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THE MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

By a strange coincidence the festivities in connection with the Centenary of the foundation of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, and those which take place at the Anniversary Festival of our Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be held concurrently. In the case of the latter the prizes will be distributed at the Institution, Battersea Rise, on Monday, the 16th instant, when the presiding genius of the occasion will be the Duchess of Connaught, who has kindly signified her intention of visiting the School on that day and performing the gracious ceremony which pertains to it. On Wednesday the Festival itself will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern under the Chairmanship of the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, District Grand Master of Bombay. As regards the sister School in Dublin, the distribution of prizes has been appointed for the same Monday, the 16th instant, and the rest of the week will be devoted to the Bazaar and Fancy Fair, which our Irish brethren, with a view to commemorating in a suitable manner the Centenary of its foundation, have been organising with so much zeal and assiduity during the greater part of the last twelve months. As we pointed out a few months' since, the School was founded in 1792, and though for the first 50 or 60 years of its existence it was in a languishing condition and unable to effect much good, it has latterly been rendering most important services to the Craft in Ireland, and is justly regarded as one of the best-regulated and most successful of the many institutions of its kind in the United Kingdom. The "One Hundredth Annual Report" demonstrates this most clearly. At the outset, this Report, before treating of the events of 1891, describes briefly what the Institution had been able to effect since its establishment. It relates how the present School buildings, near Ball's Bridge, were completed in 1882, how the site has since been purchased in fee-simple, and the number of pupils increased to 81 "without incurring debt, and without drawing upon the invested funds which have from time to time accumulated," and with a very natural feeling of pride it adds: "During the hundred years of its existence, among the great number of destitute and deserving orphans who have found the means within its walls of preparing themselves for the battle of life, not one, so far as the Governors have been able to trace, has ever brought disgrace upon her training, or given cause for shame to her benefactors or instructors." As regards the year 1891, there were 80 pupils maintained during the entire period, and an additional one was elected in December, while 13 outgoing pupils and a former pupil received outfits, fees, and other assistance, raising the total number of children benefited to 95. The income for the year—exclusive of bequests, amounting to £500, and receipts at the distribution of prizes to the extent of £223 4s.—was £2489 6s. 9d., of which £1652 9s. 11d. was in respect of donations and subscriptions, £100 from Grand Lodge, £50 from Grand Chapter (R.A.), £679 os. 4d. for interest and dividends, and the small remainder for result fees—Intermediate and Science and Art. With reference to the most important of these items the Report notices that there is a falling off in the subscriptions and donations as compared with 1889, amounting to upwards of £229, but it attributes this in great measure to a temporary diversion of moneys to the Centenary Fund, though, at the same time, it suggests that the annual official subscriptions are far less than they ought to be, "considering the great increase in the numbers and influence of the Masonic Order in Ireland, the large number of lodges, chapters, and preceptories, the ease with which every Masonic body might qualify at least one of its officers as a Governor, and the claims of the School upon every part of Ireland." The total current expenditure for 1891 amounted to a fraction over £2321, being at the rate of £24 8s. 8d. for each orphan receiving benefit, the average for each outgoing and former pupil being £5 11s. 10d., and for the maintenance and education of the girls on the establishment less than £25 a year. At the same time the educational results are spoken of as having been in all respects most satisfactory, nearly all the girls who submitted themselves at the various intermediate and other public examinations acquitting themselves to the satisfaction of the examiners, while a majority of them were awarded honours in one or more subjects. Such a Report of the financial position of the School during the year and the educational results of the training must be highly gratifying to our Irish brethren, and we hope the very great endeavours made by those in charge of the arrangements for the Centenary Fêtes will bring forth good fruit abundantly, and that the fund which it is proposed to raise by means of these Fêtes for the purpose of further benefiting the children when they have left School will be sufficient, not only for the requirements of the Institution at its present strength, but likewise when it has been still further extended. We may add that the invested funds of

the School both for general and special purposes amount to about £19,000 stock of various kinds.

Our Irish brethren are fortunate in having another Institution of the same kind but for the education of boys. This is known as the "Masonic Orphan Boys' School," and is located at Richview, Clonskeagh, in the vicinity of the Irish capital. It is of more recent foundation than the Female School, and the number of children for whom it makes provision is smaller, but the Report of the Committee of Management is to the full as satisfactory. The income shows a slight diminution in the individual and official annual subscriptions, but on the other hand there is a substantial increase in the individual Life Donations and the receipts from Permanent Official Governors. That the health of the School has been excellent is shown by the fact that only £1 16s. 7d. was expended during the year for medicines for an establishment which, including the resident staff, numbers 70 inmates. The educational results are highly satisfactory. Owing to the increase in the establishment having taken place so recently, the School is largely composed of boys who are too young to be entered for any public examinations, and, therefore, the successes achieved by those who were allowed to offer themselves as candidates at the University and College, the Intermediate, and the Science and Art Examinations are all the more creditable. Moreover, the report of the Examiners in respect of the School Examinations at Easter, 1891, are without exception favourable, bearing testimony as they do to the results of the system of instruction pursued by the Head Master and his staff. As regards the accounts, the income, including bequests amounting to £250, amounted in round figures to £2800, of which £1662 was on account of donations and subscriptions, £100 from Grand Lodge, and £50 from Grand Chapter, the interest and dividends on invested moneys being £486, and result fees (Intermediate Examinations) close on £62. The expenditure for school, garden, and office reached £2056, and there was also disbursed a sum of £589 in the purchase of £500 Four per Cent. railway stock, leaving a balance of £238 to carry forward to the account for the current year. The expenditure per boy is slightly in excess of £25 per year. The invested funds amount to close on £12,700 stock of various kinds.

It will be seen that our Irish brethren have every reason to be proud of their two Orphan Schools. The Craft is a less numerous body in the Emerald Isle than it is in England, yet their two Institutions maintain and educate nearly 150 children, the orphan sons and daughters of worthy Masons, for whom but little or no other provision could be made. They are well cared for and well trained while in charge of the Governors, and when they leave School everything is done to promote their welfare and place them in the way of earning an honest and honourable livelihood. We trust, therefore, that the Centenary Fêtes, which will take place a fortnight hence, in behalf of the senior Charity will result in an appreciable addition being made to its resources.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held in the Church Institute, Albion-place, Leeds, on Monday, the 25th ult., under the banners of Lodges Nos. 289, 306, 1042, 1211, 1221, 1311, and 2069, there were present:

Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., acting as Prov. G.M.; Wm. Henry Brittain, J.P., P.G.S.B. England, as D.P.G.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. England, Prov. S.G.W.; Thomas Crossley, P.P.J.G.W., as Prov. J.G.W.; B. Broughton, Leut.-Col. Joshua Day, T. W. Embleton, George Brooke, Wm. Harrop, and T. Bateman Fox, J.P., P.P.G.W.'s; Rev. J. Rosser, P.P.G.C., as Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. Claud A. Lambert, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.P.G. Chap.; Wm. Pepper, Prov. G. Treas.; C. L. Mason, Thomas Ruddock, and John Leach, P.P.G. Treasurers; F. Walker, Prov. G. Reg.; John C. Malcolm, A. W. Stanfield, J.P., and C. M. Wilson, P.P.G. Registrars; Herbert G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Laxton and F. Rand, Prov. S.G.D.'s; J. Hunt, Prov. J.G.D.; G. F. Crowe, P.P.J.G.D., as Prov. J.G.D.; Sam Freeman, Mark Newsome, J.P., C. T. Rhodes, Wm. Gaukreger, R. Williamson, Wm. C. Lupton, Wm. H. Steward, G. Marshall, F. D. Walker, R. Kingston, T. I. Walker, F. Cleaves, Wm. H. Jessop, and W. R. Massie, P.P.G. Deacons; J. Gerrard, Prov. G.S. of W.; C. Gott, John Barker, Thos. Winn, Thos. Wm. Roome, James Lawton, Wm. Watson, and W. Greaves, P.P.G. Superintendents of Works; W. R. Thompson, Prov. G.D.C.; Tom Garnett, as Prov. D.G.D.C.; John Y. Rideal, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. J. Beck, Samuel Slack, Austin Roberts, Thos. Whitaker, J. Dobson, J. Dyson, Wm. Fitton, and H. T. E. Holmes, P.P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; Col. F. C. Wemyss, Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Stott and J. J. Rutherford, P.P.G.S.B.'s; Robert Thompson and Robert Fisher, Prov. G. Std. B's.; Wm. Laycock, Robert Riley, A. Stott, Thomas Riley, and Joseph Wilson, P.P.G. Std. B's.; W. B. Townsend, P.P.G.O., as Prov. G. Org.; Dr. Wm. Spark, Wm. Ash, Max Blume, and Geo. Carbert, P.P.G. Organists; Joseph Matthewman, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Henry Morton, Prov. G. Purst.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.D.C., as Prov. A.G. Purst.; John Seed, Wm. Cockcroft, J. Harling, and F. W. Turner, P.P.G. Pursts.; Albert Walker, Sydney I. Steele, J. Hey, John Scott, Wm. Ramsden, and John Cass, J.P., Prov. G. Stewards; T. Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler; also Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, acting Wardens, and brethren from various lodges. Visitors: Bros. J. Morrison McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, and A. E. Charlesworth, 324.

Letters and telegrams of apology for unavoidable absence were received from the Prov. G.M.; Bros. John Chadwick, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary

East Lancashire; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and five Provincial Grand Officers and 42 brethren.

The letter of Bro. Tew was read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, and on the motion of Bro. PEPPER, P.M. 1042, Prov. G. Treas., seconded by Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M. 2069, P.P.G.T., it was ordered to be entered on the minutes. It was as follows:

The Grange, Carleton, Pontefract,
15th April, 1892.

My dear Deputy,

With great regret, for the second time, I must plead inability to be present at the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge. My health, though much improved, has not yet been restored sufficiently to enable me to venture upon out-door exertion. I must, therefore, ask you to take charge of and conduct the business at this annual meeting, and I hope you will tell my brethren how sorry I am that I am still unable to be with them.

I feel sure that the affairs of this important and ever increasing province have been well and faithfully administered by you and the outgoing Prov. Grand Officers, and that nothing has been neglected to promote its best interests. For this care and diligence to you and them I tender my sincere and grateful thanks.

I trust the brethren will still further extend indulgence to me, and excuse me from making any attempt personally to visit their lodges, with the hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. may shortly give back to me my former strength, and enable me to the best of my ability to serve the province I have learned to love so well.

Pray express to the brethren my deep obligations for the resolution of sympathy recorded at the meeting at Sowerby Bridge, and for their spontaneous and generous contributions to the "Thomas William Tew Presentation Fund," whereby they have, in perpetuity, associated my name and that of this province with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Let me in conclusion add my testimony of sorrow and regret at the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale; also at that of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. The latter, as Grand Secretary, was intimately associated with this province, whilst the former was as closely allied to the whole country.

With the earnest wish for the peace, harmony, and contentment of every lodge under my jurisdiction, and the hope that we shall continue to be loyal and true to our Grand Master and to each other,—I am, my dear Deputy, faithfully yours,

T. W. TEW, P.G.M.

The Acting Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith; the Acting D.P.G.M., Bro. W. H. Brittain, J.P.; and the Prov. Grand Officers having entered, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master, the Acting Deputy Prov. G.M., and Bro. McLeod being saluted, the roll of lodges was called, and it was found that 70 out of 75 were represented, and the roll of Present and Past Grand Officers was called.

The minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Sowerby Bridge, on Wednesday, 14th October, 1891, were read and confirmed.

The ACTING PROV. G.M. then delivered an able and exhaustive address, dealing with all matters of interest to the province, and which we regret our space will not admit of transferring to our columns this week.

The address was listened to with marked attention, and the brethren showed their appreciation by frequent applause. On its conclusion Bro. W. H. BRITTAİN rose to thank the brethren for their cordial greeting. In referring to the address he said that it combined both poetry and prose, that it was graceful as well as practical, and that in all his experience he had never listened to an address which so happily combined firm treatment with delicate handling. He spoke in feeling terms of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and concluded a very effective speech by proposing the following resolution:—

That this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire recognises, with the deepest regret, the great loss which the Craft and the nation have sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G. Master Berks, on 14th January last, and takes the earliest opportunity of recording on its minutes their profound sorrow and sympathy with her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, her Serene Highness the Princess May of Teck, and the rest of the Royal Family in their sad bereavement.

This was briefly seconded by Bro. Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D., P.M. 2069, P.G. Chaplain, and carried.

Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX, J.P., P.M. 208, P.G.W., Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, then addressed the meeting. After complimenting the Acting Prov. G. Master upon the fearless and outspoken terms of the address which they had just heard, an exposition of Masonic principles and conduct with which he thoroughly agreed, Bro. Fox presented the annual report of the Charity Committee. In proposing its adoption he pointed out the advantage of accumulating votes upon chairs, recommended the Boys' and Girls' Schools to the special charitable consideration of the province, and gave particulars as to the leakage which had occurred in relation to the voting papers in the late election. He urged the Charity members to be untiring in their exertions in collecting and sending in the votes, and strongly deprecated receiving papers twenty-four hours after the elections to which they referred were concluded.

Bro. W. C. LUPTON, P.M. 974, P.P.G.D., Vice-Chairman, seconded. Whilst most highly commending the brethren for their munificent subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he urged upon them the desirability of promptly redeeming their promises by the actual payment of the money, pointing out how strongly votes were needed for the forthcoming annuities' election, and that it was only by securing this additional voting power they could hope to carry the candidates whom the Committee had adopted. That the election was on the 20th May, and that it was desirable, in order to give time for the issue of new voting papers, that the donations should be sent in not later than the 10th of that month.

On the motion "That the Report of the Charity Committee be adopted" being put from the chair, it was carried unanimously.

Bro. CHARLES PHILLIPS, P.M. 1542, from the body of the room, inquired what the average cost per boy was in the R.M.I. for Boys.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.M. 1001, P.G.W., P.G.D., ex-Chairman of the Charity Committee, and member of the Board of Management, replied, that for educating, clothing, and maintaining the boys in the schools, the average cost per head was a few shillings under £40 a year.

Bro. WM. PEPPER, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., then presented his balance-sheet, and moved its adoption. This, a printed copy of which had been issued throughout the province, was seconded by Bro. T. B. Fox, and carried.

Bro. JOHN GERRARD, P.M. 154, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, presented an inventory of furniture, regalia, &c., belonging to Provincial Grand Lodge. On his assurance that all was in good order and preservation the inventory was received.

The CHAIRMAN next called upon Bro. Wm. Watson, P.M. 61, Prov. G. Librarian.

Bro. WATSON said he had prepared a report which would be duly circulated, that during the past year most valuable and important books and MSS. had been added to the library, that in consequence of the munificent support which he received from the Prov. Grand Master they had now a collection of which every Mason in West Yorkshire might be justly proud. He also referred to the reprints of the Masonic MSS. which at great cost of time and labour had been issued and sent to every lodge in the province. He feared that in some instances they had scarcely received that notice or attention which their importance deserved. He moved the adoption of the report.

This was seconded by Bro. JOHN BARKER, P.M. 1102, and carried *nem. con.*

Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M., then proposed Bro. John Gibbs, P.M. 904, as Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year. He spoke of his Masonic merits and financial abilities, and assured the brethren that he would prove a worthy successor to Bro. Wm. Pepper, the retiring Prov. G. Treas.

This was seconded in brief and epigrammatic terms by Bro. W. H. BRITTAİN, and there being no other candidate, Bro. Gibbs was therefore unanimously elected.

The retiring Prov. Grand Officers then advanced and formally took leave of the Acting Prov. Grand Master, at the same time handing in their badges of office.

The new Prov. Grand Officers for the year were called up, and invested as follows:

Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., 2069	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
Richard Jessop, 448	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. H. L. Clarke, M.A., 208	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
Rev. A. H. B. Lees, M.A., 910	...	...
John Gibbs, 904	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
William Ramsden, 149	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Herbert G. E. Green, 1019	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
John Wm. Balme, 61	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
Albert Walker, 1108	...	...
John Cass, J.P., 1034	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
Richard Prince Brindley, 1221	...	...
John Wm. Cocking, 2035	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. Watson, 61, P.P.G.S. of W.	...	...	Librarian.
Tudor Trevor, 2069	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Sydney Thomas Steele, 380	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
C. A. Phillips, 1542	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
John E. D. Darling, 1239	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
John Hey, 387	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
W. T. Beanland, 1462	...	...
Samuel Jacob, 837	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Joseph Matthewman, 1019	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
B. Fawcett Glover, 495	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Charles Shaw, 337	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
W. H. D. Horsfall, 1302	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Alfred Scarth, 289	...	...
Wm. Fisher Tasker, 296	...	...
Thomas Norfolk, 600	...	...
Wm. Barrow Wall, 290	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Louis Eismann, 827	...	...
Thomas Leighton, 139	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
Thomas Chester, 904	...	...

