annual is Bro. W. R. Bowden, of High-street, Oxford, from whom copies may be had. It is a very able compilation, and well deserves a wide circulation beyond its own province, because of the distinguished Craftsmen who have been connected with the historic city from time to time. This year's issue has for frontispiece a capital photo of Bro. Viscount Valentia, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, P.G.W. of England, &c. The abstract of lodge returns, 1889 and 1890, is most valuable, and an excellent feature of the present publication, and so also the Charity returns. Bro. Bowden has proved a worthy successor to Bro. R. J. Spiers, and has certainly done better for 1892 than ever before. We congratulate him and his province most sincerely accordingly.

## MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE, 1892.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., the esteemed Prov. Grand Treasurer of Wilts, has again edited the Masonic Calendar for his province, and has far exceeded all previous issues as to the value and extent of the information thus afforded. There are nearly 20 pages of additional matter, and for a province of only 11 lodges, having 526 subscribing members, the brethren are exceptionally favoured, for there are not a few much larger provinces that would be glad of such a useful publication. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's and Prov. Grand Registrar's reports in the Craft and Royal Arch are special features of Bro. Goldney's calendars, and ought really never to be absent from such annuals, though until recently these reports have rarely been given. There are six Royal Arch chapters, with 138 subscribing companions; two Mark lodges, with 49 members; and an Ark Mariners lodge of 12 members. The votes for the Central Masonic Charities are carefully arranged in an admirable manner under the several lodges and then summarised, exhibiting a grand total of 1908, which is an enormous number for such a small province, and says much for the Masonic feeling of the brethren. There are numerous particulars concerning the Charity Organisation, and many interesting notes, Bro. Goldney making a most capable and zealous editor.

## LIFE OF CONSTANTINE. By EUSEBIUS PAMPHILUS. Translated into English from the Greek. Second edition, London, 1709.

This is a most useful reprint of a rare and valuable work, published by Bro. George Kenning, and should be carefully studied by all members of the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. A frontispiece—Constantine the Great—portraits of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, K.G., Grand Master and Grand Sovereign Red Cross, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, the Earl of Bective, M.P., and the Right Hon. Lord Rancilffe, who was G.M. of the Templars, Royal Arch, and the Red Cross, &c., with other illustrations add to the interest of the volume, and a readable preface by the late Bro. R. W. Little, with another by the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., will be highly prized as souvenirs of those two Masonic worthies. The price of the book—a crown—should lead to a large sale.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Albion Lodge (No. 9).**—A very interesting emergency meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the main object of which was to do honour to Bro. Samuel Vallentine, Grand Purst., the "father" of the lodge, who during his long connection with it has greatly endeared himself to all its members. The form which the presentation took was the full-dress regalia appertaining to the Grand Office conferred on Bro. Vallentine by the M.W.G.M. The clothing in question was of the very best description that money could buy, and was certainly very handsome, having been expressly made by Bro. George Kenning in his best style.

The lodge was opened by Bro. A. G. Pritchard, W.M., assisted by Bro. C. Sicker, S.W., and Bro. W. Poupard, P.M., as J.W., there being also present Bros. H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; Dr. G. R. Beardmore, P.M.; S. Coste, P.M.; Wm. Willey, P.M.; S. Holroyd, P.M.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M.; W. K. Walton, G. Tennant, Sydney H. Meyers, W. Gerrish, Arthur Firmin, Walter Dennis, A. J. Harvey, and a number of visitors, including Bros. G. S. Paine, 1507; Walter J. Tilling, 765; W. J. Vallentine, P.M. 1017;

S. V. Abrahams, Asst. G. Purst.; Nelson Prower, W.M. 1745; and E. C. Massey.

Prior to the event of the evening being reached Bro. Arthur Firmin was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. Harvey, P.M. and Secretary, proceeded to read a most interesting account which had resulted from a careful examination he had made of the lodge minutes for the period during which Bro. Vallentine had been a member. From this it appeared that at the time of Bro. Vallentine's initiation the lodge was held in Air-street, Piccadilly, whence it removed in 1849 to Freemasons' Tavern, whence again it migrated in 1874 to the Regent Masonic Hall, but took up, as Bro. Harvey hoped, its continuing home at Freemasons' Hall in the year 1877. Bro. Vallentine was initiated on the 7th March, 1848, by Bro. Simpson, W.M., in the presence of 11 other members, all of whom had now disappeared for more than 20 years. That, Bro. Harvey remarked, showed the constancy of Bro. Vallentine, as he had remained among them for 20 years after every brother present at his initiation had disappeared. Bro. Vallentine was passed on the 4th April, and raised on the 2nd May, 1848, and served on the Audit Committee in the following September, and it was to be noted as a remarkable fact that he had been present at each successive audit meeting down to the present time. He first received office in January, 1850, when he was appointed S.D., becoming J.W. in 1851, S.W. in 1852, and being installed W.M. in January, 1853, on which occasion he afterwards performed two initiations and a raising. The first time Bro. Vallentine's presence was not recorded was in April, 1855, so that for over seven years from his initiation, and for two years after his Mastership, he had been present at every meeting—a record which it was doubtful if any other Mason could show. In 1857 Bro. Vallentine distinguished himself by initiating an application to the Grand Master for liberty to the members of the Albion Lodge to wear a centenary jewel, to which by lapse of time they had already become entitled. The application was granted, and Bro. Friend, as W.M., was invested with the jewel on the 6th October in that year, when also a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Vallentine. In December of the same year he successfully moved for the formation of a Lodge Benevolent Fund, of which he was appointed Treasurer, an office he had ever since held. On the 4th January, 1870, he was for the first time recorded as being the Installing Master, since which time he had installed every succeeding Master of the lodge. Limitation of space will not admit of a fuller account of the very interesting record prepared by Bro. Harvey, which, however, also dealt with Bro. Vallentine's exceptional performances in the Royal Arch as well as in Craft Masonry, besides touching on other matters of interest. The ceremony of investing Bro. Vallentine was divided among three Past Masters: First, Bro. Harvey, who invested the "father" of the lodge with his Grand Officer's collar, with many expressions of love and admiration, which he concluded by expressing the hope that dear Bro. Vallentine would live to wear it out; Second, Bro. Friend, who invested him with the apron; and lastly, Bro. Willey, who invested him with the gauntlets, each of these worthy Past Masters vying with the other in endeavouring to express the love and veneration in which not only they but all the other members of the lodge held their dear Bro. Vallentine. The ceremony was very pretty and very touching, and it is not surprising that the recipient of all the kind expressions that had been used found the task of replying a very difficult one. The good old brother, however, made a brave fight with his emotions, and from the broken phrases which did reach the ear it was evidently a very feeling and appropriate expression of his thanks, but it was so nearly inaudible that it would not be fair to attempt to reproduce it. The burden of it as addressed to the younger members, however, was a hope that whatever they might see worthy in him they would make their starting point, and not the goal at which they should aim. At the close of Bro. Vallentine's speech, when the audience were naturally more or less affected, the genial W.M. came to the rescue. He said he felt himself somewhat unduly excluded from the presentation ceremony. That ceremony, however, was not yet complete, and he had the pleasure and the honour to hand Bro. Vallentine the handsome leather case in which the regalia had been enclosed. This little effort on the part of the genial "entertainer" had the desired effect. Everybody became cheerful again, and adjourned to the adjoining building, where the discussion of an excellent dinner and the customary after-dinner eloquence occupied the remainder of the evening. Not quite the whole time, however, for the intervals between proposing the toasts and the happy moments when the respondents were called on to reply were most delightfully occupied with a musical selection, including several charming part songs and glees, performed by the Schartau Glee Union, which was not only excellent in itself, but, as the Union only started operations at the beginning of the present year, possessed the additional charm of novelty and freshness. For a tasteful repertoire, and for delicacy and brilliancy of execution, the Schartau Glee Union is hard to beat. For the presence of Bro. Schartau and his three colleagues the brethren were indebted to the personal friendship between the founder of the Union and their W.M., Bro. Pritchard.

**Temple Lodge (No. 101).**—The regular meeting of the above successful lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 5th inst. There were present Bros. J. Sparks, W.M.; H. B. White, acting S.W.; Harry Wood, J.W.; E. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; F. Wint, S.D.; C. Plant, J.D.; W. Briant, I.G.; H. Petley, Org.; J. Shelvey Stwd.; Potter, Tyler; F. W. Williams, I.P.M.; Thos. E. Taylor, P.M.; J. M. Flegg, P.M.; T. Ruff, A. Y. Payten, A. Paine, J. B. Hardwicke, A. Morant, W. A. Perry, J. Wint, H. B. Shillingford, W. Moore, B. Dowsett, J. L. Lucas, W. G. Groom, H. P. Squire, R. White, H. Eyre, F. J. Page, H. L. Piper, W. Cooper Keates, G. Harrison, C. Lankester, and G. H. Holland. The visitors were Bros. R. Elgar, Sec. 1329; H. C. Turner, S.D. 1662; T. S. Franklin, 2361; Chas. H. Stone, S.W. 507; C. E. Potter, W.M. 1238; E. Petley, 1672; J. Chapman, P.M. 657; R. J. Mostyn, 449; W. T. Warner, S.W. 1297; and G. J. Conning.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Hardwicke, Shillingford, and Moore were raised in a very perfect manner by Bro. E. Lardner, P.M. Bro. Lucas was passed by the W.M. in a highly commendable style. The W.M. desired that the lodge should have a summer outing instead of a ball, which was ably supported by Bro. F. Williams, I.P.M., and met with a most cordial response. A meeting was convened for early in May to finally decide. Bro. T. Ruff, who represents the lodge at

the Girls' Festival, received the support of several brethren amounting to 14 guineas, which is characteristic of the lodge.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital repast, which was much appreciated.

The W.M. afterwards gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." and "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which were duly honoured.

That of "The Worshipful Master," was given by the I.P.M. in terms of high praise, who stated the honour he felt in proposing the same, at the same time wishing long life, health, and happiness to the W.M., that he might continue to uphold the prestige of the lodge.

In reply, the Worshipful Master remarked the pride he felt in presiding over such a lodge; they were loyal to one another. He trusted he might be ably supported on future occasions, as on the present.

The W.M. stated the next toast was of great importance—that of "The Visitors"—and said the one great aim of that old and hospitable lodge was the hearty and warmest welcome which it gave to them all. He hoped that they would visit again at no distant date.

In reply, Bro. Chapman, who had long been associated with many brethren of the Temple Lodge in the late Canonbury Chapter, said it gave him great pleasure in being present and witnessing such excellent working.

Bro. Potter also replied in the same praiseworthy terms.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in terms of great praise by the W.M., who remarked that the Past Masters were always ready and willing to assist to their utmost. He wished them long life and prosperity.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., replied most ably.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Secretary and acting Treasurer, Bro. E. Lardner, P.M.," saying he was a most able and capable officer, and they all knew his goodness and value.

Bro. Lardner, in reply, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and thanked the brethren for such a cordial greeting. He hoped their Treasurer, who had been very seriously ill, would be present at the next meeting.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers," remarking that he had a most able body of officers, who did their work most perfectly.