The ACTING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER took the opportunity, before closing the proceedings, of thanking the brethren for their kind reception of himself and their attention to his address. He thought that as they had with them Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, they would like to hear him. He therefore called upon Bro. McLEOD, who said: That the thanks of all the three Masonic Institutions, and of their Secretaries, were due to the Freemasons of West Yorkshire; that he, in his own person, was especially grateful to them; that their splendid Charitable organisation was admirably and most judiciously worked; that they were in the proud position of heading the provincial lists at the late Festival of the Benevolent Institution; that they had nobly supported both the Girls and the Boys, and that they had a distinguished representative share in the working of both Institutions, since the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith, was Treasurer of the Girls, and Bro. Smithson on the Board of Management of the Boys. He recommended the brethren to keep up their influence by maintaining their donations, and thanked the Acting Provincial Grand Master for giving him the opportunity of saying these words.

There were no invitations for the October meeting, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Dinner was served by Bro. Powolny in his handsome new restaurant, in Bond-street. About 140 brethren were present, the Acting Provincial Grand Master presiding.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Supt. of Hants and Isle of Wight, occupied the chair of M.E.G.Z.; Comp. Lieut.-Col. Townley Caldwell, M.A., G. Supt. Cambridgeshire, took the chair of G.H.; and Comp. Col. Noel Money, C.B., G. Supt. of Surrey, took the chair of G.J. Comps. Edward Letchworth, G.S.E.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, acted as G.S.N.; Robert Grey, President Committee of General Purposes; Baron de Ferrieres, as G.P.S.; Sir G. D. Harris, as 1st A.G.S.; Hamon Le Strange, as 2nd A.G.S.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; George Everett, G. Treas.; R. C. Sudlow, Ralph Clutton, C. H. Driver, J. H. Matthews, C. Belton, J. E. Le Feuvre, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, F. S. Knyvett, Dr. Ralph Gooding, James Glaisher, H. Garrod, C. F. Hogard, C. F. Matier, A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.E., and a large number of other Present and Past Grand Officers were present.

After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. BEACH announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z., had again appointed the Earl of Lathom to be Pro Grand Z.; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe to be Grand H.; and himself (Comp. Beach) to be Grand J.

Comp. Beach was then obligated as G.J., and afterwards re-assumed the

chair of G.Z. Comp. Edward Letchworth was invested by the Acting M.E.G.Z., and congratulated by him on being appointed G.S.E. by the Prince of Wales.

The other companions appointed to Grand office for the year were :

Comp. Lord Alfred Spencer Churchill ...	G.S.N.
" Robert Grey ...	Pres. Com. of G.P.
" J. D. Murray ...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	G. Reg.
" Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D. ...	G. Prin. Soj.
" Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B. ...	1st A.G.S.
" Samuel Gibson Sinclair ...	2nd A.G.S.
" Charles Edward Keyser ...	G.S.B.
" Perceval A. Nairne ...	1st G. Std. Br.
" Geo. Henry Hopkinson ...	2nd G. Std. Br.
" Henry John Strong, M.D. ...	3rd G. Std. Br.
" Frederick W. Coles ...	4th G. Std. Br.
" Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj. ...	G.D.C.
" Frederick Mead ...	Dep. G.D.C.
" Dep. Insp.-Gen. Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N. ...	1st Asst. G.D.C.
" William Peter Brown ...	2nd Asst. G.D.C.
" Michael Maybrick ...	G. Org.
" Alfred A. Pendlebury ...	Asst. G.S.E.
" Henry Sadler ...	G. Janitor.

Comp. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., afterwards said the M.E.G.Z. had been pleased to nominate Comp. Robert Grey, President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter, and Comps. Sir G. D. Harris and F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., to be members of that Committee.

On propositions duly made, Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, W. A. Scurrah, Mihill Slaughter, H. A. Garrod, Lennox Browne, and Philip Waterlow were elected the other members of the Committee of Grand Chapter.

The following Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON :

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th January, to the 19th April, 1892, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£614 17 3	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated		Quarter	£749 15 7
" Account	198 16 4	" Balance	323 5 8
" Subsequent Receipts	457 15 0	" Unappropriated	
		Account	198 7 4
	£1271 8 7		£1271 8 7

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions for new chapters in connection with the Lodge of Prudence, No. 2069, Leeds, to be called the Prudence Chapter; the Peace Lodge, No. 2269, Wigan, to be called the Peace Chapter; the Shalden Lodge, No. 2016, Alton, to be called the St. Lawrence Chapter; the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, Cheshunt, to be called the James Terry Chapter; and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, London, to be called the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Palladian Chapter, No. 120, Hereford, Herefordshire, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel in accordance with the Royal Arch regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have further received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters :

The Star Chapter, No. 1275, Greenwich, from the Ship, Greenwich, London District, to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

The University Chapter, No. 1118, London, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, London.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) HENRY GARROD, Acting President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th April, 1892.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed :

That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Comp. Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year.

(Signed) HENRY GARROD, Past Assist. G.D. of Cers.

The various recommendations arising out of the Report were then moved by Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, and unanimously approved, and Grand Chapter was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 1685.

The Guelph Chapter, No. 1685, was consecrated on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of Royal Arch Masons. The interesting and impressive ceremony was performed by Comp. Edward Letchworth, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. T. Fenn, P. Pres. Committee of General Purposes, as H.; C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.D.G.D.C., as J.; Robt. Berridge, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.; and James H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders of the new chapter, who were all present, are Comps. Wm. Shurmur, P.Z. 1471, 2256, P.P.G. Soj. Essex; C. Rawle, P.M. 1685; C. G. Cutchey, P.M. 1685; Geo. Graveley, P.Z.; T. B. Gibbs, B. Nicholson, J. Holland, A. G. Duck, W. E. Dring, J. Speller, N. Fortescue, W. S. Wright, W. G. Bridges, F. Butler, and W. Peter Allen.

The following visitors were also present : Comps. H. Le Strange, A.G.S.; J. L. Mather, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; A. Lucking, P.A.G.D.C.; D. Campbell, 2nd A.S. 1471; T. T. Finch, P.Z. 554; W. Clark, 554; J. Barnett, jun., P.S. 59; H. Rogers, P.Z. 898; H. Sadler,

G. Janitor; Rev. Dr. Dunbar, J. Mumford, Z. 1538; E. F. Williams, W. Land, P.Z. 25; H. Poston, 1471; D. McGowan, P.Z. 247; B. Stewart, P.Z. 554; J. Humphreys, Z. 1437; W. D. Church, H. 1471; J. Hall Brown, H. 898; W. Steele, J. 898; Gordon Miller, P.Z. 257; Jabez Church, Z. 59; C. Horet, 1471; W. C. Mann, 1305; W. McNaught, 188; James Bunker, Asst. Soj. 1471; C. E. Luker, 1471; C. W. Smith, P.Z. 898; G. Shearman, 898; H. B. Holliday, 217; R. J. Scriven, 1489; G. Haysom, 174; W. Bigg, 898; J. Moore Smith, 898; J. H. Wildash, C. MacColla, 2256; W. Jeffery, 1622; R. Logan, 1716; B. Johnson, 1716; W. Dring, 9; F. Matthews, 217; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The chapter having been formally opened, the CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL addressing the companions, said : We have met together to-day on a very interesting occasion for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Royal Arch chapter. A chapter is to be attached to a lodge which bears a very honoured name—the name of the Royal Family of England. The lodge has, I understand, been in existence for 15 years and has had a very successful career, numbering at the present moment something like 40 members. I always think when a lodge is fired by a desire to have a Royal Arch chapter attached to it that it indicates the existence of a very healthy Masonic feeling, and I am very pleased that this Guelph Lodge has expressed that desire. That desire is now about to be gratified. I think the chapter ought to be congratulated in having as the First Principal one who has already had experience in Royal Arch Masonry, and I feel confident that under the rule of Comp. William Shurmur, assisted by the other founders, this chapter will have a very successful career. I only trust that like the lodge it may have a future of unchequered prosperity.

The officers nominated in the charter were approved by the founders, after which Comp. C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P.D.G.D.C., acting J., delivered an oration, which contained an interesting account of the history of Royal Arch Masonry.

An anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was next sung, and the chapter was afterwards dedicated and constituted.

The following Principals were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. T. Fenn, P. Pres. C.G.P. : Comps. Wm. Shurmur, M.E.Z.; Chas. Rawle, H.; and Christopher G. Cutchey, J. The other officers invested were Comps. Geo. Graveley, Acting I.P.Z.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; W. G. Bridges, S.E.; J. Speller, S.N.; A. G. Duck, P.S.; N. Fortescue, 1st A.S.; J. Holland, 2nd A.S.; T. B. Gibbs, D.C.; F. Butler, Org.; and J. Ives, Janitor.

On the proposition of the M.E.Z., the Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members, and were presented with founders' jewels as souvenirs of the occasion. A vote of thanks was accorded the Temperance-in-the-East Chapter for the use of furniture, and the Three Principals were elected honorary members. Thanks were also tendered to Comp. G. Graveley, acting I.P.Z., for the gift of a Bible. Numerous propositions for exaltation were received, and the chapter was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were given, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E. First Grand Principal," being first heartily received.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said that Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were to be congratulated on securing the services of so eminent a companion as Comp. Letchworth, whom he should ask to reply to the next toast. Amongst the other Grand Officers present was Comp. Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., who was at all times ready to exert his unbounded influence in Freemasonry. When they lost the services of the late Colonel Clerke, Comp. Fenn was in actual residence at Freemasons' Hall in order to prevent the delay of Masonic business which must of necessity have occurred. By his genial courtesy and natural goodness of heart Comp. Fenn had endeared himself to all those who were fortunate enough to come into contact with him.

Comp. THOMAS FENN, P.P.C.G.P., said that when he sat down he looked at the list of toasts, and seeing that of "The Consecrating Officers" down, concluded that his name would be associated with that, and that the companion on his list would have responded. However, he had great pleasure in replying to this toast. It was not much that the Grand Officers had to do in Grand Chapter, but he would say they attended in good numbers. They had a very nice sociable dinner on those occasions, and perhaps that was an attraction, and it only showed how necessary it was that refreshment should be associated with labour. The Grand Officers present that evening had assisted with the greatest pleasure, and had been gratified with the reception accorded them in the pleasant entertainment given them.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said the companions had heard from several sources that the Grand Scribe E. had acquitted himself in a most brilliant manner at the consecration of the Rose Chapter. In consequence of those reports they had formed expectations, and he was pleased to say those expectations had been more than realised, for he was sure they would agree with him that the manner in which the Consecrating Officers had fulfilled their respective duties was beyond all praise. When it pleased the Great Architect to summon to the Grand Lodge above their lamented friend and companion, Col. Clerke, it was felt the loss was irreparable, but it appeared to him that in the present Grand Scribe E. they had one who would soon rival if not excel his illustrious predecessor. Comp. Fenn was a companion for whom he had the highest esteem and regard, and those privileged to hear him install the two Principals that evening must have been intensely gratified. Comp. Matier had been a material help in making the great success in which the chapter had been constituted, and they were also deeply indebted to Comps. Berridge and Matthews.

Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., said he rose at once to acknowledge the high compliment paid the Consecrating Officers by the M.E.Z., and to thank him for the very kind manner in which the toast had been introduced. It had afforded them one and all the greatest possible pleasure to be present that evening, and he only trusted that the chapter would have before it a future of unalloyed success. The M.E.Z. had been pleased, in the most kindly terms, to refer to the great honour conferred upon him (the G.S.E.) by the M.E. First Grand Principal. He could assure them that, whilst he thoroughly appreciated that honour, he was no less sensible of the great responsibility which the acceptance of that honour reposed in him. He felt he had great difficulty in following so distinguished a Mason as their late lamented Comp. Col. Clerke, but at the same time he had a bright example before him to follow, and, encouraged by their good wishes and assisted by the support he knew he should receive from the members of the Craft, he did not despair of being able to discharge his duties in such a manner as to meet with their approval. On behalf of the Consecrating Officers, he again thanked the companions for the compliment paid them. He would next ask all present to fill their glasses as he had a most pleasant duty before him in asking them to drink with every good feeling and cordiality "The Health

of the M.E.Z., who was well known to the companions present. He had only had the pleasure of making Comp. Shurmur's acquaintance within the last few weeks, but he hoped that acquaintance might ripen into friendship. He had heard of Comp. Shurmur's Masonic achievements, and thought it would be impossible to have found a companion better fitted to take charge of the chapter.

Comp. WM. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., in response, said he fully appreciated the great honour and distinction conferred upon him by the founders in selecting him as M.E.Z., and was extremely grateful to the Grand Scribe E. for the cordial way in which he had proposed the toast. He hoped to prove his gratitude by using every endeavour to promote unity and concord in the chapter, and by making it worthy of the Royal name it bore.

"The H. and J." was next proposed by the M.E.Z. He regretted the H. had been called away unavoidably, but he had found a capital substitute in Comp. George Graveley, P.Z., whom he might almost say was the father of the chapter. To Comp. Cutchey, J., must be ascribed the inception of the chapter. It appeared there were many Masons in the Guelph Lodge desirous of becoming Royal Arch Masons, and they thought it desirable there should be a chapter connected with their own lodge. Comp. Cutchey intimated that wish to him, and having spoken to Comp. Graveley, the idea was now an accomplished fact.

Comps. G. GRAVELEY, P.Z., acting H., and CUTCHEY, J., replied, after which "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms.

Comp. H. LE STRANGE, A.G.S., said he was very glad in the very last days of his year of office to have witnessed the inauguration of this chapter. It was not often in a Masonic career that one had an opportunity of attending such a ceremony. Royal Arch Masons flattered themselves with some show of reason that they were the pick of the Craft. They were necessarily those who had passed years in the work of Freemasonry, and they might hope that those who joined were the brethren who had the principles of the Craft most seriously at heart. He felt sure this chapter had before it a long and distinguished career of usefulness. He would make a small suggestion, if allowed, which in his own province had been readily received. The M.E.Z. had received that day at the hands of the principal executive officer of Freemasonry—the new Grand S.E., whom he was proud to be present to support—the new charter. It seemed to him that it would be a happy thing if the M.E.Z. and his successors in office were to endorse their names on the back of that warrant, and Comp. Shurmur would thus head the list of what would probably be a long line of distinguished Masons, and it would become an object of worthy ambition for every Mason to inscribe his name on the muster roll of honour.

Comps. Dr. DUNBAR, W. D. CHURCH, DONALD CAMPBELL, and HALL BROWNE also responded.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings, which had been throughout of a very pleasant and enjoyable nature, were brought to a conclusion by the Janitor's toast.

Comp. F. Butler, Org., presided at the harmonium in the chapter, and after banquet a selection of music was ably carried out.

CONSECRATION OF THE WEYSIDE MARK LODGE, No. 442.

The consecration of this Mark lodge took place on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station. The ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O., as S.W.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.O., as J.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; R. Berridge, G.D.C., as D.C.; and P. A. Scratchley, P.G.D., as I.G. The beautiful ritual was rendered with a smoothness and impressiveness worthy of all praise, and the Consecrating Officer, ably supported by his colleagues, may fairly be said to have excelled himself. The founders of the new lodge who were, with one exception, present, were Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. H. Bircham, G. Stwd., W.M. designate; A. H. Bowles, P.P.G.O., S.W. designate; T. Wakley, jun., J.W. designate; Col. Noel Money, C.B., C. T. Tyler, F. D. Deare, F. Flood, and C. F. Passmore, P.G. Org. There were also present Bros. C. Hammerton, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Richard Eve, P.G.M.O.; R. Clowes, G.O.; R. Clowes, 431; A. Clinton, 407; J. A. Lancaster, W.M. elect 407; R. A. B. Preston, S.W. 361; G. Cousins, W.M. 407; P. H. Clisby, Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. J. Mills, G. Tyler; T. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; T. E. Barton, H. C. Leigh Bennett, C. M. Hogg, Gilbert White, F. C. Gayton, R. Mossop, A. W. R. Sowman, A. J. Howlin, Ralph Nevill, and W. W. Lee.

An emergency meeting was first held, by dispensation, at which Bro. A. H. Bowles, P.P.J.G.O., presided, and advanced 10 candidates to the Degree of Mark Master.

The Grand Officers then entered in procession, and the Dep. Prov. G. Master having explained the regrettable absence of the Prov. G. Master through ill-health, asked Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., to take the chair and consecrate the lodge.

A hymn was sung, and the CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said they had met together on that occasion to perform a ceremony which was most interesting, in the first place, because it was very rarely performed, and secondly, because it was an earnest of the desire of the founders to promote the interests of the Mark Degree. Many of the founders had attained high excellence in their lodges, and from the zeal they had shown towards the Institution, there was every prospect this new lodge would obtain high and honourable rank.

The founders signified their approval of the officers designated in the warrant, after which an eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. A. H. BOWLES, P.P.G.O., then assumed the chair, and having personally thanked the Grand Secretary for his courtesy and kindness during the formation of the lodge, and presented him with a jewel, proceeded to install Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. H. Bircham, G. Stwd., as W.M. This was accomplished in due form, and the following officers were invested, Bro. T. Wakley, jun., J.W. designate, being unavoidably absent: Bros. A. H.

Bowles, S.W.; F. Flood, M.O.; C. T. Tyler, S.O.; J. E. Barton, J.O.; Col. Noel Money, C.B., Treas.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, R. of M.; F. D. Deare, Sec.; C. M. Hogg, S.D.; J. H. Crofts, J.D.; C. F. Passmore, Org.; Gilbert White, I.G.; F. C. Gayton, Stwd.; and J. Wigg, Tyler. The Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members on the proposition of the W.M. A Committee was appointed to frame by-laws, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the customary list of toasts was proceeded with.

Bro. R. BERRIDGE, G.D.C., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said he was quite sure at that late hour he should be consulting the wishes of all by simply returning hearty thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast was proposed and received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Consecrating Officer." He said he need hardly remind those present of the impressive manner in which the ceremony of consecration had been performed. From the manner in which Bro. Matier had performed the ceremony on that occasion, and the manner in which he had performed it on other occasions, it was well known that he always rendered it with a very great deal of dignity and impressiveness. If that was a truism, and he uttered it as such, those present could add their testimony that the consecration had been done in a way second to none. He considered it a great kindness for Bro. Matier to come down there, for he knew the many calls upon him as Grand Secretary. It was not alone the Secretarial work, but Bro. Matier had many duties devolving upon him and work to be carried forward which arose from his position as Grand Secretary. Wherever Bro. Matier went, the remembrance of the way in which the ceremonies he performed were conducted was always a matter of congratulation to the many lodges he visited. He (the W.M.) returned the Grand Secretary sincere thanks for his attendance, for he felt their lodge had been begun under happy auspices, and the members would try their best in the future to act up to the tenets laid down that evening, and endeavour to copy the excellent manner in which the Grand Secretary undertook his portion of the ceremony.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., said that in rising to respond to the toast which had been so gracefully proposed by their newly-installed W.M., he was forcibly reminded of the very large amount of responsibility which devolved as well upon the W.M. as upon the Consecrating Officer. The Consecrating Officer was in the position of the First Lord of the Admiralty who had launched a new ship. The ship proceeded on her voyage conquering and to conquer. Their lodge had been launched with every assurance and every prospect of success, with a splendid captain and a gallant crew of officers, some of whom were so highly accomplished that they were able to take the captain's place and do as well as he could. It was to a Consecrating Officer a great pleasure to know that such was the case, and a pride to him to know that the officers appointed were every one worthy of their position. To return to the toast of his health, might he ask what he should have done had the brethren who so kindly assisted him been absent. Bros. Kirchhoffer and Gordon Robbins, as Wardens, had greatly assisted him, as also had Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, who was not only P.G. Chaplain, but also Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch, and also *facile princeps* Grand Orator at a consecration. They also had the pleasure of the services of his dear old friend and fellow colleague, Bro. Berridge, the G.D.C., without whose help his services would fall very short. They also had Bro. Scratchley, an old Grand Officer, and Bro. Passmore as Organist. In the name of those who had assisted him he thanked the W.M. heartily and cordially for the honour done him. He had next to give them a toast, which was "The Health of the Worshipful Master and Prosperity to the Weyside Mark Lodge." The W.M. had won his spurs in another lodge, being a P.M. of a lodge to which they looked forward as capable of great things in the future—the Onslow Lodge—and if only he did as well for this new lodge as he had done for that, when it came to his turn to surrender the gavel with which he had been entrusted on the present occasion, they would say as that lodge said, and welcome and heartily appreciate his good work and many services. The Weyside Lodge had been launched with every prospect of success, but it rested with the members to a great extent to make it so by supporting the W.M., and admitting only those who were good and true, for it was much easier to admit a member than to get rid of him afterwards. He saw in this lodge great capabilities, and in the Worshipful Master every assurance of all that was good.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. H. BIRCHAM, G. Stwd., W.M., in reply, said he was much obliged to Bro. Matier for having proposed the toast in such kindly terms, because it showed friendliness from those who lived in high places in the Mark Masonic world to those more lowly. He hoped the remarks respecting himself were true, but still he thought they must recollect that the elements of success in this lodge were far beyond their W.M. The W.M. of a lodge was a great creative power, and ought to be a man who had their respect and would remember there were two sides to the Masonic question—the Masonic side and the social side. He was one of those who believed in Masonry generally, but especially in Mark Masonry—the Charitable side. He remembered being made a Mark Mason 24 years ago, and would tell them that his earlier connection with Mark Masonry was a waste, because he was not taught and told what a brother in Masonry should do. He had noticed a tendency in many lodges to conceal and not advertise the fact of the great Masonic Charities, and he believed there were a great many men who joined Masonic lodges whose Masonry might end with their initiations, because they did not know the great Masonic Charities. He would only put before this lodge as a new one that their great duty was to remember that Charity was the first and great cardinal point of Masonry, and they could not be considered to be doing their duty, especially as Mark Masons, if they forgot that great principle. He hoped this lodge, commencing this year, would always be remembered as one which never forgot the Mark Masonic Charity. He thanked them for the way his health had been received and would pass on to propose another toast, that of "The Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." They deplored the absence of the Prov. Grand Master and deeply regretted the cause. They had had the Deputy Prov. Grand Master present with them during the ceremony in the lodge. Anything more graceful than the letter written by the Prov. Grand Master announcing his inability to attend through ill-health he could not imagine, and he was certain Bro. Sir Francis Burdett would have been present if possible. All present would join in drinking his health heartily, as well as that of the Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. GORDON ROBBINS, Prov. G. Treas., acknowledged the toast, and other toasts having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Passmore, P.G. Org., presided at the organ in the lodge and also directed the musical arrangements after the banquet.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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

LONDON.		£	s.	d.
Chapter	34 Comp. Blanco White, additional ...	42	0	0
	(raising his list to £115 10s.)			
Lodge	72 Bro. Braham, additional ...	6	18	0
	(raising his list to £60 18s.)			
	145 Bros. Duff and Murray, additional ...	20	8	0
	(raising their joint list to £272 7s. 6d.)			
Chapter	753 Comp. Allison, additional ...	10	10	0
	(raising his list to £32 11s.)			
	753 " Kempton, additional ...	31	10	0
	(raising his list to £107 12s. 6d.)			
Lodge	1076 Bro. Dorton, additional ...	1	1	0
	(raising his list to £32 11s.)			
	1276 " Anley, additional ...	0	10	6
	(raising his list to £54 1s. 6d.)			
	1348 " V. F. S. Brennan, additional ...	3	3	0
	(raising his list to £68 5s.)			
N.B.—To be transferred from Lodge 1348 to Unattached				
Lodge	1591 Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cook, additional ...	41	0	0
	(raising his list to £441.)			
	1641 " Roe, additional ...	5	5	0
	(raising his list to £53 11s.)			
	1677 " James Speller, additional ...	52	10	0
	(raising his list to £105.)			
	2395 " Nicholson, additional ...	16	9	0
	(raising his list to £156 9s. 6d.)			
Unattached	Bro. Staggs, less ...	10	10	0
	(withdrawn from list of Stewards.)			

PROVINCES.

BERKSHIRE.		£	s.	d.
Lodge	795 Bro. C. Deering, additional ...	21	8	6
	(raising his list to £61 8s. 6d.)			
	795 " Capt. Finch, less ...	13	2	6
	(reducing his list to £14 3s. 6d.)			
DERBYSHIRE.		£	s.	d.
	353 " G. Tarver, less ...	5	5	0
	(reducing his list to £131 5s.)			
	353 " C. Spalding, new list ...	10	10	0
ESSEX.		£	s.	d.
	2184 " F. J. Eedle, less ...	5	5	0
	(reducing his list to £68 5s.)			
HERTFORDSHIRE.		£	s.	d.
	404 " George E. Lake, additional ...	10	10	0
	(raising his list to £77 3s. 6d.)			
NORTH WALES.		£	s.	d.
	" E. Roberts, additional ...	6	6	0
	(raising his list to £95 13s.)			
SUFFOLK.		£	s.	d.
	81 " Capt. Carthew, additional ...	10	16	6
	(raising his list to £33 16s. 6d.)			
SUSSEX.		£	s.	d.
	851 " C. W. Jemmett, additional ...	5	5	0
	(raising his list to £36 15s.)			

ANNUAL BALL OF THE SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

The sixth annual ball in connection with the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, was held at the Peckham Public Hall on Thursday, the 28th ult., having been postponed from 11th February on account of the loss sustained by the Craft and the nation generally by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The postponement had in no way diminished the enthusiasm of the devotees of Terpsichore, for when Mr. George Martin's excellent band struck up the first dance there was a good attendance, which was considerably increased as the hour advanced. The Public Hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, the floral decorations being tastefully executed under the guidance of Messrs. E. D. Shuttleworth and Co. The Secretaries (Bros. L. E. Eagle and T. Gay) had been indefatigable in their exertions, and every arrangement had been made conducive to the happiness of the pleasure seekers. Bros. J. Lightfoot, J. M. Wimble, and H. R. Hobbs divided between them the onerous duties of M.C., and succeeded in a difficult task with kindness and geniality.

Bro. W. Wills, I.P.M., presided at the supper table, and after ample justice had been done to the good fare provided, the few toasts usual on such occasions were duly honoured.

"The Queen" having been heartily received, Bro. W. WILLS, I.P.M., said he appeared before them in a somewhat invidious position, for, although Chairman that night, and to all purposes among Masons as the W.M., he was not in reality the W.M. on that occasion. He would, however, ask them to consider themselves back at the original date on which that ball should have been held. He would ask them to drink "The Health of the W.M." They were all pleased to see Bro. Lightfoot present, and would receive the toast with the utmost enthusiasm. In their W.M. most of them had a friend and neighbour, and the Freemasons had a very worthy and good brother whom they appreciated for his conduct and energy in everything appertaining to the good of the Craft. Bro. Lightfoot had entered on a year of office as W.M. which would be unique in its prosperity, and the success of the occasion at which they had assembled was in a great measure due to him for the assistance he had rendered.

Bro. J. LIGHTFOOT, W.M., returned thanks for the genial remarks of the I.P.M. He had no hesitation in saying that the present gathering was an exceedingly

pleasant one. He was closely identified with the first that met in that building and was very pleased to see that the present evening had been such a great success. If they fell in any way short in numbers they had the *élite* of the neighbourhood with them. He had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of Bro. W. Wills, I.P.M., the Chairman," wishing him health and prosperity. Most of those present were aware of Bro. Wills' wonderful vitality, the enormous influence he had, and the genial manner he possessed.

Bro. W. WILLS, I.P.M., in reply, expressed his gratification at seeing so many present. He hoped that in years to come the custom of giving a ball would be maintained and that as pleasurable an evening would be spent.

"The Ladies" was next given in an excellent speech by Bro. BOLANDER, and was responded to by Bro. W. W. LEE.

The company then returned to the ball-room, where dancing was resumed and kept up with vigour until the small hours of the morning. It was daylight when most of the company returned home, one and all congratulating themselves on having assisted at the most successful ball yet held by the Selwyn Lodge, and hoping that the funds of the Masonic Charities will be largely augmented by the evening's pleasure.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wills, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Lightfoot, Bro. and Mrs. L. Eagle, Bro. and Mrs. Glanville, Bro. and Mrs. Fraser, Bro., Mrs., and Miss Scammel, Bro. and Mrs. Ashton, Bro. and Mrs. Holdsworth, Bro. and Mrs. James, Bro. and Mrs. Frampton, Bro. and Mrs. Pow, Mr. and Miss Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Woodwill, Bro. and Mrs. Ferris, Mr. and Miss Grace, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. May, Bro. and Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Miss Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick, Bro. and Mrs. Jackson, Bro. and Mrs. Lee, Bro. and Mrs. Chapman, Bro. and Mrs. Lawrence, Bro. and Mrs. Davenport, Bro. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Lander, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. Evans, Mr. Morphew, Mr. and Mrs. Burkmar, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Stone, Mr. Hobbs, Miss Woodman, Mr. Hack, Mr. Tunstall, jun., Mr. C. H. Hook, Mr. W. Davies, Dr. Adams, Mr. Corder, Miss Mann, Mr. R. H., Mrs., and Miss Frost, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sperring, Mr. Gay, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Hiscox, Mr. Bolander, Mr. Lightfoot, jun., Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Fisher, Miss Fort, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. H. Hook, Mr. Wimble, Mr. Pointon, Mr. Pearson, Bros. Webster, Dunlop, and Frank Swinford, Miss Griffin, and Mr. Bridger.

LAYING FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT CAMBRIDGE.

At Cambridge to-day (Friday), Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, laid the foundation-stone of the Isaac Newton (University) Lodge Masonic Hall. According to the programme, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was opened in the Guildhall at one o'clock, after which the Pro Grand Master and other Grand Officers entered and took their places. The brethren then marched in procession to the site of the hall in Corn Exchange-street, where the ceremony was proceeded with. At its termination, the Earl of Lathom was re-conducted to the Guildhall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

It was arranged that the Pro Grand Master's procession would be marshalled by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and would consist of the Grand Tyler, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Chaplain, three Grand Officers, bearing the cornucopia and ewers with wine and oil; the Grand Secretary, bearing a plate with the inscription for foundation-stone; the President of the Board of General Purposes, with mallet; the Grand Registrar, bearing the Great Seal; the Grand Treasurer, bearing a phial containing coins; the Junior Grand Warden, with the plumb rule; the Senior Grand Warden, with the level; the Deputy Grand Master, with the square; the Grand Sword Bearer, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Deacons.

At the close of the ceremony luncheon was partaken of.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT FLEETWOOD PARISH CHURCH.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the ceremony of unveiling the stained-glass window at St. Peter's Parish Church, Fleetwood, which has been erected by the Freemasons of the Fylde district, in memory of the late Bro. Dr. J. A. Orr, P.M. 950, P.P.G.D. P.Z. 703, P.P.A.G.S., P.M.M. 296, was performed by Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland. The window was unveiled in the afternoon, and happily the elements, which earlier in the day were most unfavourable, rain falling in torrents, cleared up nicely and the procession of Freemasons from the Crown Hotel, where they assembled at 2.30, to the church was accomplished in more favourable weather. The Prov. Grand Master permitted the brethren to wear upon this occasion their Masonic Craft clothing, and jewels, and the effect was very pleasing and aroused a good deal of attention. In response to a circular issued by Bro. B. Hainsworth, Secretary of the local lodge, there were a number of Freemasons present from neighbouring places. The window is of a very handsome design, having been supplied by Messrs. Ward and Hughes, through Bro. F. H. Parkinson. The total cost of procuring the window and placing it in its present position in the north transept was a little over £100. The representations, all excellently portrayed, are St. John, St. Luke, and St. George.

Amongst those present were Bros. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, H. M. Ormsby, J. Bickerstaffe, P.G.W., Rev. E. J. Reeve, P.P.G.C., Forrester, J. Wray, P.P.G. Std. Br., H. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B., J. N. Clarkson, W.M. 950, R. N. Horsfall, P.M., Captain Robertson, P.M., G. Schjoth, P.M., B. Hainsworth, P.M., Sec., G. Gibson, S.W., W. Barton, J.W., A. Gibson, I.G., S. Williams, S.D., T. Clarke, J.D., P. Williams, Mann, Dr. Penman, Dr. Faussett, J. Gibson, and the following brethren from No. 1256: Bros. Dr. Winn, P.M., P.G.D.C.; H. Parkinson, W.M.; W. Bond, P.M., Treas.; W. Longbottom, I.P.M.; R. Roe, S.D.; and Rev. Geo. Leighton, Chaplain.