In reply, Bro. H. Wood, J.W., said they were all deeply sensible of the honour done them, and hoped to continue as they had begun.

The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable meeting.

The following brethren added greatly to the harmony: Bros. Horace Petley, Org., who ably accompanied; Arthur Weston, Conning, E. Petley, Harrison, Trotter, Hardwicke, and Lucas.

**Rose Lodge (No. 1622).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous and distinguished South London lodge was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. H. G. Martin, W.M.; J. H. Pullen, S.W.; S. J. Derham, J.W.; J. N. Kirby, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Choveaux, T. Pickett, T. E. Webb, S. W. Ballard, J. Parr, F. Hilton, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; W. Hamlyn, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; W. C. Page, P.M.; J. Dunn, P.M.; W. Dawson, W. T. Nelthorpp, R. Reichenheim, R. Brambleby, G. Thompson, J. H. Reap, W. E. Jeffery, G. N. Niblett, George Plomer, J. Meyer, G. Clarke, W. Shaw, F. Williams, J. M. Ellison, R. W. Harden, J. Hay, and Bob Rae. The visitors included Bros. R. W. Steggle, 2398; G. Fairchild, P.M. 1196; W. Langdon, 1567; T. H. Page, 177; T. H. Salmon, 1475; F. J. Perks, 1507; T. R. Cass, 1320; L. Durr, W.M. 1475; E. A. Rice, 1320; R. J. Millard, 1158; D. Channon, P.M. 1475; R. Aldridge, 1475; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. G. N. Niblett, R. Brambleby, and G. Plomer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, supplied in Mrs. Venables usual good style.

The Worshipful Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

The toasts of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given and loyally received.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Jeffery, the I.P.M., referred in eloquent terms to the excellent working they had witnessed that night, for which the W.M. had the best thanks of the brethren, and for the good banquet.

This toast was drunk very cordially, and

The Worshipful Master, in reply, stated that he considered it a very great honour to preside over so good a lodge which was always well attended, and he referred to the recent consecration of the Rose Chapter, which he thought would be as successful as the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that this was the toast of the evening. They had only 13 guests that night, which was a small number for the Rose Lodge, but he gave them all a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Durr, in responding, stated that he had thoroughly enjoyed the excellent working and the hospitable board.

Bro. Fairchild also replied, and remarked that the working of the Rose Lodge was well known throughout the Metropolis.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and said he was proud to see so many of them present, as it showed that they took a great interest in the lodge, and coupled the names of Bros. W. C. Page and Hilton.

Bro. Page, in reply, stated that all the Past Masters loved the Rose Lodge, and were ever ready to assist, but the Masters of that lodge never required any assistance.

Bro. Hilton also responded. He had the honour of initiating the W.M. He was instrumental in forming the Rose Chapter recently established, which he thought would add lustre to the lodge.

The next toast given was "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," who responded, the former mentioning that he had held office for 14 years.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," was given by the W.M., to which Bro. Pullen, S.W., replied. He stated that, if he had the honour to be the next Master, he hoped with the assistance of the Past Masters to undertake the arduous duties, but he felt sure that those who would follow after him would keep up the prestige of the lodge.

During the evening the toast of "The Masonic Press" was given by the W.M., to which our representative responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable and pleasant evening to a close.

The following brethren contributed songs and recitations: Bros. Hamlyn, P.M.; Jeffery, I.P.M.; W. C. Page, P.M.; Hay, Niblett, Fairchild, Hilton, P.M.; and the veteran Tom MacLagan.

#### Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).

—This prosperous civic lodge met at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., F.R.G.S., W.M.; J. Young, P.M., S.W.; Schultz, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; P. N. Lardner, S.D.; H. Herbert, J.D.; Bachoffner, I.G.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; T. Simpson, P.M.; and G. Herbert, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Harvey, P.M. 9; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; and Plummer, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Cawthorne and Chapman were passed to the Second Degree in a most able manner by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, one of the founders of the lodge. Bro. H. J. Lardner was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. E. Mallett, P.M. 1623, re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation to Bro. Nelson Prower, W.M. The Audit Committee having been elected, and Bro. Dr. Hilton having been elected a joining member, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

"The Health of the W.M." was given in fluent terms by Bro. Jackson, P.M. In the course of his remarks he touched upon the great qualities, Masonic, intellectual, and social, possessed by Bro. Prower, whose health, unfortunately, was not so good as his friends would like it to be. However, he (the W.M.), notwithstanding the precarious state of his health, had discharged the duties of the chair well and worthily, and was deserving of the jewel which would be presented to him at the next meeting.

The W.M., in reply, after thanking the proposer of his health for the many kind things that he had said about him, stated that he should ever regard the Farringdon Without Lodge and its members with affection, because they had welcomed him so cordially as a joining member, and had in due course elected him as W.M. He owed his introduction to No. 1745 to the brother whom they had unanimously elected that night for the second time as their W.M., and whose year of office he trusted would be in every way successful. In conclusion, he wished to assure the brethren that should circumstances necessitate his permanent residence abroad he should not sever his connection with a lodge that had bestowed so many favours upon him.

Bros. Harvey, Driver, and Plummer acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

"The W.M. Elect" followed, and was duly responded to by Bro. Walls.

Bro. T. Simpson replied upon behalf of "The Past Masters" in a forcible and humorous speech.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. paid a very high compliment to those distinguished and hard-working brethren, who, apart from their Masonic rank in the lodge, were highly esteemed by every individual member for their genial and kind qualities of heart and mind.

Bros. Lardner and Jackson having replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. P. N. Lardner and H. Herbert, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening Bros. Dr. Hilton, J. Young, G. Herbert, C. Schultz, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

**St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).**—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Shore-ditch Town Hall on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst. There was a good attendance of members, and the gathering was of a very successful character. Bro. W. Beasley, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. Shumur, S.W.; S. C. Kaufman, J.W.; H. J. Thrower, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; E. Benjamin, P.M.; F. Matthews, P.M.; and other officers of the lodge.

The business included the raising of Bros. Stuart Matthews and Claude Hay, the ceremony being very impressively performed. It was announced that Bro. H. J. Thrower, I.P.M., as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, had taken up the sum of £54 5s. in the name of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Earl of Londesborough and Jas. Batting, P.M. 1501.

After the business had been concluded, and the lodge closed, a capital banquet was served by Messrs. Beale and Co. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by an excellent programme of music, rendered by Miss Massie Riversdale, Miss F. Meiklejohn, Mr. D. King, and Mr. Percival Craig.

**Caxton Lodge (No. 1853).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 4th inst. The minutes having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, approved, and adopted. Bro. Richard Quiller Moody, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. G. J. Dawson, P.M., in that capacity, and duly installed in the chair by Bro. B. Wynne, the retiring Master. The newly-installed W.M., in a very able manner, invested his officers. Bro. B. Wynne, P.M., then presented the W.M. with the jewel of the late Bro. T. H. Meredith, P.M., P.Z., to be worn by him during his year of office, it being the first Master's jewel of the Caxton Lodge.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, served in the Crown Room.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said he would follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and offer a very hearty welcome to the brethren who had honoured them with their presence. He would ask the health of the following visitors: Bros. G. J. Shipway, 2205; G. E. Dunsford, 973; W. Kedge, 749; J. Lonsdale, 534; John R. Dabree, 1351; R. M. Moffey, P.M. 957; T. Burne, P.M. 162; W. Holland, 1891; W. F. Tull, 1700; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; J. Merry, P.M. 1420; J.

Dellagana, 1362; Jno. Coltart, P.M. 749; H. Osborne, P.M. 1351; C. W. Mayo, 1541; H. Peters, P.M. 1351; A. F. Asher, P.M. 1395; P.P.G.P.; J. R. Fawcner, 28; G. A. W. Griffiths, 174; A. J. Mustart, 174; and John Northcote, 2190.

Other toasts followed.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. H. Thrussell.

**Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).**—A regular meeting was held at Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. D. Lister, W.M.; T. W. Willis, S.W.; E. T. Smith, J.W.; Gordon Smith, I.P.M., Sec.; C. W. Mapleton, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; P. S. Smith, I.G.; Eugene Monteuis, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. W. Hughes, Stwd.; T. G. Mitchell, Tyler; J. A. Drake Smith, A. Thorn, P. A. N. Thorn, H. M. Watt, G. Baker, W. Tneobald, and H. J. Hill.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. C. Roberts, L.R.C., W.M. 162, was elected a joining member. Bro. T. W. Willis, S.W., was elected as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list, which Bro. Willis promised to augment with a similar contribution.

The lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to their usual repast.

#### Warrant Officers' Lodge (No. 2346).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. Gardiner, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. R. Jennings, P.M.; G. Cook, P.M.; W. F. Cheesman, P.M.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; R. Middlehurst, P.M. 1327; G. Holland, W.M. 1604; T. G. Hodges, P.M. 1695; and J. F. O'C. Wood, P.M. 1288.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. A. Neele, J. J. Palmer, E. Arnold, J. R. McGill, and W. Oiled were initiated. Bro. A. Molony, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. R. Jennings, P.M., D.C., as a candidate for the chair of K.S., and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. Molony was duly inducted into the chair as W.M. He then proceeded to invest the following officers: Bros. H. Gardiner, I.P.M.; J. Hitching, S.W.; C. A. Pugh, J.W.; G. Cook, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Cheesman, P.M., Sec.; J. Lewis, S.D.; H. Elliott, J.D.; Jas. Williams, I.G.; R. Jennings, P.M., D.C.; W. A. Greene, A.D.C.; J. Heywood and W. E. Bailey, Stwds.; J. Hazard, Org.; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

Bro. H. Gardiner was the Installing Officer, and delivered the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren generally, with due impressiveness and precision, and worked the whole of the ceremony from beginning to end in a manner worthy of the occasion.

Further business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for the banquet, which was served in a way that reflected great credit on the management.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with Masonic fervour.

Bro. H. Gardiner proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of the merits of Bro. Molony as a worker in the lodge, and his fitness to fill the high position to which he had attained, and his own assurance that he would fulfil all his duties in a way that would reflect credit on himself and the lodge.

Bro. Molony, in response, thanked Bro. Gardiner and the brethren for their high opinion of him, and was resolved that he would do nothing to lose it. He had the interests of Freemasonry and the Warrant Officers' Lodge too much at heart for him to let any opportunity pass which might be of benefit to both.

Bro. Molony then proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer," who had done honour to the lodge by the manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony.

Bro. Gardiner briefly responded.

To the toast of "The Past Masters" Bros. M. A. McInerney (the father of the lodge), R. Jennings, and others replied.

The remaining toasts were proposed and received in a hearty manner, and were duly responded to.