There was a numerous assembly at church, the service being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Reeve, and the Rev. J. B. Cholmeley. In the course of the service the hymns "Jesus lives! no longer now," and "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see" were sung. The VICAR selected as his text the 9th verse of the second chapter of Haggai:—"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of Hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts." In the course of his discourse, the rev. gentleman said it had been the peculiar privilege, as it had been no doubt the pleasure of Masons, to be associated with the ministers of God in the erection and the adornment of His sacred edifices. There could be no doubt their ancient brethren had no small share in the raising of those glorious monuments of art and piety to be found throughout the length of this land, and of which, as English Churchmen, they were so justly proud. No Freemason could enter any of the old cathedrals, abbeys, or parish churches without feeling his heart stirred within him, and without realising that the men who bestowed such reverent care, such thought and skill upon the most minute and hidden portions of their work, regarded what they did as a labour of love. Whenever any special effort is needed their Masonic brethren had done their share. Tokens of their lively interest in this work and their generosity might be found in most of their principal church buildings. They had desired to adorn that house of God, and make it in some degree more worthy of the sacred purpose for which it was set apart. In doing this they had been animated by a pious desire to perpetuate at the same time the memory of a brother Mason, alas! no longer with them in the flesh, who, while living was happy in the possession of the affectionate regard and the esteem of all his brethren in that province, as well as of others who knew him. The solemn service in which they had been taking part in the church where he was so constant and so devout a worshipper, recalled to their minds, or the minds of many of them, the well-known form of their venerable brother; recalled too his reverence for holy things, his profound knowledge and love of everything that appertained to the Order of Freemasonry. His continual Charity endeared him to all good Masons and many others, especially the sick and needy outside the Masonic body. Their dear brother's body was resting in peace, but they believed his name lived in such a way as would never be obliterated, so that when he should stand before his Redeemer on the latter day he would receive a reward from the Most High. The figures which the window contained were designed to this end. St. John was, according to tradition, a Past Master of their Craft, and reminded them of an excellent Mason; St. Luke recalled to them a beloved physician, and St. George, patron saint of England, recalled to them the memory of the patriotic spirit which always possessed their departed brother. Let him now thank them for giving to that church and parish a memorial of a worthy man and Mason. Right glad he was to welcome it within that church. Might it be one of many pious works in which they as Masons would engage. He concluded by reminding them that the heart of men was also the temple of God. Whilst they ceased not to care for His material House, let them take heed they build up, each one of them, his own heart by a right faith, having Christ as a sure foundation.

Bro. Sir MATTHEW now proceeded to unveil the window, and in doing so, said that in the name of all the brethren he hereby unveiled that window. It had been erected by the Freemasons of the Fylde district to the glory of God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and in loving memory to their departed brother, Dr. Orr. At their request, he hereby presented that window to the vicar and churchwardens and parishioners of that parish to be a perpetual record of those, their intentions, and it was the earnest and reverent prayer of the brethren that the blessing of God, the Great Architect of the Universe, whom they desire to serve, might rest for ever upon those who saw the window, and who worshipped within those walls until time shall be no more.

The VICAR, in reply, said as the vicar of that parish and parish church, and in the name of Almighty God, and on behalf of the parishioners, he accepted with very great pleasure this window which Sir Matthew had been good enough to unveil, and which had been erected to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and in memory of their brother departed, whose name would ever be held in reverence amongst the Masons of that province. He heartily thanked Sir Matthew for his kind words, and for his kind action in having unveiled that window.

After waiting until the Masonic brethren had left the church, the congregation dispersed, not, however, before many parishioners had taken the opportunity of inspecting the beautiful workmanship embodied in the window. Mr. Cowell presided at the organ.

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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocations of Supreme Grand Chapter are not, as a rule, characterised by any great amount of enthusiasm, but a certain degree of interest always attaches to the meeting in May, when the Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months are appointed and invested. The companions thus honoured are almost invariably the same who were invested with the purple

of Grand Lodge at the Grand Festival a few days previously, but occasionally one or two for whom suitable offices could not be found in preceding years are included. For the list of the newly-decorated Grand Royal Arches, we refer our readers to the report of Grand Chapter in another column.

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We know we are correctly interpreting the feelings of our brother Craftsmen when we say that their sympathy with Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., in the sad loss which has just befallen him is as general as it is sincere. The death of one that is near and dear to us always creates a sorrow which is grievous to be borne, but when that near and dear one is an eldest son, cut off by an accident in the very prime of early manhood, and with a bright and promising future before him, the calamity is well nigh intolerable. However, we doubt not it will be some slight consolation to Bro. Parkinson, just at this moment when his grief is most poignant, to know that he has with him the entire sympathy of his brother Masons.

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By the death, which was recorded last week, of Bro. F. W. Ramsay, M.D., there is removed from our midst one who till quite recently was a prominent figure in Masonry and a most genial and popular brother. The deceased had won distinction in the Craft and Arch, and among the other branches of Freemasonry with which he was connected, was a Past Grand Deacon of the Mark Grand Lodge, and had taken the Thirtieth Degree in the A. and A. Rite. He was also a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and had served sundry Stewardships in their behalf. He had likewise been a Member of the House Committee of the Boys' School, and had done good service in that capacity. He will be greatly missed, not only by his familiars, but likewise by those who knew him by repute as a genial and kindly brother.

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The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, when the following brethren were appointed officers, namely: Honorary Presidents, Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, and Col. G. Noel Money, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Acting President, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Dep. P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Honorary Vice-Presidents, Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M. Suffolk, P.P.G.W. Gloucestershire; J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; and Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Vice-Presidents—Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents of the Institution, Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers; Honorary Treasurer, Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.P., P.P.G.W. Herts, J.G.D.; and Honorary Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire.

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In Victoria they appear to have a rather summary method of dealing with W.M.'s who set at naught the authority of Grand Lodge as exercised by its Board of General Purposes. It having become known that the Master of the United Victoria Lodge had initiated an undesirable person, instructions were sent to him not to confer any further Degrees pending the consideration of the case. The Master disregarded these instructions, on which the Board promptly suspended him from his Masonic rights and privileges for 12 months. The case was then more fully considered at a subsequent meeting of the Board with the result that the suspension was extended for a further term of two years. Thus for three full years the offending W.M. will have ample opportunity for considering (1) the impropriety of introducing undesirable candidates into Masonry, and (2) the propriety of paying due obedience to constituted authority.

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Those who had the privilege of meeting Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, when he was on a visit to this country recently, will grieve to hear of his death at Port Said, Africa, on Sunday, the 24th ult. Bro. McCalla, when in England, made many friends. As Grand Master of Pennsylvania—as he was at the time of his first visit—he was received with the distinction due to his rank, while his genial and kindly presence was looked forward to with pleasure at the meetings of the Quatuor Coronati, Anglo-American, and other private lodges. His death will be a great loss to the Craft in Pennsylvania, not only because he took a deep interest in everything connected with Masonic work, but also because he was editor and

proprietor of the *Keystone* of Philadelphia, one of the best conducted and best informed of the American Masonic newspapers. We tender our respectful sympathies to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in their loss.

Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I learn with a little surprise, and I must add some regret, that objection is raised to the re-election of the House Committee of what is familiarly known as the Girls' School.

I may, of course, be told that any Life Governor, being a Freemason, is eligible under Law 61; but so are all duly qualified shareholders of railways, banks, and insurance companies eligible to be directors. This, however, is not taken as justifying or even calling for a change unless reasons exist that demand it. Do such reasons exist? Speaking for myself (and probably also for my colleagues, though I have no present specific authority from them), I am far from desiring to retain a position that those who elected me would have me give up; but believing, as I seriously do, that the most absolute efficiency and good results exist under the present order of things, and feeling assured that the members of the House Committee, recruited as they are now and again from the general body of Governors, and every one of them substantial benefactors to the Institution, devote immense time and attention to its working and welfare, I venture to suggest that the good old adage about "swapping horses" should be borne in mind, and prevent their unnecessary displacement.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

JOHN B. MONCKTON,

Chairman of the House Committee for the present month.

May 4th.

AN OLD ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The "old engraving" which Bro. Theo. E. St. George enquires about in last Saturday's *Freemason* is the well-known "Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge," the original painting of which, executed in the forties by Bro. Stewart Watson, now hangs in the Board Room of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was drawn on stone by James Gordon, and published by Fr. Schenck, lithographer, Edinburgh.

The scene is, of course, entirely imaginary, Burns, although assumed a member of the lodge on the 1st of February, 1787, never having had the distinction of Poet Laureate conferred on him by the lodge in his lifetime, although the posthumous honour is claimed for him by the lodge many years after. The general appearance of the lodge room when I last visited it was very similar to what it is in the picture, save that the portrait of St. Clair of Rosslyn hung opposite the organ. The Master of the lodge who assumed Bro. Burns was Alexander Ferguson of Craigdarroch, his immediate supporters in the picture being on the left Lord Elcho, Grand Master, and on the right Sir William Forbes of Pittligo, Bart. The "rather ill-visaged brother" was a serving brother, one Kenneth Love—*Kennethus Cupidus*, as he was termed in the Roman Eagle Lodge, where, under Dr. Brown, everything was Latinised—and, being a tailor by trade, he made and repaired the clothing of the lodge. The figure in the foreground, conspicuous by his Falstaffian paunch, is the "fine fat-fodgee wight" Captain Grose, the antiquary celebrated by Burns in his poems. Seated at the same table, with his back to Grose, is Lord Napier, and between them Dr. James Gregory. At the corresponding table the most prominent figure is Lord Monboddo, of whom we have a fine profile portrait; opposite him is the Honourable Henry Erskine, and the brother of whom we have a full back view is John Mercer, a writer, the Secretary of the lodge, the brother at the back of Lord Monboddo's chair being William Wilson, Grand Secretary. The musician, who is described as "affectionately embracing a Scotch bagpipes," is James Tytler, a genius in his way; but I would call the attention of the Irish brother that his instrument is the *Irish* pipe, not the Scotch, the latter being supplied with wind from the lungs, the former, as in the picture, by means of bellows; and he who presides at the punch bowl is William Woods, a noted tragedian of his time. In all there are about 60 portraits, but I have only given the names of some of the principal persons mentioned by the enquiring brother.—I am, yours fraternally,

W. FRED. VERNON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The engraving about which Bro. St. George of Dublin, desires information is evidently a reproduction from the well-known painting by Stewart Watson, now in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland,

executed nearly 60 years after the date (1787), when Burns was said to have been crowned Poet Laureate of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge; it has no historical value. Bro. Allen Mackenzie, P.M., in his able review of the life of No. 2—the body in question—champions the reality of the incident, but Bro. William Officer, S.S.C., has very clearly shown the extreme improbability of Burns having ever been so invested, or even so designated until a long subsequent period. Our ablest critics treat the story as mythical, and of comparatively recent invention.—Yours fraternally,

EDW. MACBEAN, S.D. 2076.

A RECORD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A curious experience happened to me at one of our regular monthly meetings not long since, which I thought might interest the brethren and be the means of ascertaining if any of them have ever had such a singular round of duties to perform in one evening. We had a fair attendance, about 18, at 8 o'clock, when I took the chair and opened the lodge and duly installed the W.M., who, after returning thanks to the whole lodge, proceeded to business. I asked leave to retire as a friend who was a candidate that evening had particularly requested me to do so. This done so far, I found on retiring at a certain stage that the Tyler had been taken unwell, so placing my friend in the hands of the S.D., I took the Tyler's place, and continued at the post until motion time came, when I signalled the I.G. to change places with me as I had a proposition to make. He did so, I entered, made my proposition, and finished my round of duties for the evening as I.G. It did not strike me at the time I had done anything out of the way until some of the brethren congratulated me on holding the two extremes of office in the lodge in one evening, and on thinking the matter over, I found I had filled altogether five different offices. It is of course just what any brother in my position would be able to do, and what they may have frequently done at different times, but the singularity of my experiences was the curious concatenation of circumstances which compelled me to fill the various offices on the one evening. I shall be glad to hear of a similar experience, if not, will conclude I have made "a record."—I am, yours fraternally,

P.M.

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W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF SHROPSHIRE FOR 1892.

This is a new candidate for the ever-increasing circle of Masonic directories, of which there are now about 30. We feel quite certain its appearance will be hailed with great satisfaction by all our brother editors, and that Bro. Rowland G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M., will be heartily welcomed as another labourer in the Provincial vineyard. The editing is done well, and most carefully withal, the particulars given being numerous and ably arranged, and some 80 pages of closely-printed paper makes a most useful directory for the Province of Shropshire, which may be congratulated on having such a zealous and competent Deputy Prov. G.M. to see to its interests. There are only a dozen lodges in the province under the rule of Bro. Sir Olliv Wakeman, Bart., the Prov. G.M., but they make "a brave show" with their 353 members (an unusually low average, however), as they total 2257 votes, which is beyond question one of the largest in proportion of any province. Royal Arch Masonry is sadly behind in Shropshire, with only two chapters and 45 companions. The names of all the officers, P.M.'s, and members of all the lodges are duly inserted, and likewise for the chapters, as well as all the past (and present) Prov. Grand Officers from 1885, with full printed reports, and a variety of much interesting information indispensable for all zealous members of the province. Brethren will be glad to know that copies may be had from the editor, "The Lodge," Ludlow, Shropshire, for thirteen pence, post free, and is well worth that trifling sum.

MUSIC—"OUR BROTHER VISITORS." Music by Bro. W. F. NEWTON, J.D. 1204; words by Bro. F. G. RUSSELL, P.M. 1204.

The greater number of Masonic songs known to the Craft are not of that character that we can afford to ignore any new claimant to the favour of the brethren, and it is a pleasure at the same time if we can say that the newcomer is of more than average merit. The song under notice is distinctly so, and we can safely advise our musical brethren to add it to their repertoire. The words are taking and the music melodious.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met for the last time this season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Welch, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; C. Wetzlar, P.M., acting J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Trott, S.D.; White, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Lange, Stwd.; C. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Chas. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Frommholz, P.M.; and Hakim, P.M. Bro. Latham, 1962, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Salmon was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. in a manner that left but little to be desired. A petition to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of a distressed member having been recommended and signed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. A few toasts followed.

Bro. Hakim, P.M., in the absence, through an accident, of Bro. Longdale, I.P.M., gave "The Worshipful Master." In the course of his remarks he said that the W.M. had done well that evening. When Bro. Welch was installed a few months ago, he modestly told the lodge that they were not to expect great things from him, as he was not able to give much time in attending lodges of instruction. However, the W.M. had shown that evening what could be done by application and zeal, and he (the speaker) trusted that those officers who were approaching the chair would emulate the example thus set them.

The toast having been warmly received, the Worshipful Master replied. He briefly thanked the proposer of the toast for the kind and flattering manner in which he had spoken of him, and trusted that during the remainder of his year of office his (the W.M.'s) conduct and efforts would be worthy of the reputation of the old Lodge of Faith.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in the most laudatory terms of the geniality, kindness, and exertions of those two hard-working and prominent officers. They were both well advanced in years, but still in good health, and he hoped for many years to come that they would hold their respective offices.

Bros. Carter and Stuart having briefly responded, the proceedings terminated.

United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).—The regular meeting before the recess took place at the Bridge House Hotel on Thursday, the 28th ult., there being present Bros. C. Thomas, W.M.; C. H. Stone, S.W.; Gilson, J.W.; C. Peters, P.M., Sec.; J. Laing, S.D.; Beste, J.D.; Watts, P.M., D.C.; Bowles, I.G.; Terry, P.M., Stwd.; Joyce, P.M.; Ellison, I.P.M.; Cockell, P.M.; Noehmer, P.M.; Low, Comfort, Lipscomb, Dixee, and G. Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Harrison, Stg.; J. Stevens, P.M. 1216; and J. A. Bower, D.C. 201.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Low was passed by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. A proposition for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a capital supper, after which the W.M., in his usual style, gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were duly honoured.

That of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and received a well-deserved measure of praise.

The I.P.M., Bro. Ellison, next gave the toast of "The W.M.," remarking it was the first and only toast at his command, which he gave with every confidence, for the W.M. had shown his capabilities, and the lodge was very pleased and proud of him.