Bros. H. Gardiner, W. F. Cheesman, J. Hitching, J. A. Hamilton (flauto obligato), W. Airey, G. Cook, J. Lewis, and others contributed to the musical part of the programme, but *facile princeps* was Bro. W. F. Cheesman, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary, and an eminent comedian, whose parodies literally convulsed the company, and whom we hope to have the pleasure of often hearing again.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close, and the company separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

#### The Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).

A regular meeting of this lodge took place at Mark Masons' Hall, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. J. Roberts, W.M.; N. J. West, I.P.M.; Belgrave Ninnis, as S.W.; W. St. Aubyn, J.W.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; C. V. Burgess, S.D.; C. Rawle, J.D.; R. Bullen and Geard, Stwds.; T. Hawkin, as I.G.; E. Richards, T. H. Richards, Sergeant, Long, Jas. Thomas, Tyrrel, Redman, Pool, James, Rogers, Mabley, Widger, W. R. Richards, Hill, W. H. Hockin, Williams, Brailey, Moody, Dale, and Symons. Visitors: Bros. Stone, W.M. 65; Hudson, W.M. 409; Brown, P.M. 975; Atkinson, P.M. 1648; Harlow, S.D. 65; Hamlyn, 111; T. Bullen, 254; Harbord, 1541; and Heney, 144.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Henry Richards and E. W. B. Rogers. Bros. W. Nettle, P.M. 510, P.P.J.G.W. Cornwall, and R. Rowe, W.M. 1544, were elected as Cornwall members, and Messrs. Ernest Dale and Edward Symons were initiated into Masonry.

After the other business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to dinner, under the presidency of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

That of "The Worshipful Master" was in the capable hands of the I.P.M., Bro. West, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of the W.M., and of the excellent progress which the lodge had made during its short existence. The great mission which Masonry was destined to fulfil in the world, and the peculiar value of lodges such as the Cornish, were dilated on by Bro. West, and the toast was most heartily received.

Bro. Roberts, in his reply, referred to the circumstances under which the lodge was formed, and congratulated the brethren on the success that had followed their efforts, a success which was beyond their most sanguine anticipations.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, which was duly responded to.

In proposing "The Health of the Candidates," the Worshipful Master spoke of the pleasure he had experienced in introducing two such representative Cornishmen into Masonry, and predicted for them a useful and honourable career in connection with the Craft.

Bros. Dale and Symons having replied, other toasts followed, that of "The Treasurer and Secretary" being responded to by Bros. Lake and Greenwood, the latter stating that the lodge now numbered close on 50 fully subscribing members, besides Cornwall members.

Bros. St. Aubyn and Rawle having replied for "The Officers," the proceedings, which had been throughout of a most enjoyable character, came to an end.

The musical arrangements were again kindly undertaken by Bro. R. Bullen, who, as on previous occasions, succeeded in bringing around him several of his musical friends, much to the satisfaction of those present.

#### Galen Lodge (No. 2394).

—The installation meeting of this lodge, which has just completed its first year of existence, was held on Monday evening last at Freemasons' Hall, under the genial presidency of Bro. Dr. B. H. Paul, P.G. Steward, W.M. The following were among the brethren who attended: Bros. Herbert W. Roach, S.W.; John B. Mackey, Treas.; John W. T. Morrison, Sec.; John Hodges, S.D.; and H. Mathews, J.D. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Gribble, J.W. 2047; Wm. Judd, 1884; Edward Wadell, J.D. 2012; W. H. Dipstale, I.P.M. 55; G. Groves, 55; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; and Christie, 55.

The W.M. first initiated Mr. John Thirlbeck Humphrey, and Bro. George James Packe, 45, was elected a joining member. Bro. Dr. Paul next installed Bro. Herbert W. Roach, P.M. 55, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M., and the following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. Dr. B. H. Paul, P.G.S., I.P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., S.W.; J. Hodgkin, J.W.; J. B. Mackey, Treas.; J. W. T. Morrison, Sec.; H. Mathews, S.D.; R. Patchitt, J.D.; W. J. Rogerson, P.P.G.D.C. Notts, D.C.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; P. C. Maitland, I.G.; F. Bascombe, Steward; and George Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Paul was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and 10 guineas were voted to the list of the W.M. as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The brethren, after closing the lodge, adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an elegant dinner, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

Between the toasts a high-class performance of vocal music was given, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Haskins, by Miss Masie Riversdale, Miss Ethel Bevans, Bro. Nelson Trueman, and Bro. Albert Hubbard, together with a violin performance by Herr Claude S. Fenigstein. Bro. Haskins accompanied on the piano.

Bro. Dr. Paul, in proposing "The W.M.," congratulated the lodge heartily on the very happy choice it had made in electing Bro. Roach, and on the good fortune that had fallen to it in having so worthy a brother to fill the office of W.M. During the past year the brethren had had experience of his efficiency as the senior officer, and that experience was sufficient to justify their anticipation that he would fill the chair of Master of the Galen Lodge with zeal, discretion, and amiability. At the same time he congratulated Bro. Roach on his succession to the chair.

Bro. Roach, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said it was certainly a very great honour to be the second Master of the Galen Lodge, and he felt exceedingly the compliment paid him in his unanimous election. He need not assure the brethren that during his year nothing that lay in his power should be left by him undone to promote the welfare and interest of the Galen Lodge.

Bro. Roach, W.M., next gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Dr. B. H. Paul." All the brethren knew Dr. Paul's great services to the lodge during the past year, his excellent work, and the great care, attention, and trouble he had exhibited in providing for the convenience and comfort of the brethren. As a worthy finish of his year of office, he had admirably installed the W.M. that evening.

Bro. Dr. Paul, I.P.M., on rising to reply was received with loud and general applause. He thanked the W.M. very much for the cordial manner in which he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the reception they had given it. He thanked them also for their kindly appreciation of his work and for their co-operation with him in founding the lodge. He congratulated himself upon having had the opportunity of assisting in that great and glorious work, which did not originate in his own idea but sprang from the suggestion of Bro. Morrison, the Secretary, who selected him for the office of first W.M. He was very proud of the position and thankful to the brethren for conferring it upon him. He had endeavoured to perform his duty in that office to the best of his ability and he had been very much gratified with the satisfaction of the brethren. In the course of his year's duties the hearty co-operation and support he had received from every one of the founders and the officers had been a great encouragement to him. Every officer in the lodge had rendered him most efficient service. It would be unbecoming to make invidious comparisons, but if he might be permitted to refer to one officer who had rendered him the most grateful service, and who had most unobtrusively and graciously come to his elbow and prompted him, he would mention with gratitude the worthy D.C. He had received from him the most kindly and gracefully-offered service it was possible for one brother to render to another. He hoped that in mentioning Bro. Rogerson especially, the brethren would not consider he was making comparisons, but he could not avoid that opportunity of acknowledging the assistance of so efficient a D.C. He hoped all brethren would work together with unanimity and cordiality, and support the object for which the Galen Lodge was founded, and reflect honour on their P.M.

The Initiate responded in a few words to the toast proposed in his honour, and Bros. Christie and Dipstale replied for "The Visitors."

Bro. Christie said he was present at the consecration of the lodge. There was no fear of the Galen Lodge falling in position, for in such a body of men as those of whom



the lodge was composed, he defied anyone to say he sat next to a dummy; everyone was sure to meet men of mind there. Hardly any lodge in the country possessed men of such talent. If the brethren would only be careful in their selection of members the lodge must be one of the first in the country, one that everyone would be proud to visit and to join.

Bro. Dipstale said he had exceptional pleasure in being present, from the fact that for 17 or 18 years together the W.M. and he were twin brothers in Masonry; they were initiated on the same night in the good old Constitutional Lodge. During that time he had followed the W.M. in every step. Bro. Roach had taken in the lodge, and he had only just lately succeeded him in the chair of that lodge. Bro. Roach was one of the best working Masons he had ever known, and the brethren of the Galen Lodge might feel perfectly satisfied with having placed him in the position he now occupied. He was sure that when the time arrived for Bro. Roach to vacate the chair he would have gained for himself the high esteem of every brother of the lodge.

"The Officers'" toast, the S.W.'s reply, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and it is but bare justice to say that the entertainment throughout was exceptionally bright.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M., was supported by Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; Samuel A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; Thos. Jowett, as S.D.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as J.D.; S. Robinson, I.G.; John Morton, S. of W.; Robt. S. Hird, Stwd.; Goodman Root, Tyler; and Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Balme, P.M., Herbert Crossley, P.M., and Lewis Crossley, of 61.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Mr. John W. Bland, who had been elected two or three months previously, was introduced, and initiated by Bro. Bailey, P.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Last, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Niven, S.W. A resolution, "That it is desirable that the regular meetings of the lodge should be held on the first instead of the second Thursday in the month," was submitted by Bro. Stevenson, P.P.G.D.C., and after discussion was agreed to. Bro. Bailey, the representative of the lodge on the West Yorkshire Provincial Charity Committee, reported the result of the recent meeting of the Committee at Wakefield. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a very hearty welcome to the lodge.

Bros. Balme, P.M., and H. Crossley, P.M., of 61, responded, the latter stating that it had given him much pleasure to visit the lodge. He said that he was present at the consecration ceremony when, as W.M. of No. 61, the oldest lodge in West Yorkshire, he had then offered "Hearty good wishes" for the success of that, the youngest lodge in the province.

Bro. Jowett proposed the next toast, "The Initiate," which was acknowledged by Bro. Bland, who expressed his thanks to the brethren for admitting him a member of the lodge.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was submitted by Bro. Herbert Crossley, P.M. 61, and suitably responded to by Bro. Peterson, W.M.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant evening, several of the brethren contributing songs, &c., to the harmony of the meeting.

##### CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

**Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).**—The installation of this highly successful and flourishing lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, High-lane, on Thursday, the 7th inst. On account of the regular meeting being on the eve of Good Friday, proper arrangements had been made to hold it a week earlier than usual. The brethren assembled early to conduct a ceremony previous to the installation. There were present Bros. F. Renshaw, W.M.; C. Martyne, I.P.M.; F. S. Bedford, S.W.; H. H. Martyne, J.W.; C. Heywood, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. Travers, S.D.; J. B. Wolstenholme, J.D.; J. Crompton, P.M., D.C.; E. Heymann, I.G.; J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Wm. Hall, P.M.; W. Sutton, P.M.; J. G. Batty, P.M.; S. Locke, P.M.; H. Nall, P.M.; T. Wilson, P.M.; A. Woodburn, E. P. Woodhouse, J. Mason, Wm. Richmond, W. H. Milner, T. Shaw, D. Wood, E. T. Smith, K. Jebara, H. Cooper, J. Heymann, T. M. Ferneley, and B. E. Tucker. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Sinclair, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.; J. Chadderton, P.M. 2216, P.P.A.G.S.; J. E. Lees, P.M. 645, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Swindells, W.M. 1730; T. Griffith, P.M. 645; T. Harrap, P.M. 645; F. Batty, W.M. 2231; W. H. Pugh, P.M. 1565; C. Schofield, P.M. 1219; S. Smith, P.M. 1134, 1170, and 2359; W. D. Fryer, W.M. 1375; B. Hopkinson, P.M. 1140; Rev. H. P. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; B. Eastwood, 163; F. Long, J.W. 1496; H. G. Ward, 993; C. Mackay, 2231; F. R. Bowley, J.W. 2216; E. Ireland, 152; W. F. Cairns, 1140; R. Lunt, 1250; W. Howard, 1147; G. R. Ward, 204; and A. B. Barlow, 2363.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Chas. Martyne, P.M. (who also performed the ceremony of initiation), and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Renshaw, W.M., then occupied the chair as Installing Master, and appointed as his officers Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., as S.W.; F. Batty, P.M., as J.W.; and Sutton, as I.G. Bro. Bedford, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Hall, P.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed in a most excellent manner by Bro. Fred. Renshaw, in the presence of 23 Past Masters. The new W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. F. Renshaw, I.P.M.; H. H. Martyne, S.W.; John Travers, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; C. Heywood, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; J. B. Wolstenholme, S.D.; E. Heymann, J.D.; C. Martyne, P.M., D.C.; T. M. Ferneley, Org.; E. T. T. Smith, I.G.; T. Shaw, H. Ogden, A. Woodburn, John Mee, E. P. Woodhouse, and J. Mason, Stwds.; and W. Chesshyre, Tyler; who were effectively addressed by