In reply, the W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily, and stated how gratified he was with the whole proceedings of the installation meeting. He trusted that through his term of office the lodge, if it were possible, might rise higher, and at the termination really prove that he had carried out his duties most creditably.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the W.M., who remarked the quality was always good when introduced by such brethren. He would state how kindly Bro. J. A. Bower had assisted in the harmony and presided at the piano so ably. It was what he might say "springing a mine upon him," but he (the W.M.) thanked him for his services, and the lodge accorded the visitors a most hearty welcome.

The toast was ably responded to by Bros. Stephens, Bower, and Harrison, who each complimented the W.M. on his earnest work, and thanked the brethren for such a warm reception and their willingness to pay a visit when they received the invite, for it was such a homely company of brethren.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. stated they all honoured that toast for their able and ever ready services rendered to the whole of the brethren whenever the opportunity lay in their power. The toast was received most heartily.

Bros. Ellison, I.P.M., Terry, Watts, Peters, and Joyce responded most cordially, and expressed the pleasure and appreciation of the whole duties of the lodge and the manner they were carried out, and would endeavour to make the lodge still more successful.

The toast of "The Officers" was given in complimentary terms by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Stone, S.W.; Gilson, J.W.; J. A. Laing, S.D.; Beste, J.D.; and Bowles, I.G., acknowledging the honour done them and pledging to do all in their power to emulate the W.M. and Past Masters of the lodge and prove themselves worthy of their position.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Bros. Cockell, Low, Beste, Joyce, and Stevens added greatly to the harmony. Bro. Bower presided at the piano.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The last meeting of the session of this prosperous lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 12th ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; John Jacobs, P.M., acting as S.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; G. Bond, S.D.; J. W. Belsham, J.D.; H. Willis, I.G.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; G. Coleman, P.M.; W. V. Morgan, S. Jacobs, C. O. Burgess, J. W. Davis, C. F. Britton, H. J. Keen, C. Morrell, H. Price, W. Green, T. Middleweek, W. R. Faulks, H. G. Walker, J. Woodward, J. Wise, W. Unwin, J. Cox, J. Pullen, W. M. Carter, A. Freeman, F. Costa, A. Clabault, W. J. Thrussell, A. Oddenino, and others. Visitors: Bros. S. Keene, 865, P.G.P.; Curtis D'Alton, 2191; F. Buxton, W.M. 1891; J. Faulkner, 1580; J. R. Walker, P.M. 733; W. Hoggins, J.W. 1891; and A. R. Polley, 1828.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. Clabault, and being unanimous, he was initiated. Bros. C. Morrell and E. F. Britton were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. S. Jacobs, W. V. Morgan, and J. W. Davis were raised to the Degree of M.M. The motion of Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M. and Treasurer, viz., that the W.M. be installed at the meeting held in February instead of January, and that his election, with that of the Treasurer and Tyler, take place in January instead of November, was carried unanimously. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were received from Bros. Sheriff Foster, S.W.; C. Liddiard, T. A. Dickson, P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M.; and others.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Princes Room, where an excellent banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Audenal.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and "The Officers" toast also, the enjoyment of the evening being much enhanced by music, presided over at the piano by Mr. H. Foan, assisted by Bros. F. Stephens and W. Hoggins, Messrs. J. B. Tatton and A. Withers, not forgetting Bro. Curtis D'Alton.

Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—This lodge met on the 28th ult. at the Scottish Corporation Hall, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Page, P.M., W.M.; J. Whitehead, P.M., P.Z., I.P.M.; D. F. Gellion, P.M., J.W., as S.W.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, I.G., as J.W.; James Gray, J.P., P.M., Trustee; James Thomson, Sec.; D. R. Duncan, as I.G.; E. Johnston Gordon, P.M., A.D.C.; Ashley Gordon, Org.; Peter Greig and Wm. Craig, Stwds.; Wm. Robertson, Tyler; James C. H. Hozier, M.P., Prov. G.M. Lanarkshire; Charteris, Plenderleith, Laurie, Bailie Smith, F. Faithfull Begg, Alex. Ritchie, C.C., Balfour Allan, Dr. James Sinclair, Pennacchini, Capt. James Cutting, John Bennett, Peter Black, and James Fraser. Visitors: Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 1928; W. J. Shadrake, P.M. and Sec. 1437; J. G. Loughborough, P.M. 140; Alfred Moore, W.M. 173; Ardshir Jewanji, 1140; C. R. Foster, 1466; E. P. Delevanti, 2021; and Capt. Cooper, 1437.

The business on the paper consisted of raising Bro. Capt. Cutting, passing Bros. F. G. W. Jones and John Bennett, and initiating Messrs. James Fraser and Peter Black. After these ceremonies Lord Saltoun, Substitute Grand Master of Scotland and Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeenshire, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. Alexander Ritchie, C.C., was elected Treasurer; Bro. W. Robertson, Tyler; and Bro. James Gray, J.P., late of Brisbane, Queensland, Trustee. The Auditors were appointed, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Page, W.M., proposed by Bro. Whitehead, and seconded by Bro. Dr. Forbes, and it was then arranged that a summer trip and ladies' banquet should take place, a Committee being appointed to carry it out.

The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet followed. The toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that Bro. Page had worked well for the lodge, for the Masonic Charities, and for Masonry generally. The success of the lodge was due to him. They were pleased to see such an assemblage around the board, and also to see the W.M. work so well as he had worked that evening. It showed he was ready to do anything he could for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. John Page, W.M., in responding, said it had pleased Bro. Whitehead to say some very flattering things about him, but he was afraid the brethren must come to the conclusion that there had been a little stretch. However, he knew the feeling that prompted the remarks was good, and he could assure the brethren that it would at all times be his very great pleasure to do all he could for the welfare of the Scots Lodge.

Bros. Fraser and Black responded to the toast of "The Initiates."

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the assistance they had given him in raising a good list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Jubilee Festival of which was simply magnificent, no other Charity having ever shown such a total amount.

The visitors having replied to the toast proposed and drunk in their honour,

Bro. Whitehead responded to the toast of "The I.P.M.," and said it was very gratifying to him to think that though the present was only the third year of the existence of the Scots Lodge, it had made such progress among Scotsmen. It was also very pleasing to him to find the lodge had members who came from distant parts. Bro. Hozier, M.P., had said he should feel glad when the time came for him to take office to take the lowest office in the lodge. That spoke a great deal for the Scots Lodge, considering that Lanarkshire, which Bro. Hozier presided over, was a large province. In the Scots Lodge at present were many members who were M.P.'s and Provincial Grand Masters in Scotland. That was another evidence of the interest taken by Scotsmen in the Scots Lodge, as it showed that its success was in the hearts not only of Scotsmen in London, but of Scotsmen generally. The Grand Lodge of Scotland bore the Scots Lodge, London, all good wishes. There was hardly a lodge they went to in Scotland where its members did not express the wish that if they came to London they might visit the Scots Lodge. As long as his health was spared it would be his pleasure to do all in his power for the good of the Scots Lodge in London.

The other toasts followed.

The evening was one of those charming evenings which

are always experienced at the meetings of the brethren of the Scots Lodge. There was some excellent singing, a most brotherly feeling among the members, a thoroughly cordial welcome to the visitors, and a bill of fare wherein the various courses, consisting of glorious Scotch dishes, were interspersed with quotations from Allan Ramsay's "Gentle Shepherd," "The Vision," "The Monk," "Christ's Kirk on the Green," and other pastorals, selected by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. James Thomson.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The last regular meeting before the recess was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 29th ult. Bro. S. Tryon, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. G. Blizard Abbott, S.W.; F. Thompson, J.W.; J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Baxter, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; W. Lewis, P.M.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. R. Euerby, P.M.; F. Collingwood, S.D.; Oldfield, J.D.; Mason, acting I.G.; Marshall, Stwd.; H. C. Grimwade, F. Grimwade, F. J. Witthaus, B. Spicer, Tibbatts, Rainsford, G. Phillips, F. H. Phillips, and Goddard, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Maule, P.M.; Cheeseman, P.M.; Haskins, Overed, and others.

The minutes of the March meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. C. S. Humby, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman being in attendance, was duly initiated. Bro. Witthaus was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the other business having been dispatched, the lodge was closed.

The brethren dined together, and spent a very pleasant evening, the brief speeches being relieved at intervals by sundry humorous songs, which were admirably sung by Bro. Cheeseman.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 14th ult., but owing to its being the eve of the Easter holidays, and several of the brethren having gone away, there was only a moderate attendance. Amongst those who supported Bro. E. P. Peterson, W.M., were Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W.; John T. Last, J.W.; T. Jowett, as S.D.; John Thornton, as J.D.; John Morton, as I.G.; R. S. Hird, as Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Fearnley, Sec.; Arthur Hirst, and John Armitage Drake. Visitors: Bros. W. Townsend, W.M. 750; G. Niven, I.P.M. 750; Albert Gwaine, Org. 387; and A. T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D.C. Salop.

The minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting were respectively read and confirmed. Bros. Hirst and Drake were impressively raised to the Third Degree, the former by Bro. Holmes, P.P.G.O., and the latter by Bro. Bailey. The working tools were explained by Bro. Last, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Niven, S.W. A proposition for initiation was received, also apologies for the absence of several brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Auty, I.P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a hearty welcome to the lodge.

The toast was acknowledged in suitable terms by Bros. Townsend, W.M. 750, and Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D. of C. Salop.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wm. Townsend, W.M. 750, who complimented the lodge on the Masonic ability of the W.M., and expressed his gratification at the manner in which the ceremonies in the lodge had been conducted.

The W.M. responded in suitable terms to the compliment paid him.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant meeting. Bros. Last, Akeroyd, Niven, 750; Wilson, and Hirst contributed songs, recitations, and music to the harmony of the evening.

COLCHESTER.

Angel Lodge (No. 51).—There was a large muster of the members of this lodge and a few visiting brethren on the evening of Thursday, the 28th ult., to witness the initiation of Capt. Naylor Leyland. The ceremony usual on such occasions was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. F. C. H. Jones, assisted by Bros. Harold Francis, S.W.; Claude E. Egerton-Green, J.W.; Harry Becker, J.D.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., D.C.; and J. W. Start, I.G.

At the dinner which followed the W.M. gave "The Health of Bro. Captain Naylor Leyland," remarking that it was hardly possible for a newly-admitted brother to fully realise the beautiful symbolism which the initiatory ceremony was calculated to convey to a cultured mind, but was quite sure that when such brother received further instruction so much the more would he appreciate the system of Freemasonry and realise the great good which its teaching was intended to inculcate.

Bro. Capt. N. Leyland, who was most warmly received, said that being absolutely the youngest Freemason in her Majesty's dominions he would not commit the error of making a long speech upon what at the present time he knew so little. He was, however, fully aware, as most people outside the Order knew, that Freemasonry was an institution combining a considerable amount of conviviality with a large amount of Charity. He knew as all the world knew that the Benevolent Fund of the Order dispensed some £10,000 annually to indigent brethren, and that Freemasons could point with pride to their Boys' School and Girls' School, in which the sons and daughters of deceased Masons were educated. He trusted that whilst enjoying the social pleasures of the meeting after lodge, he should also take part in the duties of Masonry, and that together they might do all they could to further the interests of the Institution.

After other toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the brethren separated.

HULL.

Wilberforce Lodge (No. 2134).—On the 12th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Luke's-street, the above lodge, which is the youngest and the only lectal lodge in Hull and district, held the annual installation of W.M., the choice of the brethren being bestowed upon Bro.

George Leigh, and he was duly installed by Bro. J. MacKail, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., the Installing Officer, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. A very large number of the members witnessed the ceremony, as well as visitors from the Humber, Minerva, Kingston, De La Pole, Constitutional, Alexandra, Sykes, St. Matthews, and other lodges. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. George W. Greenwood, I.P.M.; Joseph Strickland, S.W.; T. Heaton Haller, J.W.; J. L. Turner, Chaplain and Treasurer Benevolent Fund; J. Meanwell, Treas.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Almoner; J. T. Belt, Sec.; J. Wilkinson, S.D.; R. L. Kemplay, J.D.; T. J. Bell, D.C.; V. King, Org.; George Eckles, jun., I.G.; J. L. Charter, R. Smith, F. J. Heelas, W. Neal, H. Egts, E. Schartmann, H. E. C. Peacock, W. Ward, F. Hall, and J. Smith, Stewards; and W. Gillett, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the large hall for the banquet, which was purveyed by Bro. W. Gillett, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. George Leigh, presided, supported by Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec., G. W. Greenwood, I.P.M., J. Chadderton, Prov. A.G. Sec. West Lancashire, T. T. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.R., T. B. Redfearn, P.A.G. Sec., Sec., F. Fullerton, P.M., P.P.G.R., Joel Edgar, W.M., H. Woods, S.W., and J. R. Lane, J.W., of 294; H. H. Briggs, S.W., and E. J. Hewerdine, J.W., of 1010; L. Brekke, W.M., J. A. Brown, S.W., and J. Y. Torr, J.W., of 250; J. L. Turner, Chap.; and others.

The usual loyal, and Masonic toasts were given—"The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "Our Grand and Provincial Rulers."

Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec., responded for the latter toast, and said that arrangements had been made for holding Provincial Grand Chapter at Malton on the 19th inst., and on the 6th July the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Middlesborough, the Corporation having generously placed the entire suite of rooms of the Town Hall at the disposal of the Craft, and a banquet and reception would take place in connection with the visit.

Bro. T. T. Davis, P.M., proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Worshipful Master and the Newly-appointed Brethren," and in doing so said that on behalf of the lodge he promised Bro. Leigh hearty and honest support, without which no Worshipful Master could be successful during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Leigh, who was received with acclamation, thanked the proposer of the toast. He wished the lodge to progress, and should double his efforts to the end. When he became a Freemason he had no idea that he should so soon reach the highest position in the lodge. He thanked them heartily for the position they had placed him in, and assured them that they should never have cause to regret having done so.

The Senior Warden, Bro. J. Strickland, also responded, and said he should at all times be pleased to try to forward the interests of the lodge.

Bro. T. Heaton Haller, the J.W., in further acknowledgment, stated in a terse speech that he would do his level best to support the Master in furthering the prosperity of the lodge.

"The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. T. Redfearn, P.M., P. Asst. G. Sec., was responded to by numerous visitors.

Other toasts were duly honoured. During the proceedings zither solos, songs, and recitations were given by Bros. Egts, Spring, W. E. Wilkinson, J. R. Lane, Chadderton, and others, Bro. Vessey King, Org., presiding at the pianoforte with his usual ability.

MANCHESTER.

Manchester Dramatic Lodge (No. 2387). One of the most interesting and important events in Masonic circles in this district took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, the occasion being the installation of our distinguished Bro. Thomas Ramsay, S.W., W.M. elect. The great popularity of Bro. Ramsay, both here and in the adjoining provinces brought a very large and influential gathering of brethren, viz.: Bros. T. H. Birch, P.M., W.M.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Ramsay, S.W.; J. Straus, J.W.; J. Barlow, J.P., Treas.; J. M. Simpson, Sec.; C. Swinn, S.D.; T. Cavanah, J.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.D., D.C.; F. R. Cooper, P.M.; F. Billington, E. H. Beresford, G. Thorne, H. Brooke, D. H. Hart, D. P. Schloss, T. L. Mandelberg, H. Stevens, J. D. Carty, J. Pitt Hardacre, J. J. Fitzsimmons, H. Marbeth, J. H. Core, R. Clarke, and J. Emmerson. Visitors: Bros. W. Osborne, Thos. Wilson, P.M.; R. R. Dearden, P.M.; M. Thomas, P.J.G.D.; F. Eastman, F. Neebe, J. Heap, G. S. Smith, P.M.; A. Thew, H. Heard, J. H. Greenwood, Rev. T. F. Wigg, P.P.G. Chap.; and Rev. R. W. Perry-Circuit, P.G. Chap.

The lodge having been opened, the chair was taken by Bro. T. H. Birch, P.M., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after other preliminary business, Bro. Joseph T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D., who was the Installing Master on the occasion, took the chair, and appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. Tom Cavanah, P.M., as S.W.; F. R. Cooper, P.M., as J.W.; and E. G. Simpson, P.P.G.D., as I.G. The W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. T. H. Birch, and the impressive ceremony was effectively performed by Bro. Richardson. Bro. Ramsay, W.M., was duly proclaimed and saluted, and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. H. Birch, P.M., I.P.M.; J. R. Straus, S.W.; J. M. Simpson, J.W.; J. Barlow, J.P., Treas.; C. Swinn, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Crompton, S.D.; D. P. Schloss, J.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; Henry Stevens, Org.; and J. H. Core, I.G.; and they were addressed by Bro. C. Swinn, P.M., who also presented the working tools. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. T. H. Birch, P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. E. G. Simpson, whilst the brethren were addressed by the Installing Master, who closed the ceremony. The balance-sheet showed a highly satisfactory financial state considering the first year of the lodge's existence. We heartily congratulate the W.M. upon commencing his year with every prospect of great success, as the proposal of candidates that evening spoke for itself. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the many visitors present, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently banqueted together at the Grand Hotel, when the tables were laid in a most charming and luxurious manner, and the whole banquet was every-

thing that could be desired. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

In responding to "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. the Rev. R. W. Perry-Circuit made a most flowing and eloquent speech, highly complimenting the members on the high standard they had attained, and he assured them the Drama had his sympathies and support.