Bro. Crompton, P.M. The duty of addressing the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was allotted to Bro. C. Heywood, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., whose brilliant delivery had charming effect. Bro. Locke, P.M., was elected Charity representative. The W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented to Bro. Renshaw a gold Past Master's jewel, and remarked he was quite sure that he well deserved that recognition of esteem which was shown to him by that act, as during his year of office he had had the good feeling and support of every brother, and he had fulfilled the duties of Master during the year with ability and dignity. Bro. Renshaw, in a few graceful remarks, thanked the brethren for the token, and concluded by asking the members of the lodge to accept from him a banner, and called upon Bro. Chas. Heywood to present it on his behalf to them. Amid great applause Bro. Heywood unfurled it (to the great admiration of all present), and said he had great pleasure in presenting it to the W.M. of the lodge, on behalf of Bro. F. Renshaw, I.P.M. It was what they had required for many years, and he hoped they would accept it with pleasure. Bro. Bedford proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Bro. J. J. Lambert, who remarked that it was the thing they had required for many years, and its presence almost seemed to make the lodge room complete. Other important business followed, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the large number of visitors present, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John by a banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. H. Nall, P.M., had arranged a capital programme, including songs, instrumental solos and duets, recitations, &c., in which the following took part: Bros. H. Nall, P.M.; R. W. Baker, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. Howard, Ridsdale Bowley, Schofield, Barlow, J. Heymann, and G. R. Ward, and a delightful recitation by Bro. Eastwood, entitled "The Villain of the Piece."

##### CROYDON.

**Parthenon Lodge (No. 1826).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel on Friday, the 5th inst. The members in attendance included Bros. Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, Prov. G.C., W.M.; R. C. P. Gardner, S.W., W.M. elect; Captain A. M. Stuart, J.W.; Rev. G. P. Merrick, Chap.; W. Clifford, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Gripper, S.D.; D. Urquhart, J.D.; C. March, I.G.; A. Watson, P.M.; Dr. J. Pollard, P.M.; W. H. Gallier, E. Hamilton, A. W. Marshall, Rev. G. A. Hervey, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, Prov. G.M.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; A. E. Warner, 162; W. Clarke, 1964; H. L. de Montmorency, P.M. 777; Geo. R. Langley, P.M. 183; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076; F. G. Green, P.P. J.G.D.; E. Barrum, 569; R. L. Badham, 21; Algernon Margetts, W.M. 373; P. Purves, J.D. 373; W. T. Snell, I.G. 1818; C. C. Head, 1329; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the audit report adopted, after which Bro. R. C. P. Gardner was installed as W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Rev. E. Houndle. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Capt. Stuart, S.W.; W. Gripper, J.W.; Rev. G. P. Merrick, P.P.G.C. Chap.; W. A. Trollope, Treas.; W. Clifford, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; Urquhart, S.D.; March, J.D.; Wharton, I.G.; Rev. G. A. Hervey, Org.; and Gallier, Stwd. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. for his services during the past year, and was appropriately acknowledged. Several propositions for initiation and joining were received, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were given and received with heartiness.

Bro. Col. Noel Money, P.G.M. Surrey, replying to the toast of his health, returned thanks for the flattering terms in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. He should never forget the day he was installed as P.G.M., and should always feel a peculiar feeling at his heart regarding all Croydon Masons who assisted at that ceremony. It was a wonderful meeting, and he hoped the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge this year and in the future would not fall short of it. He hoped this year they would see an equal number of Surrey Masons together, and he hoped that if they held it at Surbiton the Croydon Masons would attend in large numbers. It was always a great pleasure to visit a lodge where the work was so well conducted, and where the brethren were not dining Masons only. Masonry in Surrey had always been carried on in a truly Masonic spirit, and he trusted that would continue in the future. This was not the first time he had been in this lodge, and he hoped as time passed he might learn to know them better, for he could not value the friendship of the members of any lodge more than he did that of the Parthenon Lodge.

Bro. Fred. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., responded for "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he thought he was not saying too much when he said that the representatives of Surrey wearing the collars of the province were well entitled to wear them. He might say a good deal of the officers, because they were generally Masons who had done good suit and service in the Craft. He knew there was a great anxiety to acquire the various offices at the disposal of the Prov. Grand Master, and he hoped the province would supply as good material to the present Prov. Grand Master as it did during the few years he (Bro. West) was in charge. Everybody who had had any acquaintance with Masonry must know there were some Masons whose sole object was to acquire the provincial colours. In athletics there was a class of persons always present at sport meetings known as "pot-hunters," and he was afraid there was something of that sort in Masonry, but he always condemned it. Masonry should have higher aims for they should strive to promote the great principles of the Order. Masonry should be the first thing, self afterwards. He was glad they had not a great deal of what he had described in Surrey, and he hoped the day would be far distant ere such Masons would obtain a reward. There were many cases in the province where good Masons could not be rewarded adequately, and he hoped they would content themselves by knowing they were fighting in a good cause. They must rally round their chief and keep up the same good feeling and the same regard for Masonic Charity that made the province a pleasure to be associated with it. He should do his best to maintain the old tradition, and looked forward to those who became Prov. Grand Officers

to join with him in the same feeling of satisfaction at being officers in the future as it was to him on the present occasion.

Bro. Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, I.P.M., next gave "The W.M.," and said he was sure the brethren would receive it with acclamation. He had had the honour of installing a worthy and distinguished brother in the person of Bro. Gardner, who would do everything that was right and proper for the lodge, and the brethren would join in drinking his health with great cordiality.

Bro. R. C. P. Gardner, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. most sincerely for the kind way he had proposed the toast, although he felt he was not entitled to it. He felt he had been greatly honoured by being placed in the chair, and felt great pleasure at having the Provincial Grand Master present. He hoped to have a successful year of office, and to be supported by the presence of the Provincial Grand Officers as he had been that evening.

Bro. Dr. G. Pollard, P.M., gave "The Visitors" in cordial terms, and Bros. Margetts, W.M. 373, and G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076, replied.

Bro. Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, I.P.M., returned thanks for "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said that all he could do to help the W.M. during the coming year would be cheerfully and willingly done.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated, after a pleasant evening.

##### DIDSBURY.

**Doric Lodge (No. 2359).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was, as usual, a very large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. Clare E. Towell, W.M., who vacated the chair to enable Bro. G. R. Lloyd, P.M., to initiate a gentleman who was connected by family relation to him, the ceremony being very admirably and impressively rendered. Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., acting S.W., presented the working tools, and Bro. F. Stretch, S.W., gave the charge in an admirable manner. The W.M. resumed the chair, and other business was performed. He also presented a very valuable present to the lodge in the shape of the die which is produced upon the circulars, being an admirable display of art, representing the founder's jewel, and asked the brethren to accept it, with a desire that it might be used permanently. Bro. Sam Smith, the I.P.M., received it on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, and in a few suitable words acknowledged the pleasure it gave them as a body to receive it, and proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec., and carried unanimously.

The following brethren were present: Bros. C. E. Towell, W.M.; Sam Smith, I.P.M.; F. Stretch, S.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.D.; J. M. Veal, J.D.; John Walker, I.G.; F. Thomas, J. Ward, and James Sharples, Stwds.; Robt. Fitton, H. Shuter, W. W. Wilkinson, J. Laurisch, R. J. H. Sayers, W. H. Moss, A. R. Brett, J. Lawrence, N. G. Ward, A. G. Green, and A. W. Moore. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M.; R. Swindells, W.M. 1730; J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W.; W. Craig Royle, J.W. 1170; W. Forster, 2144; J. Westbrook, George Rathbone, P.M. 581; and J. Young.

##### FRIZINGTON.

**Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Wakefield, W.M., P.G.T., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Robinson, S.W.; W. Shaw, J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; H. Hartley, P.P.G. Std. Br., as Sec.; J. Armstrong, S.D.; E. Jackson, J.D.; Wm. Barwise, D.C.; R. Douglas, I.G.; Jas. Singers, Tyler; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Roche, J. James, R. Wilkinson, R. Robertson, E. Rumney, J. Holmes, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and initiated, one passed, and one raised. With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors from Stirling Lodge, No. 1989, the lodge was closed.

##### HARROGATE.

**Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Avenue-road. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Griffiths, B.A. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. R. H. Walters, S.W.; J. A. Macnab, Sec.; J. Butler Wilson, J.D.; W. W. Stennett, I.G.; W. Davey, Org.; A. B. Booty and T. Linskill, Stwds.; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; W. H. Turner, J. E. Driver, E. Harlow, A. Denton, W. T. Marshall, P.M.; Alf. J. Bodman, P.M.; Thos. Lawrence, P.M.; George Thompson, I.P.M.; J. T. Walker, P.G.S.; R. G. Howson, P.M.; G. H. O. Donkersley, P.S.W. 1645; S. H. Cliff, S.D. 1221; George Jackson, P.M. 521; John Hudson, W.M. 265; John Dyson, 306, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bingham, P.M. 1042; W. T. Beck, 239, P.P.G.D.C.; and others.

After formal business, the Acting Director of Ceremonies, Bro. George Thompson, I.P.M., presented Bro. R. H. Walters, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation, which ceremony was conducted by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Griffiths, in a most admirable manner, and was most impressively rendered. The investiture of officers was proceeded with as follows: Bros. J. B. Wilson, S.W.; J. A. Macnab, J.W.; George Thompson, P.M., Treas.; Alfred B. Booty, Sec.; W. Davey, S.D.; W. W. Stennett, J.D.; J. E. Driver, D.C.; A. J. Spinks, I.G.; T. Linskill and W. H. Turner, Stwds.; W. Child, Tyler; and H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler.

The ceremony being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren were served in the banquet hall of the lodge with a most *recherché* banquet, provided by the Stewards, Bros. Booty and Linskill.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social harmony, to which Bros. Macnab, Stennett, Driver, Wilson, Davey, and others contributed some capital songs.

The Tyler's toast was afterwards given, and the lodge looks forward to the coming year with confidence of success under the new W.M.