Bro. T. H. Birch, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," remarked his present position entitled him to propose it and he did so with the greatest degree of pleasure, for many, many years the friendship had existed between himself and Bro. Ramsay, and he was delighted to see him in the most honourable position the Craft could bestow upon him, and he was perfectly sure he would give entire satisfaction, although the duties were onerous, by the very fact that it was a new lodge. He was quite sure what he had left to be done would be done well. Bro. Ramsay's word was an ample guarantee; his bond on all occasions was his word. He did not wish to bore the brethren with a long speech, although he could speak and say even more than he had already done of the high reputation of their W.M., and he asked them to drink to his health, which was done with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Ramsay, in responding, said any words of his would fail to express his feelings on that occasion. He felt it a very proud position for him to be the Master of that lodge. It had been his desire since he came to Manchester to form a lodge of that description, and with the assistance of many friends and brethren he had been able to accomplish that end. He was indeed delighted to see it so well supported and encouraged by so many professionals, who were now members of it. He thanked them all for rallying round him, and he felt that was an event in his life. No efforts on his part should be wanting, he assured them, to make it a further success, and he should use the utmost of his ability for the welfare of the lodge, and he was quite certain he should have the assistance of his officers. He trusted in time it might be one of the leading lodges in Manchester, and thanked them all for the way they had received the toast. He had now a very pleasing duty to perform and that was to propose "The Health of Bro. T. H. Birch, the I.P.M." He could assure them no one could have been deputed to perform the duty who would do it in a more heartfelt way. Bro. Birch had held a position which he would appreciate as first Master of the Manchester Dramatic Lodge. No one in Manchester had ever worked harder for the high attainment of the theatrical world. He had always looked upon Bro. Birch as a genuine friend. As I.P.M. he had done his work well, and must be held as an example. It would be a difficulty to be as great a success as he had been. It was with some diffidence he (Bro. Ramsay) consented to take the chair, and he still felt its success must be attributed to Bro. Birch, and for that purpose he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, and he hoped he would live long to wear it.

Bro. Birch expressed his thanks, and said he hoped in the future to be of use in the lodge. Should the W.M. or any successor require his assistance at any ceremony, he might ask him to take part. And there were other Past Masters of the lodge who were always ready and willing, and he thought there need not be any doubt as to the work being carried out to the entire satisfaction of the members. He should always prize that jewel much, as he knew it was the united gift of the lodge. His year of office would always be looked upon by him as a happy recollection, and if in time to come—as they fondly hoped and were sanguine enough to expect—they became a large and prosperous lodge, he should always feel it to be a particular honour that he had fulfilled the position of his first W.M.

Bro. E. G. Simpson then proposed "The Health of Bro. J. T. Richardson, the Installing Master." He said every brother who was in the lodge could not be but impressed by the manner he had installed Bro. Ramsay. He had been indefatigable in his exertions for the promotion of the benefit of their lodge, therefore he tendered his thanks to him, and asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Richardson, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to install Bro. Ramsay, for he had known him so long and respected him so much. It had not been a task of labour, but a pleasure. He had promised Bro. Ramsay he would do all he could to assist him during his year of office. He felt the name of Bro. C. Swinn ought to have been coupled with the toast as he performed a large portion of the ceremony. However, knowing that the services he had rendered had been appreciated, he felt a special delight to think that he belonged to the Manchester Dramatic Lodge.

Bro. J. Straus, J.W., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to.

Other toasts followed, and terminated a most successful and enjoyable meeting. Many of the brethren being particularly talented, the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by recitations, songs, &c.

RUGELEY.

St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 1941).—The members of this lodge, together with many visitors, attended the annual meeting at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel on Tuesday, the 19th ult. The members present were Bros. G. Buttery, P.P.G.S.B., Charity Steward, W.M.; W. Foggo, I.P.M.; J. Hackett, S.W.; C. W. Bullivant, J.W.; G. Lawrence, Sec.; Walter Webster, S.D.; Clark Salmon, Org.; John Barkley, Stwd.; Geo. Gee, P.M.; W. Fairley, H. T. Gilbert, Albert Stanley, H. A. Woodroffe, F. Wood, and Thos. Turner. The visitors included the following: Bros. Matthias Barker, 1792, P.G.W.; F. W. Willmore, P.M. 539; T. Evans, P.M. 1520; John Smith, S.W. 1520; W. E. Allen, 419; Wm. Charlton, 949; and A. E. Parker, 1039.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. G. Buttery, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., &c., installed Bro. John Hackett in a most impressive manner as W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested the officers in the following order: Bros. C. W. Bullivant, S.W.; Walter Webster, J.W.; John Robinson, Treas.; Wm. Fairley, Sec.; R. Halton, S.D.; Wm. Colman, J.D.; W. E. Marples, W.M. 2263, D.C.; H. A. Woodroffe, I.G.; Clark Salmon, Org.; John Barkley and A. Tunnicliffe, Stewards; George Lawrence, Almoner; and Thomas Turner, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master in a most effective and pleasing manner.

The lodge having been closed, a well-served banquet was partaken of, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Bro. T. Evans, P.M. 1520, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," complimented the I.P.M. and other officers on the good working of the lodge.

The Secretary proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which the I.P.M. responded.

Bros. Allen, Salmon, and Webster very much contributed to the pleasure of the evening by rendering selections of music in a highly efficient manner.

STAINDROP.

Rose of Raby Lodge (No. 1650).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Scarth Memorial Hall, when Bro. Alderman J. K. Wilkes, S.W.—who was chief magistrate of the Borough of Darlington in the years 1835-6—was installed in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably and impressively performed before a Board of 17 Installed Masters by the two sons of the W.M., Bros. J. J. Wilkes, P.M., and R. M. Wilkes, M.A., B.C.L., P.M., who have respectively occupied the chair in Restoration Lodge, No. 111, and this is probably the first time in the annals of Freemasonry that a W.M. has been installed by two of his sons. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Sharp, I.P.M.; Thomas Wood, S.W.; R. A. Meacock, J.W.; Rev. J. M. Shepherd, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; John Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; William Swales, P.M., P.G. Org., Sec.; E. C. Dunmur, S.D.; Thomas Shipley, J.D.; Joseph Lax, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; J. J. Wilkes, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Ileson, I.G.; and G. P. Andrews, Stwd.

After the conclusion of the ceremony 50 of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. John Bailey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; William Lear, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; William Mitford, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; William Sewell, S.W.; E. W. Jones, J.D.; William Todd, and J. W. Richardson, of 111; S. F. Bousfield, P.M. 124; Milward, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Warwickshire, J. G. Hall, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Alfred Sevier, J.W., J. W. B. Heslop, Sec.; J. M. Moore, P.M.; J. Thompson, P.M.; J. R. Thompson, S.W., and H. Dowdeswell, W.M. of 1230; George Emmerson, W.M. 2019; and J. T. Elliott and F. J. Lloyd of 1121.

WISBECH.

Lodge of United Good Fellowship (No. 809).—The installation meeting was held on the 28th ult. at the Rose and Crown Hotel. Bro. Robinson Smith, P.G. Reg., W.M., was in the chair, and about 40 brethren were present, including the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell; Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.S.G.W.; and other visitors from Derbyshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire and Ireland. Bros. W. T. Unwin and P. Bramall were raised. The installation of Bro. John Grover, P.P. G.D.C., was efficiently performed by Bro. H. Thorns, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., assisted by Bro. J. Kennerell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., who gave the charges. The following officers for the year were appointed and invested: Bros. Robinson Smith, I.P.M.; W. R. Girling, S.W.; A. J. Elworthy, J.W.; John Leach, P.M., Treas.; W. Bray, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Brambridge, S.D.; E. B. Bellars, J.D.; Ernest E. Girling, Org.; T. B. Sullivan, I.G.; W. Gilling, J. H. Foster, and J. T. Baker, Stewards; H. Thorns, P.M., D.C.; and A. Bothamley, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Robinson Smith. The Prov. G.M. was elected an honorary member. Three candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to banquet.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on the 15th ult., the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. W. Purnell, presiding, supported by his officers, several Past Masters, and visiting brethren. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Amongst other business the initiation of Mr. Thos. Wm. Hanforth, who has recently been appointed to the charge of Sheffield Parish Church organ, took place, the work being conducted by Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., assisted by Bro. Langton, acting J.W., who explained the working tools. The lodge was then closed.

Agricola Lodge (No. 1091).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 25th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate. In the absence abroad of the W.M., Bro. Dr. W. H. Wigham, the chair was filled by Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, I.P.M. There were present Bros. Geo. Manton, S.W.; Joseph Booth, Treas.; T. N. Latham, Sec.; D. Young, S.D.; J. M. Dow, J.D.; R. Spence, I.G.; Arthur Sample, Org. (*pro tem.*); J. Riley, J. McGee, and G. H. Stott, Stwds.; H. C. Poynts, Tyler; Capt. F. Hewson, P.M., P.Z., P.D.S.G.D., P.P. G.R., 18°, 1X°, Cryptonymous, K.R. and C.; G. Epworth, P. A. Hatfield, T. Thompson, F. Dunwell, A. R. Wood, W. Abbey, J. R. Longbottom, T. Brown, F. Woodham, J. Buckle, R. B. Gray, J. P. Gill, J. L. Rogers, R. A. Young, T. Wilson, Karl L. Schwabe, J. H. Sampson, J. H. Hill, and G. Woolford. Visitors: Bros. Sir Joseph Terry, 236; Jos. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.S.G.W.; A. F. King, P.S.W. 236, P.D.G.O.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; M. Bryson, J.D. 236; W. N. Stimson, Stwd. 236; T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, P.P.S.G.W.; Jos. Horner, 1611; B. Kilvington, 1611; C. G. Rushworth, P.M. 1309, P.P.G.R. Middx.; W. A. Watson, 566; and W. C. Wales, 1611.

The lodge was opened, and the Provincial Grand Officers were received with honours. The Secretary read the minutes, which were confirmed. The installation of Bro. George Manton, S.W., was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. Capt. Hewson, P.M., &c., and subsequently the W.M. elect invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G. I.P.M.; T. N. Latham, S.W.; D. Young, J.W.; J. Booth, Treas.; J. McGee, Sec.; J. Dow, S.D.; R. Spence, J.D.; C. H. Stott, I.G.; G. Epworth, D.C.; A. Sample, Org. (*pro tem.*); J. Riley, P. A. Hatfield, and H. R. Wood, Stwds.; and H. C. Poynts, Tyler. After some other business, including two initiations, the lodge was closed.

In the evening a banquet was held at Bro. Bucktin's, Coach and Horses Hotel, the Worshipful Master elect presiding over a numerous company.

The "Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and the Grand Officers, Present and Past" having been proposed from the chair and suitably honoured, the W.M. elect proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in doing so paid high tribute to the Masonic zeal of Earl Zetland and the Hon. Orde-Powlett, the toast being received with the usual honours.

Bro. J. Earle Wilkinson, I.P.M., responded, and said that he would endeavour to represent this lodge creditably as a Prov. Grand Officer.

Bro. Wilkinson then proposed "The Worshipful Master and prosperity to the Lodge," and referred to the high position Bro. Manton had attained as a member of the York School Board, his many years' connection with educational matters and his thoroughness in all he did, which they must feel would ensure his maintaining Masonic tenets and the elevation of the Agricola Lodge.

The W.M. elect, who had a very hearty reception, responded in his usual spirited fashion, and said he was vain enough to think that the brethren had confidence in him or they would not have placed him in the high position he should occupy during the ensuing year. It was his intention to "act straight," and he felt that if Masonry tended to make a man cast aside cant and hypocrisy and to implant in his mind the spirit of Charity, then it was a good thing to have that benign feeling. He felt Masonry a vast assistance—not peculiarly, but in ordering his course of life. It kept a man from mean or paltry actions. He had looked upon Masonry, with regard to himself, as an additional kicking strap put upon a kicking animal, and which had kept him safely in the harness that respectable society required him to run in. Having repudiated the sneers of some that Masonry meant good dinners and social intercourse only, he said that such remarks made his blood boil. The speaker touched upon what he described as the grand moving spirit of Masonry—Charity and benevolence. He said the Agricola Lodge would bear comparison with any similar lodge, and his strength should be spent during his year of office in the service of Masonry, and in advancing the position of the lodge he had the honour of presiding over.

The Worshipful Master elect then proposed in very complimentary terms "The Health of the Installing Master," and Bro. Capt. Hewson responded, remarking that he had felt no greater honour than in installing such a brother as Geo. Manton, who steered straight for the mark. He liked a man such as he who spoke from his heart, and called a spade a spade. He would do his best for the benefit of the lodge.

The W.M. elect proposed "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and regretted that Dr. Wigham had been compelled from ill-health to leave the city.

Bro. J. E. Wilkinson responded.

Bro. D. Young proposed "The Sister Lodges of the Province."

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Stimpson, King, Horner, and Bean.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., and it was suitably acknowledged by the Secretary and others.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Spence, and the Tyler's toast and "The Health of the Host" brought a pleasant evening to a close, the harmony of which had been promoted by several good songs with piano accompaniment.

Royal Arch.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The regular meeting of this popular chapter was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 26th ult., when there were present Comps. Carl T. Fleck, M.E.Z.; C. N. McIntyre North, H.; C. Meierhoff, J.; C. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; C. Patrick, Janitor; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Wm. Cowley, P.Z.; Jas. Addington, P.Z.; W. Crook, P.Z.; and W. Eckersall, Comp. E. A. Hamlyn, g, was a visitor.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. Carl T. Fleck was inducted into the First Principal's chair, and Comp. C. Meierhoff into that of the Third Principal. The companions had under consideration the notice of motion for the removal of the chapter to some more convenient place of meeting Citywards. The matter was left in the hands of the Committee awaiting the decision of Grand Chapter.

The business being ended the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a capital supper, supplied in his usual style by Bro. Bale.

The supper ended, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given in very appropriate terms by the M.E.Z., and received right loyally.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," in very becoming terms, which received due honour at the hands of the companions.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was given by Comp. Wm. Cowley, P.Z., who remarked it was a great privilege and pleasure in presenting the toast for one so worthy. He was an excellent worker, and well qualified to fill the office of M.E.Z.

The toast was received with great cordiality.

In reply, the M.E.Z. thanked them most heartily for such a reception, and thoroughly appreciated the kind expressions of the companions. He then expressed the great regret at being absent from the installation meeting on account of illness, but he felt fully compensated in having the kind sympathies of all the companions.

The toast of "The Visitor" was next given by the M.E.Z. in terms of great heartiness, and the pleasure of the companions in receiving him.

Comp. Hamlyn, in reply, thanked the companions very cordially, remarking it was his first visit, and trusted he might be able to attend again. He had had several invites from Comp. W. Williams, S.E., and he now thoroughly appreciated their hospitality and hearty reception. It was the Star Chapter, and his desire was that it always might be the highest.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The H. and J." in high terms of praise, which both officers richly deserved for their excellent working.

Each Principal most suitably acknowledged the compliment paid.

The toast of "The Treasurer, S.E., and Past Principals" was very appropriately given by the M.E.Z., stating the excellent service one and all rendered to the chapter.

Comp. T. Grummant, Treas., in response, said he was very proud of being such an officer in this his mother chapter. It was the highest honour he thought that could be conferred upon a companion, and having been so unanimously elected, he would endeavour to carry out his duties most satisfactorily. He must mention he had received very great kindness at the hands of the late Comp. Bumstead, and having installed his successor, was quietly meditating a little repose, but was elected to fill the position of Treasurer, which post had been filled so worthily by Comp. P. P. Williams, sen. He trusted the tide was rising in the chapter and would flow on and rise to a high flood, and the chapter become one of the best in London.

Comp. W. Williams, S.E., also ably responded. The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Officers" in very deserving terms, which was responded to by Comp. C. H. Stone, P.S.