##### MIDDLESBOROUGH.

**Orde-Powlett Lodge (No. 2391).**—The annual festival and installation of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 6th inst., in the Masonic Hall, when the W.M., Bro. W. J. Watson, P.P.G.R., was re-



installed. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. of England and D.P.G.M., performed the ceremony, and a large gathering of brethren was present. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; W. Holloway, P.M., P.G.S.B., S.W.; T. Gibson Poole, J.W.; T. R. Dent, P.M., Treas.; F. Shepherd, Sec.; Job Holland, S.D.; W. H. Johnson, J.D.; R. W. Williams, I.G.; R. W. Gibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. F. Stewart, P.P.G.O., Org.; Nelson Collingwood and John Forbes, Stwds.; and James Ingram, P.M., P.P.G.R., Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Oddfellows' Hall, the W.M. presiding. Bro. W. Lambert, of the Erimus Hotel, was the caterer.

#### SOUTHEND.

**Prory Lodge (No. 1000).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. B. Thomas, W.M.; A. Vandervord, S.W.; C. W. Barnard, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; F. J. Cumine, S.D.; E. J. Bowmaker, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; R. J. Smith, I.G.; B. Fearnside, Org.; J. A. Hobday, J.W. 165, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T.; Tyler, W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; W. Elam, J. A. Mason, A. Prevost, H. Brown, jun., W. T. Darke, G. Reed, F. D. Onslow, E. G. Fletcher, and E. H. Taylor. Visitor: Bro. W. H. Judd, 1734.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. F. D. Onslow, E. G. Fletcher, and E. H. Taylor were raised to the Third Degree. Three candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning for refreshment.

#### TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).**—This influential provincial lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. R. Barns, W.M.; A. J. R. Simmonds, I.P.M.; W. Middleweek, S.W.; W.M. elect; W. H. Windeatt, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; B. Müller, S.D.; J. E. Ruffell, J.D.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., I.G.; W. R. Plaford, D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., and W. Smith, Stewards; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; and Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Mason, W.M. 2159; Barnett, P.M. 742; Beard, P.M. 946, P.P.G.D. of C.; Harvey, P.M. 1314; Murlis, P.M. 1642; A. F. Scholding, P.M. 1512; Edgell, S.W. 839; Mayne, S.W. 1238; Powell, 9; Broquet, 203; Lindsley, 735; Boyer, 889; Gerbert, 834; Remison, 1305; Bradley, 1541; Broom, 1658; Hanham, 2309; and R. Smith, 2400.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Middleweek, W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Capt. Walls, assisted by Bros. Finch, as S.W.; Harvey, as J.W.; Mason, as D.C.; and Chandler, I.G. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. Windeatt, S.W.; Müller, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., Sec.; F. Chandler, S.D.; J. Ruffell, J.D.; W. R. Plaford, I.G.; W. Smith, D.C.; W. J. Porter, Organist; Captain Walls, J. R. Barns, T. Middleweek, and W. Smith, Stewards; and Gilbert, Tyler. The ballot having been taken, Mr. Albert Toghill was then initiated by the newly-installed W.M. in an able manner. The ballot was also taken for joining for Bro. G. G. Havercroft, 309 (S.C.). The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The lodge confirmed the vote of £5 ss. to the R.M.B.I., per Bro. Barns, I.P.M. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; George Everett, G. Treas.; W. Thomas, P.M.; and others. A vote of thanks was passed to the installing Master, and a similar compliment to Bro. Mason, the acting D. of C.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Bro. J. Piller, P.G. Std. Br., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Barns, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks he said that the W.M., who was initiated in the Wolsey Lodge nine years ago, had filled the minor offices well, and he (the speaker) believed that Bro. Middleweek's year would be a most prosperous one.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, briefly said that he would try and discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He could not hope to surpass the working of some of his predecessors, who had won their spurs in other lodges, but he would try to equal their efforts.

"The Initiate" followed.

Bro. Toghill having replied in fitting terms, the toast of "The Visitors" came next in order.

Bro. Mason, in responding, congratulated the lodge upon its working. It had afforded him a great deal of pleasure to assist one of their old and tried Past Masters in the ceremony of installation that day, and he appreciated most highly the compliment that had been paid to him (the speaker) by passing a vote of thanks for his humble services as D.C.

Bros. Beard and Harvey also responded in flattering terms, especially alluding to the hospitality and harmony of No. 1793.

The toast of "The Installing Master" followed, and it was duly acknowledged.

Bros. Barns and Finch responded for "The Past Masters;" Bros. Forge and Warren for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Windeatt and Müller for "The Officers."

An excellent programme of music was given by Bros. Porter, P.M., J. Ruffell, E. Hall, C. Parkinson, and T. Middleweek. Bros. R. H. Broom and W. M. Mayne caused great amusement by their clever and humorous recitals. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

#### URMSTON.

**Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel on Monday, the 11th inst. Bro. R. Swindells, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following officers:

Bros. J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W.; W. H. Jolliffe, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; John Walton, jun., J.D.; Walter Bowers, D. of C.; A. Christie, Org.; G. G. Mends, I.G.; Walter Hallard, G. H. Holding, T. French, G. Stott, and W. H. Hughes, Stewards; and N. Jones, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; John Bowers, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M.; John Walton, P.M.; P. Heaton, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. S. Whitley, H. H. Jones, Adam Stott, Dr. F. P. Moles, and E. Gittins. Visitors: Bros. C. G. Allott, P.M. 1009; W. L. Barrington, 1140; E. Aitken, 633; G. Enticknap, 1009; A. Rottmeyer, 317; W. L. Clark, 992; E. Heymann, 1387; F. Batty, W.M. 2231; J. Hibbert, 1161; and Ellinger, 325.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Adam Stott was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. R. Swindells. Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W., presented the working tools. Bro. Whitley was raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., and Bro. Jones by the W.M., Bro. R. Swindells, in such an able and impressive manner as to call forth the highest praise from those who had the pleasure of listening to it. The working tools were presented by the S.W., Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh. A letter was read from Bro. F. Stretch, S.D., apologising for not being present through sickness, also a letter from Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., thanking the brethren for their kind letter and congratulations. There was also a letter from Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the R.M.I. for Girls, applying for Stewards for the forthcoming Festival on the 18th of May. Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W., intimated his intention of going up to London as Steward for the R.M.I. for Girls' Festival.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, interspersed by recitations from Bros. Walter Bowers and F. Batty, and songs by Bros. J. Walton, jun., E. Aitken, E. L. Littler, and J. Hardwicke Marsh. Bro. John Bowers officiated at the pianoforte and organ.

### Royal Arch.

**Rose Chapter (No. 1622).**—An emergency meeting of the above chapter took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; F. W. Williams, J.; J. E. Webb, S.N.; J. H. Pullen, P.S.; G. Thompson, 1st A.S.; J. Kirby, Treas.; H. Vickery, P.Z. 1507; and W. Cowley, P.Z. 1275. The visitors were Comps. Scott Young, P.A.G.S. Herts; H. Sadler, P.Z., G. Janitor; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1329, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Addington, P.Z. 1275; C. H. Stone, P.S.N. 1275; F. Wint, P.S. 101; W. Price, 2182; F. S. Smith, 2182; and Wightman, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened, the by-laws approved by the G.S.E. were read. The ballot was taken for 17 brethren, which proved unanimous, and 15 being in attendance, they were afterwards exalted in a most perfect and impressive manner, the lectures being rendered most commendably. The following were the exaltees: Bros. J. T. Loader, P.M., I. Dunn, P.M., Wm. Jeffery, P.M., S. J. Derham, J.W., J. Parr and Wm. Dawson, Stewards, F. E. Choveaux, Org., W. E. Jeffery, C. G. Clarke, and Hy. Potter, of 1622; A. J. Martin, P.M. 188 and 1320; T. R. Cass, J.D., John Hooper, and F. W. Pearce, of 1320; and G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206. The M.E.Z. having announced that he was standing as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.I.G., the sum of 10 guineas was voted by the chapter to be placed on his list; likewise that Comp. F. Williams would represent the Temple Chapter, No. 101. Three propositions for exaltation were made for the next meeting, and Comp. John Loader was invested as S.E., the M.E.Z. remarking that he was delighted that the vote had been unanimous, and he was confident that he would prove himself as efficient in the chapter as Secretary of the Rose Lodge.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Mrs. Venables.

The cloth being removed, the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given most cordially by the M.E.Z., and as loyally received.

"The Pro G.Z., the G.H., the G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given in highly complimentary terms, the M.E.Z. remarking the splendid working of the Consecrating Officers only a fortnight ago was a proof of their interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and their heartiest thanks were due to them for the courteous manner which at all times characterised them.

Comp. H. Sadler, G. Janitor, in reply, said that on behalf of the Grand Officers he would tender his humble thanks. He was very pleased to have taken part in the consecration of that chapter, and it was a visit long to be remembered. The Grand Officers, he would inform the companions, were very much pleased with the whole arrangements. He had heard of the reputation of the M.E.Z., and he thought he would visit and see for himself, and having witnessed the exaltation of 15 brethren in such an excellent manner, thoroughly bore out that report.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was given by Comp. H. Vickery, P.Z., in excellent terms, and received with enthusiasm.

In reply, Comp. Hilton thanked all most heartily, and was proud to be the First Principal of the Rose Chapter, for the same principles would be carried out as in the Rose Lodge. He felt it a great privilege to exalt the three highly esteemed Past Masters of Rose Lodge. While he had such cordial support he would not fail in striving to make the chapter the most successful in London. He hoped to receive a hearty response to his list from the companions for the Girls' School Festival, and enable him to take a good sum and be worthy of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The H. and J.," remarking that two such excellent officers would ensure a certain success. Comp. Martin had that evening rehearsed his lecture in a most exemplary manner; as also Comp. Williams, who was always most anxious that the work should be carried out as ably as possible.

Comp. H. G. Martin, H., replied with hearty thanks, stating that the M.E.Z. had initiated him into Freemasonry, exalted him into the Royal Arch, and he trusted would install him into the chair of Z. He was proud of following one so worthy, and would do his best for the chapter.

Comp. F. Williams, J., also stated the chapter should not suffer at his hands, but would assure the companions he would do everything in his power to further the interests of the Rose Chapter. He heartily thanked the companions for such a cordial greeting and to Comp. Grummant for his kindness in occupying the chair of J. so efficiently during his absence, on account of pressure of business.

In giving the toast of the evening, that of "The Exaltees," the M.E.Z. remarked that the founders alone could not make the chapter a success, but when such an array of exaltees of such calibre were joining, it was laying a splendid foundation and forming a monument to the Rose Lodge and something to be proud of. It showed the necessity of the chapter when one saw the number of Past Masters offering themselves from other lodges, specially the Blackheath Lodge, from which lodge there were two more propositions. A most hearty reception was accorded them.

The following companions most suitably replied: Comps. Loader, Dunn, William Jeffery, Hooper, Lewis, Derham, Dawson, Goddard Clarke, and Potter.

That of "The Visitors" was given in most complimentary terms by the M.E.Z., and responded to by Comps. T. Grummant, R. J. Vincent, and C. H. Stone, acknowledging the same most cordially.

The toast of "The Officers" received at the hands of the M.E.Z. such a measure of praise as they richly deserved, and replied to by one and all, thanking the companions and pledging themselves to do their utmost for the success of the Rose Chapter.