The Janitor's toast brought to a close a very happy meeting, Comps. North, H., and Stone, P.S., adding to the harmony.

Farrington Without Chapter (No. 1745).

—This civic chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. George Herbert, M.E.Z.; Nelson Prower, M.A., H.; E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; Herbert Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P. G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Young, P.Z.; Thomas Simpson, P.Z.; and Comps. L. W. Harvey, P.Z. g, and T. O. Harding, M.A., late 1589, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Plummer, P.M. Duke of Connaught Lodge, and it being unanimous, he was most impressively exalted to the R.A. Degree by Comp. H. J. Lardner. The election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year then took place, and the results were as follows: Comps. N. Prower, M.E.Z.; E. B. Lane, H.; J. Young, P.Z., J.; Capt. Walls, S.E.; H. Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; Plummer, P.S.; and F. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the retiring M.E.Z. The Audit Committee having been appointed to audit the accounts before the next regular convocation, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received ample justice, the M.E.Z. giving the various toasts pertinently but briefly.

In responding to the toast of "The Exaltée," Comp. Plummer expressed himself as being greatly impressed with the Degree, and with the manner in which it had been carried out by Comp. Lardner and the other Principals of the chapter.

During the evening Comps. E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., J. Young, G. Herbert, and Plummer instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

DONCASTER.

Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).—A convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Room, on Friday, the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. R. B. Ogle, M.E.Z.; G. E. Wilkie, H.; S. Pegler, J.; T. Foster, S.E.; J. Constable, S.N.; G. Brooke, P.Z., Treas.; F. Webb, P.S.; C. Woodhouse, 1st A.S.; W. H. Chambers, 2nd A.S.; F. Rand, P.Z.; A. Parkin, P.Z.; F. D. Walker, P.Z.; J. Fitzgerald, F. J. Forth, C. Goldthorpe, J. Hurst, Janitor; and E. Drury, P.Z. (visitor).

A ballot was taken for Bro. S. Lester, 242, which having proved unanimous, he, together with Bro. H. Foster, who was elected at the March meeting, was exalted, the ceremony being performed by the Three Principals and Sojourner, Comp. Walker undertaking to give the lecture at the next convocation. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the proposition of Comp. F. Rand.

After the chapter was duly closed, the companions partook of light refreshment in the outer room.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. C. H. Chauffourier, W.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M., P.G. Stwd. (visitor), acting S.W.; A. Clemow, J.W., W.M. elect; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Harvey, M.O.; Holroyd, S.O.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.P.S.G.O., I.P.M.; and T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Edwin Storr, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and Rev. J. Fillingham, M.A.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. S. Valentine, P.M. g, P.G.P. England, and it being unanimous, he was most ably advanced by the W.M. Bro. Arthur Clemow having been duly presented, and the dispensation from the M.W.G.M. having been read (Bro. Clemow not being a P.M. in the Craft), he was impressively installed by the W.M. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Harvey, S.W.; Holroyd, J.W.; F. B. Smith, M.O.; S. Valentine, S.O.; N. Prower, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; and Coddard, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. The resignations of Bros. F. and W. E. Farrington, Past Masters, were received with great regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Drew, C. A. Harris, and F. B. Smith.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bros. F. W. Driver and Edwin Storr responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. N. Prower for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Advance" having been fluently proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured,

Bro. S. Valentine made an excellent reply. In the course of his remarks he said that he was a very old Craft and Royal Arch Mason, and had till that evening a notion that all degrees beyond those mentioned were of little importance. He was pleased to say that after what he had seen and heard that evening in the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge his ideas had altered considerably, and he only regretted that he had not joined the Mark Degree earlier in life. The W.M. had been good enough to place him in office, and if

spared he hoped some day to fill the chair. He concluded by thanking the members of the lodge for the kind reception they had given him.

The remaining toasts followed quickly, and the proceedings terminated.

BRADFORD.

The Old York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, when Bro. Thomas Norfolk, W.M., was supported by Bros. Simeon Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org., as I.P.M.; Thos. H. Pattinson, S.W.; T. Earp Greenough, J.W.; Frank D. Harrison, M.O.; Joseph Wilson, as J.O.; George Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; W. Laycock, S.D.; Geo. Martin, J.D.; John Hill, Tyler; J. L. Atherton, P.P. G.W.; C. J. Schott, P.J.G.O.; J. Dewhurst, P.M.; G. C. Gamble, S. A. Auty, John Ingleby, G. C. Clifford, and Walter Moxon.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates for advancement, who had been already elected, were unavoidably prevented from attending the lodge owing to pressing business engagements. This being the night for electing officers, Bro. Thos. H. Pattinson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Althorp re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. John Hill re-elected Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Althorp, P.P. G.W., a resolution of condolence and sympathy was passed, and directed to be recorded on the minutes, and also sent to the widow of the esteemed and late lamented Bro. Arthur Briggs, J.P., who recently died suddenly at sea off Colombo, Ceylon, whilst on the return voyage from India. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed until after the summer vacation.

After a frugal supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent, a few of the brethren contributing songs, &c., to the harmony of the meeting.

WHITEHAVEN.

Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 29th ult., Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D. of C. England, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. D. P. Field, S.W.; Dr. Muir, J.W.; G. Starkey, M.O.; W. J. Clarke, S.O.; W. H. Bewlay, J.O.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.G. Chap., Treas.; J. Casson, R. of M.; H. Burns, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Fowler, S.D.; T. Brakenridge, P.M., as J.D.; J. Lachlison, I.G.; T. Richardson, Tyler; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, two candidates, Bros. Walker and Lowery, were balloted for and advanced. The W.M. then invited expressions of opinion as to the advisability of recommending the Prov. Grand Master to permit the Mark Masters to form into processional order and march to church at the next annual meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. The four Past Masters present said they highly approved of it, and Bro. Rev. J. Anderson said as Prov. Grand Chaplain nothing would give him greater pleasure than to preach a sermon to the Mark Masters of Cumberland and Westmorland. The other members unanimously approved of the recommendation. The lodge was then closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hide, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; J. Banks, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; A. Williams, Treas.; D. S. Long, Sec.; R. Reid, S.D.; W. Flaxman, J.D.; W. Ward, I.G.; and H. G. Pearson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pearson acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren under the direction of Bro. A. Williams, P.M. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Craggs, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. J. Lewis, P.M., was re-elected Preceptor; Bro. A. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. D. S. Long, P.M., Secretary. The lodge was then closed.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, when the W.M., Bro. J. C. Smith, P.M. 1744, P.Z. 1507, worked six Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the following: Bros. F. W. Drew, I.G. 145; A. Wood, 1185; A. J. Stacey, 2374; J. T. Davies, I.G. 1348; and J. Hemming, P.M. 1287 (2). The last-named also worked the 6th Section, assisted by the W.M.

A meeting was also held on Friday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. J. C. Smith, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; J. Hemming, P.M., S.W.; E. Lovell, P.M. 754, J.W.; J. T. Davies, I.G. 1348, Preceptor; H. E. Case, I.G. 1185, Deputy Preceptor; W. E. Wigmore, S.D. 177, Treas.; A. J. Stacey, 2374, Sec.; G. Vears, 145, S.D.; J. W. Murray, 145, J.D.; H. Parker, I.G.; F. W. Drew, I.G. 145, Org.; McNamara, Stwd.; T. Brady, P.M. 1158; G. H. Carter, 2148; G. Gauge, 145; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; N. Hodgson, 1613; W. E. Jones, 206; A. H. Jones, 206; G. P. Pointer, W.M. 1613; Sinclair, 1185; T. W. Stacey, 2374; W. Webb, 1580; T. P. Warwick, 145; A. E. White, 889 and 1950; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The Second Lecture was then worked by the W.M. and the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. T. Brady, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. H. E. Case, I.G. 1185; 3rd, Bro. W. Webb, 1580; 4th, Bro. G. H. Carter, 2148; and 5th, Bro. A. J. Stacey, 2374. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the 1st Lecture worked by the W.M. and the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. J. W. Murray, 145; 2nd, Bro. J. T. Davies, I.G. 1348; and 3rd, Bro. W. E. Wigmore, S.D. 177. All the work was well executed and gave great satisfaction, the working brethren being all members of this lodge. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when dues were collected, and several brethren were unani-

mously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second and third times. Hearty votes of thanks to the W.M. for his valuable services in the chair and to the brethren who had so ably assisted him in working the Sections, to be entered on the minutes, were duly passed and acknowledged. Nothing further offering, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Hutchings, W.M. 1425, W.M.; C. Coleman, S.W. 1425, S.W.; W. Chapple, J.W. 1425, J.W.; W. Hillier, acting Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Vare, S.D. 1425 (visitor), S.D.; J. Bartlett, J.D.; J. T. Huly, I.G.; A. Finch, Stwd.; G. Wedlake, P.M. 121; Major E. J. Reed, J. S. Bourn, E. Stone, H. Campbell, G. Weaver, and J. C. Conway.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge being resumed as required to the First Degree, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell being the candidate. Bro. Vare was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Oliver, S.D.; T. E. Newman, J.D.; E. J. Harrison, I.G.; J. M. Scarlet, P.P.G.W. Essex; D. C. Ritchie, R. W. Nicole, J. Duncan, J. Amand, R. Loomes, C. Weston, and A. Humphreys.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Nicole being the candidate. Bro. Humphreys answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Humphreys being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. Weston and Humphreys were unanimously elected members of the lodge. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 29th ult., at the Town Hall, Poplar, under the presidency of Bro. Arrow-smith, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Raymond, S.W.; Whitlock, J.W.; C. R. Allen, Hon. Sec. and Asst. Preceptor; Ozanne, S.D.; Bennett, J.D.; Hamblin, I.G.; W. Wilford, and B. A. Moore.

After the formal opening of the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting being read, the ceremony of initiation was ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Wilford being the candidate. Bro. Moore having volunteered his services as a candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing to the Degree of F.C. was ably rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Raymond, who was elected to take the chair at the next meeting, stated he would work the First and Second Degrees. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. E. E. Gofrowski, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. Wiggins, W.M. 1767, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; T. Kington, S.D.; Lewis Beale, J.D.; W. Thwaites, I.G.; R. J. Williams, and J. W. Barker, P.M.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. J. Williams acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the investiture of officers. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2512).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. J. Williams, W.M.; F. Walden, S.W.; R. Kerr, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (pro tem.); R. Reid, S.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; Powell, Stwd.; J. H. Cumming, P.M.; and A. Williams, P.M.

The lodge having been duly opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. Cumming offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Walden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met for the despatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., W.C.N.; C. H. Chauffourier, J.; F. W. Driver, M.A., S.; Capt. Walls, P.W.C.N., P.G.C., Scribe; Harvey, Guard; and P. O. Harding, M.A., P.W.C.N. Bro. E. Storr, W.C.N., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. H. Chauffourier was installed as W.C.N. by Bro. Capt. Walls. [The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. F. W. Driver, J.; F. Craggs, S.; N. Prower, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Scribe; Harvey, S.D.; Holroyd, J.D.; Corrie Jackson, Guard; and Goddard, Warder. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. Drew, W. H. Holroyd, F. Graves, and T. Poore, P.W.C.N. The resignations of Bros. F. and W. E. Farrington, P.W.C.N.'s, were received with regret. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined with the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge under the genial and able presidency of Bro. Arthur Clemow, the newly-installed W.M.]

Knights Templar.

Bard of Avon Preceptory (No. 127).—The installation meeting of this preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, on Monday, the 2nd inst. In the absence of the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Prince, the chair was occupied by Sir Knight Garson, P.E.P. There were also present Sir Knights Will. E. Chapman, Colonel Harding, W. Lake, Lennox Browne, Clifford Probyn, C. R. Alder Wright, F.R.S., Walter J. Ebbetts, Chas. Martin, Lloyd Jones, S. F. Staples, Gordon Miller, and Fred. Mead. Visitors: Sir Knights J. S. Cumberland, Sir J. R. Somers Vine, and A. W. Orwin.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Comps. Sydney F. Staples and Gordon Smith were installed as members of the Order, the ceremony being performed by Sir Knights Garson and J. S. Cumberland, the latter subsequently undertaking the duty, in the unavoidable absence of the E.P., of installing Sir Knight Will. E. Chapman as E. Preceptor. The officers were appointed as follows: Sir Knights Harry Nicholls, Constable; W. Lake, Marshal; Lennox Browne, Prelate; Colonel Harding, Treas.; Sir Somers Vine, Reg.; Walter J. Ebbetts, 1st Std. Br.; S. F. Staples, 2nd Std. Br.; Gordon Smith, Capt. of Lines; and J. Austin, Equerry. A resolution, of which notice had been given, to revert to the original name of the preceptory, by omitting Drury Lane from the title, was carried unanimously. Before closing the preceptory a cordial vote of thanks, proposed by the E.P., and seconded by Sir Knight Garson, was accorded Sir Knight Cumberland for the able and timely help he had rendered in installing the E.P.

The sir knights afterwards dined together at the Café Royal. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured, most of the speakers expressing their satisfaction at the present position and hopeful prospects of the preceptory.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SOMERSET AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A very successful meeting of the Provincial Priory of Somerset and Monmouthshire was held at Newport, Mon., on the 28th ult., under the banner of the Gwent Preceptory, the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Col. A. Thrale Perkins, presiding over a large gathering of sir knights. Representatives from each of the preceptories in the province having responded to the muster roll, the Treasurer presented a very satisfactory statement of accounts. The Provincial Prior then proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year as follows, viz.:

Sir Knights C. W. Radway ...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Col. W. Long ...	Prov. Prelate.
" Col. J. H. Macfarlane ...	Prov. Chancellor.
" Alfred Taylor ...	Prov. Constable.
" Henry Kemble ...	Prov. Marshal.
" R. B. Cater ...	Prov. Treasurer.
" B. Watts ...	Prov. Registrar.
" J. M. Gerhold ...	Prov. V.-Chancellor.
" A. C. Cuffe Adams ...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" Rev. W. G. L. Strad-ling ...	Prov. Almoner and Chaplain.
" C. F. Gooch ...	Prov. Ward of Reg.
" A. F. Rose ...	Prov. Herald.
" G. L. Palmer ...	Prov. Std. Br. (Beau.)
" A. P. Fabian ...	Prov. Std. Br. (V.B.)
" Samuel Davies ...	Prov. Prior's Ban. Br.
" T. G. Jones ...	Prov. Aide-de-Camp.
" George Hazel ...	Prov. Chamberlain.
" E. W. Evans ...	Prov. Capt. of Gd.
" F. Phillips ...	Prov. Swd. Br.
" A. S. Salter ...	Prov. Purst.
" Harry Richards ...	Prov. Asst. Purst.

The Provincial Prior then appointed a Committee to revise the by-laws in accordance with the new Book of Constitutions.

After the closing of Provincial Priory a Priory of Malta was held, and eight sir knights were admitted to the Order.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Westgate Hotel, to which about 30 sir knights sat down, presided over by the Provincial Prior.

THE MASONIC BAZAAR IN IRELAND.

The following letter from the Archbishop of Dublin was read in the Catholic churches of the city on the 1st inst.:

Archbishop's House,
Dublin, 29th April, 1892.

Very Reverend and Dear Father—

Within the last few weeks several questions have been addressed to me as to the duty of Catholics in reference to the Masonic celebration which is to be held in Dublin a few weeks hence, and for which such elaborate preparations are now being made by the members of the Society of Freemasons in every part of Ireland.

Strong influences of many kinds are, it seems, actively at work to induce Catholics to take some part in the proceedings.

It becomes, then, my duty to point out that by the law of the Church it is most strictly forbidden to Catholics to take any part in those proceedings, or to give countenance to them, either by being present at the coming Masonic celebration, or by promoting in any other way the object for which the celebration is to be held.

The Holy See, in its repeated condemnations of Freemasonry, has forbidden to Catholics, not only membership in the Society of Freemasons, but everything that could in any way tend to the furtherance of the interests of that Society.

The object for which the coming Masonic festivities

are to be held is, no doubt, one that is naturally calculated to appeal to the charitable sympathies of our people. An orphanage—one of the many established in this city and its neighbourhood by the practical benevolence of the people of Dublin and of Ireland—has reached the hundredth anniversary of its foundation. With commendable enterprise those interested in the welfare of the Institution are taking advantage of the occasion as an appropriate one for a combined energetic effort in aid of its work.

For them nothing could be more natural. But with us Catholics the case is very different.