The Janitor's toast closed a most enjoyable and eventful meeting. The following companions added much to the enjoyment by their harmony: Comps. F. Swinford Smith, Wm. Price, Choveaux (pianist), Wm. Jeffery, and Derham (flute).

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. S. Wellcome, W.M.; D. D. West, S.W.; Jas. Corp, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; W. H. Bourke, S.D.; J. Hart, J.D.; E. Swain, I.G.; A. Leighton, F. M. Noakes, A. G. Sandberg, G. T. Cox, and J. Cooper. Visitors: Bros. F. Mecey, 1615; and E. A. Cox, 1802.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. T. Cox having offered to act as candidate, was examined and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. A. Leighton rendered the explanation of the tracing board. Bro. E. Swain then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The lodge was then closed down in the Third and Second Degrees. Bros. F. Mecey and E. A. Cox were proposed and seconded as joining members. Bro. D. D. West was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 21st inst., and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the third ceremony and the 6th Section of the First Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, W.M.; E. A. Boughton, S.W.; Major E. J. Reed, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; E. T. Ginder, S.D.; W. Edlestein, J.D.; J. W. Roe, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; W. Death, P.M. 511; G. Wedlake, P.M. 121; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; C. G. Wetziar, P.M. 141; J. T. Shapcott, H. Campbell, T. M. Lamble, W. Hillier, and A. Finch.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wedlake being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Boughton was elected W.M. for the next meeting, the 25th inst.—the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**JERSEY.—EMULATION LODGE (No. 244).**—The usual weekly meeting of this successful lodge was held at the British Hotel, Broad-street, St. Helier's, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Col. H. Stevenson, W.M.; Major E. de Saumarez Dobrée, S.W.; J. A. Balleine, J.W.; J. Caton, Preceptor; L. P. Hespiradoux, Sec.; C. Baker, S.D.; Jas. Wright, J.D.; F. P. Le Boutiller, I.G.; W. J. Fentum, Org.; Tom Parris, 244; Jos. Lesbirel, 244; A. Anslow, 244; W. H. Edmunds, 1003; J. H. Gilby, 244; A. P. Le Sauvage, 1003; F. W. Simon, 1003; A. Baudoux, 244; H. Becker, 590; and G. H. Tournay, 244.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation (by special desire) was most ably rehearsed, Bro. T. Parris acting as candidate. Bro. Hespiradoux delivered the charge and explained the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second and First. Bro. Major Dobrée was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. The Secretary read a reply he had had the honour to receive from their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, acknowledging with sincere thanks the warm fraternal sympathy the members have so kindly expressed, through their Secretary, upon the occasion of their Royal Highnesses's great bereavement. The reply was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, M.E.Z. elect 733, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, H.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733, J.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1106, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862; H. P. Gilbert, S.N. 834; and John Brown, 834 (visitor).

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Tilt being the candidate. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. Chalfont was passed, and a wreath was sent in the name of the chapter of improvement. Several of the companions attended the funeral. Comp. Brown was elected a member, and, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the great pleasure and instruction he had derived from his visit, and would attend as regularly as circumstances would permit. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, the chapter was closed until the 22nd inst.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. F. Hilton, M.E.Z.; G. H. Martin, H.; R. Jackson, J.; Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; T. E. Webb, S.N.; J. H. Pullen, P.S.; J. Hill, 1st Asst. S.; Addington, G. F. Smith, Moss, Mayo, Wm. Price, Scott Young, Ashby, Lazenby, Schadler, and E. D. F. Rymer. The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principal. Comp. Schadler installed Comp. Jackson into the chair of J. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ashby personating candidate. Comp. H. G. Martin, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting on the 22nd inst., when an installation will be rehearsed. Comp. E. D. F. Rymer, 77, and T. E. Webb, 1622, were elected members. The chapter was then closed.

## Knights Templar.

### MANCHESTER.

**St. Joseph Preceptory (No. 9).**—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 8th inst. In the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight F. W. Lean, Prov. V.C., presided. The roll was called, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Comp. M. Aspden, which proved favourable.

There were present Sir Knights F. W. Lean, P.E.C., Prov. V.C.; Ed. Pike, P.E.C., P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Richardson, P.E.C., Chaplain; William Duncan, C.; W. H. Southern, M.; Sam. Smith, S.M.; C. E. Towell, C. of L.; G. A. Myers, A.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, H.; and H. G. Small. Visitor: Sir Knight John Marshall, P.E.C., P. Prov. G. Reg. W. Yorks.

### DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 5th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. Bro. W. Powell, P.P.G.T., and a Vice-President of the Institution, presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Stocker, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.S., Sec.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T., Treas.; E. T. Fulford, P.P.G.T.; C. Watson, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Griffin, P.P.G.D.; J. Jerman, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Mutton, W.M. 1550; W. H. Kelland, W.M. 39; J. H. Higgs, W.M. 106; W. Sweet, W.M. 1212; R. Pengelly, P.M. 70; H. Jerman, P.M. 39; J. R. Lisle, P.M. 39; W. Cocks, P.M. 106; W. Allsford, P.M. 202; T. W. Atherton, P.M. 248; W. Fowler, P.M. 1212; W. Gregory, P.M. 1254; R. G. Bird, P.M. 1550; W. Lavers, P.M. 1255; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; E. H. Shorto, S.W. 39; and W. H. Dillon, J.W. 2025 and Asst. Sec.

Bro. J. R. Lord read the Treasurer's report, which showed total receipts amounting to £437 14s., which included £118 9s. 11d. brought forward from the previous year, £292 4s. subscriptions, and £27 interest on deposits. The balance in hand at the end of 1891, after paying all liabilities, amounted to £163 12s. 7d. A sum of £900 remains on deposit in the Devon and Cornwall Bank at 3 per cent. interest, and the total value of the fund at the present time is £1063 12s. 7d., compared with £1018 9s. 11d. in the previous year. The report having been adopted.

Bro. ALLSFORD proposed the re-election of Bro. Lord as Treasurer of the fund. He remarked that the manner in which Bro. Lord had piloted the Institution through difficulties and troubles until it had reached its present satisfactory position, was worthy of the highest praise. His zeal in the cause was incessant, and a better or more attentive and hard-working Treasurer they could not possibly have.

Bro. FULFORD, who seconded the motion, said there were no brethren in the province who had a higher appreciation of Bro. Lord's valuable services than those at Exeter, and they all hoped that the fund would have the benefit of his trained experience for many years to come.

The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. GREGORY, seconded by Bro. BIRD, Bro. Gover was unanimously re-elected as Secretary, and both the mover and seconder bore testimony to the great personal interest which Bro. Gover had taken in the fund ever since its establishment.

Bro. LORD proposed, and Bro. LAVERS seconded, the re-election of Bro. Dillon as Assistant Secretary, Bro. Lord speaking in the warmest terms of the valuable services which Bro. Dillon rendered.

This motion was also unanimously passed.

Bros. E. J. Knight and W. Powell were elected as Auditors; the Finance Committee was re-elected, and the Educational and General Purposes Committee was also appointed.

A motion stood on the agenda in the name of Bro. J. Moysey, P.P.J.G.D., "That every subscriber of five shillings for three consecutive years, and still continued, shall be entitled to two votes at every election instead of one." In the absence of Bro. Moysey, the proposition was brought forward by Bro. GOVER, who remarked that although the alteration would probably

entail much extra work upon himself and his colleagues, yet he believed it would encourage a much larger number of members to subscribe to the fund than did so at present. It was pointed out, on the other hand, that such a rule, if adopted, could not be confined to five shilling subscribers only, but would involve a re-arrangement of the whole voting power in the case of Life Governors as well as of annual subscribers. A further objection was that the existing by-law would have to be repealed before such a motion could be entertained. In deference to the objections raised Bro. Gover withdrew the motion.

Bro. E. H. SHORTO next moved "That in future a report and financial statement be printed and circulated annually." He said he thought if this were done members of the Order would be induced to take a greater interest in the fund, because they would have before them more frequently than was at present the case the character of the work which the Institution was doing. There were many who would be willing to subscribe to benevolent objects, but who needed to be reminded from time to time of their existence.

The proposition met with general approval, and was unanimously agreed to.

The next business was the election of two children on the fund. There were nine candidates for the two vacancies, and of this number one candidate—a child of a deceased member of Lodge Dundas, Plymouth—had 411 votes standing to his credit from the last election, while the other, from Tiverton, had 195 votes to his credit. Neither, however, was successful, the large majority of votes, 765, going to the daughter of a deceased member of St. George's Lodge, a very old supporter of the fund of which he was a Life Governor, and 765 votes to the daughter of an Exeter brother who had failed in business, and whose wife and children were in needy circumstances. The votes carried forward for the other candidates ranged from 546 down to 15. In view of the unusually large number of applicants to the fund it was suggested that three, and if possible four, candidates should be elected in October instead of only two.

Both before and after the meeting the visitors from a distance were most hospitably entertained by the W.M. and brethren of John the Baptist Lodge, under whose banner the meeting was held, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to them for their generous kindness.

## THE "WAISTELL MS."

(Continued from page 186).

When this Assembly was Charged he made a Cry that all Masons yt had any writing or understanding of the Craft that were made before in his Land yt they should shew them & there was brought in some in Greek & some in Ffrench & Lattine and some in English & some in other Languages & the intent by them was found and he commanded a Booke there to be made how the Craft was first found & commanded it should be Read and told where any Masons should be made & to give him his charge & from that time Masons have kept in this forme & order as well as men might govern it and further more att private assemblies there hath been added to it diverse Charges more & the Masters and fellows advices.

Tunc Unus ex Senioribz teneat Libru & ille vel illi ponunt manus super Libru et tunc preceptu Debeat Legem etc.

Every man yt is a Mason looke to yerselves if yu be guilty of any of these charges yt yu amend againe and especially yu that are to be Charg'd take heed that yu keep the Charge for it is a great P'ill for a man to forswear himself upon a Booke.

The first Article of yor Charge is yu shall be true to God & the Holy Church & that yu use no heresie nor error to yr Understanding.

Secondly yu shall be true Leigemen to the King without treason or fashood, and that yu shall know no treason but that yu shall amend if yu can or Else warn the King or his Consell of it.

Thirdly yu shall be true one to another Vizt to every fellow and master of the Craft of Masonry yt be Masons allowed yt yu doe to them as yu would they should do unto yu also that Every Mason shall keep true Lodge & Chamber & all other Counsel yt ought to be kept by way of Masondry.

Ffourthly yu shall be true to ye Lord & master whom yu serve & truly to seek his P'fitt & advantage.

Ffifthly you shall call Masons yt fellows & Brethren & noe other foul Word neither shall yu take yr fellows in villanie nor ungodly his Wife or his Daughter in Adultery nor fornication.

Sixthly that yu shall pay truly for yr table & meat and Drink where yu goe to board.

Seavently that yu doe no villany in yt house whereby the Craft may be slandr.

These be the Charges in generall yt Evry free Mason should hold both Mast'rs & fell:

The Charges wh doth belong both to ye Masters & fellows vizt

Imprim<sup>s</sup> that noe fellow shall take any Lords work or other but he knowing himself able and cuning to P'form ye same so yt the Craft may have noe disworship & the Lord may be well & truly served.

Secondly that noe Master take any work but that he take it reasonably so that the Lord may be served truly wh his own goods & the Mast' to have honestly & pay his fell: truly their pay as ye manner of ye Craft Requires.

Thirdly that no Master or fellow shall Supplant others vizt: If they have taken any Work or Stand Master of a Lds Work yu shall not put him out If he can finish the same.

Ffourthly yt noe mason nor fellow shall take any Apprentice to be allowed on for less than seaven years & that ye Appetice be able of his birth aud limbs as he ought to be.

Ffifthly that noe Master nor fellow shall take any allowance to be made Mast' w/out the Consent of his fellows five or six at the least.

Sixthly he that shall be made Mason shall be free born and of a good Kindrd & noe bondman & shall have all his Limbs as a man ought to have.

Seavently yt noe master shall put any Lords work to task yt use to goe Journey.

Eightly yt no fellow shall give any penny to his fellow but as he deserve it soe that he be not deceived wh false workmen.

Ninthly that noe fellow shall slandr anothr behind his back to make him loss his good name or worldly goods and alsoe yt noe fellow w/hin ye Lodge or w/hout may answer his fellow Disrespectively w/h out a Reasonable Cause.

Tenthly noe mason shall play at hazard or othr play whereby theye may be slandr'd.

11thly Noe Mason shall be a comon Rebell in Lechery to moke ye Master be slandr'd.

12thly Noe fellow shall enter ye Town in the night time where is a Lodge of fellows w/hout a fellow wh him yt he may that he may bear witness yt he was in an honest house or place.

13thly That Every Master or fellow come to ye Assembly if it be w/hin five miles about him if he have warning and there stand att ye Reward of his Mast' and fellows.

14thly Every Mason shall prefer his fellow and put him to Worshipp.

15thly Every Mast' or fellow if he have trespassed shall stand at ye Reward of his Mast'rs & fellows if he or they make them account and if they may not accord then goe to the Common Assembly.

16thly That no mason shall make any mould square or rule to any rough layer.

17thly Noe Mason wh is wthin a Lodge or whout shall set or lay mould scondr whout mould of his own making.

18thly Evry Mason shall receive strange masons or fellows w/h they come ovr the Country as set them on Work as ye ordr is (vizt) if he have mould scondr to place: he shall sett him 2 weekes at the least in work & give him his hire & if there be noe scondr for him yn to refresh him with money to bring him to ye next Lodge.

19thly And alsoe all Masons shall be true in their work be it by task or Journey & truly make an end of ye work yt they may have their pay as they ought to have it.

## THE APPRENTICES CHARGE.

Imp'ms That he shall be true to God and his Holy Church & the King and his mr whom he shall truly serve.

2dly That he shall not pick away his Mr or M's goods nor absent himself from their S'vice nor goe from ym about his own pleasure by day or by night without licence.

3dly He shall keep Counsell in all things spoken in Lodge or Chamber by any Mast' fellow or free Mason he shall not keep any disobedient argumt against any; nor disclose any secrett whereby any Difference shall arise amongst masons or fell; or apprtices but reverently to behave himself to all free masons being sworn brethren to his sd Mr.

4thly That he doe not comit Adultery nor fornication in his M's house wh his M's daughter or Srvant.

5thly Hee shall not use any Carding or diceing or other unlawfull games nor haunt any Tavrns nor Aile-houses there wasting his masts goods without Licence.

6thly Hee shall not Comit adultery in any mans house where he shall have worked or be Table.

7thly He shall not purloin nor steal the Goods of any prson or Consent thereto; nor willingly suffer harm or shame During his sd Apprentishipp but to withstand the same to ye utmost of his powr & Thereof to inform his sd maist' or some other free Mason with all possible & convenient speed.

HENRY FINIS KIPLING 1693.

Scriptum p<sup>r</sup> me Henric<sup>m</sup> Kipling

De vicesimo tertio die Fany ano Don 1693

These For my Cosen John Kipling with my kind love to him p'sented.

The above has been transcribed by me from the original document in the possession of Bro. Charles Waistell, P.M. & P. Prov. Gd. Regr. of N. & E. York-shire.

WILLIAM WATSON.

Leeds, 29th Feb., 1892.

## The Theatres.

There is nothing astonishing, even in these bad financial times the theatres are undergoing, in the fact that "The Mountebanks" has from its inception been a gold mine to Mr. Horace Sedger at the Lyric, as "Dorothy" was to Mr. Leslie a few years ago, though we scarcely think its duration will be as long or as lasting as was Mr. Cellier's other popular composition. No doubt the big houses "The Mountebanks" has drawn is in some way on account of the sympathy felt at the

untimely death of poor Alfred Cellier just on the eve of the production. The dialogue is by Mr. W. S. Gilbert in his old topsy-turvy style that no one ever got tired of at the Savoy. Amongst the artistes who assist are Bros. Lionel Brough, Harry Monkhouse, Frank Wyatt, Messrs. Furneaux Cook, and Jack Robertson; Misses Geraldine Ulmar, L. Saunders, Jessie Moore, Eva Moore, E. Jeffreys, and Jenoure, all of whom are in their respective parts exquisite in acting and singing alike. "The Mountebanks" is one of those comic operas which has so many attractions in it that one is glad to go and see it over and over again, and each time one likes it better than the last.

As it grows older "The Theatre" becomes more and more valuable as a correct and not too detailed a record of the events of the month in theatrical circles. But not a small portion of this well compiled magazine is devoted to music and the fine arts. The present number contains a good photograph of Mr. Esmond, who has played so well at Bro. Terry's in "The Times," and other plates equally well got up. "Is the dramatic profession a healthy one?" is a subject of one of the articles, all of which are readable. Mr. Daniels ably handles the question of the health of the vocation. Mr. Clement Scott gives a poem, "Cling closer still." "Oliver Bluff's" paper, "More about Mr. Tree," continues a subject which has been *en evidence* for three months in "The Theatre" regarding the merits or otherwise of Bro. Tree as an actor initiated by his Hamlet. Mr. Cecil Howard is still the writer (and we hope will be for many years) of the criticisms, which he deals with in a masterful, thorough, yet kind way.

Messrs. Eglinton, the publishers of "The Theatre," are also now the publishers of "Men and Women of the Day," a journal not outvalued of its kind. The current month's issue contains photographs, done by Mr. Barraud, of the Member for the Colonies (Bro. Henniker Heaton, M.P.), the late Miss Clough (the head of the Ladies' College at Cambridge), and Bro. Pinero, the renowned dramatist. For two of them we can speak with personal knowledge as to their being speaking likenesses. The biographies are admirably written of the various persons depicted. We notice that the proprietors have, since the commencement of this work of art, been very generous in the way of portraiture of our Fraternity.

#### THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists and additions to lists have been received since the publication of our last report:

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## THE SHADWELL CLERKE TRUST.

FREEMASONS' HALL,  
GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.,  
8th February, 1892.

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.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; and Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C., have kindly consented to act as Trustees, and an account will be opened immediately in their names at the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank.

Personal Subscriptions are limited to a *maximum* of £5 5s. In the case of Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies there is no limit. Cheques are requested to be sent, addressed to the Treasurer, Bro. Robert Grey, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., made payable to him, and crossed "London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch, o/a Shadwell Clerke Trust."

Inasmuch as Bro. George Kenning has kindly undertaken to insert advertisements in the *Freemason* free of expense, and as the cost of Printing, Stationery, Postage and Receipt Stamps, &c., will be paid by Members of the Committee, the whole amount of Subscriptions, without any deduction, will be available for the proposed object.

We remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FENN, Pres. B. of G.P., Chairman.

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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,

THOMAS FENN, Pres. B. of G.P., Chairman.

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Freemasons' Hall,

22nd February, 1892.

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The next meeting of this Committee, with the addition of those Brethren who, in the meantime, may have signified their wish to join, will be held here on MONDAY, 2nd May, at FIVE o'clock, of which this is to be taken as notice.

FRANK RICHARDSON,

Freemasons' Hall,

5th April, 1892.

Secretary.





We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, who is staying at Carlsbad, has already derived great benefit from the change.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Albemarle sailed in the Grantully Castle for Madeira on Saturday last, and are expected to return to England about the middle of next month.

Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, O.C., M.P., her Majesty's Solicitor General, presided at the ninth annual meeting of the Bar Committee, which was held in the old Dining Hall of Lincoln's Inn, on Saturday last.

During the first three months of the year reports were published of no less than 70 wills, which had been proved, each with personality amounting to upwards of £100,000 and making a total of nearly £19,500,000.

According to the latest advices from Darmstadt, Prince Alfred of Edinburgh is progressing rapidly towards convalescence, and will leave next week for Coburg, whither he will be accompanied by his mother, the Duchess of Edinburgh.

We learn from the report of the Chief Librarian, Mr. E. Foskett, that in Camberwell, which has four free libraries, the issues to the public during the past 12 months exceeded 495,000 volumes, Lambeth standing next with an issue of 434,253 volumes.

His Majesty Christian IX., King of Denmark, father of the Princess of Wales, the Czarina, King George of Greece, and the Duchess of Cumberland, completed his 74th year on the 8th inst., and will celebrate his golden wedding on the 26th May.

Sir Algernon West, Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, retired from office on Monday, after having been upwards of 40 years in the public service. His successor is the Earl of Iddesleigh, who in his turn has been succeeded by Mr. F. Lacy Robinson, C.B., as Deputy Chairman.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and Mrs. Childers had the honour of dining with the Queen and Royal Family at Costebelle, Hyères, on the 8th inst., and after dinner Miss Childers and Bro. the Hon. A. Yorke had the honour of being admitted to the Royal circle.

Bro. George A. Sala presided at the annual dinner, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening last, in behalf of the London Association of Correctors of the Press, and paid a very high compliment to those gentlemen for the accurate manner in which they discharged their duties.

The installation meeting of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, was held at Chorlton-cum-Hardy on Thursday, the 7th inst., on which occasion Bro. F. Renshaw, I.P.M., presented to the lodge a most beautiful silk banner, bearing the arms of Lancashire, the work being entrusted to Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale have been entertaining the members of the Edinburgh Architectural Society at Gifford Castle, which came into the possession of his lordship's family in the fourteenth century and the story of which is told at length in Scott's "Marmion."

News has been received at the War Office from Colonel Ellis to the effect that "Tambi, West Africa, was taken by assault by the British forces and destroyed on the 7th inst. Our casualties were one sergeant Royal Engineers and two sergeants and six privates of the 1st West India Regiment, wounded, two of the latter mortally.

It is the intention of the Queen to visit Darmstadt on her way home from Hyères, and it is probable she will be there on the 25th inst., the anniversary of the late Princess Alice's birthday. Her Majesty's journey from Germany will be *via* Flushing and Port Victoria, and it is expected she will arrive at Windsor on the 29th inst.

The Duke of Cambridge, accompanied by Bro. Sir Redvers Buller, Sir T. D. Baker, Bro. Sir Reginald Gipps, Col. FitzGeorge, and other officers of the Headquarters Staff, visited Aldershot on the 7th inst., and inspected the troops encamped there to the number of some 10,000. The weather was splendid, and the troops presented a fine appearance.