We are not in a position to regard that Orphanage merely as a benevolent institution. We have to remember also that it is, essentially and exclusively, a Masonic Institution. By its very constitution, its sphere of work is limited to the children of deceased Freemasons. Supported with generosity, as it always has been, by the more affluent amongst the brethren of the Order, it necessarily constitutes one of the props of Freemasonry in Ireland. It is this that must determine our attitude towards the attractive festivities that are now being organised in its behalf.

There is, then, I feel confident, no danger of its being supposed by our Protestant fellow-countrymen or fellow-countrymen that it is in any spirit of censoriousness towards any of the Protestant supporters of the Institution that Catholics will hold aloof from all share in the work now in progress on behalf of the interests of the Freemason Orphanage.

Faithful to their duty as Catholics, they will respect the stringent obligation under which they are placed—an obligation binding them, under penalty of incurring the severest censures of the Church, to abstain not merely from membership in the Freemason Society, but from everything that could in any way tend to the advancement of the interests of that society, or to the promotion of any of its objects.

But for the questions that have been put to me on this matter I should not have thought it could be necessary for me to address any instruction on the subject to the faithful of this diocese.—I remain, Very Rev. and Dear Father, your faithful servant,

✠ WILLIAM,
Archbishop of Dublin, &c., &c.

Obituary.

BRO. E. H. JENNINGS, P.M. P.P.J.G.W.

We regret to announce that Bro. Edward Henry Jennings, a brother well known and highly-esteemed in the Province of Cambridgeshire, died suddenly about noon on Tuesday last. He had been ailing for a few days, but kept in business until Monday evening. The deceased brother was an ardent Freemason. He was P.M. of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, P.P.J.G.W. Cambridgeshire, P.Z. Chapter Fidelity, No. 441, P.P.G.H. Cambridgeshire, P.M. and Sec. York Lodge of Mark Master Masons, a member of the Rose Croix chapter and M.W. Sovereign elect, and was to have been installed next September. He was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and of the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. His death is a sad blow to all Cambridge brethren.

BRO. W. R. BURNETT.

We deeply regret to record the death, after a lingering illness, of Bro. W. R. Burnett, a founder and P.M. of Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., in his 50th year. Our esteemed brother was for upwards of 20 years in the service of Charles Morgan and Co., wholesale stationers of Cannon-street, by whom he was greatly respected. He had since his initiation taken a very great interest in Freemasonry, and had qualified himself as Life Governor of each Masonic Institution and served as Steward. The interment took place at Nunhead Cemetery on the 30th ult. On the arrival of the cortege at the entrance it was met by a large body of gentlemen and brethren representing the Selwyn, Crichton, United Pilgrims, Rose, and St. James's Lodges. Following immediately behind the carriages were Messrs. Arthur Hayles, W. L. Rossiter, H. Eaton, and H. Silberberg, representing the firm, Messrs. Wm. Hawtin and E. Been, and Bros. J. Lightfoot, L. Eagles, E. Eagles, B. Morgan, Dr. W. Thomas, T. Gay, J. Dickason, S. George, T. M. Stamp, J. H. Stevenson, J. R. Morphew, T. Wallis, H. Flower, J. Loader, A. Briant, J. M. Wimble, T. Tilling, F. H. Ford, G. May, J. Jones, Wm. Mills, W. H. Hook, and C. H. Stone, paying the last tribute of respect to departed merit. Among the numerous wreaths we noticed one from a few old friends of the firm, and another of handsome Masonic design from the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge, in loving memory.

Deaths.

GILL.—On the 24th ult., at his residence, Burton-street, Wakefield, Bro. John Gill, P.M. 495, P.P. G.D. of C. West Yorkshire.

GRIFFIN.—On the 27th ult., at Gordon Villa, Gordon-road, Peckham, Mary Ann Griffin, in her 90th year.

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

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m.

A convocation of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite will be held at 33, Golden-square, on the 10th inst. There are three candidates for the 31° and 20 for the 30°.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, has given a donation of £50, and his son, Bro. Horace B. Marshall, jun., one of £25, to the funds of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute, Shoe-lane.

The latest reports respecting Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan are favourable. Though he has been suffering a good deal of pain, he has gained slightly in strength. He was visited on Wednesday by the Duke of Edinburgh.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cowan, Alderman of the Ward of Cordwainer, and next in rotation for the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London, has placed his resignation in the hands of Bro. Lord Mayor Evans.

Bro. the Duke of Fife has very kindly undertaken to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Friends of the Clergy Corporation, which will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday, the 25th instant.

Lord Wolverton presided at the Anniversary Festival which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the Warehousemen, Clerks' and Drapers' Schools on the 29th ult., when donations and subscriptions amounting to £4,500 were announced.

The Gaelic Society of London will give a concert at St. James's Hall on the 13th inst. in aid of the prize fund of the Society's Highland Schools. The artistes will include Miss Macintyre, Miss Marian Mackenzie, Miss J. N. MacLachlan, and Mr. Dalgety Henderson.

Sunday was the 42nd anniversary of the birth of the Duke of Connaught. His Royal Highness was born at Buckingham Palace on the 1st May, 1850, the birthday of the Duke of Wellington, who was one of his godfathers, and after whom he received the name of Arthur.

The Empress Frederick of Germany, accompanied by Princess Margaret of Prussia, visited the Queen at Darmstadt on the 28th ult., and returned the same afternoon to Homburg. Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the Order of the Garter on her grandson, the Grand Duke of Hesse.

Bros. the Right Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, E. Lawson, and others, entertained Sir Richard Quain, at dinner at the Garrick Club, on Saturday evening last, and afterwards presented him with two antique silver bowls, in token of the esteem and affection in which they held him.

The Executive Committee of the National Leprosy Fund held a meeting in the Conference Room of the House of Commons last week under the presidency of Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P. (Hon. Treasurer), and Sir Somers Vane (Hon. Secretary), being present.

Bro. E. P. Delevanti, with the assistance of his pupils, has very kindly undertaken to give a performance of "The Mikado" in the Assembly Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, this (Friday) afternoon. The doors will be opened at 6 p.m., and the performance will commence at 6.30.

The annual dinner of the Guild of Organists took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. J. F. Field. The Guild already consists of some 150 members, and will devote its energies principally to the improvement of their position and that of their brother organists.

At the sale at Messrs. Christie's rooms, on Saturday last, of the Murrieta Collection of Pictures, "The Vale of Clwyd," by David Cox, realised £4725, while "Going to the Fair," "Barden Tower," and "Reapers Returning Home," by the same artist, were sold for 1050 guineas, 1100 guineas, and £1186 respectively.

The 22nd annual ball in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 28th ult., and proved in every way a success. Among those present were Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, the Lady Mayoress, Lieut.-Col. H. Smith, Commissioner of City Police, Sir E. Bradford, Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, and others.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, returned to England from their sojourn on the continent on Tuesday afternoon. Their Royal Highnesses, who crossed the Channel in the Calais-Douvres, were received on landing at the Admiralty Pier, Dover, by the naval and military authorities, and on reaching Charing Cross were respectfully saluted by the people who had gathered together to witness their arrival.

The annual meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held on Saturday evening last. In the absence through illness of the Duke of Westminster, the chair was occupied by Sir Edward Birkbeck, M.P., among those present being Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., President of the Board of Trade, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The report, which was read by the Secretary, was of a very gratifying character, and was adopted unanimously.

The marriage of Viscount Chelsea, eldest son of the Earl of Cadogan, and the Hon. Mildred Sturt, third daughter of Lord Alington, was solemnised at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Saturday afternoon last, and at the wedding party given by Lord and Lady Alington, at Alington House, there were present among the guests Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. Lord and Lady Halsbury, the Austrian Ambassador and the Countess Deym, Bro. Sir Frederick Johnstone, Bart., and others.

The anniversary dinner of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers was held at the Criterion on Wednesday evening, the chair being occupied by Dr. William Anderson, while the principal guest was the Duke of Cambridge.

Owing to the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale the Duke and Duchess of Fife will be unable to open, as originally intended, the St. Martin's League Bazaar at the Portman Rooms, on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

The 29th Annual Exhibition of Horses was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Thursday, and will remain open till Wednesday next, the 11th inst. There are upwards of 300 entries and the amount distributable in prizes is £1000.

The Duchess of Albany left Claremont for Germany, *via* Queensborough and Flushing, on Tuesday, on a visit to her father, the Prince of Waldeck-Pyrmont, at Arolsen. Her Royal Highness will be absent from England for about two months.

The Duke and Duchess of Coburg celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday, and to commemorate the event Mr. Harris, the British Consul at Nice, on behalf of her Majesty the Queen, presented their Highnesses with a handsome piece of plate.

The 105th annual meeting of the Marylebone Cricket Club was held in the Pavilion at Lord's Cricket Ground on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr. V. E. Walker. The report showed that the number of members in 1891 was 3769, of whom 3303 paid, 218 are life members, and 248 were abroad. The annual dinner took place in the evening.

The sixth Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition was opened in the Portman Rooms, Baker street, on Tuesday by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, who attended in State with the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Foster, there being also present the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., the President of the Executive Committee.

The Prince of Wales and his son Prince George were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday, when on the motion of his Royal Highness it was resolved to recommend the Duke of Westminster to the general meeting of governors and members on the 23rd instant for election as President for the ensuing year.

Bro. James Stevens asks us to notify to the subscribers for the entire first edition of his new work, "The Evolution of Symbolic Masonry," that, owing to holiday arrangements, the publication of the book has been unavoidably delayed, which he much regrets. The distribution is now being made, and the second edition will be ready, as per notice in our advertisement columns, on Monday next, the 9th inst.

The annual inaugural banquet of the Royal Academy took place on Saturday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., among the principal guests being the Duke of Cambridge, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., First Lord of the Treasury, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., Professor Butcher, and other notabilities of the day.

There was a Court dinner of the Fishmongers' Company in their fine hall at London Bridge on Wednesday evening. The Prime Warden occupied the chair, and among the distinguished company present were Dean Gregory, Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., Bros. G. A. Sala and Charles Dickens, the President of the Royal Statistical Society, Sir Archibald Geikie, the Archdeacon of London, and others.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have promised to attend the opening of the International Horticultural Exhibition at Earl's Court, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. His Royal Highness will perform the inaugural ceremony, and among those expected to be present to support him are the Duke of Westminster, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, the Bishop of London, Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress, and others.

Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, having completed 10 years' service as Secretary and 17 years as member, having mooted his resignation, a Committee has been formed, the W.M., Bro. Charles Fihon, as President, and Bro. E. B. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Bucks, 73, Wigmore-street, W., as Treasurer, to arrange for a substantial testimonial to be presented to him at the next meeting in recognition of his past services to the lodge.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, arrived at Flushing from Darmstadt early on Tuesday morning, and embarked at once on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert. After a brief delay the yacht left the harbour, and escorted by the Immortalité and Enchantress and the Trinity yacht Irene, made for Port Victoria, which was reached in the evening, the Royal party landing and continuing their journey by train to Windsor. The day before her departure from Darmstadt the Queen conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath upon Prince Henry of Hesse, brother of the Grand Duke.

From the published statistics of the tour of Lord Sheffield's cricket team in Australia, it appears that Dr. W. G. Grace obtained the highest average both in the representative contests and in those against odds, his 159 not-out being the highest individual score of the tour. Mr. A. E. Soddart obtained the highest aggregate of runs, while the highest total obtained in an innings by the Englishmen was 499 in the last match of the tour against Combined Australia, when the latter was defeated with ease in a single innings. Of the eight representative matches that were played, the team won six and lost two, while of all the 27 matches put together, they won 12, lost 2, and drew 13.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances, or so fortified by nature, as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrh, coughs, and influenza everywhere abounding, it should be universally known that Holloway's Ointment, diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies, and securely wards off more grave and dangerous diseases of the throat and lungs. The truth of this assertion must remain unquestioned in the face of thousands of unimpeachable living witnesses, who have personally derived the utmost possible benefits from this treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their future prospects most disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.—Advr.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire has contributed £5 to the funds of the Church of England Burial, Funeral, and Mourning Reform Association.

The natural increase of the population of England and Wales, or the excess of births over deaths, which had amounted to 80,952, 60,322, and 71,854 respectively in the first quarters of 1889, 1890, and 1891, was only 37,369 last quarter.

The memorial to the late Bro. John Maclean, which has been erected principally by the brethren of the lodges with which our late brother was connected, was unveiled at Paddington Cemetery on Tuesday last. We hope to give further particulars of the proceedings in our next.

The extraordinary novel, "The Fate of Fenella," each chapter of which has been written by a different author—24 in number—has just been published in 3 vol. form, with the 70 original illustrations which appeared in *The Gentlewoman*.

The largest shooting rental of any county in Scotland is Inverness-shire, with over £90,000. Perthshire follows with about £75,000, then Ross-shire with nearly £60,000, Argyllshire with about £35,000, and Aberdeenshire with over £30,000.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton was prevented by illness from presiding at the festival dinner held at the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday, in aid of the British Home for Incurables, but his place was ably filled by Bro. Earl Amherst, and the subscriptions amounted to £5000.

At the next meeting of the Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, on the 12th inst., at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, Past G.S.B. and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at seven p.m. precisely.

The ninth installation meeting of The Abbey (Westminster) Lodge, No. 2030, will take place on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Charles Christmas Piper will install Bro. Francis Jas. Smith, S.W.—one of the first initiates of the lodge—into the chair. The audit took place on Thursday last, and with very successful and satisfactory results, as shown by the balance-sheet.

Among those present at the marriage in St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday, of Capt. the Hon. Osbert Lumby, 11th Hussars, with Miss Constance Wilson-Patten, eldest daughter of the Marchioness of Headfort, and the late Capt. E. J. Wilson-Patten, were Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland, the Countess of Lathom, the Countess of Bective, and Lady Skelmersdale.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., presided on Tuesday at a meeting of the Committee of members of the House of Commons formed to promote the erection of a stained-glass window in St. Margaret's, Westminster, to the memory of the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith, Leader of the House, when it was resolved to invite designs for the window, and a general feeling prevailed that any surplus which might remain over should be expended in a bust of the late Leader, to be placed in the library of the House.

The editor of *The Gentlewoman* has asked his readers to reply to the question "Do women desire to vote for Members of Parliament?" by voting on the subject, and as soon as possible he will announce the total votes on either side. Mr. Gladstone has affirmed that until the "womanly mind" of the country declares itself unmistakably in favour of having the power to vote, that they should not be enfranchised. As *The Gentlewoman* is not a political journal it will be enabled to get at the views of a large and representative and thinking body of women, non-political as well as political, which should afford a useful and instructive answer to Mr. Gladstone's question.

CHANCERY-LANE SAFE DEPOSIT EXTENSION.—Since the inauguration of this institution in 1885, the proprietors have been compelled from time to time, owing to the public demand, to increase the number of safes and strong rooms. The improvements and additions now proceeding, and being executed by Messrs. Ratcliff and Horner, of St. Paul's-churchyard, E.C., will more than double its present size, and make it one of the most perfect and complete safe deposits in the world. There will be 10,000 small safes added, extra strong rooms, and additional waiting and writing rooms for visiting renters. It will be redecorated throughout, and fitted with the electric light. We should certainly recommend those visiting London to inspect the Chancery-lane Safe Deposit, which is impregnable both against fire and thieves.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, held a successful dance in aid of the Masonic Charities on the evening of Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Public Hall, Liskeard. The ball was originally fixed for the day on which the Duke of Clarence died. The hall presented a charming appearance. Mottoes and devices connected with the Order adorned the walls, and several portraits of distinguished brethren were conspicuous. The gasiers were tastefully draped with bunting of various colours, and underneath were affixed large Chinese lanterns. Lady friends of brethren had also in the window recesses executed pretty designs with primroses and violets on beds of moss, which considerably enhanced the effect. Music was furnished by members of the Royal Marine Band, and Bro. J. Cleave proved an efficient caterer. The Committee upon whom responsibilities devolved were Bros. E. Venn (Chairman), J. T. Cheves, R. A. Courtney, T. E. Moon, A. Hancock, W. Nettle, and A. H. Wenmouth, the Honorary Secretaries being Bros. W. Hammond and W. H. Stanton. Bros. Stanton, Wenmouth, and Hancock must, however, be credited with a large amount of the decorating. The brethren wore full Masonic clothing, which, of course, contributed to the brightness of the scene. Amongst the visitors was the Right Hon. Leonard H. Courtney, M.P. Dancing was kept up until about four o'clock.

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