The Banks' Dramatic and Musical Society, of which Mr. Alfred de Rothschild is President, brought a highly successful season to a close on Saturday last by a performance, at St. George's Hall, of the late Bro. Albery's popular comedy of the "Two Roses." There was a full house, and the excellence of the acting was testified to by the frequent and hearty applause of the audience.

The fatal accident to Captain "Bay" Middleton at the steeplechase meeting near Kington on Saturday was not the only mishap which then occurred. On learning of Captain Middleton's accident, Mr. Smith-Barry, M.P. for the Huntingdon Division, proceeded to the spot, and taking a fence on the way, his horse stumbled and fell, and threw him on his head. Fortunately, Mr. Smith-Barry was not seriously injured, and is progressing favourably towards recovery.

There will be a grand military tattoo on the Marine Parade, Dover, on Saturday evening next. When the bugle sounds the bands of the Regulars and Volunteer Corps will march from different points through the town to the central rendezvous on the sea front, when the combined bugles will sound the "First post." The massed bands, with the drums and fifes and pipers, will then perform a programme of music, concluding with "Abide with me," "Rule Britannia," the National Anthem, and the "Last post."

About 300 officers and men of the Artists' Corps left London by train for Newington, which is halfway between London and Dover, early on Tuesday morning. Here they found their transport waggons horsed and equipped by the corps awaiting them, and having transferred their baggage to these, the detachment, followed by the waggons, marched 12 miles to Faversham, and took up their quarters for the night, headquarters being established at the Ship Hotel. The officer in command was Captain Willoughby Weiss.

Bro. W. F. Bruty was elected Worshipful Master of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, on Thursday, the 7th inst., and his installation will take place on Thursday, the 5th May.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton left town on Tuesday evening with Lady George Hamilton for Portsmouth, there to embark on board the Admiralty yacht *Enchantress*, for a cruise in the Channel.

The American bison, which has been kept for about 10 years in the Home Park at Windsor, has been presented by the Queen to the Zoological Gardens. The animal is a very fine specimen of a nearly extinct species.

The latest reports respecting Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, who has been laid up for some days at Monte Carlo with an attack of venal calculus, is to the effect that he is making good progress, and will in a few days be sufficiently well to travel.

Be always obedient to the Chair. Obedience is a virtue of the greatest importance to your own character as a Mason, and to the welfare of the lodge. Without obedience, wisdom would be inoperative, strength would lose its power, and beauty its grace.—*Masonic Tidings*.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have left Hyères for London, but their children will remain with the Queen for some time longer. Prior to his departure the Duke called on the owners of the various estates in the neighbourhood, and thanked them for their courtesy in having placed their grounds at the disposal of the Queen.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., presided at the annual dinner which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Friday, the 8th instant, in aid of the London General Porters' Benevolent Institution. The subscriptions announced in the course of the evening, including £100 from the Chairman, amounted to £1005.

In the Public Schools Gymnastic Competition last week at Aldershot, the Bronze Shield was won by the Surrey County School, with 105½ points, Cheltenham, Clifton, and Bideford being placed next in order of merit. The prize for fencing was awarded to Walter Leonard Churchill (Harrow), son of Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P.

As Prince Edward of Leiningen, brother of Prince Ernest of Leiningen, an admiral in our Navy, was alighting from a tramcar in the Avenue de la Gare, Nice, on Tuesday, he was knocked down by a passing vehicle, and seriously injured about the head and legs. He was taken to the Chateau Fabion, the residence of the reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg. Happily, his injuries, though severe, are not dangerous.

Her Majesty the Queen having been asked for her permission that the last-established bed at the Infant Asylum at Hyères shall be named after some member of our Royal Family, has, by way of reply, remitted a sum of money sufficient to install four additional beds in the asylum, which, at her desire, will bear the names of "Queen Victoria," "Princess Beatrice," the "Duchess of Connaught," and the "Princess Margaret Victoria of Connaught."

A practical American electrician has discovered, so says the *Philadelphia Ledger*, that electricity is a cure for fog. Mr. M. E. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, has made experiments at Sandy Hook and Boston Harbour in dense sea fogs, and, according to the report, a single powerful discharge cleared 70,500 square feet, near two acres, the thick aqueous vapour being turned into rain. From this Mr. Johnson anticipates that every sea-going mail steamer will carry its own fog annihilator.

A terrible boating fatality is reported from Boston, Massachusetts. A boat was returning from the City and Thompson Island, having on board 10 boys connected with the Farm School on the Island and the instructor, when it capsized, with the result that eight of the boys and the instructor were drowned. The two survivors were found clinging to the boat when it drifted to the shore about four hours after the accident, and though in a very exhausted state they soon revived.

In the Oxford and Cambridge University Athletic Sports, which were held at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, on Friday, the 8th instant, the Light Blues proved victorious, winning the high jump, the mile, the hurdles, the quarter-mile, and the hammer, while their opponents won the hundred yards, the weight, the long jump, and the three miles. In the long jump the Oxonian, Fry, of Wadham, cleared 23 feet 5 inches, and thus broke all previous records. The Boat Race on Saturday, however, resulted, as the best judges anticipated it would, in a victory for the Dark Blues, who passed the winning post, rowing well within themselves, some 2½ lengths ahead of their rivals. The winning crew rowed in grand style throughout, but the Cambridge men, though they made desperate efforts to win, showed very indifferent form.

The annual series of Shakesperian memorial performances at Stratford-on-Avon have again this year, for the fifth time, been undertaken by Mr. F. R. Benson, and will consist of eight representations of Shakesperian plays, including a most interesting revival of "Timon of Athens," a tragedy that has not been seen on the boards since Phelps produced it at Sadler's Wells about 25 years ago. The performances commence on Monday, the 18th inst., and will be as follows: Monday, 18th, and Tuesday, 19th, "A Midsummer Night's Dream;" Wednesday, 20th, "Julius Cæsar;" Thursday, 21st, "Twelfth Night;" Friday, 22nd, and Saturday, 23rd (Shakespeare's birthday), "Timon of Athens." There will be also two matinees, one of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Monday, 18th, and one of "Timon of Athens" on Saturday, 23rd. Special trains will be run from London on Friday, the 15th, and Friday, the 22nd. There will also be special trains from Northampton, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, and surrounding districts.

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We are asked to notify that the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, is now held every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Earl Russell, No. 2, Pancras-road, N.W., instead of at Lee, as formerly.

The Grand Lodge of New York prohibits the issuing of demits until the demitting brother has petitioned and been elected in a regular lodge. The demit is then issued and sent directly to the lodge electing him. Exception is made to this rule where the brother desires to leave the State.

The Geographical Section of the London Geological Field Class will take their first excursion under the personal direction of Professor H. G. Seely, F.R.S., on the afternoon of Saturday, the 23rd inst., when they will visit Reigate.

The Bishop of Rochester has consented to preside at the annual meeting of the South London Free Art Gallery at Peckham in May next. It is expected that Bro. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and several other influential ladies and gentlemen will also be present.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has consented to distribute the Faithful Service Prizes to the old scholars of the Ragged School Union, who will form a choir to sing a selection of pieces on the occasion of the 48th annual festival of the union, at Exeter Hall, on May 9th.

There is at present on view at the Polytechnic in Regent-street, a fine series of photographs. It comprises the most picturesque scenes on the Pennsylvania Railroad, the route by which the Polytechnic excursionists to the World's Fair will travel next year.

The directors of the Empire Palace, Limited, have declared the first interim dividend for the current year at the usual rates, viz., 2s. 6d. on each share of £1 upon which 15s. has been paid, and 1s. 8d. on each share of £1 upon which 10s. has been paid.

A Musicians' National Mutual Aid and Employment Association is about to be established to foster and develop national musical talent, and to assist musicians in the various branches of the profession. The Secretary and manager is Mr. G. R. Basham, and the chief offices, 30, Southampton-row, W.C.

As Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were driving on Tuesday morning in their brougham to Euston station on their way to Hawarden for the Easter recess, the horse fell, breaking the shaft of the carriage. The vehicle was so much damaged that the travellers were obliged to leave it and hail a cab, in which they arrived at Euston barely in time to catch the 10.30 train. Hawarden was reached shortly after three o'clock.

The new light draught paddle steamer, built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, of Govan, Glasgow, for the Clacton and Harwich trade of the Victoria Steamboat Association, was successfully launched on Tuesday, at Govan, the name selected for the new vessel being the Koh-i-noor. Built entirely of steel, and with 10 water-tight compartments, the Koh-i-noor is practically unsinkable. She is expected to make her *début* in southern waters at, or before, Whitsuntide.

It has been a puzzle to some people to discover how Italy, notwithstanding her declining trade, manages to find gold for the goods which she imports. According to the First Secretary of our Embassy to Rome, Mr. Dering, Italy is really kept going by her foreign visitors. The Consular representatives of the United States calculate that Americans spend £7,000,000 a year in Italy, and, according to Mr. Dering, other foreigners spend £14,000,000 more, exclusive of the money spent by the fifty or sixty thousand pilgrims who visit the Pope every year.

It having become known that Bro. Beatty had decided to remain the host of the Maiden's Head Hotel, Uckfield, his Masonic friends determined to celebrate the event by giving him a complimentary dinner, which took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at Bro. Beatty's hotel. A number of Masonic friends from Lewes, Brighton, Tunbridge Wells, Hayward's Heath, and other parts of Sussex were present, the chair being taken by Bro. W. Wright, Prov. J.G.W. The health of the guest was given in genial terms, and replied to by Bro. Beatty, who thanked them for the good feeling and kindness that had been expressed, especially by his brother Masons. Other toasts followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

We remind our readers that the second edition of Bro. James Stevens' new work, "The Evolution of Symbolic Masonry," will be issued on the 1st proximo, as advertised. The first edition has been subscribed for beyond Bro. Stevens' expectations, but as several lodges and lodges of instruction cannot complete their lists before Easter, he has consented to extend the time for applications for subscription copies to the 19th inst., and for delivery of the work to the 26th. Meanwhile brethren desirous of being included in the appendix of list of subscribers should forward address, number of lodge and rank therein, with postal order to value of thirteen pence per copy, to him at Evelyn, Catford, S.E.

The House of Commons Point-to-Point Steeplechase was run on a course situated about two miles from Kington, Warwickshire, on Saturday last. There were two classes of entries, one for heavy weights, of 14 stone and upwards, and the other for light weights, of 12 stone and upwards. The first to pass the post was Mr. F. B. Mildmay's Discretion, ridden by the owner, who was therefore adjudged the prize in the light-weight class, while Bro. W. H. Long, on his Crusader, came in second and won the prize for the heavy weights. Unfortunately, a fatal accident occurred to Captain "Bay" Middleton in one of two additional steeplechases which had been arranged to be run subsequently. Captain Middleton was riding an aged gelding, his own property, when his horse "pecked" after going about three miles and threw his rider, who fell on his head. The captain was taken up unconscious and died shortly afterwards. In consequence of this fatality, the other race was abandoned.

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